



Northwest Chess Special Board Meeting

Sunday, November 18, 2018 via Zoom (online meeting)

In attendance: Chouchanik Airapetian (WCF), Eric Holcomb (Business Manager), Alex Machin (new director-at-large) – joined late near the end of the meeting, Duane Polich (Publisher), Jeff Roland (ICA), Josh Sinanan (WCF) and David Yoshinaga (OCF).

Absent: Brian Berger (OCF), Adam Porth (ICA).

Time: The meeting was called to order at about 7:05 p.m., and was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Bylaws/Corporate Name – This was a special board meeting called by Eric Holcomb, Duane Polich and David Yoshinaga to discuss and act on a proposal to add the word “Foundation” to the name of the corporation, becoming “Northwest Chess Foundation.” Duane explained that he had recommended this change for several years; and had intended to make the proposal earlier this year when the current Bylaws were adopted. Adding “Foundation” might give us more credibility as a nonprofit corporation; and emphasize that chess education is one of our major charitable purposes. Other local examples of chess foundations include the Orlov Foundation. Duane made the motion for the corporate name change, seconded by Chouchan, and approved unanimously after some discussion.

Now that the name has been changed, Duane will proceed with updating the name with the State of Washington, and Eric will apply for IRS 501c3 nonprofit status. Eric will also update the Bylaws, sign to certify the change, and post online [Bylaws update completed Dec. 2, 2018.]

There was also discussion about what some of our activities might be once we obtain nonprofit tax-deductible status. Examples include: more scholastic chess activities, chess scholarships, and more fundraising efforts. These will be some of the subjects of future board and committee meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. [motion by Dave, seconded by Jeff, agreed by all].

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.