

**Illinois Chess Association, Inc.**  
Board Meeting Phone Conference  
July 12, 2012, 7:30 PM CDT

**Quorum:** Present were Bill Brock, Carl Dolson, David Long, Jerry Neugarten, Mike Cardinale, Chris Merli, Mark Nibbelin, Murrel Rhodes and Tom Sprandel; no board members were absent.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 6/14/12 phone conference were unanimously approved.

**President's Report:** The question was raised: "When shall we put our various tournaments up for bid?" It was decided that the All Grade, the Open, and the Class should be put out for bid at least 60 days after the current year's completion. The one exception is to be the K-8, which is to be put out at least 60 days before.

The award of the succeeding K-8 has traditionally been announced during at the current event itself. It is said that the tradition arose because it was sometimes difficult for coaches to book team meeting rooms; but whatever the reason, it was decided to honor the tradition, at least for now.

Additionally, it was decided that we would post a general notice of the above on our website.

**By-law amendment:** Jerry Neugarten moved we confirm the amendment to the constitution and by-laws that was approved in the previous meeting. Bill Brock seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. *[The amendment permits electronic voting in ICA elections and corrects various typographical errors.]*

**Treasurer's Report:** No formal report. We have sufficient cash for present needs. Carl reported he is about 75% completed with the budget review and will circulate a draft soon.

**Metro Report:** Mike Cardinal reported that UNAM has opened a chess club in the river north area (article on web page) and informed us of various other current chess events in the Chicago area. He also reported that he is thinking about the 2013 IL Tour, perhaps we will be able to add some other events to the tour.

**Downstate Report:** David Long reported that the Bradley Open in Peoria is coming in August, and that the Springfield Summer Tournament is August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Warren Junior Scholars:** Tom read the following message from Pattie Zinski, Director of WJSP:

*... Kris Harihara & I put together a proposal to the Mander Foundation asking for \$2750 (a major step up from last year's \$1500) to fund the invitationals. They approved the proposal and we received the check last week. Also, we received \$1100 in donations so far this summer, so things are progressing nicely.*

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**Membership Report:** Chris Merli reported that our regular membership is up to 159, corporate and affiliate 31, scholastic 82. Almost all payments are coming through PayPal, very few are paid by check. Both Mike and Bill noted that we have not taken a significant hit by having CCA no longer collect memberships. It was noted that it may be time to have a membership drive.

**Web Report:** Tom mentioned that we have an automatic system for sending database backups to email locations. He asked that someone set up a receiving email address in addition to the one he himself has set up. Mark Nibbelin volunteered to do so.

**Youth Committee:** Jerry Neugarten reiterated that CPS seems to be making progress with plans for improving their chess program and they hope to have something in place for the 2012-13 school year.

**Tournament Reports:**

2012 IL Open: Tom Sprandel is liaison

2012 IL All Grade: Keith Ammann has agreed to be liaison. Blair Machaj will create a site diagram for 500 players.

2012 IL Class: Waiting for sites. Mike Cardinale is liaison

2013 IL K-8: Jerry Neugarten is liaison.

**Additional Items:** Mark Nibbelin discussed the possibility of offering free entry to certain tournaments. Follow up required.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday evening August 9, 2012

**Minutes submitted by:** Tom Sprandel