

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda:
Telephonic “Regular Meeting” January 2, 2019
7:30 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Cohen, President

Invitees: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Murrel Rhodes, Garrett Scott, Rose Grandy

I. Call to order

II. Roll call

- Present: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Garrett Scott, Rose Grandy,

III. Approval of Agenda

- Unanimous

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- November and December Meeting Minutes approved pending formatting edits.
- August and September Meeting Minutes require transcribing.

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’ Report (Patrick)

- Delinquency Notice received from Secretary of State for not filing annual report with them. Patrick completed as of 01/02/18 and served as filing agent.
- Patrick originally paid filing fees and will be reimbursed by ICA.
- Elections: Everyone retrained their positions from previous term.
- David Rockwell elected to position of Treasurer but declined.
- Patrick is writing an article about election and Illinois Tour.

2. Metro Report (Steve)

- New Metro area chess clubs starting in Bolingbrook and Aurora.
- Local metro clubs are working to band together and help cross-promote each other.

3. Downstate Report (Rachel)

- President's Day Tournament scheduled for Sunday 2/17/19, K-12 Rated Scholastic; Lincoln Square Mall; King Registration to host; Patrick TD, details forthcoming.
- Shreya Mangalam, co-champion of 2018 Susan Polgar tournament, possible candidate for next Meet our Members article.
- Megan will help Rachel create links for chesskid, chess.com, and us chess sales.

4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- Report on current accounting and funds; written report and tentative budget provided to ICA board.
- A professional CPA or Accountant is required to assist with reconciliations, filing ,etc.
- MOTION: Patrick to meet with a CPA to discuss potential recommendations, options, and costs, and will create proposals for February board meeting.
 - Motion passes unanimously.

- Upcoming Expense: Illinois Tour Plaques. Steve will assist Patrick with ordering and distributing plaques.
- Rachel will also meet with financial planners to discuss additional investment recommendations.

B. Committee Reports

1. WJP/RS (Rose)

- No new online training sessions due to holidays.
- Still working on securing site for Youth Invitation/Senior Open tournament in April. Currently in discussions with potential sites in Deerfield and Naperville. Still researching additional sites.
- WJP/RS Role Recommendation: Rose recommends adding an assistant director for the WJP/RS program logistics and has a potential candidate in mind.

2. Youth Committee Report (Steve)

- No news

3. Veterans Committee (Michael)

- Michael wrote and submitted an article about the ICV holiday party; requests assistance with posting to website; has noted delays.
- The American Legion Coulter Post event has been confirmed for February the 23rd; Worth Township Community Event Day to be scheduled for March. Michael would appreciate any ICA assistance in promoting the events or ICA, and Patrick will mail Michael the banner.
- Volunteers needed and welcomed!

4. Membership Committee (Eva)

- Eva has manually sent out email reminders for ICA membership renewal.
- Inquired about checking P.O. Box for membership renewal mail-in payments.

VI. Open Issues

A. Website Editors/Writers

- ICA website requires more content, especially youth articles.
- MOTION: Remove Cindy Whited as editor. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
- MOTION: Appoint Bill Whited as editor. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. New Business

A. Illinois Tour Recommendations

- Under the current tour rules, players who primarily play in Open level sections can still win a Reserve prize, sometimes preventing Reserve players from winning prizes. After review, it is recommended the ICA reclassify sections below 1800 as reserve and above as open.
- MOTION: Classify sections above 1800 as Open sections, and restrict Illinois Tour Reserve prizes to sections under 1800. MOTION PASSES 5-1.

B. Fundraising

- Rachel will do some research on professional fundraisers.

VIII. Adjournment

- Next meeting February 6th, 2019
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.