

Minutes

North Texas Division, USA Fencing

2025 Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, May 23, 2026

3:00 PM

Location: Fencing Institute of Texas

- A. Meeting called to order by Chair Brenda Waddoups at 3:21 PM.
- B. Establish quorum. Secretary stated a quorum was achieved. Members present: Catherin Kim, Betty Kim, David Ramirez, Renata Shakirova, Lisa Lambert, Ovy Waddoups, Brenda Waddoups, Gisela Wolf-Rhodus, Tiffany Miller-Bolerjack, NaRaye Williams, and Christine Tadlock. There were a total of 42 proxies presented 34 of which were validated and accepted.
- C. Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting were accepted as posted. No changes were presented. Motion to approved by Lisa L., seconded by Ovy W., no discussion, Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Treasurer NaRaye Williams present the 2025-2026 Financial report. NaRaye stated the started at \$13,706.85 and ended at \$16,043.37. Expenses are from AskFred and the stripe fees. Motion to accept the treasurer's report from Ovy and Lisa - all approved. Brenda asked if we want to charge fees for the nest two qualifiers and suggested we entertain a motion that we do not. Motion for the division not to charge fees for the next two qualifiers. Point of information from NaRaye, would this motion be for both the registration fees and event fees. Brenda affirmed that this would be the case. The motion was amended to say that both the event fees and registration fees would be waved for the next two qualifiers by Ovy and NaRaye seconded. No discussion. All approved. Motion passed.
- E. Chair's Report——Brenda shared there was trial run this year for having the National office run the division's elections. This meeting next year will be going away. For anyone interested in running for office next year will be required to send in their application file to the National office. The National office will clear the person's credentials, send out the ballot to the division and will be tabulate the votes. No discussion. Motion to accept the report, David and Ovy. Motion passed
- F. Approval of Executive Committee Members
 - a. Executive Committee Members – One person from each North Texas Division, USA Fencing member club in good standing.

Current clubs in good standing:
Abilene Sport Fencing – Michael Bob Starr
Fencing Institute of Texas – Ovy Waddoups
Frisco Fencing Academy – Chris Slaughter
Globus Fencing Academy – Betty Lim
Go Fence Academy – David Ramirez/ Renata Shakirova
Gold Blade Fencing Center – Allan Curry/ Moh El Sakhawy
Lone Star Fencing Center – Andre Andreyev
North Texas Fencing Tournament Coalition – Jordan Gatts

Pegasus Sword Academy – Lisa Lambert
University of North Texas Fencing Club – Connor Chau
University of Texas- Dallas - Natalie Naqvi?
Virtus Fencing - Jessica /Samuel Rinaldi

A suggestion was posed that the upcoming and subsequent meeting be a hybrid meeting/ virtual and in person. Moved to reelect representatives by Ovy, Seconded, by Christine. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Additional Positions: DEI Coordinator – Alice Dungey; Safe Sport Coordinator – Laurie Lewis. Motion to accept these nominees as present Ovy seconded Renata. Discussion about the duty of the DEI coordinator. NaRaye explained where to find the purpose of the position. Lisa informed the meeting that the US Department of Justice oversees the sports that are recognized the Olympic center, and it no longer has DEI. Majority vote passed, 1 abstention.
- c. Proposed Slate of Officers:
 1. Chair – Brenda Waddoups, FIT
 2. Vice Chair – Tiffany Miller-Bolerjack, Unattached
 3. Treasurer – NaRaye Williams, Gold Blade/Unattached
 4. Secretary- Christine Tadlock, FIT

The chair called for nominations of the floor for chair. Gisela Wolf-Rhodus was placed in nomination for Chair from the floor. Both candidates were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and relay why they would be a the right person for the position. During her introduction about what she wished to accomplish while chair, Brenda pointed to getting the qualifying better shape. One of these is the email snafu discovered by the division secretary. Christine had found that the email blast capabilities of the division was hampered by the approximately 50 missing persons on the email list. Addison Worley, of the National office, was notified and he responded that the IT department had discovered the glitch. The votes were tabulated by Tiffany and Catherine. The votes were 34 to 11. Brenda Waddoups was elected for the Chair position. Gisela was then afforded to opportunity to run for Vice-Chair. A quick discussion was on what was the big responsibility of the Vice-Chair, getting the referees for the two qualifiers. Tiffany introduced herself to the group and her qualifications for the position. A further discussion was held on the ethics of referees and coaching fencers. When a possible violation would be reported and to whom. The votes were cast. NaRaye and Catherine tabulated the votes. 34/11 for Tiffany. Tiffany was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. No other nominations for other positions. Motion by Ovy to accept the two final positions to be votes by acclamation, seconded by Lisa. The offices of treasurer and secretary were elected by voice vote. Unanimously.

The officers for the North Texas Division for the 2026-2027 year are:

Chair: Brenda Waddoups

Vice chair: Tiffany Miller-Bolerjack

Secretary: Christine Tadlock

Treasurer: NaRaye Williams

- G. The 2026-2027 Calendar Meeting will be held on the Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 3 PM at FIT and available online/hybrid. Motion by Ovy to the meeting in August seconded by Tiffany. Approved.
- H. Good Will and Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Brenda, Seconded by Tiffany.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.