

YCTA BOARD MEETING  
January 17, 2016  
6:00 PM, MST

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Master Blakeley	Mr. Tingley	Ms. Jeanne Arnold
Master Kohler	Ms. Wingfield	
Ms. Cohn	Mr. Medaugh	
Mr. Loveman	Mr. Chacon	

-Welcome new board members

Mr. James Chacon, New Mexico  
Ms. Jeanne Arnold, California  
[Mr. Pete Medaugh, Colorado \(added at meeting\)](#)

New Officers:

Master Blakeley, President  
Ms. Amy Wingfield, Vice President  
Ms. Karen Cohn, Secretary  
????? Treasurer

-Address old business if any

[NO OLD BUSINESS; copy of previous meeting's minutes not available](#)

-Mr. Tingley will review the budget with the board before it is turned over to the accountant

Address Mr. Tingley's resignation as Treasurer  
Address issue of Mr. Kenny Prince as YCTA accountant  
Address issue as to how we handle the office of treasurer

[Discussion: do the bylaws allow for the Treasurer to be go-between between an accountant and the Board; this is allowed.](#)

[Is Mr. Prince willing, and at what level of compensation? He is willing, and considers working for non-profits at no cost his civic duty](#)

[Master Kohler: MOTION: nominate Mr. Medaugh as Treasurer](#)

[Ms. Cohn: SECONDED](#)

[Discussion: relevant bylaws, ability to refer questions to Mr. Tingley](#)

[VOTE:](#)

[Master Blakeley – aye](#)

[Master Kohler – aye](#)

[Mr. Loveman absent](#)

[Ms. Cohn – aye](#)

[Mr. Tingley – aye](#)

[Ms. Wingfield – aye](#)

[Mr. Medaugh – abstain](#)

[Mr. Chacon – aye](#)

Ms. Arnold – aye

MOTION PASSES – 7 ayes, 1 absent, 1 abstention

Discussion: pass on relevant information to all involved, including historical information

Discussion: Budget

Concern: cost of subsidized memberships for family members, Board Members, Directors equals approximately 25% discount; consider for future budgets

Track events for ease of budgeting, reimbursement, anticipate timing, know of canceled events – states will submit copy of calendar to Treasurer when submitting to Master Arnold for website.

Ongoing deficit; concerns that if not addressed organization will cease to be economically viable;

carryover of ~\$5000 every year from earlier memberships; \$5000 reserve considered minimum

Consider changing how subsidies for events are managed; possible option, change to host fee for state/school hosting event, organization pays all expenses, retains all profits as income rather than providing subsidy and receiving percentage (current)

Master Kohler: MOTION accept 2016 budget as written

Master Blakeley: SECONDED

VOTE:

Master Blakeley – aye

Master Kohler – aye

Mr. Loveman absent

Ms. Cohn – aye

Mr. Tingley – aye

Ms. Wingfield – aye

Mr. Medaugh – abstain

Mr. Chacon – aye

Ms. Arnold – aye

MOTION PASSES – 8 ayes, 1 absent

Master Blakeley: Motion to accept Mr. Tingley's resignation as Treasurer

Master Kohler: SECONDED, with thanks for Mr. Tingley's service

VOTE:

Master Blakeley – aye

Master Kohler – aye

Mr. Loveman absent

Ms. Cohn – aye

Mr. Tingley – aye

Ms. Wingfield – aye

Mr. Medaugh – abstain

Mr. Chacon – aye

Ms. Arnold – aye

MOTION PASSES – 8 ayes, 1 absent

**-Address issue as to paying the Masters to attend meeting in Denver**

Master Blakeley: estimated cost ~\$300-400 per person; more for Master Arnold, less for Master Strouse

All attended without expectation of reimbursement, would appreciate consideration

Masters Blakeley and Kohler bowed out of discussion at that point

Discussion: Take \$1200 budgeted for tournaments in CA, MO, UT, give proportionately to masters for travel expenses, if accepted by masters (Master Kohler stated he would refuse; others may also). Based on masters' self-report of expenses, given that this is after the fact.

