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Results:

USA2 Final:

1	Wolfson	153	13	17	9	25	52	16	21	WD	
2	Fleisher	259	58	44	39	36	14	32	36		

WUSBC USA2 Final Halfway

2	Disa	177	60	55	19	43
3	Bjerkan	83	25	8	35	15

Open USBC USA2

“Trials” and Tribulations



Congrats! Fleisher, Martel, Hampson, Greco, Moss, Grue

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A.P. 1/98

Our Game

Harrington

Alert!

These are not for sale. We are giving them to those who want them.

Before the 1998 Chicago NABC, the ACBL commissioned an artist named Jim Harrington from Waukegan, IL, to do a painting called "Our Game." The lithos were sold at the '98 NABC and the original was auctioned off as a fund raiser for the tournament. Leo and Pat Perez from Garden Grove, CA, won the drawing and the winners were named at the Orlando NABC that year and awarded their painting. The picture was prominently displayed during both the Chicago and Orlando NABCs.

The lithos are numbered editions.

Mr. Harrington's widow, Sue, donated the remaining to the USBF when she moved from the Waukegan home last year. We have several here at the tournament. If you would like one, please see either Jan Martel or Suzi Subeck. From the July 26, 1998, Daily Bulletin at the Chicago NABC:

Our Game

The ACBL Educational Foundation is happy to welcome artist Jim Harrington who is here in Chicago this morning to personalize limited edition prints of his painting "Our Game". This is the only day he will be here. Harrington will be at the Educational Foundation's booth which is located near the NorthEast Exhibit Hall on the lower level.

Harrington is a well-known artist listed in *Who's Who of Living American Artists* and is well represented in the collections of many corporate and private collections. Proceeds from the project will be split evenly between the Educational Foundation and Art Etc. Inc.

WUSBC Teams Entered

Baker

Lynn Baker
 Kerri Sanborn
 Beth Palmer
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Karen McCallum
 Irina Levitina
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Bjerkan

Cheri Bjerkan, Capt
 Pamela Wittes

Rozanne Pollack
 Peggy Sutherlin

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 Janice Seamon-Molson
 Cindy Bernstein

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 Lynn Deas
 Sally Wheeler

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Toni Bales, Capt
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 Kathleen Wood

Pepsi colas

May Sakr
 Gen Geiger
 Kristen Onsgard
 Jacek Pszczola, NPC

Gigi Simpson
 Allison Howard

WUSBC Schedule

FINAL & USA2 SEMI-FINAL (2 USA2 TEAMS)			
FRIDAY	MAY 17	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
SATURDAY	MAY 18	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30
USA2 FINAL			
SUNDAY	MAY 19	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 1 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 2 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 3 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 4 BOARDS 16-30
MONDAY	MAY 20	10:00 - 12:10 12:25 - 2:35 3:45 - 5:55 6:10 - 8:20	SEGMENT 5 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 6 BOARDS 16-30 70 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK SEGMENT 7 BOARDS 1-15 SEGMENT 8 BOARDS 16-30

No Electronic Devices are Permitted in the Playing Area.

This applies to players AND kibitzers. Severe penalties will be assessed for violation of this rule.

Please turn off all cell phones and check them at the door.

The USBF reserves the right to wand anyone entering the playing field.



"If there's a single lesson that life teaches us, it's that wishing doesn't make it so."

— Lev Grossman, The Magicians

Wolfson

Board 4

Greco
Zia
♠ 10
♥ Q10
♦ QJ84
♣ J109753

Grue
♠ A87
♥ J94
♦ AK965
♣ K2

Hampson
MRosenberg
♠ KQ62
♥ 87652
♦ 103
♣ A6

Garner
B Moss
♠ J9543
♥ AK3
♦ 72
♣ Q84

NS: 0
EW: 0

Zia	Grue	MRosenl	B Moss
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Greco	Wolfson	Hampson	Garner
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 4 of the 5th segment of the USA2 Final was the beginning of a nice run for the Wolfson team who entered the day with more than a hundred IMP deficit.

Possibly influenced by the state of the match and holding a poor quality five-card spade suit, Garner decided to simply raise Wolfson to 3NT without showing his spades.

Hampson had no attractive lead. His longest suit was headed by the eight. Since the opponents had not explored for a major suit fit, he hoped to find partner with a useful spade holding and he chose to lead the SQ (Rusinow). This made Wolfson's life easy. He had four spade tricks to go with two diamonds, three hearts and a club.

