

## Minutes of ICA Board Meeting, May 13, 2010

### Present:

Tom Sprandel  
Carl Dolson  
Bill Barton  
Bill Brock  
Garrett Scott  
David Long  
Andi Rosen

Absent: Maret Thorpe

Meeting convened at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes from the prior meeting of May 29 were unanimously approved.

There was discussion about selecting a girl to represent Illinois at the Susan Polgar invitational event in Texas at the end of July. Tom Sprandel made a motion that Penny Xu is the official girls champion of Illinois and the ICA authorizes her to go to all invitational events that request a girls champion from Illinois. In the event that she cannot attend, the runner-up, Adele Padgett, shall be authorized to go. In the event that neither can attend, other girls will be offered the spot in the order that they finished in the girls qualifier event. The motion was unanimously approved.

(Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Andi Rosen contacted the families of both Penny Xu and Adele Padgett, but neither could attend the Polgar event. The family of the third-place finisher, Rachel Ulrich, was then contacted, and they accepted the invitation, so Rachel will represent Illinois at the Polgar event in July. Penny Xu received the prize money from the qualifier tournament, a \$500 travel stipend and \$250 towards chess lessons, for attending the girls championship tournament in Columbus, Ohio)

Bill Brock initiated discussion of upcoming ICBs. He plans to do one issue prior to the Chicago Open, and another issue no later than June 30, and then look for someone to take it over. Bill Barton suggested doing away with the printed ICB, and replacing it with one long annual report. Garrett Scott said he knows of a volunteer who might be interested in taking over as ICB editor, and he will follow up.

Tom Sprandel initiated discussion about USCF changes being made to the new way that state delegates will be chosen for the USCF annual meeting. Beginning in 2010, delegates will be appointed by the state associations instead of elected. USCF would like the names by November 1.

Tom Sprandel also initiated discussion about open board positions. Metro VP and two at-large members are still vacant, and he will work on recruiting for these. Chris Merli recently volunteered to be membership secretary.

Tom Sprandel also initiated discussion about offering all Illinois IMs and GMs free entry to the Illinois Open. Carl Dolson added that GMs will also be offered a stipend of \$250 each to play. Funds will be covered by a separate fundraising effort just for this event, which has been ongoing. All state GMs and IMs will be contacted, and must RSVP by the end of June to be eligible.

At this point in the meeting, Andi Rosen left the meeting.

After she left, the remaining board members discussed that Eric Rosen, as the winner of the Denker qualifier, will be entitled to represent Illinois at the National Denker High School Tournament of Champions, and will be entitled to receive the prize announced for the qualifier tournament (\$500 travel, and \$250 for chess lessons). In the event that Rosen cannot attend, runner-up Trevor Magness will be entitled to represent Illinois and receive the prize. Motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.