Ms. Cohn: MOTION to accept proposal

Ms. Wingfield: SECONDED

VOTE:

Master Blakeley – abstain

Master Kohler – abstain

Mr. Loveman absent

Ms. Cohn – aye

Mr. Tingley – aye

Ms. Wingfield – aye

Mr. Medaugh – abstain

Mr. Chacon – aye

Ms. Arnold – aye

MOTION PASSES – 6 ayes, 2 abstentions, 1 absent

Master Blakeley: invite Master Strouse to Board

Discussion: 3 members from CO; however, different schools, allow better communication, valuable contribution – Master Strouse could choose to nominate one of his students in his stead due to rank.

VOTE:

Master Blakeley – aye

Master Kohler – aye

Mr. Loveman absent

Ms. Cohn – aye

Mr. Tingley – aye

Ms. Wingfield – aye

Mr. Medaugh – abstain

Mr. Chacon – aye

Ms. Arnold – aye

MOTION PASSES – 8 ayes, 1 absent

Master Blakeley will contact Master Strouse with offer above

-Address the issue of Trademark registration, estimated at \$1600.

Master Kohler: MOTION to approve

Mr. Tingley: SECONDED

Discussion: once per 10 years, single expense; purpose of reserves is expenses of this type

VOTE:

Master Blakeley – aye

Master Kohler – aye

Mr. Loveman absent

Ms. Cohn – aye

Mr. Tingley – aye

Ms. Wingfield – aye

Mr. Medaugh – abstain

Mr. Chacon – aye

Ms. Arnold – aye

MOTION PASSES – 8 ayes, 1 absent

-Address the issue of aligning Yom Chi with an ongoing project such as “Wounded Warrior Project”

Discussion: issue addressed in the past; failed to get motion at last Board meeting. Concerns that no one organization could be chosen to represent members, no money available for meaningful donation. Option: national event / attend national event; cost of travel considered major issue. Local events with documentation either quarterly or semi-annually discussed as alternative, with volunteer options such as food banks, fundraiser, races, etc. Participation to be posted on Yom Chi website, Facebook page, instructors reminded to include as part of moral culture. No vote held on this issue

-Address the issue of SMILE program with Amazon.com

Discussion: already in place; can get 0.5% back on purchases (compared to similar program in CO with King Soopers gift cards). No legal concerns, many other non-profits and charities are using similar programs. No action needed; information sent to all instructors.

-Address new business members may have

Discussion: \$20 discount for tournaments for members; creating funding issues with tournaments due to reduced income; other organizations (specifically in CO) are giving \$10 discount to own members, causing lower participation at tournament; discussed changing amount (\$20 from earlier Board action), need to have some discount to provide value to members for dues; changing amount to be discussed at future meeting. Also discussed: other options to reduce cost/improve income at tournaments: only one discount per attendee (organization, family, early registration) rather than all; charge for breaking materials to offset cost. Other benefits to membership include credibility (more valuable to seniors, less to juniors) – continue at future meeting with discussion on changing amount/price point; too late to change for already advertised tournaments.

Discussion: remember any Board member can suggest agenda items; Master Blakeley will send out notice of meeting at least one month in advance; placing new items on agenda early will give all Board members time to think about issues, ask questions, etc., to make decisions.

-Adjourn

Ms. Cohn: MOTION to adjourn

Mr. Tingley: SECONDED

VOTE:

Master Blakeley – aye

Master Kohler – aye

Mr. Loveman absent

Ms. Cohn – aye

Mr. Tingley – aye

Ms. Wingfield – aye

Mr. Medaugh – abstain

Mr. Chacon – aye

Ms. Arnold – aye

MOTION PASSES – 8 ayes, 1 absent