



Northwest Chess Special Board Meeting Monday, August 22, 2022, via Zoom (online meeting)

In attendance: Ralph Dubisch (director-at-large), Eric Holcomb (retired Business Manager), Duane Polich (Publisher), Jeff Roland and Alex Machin (directors-at-large), Josh Sinanan (WCF), Aniruddha Barua (WCF) and Wilson Gibbins (OCF). Absent: none. Time: meeting called to order by Josh at 7:11 p.m.

This was a special meeting called to discuss the new Northwest Chess Hall of Fame (NWC HoF), so there were no previous meeting minutes. However, it was reported that the NWC HoF committee had met multiple times and made recommendations. A document was available for review.

Hall of Fame:

Criteria – There was a discussion about the criteria for induction into the NWC HoF. Although we may post one or more lists to recognize notable chess masters from the Northwest, just being a chess master by itself does not necessarily qualify for induction into the Hall of Fame. A motion was made [Wilson/Alex] and passed unanimously to accept the criteria recommended by the committee, which will eventually be published in the magazine and on the website.

Inaugural Class – The committee recommend a slate of six inaugural inductees into the NWC HoF. There was some discussion, but no objections. A motion was made [Wilson/Alex] and passed unanimously to accept this slate.

Publication of the six initial inductees is on hold pending the gathering and editing of biographical information. Ralph will contact John Donaldson for assistance and will also contact the first inductee. It was hoped that publication could begin in November, but it actually started in January 2023, in NWC magazine. A website section will be added in 2023 as well.

Life Membership(s) – A motion was made [Eric/Alex] to award a life membership(s), which passed 7-1, however the secretary needs to double check if this is for all NWC HoF inductees, as the first one already has an honorary WCF life membership.

Other Topics – There was a brief discussion of other topics such as the need to pursue a bid for a new registration/membership system from the owners and developers of onlineregistration.cc. We'll follow up on this and other topics at the regularly scheduled 3rd Quarter board meeting in late September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. [motion Ralph/Jeff; agreed by all].

Recorded and transcribed by Eric Holcomb.