

**Southern California Division, USFA,
Membership Meeting**
July 14, 2018
Burbank, CA (Swords Fencing Studio)

Present: Tigran Shaginian (Chair), Phil Hareff (Vice Chair), James Beihold (Treasurer), Clare Deffense (Secretary), Az Mikayelyan, Olga Ivanova, Eric Speicher, Michael Kuzmak, Chris Craig, Sorah Shin, Vahram Tormasyan, Richard Lee, Kathryn Atwood, Sung Cho, Sharon Yee, Loy Grotts, Bieu Aneiryn, Mark Nixon, Carl Loeffler, Trevor Shepard, Stephen Ewart, Luis Dealba-Yount, Mary Huang, Carla Corbit, Alex Gruman, Patrick Barbara, Brandon Chien. Tim Robinson also was present by video phone.

The meeting was called to order at about 3:15 pm. The following actions were discussed and approved:

M/S/C (unan.) to approve the minutes of the membership meeting of February 24, 2018.

James Beihold then presented the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year 2017-2018, including report on the profitability of Division tournaments, and a proposed budget for 2018-2019 (attached).

M/S/C (unan.) to approve the proposed budget for 2018-2019.

Mr. Beihold also led a membership discussion of plans to expand the So. Cal. Open, perhaps by applying to organize it as an ROC. There was also a discussion of the Division's need to increase the number of referees.

The Secretary then led the nomination and election of officers and directors in accordance with the procedures outlined in the attached Agenda.

Election of Board/Executive Committee for 2018-2019

Daryl Taylor was nominated from the floor. Additionally nominated were those from the February meeting and by written petition. The final list of persons nominated to serve on the Board was as follows:

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| Tigran Shaginian (Swords) | Vadim Ayupov (UFA) |
| Jamie Douraghy (LAIFC) * | Nick Kovalev (WCFA) |
| Phil Hareff (Conejo) | Sorah Shin (Allez) |
| Alex Gruman (LAIFC) | Karen Lieu (BHFC) |
| James Beihold (Swords) | Eric Speicher (Conejo) |
| Mark Nixon (LAIFC) | Richard Lee (unatt.) |
| Clare Deffense (Swords) | Az Mikayelyan (unatt.) |
| Tim Robinson (Presidio) | Daryl Taylor (Fortune) |

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Election of Officers For 2018-2019

All officer candidates present were given an opportunity to speak. Paper ballots were distributed for election of candidates for contested officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer), and a show of hands was given for the uncontested position (Secretary)

Chair: Tigran Shaginian received 23 votes; Jamie Dougherty received 4 votes. Tigran Shaginian was elected Chair.

Vice-Chair: Phil Hareff received 21 votes; Alex Gruman received 6 votes. Phil Hareff was elected Vice-Chair.

Treasurer: James Beihold received 21 votes; Mark Nixon received 4 votes. James Beihold was elected Treasurer.

Secretary: By a show of hands, Clare Deffense was elected Secretary (unan.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clare Deffense,
Secretary

* Jamie Douraghy later sent an email declining to serve on the Board

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