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Fencers Club is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of excellence through the sport of fencing. We actively support a culture of sharing by performing community services that extend beyond fencing.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date and Time: Thursday, August 6, 2020 5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 942 0751 6499
Passcode: 891680

Dear Fellow Fencers Club Member,

The Board of Directors of Fencers Club, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York (the “Club”), will host the Annual Membership Meeting (“Annual Meeting”) of the Club on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. by Zoom videoconference using the link above.

Voting by Proxy or Ballot at the Annual Meeting. The enclosed Proxy for the Annual Meeting is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the Annual Meeting. In accordance with the by-laws, only regular, full-dues paying members (which includes pro rated or frozen memberships) as of July 31, 2020 who are at least 18 years of age (which includes parents of members who are minors, who shall receive one vote per household) shall be entitled to cast one vote either by ballot during the Annual Meeting or by proxy on each matter to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. If your membership has lapsed you will need to renew your membership as of July 31, 2020 to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Any member present at the Annual Meeting and eligible to vote, who prefers to vote in person, may do so by revoking his or her proxy before it has been voted and submitting the enclosed ballot during the meeting. Proxies received by 5:00 pm on August 5, 2020 will be voted at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof as specified by the person giving the proxy. If you have a question about whether you are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting please email info@fencersclub.org. The Club’s determination of eligibility to vote under the bylaws shall be final. **Only the ballot form provided by the Fencers Club will count toward voting; no other form of ballot will be accepted as valid for voting for the Annual Meeting.**

Please note that it is very important that you sign and return the proxy, whether you plan to attend the meeting or not, so that sufficient votes are cast to validate the election of directors. A quorum is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if at least one third of all of the members entitled to vote are present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting. If there is no quorum, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned to a later date.

Preliminary Agenda Items. Philippe Bennet, Club President, will conduct the Annual Meeting. Preliminary agenda items will include: (a) the presentation of directors for election to the Board of Directors; (b) election of directors (see below and enclosed Proxy); (c) a financial report; and (d) an overview of Covid-19 pandemic and club operations. In addition, the floor will be opened for your questions and discussion items.

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Election of Directors. Pursuant to the by-laws, the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors proposes the 17 nominees listed below as directors for election at the Annual Meeting for the term set forth opposite their name. Any member of the Club eligible to vote may nominate any other person at least eighteen years of age for director at the Annual Meeting by writing in their name on the proxy prior to the Annual Meeting or ballot at the Annual Meeting. The Directors of the Club who are elected by the members serve without compensation from the Club, must abide by the Fencers Club Conflict of Interest Policy, be a member of USA Fencing and undergo SafeSport screening and training. **To be elected a Director, a Nominating Committee nominee or write-in must receive a majority of the Club's members by ballots cast at the meeting or by proxy so long as ballots cast and proxies received represent at least 30% of the Club's voting members.**

If more than 17 candidates satisfy the majority of votes cast and at least 30% of the Club's voting members standard, the candidates with the most votes will be elected. If less than 17 candidates satisfy the majority of votes cast and at least 30% of the Club's voting members standard, then those Board seats will be vacant and may be filled by the Board or the size of the Board reduced. The Fencers Club's calculation of voting under the bylaws shall be final.

Current Board of Directors (including interim Directors) up for renomination are:

Ann S. Cho, Vice President of JPMorgan Chase Bank, and Chief Compliance Officer of JPMorgan Asset Management (Canada) Inc. - 2022

Ann Cho is a Korean-American who fences saber with her husband and children at Fencers Club. She has been with JPMorgan Chase & Co. since 2000. She was formerly an Assistant General Counsel in the Legal & Compliance Dept., and is currently Vice President of JPMorgan Chase Bank, and Chief Compliance Officer of JPMorgan Asset Management (Canada) Inc., where she advises the global asset management business on US and Canadian regulations. Ann has also coached and/or mentored teams of the Forest Hills Robotics League. Ann graduated from Stuyvesant High School and has a B.A. from Smith College with a double major in Economics and French language and literature, and a J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Lindsey Cotter, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Employee Services at Scholastic Inc. - 2022

Lindsey Cotter is currently Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Employee Services at Scholastic Inc., where she provides strategic executive leadership to the organization. She serves as a member of the Executive Team and functions as the human capital expert and advocate within the organization. In addition to her more than 20 years with Scholastic, Lindsey was the Regional Director of Human Resources for Stern's Department Store (a Division of Federated Stores), where she managed employee relations, recruiting, succession planning, compensation and executive development. Her son Alex is a member of Peter Westbrook Foundation and Fencers Club. Lindsey has a B.S. from Syracuse University.

