

## **Northwest Chess Board Meeting, September 4, 2016 at Oregon Open in Portland, OR**

In attendance: David Yoshinaga (OCF), Duane Polich (WCF/Publisher), Josh Sinanan (WCF), Eric Holcomb (Business Manager) and Grisha Alpernas (OCF). Also via telephone: Jeff Roland (ICA) and Chouchanik Airapetian (WCF). WCF treasurer Robert Allan also sat in on the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by David Yoshinaga at 3:13 p.m.

Bylaws/Nonprofit Status – Neal Bonrud was working with WCF regarding IRS nonprofit status, then intended to work with NWC. However, Neal is no longer available and has subsequently recommended (as of July-August 2017) another tax attorney at the Watson Law Firm to assist us. Duane, Josh and Chouchan were appointed to the bylaws committee. Duane was supposed to meet with Neal and have a draft of the bylaws by the Vancouver Open in October (2016). A draft of the bylaws was circulated in November (2016), however no further action was taken. (Northwest Chess bylaws are needed to apply for Federal (IRS) non-profit status.)

Membership – The membership/subscription total was close to 800, including all U.S. states, Canada, and one other foreign subscription. This is up from 2015, when the total was closer to 700.

Financial Report – Eric reported that the NWC finances are OK for now, although reserves are still small. ICA donated \$500, however this was subsequently applied (mostly) to memberships, advertising and Grand Prix fees for 2016. It was suggested that Northwest Chess should have fundraisers, preferably in all three states, and conduct workshops, for example in regard to scholastic chess coaching.

Magazine – Duane reported that the editor (Jeff) is doing a good job; also thanks to Ralph Dubisch as games editor, proofreader, etc. Duane made a motion, seconded by Dave, to pay the editor a \$150 bonus. The motion passed.

Other New Business – Grisha said someone had suggested a \$5.00 fee for ½-point byes. No action was taken, and in any event, this would be up to tournament organizers, not NWC.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.