

IAABO 152

MSBOA January 2021 Meeting



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These are notes from the virtual MSBOA meeting held on 1/3/21.

Meeting called to order by Tim O'Brien – President.

Secretary Report.

Minutes from September meeting accepted.

Treasurers Report.

Financials since September accepted.

Item:

Discussion by MSBOA regarding a suspension of a member of Board 30 due to missed meetings.

Board 30 By-Laws missed meetings requirements consist of a suspension from officiating. There is nothing in their by-laws about fines. A member did not meet their requirements and was suspended by the board. The member did not use the proper mechanism for appeal and alerted IAABO headquarters for their involvement. IAABO pushed it back to the MSBOA.

The member was present in the MSBOA meeting and apologized for the missed meeting requirement and vowed to abide by the decision of Board 30. However, Board 30 requested guidance from MSBOA.

After discussion, there was agreement that Board 30 would discuss the situation with the member and if satisfaction by both parties was achieved, MSBOA would not become further involved. A January 17th deadline was approved and should satisfaction NOT be obtained, MSBOA would again discuss and render a decision through a majority vote.

Interpreter's Report

There is an MIAA meeting on 1/13 whereby further instructions, should they be any, will be forwarded to the boards. The MIAA guidelines are to be amended or contributed to by League guidelines so officials should familiarize themselves with the League guidelines in addition to the MIAA guidelines.

Communications are critical for all participants and should be taken seriously, remembering that the safety factor overshadows the competition factor.

IAABO National News

Life memberships are in "status quo" due to the pandemic. Applications are being accepted, but the awarding of Life memberships in person are on hold at the moment.

Special Olympics

None for the upcoming season.

Good of the order

Some members statewide did not attend interpretation meetings and the MSBOA felt that their reporting was not up to par. Meeting dates for the 2021-2022 season are to be

forwarded to the MSBOA secretary by October 1 for posting. All MSBOA members are eligible to attend any boards meetings, including virtual.
Board 54 will conduct another meeting (virtual) for anyone who is interested.
Since Board 152 recorded their meeting, it was made available to the MSBOA for use by any board to enable fulfillment.

Board 26 apologized for misinformation passed to their members by an assignor.

Floor tests were conducted by some boards who had candidates. MSBOA suggest that any floor tests be conducted using the Covid guidelines in all aspects.

Next meeting is scheduled (tentatively) for Jan 17th (Board 30 situation)
Next official meeting is scheduled for April, pandemic dependent along with Spring meeting schedule.

Regards,

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