David Doss, Managing Director at TreasurePledge and King Capital - 2022

A marketing, investing, and growth professional, David Doss works with technology, financial services, and real estate companies to grow and retain customer bases as well as expand and

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improve their monetization pathways. David has been a fencer for 20 years. David has more than an 11-year business track record at organizations including Citibank, Gilt, and Saks 5th Avenue. David has a B.A. summa cum laude from UC Berkeley (at age 18), MA as a Fulbright Scholar while researching international health and human rights, and MBA in marketing, strategy, and innovation.

Simon Gershon, Olympic and US National Men's Foil Coach - 2021

Formerly a coach of both the Ukrainian Men's and Women's Foil Squad and the Soviet Union Women's Foil Team (Gold Medalists at the 1986 World Championships), Simon Gershon continues to develop students who achieve international results. Gershon has worked with six Olympians in the United States, including his student Miles Chamley-Watson (New York City, N.Y.) who became the first U.S. man to win individual gold at the Senior World Champion. Gershon earned his Masters degree in fencing from the Kiev Institute of Physical Education. He was also a coach at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, and has served as the US National Men's Foil Coach.

Spencer Gordon-Sand, Chief Marketing Officer, Radical Fencing - 2021

Startup founder with a successful exit after being featured by Forbes and named Chicago Innovation 25 under 25. Spencer is currently Chief Strategy Officer at Vintro and Chief Marketing Officer at Radical Fencing. Spencer is a National referee and member of USA Fencing eSports taskforce. He is a photographer working with RedBull, Nike, and featured by the Associated Press. He is studying Business Economics with a focus on managerial decision modeling in a joint program at UChicago and the Booth School of Business where he coaches and fences foil and epee.

D'Meca Homer, Vice President, Global Marketing, Citi Private Bank - 2023

D'Meca is a seasoned marketing professional with eight years of experience across the financial services, sports, and entertainment industries. D'Meca is currently a Vice President on the Global Marketing Team at Citi Private Bank. In her capacity, she supports the brand and marketing strategy for the banking, lending, and wealth advisory businesses across 48 offices globally. Prior to Citi, D'Meca was an account executive at Civic Entertainment Group where she managed integrated marketing campaigns for the NFL among other top tier brands. D'Meca was a member and competitive foil fencer at Fencers Club and the Peter Westbrook Foundation from 2001 – 2013 and is currently a member of the Columbia University Division I Fencing Team's Alumni Advisory Committee, Citi Private Bank's North America Diversity Committee, and Citi's Black Heritage Network. D'Meca has a B.A. in English Language and Literature from Barnard College of Columbia University where she was Captain of the fencing team from 2010-13, Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholar award recipient, and Barnard SGA Four Year Athlete award recipient.

Yury Kurchin, Vice President, Information Technology at PAAMCO Prisma - 2023

Yury is Vice President of Information Technology at PAAMCO Prisma, a financial investment company in New York. He has a B.S. in Finance and Investments from CCNY. Yury and his daughter have been members of Fencers Club since 2013. He is a veteran foil fencer who was born in Kiev, Ukraine and came to the United States 30 years ago.

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Jack Lee, IBM Research - 2021

Jack has been a member of Fencers Club for three years and fences epee. Before retiring Jack worked at IBM Research initially in the development division as a hardware designer and system engineer and then as a researcher and programmer. He is a founding member of Friends of CCNY Fencing and has been inducted into the CCNY Athlete Hall of Fame. Jack is a Board Member of CCNY Asian Alumni Group. Jack has a Bachelor of Engineering from CCNY where he was a member of the varsity fencing team and a Masters of Computer Science from Polytechnic University (NYU).

Delia Nelson, Senior Accountant at Viacom - 2022

Delia is currently a Senior Accountant at Viacom in consumer products and has 20 years of experience in accounting in a variety of industries. Delia has been a member of Fencers Club for ten years and fences foil. Delia was born in Panama, raised in Brooklyn and attended NY public schools. Delia has a B.S. in Accounting from York College, B.S. in Forensic Accounting and MBA from Colorado Technical University.