At the other table, Moss took the standard approach of transferring to spades and rebidding 3NT. Grue corrected to spades. Rosenberg led the H7. Grue attempted to set up the diamond suit, but the combination of bad breaks in diamonds and spades resulted in a two-trick defeat.

13 IMPs to Wolfson.

On Board 5, Wolfson bypassed his weak four-card spade suit and rebid 1NT on his balance 13 count. Garner introduced the spade suit and Wolfson raised. Now Wolfson/Garner cuebid their way to 6S with no opponent interference. The H3 was led. Garner won the king in dummy and led a spade to his queen. This lost to the king and a heart was returned to Garner's ace. Garner crossed to dummy with a club and ran the ST. When this held, twelve tricks were in the bag.

At the other table, Zia stuck in a heart bid over Moss's 1D response. This was passed around to Moss, who reopened with double. Grue rebid 1NT, and perhaps because of their very light opening bid style, Moss was comfortable just bidding 3NT. The H2 was led and Grue collected eleven tricks to make 5NT.

13 more IMPs to Wolfson

Zia	Grue	MRosenl	B Moss
	1♣	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	Pass	Dbf
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Board 5

Wolfson
♠ 10932
♥ KQ6
♦ 98
♣ AKQ7

Greco
♠ K8
♥ J9743
♦ J74
♣ 1064

Hampson
♠ J76
♥ 1082
♦ Q62
♣ 9532

Garner
♠ AQ54
♥ A5
♦ AK1053
♣ J8

NS: 0
EW: 0

Greco	Wolfson	Hampson	Garner
	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠

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Board 6

Grue
Wolfson
 ♠ 4
 ♥ 109864
 ♦ KJ43
 ♣ J63

Zia
Greco
 ♠ AKQ105
 ♥ AQ2
 ♦ 2
 ♣ AQ87

Rosenberg
Hampson
 ♠ 93
 ♥ KJ73
 ♦ A876
 ♣ 1092

Moss
Garner
 ♠ J8762
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q1095
 ♣ K54

NS: 0
 EW: 0

Greco	Wolfson	Hampson	Garner
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3H	Pass	3S	Pass
4C	Pass	4H	Pass
5NT	Pass	6C	Pass
6S	All Pass		

Zia	Grue	MRosen	B Moss
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass

Board 6 was the third big swing in a row for the Wolfson team.

Zia started with 2C and showed his spade suit over the 2D response. Rosenberg bid 2NT denying a spade fit. Zia showed his club suit and Rosenberg was happy to play in 3NT. The D9 was led and Rosenberg collected ten tricks.

At the other table, Greco started with a strong club. Hampson responded 1H showing 8-11 HCP. Greco showed his spade suit and after a complex (7 round) auction, the pair reached the doomed 6S contract. This was defeated three tricks.

14 IMPs to Wolfson.

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“Though nobody can go back and make a new beginning... Anyone can start over and make a new ending.”

— Chico Xavier

Hospitality Suite...

The hospitality suite for the 2019 Open USBC will be room 2321. Our welcoming hostesses, Lisa Berkowitz, Martha Katz, and Chris Benson are here to welcome you to the Suite. They will serve breakfast each day from 8:00-10:30 and lunch each day from 1:00-4:00.

The hospitality suite will be open for Vugraph, casual chit chat, drinks & snacks during the rest of the playing hours and for a short time after the end of the day.

Players, kibitzers, friends, spouses and children are welcome to join us in the suite.

The "Players' Break Room" (aka Jan & McKenzie's office) is room 1321. It is available for the entire tournament. We have coffee, soft drinks and some snacks available in that room while you wait for your slow teammates to finish playing.

Hostesses:
Chris, Martha, Lisa



Wolfson

Board 8

Grue
 ♠ A1042
 ♥ A3
 ♦ AKJ65
 ♣ A2

Zia
 ♠ 8
 ♥ KJ4
 ♦ 10943
 ♣ KQ973

MRosenberg
 ♠ KQ97
 ♥ 1098752
 ♦
 ♣ 854

B Moss
 ♠ J653
 ♥ Q6
 ♦ Q872
 ♣ J106

Garner

Greco

NS: 0
EW: 0

Zia	Grue	MRosenl	B Moss
Pass	1♣	Dbl	1♦
2♥	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Greco	Wolfson	Hampson	Garner
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♦
2NT	3NT	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

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Board 7 produced 1 IMP for the Fleisher team and then the Onslaught continued with Board 8.

