



## **Northwest Chess 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 Board Meeting Sunday, June 24, 2018 via Zoom (online meeting)**

In attendance: Chouchanik Airapetian (WCF), Brian Berger (OCF), Eric Holcomb (Business Manager), Alex Machin (new director-at-large), Jeff Roland (ICA), Josh Sinanan (WCF) and David Yoshinaga (OCF). Absent: Duane Polich (Publisher), Adam Porth (ICA). Time: The meeting was called to order at about 7:00 p.m., and was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Bylaws – Signatures are still needed from the board members residing in Idaho and Oregon. Eric will send signature pages via email to these representatives.

Member-at-Large – Per the new bylaws, a new member-at-large is to be selected, bringing the total number of board members to nine. Alex Machin of Idaho was with Jeff Roland, agreed to serve, and was approved by the board [nominated by Jeff, seconded by Josh, passed w/o opposition].

Budget – The NWC budget status is currently OK, with an available balance of about \$3,000, and another \$5,000 advance expected soon from the WCF. Eric will prepare more detailed budget information for the next board meeting at the Oregon Open on September 2.

Compensation – Duane had made a motion in advance of the meeting to increase monthly compensation from \$400 to \$500 (editor, 32-page magazine), from \$100 to \$125 (games/copy editor), from \$75 to \$100 (business manager), and from \$25 to \$50 (webmaster). The motion also specifies that the editor would receive \$600 for a 48-page magazine, when a larger issue is approved by the board or by the business manager. The motion was seconded by Brian, passed by unanimous consent, and will take effect with the July magazine (and for the business manager and webmaster work performed in July). The budget impact of the higher pay rates will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Magazine – Some board members had previously discussed (at the Washington Open) reducing the delay before full NWC magazine issues are published online for free private non-commercial use. Eric responded by reducing the delay from three months to one month, in part so that judges in the Chess Journalists of America competition can view the magazines. The board approved continuing this practice for now, and also approved testing of an online magazine viewer service using older issues which are already free on the NWC website. The service, called ISSUU and recommended by Duane, is free if there is no charge for the magazines.

Membership – Eric submitted a recommendation in advance regarding the share of membership payments retained by the states. The recommendation would increase the state share of a regular adult membership from 16% (\$4 of \$25) to 20% (\$6 of \$30). Note that ICA already receives 20%. This topic was tabled until the Oregon Open, when Eric will have more information about the budget impact of this change.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. [motion by Jeff, seconded by Dave, agreed by all].

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.