

October 1st Board Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Special Orders

Officer elections

President

Ryan Wood nominated Joe Klopchic as President of the Board of Judge Foundry for 2025-2026. No further nominations. Joe Klopchic was elected to the position.

Vice President

Rob McKenzie nominated Khailyn Schaefer as Vice-President of the Board of Judge Foundry for 2025-2026. No further nominations. Khailyn Schaefer was elected to the position.

Secretary

Tobias Vyseri nominated Ryan Wood as Secretary of the Board of Judge Foundry for 2025-2026. No further nominations. Ryan Wood was elected to the position.

Treasurer

Ryan Wood nominated Tobias Vyseri as Treasurer of the Board of Judge Foundry for 2025-2026. No further nominations. Tobias Vyseri was elected to the position.

Member Report

Joe Klopchic provides a report on the membership status of Judge Foundry.

Affiliate - 507 (-13)

L1 - 354 (3)

L2 - 161 (-1)

L3 - 30 (0)

L4 - 11 (0)

L5 - 16 (0)

Total - 1079 (-11)

Treasurer's Report

The financial report was not submitted this month. There will be a combined report for September 2025 and October 2025 during the November Board Meeting.

Q&A

<https://apps.magicjudges.org/forum/14860/>

1) (Bryan Prillaman) what is each members #1 goal in 2025, excluding the whole “wotc hiring a new JM, so maybe they will acknowledge us?”

- Tob: revitalize conferences and ensure that judges feel like they are getting something out of Judge Foundry instead of just putting something in
- Khailyn: My #1 goal in 2025 is to implement and empower community facing/focused projects utilizing voices of excitement, concern, and feedback.
- Joe: My biggest goal is to have our organization land in a good place with regards to Wizards involvement in a judge program again. There are many options for how this goes, and I want to successfully guide us to a place that is good for our members.
- Ryan: My hope is to achieve noticeable membership growth as well as increase engagement with and from the organization.
- Rob: I would like to devolve more of the day-to-day operations of the organization to non-board members in a way that is sustainable going forward. The board does a lot of direct management and I'd like to get more community involvement in the organization.

2) (Bryan Prillaman) what is a thing the board accomplished last year that was successful. What did it learn from this success.

- Joe: I don't want to claim that the biggest thing that we did in the last year was remove a bunch of judge levels, but maintenance was a huge undertaking. Update quizzes continue to be a big success as well. I think the real success is that we have stuck around long enough to show that we are legitimate. We certified/leveled up over 200 judges in the last year. That's a big deal.
- Rob: We hit a thousand members! This is a big deal, to have 1k paying members keeping the organization ongoing.

3) (Bryan Prillaman) what is a thing the board attempted and failed to accomplish last year. What did it learn from this failure.

- Tob: We failed to ensure our members felt like judge foundry was providing anything of value. I think we learned that we can't just provide “sticks” like exams and maintenance, but we also need to provide carrots.

4) (Bryan Prillaman) A board should work together and form a cohesive whole. Using unified deck construction rules, what skills do you bring to the board.

- Tob: I bring a sense of fun and a hard-working diligent attitude. I'm good at meeting deadlines and taking care of a lot of the boring backend work.
- Joe: Aside from being here from the beginning and a sense of what this org should be, I think my biggest strength is the ability to bring together people for compromise. I want to hear lots of perspectives, and I'm good at finding middle ground.
- Khailyn: I bring an obnoxious dedication, unique perspectives, lines of communication to multiple communities, and an emphasis on effective teaching and learning.
- Ryan: One of the major qualities that I bring to the table is my experience with watching JF grow from before it started to now, and assisting with the FAB program growth. This experience will help illuminate what has worked and what has not.
- Rob: I have a ton of history and institutional experience with historical judge programs. I'm the person that has been an RC, did selection for roles, and has a knowledge of why things were done that way in the past.

5) (Bryan Prillaman) which hypothetical explanation of the Fermi paradox do you feel is most plausible/believable

(this is a good video about it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNhhvQGSMec>)

- Tob: I think the idea of life being very unique and difficult to evolve, I think humans are unique in the universe (for now)
- Joe: The one where the probability of life is high enough that life exists, but low enough that life ever contacting life outside of its starting point is incredibly low.
- Rob: I like there being a ton of great filters and us being pretty lucky to be so early in the life of the universe. There are also a ton of unknown filters, like our sun being very low-noise so we don't have a ton of cosmic rays and we didn't even realize this until pretty recently.

6) (Kyle Ryc) How is this board going to grow the community in the next 12 months?

- Ryan: The board was discussing options before the term began, and when we are ready to disclose any of those ideas, we will announce that information. In the immediate future, know that we are actively discussing options for growth and engagement.
- Rob: Check out some of the things we have coming in our resolutions here - a partnerships project, a recruitment charter, a change to conferences, and other things. We are coming in strong with some changes, and like Ryan said, we have a bunch of other discussions in the works.

New Business

Appoint Bylaw Committee

Tobias Vyseri nominates Kyle Ryc as chair, Sam Duralde, Graham Kirkpatrick, Rob Mckenzie, and Chris Hrichishen to the Bylaw Committee. Passed with four votes in favor and one abstention.

[Resolution 1: Change Leadership Structure of Conferences Project](#)

Five votes in favor, resolution passed unanimously and adopted.

Appoint Conference Committee

Rob McKenzie nominates Stephan Classen as chair, Khailyn Schaefer, Graham Kirkpatrick, PJ Wynn and Brook Gardner-Durbin. Four votes in favor. Khailyn abstains. Passed and adopted.

[Project Charter: Website Management](#)

Five votes in favor. Unanimously adopted. Four votes in favor of appointing Tobias as Website Manager. Tobias abstains. Passed and adopted.

[Project Charter: Judge Recruitment](#)

Five votes in favor. Unanimously passed and adopted. Five votes in favor of appointing Ryan Sears as Judge Recruitment Project Manager. Unanimously passed and adopted.

[Project Charter: Community Partnerships](#)

Five votes in favor. Unanimously passed and adopted.

[Resolution 2: Password Manager](#)

Five votes in favor. Unanimously passed and adopted.

[Resolution 3: Project Manager Updates](#)

To require charter-adopted projects to provide a monthly update

Resolved, that leads of projects that have a charter approved by the board provide a monthly update before the start of the scheduled board meeting in the following month.

Amended text:

Resolved, that leads of projects that have a charter approved by the board may provide a monthly update before the start of the scheduled board meeting in the following month, and that each such project is required to provide one such report each quarter.

Resolved, that the secretary track such updates and inform the appropriate leads when their update is required.

Votes on Resolution 3

Amended text vote was five in favor. Unanimously passed and adopted.

Resolution 3 vote was five in favor. Unanimously passed and adopted.

Announcements

Thank the old board members

Welcome the new board members

Store!

Spiderman Update Quizzes are online and available.

Adjournment