

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Conference Call
February 16, 2016

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. A quorum was established at 7:33. Attending were Bill Brock, Bill Buklis, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, David Franklin, Michael Lenox, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes, and Kevin Taylor.

Approval of Minutes:

The January minutes was approved by a vote of 8-0-1.

Officers Reports:

The President's report was approved by a vote of 8-0-1.

Downstate Report:

Murrel Rhodes gave a brief report on downstate chess. The IHSA state championship was a very successful event. Over 100 teams participated with many of the teams bringing more than eight players. In the future this event should be USCF rated, if possible. Murrel recommends that ICA submit a proposal to US Chess to allow this event to be rated. Also upcoming is the IESA championship in Peoria.

Membership and ICA Board Structure:

The membership committee is in favor of going to a no-fee membership structure. There was some discussion on whether a free membership or a non-membership structure is better. A motion to continue discussion at the next board meeting was approved 9-0.

Motion to Designate ICA Jurisdiction on the Member and Affiliate List:

A motion to include a metro or downstate designation for every listing on the member and affiliate list currently on the ICA website was not approved by a vote of 1-5-3.

Motion to Add an Active Committee List on the ICA Website:

A motion to add an active committee list with goals and contact info to the ICA website was approved by a vote of 8-0-1.

Report on Youth Committee:

The Youth Committee has been dormant lately. Bill Feldman and Jerry Neugarten wrote to current members and only a few wished to stay on. The committee will be restructured with new members and meet at the upcoming Illinois K-8 Championships.

Discussion of Continuing Chesskid.com Membership Program:

There was some discussion regarding whether to continue with the chesskid.com membership program. This was a promotion for scholastic members to receive a free 1 year membership to chesskid.com for joining the ICA. In addition there was some discussion on the US Chess membership vouchers that were purchased last year with a recommendation to purchase new vouchers at a reduced quantity.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 15, 2016.