

Minutes of Board Meeting
Word Game Players' Organization
Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Eastern. Board members present:

Laurie Cohen, President
Bennett Jacobstein, Vice President
Jan Cardia, Treasurer
Tina Yates, Secretary
Josh Greenway
Shan Abbasi

Board members absent: (none). A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 2026 Board Meeting. The motion passed.

Insurance Update

Laurie reported that WGPO's insurance policy has been renewed and now includes coverage for tournaments held in Canada.

Board Vacancy

The Board discussed a vacancy on the Board of Directors. The Board reviewed the procedures outlined in the bylaws for addressing vacancies and discussed potential options for filling the position or otherwise supporting Board projects.

The Board agreed that additional follow-up conversations would occur and that the matter would be revisited at a future meeting.

Membership, Voting Eligibility, and Bylaws Review

The Board discussed issues related to WGPO membership records and voting eligibility. In particular, the Board noted that some members currently have voting access through email registration while others do not.

Possible approaches for improving membership tracking and voter communication were discussed. The Board agreed that updates to membership records should proceed gradually, with attention to ensuring accurate contact information for legacy members.

The Board also discussed provisions in the bylaws relating to voting eligibility and quorum requirements. It was noted that some provisions may warrant review in light of current organizational practices and applicable nonprofit law.

The Board agreed to establish a governance working group to review membership definitions, voting eligibility, bylaws provisions, and membership tracking practices, and to bring recommendations to the Board for future consideration.

Registration Systems

The Board discussed ongoing work to improve the tournament registration process. Efforts are underway to ensure that players register their membership through the WGPO website so that information remains current.

Discipline Case Tracking

The Board discussed the development of a centralized system for documenting and tracking discipline matters. The goal is to maintain consistent records of complaints, actions taken, and outcomes. The Board also discussed providing appropriate general information to complainants regarding the resolution of cases.

Word Cup 2027 Planning

The Board discussed early planning for the 2027 Word Cup. It was agreed that a committee will be organized to develop procedures for selecting future Word Cup locations and to identify topics for further Board discussion.

Communications and Technology

The Board discussed improvements to WGPO's communications infrastructure, including the selection of an email marketing platform and updates to website access.

It was decided that Shan will:

- prepare a written proposal regarding email marketing platform options
- work with Tina to provide website access for posting minutes
- coordinate with Charles on authentication for WGPO email systems
- request temporary administrative website access if needed

The Board also discussed stabilizing the Tech Committee and continuing progress toward implementing Google Workspace.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern (via Zoom).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m. Eastern.