

ASA Spring Meeting - Saturday, March 1, 2025

Call to Order by President Ruth Hugen at 10:05 am

Invocation by Vicki Burr, District 1. Ruth Hugen led the International Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Secretary Debbie Meise took the Roll Call. 36 eligible voters are in attendance. A quorum was established to conduct business. Additions to the Agenda – Nothing added.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Executive Board in attendance - Introductions by Ruth Hugen, President.

- Kate Lof, 2nd Vice President
- Debbie Meise, Acting Secretary
- Judy Maddox, Treasurer
- Bill Storck, Parliamentarian
- Dale Crouch, Webmaster

Introductions of District Presidents in attendance

SECRETARIES REPORT:

Minutes From Last Meeting/Correspondence

Bill Storck offered a correction to the Fall Meeting Minutes: page 1, the last paragraph should read: amended minutes as *posted* should be amended minutes as *amended*. Offering no other changes, the minutes will stand corrected.

ACTION ITEM: *Corrected minutes are to be posted on the website.*

No correspondence was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Full Report on File

Accepted as reported.

ASA PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Full Report on File

Congratulations to District 4 for a very successful state split singles tournament on February 20th and 21st. Special thank you to Debra Besaw and Cheryl McNeely for all of their planning and dealing with the rather warm conditions.

Good luck to all of the organizers and participants of the State League playoffs and the State Mixed doubles.

Next Season's State Tournaments:

- State Split Singles: February 19th and 20th in District 5 (Sun City)
- State League Playoffs: March 2nd and 3rd in District 2 (Tucson)
- State Mixed Doubles: March 9th and 10th in District 3 (Yuma)

Mick McNeely to be the chairperson for the Rules Committee. He accepted and will be leading us in the motions to update the ASA rules later in this meeting.

New Chapter Inquiry: Received a forwarded e-mail from Lynn Freeman from a lady in the Williams AZ area inquiring about setting up a chapter/division in that area. I will be contacting her next week to discuss how serious they are and how big their group is.

Fall Meeting: December 6th, 2025 with District 2 supplying the refreshments. District 3 will be awarding an ambassador award for 2025-26.

WESTERN STATES REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Full Report on File

Bud Walrath National Tournament: March 3rd-6th, hoping for a good turnout.

Slanted Point System: Passed at the last national meeting in January.

International Tournament: Hohrenroda, Germany, September 28th-October 4th. Application deadline for the US was yesterday; Canadian deadline assumed to be the same.

National Tournament in New York: Location is the Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club.

MOTION - Bill Storck moves that the Western States Regional Director be given the right to vote. Question: Will this need a Bylaws change? Answer: No, it is a stand-alone position. Call for Vote. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Full Reports on File

The total number of members has decreased compared to last year. Specifically, the membership count has dropped from 1,470 members last year to 1,412 members this year. This represents a reduction of 58 members.

District 1 - President's Report by Elmer Lang.

- **Committee Members introduced.**
- **Membership:** District 1 has 276 paid members.
- **Hosted Events:** Singles and doubles tournament, State league playoffs.
- **Upcoming Event:** State League at Greenfield Village on Monday and Tuesday.

District 2 - President's Report by Dolly Greenleaf.

- **Teams:** 22 teams.
- **Membership:** 227 members, including many independents.
- **Next Year's President:** Kate Loft.
- **Upcoming Event:** State mixed doubles on March 10th and 11th at Rincon Country East.

District 3 - President's Report by Brad Sawchuk.

- **Tournament Entries:** Up from the 2023-24 season; ASA membership of 324 is slightly down.
- **District 3 Leagues:** Four three-board leagues with 24 teams. Sun Vista Los Amigos will represent District 3 in the state championship next week.
- **State Split Singles Championship:** District 3 representatives placed well (1st, 2nd, and two 4th places).
- **Spring Dinner Meeting (Feb 27th)**
- **Next season's executive board elected/introduced.**

District 4 – President's Report by Debra Besaw.

- **Done it and Do it Tournament:** Upcoming
- **State Singles Tournament:** Successfully held with help from the executive committee and volunteers.
- **League Play:**
 - Long season: 16 teams
 - Short season: 26 teams
 - Two-board league: 9 teams

- **Membership:** Held at about 510, down by 30 due to loss of several two-board teams; hopeful for rebuilding next year.
- **Workshops:**
 - Etiquette and strategy: 243 attendees
 - Rules and referee session: 82 attendees

District 5 – President’s Report by Dick Greek.

- **Award Season:** Coming to a close in District 5 with the last tournaments being played.
- **League Teams:** Eight teams (4 on Monday league, 4 on Tuesday league).
- **Membership:** Total of 75 members this year.
- **Tournament Play:** Several new players entered and performed well, encouraging for the future.
- **Open Play:** Increase in membership, promising for the future of shuffleboard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HALL OF FAME:

Brad Sawchuk provided a recap of the applicants.

- Player Category: Clint Gienger, Brian Scott, and Linda Stoneburner
- Previously nominated but not elected: David Frasier and Carl Howell
- Special Award Category: Clint Gienger.

The committee can recommend up to 5 players annually for approval. One note: after reviewing the submissions, it was determined that there was an over-accounting of points, which was sent back for correction.

A review of the voting procedures was explained. There were 32 eligible votes in attendance. All questions were addressed.

STATE SUPPLIES:

Lynn Freeman has plenty of supplies, so if you need anything, please reach out to Lynn.

Break

For counting of Hall of Fame applicants

WEBMASTER: Dale Crouch – Full Report on File

The ASA website is the primary resource for anyone looking to engage with shuffleboard events, governance, and ASA events.

