

**Southern California Division, USFA,
Board Meeting**

March 22, 2025, 7pm
Via Zoom Teleconference

Present: James Beihold (Chair), Karl Jordon (Co-chair), Eric Speicher (Treasurer), Karen Lieu (Secretary), Anna Jordon (United Fencing), Liz Geyer (KAFF), and Phil Hareff (Conejo)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Approve minutes – tabled to next meeting

Financial Report – Eric presented at previous meeting

Compilation of slate of Candidates for the election in July:

Current Board will run for re-election:

Chair: James Beihold (Swords)
Vice Chair: Karl Jordon (UFA/Points West)
Treasurer: Eric Speicher (Ace/Conejo)
Secretary: Karen Lieu (Avant Garde)

Jim received nominations from Tigran Shaginian (Swords)

Chair: Tigran Shaginian (Swords)
Vice Chair: Nana Demerchian (Swords)
Treasurer: Swan Kim (Swords)
Secretary: Shelby Kim (Swords)

James Beihold informed that Tigran feels that clubs should run qualifiers for the Division to save money. Previous Board meeting discussed having clubs host the qualifiers and was voted against.

Process to submit Proxy – member to sign ballot, submit 3 days prior to the elections to the Division Secretary.

Acceptance of Proxy ballots – per Division By-Laws, members must have USA fencing membership effective no later than February 1st. Discussion made on how to verify membership with USA Fencing. Previous request was not answered. Secretary will contact USA Fencing regarding Membership status.

For Board of Directors slate – James recommended anyone that would like to be on the Board of Directors for next season should make a request and participate in meetings/events. Discussion was made that participation on the Board is voluntary. Historically, each club had one person to represent their club. This could be due to having club held tournaments being able to host sanctioned tournaments. There are less club tournaments as most clubs participate in regional tournaments and higher-level tournaments.

The meeting for Elections will be held July 19th, 2025, at 12 noon.

SoCal Division Championships – Decide to attempt to hold tournament.

Last season the Championships were canceled due to low registrations. Eric Speicher suggested holding a Team Tournament. Problem with Team Tournaments is not enough revenue is generated to cover the cost of hosting the tournament. Youth events are not successful because they are focused on regional/national points.

Eric Speicher suggested trying to host a Team tournament. Cost per team would be 90.00. Date should not be right before Summer Nationals. June 1st, 2025 was proposed. Six team events to 45 points. Mixed and Women's Team events for all 3 weapons.

Open Floor – New Business

Four new strips have been ordered and currently in San Francisco. At the Summer Nationals Qualifiers, three of the strips died. There were also sound problems with scoring machines and reel maintenance were needed.

Next Board Meeting will be held on April 22, 2025 at 7:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted.

Karen Lieu (Secretary)