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The Fireplug

March & April 2018

President's Message...by Jim Doescher

Spring is here! Someone needs to tell the weatherman! Here's hoping that we can all soon get outside and enjoy the weather!

I will admit that I have spent a lot of my time looking for a new home for NOCI. Yes, our building is sold and we will need to move. I will be presenting an update of our efforts at our April meeting.

In the meantime, NOCI continues to offer many opportunities for our members. Many of your instructors recently attended a great Canine First Aid seminar and there are plans to offer another. Also, for the first time in several years, our May 4th, 5th and 6th, AKC Agility Trial has sold out!

While we face the uncertainties and challenges of moving, our goal is to provide quality opportunities for enjoying time with our best friends.

Jim

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General Meeting Minutes 2-16-18

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM. Shari moved to accept the October 2017 minutes; Gary N. seconded. Cheryl M. moved to accept the December 2017 Special Meeting minutes; Jan M. seconded. All approved both.

President: Reminded all to sign in so we know you attended this meeting, Jim wanted to express the concept of change. It is a tough issue, and many people don't like it or embrace it. As a new board we've changed little things and big things, not liked by everyone. These changes are meant as positive change for the long run. Please don't jump to conclusions! If there are questions please seek out a member of the board; or if there is conflict, please try to discuss directly with that person or instructor 1:1 first. Again, please don't immediately jump to conclusions. Our goal for changes presented is to make things better. We held our last board meeting via phone/conference call due to the weather, however, it went very well.

Vice President: None.

Secretary: Sympathy cards sent to: Evelyn Wakeman on the loss of her dog Cherub; Sandy Fuller on the loss of her dog Misty; Mary Pleticha on the loss of her dog Sharkey. Sadly, we recently lost a member, Sandy DuFern.

Treasurer: We have approximately \$212,193. \$51,193 in checking and \$161,000 in the money market. Last year we were at approximately \$192,000; so, we're \$19,000 ahead compared to last year, approximately a 10% increase. This is a reflection that we are living within our means as well as saving. Most of income is from classes (\$16,000). The majority from obedience (\$11,000) and agility (\$3200.) Most of expenses are rent, cleaning and utilities (\$15,000.)

DOT: Next session beginning on 3/5 filling quickly. No break over Easter. Effective 5/1/18 the new AKC Obedience Rules go into effect. Chris is attending a seminar on this topic and will review the changes with the instructors.

Regarding Cynosport Rally our current Rally class curriculum includes AKC and UKC. Given the current curriculum is full we are not adding Cynosport now, however, Patti Burgess (who is also a Cynosport judge) has offered to conduct drop-in training sessions. These sessions will be posted on the membership Yahoo List when scheduled.

DOAT: Classes are going well. We have an extensive wait list, and looking to add classes to accommodate. We have new wing jumps and new tapeless weaves. There are plans to start a lending library with DVDs.

DON: Classes are full and we have a wait list. Nothing else is new at this time.

Training Hall Secretary: Classes are very full. We may have a wait list.

New Members:

Megan Clarke & Chuck Adkins – Labradoodle
Cindy Caba – rescue Chihuahua
Sandra Miller – Boxer/Lab mix
Deb Mottashed – Golden
Carla, Mark, Kayla, and Ray Ehrenhaft – Mixed breed
Kristine Kuta – Pit/Lab mix
Cathy Grahame – Great Pyrenees
Janet Century – Lowchen
Emily Northrup – Flat-Coat

Heide moved to accept these new members; Cheryl seconded. All approved. Welcome!

Committee Reports:

Agility Trials 5/4, 5/5, & 5/6/18: opens 3/5. First received. Cheryl Moore is Hospitality. Patti Burgess is Chairperson. Ken Smith and Katie Streeter are Chief Ring Stewards. Being held again at Car-Dun-Al.

Membership: 251 plus tonight's new members = 260. Barb reminded all that the renewals are due at the end of March. They are here this evening, please take yours. They will be passed out at classes, and any left will be mailed.

Service Credits: Up to date as of the last Fun Match. These do not expire, but please prompt to take them from the box. Dana proceeded to explain the service credits earning process and usage.

