



Stephen Plotnick, President
Eric Ortega, Metro VP
Rachel Schechter, Downstate VP
Darren Erickson, Treasurer
Joshua Flores, Secretary
Megan Chen
Patrick Cohen
Ren Vincent Escalera
Eva Harrison
Garrett Scott

Via Zoom Software the ICA Board of Directors meeting commenced on April 7 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Present by Roll Call

Megan Chen

Eva Harrison

Eric Luster

Eric Ortega (late)

Steve Platnik

Josh Flores

Rachel Schechter

Garrett Scott

A Quorum was formed.

Motion by Steve to approve Agenda. Seconded by Rachel.

Approved

Reading of March minutes waived.

Motion to approve Minutes by Steve. Seconded by Josh

Minutes Approved

President Report

Spoke about the Winter ICA online tournament. Profit about 300 dollars. Gave details of the event and budgets and is in the midst of awarding prizes and figuring out the logistics.

Motion to Pay Bill Bukis as TD for event made by Steve. Seconded by Josh.

Approved.

Motion to send to Tournament winners option for receiving payment Zell/Paypal/check.
Seconded by Josh.

Approved.

Warren Junior Program Report.

Eric Luster

Report reading was waived.

Discussion of Pandemic protocol for the upcoming Junior invitationals.

May 21st of event date. Will be confirmed by Bill Bukis.

Asked if ICA was willing to run the ICA Senior Championship concurrently.

Discussion.

Motion made by Steve to run the ICA Senior concurrently with the Juniors.

Passed.

Talked to a T-shirt vendor to sell Junior Warren Program T-shirts for \$15 a piece with a \$5 being ICA's profit per shirt. Parents will buy the shirt.

Motion for the allowing the Parents to buy Plaques for the last two years. Seconded by Josh.
Line 3 from Eric's report.

Motion Passed.

Motion to Allow Parents to buy shirts/hoodie for 15\$ +10 shipping. Seconded by Rachel. Line 4
from Eric's report.

Motion Passed.

Eric requested article posting ability to the ICA Website.

Motion made by Steve to allow Eric Luster sign-in credentials to be able to post articles to the
ICA website. Seconded by Eva.

Passed

Metro Vice President Report

Eric Ortega Nothing to report

Down State Vice President Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report

Submitted report - discussed.

State Annual 501-3c status needs to be updated.

Rachel believes Patrick Cohen handled it last time - contact him to maybe do it again.

Steve will ask Patrick if he would do it.

Motion by Josh on behalf of Darren Erickson -- Whereas the Constitution of the Illinois Chess Association states the Treasure shall “have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the association, and be responsible therefore, and for the receipt and disbursement thereof” and Whereas the President has responsibility at the principal executive officer of this not for profit corporation: Be it resolved that Darren R. Erickson is the organization Treasurer is confirmed by the Board to become the Authorized Official of the Illinois Chess Association as defined by Vanguard Funds and authorised to act on behalf of the Illinois Chess Association with Vanguard. Be It Further Resolved that Stephen Plotnick is the organization President is appointed as the “person with limited authority” in Vanguard’s definition and can likewise make decisions regarding Vanguard Funds and be likewise authorized to act on behalf of the Illinois Chess Association.

Seconded by Steve.

Motion Passed.

Secretary Report

Nothing new except trying to work the ICA Tour revamped.

ICA Membership report

Eight Renewals +1 Affiliate.

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Other Business

Online ICA Tournament - do another? Discussion

June possible date - mid June.

Discussion of continuing to run online events.

ICA Tour

To restructure Tour and to include Online tournaments.

ICA Mail - Steve will pick up mail

Constant Contact - Email Service - discounted rates for non-profits- Steve would like to investigate cost and feels we should be using the services to improve our marketing and database upkeep.

OTB events. More events will be live OTB events. We are trying to promote them more on the ICA webpage.

Protocol for ICA events - Megan agreed to write up guidelines and send them to the Board.

ICA Events Larry Cohen said his event has not been added to the ICA webpage.

Discussion over Chicago Open happening and succeeding - getting over 500 players.

Bids taken care of - posted on ICA webpage.

New Business

Talked about Chess Piece, a new Chess tutoring group done by students.

Discussed redoing the ICA webpage.

Squarehopper Chess Pro discussed.

Zoom cost and possibly upgrade discussed.

Illinois Grooming a GM Discussed

Garrett Scott moved to adjourn meeting. Steve Seconded.

Passed

Next meeting set for May 5th.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed.