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Virtual Meeting through Webex.

**Emergency Meeting**

Meeting was brought to order by president Dave Terrio at 7:03 PM.

Presidents message called for a moment of silence and specific remembrance for Mike Del Negro, father of Tony Del Negro.

This meeting was called to discuss the following items only:

1. Double Varsity Assignments
2. Nominations of officers for the next term
3. Voting status of membership
4. Dues Reduction.

In order of events, Dave Terrio brought up the Double Varsity assignments and then yielded the floor to Steve Dowling to present the nominations.

In our by-laws, any official accepting and performing officiating duties for a double varsity assignment is subject to fines unless it is determined to be of an emergency nature. The eboard was presented with a covid-related situation broached by an assignor. The assignor informed the eboard that some schools were scheduling VG/VB contests on the same evening whereby scheduling multiple officiating teams would prove difficult. By nature of the pandemic and deemed a rare situation, it was agreed by the eboard that any officials assigned this double would be excluded from any recriminations.

It was asked if this assignor request was common to all assignors, but the eboard has no information from other assignors except the assignor associated to the Cape & Islands League which is applicable to most of the Board 152 members.

The eboard expressed transparency so that no member would come under scrutiny should the double assignment be associated to them.

Steve Dowling presented the nominations for officers for the 2021-2023 seasons.

President – Keith Forker, Vice President – Dave Terrio, Secretary – Scott Nichols, Treasurer – Jen Petersen, Interpreter – Steve Pothier and Matt Runge. Secretary is to present the ballot electronically to all eligible members on 2/9. The ballot MUST BE RETURNED to Steve Dowling by 6:00 PM on 2/22 for inclusion into the tabulation.

Bernie Beriau presented the items of Voting Status and Dues Reduction. According to the roster submitted to IAABO on May 1, 2020, there are eight (8) members designated as ANO and therefore in-eligible for voting in the elections. A discussion followed whereby verbiage regarding ANO and INACTIVE was elaborated upon. It was the understanding that ANY official who chose NOT TO OFFICIATE during this pandemic would automatically be designated as ANO and registered as such in IAABO, therefore removed from the voting of officers rolls. Those officials who chose NOT TO OFFICIATE were not informed that their voting rights would be eliminated. The majority chose to NOT OFFICIATE due to the potential health situation and were expecting to remain active members of the board.

Therefore, any official who was registered with IAABO on May 1, 2020 as AO would remain AO, just not officiate and be eligible to vote.

The Dues Reduction discussion took place next. The eboard suggests that the dues for those officials designated as AO would be reduced to \$85 to correspond to the elimination of the yearly banquet, a portion of which is funded by the dues. It was decided to accept the \$85 dues structure for AO officials, to be voted on by the membership at the Feb 22, 2021 meeting. There was discussion to reduce the dues structure further suggesting that the officials did not receive as many assignments and therefore a financial hardship increased, however the reduction and structure is in alignment with other IAABO boards and will remain.

Further, the dues structure for officials designated as ANO, according to the Constitution and By-Laws is to match the IAABO dues and append \$20 for administrative costs. When the IAABO dues were increased to \$35, the ANO dues would be increased accordingly, making that amount \$55. This increase has not been collected for a number of years. It was suggested that the Constitution and By-Laws be amended to reduce the ANO dues to \$50, but this would require a formal writing and reading process and could not be completed within the fiscal year. The ANO dues henceforth will be collected to the amount as stated by the Constitution and By-Laws, currently \$55.

A discussion of what will happen to the practice of using an ESCROW account to maintain dues allotments for those officials who chose INACTIVE status during the season after the roster was submitted. The habit of maintaining an ESCROW for these members is not covered by any Constitution or By-Laws and accounting of said ESCROW was done without guidance. Henceforth, there will be NO ESCROW collection and accounting process unless details are provided for and by a constitutional amendment. All AO officials for the IAABO roster who claim INACTIVE status during the officiating season will NOT be entitled to any accounting adjustments.

Next meeting – February 22, 2021 via Webex

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**Regards,**

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