



## **Northwest Chess 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 Board Meeting Sunday, April 11, 2021 via Zoom (online meeting)**

In attendance: Ralph Dubisch (director-at-large), Eric Holcomb (Business Manager), Duane Polich (Publisher), Jeff Roland and Alex Machin (directors-at-large), Josh Sinanan and Aniruddha Barua (WCF) and Wilson Gibbins (OCF). Absent: none. Time: The meeting was called to order by Josh at 7:24 p.m.

Minutes – The January (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020) meeting minutes were approved [Ralph/Jeff].

Washington Annual Nonprofit Corporation Report – Duane to do. The cost is still \$10 annually.

Budget/Finances – The finances are still OK, with over \$8,000 available after current magazine expenses. Duane is planning to recommend a new accounting/bookkeeping system.

Membership – Eric presented a report. WCF is up, ICA is down (at least for premium memberships – only about half as many as in 2019), and OCF is recovering (back to 128 at the end of 2020, from less than 100 earlier in the year).

Bylaws – The NWC Bylaws revision, to provide for an OCF representative on the board, was reported previously but needs to be posted on the website.

Magazine Committee – The Google Drive platform for new online editions was discussed again. It appears to generally work well, although there is a minor issue with persons who use more than one email address. Eric provides to Jeff and Ralph lists of persons to be added/removed each month.

NWC “Premium” (formerly “Prime”) Discussion – This activity is on hold.

Website/Technology Committee – Should we switch to Dr. Sisira’s membership and registration system (<https://onlineregistration.cc/>), which is used by some other states including Michigan? The details need to be worked out, including monthly and per-player rates, initial setup fee, sub-headings for our three states, etc. WCF is probably in favor of the new system. Eric is to prepare a requirements document, which should include the need to handle NWSRS as well as US Chess ratings.

Grand Prix – Naming of the 2021 GP in honor of Russell Miller was previously approved, and the 2021 competition is in progress. As in 2020, there will be prizes for Washington and other locations combined.

Hall of Fame – The NWC Hall of Fame committee met twice on Zoom. The committee is requesting assistance from IM John Donaldson. The NWC board will be required to make final decisions on inductees. The committee plans to make its first nominations by the next board meeting.

Oregon Chess Federation (OCF) – We will wait until after this year’s Oregon Open to review how the new membership structure (basic and premium) is going.

Editor Compensation – Motion [Josh/Ani, recommended by Eric] that the editor monthly non-employee (contractor) compensation should be \$500 (32 pages), \$600 (40 pages) or \$700 (48 pages). Since the current editors (Jeff and Ralph) also serve on the board, the other board members entered a private Zoom room to discuss and vote on this motion. The motion was unanimously approved. This will be made retroactive for all 2021 magazine editions. Note: The editor fee was already \$500 for the usual 32-page magazines. This motion sets the rates for the larger 40 and 48-page editions.

Next Board Meeting – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021 board meeting is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, June 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. [motion Jeff/Wilson; agreed by all].  
Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.