

**Minutes of Board Meeting  
Word Game Players' Organization  
Wednesday, March 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  
Peter Schwartzman  
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**

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

**Officer Reports: President**

The President discussed plans to schedule a strategic planning meeting for 2026 goals and initiatives. A scheduling poll will be distributed.

**Officer Reports: Vice President**

The Vice President provided updates on tournament planning and broader organizational strategy discussions, including potential future collaboration with other organizations. These discussions remain preliminary and will continue at a strategic level.

**Officer Reports: Treasurer**

The Treasurer reported that a financial update will be provided following the completion of tax season.

**Officer Reports: Secretary**

The Secretary reported success in efforts to obtain website access and establish processes for posting meeting minutes and other Board materials.

**Committee Reports: Ratings and Tournament Committee**

An update was provided regarding the committee's reorganization following a recent resignation. Responsibilities have been redistributed among current members, and a new chair has been designated.

**Committee Reports: Rules Committee**

No report.

**Committee Reports: Tech Committee**

The Board discussed ongoing technology needs, including website functionality, email systems, and internal communication tools. Additional updates are expected as implementation progresses.

**Committee Reports: Lexicon Committee**

The Board discussed broader considerations related to lexicon and ratings systems within the competitive Scrabble community. No formal action was taken.

**Board Meetings**

The Board discussed improvements to meeting structure and efficiency, including maintaining a target meeting length of approximately 90 minutes.

The Board also discussed the possibility of increasing meeting frequency. It was agreed to test holding additional meetings on a trial basis, with the first and third Wednesdays of the month identified as potential options.

**Website and Communications**

The Board discussed improvements to website functionality, including processes for club submissions and posting Board minutes. Work is ongoing to establish consistent procedures and access.

The Board also discussed transitioning to a more centralized internal communication platform. It was agreed to begin increased use of Slack on a trial basis, with a target transition date of April 1, while continuing to use email for time-sensitive communications.

**Word Cup Planning**

The Board received updates on planning for the 2026 Word Cup, including logistics, budgeting, and efforts to increase participation. Planning is ongoing.

The Board also discussed potential future adjustments to tournament structure and operations. These discussions will continue.

**Strategic Planning**

The Board discussed the importance of longer-term strategic planning, including organizational growth and potential collaboration within the broader Scrabble community. These topics will be addressed further during a dedicated planning session.

**Next Meeting**

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

**Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m. Eastern.