Banquet: 3/4/18. Brunch at the Golf Club of Illinois located in Algonquin from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Flyers are out. Shawn Hacker is chairperson coordinating the event. RVSP and payment is due by 2/22.

UKC Obedience & Rally trials: 7/28 (Obedience) & 7/29/18 (Rally). Collette Ritter & Barb Novak are Chairpersons.

FirePlug: New editor is Carrie Slaughter

Score Reports & plaques: Kim Young is handling. Judy Gemperline is transitioning this role to her.

Unfinished Business:

Flooring: Has been purchased. The original scheduled date is 2/23, however subject to change due to classes being cancelled due to weather and will be held during this off week.

Separately, our building is for sale. There is a group seriously interested and have made an offer which was accepted. There have been several walk throughs, appraisals and inspections conducted to date. Jim shared his own speculation at this point, based on his observations and buyers' conversations, that the building has been purchased by an organization who intends to use it, and was not bought as an investment.

Our lease runs through April 30, 2019 which will be honored.

There are not as many vacant buildings available compared to 6-7 years ago when we previously explored moving.

We have a long specific list of requirements and needs that we want to have.

That being said, the installation of the flooring is on hold. Discussion ensued.

Fortunately, we're in a better financial position than we were 6-7 years ago.

Air Condition is not available in most warehouse buildings; nor ample parking. We also need bathrooms and a grassy potty area.

Jim is working with a realtor who has seen our current location to understand our needs.

Ed asked, *do we have a committee?* Only Barb and Jim to date. Jim has asked for volunteers.

We will need a small committee to look at properties, problem-solving, and research. Discussion ensued.

Ed and Shari volunteered. *Thank you!*

At this point, we will delay our mat delivery until the end of April (after session 2.) We should have more solid insight by then.

Several people have expressed interest to purchase our old mats.

Eventually we will need to pull up and clean our current flooring, to return it to the way was it was when we moved in. We have a company secure who will work with us to pull up the current flooring and clean underneath.

Discussed the viability of having at least a 10-year lease at any new building to be feasible and cost effective for us assuming we will need to pay for the installation of air conditioning and perhaps other modifications.

Discussed zoning considerations, and to move to a reasonable distance from where we are now.

Discussed Warehouse vs. Retail spaces. Retail spaces tend to be considerably more expensive.

Discussion ensued about exploring a larger property. We currently have 10,300 square feet.

New Business:

Cheryl Moore explained that our current Dog Walk and A-Frame is been repaired several times, is old, and hard to move.

Ron's Dog Agility, located in Steven's Point, WI, has supplied good quality equipment to both WAGs and Car-Dun-Al.

He offers a Dog Walk and A-Frame on wheels. Easy to move. He brings the equipment down himself personally; and sets it up and then reviews with you how to set it up and use it.

We can sell our current Dog Walk and A-Frame at a fair price.

Dog-Walk \$1710, A-Frame \$1835, Delivery \$300. Total = \$3845.

Cheryl moved to spend \$3845 to purchase the Dog Walk and A-Frame from Ron's Dog Agility; Joan seconded; all approved. Motion passes.

Stephanie asked that in our obedience classes we continue to conduct/practice the old exercises even after the AKC rule changes on 5/1/18 (for example sits and downs) as UKC continues to require this, and many of us compete in UKC.

EJ asked if we can offer an additional evening Utility class? Only offered in the day-time and most cannot attend due to work. Discussion ensued that we don't have open evening time slots at this time to add it.

Brag: were shared.

Gary N. moved to adjourn the meeting; Silva seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Perri, Secretary

2018 Obedience Class Schedule

MONDAY

Pre-Novice	9:00am—10:00am	Jessica Frost & Peggy Roesner
Beginner	10:00am-11:00 am	Kristin Vesely & Jessica Frost
Novice	11:00am-12:00 pm	Bev Mills
Novice	12:00pm- 1:00 pm	Chris Wagner & Cheryl Kistner
Pre-Utility	1:00pm- 2:00 pm	Karen Haberkorn
Utility	2:00pm- 3:00 pm	Cheryl Kistner
Beginner	7:00pm- 8:00pm	Shawn Hacker & Chris Wagner
Beginner	8:00pm- 9:00pm	Patti Burgess & Donas Bradford
Novice	9:00pm- 10:00pm	Sylvia Simmons

