

Minutes

Meeting of the Congress of the United States Fencing Association

June 30, 2007, 7:30 a.m. Miami, FL
Marriott Hotel

In Attendance: David Sierra, North Texas; George Masin, Metropolitan; Margaret Delong, Border Texas; Alan Kuver, Long Island; David Blake, New England; Jeff Snider, Virginia; Jerry Benson, Oklahoma; Laurence Schiller, Illinois; Terry Harkey, Ark-La-Miss; Adelia Loomis, Utah/SD; Andrew Lambdin-Abraham, South Texas; Kate Sciler, North Texas; Raymond Finkleman, Capital; Hanan Gamaleldin, New England; Davis Merritt, New England; Jess Klarnet, New England; Ronald Wangner, Long Island; Bary Nosz, Plains Texas; Chuck Slaughter, Plains Texas; Tiags Forin, Indiana; Frank Foley, Western PA; Mary Beth Bell, Western PA; Debbie Walker, Central FL; Denys Beecher, Central FL; Charles Johnson, Central FL; Michael Morgan, Central FL; David Micahnik, Philadelphia; Serge Timacheff, Western WA; Cathy Zagunis, Oregon; Kelly Palmedo, Oregon; Mark Goldstein, Connecticut; Bradley Baker, South Jersey; Mary Griffith, Mountain Valley; Trish Brown, Oregon; George Janto, New Jersey; Sean Ameli, Nevada; Cynthia Ameli, Nevada; Sunil Sabharwal, National; Greg Jones, Western WA; Wes Glon, CPD; Kristi Kallio, North Carolina; Brian Toomey, North Carolina; AB Zelinski, Western NY; Sean Horan, North Carolina; Anthony Joslin, Nor Cal; Terry Dix, So Cal; R. Greg Dilworth, Philadelphia; Kalle Weeks, New Jersey; Marietta W. Towry, Border Texas; Bill Tocury, Border Texas; Brandon Rochelle, Tennessee; Amgad Badaur, North Texas; Jane Carter, New England; Tom Strzalkowski, Colorado; Barbara Lynch, New Jersey; Harold Hickey, FL Gold Coast; William Becker, FL Gold Coast; Gerrie Baumgart, Colorado; Don Henvick, Nor Cal; Jane Menshardt, Nor Cal; Dave Caldwell, Nor Cal; Eric Dew; Nor Cal; Brenda Waddoups, North Texas; Ovy Waddoups, North Texas; Charles Astudillo, New Jersey; Cristina Gordet, New England; Arnold Messing, Metropolitan; Aaron Clements, Plains Texas, Felicia Zimmermann, Western NY

The Congress Agenda is divided into the three phases:

- **General Information**
- **Moment of remembrance for Janice Romary**
- **Financial Performance & Review**
- **Decision**

Officer, director and committee reports (required under Bylaws Article VII, Section 4) are referenced to the corresponding Board of Directors Agenda appendix. The Board of Directors Agenda is available online at: www.usfencing.org.

I. Information

- A. Approval of the minutes of the July 2006 meeting. Approved.
- B. Appointment of Parliamentarian: George Masin. Approved
- C. Officer and Director Reports (Board Agenda Index of Appendices)
- D. Committee Reports (Board Agenda Index of Appendices)

II. Financial Performance Review

Explanation of budget changes due to USOC change in revenue. A concern is expressed that families will not spend an additional \$50 for family membership. We will be forming a group that will be tasked with looking at the organization under the current structure; we have outgrown the structure we have inherited. If you have suggestions/recommendations please send in writing not email. We have restructured our cash flow accounting system. In this decade USOC funding is variable. We have four income streams: membership, tournament and events, USOC and marketing effort for the past two years is paying some dividends now.

III. Discussion and Decision

A. Determination of Election Procedures and Election of Directors to USFA Board of Directors:

Congress determined in 1998 that it would elect its four Directors to the Board by requesting volunteers and nominations from the floor. Each representative would be allowed four votes and the top four receiving the most votes would serve on the Board as representatives to Congress for the one-year term commencing as of the September Board meeting. It is recommended to continue this process of election as we have over this last quad.

