

**Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association**

**NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2016**

**PNWTOA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**THURSDAY MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

Call-in Number 1-800-704-1867

Passcode 142565

It's time for the PNWTOA Annual Membership meeting! This conference call meeting is an opportunity for all officials in the PNW section to participate. In addition to discussing the nominees we will follow an agenda of topics that will be sent out the night before the meeting.

This year there are 4 board positions open.

- 3 positions for 3 year terms
- 1 position for 2 year term

-All nominees need to be paid PNWTOA Members.

-All nominations need to be submitted by March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Email your nominations to anyone on the TOA Board Nominee committee:

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-Ballots will be published and sent by email March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to all officials in the PNW section.

-Voting will close April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

-Announcements of the new board members will be April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

-New PNWTOA board members terms will start June 2016.

-In accordance to the Bylaws of the PNWTOA Article 3, Section 1, sublet A. All dues-paying members are eligible to vote.

If you are not a dues-paying member and are interested in who is representing you on your PNWTOA board please submit your membership form and dues before voting closes so your vote counts!

### **PNWTOA MEMBERSHIP**

Every week there are more officials enrolling. With the ITA season coming to an end in April, March is a good time to send in your dues to be eligible for solicits and work for the upcoming High School District and State tournaments in your area. Club sponsored Adult and Jr. Events will also be increasing by the end of April. Be prepared!

Board members have been asked why we did not have a cut off/due date this year for joining. The answer is that in our attempt to run our section similarly to other successful sections nationally we needed to let PNWTOA members experience the benefits of being members. The current paid PNWTOA membership enrollment reflects that many PNW Officials support the PNWTOA membership benefits.

Starting 2017, the PNWTOA will establish a cutoff date to join that will apply to all USTA and ITA PNW officials.

### **TRAINING WEBINARS/NEW HIRE PATHWAY**

The Training webinars are ready and should be available to us today! Look for an email from USTA Officiating.

The New Hire Pathway has been updated and published on our web page: [pnwtennisofficials.com](http://pnwtennisofficials.com)

If you know someone who is interested in becoming an official please direct them to our web page or to:

Denise Alexander- New Hire Coordinator, alexander9688@comcast.net

### **PNW OFFICIALS AWARDS**

At the March PNWTOA board meeting, we approved the reinstatement of presenting the “Tennis Official of the Year” and “Rookie of the Year” Awards. These plaques will be awarded in November annually. The winner of these awards will be selected by the Awards Committee of the Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association. Nominees and voting will come from the PNWTOA membership. More information regarding this will come later in the year.

-Our new Mission Statement

“To enhance the quality, capabilities and professionalism of tennis officials in the Pacific Northwest region”

Denise Alexander-PNWTOA President

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