Lisa Orbé-Austin, PhD, Founding Partner at Dynamic Transitions Psychological Consulting, LLP – 2021

Dr. Lisa Orbé-Austin is a licensed psychologist and executive coach, with a focus on leadership and organizational development. For the past 15 years, she has been a partner at Dynamic Transitions Psychological Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational development consultancy. Dr. Orbé-Austin is a TEDx Speaker, LinkedIn Top Voice, author and national speaker. Her views about leadership, management, diversity, equity, & inclusion, and organizational change are regularly sought after by the media and she has appeared in outlets such as *The New York Times*, *NBC News*, *Forbes*, *The Huffington Post*, *Refinery29*, *Business Insider*, and *Insight Into Diversity*. She recently authored a book entitled *Own Your Greatness: Overcome Impostor Syndrome, Beat Self-Doubt and Succeed in Life* (Ulysses Press). Dr. Orbé-Austin earned her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Columbia University. In addition, she has an MPhil from Columbia University, an MA from Boston College in Counseling Psychology and a BA in English from Boston College.

Robert Pavlovich, President at AWL Industries, Inc. - 2023

Robert is President of AWL Industries, Inc., a Brooklyn based mechanical and general contractor that works mainly for NYC Agencies and founder of New York Environmental Systems, an environmental remediation company. Robert also owns Town Food Service Equipment Co., an Asian cooking equipment company and a real estate company that rents space to the operating companies. Robert has been a member of Fencers Club for 35 years and previously served as President. His daughters also fenced at Fencers Club. Robert fences foil and has represented the US and Croatia on Veteran World Championship teams. Robert was born in Zagreb, Croatia and immigrated to New York in 1969. As a high school fencer, Robert won NYC high school fencing championship, the Brooklyn Tech Scholar Athlete Award, and the Iron Horse Award from NY. Robert has a BSE in chemical engineering from Princeton University where he was Captain of the Varsity Fencing Team and made several All-Ivy teams.

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Kathleen Reckling, Deputy Director and Director of Public Programs ArtsWestchester-2023

As Deputy Director and Director of Public Programs of ArtsWestchester, the largest arts council in New York State, Kathleen oversees the development and implementation of programs that support and advance cultural equity in Westchester County. Kathleen has been a member of Fencers Club for 21 years and fences foil and epee. Kathleen was Captain of Columbia University's Fencing Team, First Team All-Ivy, Academic All-Ivy, a George Cointe Award Winner, a Columbia Fencing Team Award Winner, and All-American Honorable Mention. Kathleen has served on the USA Fencing Board of Directors for the Westchester-Rockland Division since 2000 and Co-Coach of the Ardsley High School Varsity Fencing Team since 2003. For her fundraising and programming work, Kathleen has been recognized by Westchester Magazine and the Business Council of Westchester as a "rising star" in the regional business community. Kathleen holds a BA in Economics, Philosophy and Art History, and a MA in Art History, both from Columbia University.

Neil Rifkind, General Counsel, Tiptree Inc.- 2023

Neil is currently General Counsel of Tiptree Inc., a NASDAQ listed holding company that combines insurance operations with investment management capabilities. Neil has over twenty-years experience practicing corporate law, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, private investment funds, and securities law. Prior to Tiptree, Neil worked at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP and Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP. Neil has been a member of the Fencers Club for three years and fences epee. He has fenced in and raised money for the Fencers Club Veterans Day team fencing challenge to support the Military Veterans On Guard program. Neil received a J.D., magna cum laude, from Boston University where he was a Note Editor on Law Review, an M.A., First Class Honors, in Philosophy from the University of Toronto, where he was a member of the varsity fencing team, and an A.B., Special Honors, in Philosophy from the University of Chicago, where he was co-captain of the varsity fencing team.

Adam Rodney, Creative Director at Dreamville Records - 2021

Adam is the co-founder and Creative Director at Dreamville Records/Interscope at Universal Music Group. He's also the founder of Dreamville Music Festival in Raleigh, NC. Prior to co-founding Dreamville, Adam worked with the Global Corporate and Investment Banking Marketing Group at Merrill Lynch. Adam is a long-time member of the Peter Westbrook Foundation and Fencers Club and fences epee. He is a National Champion, a two-time National Team member and is currently training for the 2021 Olympic Games. Adam has a B.A. from St. John's University.

