

Agenda
Special Meeting of the
USA Fencing Board of Directors
June 22, 2020 via Teleconference
At 7:00 PM ET
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I. General Information and Organizational Items

General Announcements

Remarks – Donald Anthony, President

Conflict of Interest Announcement

II. Consent Agenda Items (Mr. Anthony)

1. To approve the June 11, 2020 meeting minutes.
2. To approve the April 2020 financial reports.
3. To accept the Election Committee (**Appendix A**), Tournament Committee (**Appendix B**) and US SEMI Committee (**Appendix C**) reports.

III. Executive Director Update (Ms. Ekeren)

IV. Finance Update (Mr. Hayler)

V. Legal Update (Mr. Neale)

VI. New Business

AAC Discussion and Recommendations

Return to Events Discussion

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Recess to Executive Session

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

Appendix A

Election Committee Report to the Board of Directors

June 6, 2020

Submitted by Dan Berke, Election Committee Chair

This year's election was especially important because, being the end of the Olympic quadrennial, we needed to elect our President and Treasurer for the next quad. In addition, one At-Large Director and the 2021 Hall of Fame nominees were up for election. The Election Committee was also responsible for running the election for three positions on the Referees' Commission (RC).

After the Nominating Committee announced the list of nominees for the President, Treasurer, and At-Large Director positions, we made the standard announcement about the election as well as the process for petitioning to get on the ballot.

For the position of President, the incumbent Donald Anthony Jr. was the sole nominee. Peter Burchard successfully petitioned to be on the ballot for the President position.

David Arias was the sole nominee for the position of Treasurer and no petitions were received for this position.

Four candidates were nominated for the single At-Large Director position: Lorrie Marcil Holmes, Vickie Miller, Scott Webb, and Richard Weiss. No petitions were received for this position.

The RC election was only open to referees age 18+ that had refereed at regional, national, or international tournaments since the start of the 2017-2018 season. Positions to be filled were RC Chair, Ombudsman Chair, and Domestic Development Chair.

Finally, the Hall of Fame election was held to select three Athletes, one Coach, and one Contributor for inclusion in the 2021 Hall of Fame.

The election proceeded smoothly, as expected. As happens every year, a handful voters reported not receiving the email with the information they needed to login to the eBallot website. If the voter contacted the National Office or eBallot, the problem was usually resolved within 24 hours. The two most common problems were either an incorrect email address on file, or the voter was not actually eligible to vote due to having a non-voting membership type or missing the February 1st cutoff.

Upon conclusion of the election, the Election Committee received the results and contacted the candidates. There were 10925 eligible voters for the main election, with 2642 (24.2%) individuals casting a vote. This is an improvement over the 19.5% turnout seen four years ago, and a significant increase over the 19.4% that voted last year when only At-Large Directors were being chosen.

In the RC election, there were 1095 eligible voters, with approximately 40% casting a vote.

The results are as follows:

President (1 to be elected):

Donald Anthony Jr. 1154 votes (46%)

Peter Burchard 1367 votes (54%, *elected*)

Treasurer (1 to be elected):

David Arias 1883 votes (100%, *elected*)

At-Large Director (1 to be elected):

Lorrie Marcil Holmes 828 votes (37%, *elected*)

Vickie Miller	310 votes (14%)
Scott Webb	367 votes (16%)
Richard Weiss	722 votes (32%)

Hall of Fame Athletes (3 to be elected):

Joey Brinson	332 votes (6%)
Ed Donofrio	318 votes (6%)
Jane Eyre	764 votes (14%, <i>elected</i>)
Harold Goldsmith	158 votes (3%)
Marty Lang	263 votes (5%)
Maya Lawrence	860 votes (16%, <i>elected</i>)
Nathaniel Lubell	150 votes (3%)
Dan Magay	110 votes (2%)
Robert Marx	740 votes (14%, <i>elected</i>)
Sean McClain	288 votes (5%)
John Moreau	413 votes (8%)
Chris O'Loughlin	389 votes (7%)
Hanna Thompson	488 votes (9%)

Hall of Fame Coaches (1 to be elected):

Roger Cummings	248 votes (18%)
Elliot Lilien	256 votes (19%)
Michael Petin	568 votes (42%, <i>elected</i>)
Semyon Pinkhasov	279 votes (21%)

Hall of Fame Contributors (1 to be elected):

Sam Cheris	567 votes (36%)
Colleen Olney	990 votes (64%, <i>elected</i>)

RC Chair (1 to be elected):

Donald Alperstein	198 votes (46%)
Tasha Poissant	234 votes (54%, <i>elected</i>)

RC Ombudsman Chair (1 to be elected):

Mike Ross	178 votes (44%)
Susan Borgos	227 votes (56%, <i>elected</i>)

RC Domestic Development Chair (1 to be elected):

Patrick Webster	386 votes (100%, <i>elected</i>)
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Finally, the Election Committee would like to thank Nicole Jomantas at the National Office for her support and hard work on the election. As Chair, I also want to thank committee members Michael McTigue, Susan Belanich, David Hitchcock, and Anna van Brummen for their participation on the Committee.

