

Wednesday, February 4th: Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the board of directors of Judge Foundry was held on Wednesday, February 4th 2026, at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time by videoconference. President Joe Klopchic presided. Vice President Khailyn Schaefer, Treasurer Tobias Vyseri, Director Rob McKenzie and Secretary Ryan Wood were present. Meeting Opening Joe Klopchic called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. He verified that there is a quorum of board members present.

Member Report

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

Affiliate - 530 (6)
L1 - 365 (4)
L2 - 167 (4)
L3 - 30 (0)
L4 - 9 (-1)
L5 - 16 (0)
Total - 1117 (13)

Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for [January](#) were approved.

The [Special Member Meeting Minutes](#) were approved by the committee appointed to approve them in the past month.

Treasurer's Report

Tobias Vyseri Submitted a [Treasurer's Report](#) for the month of January.

Q&A

Daniel Crabtree:

Have there been any updates on the upcoming judge program from WotC?

Rob: We had a meeting with Samma last Monday. We can't share much in the way of specific details. Samma provided some updated information on conduct reporting. We have updated our DQ FAQ with the new email address for conduct reporting provided by Samma. This is also the place to report any kind of conduct issues to Wizards of the Coast with any tournament participant or official. Judges, tournament organizers, and also players are able to be reported through this email. Besides that, exact details are under an NDA. Samma has given us permission to let people know about the existence of a meeting, but there are obviously things

that aren't ready for fully public consumption yet that we discussed and we would rather not make any kind of promises until things are actually set and ready for everyone to announce.

Chris Hrichishen: With the IJP voting to disband how does that affect our relationship with the former IJP?

Joe: We have had small discussions with former IJP leadership and they are still our peers. Other worldwide organizations continue to license our exams and promote judges in their regions, and those orgs are still our partners. The future of all judge programs is still uncertain, but we still want to remain good friends with all worldwide judges.

Chris Hrichishen: Will we continue to honour the level transfer for a period of time?

Joe: There are two parts to this. First, IJP levels are close enough to JF levels that if someone stopped judging entirely and moved to the US, then started again a couple of years later, we would honor the previous certification with our "returning to a lost level" system. Second, if a judge transfers in the near future, we are incredibly likely to accept them. If there was any bar to clear, it would be showing that they would have met the most recent maintenance requirements, which anyone who has done their checklist this year, isn't a huge ask if you're the correct level.

Chris Hrichishen: Do we know how long the certification will continue to show on judge apps?

Joe: No we don't, Apps controls that and is a question for them. I would anticipate a similar timeline to previous organizations levels disappearing.

Chris Hrichishen: Does this mean that JF judges moving out of the covered areas might have no place to transfer their level to?

Joe: That's likely the case right now. Judges moving to parts of the world that are covered would have a place, but IJP was covering a lot of places.

New Business

Joe Klopchic moved that we adopt [Resolution 1: Adding Social Media Project Committee Members](#). It was approved by all present members.

Joe Klopchic moved that we adopt [Resolution 2: Adding Community Partnerships Committee Members](#). It was approved by all present members.

Joe Klopchic moved that we adopt [Resolution 3: Business Insurance Payment](#). It was approved by all present members.

Announcements

Rob Mckenzie spoke about the results of the Special Member Meeting.

Joe mentioned that maintenance is open now and people should begin to get their checklists in.

Khailyn spoke about Exemplar and how the next wave will be opening soon.

Tobi mentioned that we issued gift cards and paid out the review contest winners. The Judge Foundry shop opens March 1 2026 - April 31.

Adjournment

Joe Klopchic adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

February Minutes Respectfully submitted by Treasurer Tobias Vyseri.