



Board of Directors' Meeting Report

Ray Yuenger, Secretary, D21 Board of Directors
July 2021



The most recent meeting of the Board of Directors of District 21 was preceded by some drama. On June 1, 2021, District President Tracey Bauer and interim Secretary Lori Spaeth resigned. Two days later, interim Treasurer Andy Wasserman resigned. On June 1, Vice-President Sigrid Price assumed the Presidency with a District Board meeting scheduled for June 5 based on the past President's agenda. The new President filled vacant positions by appointing Anne Hollingsworth interim Vice-President, Jean Barry interim Treasurer, and Ray Yuenger interim Secretary. The President also notified the Board that the regular meeting would be postponed till the evening of Tuesday, June 29th, so that she could give the Board 14 days' notice of her own agenda.

This article is intended to summarize what occurred during that Board meeting without providing all the details that will appear in the official minutes. In a change of policy from the past President, the virtual meeting was recorded on Zoom to facilitate the Secretary's preparation of accurate minutes. I'm going to discuss the meeting topics in the order they occurred during the meeting, omitting the 30-minute executive session. Executive sessions are typically reserved for personnel and other sensitive matters.

Correction and approval of past minutes. Three sets of Board meeting minutes were approved. The minutes of January 9 and 30, 2021 were approved as written. The minutes of the general session of the special meeting on May 1, 2021, were approved with corrections to the list of attendees. There was also a successful motion to amend the minutes of the Board meeting of September 6, 2020 that had been approved at the Board meeting of January 9, 2021.

Elections. There being no nominations from the floor (as allowed by the District's Bylaws), Anne Hollingsworth and Lynn Bartz were respectively elected Vice-President and Treasurer by acclamation as the only announced candidates for their positions. After Barbara Somerville and Ray Yuenger, both candidates for Secretary, spoke to the Board in each other's absence, the Board submitted their votes by private chat to former Secretary Sandi Davis, whom the President had appointed to tally the weighted votes. Later in the meeting, Sandi announced that Ray was elected by one vote.

Officers' and Committee Reports. The Board hear oral reports from: Sigrid Price, the President; Anne Hollingsworth, Vice-President, "Ombuddy," and Sectional Coordinator; Cornelia Gould, Western Conference Representative; Jackie Zayac, Tournament Chair for the Reno 2022 NABC; Melanie Haddad and Bill Yeast of the Communications Committee; Susan Mazzei, NAP Coordinator; and Ray Yuenger, All-Western 99er NiteClub liaison. Ray explained that the NiteClub has passed \$17,880 through to District 21 clubs from table fees since the interdistrict 99er game opened in October 2020 through May 2021.

Bill Yeast demonstrated how the new format of this newsletter, the Diamond in the Ruff, will be the springboard into the new website he has built for District 21. By unanimous consent the Board approved a motion to accept the upgrade of the website.

Next on the agenda was the six-page report of the Compensation Committee. After the report was summarized, there was a motion made and seconded to accept the Committee's recommendations. Then there was a motion made and seconded to table that motion. The motion to table failed after 20 minutes of discussion and voting. After 25 more minutes of discussion, the original motion was amended by the Committee Chair, Art Mirin. The amended motion was seconded and approved by the Board.





Palo Alto NLM Regional. After an exchange of different views, the Board voted to not allow Unit 503 to hold a Non-Life Master Regional in February 2022. U503 had such a Regional scheduled in March 2020, but it was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

2021 Reno/Sparks Regional and its Budget. District 21 has been forced to cancel six regionals (Sacramento 2020 and 2021, Santa Clara 2020 and 2021, Sparks 2020 and Monterey 2021) due to the COVID pandemic. The President reported that the consensus of the Executive Committee was to hold the 2021 Sparks regional with a table fee increase to \$14. Roger Smith moved to not hold the regional. Jackie Zayac seconded Roger's motion. After discussion, that motion failed. Max Schireson made a motion to hold the Sparks regional with a \$14 table fee. After a second, that motion carried.

Vanguard proposal. A motion for the District to open a brokerage account at Vanguard was tabled at the May 1, 2021 Board meeting. The motion remained on the table, as a motion to remove it from the table failed to attract a second.

The Budget. The District's first proposed budget was originally distributed to the Board on April 26, 2021, but the Board ran out of time to discuss it at the special meeting on May 1. At the meeting on the 29th, Lynn Bartz, Chair of the Finance Committee, identified six changes to the budget as originally written. Three changes reflected decisions made during the executive session. Two other changes resulted from revised projections by committee chairs. The last was due to not being billed by the governance attorney. The Board agreed to these amendments and approved of the amended budget.

Our new President had hoped to conclude her inaugural board meeting in two hours, but she had not anticipated almost 50 minutes' discussion of the Compensation Committee's report. The meeting concluded after three hours 12 minutes with the Board having made a number of important decisions.

