

ICA Board Meeting Phone Conference
October 28, 2010

Present: Maret Thorpe, Bill Brock, David Long, Bill Barton, Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, Michael Cardinale

Absent: Tom Sprandel, Andi Rosen, Garrett Scott.

Call to Order at 7:35. Quorum established. Maret Thorpe chaired the meeting in Tom Sprandel's absence.

Minutes: approved with one correction from Jerry Neugarten.

Finances: Carl Dolson had nothing new to report. Budget discussion will be deferred to November 18 meeting.

Metro Vice President: Michael Cardinale reports that Chicago Blaze is in the playoffs, and we've posted a piece about it on the site. He is close to being done with his state chess association benchmarking project. He plans to send a written report to the board by November 11 so we can all review it before discussing it at the November 18 phone conference. So far he finds we are similar to many associations in facing issues around membership and publishing a bulletin.

Downstate Vice President: no report.

Warren Junior Program: no report.

Membership: no report.

Web Site: Maret Thorpe reported she has started a "Chess!" section for Chess content. The idea is to start replacing the printed ICB with chess-related content on the Web. Three immediate motivations for doing this: David Long completed scanning a block of ICB's going back to 1979, Carl Dolson gathered a list of Illinois Open Champions going back to 1975, and Bill Brock will be starting to blog on the ICA site. Bill also hopes to publish a Capablanca book reprint and a database of Illinois games on the ICA site. Maret is looking for more people to write chess content for the site; interested people should contact her.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten: Chuck Beach is using our web content to do some chess program development in Rockford; he is using tournament proceeds as seed money for starting new clubs. Regarding the CPS proposal: Jerry will find out late this week or early next week about whether CPS is ready for him to make an announcement about the Chicago Program at the All Grade Tournament. He is also gathering signatures in support of this program from GMs and IMs in Illinois.

Garret Scott was not present so we have no report on All Grade bidding for 2011. Maret Thorpe will follow up with him.

Michael Cardinale reports that entries are coming in, both paid and unpaid for the All Grade. Another emailing will go to HS coaches. The TD staff has now been settled to everyone's satisfaction.

ICA Banquet: 29 people planning to attend as of this date. 3 of 4 GMs are coming. Deadline is 11/3. Bill Brock will contact Andi Rosen about whether we can take people at the door. Carl Dolson will make sure we have a check for Helen Warren's award at the banquet.

Broughton Fund – no report.

USCF Delegates: Maret Thorpe notified the delegates of their selection, sent delegate information to USCF and received a confirmation back from USCF.

ICA Elections: We discussed people to invite to be on the election committee. Maret and Jerry will contact candidates for this job. Ballots will be mailed to one of the members of the election committee.

Financial Budget for 2011. Carl Dolson will estimate revenues and expenses, and will send a budget to the Board by email between 11/11 and 11/18 so we can review it at the 11/18 meeting. Carl asks that those who anticipate expenses in their focus areas get him expense projections as soon as possible.

We also had a brief discussion of IESA event, turnout and plans. Jerry Neugarten will contact them for an update, and to offer to help with publicity for the tournament.

Bill Brock noted that we need to publish a call for agenda items for the annual meeting, and publish an agenda in advance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.