Sincerely,

Dan Berke

Election Committee Chair

Appendix B

Tournament Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2020

Members Present:

Brandon Rochelle (Chair)

David Blake

Meredith Delgado

Maggie Dull

Nikki Franke

Alan Geller

Cody Mattern

Members Absent: Cat Bouwkamp

Board Liaison: Jeff Salmon

Staff Liaison: Dan Mott

COVID-19 related tournament entry guidelines

The tournament committee convened remotely to discuss COVID-19 related tournament policies. With regional and local events opening for sanctioning in the near future, the committee discussed options for organizers who may be under local orders limiting gathering sizes that would impact the ability to host a tournament. Based on those discussions, the following recommendation is presented to the Board:

Regional and local events for the 2020-2021 season will be allowed to cap as local COVID-19 conditions dictate. Any tournament wishing to cap entries must submit venue information and local conditions to the national office for review. Caps may be implemented for the 2020-2021 season only and will not continue to the 2021-2022 season unless reconsidered. Tournament organizers should continue to monitor local conditions as the tournament date approaches and may be required to alter event caps to respond to those conditions after initially published. When considering the capacity of a venue for the capped number for each event, organizers and national office staff should consider support staff and necessary spectators. For example, a venue total cap of 50 people may yield an event cap of approximately 20-25 fencers after referees, bout committee, armorers, and other support staff are considered, along with at least one guardian per child for any youth event. Therefore, the tournament committee recommends a cap per event of approximately 50% of the venue capacity based on the local condition. When considering each event cap, the overall tournament schedule should be reviewed to account for overlapping events.

For regional events, changes will need to be implemented in the tournament registration system on member.usafencing.org to support capping. Tournament entry will be first come first serve at a published start date and time. Opening registration for a tournament must be at least 7 days after the tournament is originally listed on the website to allow registrants to prepare.

Tournament organizers must not pre-register anyone prior to the published start date and no preference may be given to a fencer by a tournament organizer other than by registration date. Waitlists will also be cleared first come first serve. The registration site should clearly list when an event is full so that future registrants understand they will be on a waitlist. If registrants do

not clear the waitlist, they should be refunded minus any administrative processing fees that are unrecoverable on refund.

If local policies change after initially published, any modifications should be sent to the national office for review. For decreases in size, organizers must remove and refund competitors based on entry date, starting with who registered last. For increases in cap size, organizers should clear any waitlist first, and then must allow new registrations at regular fee for at least seven days before moving to the late registration fee period.

Any regional tournament wishing to cap a regional event must first cancel any non-regional event associated with the tournament (e.g. team events, or non-regional youth events). In any case, locally or regionally, **an individual event cap may not be any less than 15 people**. If fewer than 15 people register, the event may continue, but during the online registration period, an organizer must allow at least 15 people to potentially register.

National and regional points

The tournament committee also received an update from the national office on regional and national rolling points, and is in ongoing discussions about how best to handle the replacement schedule for those lists as tournaments resume.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Rochelle
Tournament Committee Chair

Appendix C

SEMI Meeting 3-5-2020

Start time 8:30pm

On the call: Kathy Walters, Al Merritt, Liz Morey, Brian Rosen, Dan Mott, Ron Herman, David Blake, and Irene Edgerton

REPORTS

OPEN ISSUES

- 1) **Staffing for J/C WC** – Staffing is still an issue. Very few volunteers are currently signed up to help work the event. Ron reported that the new racks for the call room are completed. They will most likely be used at the March GP event in CA.
- 2) **New Head Techs/Next Year's Schedule – Update** – See attached list
- 3) **FWF mask punch issues – Kathy Update** - FWF is supplying Absolute with washers to fix the problem.
- 4) **Strip grounding issues and other designs** –Al will send a picture of the method he used with a write up.
- 5) **New Final Strip** – Scheduled for the March GP. Ron has pictures of the new final strip. There is a question as to where it goes after the March GP.
- 6) **List of supplies needed for Armory-**
 - Banding tools, **arrived**
 - Epee gauge for the armory
 - New blades for the tapers (first set did not work)
 - Soldering stand, **arrived**
 - Caution Tape
 - Gaff Tape
 - Bails for Reels
 - At least 10 new cables for reels
 - Zip Ties
- 7) **Update on New strip call system – Brian** All bugs that are known have been fixed. Will be used at the NAC in Detroit and March GP.

NEW BUSINESS

Prieur Mask Issues – Ted Update FIE has not done anything on this issue. At the February NAC, all Prieur masks were inspected, if it passed inspection fencers were allowed to use it for competition

- 1) Possible dress code for Armory. The front office would like all staff to have a unified look with the new logo.

Next conference call date – May 7, 2020

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