

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Phone Conference
February 24, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Present: Carl Dolson, Tom Sprandel, David Long, Maret Thorpe, Bill Brock, Jerry Neugarten, Andi Rosen, Chris Merli, Mike Cardinale, Garrett Scott

Absent: Bill Barton, Pattie Zinski

We had a quorum at the start of the meeting.

Jerry Neugarten moved to approve the 1/27/2011 and 2/10/2011 minutes, both sets of minutes were approved unanimously.

Glenn Panner contacted Maret Thorpe and recommended that the ICA Board nominate Mike Zacate for the USCF Lifetime Achievement Award. Maret Thorpe made a motion: "That the ICA Board of Directors nominates Mike Zacate for the USCF Lifetime Achievement Award." Chris Merli seconded. Approved unanimously. ICA will receive information about Mike's accomplishments so we can draft a letter to USCF.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Dolson reported that ICA now has liability insurance, which includes officer and director insurance; annual premium is \$958. Carl has also received a check for the All Grades from Zack Fishman, but hasn't received a full accounting; he's talked to Zack and expects to have an accounting by next phone conference.

Metro Chicago Report: Mike Cardinale noted Andi Rosen's article on USCF about the USAT-N. He discussed the ICA-MCA Board challenge match and got some contacts from Chris Merli for the MCA. Mike has also received feedback on his ICA Tour ideas from two board members and will do a conference call open to board members and some invited organizers to get further feedback.

Downstate Report: David Long had nothing to report. Garrett Scott reported that 300 students played at the IESA tournament and the event got off to a good start under the direction of Nicole Scheffpaur and Mike Zacate.

Warren Junior Scholar Program: Andrea Rosen has announced the Warren Scholars for the year. The recipients will receive their awards at their respective state championships (high school and state K-8). She has also sent out invitations to 14 K-8 players for the National K-8 Invitational, and has sent out invitations for the Denker Qualifier, and the Girls' Invitational Qualifier.

Membership – Chris Merli reported that membership numbers are up and discussed a few membership recording issues.

Web -- Maret Thorpe reported on the web. A few camp listings have come in. We have a new entry to the chess blog, and a couple of potential candidates for the content editor position. She will probably be re-arranging the home page to include more articles, but more briefly.

Youth Committee -- Jerry Neugarten reported on the Chicago Program.

Bid Committee -- Garrett Scott—The Bid Committee has asked the Peoria group (the only bid submitted) to fill in some missing details. Hopes to have that bid by the 10th of March. Garrett has also sent information on the State K-8 2012 bid to Maret Thorpe for posting on the web.

Broughton Fund -- Carl Dolson is working on a history of Ms. Broughton and winners of the prize, and suggested we have a nominating committee for this.

Next meeting: March 10.