

ICA Board Meeting Phone Conference
October 14, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

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Present: Carl Dolson, Tom Sprandel, Michael Cardinale, Maret Thorpe, David Long, Jerry Neugarten

Absent: Bill Barton, Garrett Scott, Andi Rosen, Bill Brock.

We have a quorum.

The minutes from September 30 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Dolson reported that our balance is in the \$7,000-\$8,000 range.

Web Site Report: Maret Thorpe presented the web priorities list, which she and Tom Sprandel created based on input from board members and their own wish list of things they've wanted to do with the web site. So far, Tom has finished the membership renewal notices.

Metro Chicago Report: Michael Cardinale reported that Sevan Muradian had good press and a good reception for his new chess center. Two big tournaments are coming up the next two weekends. We now have the information for the Illinois Class Tournament from organizer Sevan Muradian and it was published on the ICA site yesterday. There won't be any TLAs for the Illinois Class in Chess Life since the organizer missed the deadline. Mike has done an article to publicize the Illinois All-Grade Tournament and that has been posted on the web site.

Downstate Report: David Long reported on the Decatur tournament, which had low attendance. David has finished scanning the ICBs so all the ICBs from 1979 from the present are done. Other tournaments for downstate are planned.

Warren Junior Program and Membership had no report.

Youth Committee Report: Jerry Neugarten reported on the Chicago proposal. Jerry has had meetings with After School Matters, who might help with the ICA Fellows program. Jerry also had communication with GM Maurice Ashley. Jerry proposes we ask Chicago Area GMs to write letters and make appearances, including at the Illinois All Grades in support of ICA's proposal for after school chess programming in the Chicago Public Schools. Jerry has also had several phone calls and meetings with Chicago Public Schools officials. An invitation to principals, teacher/coaches and others to join a CPS chess advisory committee will be sent out by CPS. The Board voted four in favor and two against to spend up to \$800 out of FY 2010 general funds to pay for expenses to invite GM Maurice Ashley to come to Chicago and speak in favor of the Chicago Proposal at the All Grade tournament. Michael Cardinale pledged an additional \$200.

The board voted to appoint Tim Just, Sevan Muradian, Jim Egerton, Garrett Scott, Larry Cohen and Mark Nibbelin as 2011 USCF Delegates, and Bill Brock and Tom Sprandel as 2011 USCF Delegate Alternates. Six people nominated themselves for delegate and Illinois is allowed six delegates. Two people nominated themselves for alternate and Illinois is allowed three alternates. Thus all who wanted a delegate or alternate position got one.

Maret Thorpe has received petitions for the ICA offices of President, Metro Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. David Long did not turn in a sufficient number of petitions on time, so he will run as a write-in candidate for Downstate VP.

We have 20 registered for the ICA Banquet.

Broughton Fund Report: Todd Barre will work with Carl Dolson and Bill Brock to get the trustees registered with Vanguard.

Tom Sprandel briefly discussed the budget process and deferred further discussion to a later meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.