TUESDAY

Rally	10:00am-11:00am	Karen Haberkorn & Sally Banka
Novice	5:00pm—6:00pm	Heide Jakiel & Lisa Monge
Novice	6:00pm- 7:00 pm	Heide Jakiel & Lisa Monge
Open	7:00pm- 8:00 pm	Sandy Lewandowski

WEDNESDAY

Beginner	7:00pm- 8:00 pm	Chris Wagner & Katie Monteraselli
Novice	8:00pm- 9:00 pm	Joan Nebesky & EJ Jennings
Pre-Open	9:00pm-10:00 pm	Joan Nebesky

THURSDAY

Beginner	9:00am- 10:00 am	Jessica Frost, Donas Bradrofd & Kara Hoppen
Novice	10:00am- 11:00 am	Marianne Noble & Debbie Fields
Open	11:00am- 12:00pm	Marianne Noble & Judy Gemperline
Puppy	7:00pm- 8:00 pm	Sylvia Simmons, Denise Weidmeyer, Adrienne Ostrowski
Pre-Novice	8:00—9:00	Barb Novak

FRIDAY

Drop-In Training	10:00am - 12:00pm	Sits & Downs at 11:00am
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Non-Members \$10.00 - Unlimited number of dogs
Members \$5.00 - Unlimited number of dogs

Free fun match certificates earned at NOCI Agility Trials will be honored:
Non-Members 1 Certificate = 1 Friday training session
Members 1 Certificate = 2 Friday sessions

Obedience/Nosework Class Fees:

Non-Members:\$120.00 Members: \$60.00 with 2 Service Credits: \$35.00

New Class Session (#3) Starts week of 4/30/18 ends week of 6/18/18

Registration for this session ended April 13th.

This session runs from the week of April 30th thru the week of June 18th, 2018. (7 weeks). All classes are 50 minutes long. This will help to allow safe entry and exiting the training facility with your dog.

Note: No Classes week of May 29, 2018 (Memorial Day)

2018 Nosework Class Schedule

MONDAY

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Intro To Nosework	Jim Doescher and Adrienne Ostrowski
7:00—8:00 p.m.	Advanced Nosework	Jim Doescher
8:00—9:00 p.m.	Intermediate Nosework	Jim Doescher and the Burris'
9:00—10:00 p.m.	Intro to Odor	Jim Doescher and the Burris'

TUESDAY

8:00—9:00 p.m.	Int/Adv Nosework	Jim Doescher/Sandy Lewandowski
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WEDNESDAY

10:30—11:30 a.m.	Advanced Nosework	Cheryle Homuth
12:00—1:00 p.m.	Advanced Nosework	Cheryle Homuth

Please note: All nose work classes are full and there is a waiting list.
Please contact Jim Doescher to be added to the wait list.

Nose Work Brags

Spiritt and Shari Hoffman- NACSW L11 - making her the first Saint to Earn the title.

Spiritt and Shari Hoffman- NACSW NW2 - with a 1st place overall!

1st in Interiors, 3rd in Exteriors with a pronounced!

Johnny & Laurel Graham- AKC Novice Interior, Novice Container, and Novice Buried CWAGS Level 2 title

Tony and Laurel Graham- CWAGS Level 4 title

Logan and Ray Czubek- NACSW NW1

Kash and Pat Sanderson- NACSW NW1

2018 Agility Class Schedule

TUESDAY

Beginning	9:00 AM-9:50 AM
Foundation	7:00 PM-7:50 PM
Foundation	8:00 PM-8:50 PM
Advanced	10:45 AM-10:35 AM
Advanced	12:15 PM-12:55 PM

WEDNESDAY

Advanced	8:00 PM-8:50 PM
Excellent	7:00 PM-7:50 PM

THURSDAY

Beginning	6:00 PM-6:50 PM
Intermediate	7:00 PM-7:50 PM
Foundation	8:00 PM-8:50 PM

Titles and Awards Reported 11/26/17-04/01/18

Marceline Absil and Jelleke (Wirehaired Dachshund)
3/1/2018 NOCI AKC Star Puppy

Marceline Absil and Jordy (Wirehaired Dachshund)
2/4/2001 Car-Dun-AI AKC Rally Intermediate
12/9/2017 NOCI AKC Achiever Dog
4/13/2015 NOCI AKC Canine Good Citizen
9/10/2016 NOCI AKC RN
2/4/2017 NOCI AKC BN
3/15/2018 AKC Therapy Dog

Abby Brownell and Ellie (Australian Shepherd)
1/13/2018 Great St Louis Agility Club CPE CL2-R
1/13/2018 Greater St Louis Agility Club CPE CL2

Patti Burgess and Scarlett (Rat Terrier)
1/13/2018 NOCI ADT RL1
2/4/2018 Car-Dun-AI AKC BN
3/24/2018 Great Racine KC AKC CD

Ray Czubek and Logan (Flat Coat Retriever)
3/18/21018 4G&TB NACSW NW1

Dianna Dietrich and Sedona (Doberman)
1/14/2018 For Your K9 BHA RATI
2/11/2018 BHA RATN

Tiffany Dyson and Sawyer (All American)
12/31/2017 Fundog CPE CL1-H
12/9/2017 Race CPE CL1-S
12/31/2017 Fundog CPE CL1-F

Sandy Fuller and Brody (Shetland Sheepdog)
1/10/2018 AKC TKP
1/10/2018 AKC Achiever Dog
2/24/2018 4G&TB UKC ME
2/24/2018 4G&TB UKC HIT
2/24/2018 4G&TB UKC HIT

Sandy Fuller and Misty (Shetland Sheep)
1/10/2018 AKC TKP
1/10/2018 AKC Achiever Dog

Shawn Hacker and Scout (Am Staf)
1/13/2018 Flying Paws Cynosport level 1

Shari Hoffman and Spiritt (St Bernard)
1/13/2018 4G&TB UKC NV
1/13/2018 4G&TB UKC NC
1/13/2018 4G&TB UKC NI
2/10/2018 For Your K9 UKC AC
2/24/2018 AKC Achiever Dog
3/17/2018 4G&TB NACSW NW2

Shari Hoffman and Baby Ra Ra\Elara (Rott)
2/10/2018222 For Your K9 UKC AI

Birgit Mantilla and Noah (GSD)
1/12/2018 For Your K9 BHA CZ8 Silver
2/18/2018 Cudahy Kennel Club BHA Masters,
3/25/2018 Cudahy Kennel Club BHA RATCH
3/25/2018 Cudahy Kennel Club AKC NTD

Birgit Mantilla & Olive (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel)
3/17/2018 Canine Therapy AKC THDN

Birgit Mantilla and Rex (Boston terrier)
2/18/2018 Cudahy Kennel Club BHA RATCH
2/25/2018 Yorkville Paws and Claws BHA CZ Gold
3/25/2018 Cudahy Kennel Club AKC NTD

Beverly Mills and Bock (German Shepherd)
Special Award AKC 2018 AKC Rally National
Championship Qualifier
Special Award UKC 2017 UKC Rally All Star:
Novice #32

Cheryl Moore and Brigid (Australian Shepherd)
1/21/2018 Race CPE C-ATCH 3
1/21/2018 RACE Agility CPE ChFH

Barb Novak and Joy (Portuguese Water)
1/13/2018 NOCI Cynosport Level 1A
2/3/2018 Car-Dun-AI AKC Novice
2/24/2018 Forest City Dog Training Club UKC UR01
2/25/2018 Forest City Dog Training Club UKC UCD
1/13/2018 NOCI Cynosport RL1

Stephanie Pietrzak &Blackhawk (Standard Poodle)
12/15/2017 NOCI AKC Achiever Dog

Ken and Yvonne Smith and Tess (All American)
2/24/2018 RACE CPE Agility
3/11/2018 WAG CPE Agility
1/13/2018 Flying Paws Cynosport RL2
1/13/2018 Kay-9 Petquette Cynosport RL3
3/24/2018 For Your K9 CPE ChFH

