



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" April 1st, 2020 7:30 PM

Meeting Facilitator: Stephen Plotnick, President

Invitees: Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy, Ren Escalera, Garret Scott

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy,
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved Unanimously
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meetings:** Approved Unanimously
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Officer Reports**
 - a. **President (Steve)**
 - **Illinois Open Transfer:** Due to unanticipated changes due to COVID-19 disruptions, the winning organizer of the 2020 Illinois Open has asked to relinquish his bid. The board discussed the potential transfer of the bid to another bidder, and what additional requirements would need to be met to satisfy the Bid Committee. MOTION: Allow winning organizer of 2020 Illinois Open to withdraw and award bid to runner up conditionally upon completion of checklist items provided by Bid Committee. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. Steve will work as a liaison with the organizer and ask Rose to assist with getting requirements from the Bid Committee.
 - **Possible Bylaw Changes:** Due to the recent COVID-19-19 pandemic and restrictions, the ICA had to decide last month with the organizer to cancel the IL K-8

tournament. The board decided to transfer the winning bid organizer from 2020 to 2022 (as the 2021 tournament will be held downstate). The board discussed if the ICA Bylaws needed any updates to reflect emergency situations, and ultimately agreed the current bylaws are correct.

- **New Affiliate Logo for ICA Affiliates:** Steve created logo for ICA affiliate members to use (e.g. can be sent to them as a digital file), as well as potential use on ICA Affiliate certificates. MOTION: Approve new ICA Affiliate Logo. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
- **Procurement of Email Lists:** Steve has received email lists from ICA tournament organizers. The board discussed best way to store and utilize them (e.g. offer potential email blasts for affiliate organizers). The board would first need to establish additional information for the email addresses, perhaps using SurveyMonkey/Mailchimp. Steve will work on organizing emails but welcomes any assistance from others.

b. Metro VP (Eric)

- The Blindfolded simul with GM Timur Gareyev was very successful, held in mid-March, was very successful Unfortunately local clubs and tournaments have been cancelled/postponed due to the current COVID-19 Restrictions.

c. Downstate VP (Rachel)

- **Affiliate membership fees & benefits:** No update to Affiliate program package yet due to addressing COVID-19 disruptions.

d. Treasurer (Steve):

- **Corporate Tax Returns:** Steve to begin working on accounts.

B. Committee Reports

a. **WJP/RS (Rose):**

- **Succession Planning:** Rose will email current program parents to inquire if someone/groups would be interested in directing WJS/RS program.
- **Youth Invitational:** The Youth Invitational is completed. Four players are confirmed for the national invitationals; Rose is waiting to hear from Polgar Foundation if tournament will still be held. Unfortunately, one player did not show up; in the future, the invitational may benefit by being set up differently, as it is very complicated to arrange the players and very problematic when there are drop-outs the week of the tournament.
- **Principal Letters:** Rose is delaying Principal letters due to current school closures with COVID-19 restrictions.
- **Sunday Night Training:** Additional Sunday night training dates have been added as most in-person tournaments have been cancelled, and attendance has doubled.
- **US Senior Representative:** Rose would like to confirm the IL representative for the US Senior Tournament. Steve will assist.

b. **Youth (Steve):** No Report

c. **Veterans (Open):** No Report

d. **Membership (Eva):** request to check ICA post box for membership renewal, membership has stalled

VI. **Open Issues**

- a. **Inventory of all ICA assets:** delay in collecting remainder of sets due to quarantine restrictions.
- b. **Pricing:** 50 cents per set

VII. **New Business**

- a. No new business

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, May 6th, 2020