

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda:

Telephonic “Regular Meeting” March 6th, 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, Rose Grandy

III. Approval of Agenda

- Unanimous

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- January and February Meeting Minutes approved

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’s Report (Patrick)

- 2019 Illinois All Grade has been rescheduled from November 9th to November 16th to avoid conflict with a local Jr. High/High School tournament scheduled for November 19th.

2. Metro Report (Steve)

- Researching and preparing a new initiative to offer chess and USCF memberships to those in prison and jail systems.
- Working with Mike Lenox to hold activities for Roselle Chess Club.

3. Downstate Report (Rachel)

- Tournament action in past 2 months: IESA, IHSA, St Mary’s, Riverview, Von Steuben, Presidents’ Day Chess Challenge, several in B-N leading up to the K-8 states this coming weekend. Get the word out to boost their attendance. Talk of forming a C-U Chess Federation aka GP and B-N. Scholastic chess on the rise in this area.
- Next Meet our Members: Shreya Mangalam. US Chess interested in using our springboard to showcase her in their Women & Chess Initiative. Working with Susan Polgar, Carole Meyer & Jennifer Shahade.
- Working with Patrick to create a survey to identify and promote 3K+ names that can benefit ICA and our affiliates and inquire what benefit package could offer affiliates.
- In the Works: meeting with financial planner, click links w/Megan for Chess.com, ChessKid & USCF Sales, meeting with fundraiser.
- ICA Board Growth Recommendation to encourage new participants for participation for ICA committees and board, and additional meetings as needed.

4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- Report on current ICA and WJS accounting and funds.
- 990 is due in May (and an extension may be filed if needed).

B. Committee Reports

1. WJP/RS (Rose)

- Sunday night trainings are temporarily suspended in March and April due to tournament/school break schedule.
- Due to a pipe burst, the Embassy Suites will not be able to host Illinois Senior/Youth Invitational; new location will be the Lisle in Sheraton. Rose will require the tax-exemption letter.
- Participants for IL Denker and Barbar tournaments have been confirmed.
- Grant received from Mander Foundation.

2. Youth Committee Report (Steve)

- Discussion about Youth Committee goals.

3. Veterans Committee (Michael) submitted via email

- Michael wrote and submitted an article about the ICV holiday party; requests assistance
- ICV is promoting Chicago Ridge Mall “Chess at the Mall” #3 event. Looking for clubs, orgs, etc to “plug” into a special event timeframe.
- ICV Veterans Challenge; new video, table cards, new logos and current standings prepared. Eliminated ICV Challenge+, reduced organizer responsibilities, added 1st responders and changed the word donation to voluntary contribution. The last was necessary to comply with Chicago Ridge Mall regulations of solicitation.
- Evanston Vet Center. Meeting next week to form chess club.
- ICV Recreational Therapy Manual English-Spanish Translation. Sending 10 manuals and 10 chess sets to orphanage in Mexico.
- Summer Vet Standdown 7/17-7/19. Booth. Illinois Chicago Armory. Invited back by VA.
- Native American National Vet Event 7/26-7/28. Booth. Wheaton.

4. Membership Committee (Eva)

- Seven new members, and membership reminders. Still manually updating.

VI. Open Issues

VII. New Business

A. Chessbase

- Since the release of Chessbase 15, our sales of Chessbase 14 have slowed. Patrick proposes we upgrade our remaining code to Chessbase 15, and will discuss with Chessbase team.

B. P.O. Box

- New location recommended for P.O. Box to allow for more frequent access.

VIII. Adjournment

- Next meeting April 3rd, 2019
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM