

**Illinois Chess Association**

Board Meeting Conference Call

March 15, 2016

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 and a quorum established. Attending were Bill Brock, Bill Buklis, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, Michael Lenox, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes, and Kevin Taylor.

**Officers Reports:**

The President's report was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

**Warren Junior Program:**

Scott Daniels was introduced as the new director for the Warren Junior Program at the Illinois K-8 Championships. He mentioned that he has a few tweaks he'd like to make to the lower end of the Rising Stars program to lower the ratings level for K-3 to qualify for the program.

**Report on the K-8 Championships:**

With minor exceptions the K-8 Championships was a smooth, successful event. Murrel Rhodes and Shiva Maharaj were the recipients of the Downstate and Upstate coach of the year awards.

**Report on the Youth Committee:**

The committee meeting held during the K-8 Championships was a successful and well attended event. Many ideas were brought forward. The future and promise of the committee seems bright.

**Broughton Award:**

A motion to posthumously award Sevan Muradian the 2016 Broughton award was approved by a vote of 8-0.

**Membership and ICA Board Structure:**

The committee is still having discussion on funding replacements for membership dues.

**Illinois Chess Tour:**

Volunteers are needed to maintain and promote the Illinois Chess Tour. Murrel Rhodes volunteered to update the statistics for the tour on the ICA website.

**Purchase of Clocks from Sevan Muradian:**

There was some discussion on whether to purchase some of the used DGT NA clocks which Sevan's family will be selling soon.

**Bid for the 2017 K-8 Championships:**

The bid committee is currently reviewing two bids for the 2017 Illinois K-8 Championships. There is a bid from Bloomington Area Scholastic Chess and from Peoria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 15, 2016.