

Illinois Chess Association  
Board Meeting Phone Conference  
April 19, 2012, 7:30 PM CDT

**Quorum:** Present were Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, Mark Nibbelin, Murrel Rhodes, Tom Sprandel; absent were David Long, Chris Merli, Maret Thorpe.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Mar 15, 2012 phone conference were unanimously approved.

**President's Report:**

Tom Sprandel reported that Maret Thorpe had resigned from the office of Secretary. The board regrettably accepted her resignation. There were many expressions of gratitude for her long, dedicated service to the ICA.

Carl Dolson expressed his willingness to act as agent for the ICA and, as such, to accept all official mail at his office address.

A general discussion of board recruitment ensued. Everyone agreed that diversity was important and should always be considered, it was also agreed that willingness to serve may trump other concerns. A nominating committee of Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson and Jerry Neugarten was formed. They will report recommendations to the board.

**Metro Report:**

Michael Cardinale reported that the next tour event will be the Normal April Open on April 21<sup>st</sup> and it will be followed by the Chicago Open May 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mike also urged that we prepare a flier or some other advertising to promote the ICA at the Chicago Open.

**2012 IL Class and Banquet:**

It was agreed that the Banquet and Annual Meeting could be held during the Class if that can be arranged. It was moved that we consider having a buffet lunch during which the annual business meeting would be held. The motion carried with one dissenting vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank balances okay, no further report this month due to the end of tax season.

**2012 All Grade:** Bidding was reopened with a deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup> for bids.

**2013 K-8:** Murrel Rhodes reported that one bid was received and that it was generally acceptable, but that the Bid Committee had not yet finished its evaluation. Of greatest concern was that the remuneration to the ICA was lower than recommended in the bid guidelines. This was due to higher facility cost. The board expressed disappointment, but felt it would not cause rejection of the bid. It was recommended that the ICA share profits if attendance exceeds the anticipated 550 head count.

**Next Meeting:** Will be on May 17, 2012.

Minutes submitted by Tom Sprandel