

Wednesday, June 3rd: Board Meeting Agenda

Welcome

A meeting of the board of directors of Judge Foundry was held on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, at 8:02 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 8:02pm. He verified that there is a quorum of board members present.

Meeting Minutes

The [May meeting minutes](#) were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Tobias presented a [Treasurer's Report](#) for the month of May.

Member Report

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

Affiliate - 693 (-27)

L1 - 276 (-12)

L2 - 143 (4)

L3 - 24 (-1)

L4 - 8 (0)

L5 - 15 (0)

Total - 1159 (-36)

Q&A

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

Daniel Crabtree submitted the following question: Any updates on the WotC judge program?

Ryan answered: We do not have more to share on this topic. The most recent information we had was that Samma was available at MagicCon Vegas to discuss with judges.

Dennis Bradford submitted the following question: There's been some concern that Judge Foundry is losing its high-level members, and/or that high-level members aren't maintaining their levels, in conjunction with the fact that L3 and L4 judges haven't been leveling up into L4/L5. Can the Board speak to the process of leveling up L3's and L4's, and what's hindering it?

Joe replied: There have been several challenges with getting folks leveled up to L4 and L5.

The primary gap, in my opinion, is that there is a “pandemic gap” among judges which has propagated up through the system. That gap has reached the L4/L5 level, and has slowed things down a bit.

There are other factors as well. The L5s are very busy, and getting folks on track to test and panel is difficult. We’re in a world where the folks who could very transparently don’t need the level to get the jobs they want, so the incentives are very personal achievement, which makes getting the work done harder.

On the L3->L4 front, we leveled up a bunch of L3s 2 years ago, and we’re now approaching the time that it’s going to be appropriate for some of them to level up. The system is ready to take them. I’m busy working on some panels right now, which I’m excited about. I hope success leads to more applications and refinement of the system.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

Tobias reminded the members that the Judge Foundry Shop had opened.

Rob announced that Exemplar nominations can be submitted until July 1st.

Joe mentioned that the Quarter Two Set Update Quiz should be available soon after the meeting.

Adjournment

Joe Klopchic adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm Eastern.

April Minutes Respectfully submitted by Secretary Ryan Wood.