

ICA Board Meeting Phone Conference
9/30/2010, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Sprandel, Maret Thorpe, Carl Dolson, Bill Brock, Michael Cardinale, Jerry Neugarten, David Long, Garrett Scott.

Absent: Andi Rosen, Bill Barton, Chris Merli

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

We approved the minutes from the September 16 meeting.

We had no treasurer's report and no report on the Warren Program.

Membership: Chris Merli is catching up on membership data entry and Tom Sprandel hopes to get out a membership renewal emailing in the next couple of weeks.

Web site report: Tom Sprandel has set up a "Shop" page, which includes all the PayPal links for the site, and that leads into PayPal's shopping cart system. Tom has also set up a separate membership maintenance system that can be administered online.

Maret Thorpe sent everyone the web wish list and asked for input by email from each board member in terms of items to add to the list and what his or her top priorities are.

Youth Committee: Jerry Neugarten reported that the planning group for the ICA Fellows Program had a productive meeting. Several youth committee members also met with a representative from After School Matters about chess programming in Chicago. Jerry also has had some more communication with Terrence Patterson at the Chicago Board of Education about chess programming.

Bid Committee: Garrett Scott is still working on surveying downstate bidders about the 2011 All Grade bid.

Metro VP report: Mike Cardinale has started his benchmarking report on other state associations and will probably report back to us at the second meeting in October. He also held the YCFC coaches meeting and told them about some of the things that the ICA Youth Committee is doing, especially the ICA Fellows Program.

Downstate VP report: David Long reported there will be a tournament in October in Decatur and tournaments downstate in January and February.

The board discussed and approved the scholastic club listing that Jerry Neugarten wants to do. He wants to allow scholastic clubs to list themselves with club name, leader name and email address so they can network with one another. This will not be available for paid service providers or adult clubs that run tournaments.

ICA Banquet: Andi Rosen sent out a mailed invitation on 9/29. We may need to promote this heavily, including calling people to invite them to attend. Tom Sprandel will also do a standalone email.

Broughton Fund: No response from Todd Barre on getting signature cards for Bill Brock and Carl Dolson, the new fund trustees. The Board determined the amount of the Broughton Fund award for Helen Warren.

USCF Delegates: Maret Thorpe reported that six people have nominated themselves for USCF delegate from Illinois: Sevan Muradian, Tim Just, Larry Cohen, Mark Nibbelin, Garrett Scott and Jim Egerton. Two people nominated themselves as alternate delegates: Tom Sprandel and Bill Brock. Deadline for self-nominations is 10/1; Maret will send the nominations to the board before the next meeting. Motion to appoint next meeting

ICA Elections: All current officers are seeking reelection. So far Maret Thorpe has received two nominations, complete with petitions.

Matt Szulc, a B player and NEIU student, has asked that we run the ICA Blitz Championship at NEIU again. He is working on running an unrated tournament to promote chess at NEIU. We agreed generally that we should encourage him and make this happen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be on October 14.