Yvonne and Ken Smith and Riley (Cairn Terrier)
1/20/2018 For Your K9 UKC ARCH
2/3/2018 K9 Petiquette Cynosport RL2X

Sherilynn Srancil and Cas (All American)
12/15/2017 NOCI AKC RN

Katie Streeter and Anna (All American)

12/21/2017 NOCI AKC AKC STAR Puppy

Jan Sund & Coury (Miniature American Shepherd)

1/23/2018 AKC Achiever Dog

Jan Sund and Ripley (Dachshund)

2/10/2018 WAG NACSW ORT-Birch

2/10/2018 WAG NACSW ORT- Anise

Jan Sund and Valor (Border collie)

2/25/2018 RACE CPE CL1-S

3/11/2018 WAG CPE CTL1-R

3/11/2018 WAG CPE CTL-F

2/18/2018 AKC Achiever Dog

3/11/2018 WAG CPE CTL1-H

Mary Syslo & Zoey (Wirehaired Pointing Griffon)

2/16/2017 NOCI AKC Achiever Dog

Danna Vierck and Jameson (Border Collie)

3/27/2018 WCRL RL2 (AOE)

Chris Wagner and Maverick (Sheltie)

2/4/2018 Car-Dun AI AKC Preferred Open

Susan Willoughby & Peaches(Golden Retriever)

1/13/2018 NOCI APDT RL1

1/13/2018 NOCI APDT RL1-AOE

Susan Willoughby & Rudy (Golden Retriever)

1/2/2018 NOCI AKC Achiever Dog

1/20/2018 For Your 9 APDT RL1

1/20/2018 For Your 9 APDT RL1-AOE

2/4/2018 Car-Dun-AI AKC BN

Peter and Kim Young & Rookie (Dalmatian)

3/4/2018 For Your K9 NACSW L2I

2/10/2018 Wag NACSW ORT (Clove)

Kim Young and Soren (Dalmatian)

4/07/2017 Yorkville Kennel Club AKC BN

Other teams reporting qualifying scores:

Donas Bradford and Boston (Boston Terrier)

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Dona Bradford and Nola (Boston Terrier)

Aline Denges and Georgia Grace (Great Dane)

Joan Nebesky and Fiona (All American)

Colette Ritter and Tucker (Ambor)

Silvia Simmons and Haley (American Staffordshire

Terrier)

Silvia Simmons and Samson (American Stafford-

shire Terrier)

Silvia Simmons and Georgie (American Staffordshire

Terrier)



Changes to Class Payment Policy

NOCI has a problem; it is a problem that, with your help, we will solve.

We have more students who want to take a class than we have openings in many of our classes... including Beginner Obedience, Agility, Nosework, and many other classes. We hate to turn students away but we are stretched to the limit by our facilities and staff. Oversubscribing a class is frustrating and potentially dangerous for both students and instructors. Overcrowded classes make it difficult to deliver a quality learning experience, so we unfortunately must place limits on our class sizes.

The problem is compounded by the fact that some students sign up for a class and then never show up. Usually, we do not learn they have dropped until the third or fourth week of the session - far too late to give their slot to someone on the waiting list.

Last session, nineteen students signed up for classes they did not attend or pay for. That meant that we were unable to place new students in those classes. Those lost spots represent a loss of \$1,790 to the club for that session alone.

The NOCI board has decided to take a pro-active approach to address this problem. Starting with Session 4, which begins in summer, **NOCI will institute a Pre-Pay policy**. Students will need to pay for their class at the time of sign-up in order to secure a spot in their class.

Week 5 sign-up is for currently enrolled students who will continue in their current class. Week 6 is open enrollment for anyone who wishes to add or change a class. All registration closes at the end of week 6. Puppy and beginner class payments will be due by the end of week 6 so we have time to accommodate and schedule new students. All other payments are due by the end of week 7. **If payment is not received as scheduled, your spot in the class will be released to the next student on the wait list.**

We understand that plans change and schedule conflicts develop. Checks will be held and not be cashed until classes begin. If you discover you cannot take your class, **please notify us by the Friday before classes begin** in order to receive your check back. Once classes begin, there can be **no refunds**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

NOCI Award Banquet

Thank you everyone for another successful NOCI awards banquet! I've gotten a lot of positive feedback, and so happy the fish were a big hit! Hope you're all reaching your goals for 2019! ~Shawn.



