

Minutes of SoCal Membership Meeting
Saturday Feb. 11, 2012 at 3:30pm

Present: Tigran Shaginian (Chair), Gago Demirchian (Vice Chair), Sarkis Assadourian (Secretary), Clare Deffense (Treasurer), Mary Huang, Sorah Shin, Greg Schiller.

Matters discussed and motions at the meeting according to the Agenda:

1- The Members discussed about nomination of the Officers for the 2012-2013 year and according to the SoCal bylaws, was decided that all nominees send their candidacy to the SoCal Secretary by petition signed by at least five So. Cal. Division members.

Nominations will be open until March/10/12, the deadline for submitting nomination petitions. All in favor.

2- The Members discussed about nomination of the Division Representatives to the USFA Congress, and was decided that all present at the meeting be named as Division Representatives, and that additional nominees may send their names by e-mail to the SoCal Secretary. All in favor.

3- The Members discussed about the Treasurer's semi-annual report and approved that. All in favor. (Attached)

4- The Members discussed and approved that the Division be included in the USFA's group tax exemption. All in favor. Specifically, the Members reviewed, discussed and approved various policies and organizational documents required by the USFA to be included in the application for group tax exemption, as set forth on the Division's website, including:

(a) First, because the USFA tax exemption documents have to be submitted by April 1, 2012,

the Members agreed to waive the bylaws requirement that bylaws amendments be approved at the July meeting, All in favor.

(b) The Members approved the proposed Articles of Organization (attached). All in favor.

(c) The Members approved the proposed Bylaws amendments (attached, in redlined and unredlined formats). All in favor.

(d) The Members approved entering into the USFA Affiliate Charter Agreement (attached). All in favor.

(e) The Members approved the Official Policies as posted on the website (attached). All in favor.

(f) The Members approved the USFA Affiliate Statement of Description and Purpose

(attached). All in favor.

5 - The Members approved the Treasurer's request to augment the budget by up to \$100 to purchase Quicken to install on the Division's laptop, so the Division's financial records can be recorded and saved for future officers.

6- The Members discussed about Evaluation of SoCal Clubs Sanctioned Tournaments. The bylaws require sanctioned tournaments to have a Board member (or designee) present to assure rules compliance. The Board Representative could be one of the member of SoCal Board or another reliable person designated by the Board. The expenses of this Representative will be born by the organizer, according to agreement with the representative. Reminder: The organizers are responsible for equipment safety controls. All in favor.

7- The Members discussed the referee fee increases approved at the December Executive Committee meeting: Ratings 1-4 \$125.00, Ratings 5-7 \$100.00, Ratings 8-10 \$85.00, Unrated \$75.00. Also discussed were the budgets for bout committee and tournament equipment tear down, set up and delivery, as approved at the December meeting.

The Meeting ended at 5:00 pm.