

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic
“Regular Meeting” June 13, 2018
7:30 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Cohen, President

Invitees: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Murrel Rhodes, Garrett Scott, Rose Grandy, Serge Minin, Bill Brock

I. Call to order

II. Roll call

- Present: Invitees: Patrick Cohen (joined late), Stephen Plotnick, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Garrett Scott, Serge Minin, Bill Brock

III. Approval of Agenda

- Approved

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- May Meeting Minutes approved via email, posted to website

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’ Report (Patrick)

- Price and cost adjustments to the Illinois Senior Tournament were successful and reduced the operating cost/loss.

2. Metro Report (Steve)

- The chess event and blitz tournament at the Oak Brook Promenade on June 2nd was very successful, with quite a few blitz players, and many spectators who were introduced to chess.

2. Downstate Report (Patrick; Rachel’s written report)

- The “Meet our Members” article is now running on the ICA website. Rachel and Eva will coordinate responses and would like to request it be reposted upon the ICA Facebook page as well.
- Rachel will also work on the “Affiliate Showcase” for the website.
- Rachel was recently introduced to Kairay Joshi, president of Chess University, Inc, and has been in discussion about possible collaborations with the ICA.

4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)
 - Discussed recent and upcoming expenses and initiatives

B. Committee Reports

1. Broughton Award Committee (Bill/Patrick)
 - Discussed the details and best scheduling for event to present the Broughton Award to Mike Cardinale. The board discussed best ways to minimize conflict with Chicago Class Tournament. The board unanimously approved for Bill Brock, chair of the Broughton committee, to begin making arrangements to schedule the event for July 22nd (working with Patrick as Board Liaison).
2. WJP/RS (Rose)
 - Rose provided a written report and will send a financial report for July meeting.
3. Youth Committee Report (Steve)
 - ICA Youth Grand Prix; No updates; Steve provided Grand Prix draft to Serge as well.
4. Veterans Committee (Michael)
 - Michael unavailable to attend; no updates.
5. Membership Committee (Eva)
 - The “Meet Our Members” article was posted on 05/22/18, and while it has been viewed/read over 350 times, no responses have been received. The board discussed proactively reaching out to potential players to get the ball rolling. Eva also mentioned they are working on a potential graphic to accompany the article.

VI. Open issues

A. ChessBase (Patrick)

- The Chessbase downloads were added to the ICA website a few days before the meeting, and two sold. Board members are encouraged to spread the word about the discounted downloads available for sale.

B. Website Help

- Patrick to have further discussion with the webmaster about website improvements and potential compensation.

C. Board and Organizational Vacancies

1. Treasurer
2. Tour Commissioner
3. Committees

VII. New business

- A. Illinois requires a National Senior Tournament Alternate Representative, but there was a three-way tie for second in the Illinois Senior Tournament. Would we like to use standard tie-breaks methods to determine the alternate? Board agrees to use tie-breaks method.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM. Next meeting Wednesday, July 11th.