At both tables, North bid strongly with the 20 HCP hand. When North bid 3NT, both E/W pairs sacrificed in 4H.

Hampson won the Garner's opening diamond lead and played a club to dummy's queen and Wolfson's ace. Wolfson exited with a diamond. Hampson ruffed and played a club to the king. He led a spade. Wolfson won his ace and continued diamonds. Hampson ruffed, cashed the king and queen of spades. He played the S9, ruffing in dummy. He ruffed a diamond back to his hand and exited with a club. The opponents still had a heart trick coming. Down one.

Rosenberg trumped the diamond lead and led a heart to the jack. Grue won his HA and returned a heart. Rosenberg won in dummy, trumped a diamond to his hand and ran the C8, taking the double finesse for the CJT since he knew from the bidding that North was likely to hold the CA. When this worked Rosenberg collected ten tricks for +590. 12 IMPs to Wolfson.

The rest of the set was quiet, but Fleisher scored 14 IMPs on seven boards and still led by 75 IMPs at the end of the fifth segment.

In the Women's USA 2, it was uneventful until Board 6.

The excitement began when Sutherlin/Wittes bid to 6S while Molson/Deas stopped in 3NT. Matching the Open results on this board. 14 IMPs to Disa.

On Board 7, Lewis/Disa bid and made a close 3NT contract. A heart was led and dummy's H8 won the trick. Lewis continued with a heart to the jack. Sutherlin won and tried spades. Lewis won in hand and led a heart toward dummy's king. Sutherlin continued spades. Wittes won and played a third spade. Now Lewis played three rounds of diamonds ending in dummy. She cashed the HK and exited with a diamond endplaying Wittes. When Wittes returned a club declarer couldn't guess wrong. Lewis scored +600, while the other table languished in 1NT when Bjerkan passed over Pollack's 14-16 NT. Pollack, not needing nine, took her easy eight tricks.

WUSBC

Board 7

N Lewis
 ♠ KJ3
 ♥ J65
 ♦ Q85
 ♣ Q875

W Wittes
 ♠ A82
 ♥ 3
 ♦ J1076
 ♣ KJ632

E Sutherlin
 ♠ 10974
 ♥ AQ1072
 ♦ 94
 ♣ 94

S Disa
 ♠ Q65
 ♥ K984
 ♦ AK32
 ♣ A10

Other table: 1NTS+1
 NS: Disa 22 IMPs
 EW: Bjerkan 0 IMPs

3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">8</div>	N Bjerkan ♠ A1042 ♥ A3 ♦ AKJ65 ♣ A2	W N E S P 1♣ X 1♦ 1♥ X 3♥ P P 3NT P P P
	W Deas ♠ 8 ♥ KJ4 ♦ 10943 ♣ KQ973	E Molson ♠ KQ97 ♥ 1098752 ♦ ♣ 854
	S R Pollack ♠ J653 ♥ Q6 ♦ Q872 ♣ J106	
	Other table: 4♠N-2 NS: Bjerkan 0 IMPs EW: Disa 32 IMPs	3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0

In the Women's event, North was declarer at both tables when E/W didn't sacrifice in hearts as they did in the Open.

A heart was led and Bjerkan seemed likely to be defeated in 3NT. The H9 (Rusinow) was led to dummy's queen and West's king. Declarer ducked this trick and Deas returned the H4! blocking the heart suit.

Late in the hand Deas had the opportunity to jettison the HJ, but she held on to it and declarer was able to score two spades, five diamonds, one heart and one club to make 3NT.

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">8</div>	N Lewis ♠ A1042 ♥ A3 ♦ AKJ65 ♣ A2	W N E S P 2NT P 3♣ X 3♦ P 3♥ P 4♣ P P P
	W Wittes ♠ 8 ♥ KJ4 ♦ 10943 ♣ KQ973	E Sutherlin ♠ KQ97 ♥ 1098752 ♦ ♣ 854
	S Disa ♠ J653 ♥ Q6 ♦ Q872 ♣ J106	
	Other table: 3NTN= NS: Disa 32 IMPs EW: Bjerkan 0 IMPs	4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0

At the other table, Lewis/Disa reached 4S after a 2NT opener and a puppet Stayman sequence shown at left.

Sutherlin led a heart and E/W collected one heart, one club, and three spades.

4S was defeated 2 tricks.

11 IMPs to Bjerkan

The swings weren't over in the first segment.

Bjerkan/Pollack reached 4H on Board 10.

