

**Southern California Division, USFA,
Membership Meeting**

March 11, 2017, 3:00 pm; Burbank, CA (Swords Fencing Studio)

Present: Tigran Shaginian (Chair), Clare Deffense (Secretary), James Beihold (Treas.), Karen Lieu

The meeting was called to order at about 3:00. The main order of business is to nominate directors and officers to be considered at the July annual meeting.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the annual membership meeting held 7/16/2016.

M/S/C to waive the bylaws requirement that this semi-annual meeting be held in February, and to approve the March 11, 2017 date for this semi-annual meeting. (There were no available dates for a February meeting, due to the number of other events that month.)

M/S/C to nominate the same slate of officers and directors to serve for the upcoming year, 8/1/2017 to 7/31/2018, as have been elected for this fiscal year, namely:

- Chairperson – Tigran Shaginian
- Vice Chairperson – Phil Hareff
- Treasurer – James Beihold
- Secretary – Clare Deffense
- Additional Directors: Tim Robinson (Presidio), Vadim Ayupov (UFA), Sorah Shin (Allez), Jae Sang (ZLA), Az Mikayelyan (unattached), Karen Lieu (LAIFC), Greg Schiller (Scholastic), Eric Speicher (Conejo), and Richard Lee (at large)

Jim Beihold reported on the Division's finances, reporting a \$1,083 loss for the year to date. He also reported some difficulty with collections, with one or more accounts being more than 60 days delinquent.

M/S/C to add a 10% surcharge on accounts more than 60 days past due.

M/S/C to waive Division sanction fee for tournaments with fewer than 8 participants across all events (not counting Y10 and Y12, which are already exempted).

The members present also discussed the possibility of adding a major event to the end of the 2018 season, possibly including a referee clinic. Jim will follow up to identify potential venues; Clare will contact Derek Cotton.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare Deffense (Secretary)