

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Conference Call
September 15, 2015

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. A quorum was established at 7:35. Attending were Bill Brock, Bill Buklis, Scott Daniels (who joined a little later), Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman, David Franklin, and Jerry Neugarten. Sevan Muradian also attended to give an update on the Warren Junior Program.

Approval of Minutes:

The August minutes was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Officers Reports:

The President's report was approved by a vote of 6-0.

Warren Junior Program Report:

Sevan Muradian gave an update on the status of the Warren Junior Program. US Chess has almost finalized the query for the potential juniors for the program. He will send an email blast about the program after he has the list. If possible, he will have the first seminar before the World Youth Championships in Greece.

Amanov Marketing Proposal:

Mesgen Amanov wishes to send marketing information about chess lessons to the ICA member list. He is willing to compensate ICA through a revenue sharing agreement. After some discussion it was decided to table this until the membership committee has completed more of its work.

Update on Membership Committee:

The committee is currently gathering ideas and recommendations. So far it is primarily focused on replacing funds generated by the membership dues.

Call for Bids for 2016 State Tournaments:

Continued discussion regarding whether or not to run the state tournaments ourselves rather than bid them out as before. The 2016 K-8 is already bid out. A motion to organize the 2016 Illinois Open was passed by a vote of 5-0 with 2 abstaining.

Request for Budget Addition for Website Editor:

There was discussion about providing compensation for the Web Editor with expectation of authoring or editing 8 to 10 website articles per month. A motion to approve payments for a youth assistant and miscellaneous stipends for game annotations was approved by a vote of 6-0. The Board approved payment of \$120 per month to Bill Feldman for 2 months to give the Board time to seek applications for the Web Editor position.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 8, 2015.