Deas led a passive club Declarer won, played the HA, and drove out the HQ. The defense didn't not lead spades soon enough and Pollack discarded her spade loser on the 13th club. +620

At the other table, when Sutherlin bid 1S over North's takeout double, Wittes had no trouble finding a spade lead. 12 IMPs to Bjerkan

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">10</div>	N Bjerkan ♠ J543 ♥ J108 ♦ Q8 ♣ AKQ9	W N E S 1♦ X P P P P P 4♥
	W Deas ♠ KQ2 ♥ K ♦ KJ5432 ♣ 1064	E Molson ♠ 10986 ♥ Q97 ♦ A107 ♣ J73
	S R Pollack ♠ A7 ♥ A65432 ♦ 96 ♣ 852	
	Other table: 4♥S-1 NS: Bjerkan 13 IMPs EW: Disa 32 IMPs	4♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0

	6		1	7				8
		1		6		7		
			8		9			2
		8		5			4	
	1	9				8	3	
	4			8		5		
9			3		4			
		5		9		3		
3				1	7		8	

Sudoku 1

Easy Sudoku

Sudoku 2

7	1	5				2		
					7	3		
		2					8	
8		6			3		5	4
		3		5		1		
2	5		4			6		9
	2					9		
		8	3					
		7				8	1	2

Answers to Puzzle on Page 9:

Boston	Colorado	visit family	Parker	Holly
Miami	Europe	sking	Warner	Dave
New York	Spain	beach	Zwicker	Cindy
London	Florida	theme park	Rourke	Bruce
School Location	Place Went	Activity	Last Name	First Name

Sudoku Solutions on Page 9

Puzzle Page ...

	Parker	Rourke	Warner	Zwicker	beach	skiing	theme park	visit family	Colorado	Europe	Florida	Spain	Boston	London	Miami	New York
Bruce																
Cindy																
Dave																
Holly																
Boston																
London																
Miami																
New York																
Colorado																
Europe																
Florida																
Spain																
beach																
skiing																
theme park																
visit family																

Answer to Puzzle on Page 8!

First Name	Last Name	Activity	Place Went	School Location
Bruce				
Cindy				
Dave				
Holly				
-----	Parker	beach	Colorado	Boston
-----	Rourke	skiing	Europe	London
-----	Warner	theme park	Florida	Miami
-----	Zwicker	visit family	Spain	New York

Four students, all currently in different colleges, decided to travel during their holiday break this year. Each chose a different location and a different activity to keep them busy during the holidays. When their vacation was over, each returned to a different college, refreshed and ready for a new semester. Determine the full name of each student, what activity each pursued during their holiday break, what place each student traveled to, and what city each student returned to after the holiday break was over.

- Holly, who returned home to spend the holidays with family, didn't go to school in London. Cindy's last name wasn't Warner.
- The student who went to Spain didn't go to school in Miami. Dave's last name wasn't Parker.
- Bruce Rourke didn't go skiing. Dave didn't spend his holiday at the beach. The person whose last name was Parker went to school in Boston.
- The student whose last name was Warner spent the holidays in Europe. Cindy vacationed in Spain.
- Bruce didn't go to school in Miami. The person whose last name was Parker didn't go to the theme park in Florida for the holidays.
- The student who went to the beach returned to school in New York. Miss Zwicker didn't go to Colorado for the holiday vacation. Holly's last name wasn't Warner.

Peggy Sutherlin née Berry (born 1937) is an American bridge player from Dallas, Texas .

Sutherlin earned a B.A. from San Francisco State University and worked as an airline flight attendant . "When I applied for the job, I told them I wanted to be a stewardess so I could go to bridge tournaments. The plan worked! I was a stewardess for 37 years."

Peggy has been a member of several contract bridge governing committees and the ACBL Board of Governors.

She was inducted by the ACBL Hall of Fame in 2014 as a recipient of the Blackwood Award for contributions to the game "without necessarily being world class player".

