

Southern California Division
Membership Meeting
July 12, 2014

Members present: Tigran Shaginian (President), Clare Deffense (Treasurer), Jim Biehold, Sorah Shin. Greg Schiller (Secretary) could not attend; Tigran asked Clare Deffense to take notes as acting secretary.

The meeting opened at 3:35 pm, 132 S. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, CA.

1. The members discussed the 2013-2014 Annual Statement (draft, attached) and a proposed budget. Starting with last year's budget,

M/S/C -- Tigran proposed increasing the budget for purchase of medals to \$600 (amount needed to cover medals for Junior Olympic and Summer National qualifiers)

M/S/C -- Tigran proposed augmenting the equipment purchase amounts to \$6,200, to be used to purchase 2 additional grounded strip mats and 2 reels

M/S/C -- To add a budget line item for Scholarship, and to add \$1,000 in that category. (The consensus was that this line item should not be used without further study and recommendation from a committee to be formed at a later date.)

M/S/C -- To adopt the proposed budget for 2014-2015, as amended, copy attached.

There was discussion about the need to increase revenues. The most recent year produced a profit, but mainly due to some anomalous events that may not repeat. Division qualifying events are close to break even, and the Division has ongoing operational and equipment purchase/repair expenses. The Division tried to run non-qual. events, but attendance was not sufficient to create additional revenue. One suggestion was to increase qualifier event registration fees; another was to charge a small fee to member clubs holding sanctioned events, to help defray the Division's costs of sanctioning. The Division decided this matter should be addressed by the Board (Executive Committee) at its next meeting, to allow more time to research the issue.

2. Election of Officers for 2014-2015:

M/S/C to re-elect Tigran Shaginian as President and board (Exec. Ctee) member for 2014-2015 (Swords)

M/S/C to re-elect Greg Schiller as Vice-President and board (Exec. Ctee) member for 2014-2015 (unattached)

M/S/C to elect James Biehold as Treasurer and board (Exec. Ctee) member for 2014-2015 (Swords)

M/S/C to elect Clare Deffense as Secretary and board (Exec. Ctee) member for 2014-2015 (Swords)

3. Election of Additional Board (Exec. Ctee.) Members:

M/S/C to elect Jae Sang (Z Fencing) to serve on the board for 2014-2015

M/S/C to elect Phil Hareff (Conejo Fencers) to serve on the board for 2014-2015

M/S/C to elect Tim Robinson (Presidio) to serve on the board for 2014-2015

M/S/C to elect Vadim Ayupov (United Fencing Academy) to serve on the board for 2014-2015

Clare will follow up to make sure Jae, Phil and Tim agree to continue their board membership, and that Vadim wishes to join. James Biehold, as incoming Treasurer, was instructed to start the process of changing signature cards at Bank of America, to reflect the new officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clare Deffense (acting Secretary)