Motion: to accept the aforementioned procedure. Approved

The following are nominated as directors to the USFA Board of Directors:

Alan Kuver
Brad Baker
Greg Dilworth
Dave Micahnik
Evan Raney
Mark Goldstein
Debbie Walker

Motion: to close nominations. Approved.

Motion: to close voting. Approved

Motion: to appoint Ed Wright, Sam Cheris, and Cathy Zagunis to be tellers and count the ballots. Approved

The following members are elected to the USFA Board of Directors:

Brad Baker
Dave Micahnik
Greg Dilworth
Evan Raney

Motion: to destroy the ballots. Approved.

B. New Business

1. Confirmation of Presidential Appointments

To confirm the President's appointment of the following positions:

a. Editor, American Fencing Magazine

Motion: confirm Cindy Bent Findlay to continue as editor. Approved

b. Hall of Fame Chair and Committee

Motion: confirm Andy Shaw as Chair. Approved

2. Hall of Fame election.

Motion: to table until ballots are here. Approved.

The established procedures set forth in the Hall of Fame Committee report from July 1997, call for Congress to vote on nominations for induction in 2007 and to discuss recommendations for candidates for induction in 2008.

These procedures are:

I. The Hall of Fame Committee shall solicit recommendations from the USFA membership and from the Congress at its Summer meeting. At each such meeting, the Committee shall arrange to distribute:

- 1) The current Hall of Fame member list
- 2) The Committee's nominations for that years voting with supporting materials.

The agenda for this meeting should allow for time:

- 1) For recommendation from the floor
- 2) Discussion and voting on the nominations for induction in the following year

II. The Committee will research and evaluate all recommendations and nominate no more than six. The names of the nominees, with supporting materials, will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congress for votes on each nominee. The following rules will apply:

1. The balloting will be secret
2. No one may be elected without a majority vote from those present
3. No more than the top three nominees of those with a majority may be elected in any year unless there is a tie for the third position

III. Induction will take place at the Hall of Fame Ceremonies during Nationals in the year following the election.

Nominees for induction into the 2008 Hall of Fame:

Era #1 – The Standard Fencing Era (up to 1935); (vote for TWO candidates in Era #1)

Charles DeKay

Charles Koch*

Hippolyte Nicholas

Regis Sénac*

Era #2 – The Era of Inequality (1936 – 1975); (vote for TWO candidates in Era #2)

Joseph Elliott

David Micahnik

Carla-Mae Richard

Martin Schneider

Era #3 – The Modern Era (1976 to present); (vote for TWO candidates in Era #3)

Yury Gelman

Edward Korfanty

Cathy McClellan

Semyon Pinkasov

Inductees to the 2008 Hall of Fame are indicated in bold text; *indicates a tie for second

3. Election of the Nominating Committee.

Article XII of the USFA Bylaws provides, in part, “At the Annual Meeting of the Congress in the calendar year immediately preceding that in which the Olympic Games, at which fencing is contested, are to be held, there shall be elected by the Congress a Nominating Committee which shall nominate candidates for the offices of President, each of the Vice President positions, Secretary and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee shall be constituted with one representative from each Section elected by the Congress from the whole of the membership of the USFA.”

The following members were nominated to be on the nominating committee:

North Atlantic – Alan Kuver, Jane Carter, Felicia Zimmermann

Metropolitan – George Kolombatovich, Michael Aufrichtig

Mid-Atlantic – Delia Turner

South East – Bill Becker, Jeff Snider

Great Lakes – Marcella Denton

Midwest – Laurie Schiller

North West – Serge Timacheff, Dan Berke

South West – David Sierra

Pacific Coast – Eric Dew, Robbie Carillo, Evan Ranes

Rocky Mountain – Aaron Clements

The following individuals were elected to serve on the nominating committee:

North Atlantic – Alan Kuver

Midwest – Laurie Schiller

Metropolitan – Michael Aufrichtig

North West – David Berke

Mid Atlantic – Delia Turner

South West – David Sierra

South East – Jeff Snider

Pacific Coast – Evan Ranes

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Motion to adjourn. Approved.