Bridge accomplishments

Awards and Honors

ACBL Hall of Fame, Blackwood Award 2014

Wins

North American Bridge Championships

Rockwell Mixed Pairs 1972

Grand National Teams 2006

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 1999, 2004

Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 1986, 2004

Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 1998, 2000

Chicago Mixed Board-a-Match 1976

Runners-up

World Mixed Pairs 1982

Whitehead Women's Pairs 1986

Smith Life Master Women's Pairs 2011

Machlin Women's Swiss Teams 2002, 2005

Wagar Women's Knockout Teams 2000, 2006, 2009

Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams 2004



Meet the Players



D 12	N Bjerkan	W	N	E	S
	♠ KJ9875 ♥ 854 ♦ 2 ♣ K84	1♦	2♠	X	P
W Deas	S R Pollack	3♣	P	4♦	P
♠ A104 ♥ 10 ♦ KQ643 ♣ AQ63		4♠	P	5♦	P
Other table: 5♦W= NS: Bjerkan 25 IMPs EW: Disa 39 IMPs	♠ Q2 ♥ AQ62 ♦ 105 ♣ J10972	5♥	P	6♦	P
		6♦	W	NS: 0	EW: 0
		E Molson			
		♠ 63 ♥ KJ973 ♦ AJ987 ♣ 5			

Deas/ Molson reached 6D.

On a spade lead, declarer's only chance is to draw trumps and finesse a club, going down two.

Bjerkan did not lead a spade. Instead, she led a heart and declarer was eventually able to discard a spade on the third round of hearts.

At the other table the auction was similar. North, Lewis, overcalled only 1S. East made a negative double and Disa redoubled to show a spade honor. Wittes/Sutherland decided to play in a safe 5D contract, making on time. 11 IMPs to Disa.

The Women's continues tomorrow to conclusion. Tuesday, everyone gets a welcome day off before the start of the Mixed.

Answers to Sudoku Puzzles on page 8

9	8	6	7	1	5	4	2	3
4	2	3	8	6	9	5	7	1
5	7	1	4	2	3	9	8	6
1	9	5	3	8	6	7	4	2
7	3	8	9	4	2	6	1	5
6	4	2	1	5	7	8	3	9
2	1	9	6	3	8	7	5	4
3	5	7	2	9	4	1	6	8
8	6	4	5	1	7	3	9	2

Puzzle 1

8	1	3	5	4	9	7	6	2
5	7	4	2	6	3	8	9	1
3	9	6	1	8	7	4	2	5
6	3	9	8	7	4	1	5	2
8	2	1	9	5	6	3	7	4
4	5	7	3	1	2	9	6	8
7	8	5	6	9	1	2	3	4
1	4	3	7	2	5	6	8	9
9	6	2	4	3	8	5	1	7

Puzzle 2

Our wonderful massage therapist, Ela, is available again this year. She has agreed to come to the Hyatt after 1:00 pm on the following days. People who want a massage should sign up with Jan.

Monday, 5/20

Thursday, 5/23 (that's Mixed of course)

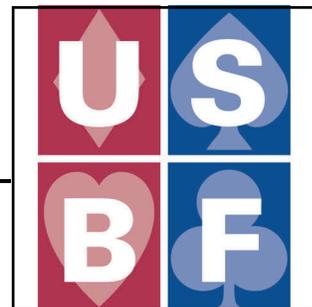
Monday, 5/27

Thursday, 5/30 (between Mixed & Seniors)

Monday, 6/3

Thursday, 6/6

Relaxation Therapy!



USBF Supporting Membership

If you don't want to play in the USBF Championships that choose teams to represent the USA in the World Bridge Federation Championships, but do want to aid our events, a **Supporting Membership** can be the perfect way for you to be involved. As a Supporting Member, you are eligible to:

1. Enter the fantasy brackets, run on Bridge Winners, for the USBF trials choosing our Open and Senior teams for the World Championships. The highest-ranking Supporting Member in the fantasy brackets for each of these two events will win the prize of your choice - either an online match against the USBC winners or dinner with them at the next NABC.
2. Receive daily emails during the USBF Championships. These will summarize the previous day's results and provide vugraph information and links to daily bulletins containing pictures and commentary on individual hands.
3. Upon advanced request, make arrangements for you to kibitz a USBF member of your choice for a session once each year – either at an NABC or the USBF Championships.
4. Upon advanced request, we will arrange for you to be one of the vugraph commentators for one session of the team trials.

A Supporting Membership is \$25 for one year (\$75 for 3 years) and the ACBL now offers you the chance to become an USBF Supporting Member when you renew your ACBL membership. If you don't want to wait that long, you can join by choosing the red Donate Now button on the USBF website. Your donation will be used to cover inevitable expenses: attorney fees, accounting fees, website support services, tournament directors, insurance, WBF dues, and vugraph operators. The USBF is an all-volunteer organization. Our meetings are by conference call and at NABCS. Board members and the organization's officers are not compensated for meetings, travel, or hotel expenses.

We hope you will join us.