Luisa Sanchez, Chief of Staff in the Evidence Based and Community Programs at New York Foundling - 2023

Luisa is currently Chief of Staff of the Evidence Based and Community Programs at New York Foundling, one of the oldest social service organizations in the City. Luisa has several years of experience in public policy and finance. Before joining The Foundling, Luisa was an Executive Assistant Director at the City's Office of Management and Budget. Luisa fenced foil in Puerto Rico and at Temple University as a visiting student. Luisa has two Masters degrees in public policy and finance from The New School, and an undergraduate degree in Political

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Science from the University of Puerto Rico. Luisa joined Fencers Club in 2016 and has represented the Club at several local, regional and national competitions.

Erinn Smart, 2008 Olympic Silver Medalist and Director of Digital Business Development, Hearst - 2023

Erinn Smart is one of Fencers Club and the Peter Westbrook Foundation's most successful alumni and formerly served on the Fencers Club Board of Directors from 2010 to 2012. She is a five-time Women's Foil Individual National Champion and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Women's Foil Team in 2000, 2004, and 2008. At the 2008 Beijing Summer Games, Ms. Smart and her teammates won a Silver Medal. Since retiring from the sport, she has served as the US Fencing Athlete Representative for the USOC, is a member of the Peter Westbrook Foundation board and a volunteer coach/mentor for the Peter Westbrook Foundation. Ms. Smart is a business development professional who has worked in the finance and technology sectors. In her career, she has worked for Lord, Abnett & Co, Google, Daily Burn (IAC company) and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. She has a B.A. from Barnard College and an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School.

Kornel Udvarhelyi, U.S. National Men's Epee Coach- 2021

Kornel is currently the U.S. National Men's Epee Coach and has been the U.S. National Women's Coach and Hungarian Junior National Men's Epee Coach. Kornel has been an epee coach at Fencers Club for 18 years and Assistant Epee Coach at New York University for 19 years. Kornel has a BSc Degree Three Weapon Fencing Master, Summa Cum Laude from Hungarian University of Physical Education.

Current Board Members not up for re-election:

Executive Committee

Philippe Bennett, President; Partner, Intellectual Property Litigation Group, Alston & Byrd
Tony Lee, Managing Director, One Rock Capital Investment
Julio Mazzoli, Co-Secretary; Assistant General Counsel, Gulf Oil Limited Partnership

Board Members

Denis Tolkachev, Analyst at the Capital Group
Peter Westbrook, Founder and CEO, Peter Westbrook Foundation

Time will be provided during the meeting for discussion of the general affairs of the Club. If any other business should come before the meeting, your proxy will be voted with respect thereto in accordance with the best judgment of the persons authorized therein, and discretionary authority to do so is included in the proxy.

Best Regards,
Julio Mazzoli, Secretary
Dated July 22, 2020

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FENCERS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA August 6, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

A. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

1. Introductions
2. Instructions on Rules of Conduct and Procedures
3. Proxies; Existence of Quorum

B. VOTING

1. Opening of Polls
2. Voting
3. Closing of Polls
4. Results of Voting

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

D. OVERVIEW OF CLUB OPERATIONS

E. ADJOURNMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PERIOD

If you have sent in your proxy it will be voted accordingly.

**PLEASE DO NOT SIGN A BALLOT AT THIS MEETING UNLESS YOU WANT TO
CHANGE THE WAY YOU VOTED ON YOUR PROXY.**

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RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ANNUAL MEETING

We would like to welcome you to the 2020 Annual Meeting of members of Fencers Club. In fairness to all members in attendance and in the interest of an orderly meeting, we require that you honor the following rules of conduct:

1. All members and proxy holders will be muted until recognized to speak by the Chairman of the Annual Meeting.
2. The use of audio or video recording equipment is prohibited.
3. The meeting will follow the Agenda.
4. Only members of Fencers Club entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting or their proxy holders may address the meeting.
5. All questions and comments should be directed to the Chairman of Annual Meeting. You may address the meeting only after you have been recognized.
6. If you wish to address the meeting, please raise your hand. Upon being recognized, please clearly state your name, your status as a member entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting or a proxy holder, and present your question or comment.
7. Each speaker is limited to a total of no more than three questions or comments, no more than one of which may be on any single topic and each of which must be no more than one minute in length.
8. Please permit each speaker the courtesy of concluding his or her remarks without interruption.
9. The views and comments of all members entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting are welcome. However, the purpose of the meeting will be observed and the Chairman or Secretary will stop discussions that are:
 - irrelevant to the business of the Fencers Club or the conduct of its operations;
 - related to pending or threatened litigation;
 - derogatory references that are not in good taste;
 - unduly prolonged (longer than one minute);
 - substantially repetitious of statements made by other members; or
 - discussions related to personal grievances.