Canine CPR & First Aid

A few weeks ago Anna Ellsworth from an organization called PetTech came to NOCI to present a seminar to NOCI's instructors. She came with her Great Dane Clara Barton and over 20 stuffed dogs (and a few kitties) to teach us how to resuscitate an unconscious dog using CPR with chest compressions and rescue breathing. She also taught us how to make a muzzle to protect ourselves from a scared dog's bite, how to move an injured dog, and many first aid plans to save an animal's life before a vet can see it. It was a very valuable afternoon of learning for us! Thank you NOCI! Barb Novak



THANK YOU



AKC Rules and Regulations Changes

Effective May 1, 2018, the AKC will be implementing new obedience exercises. Our instructors have been reviewing the new exercises with the help of handouts, AKC videos, and reading the updated AKC Obedience Rules and Regulations handbook. We all look forward to working with you and your dog in the ring to master these new exercises:

Sit Stay – Get Your Leash (Novice A, Novice B and Preferred Novice): This current exercise will replace one of the Novice Group Exercises. The handler and dog will be positioned at least 30 feet from and facing the direction of the gate entrance. The key components are the handler will leave their dog, go get their leash which was previously placed on a chair or table at the entrance of the ring, and then return back to their dog. Here is the link to an AKC video demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5pfdzka2dQ>

Group Exercise – Sit and Down Stay (Novice A, Novice B): The handler and dog will perform the previous group sit and down exercise with the following changes: the exercise must be performed with the dog on a 6-foot leash, and the time is a 1-minute duration for both sit and down positions. Depending on the total entries in the class, the dogs can be placed in a single line or back-to back in two rows. Here is the link to an AKC video demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqHARyhZr4Q>

Command Discrimination (Open A, Open B, and Preferred Classes): This will replace the Open Group Exercises. The handler is ordered to leave their dog in a particular position and walks forward 15 feet, turns and faces their dog, then gives a command and/or signal for the dog to change to another position. The handler then turns around and walks forward 15 more feet, turns to face the dog, and gives another command and/or signal for the dog to change to a third position. Then, the handler will be asked to return to heel position. This exercise is very similar to the utility signal exercise. Here is the link to an AKC video demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KbeN0TRXy0E>

Stay – Get Your Leash (Open A, Open B, Preferred Open and Graduate Novice): This will replace the Open Group Exercises. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog remains in the sitting or down position, whichever is required at the time. For the first part, the dog must remain in position for one minute. For the second part, the handler will leave the dog to walk outside the ring to get the leash. The dog must remain in position until the handler returns to heel position. Here is the link to an AKC video demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqhfaDEXW2I>

One change that all exhibitors should review is Section 25. Misbehavior, as the first line of the paragraph has been updated: The handler is required to enter and exit the ring with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

If you would like a full explanation of the above new exercises, along with judging procedures, scoring guides, and other miscellaneous changes, please click on the link which will take you directly to the .pdf format of the AKC Obedience Rules and Regulations Handbook: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>

Obedience Regulations

Amended to May 1, 2018

Obedience Judges' Guidelines

Amended to May 1, 2018

The Steward in Obedience

Amended to May 1, 2018



If you have questions or concerns, please ask your instructor or contact me. Good luck to all those trialing this spring/summer!

Chris Wagner, Director of Training

*All information obtained from Revisions to the Obedience Regulations Effective May 1, 2018 This insert is issued as a supplement to the Obedience Regulations amended to January 1, 2016 and approved by the AKC Board of Directors November 14, 2017

For those who would like to have a hard copy of the NEW AKC Rules and Regulations Book (complete with the new exercises effective May 1st), they will be available for purchase (\$5/book) at the general meeting on Friday, April 20th. After that, they will be available in the office. Contact Chris Wagner for more information.

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**Next General
Meeting
April 20, 2018
7:30 p.m.**



April 2018