Content is neatly categorized into several key sections:

- Executive information, detailing leadership and key contacts.
- Governance, which includes bylaws, procedures and rules essential for maintaining order and standards.
- District events, providing up-to-date calendars, tournament details, and special events.
- League play, offering insights into rules, statistics, and procedural updates.
- Additional resources such as memorials and advertising opportunities, serving varied community needs.
- During the active shuffleboard season, information is posted once per week on Sundays. During the off season, information will be posted occasionally or as required.

All districts are asked to pass along their new executive information prior to the beginning of the 2025-2026 season. The new state calendar will be posted after it is finished. Districts also need to review their sites and update contacts, forms, bylaws, league information etc., and pass along as soon as possible.

HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENT:

The results were presented, and all five (5) were accepted into the Hall of Fame.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ***District Presidents should let the recipients know that the Award will be presented at the Western Tournament Banquet on November 7, 2025, at Greenfield Village Resort.***
- ***Ruth Hugen will order the plaques.***

MOTION – Barbara Murphy moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Debra Besaw. Motion Carried.

RULES:

Chair of the Rules Committee – Mick McNeely (District 4)

Common sense updates to the rules that have not been updated in more than 6 years. All five motions will be voted on individually

Proposed Motion 1 – Lagging D1a

The proposed language changes are to add clarity on who lags first and make measuring the disk from the lag line simpler. Mick explained the proposed changes to both lagging and measurement. It is not a change to the lagging rule, just who lags yellow.

Open discussion (2 minutes per person)

- Tim Beadell - How do you determine who does the flip? Determined it is a non-issue.
- Elmer Lang - recommend a laser measurement for each district.
- Brad Sawchuk – I see that there are three (3) different parts to these proposed changes. The coin flip, the measurement, and what if the lag falls off or /into the kitchen.
- Nothing says the lag has to leave the kitchen. The lag is not a shot. The wording is confusing. Let's make sure the wording clearly defines the rules. Can you just define what a lag is?
- Dale – Offered how to measure the disk.

***** Special procedures are not addressed, and the rules need to be changed before the special procedures can be addressed.***

Call for Vote by Mick McNeely – Motion Carried.

Proposed Motion 2 – Rule F-1 and H-1

Respectively, the Rules and Review Committee is proposing a language change to Rule F-1 Indicating Discs, and H-1 Officials.

Open Discussion - Why can't I, as the shooter call for head ref if I do not agree with my partner.

Call for Vote by Mick McNeely – Motion Carried.

Proposed Motion 3 - Waxing Rules

Waxing the “Kitchen” may be done at anytime, therefore added to I-3 for clarity.

The Referee should not be the sole judge as to the extent of waxing of an area. The phrase of “bare areas” is too vague. The “Area” that may be waxed is now clearly determined. NOTE: It is AREA not square feet.

Open Discussion

- Wax kitchen (either one) at any time.
- Spot waxing - 2x4ft area is not currently in the rules.
- Define how to measure 2x4 area. 3 people can agree to an exception.
- Half time sprinkle for the board is okay

Gary motioned to amend the original motion to separate Proposed Motion 3, Rule 3, and Rule 4. Brad Sawchuk seconded. Call for Vote by Mick McNeely – Motion Failed.

Call for Vote on original proposed Motion by Mick McNeely – Motion Carried

Proposed Motion 4

The “Penalties” in Sanction Tournaments have not been assessed in years. The threat of disqualification is a much stronger deterrent. For J-8, Anytime a player is interfered with should be permitted to replay their shoot regardless where the disk ends. Violations/penalties J1 - J6 - basically etiquette issues - 10 point issues why are they in here? No penalty can be assessed until the head ref encounters the infraction. 1st warning, 2nd warning then disqualification.

Open discussion

- Vicki Burr recommends a wording change to J-6 – removal of tournament director.
- Intent is good but people need to know.
- Has to be someplace where these infractions can be identified. Guidelines - just take the penalties out.

Bill Storck moved to amend the proposed change to remove the 10-point penalties and leave the etiquette portion in the original amendment – Tim Beadell seconded.

- Discussion - Will have to change special procedures next year.

Call for Vote by Mick McNeely on amended Motion – Vote on amendment Carried

Call for Vote by Mick McNeely on all 10-point penalties to be removed passed, but all phrasing for warning, warning disqualification. Motion Carried.

Proposed Motion 5 - Pamphlet - Gender him/her

The entire document should be “Gender Neutral”. Any reference to his, him or her specifically should be changed to his/her, them or their.

Open discussion

- Why can't it just say player/players

**AMENDED - Lynn Freeman motioned to change him to player(s). Cheryl McNeely seconded.
Call for Vote by Mick McNeely on Amended Motion – Vote on Amendment Carried.**

Call for Vote by Mick McNeely on Proposed Motion as Amended – Motion Carried

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

That Ambassador Award is going to be awarded to Susan Roach. She's not here today, so that award will be presented in her district.

OLD BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Weber District IV - The issue at hand involves not receiving proper credit for the Arizona Hall of Fame (HOF), particularly concerning Bud Walrath, but all tournaments that contribute to the Arizona State HOF points. This matter requires further investigation.

ACTION ITEM: Brad Sawchuk to investigate and report back at the fall meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominating Committee Chair Bill Storck presented the following slate of candidates for the March 2025 elections: President Ruth Hugen, 1st VP Melva Murphy, 2nd VP Kate Lof, Secretary Debbie Meise, and Treasurer Judy Maddox. Bill called for nominations from the floor after each candidate for the ASA Board of Directors. He requested that Secretary Debbie Meise record one unanimous vote for each candidate.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Beadell, seconded by Don Weber.

NEXT MEETING:

**December 6, 2025 – 10:00 am (9:30 am – Hall of Fame & District Presidents Meeting)
Sunscape RV Resort (community center), Casa Grande
District 2 (Refreshments)**