



Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda January 3, 2024

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call: Steve, Eric, Patrick, Larry, Josh, Amy
- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - a) Motion: Steve
 - b) Second: Eric
 - i) Motion Passed: 6-0
- 4) Approve December minutes
 - a) Motion: Steve
 - b) Second: Eric
 - i) Motion Passed 6-0
- 5) Election Results (Patrick)
 - a) Larry retained his seat as upstate general board member. Several other people received write-in votes ranging from 1 vote to 3 votes. The position was first offered to candidates who received the most votes; however, many declined. Accepting the second upstate position was Josh Flores and the at large position was accepted by William Blackman.
 - b) There were no downstate candidates on the ballot; however, 5 people received one write in vote each. They had not yet been contacted as of this board meeting.

c)

Upstate_Board_Member	Votes
Lawrence Cohen	14
MALIK BREWLEY	3
Glenn Panner	2
Josh Flores	2
William Blackman	2
Bill Brock	2
Ken Lewandowski	1
Edwin Walker	1
Megan Chen	1
Downstate_Board_Member	Votes
Fred Cohen	1
Eric Czerzwin	1
Jeff Smith	1
Murrel Rhodes	1
David Long	1

6) Executive Board Reports

a) President (Steve Plotnick)

b) Metro VP (Eric Ortega)

c) Downstate VP (Amy Green)

- i) Commended the Greater Peoria Chess Foundation regarding the increase in activity and attendance at scholastic events. Between the months of October and December, the GPCF has sponsored or hosted 7 events with a combined total of over 1000 participants.

7) Committee Reports

a) WJS

i) Edwin's mother and Joe Guth's wife passed away

(1) MOTION: To send flowers to Joe Guth (wife) and Edwin Walker (mother) on behalf of the ICA at a cost not to exceed \$50 each, \$100 total.

(2) Motion: Steve

(3) Second: Josh

(4) Motion Passed: 6-0

8) Open Business

a) Website Update (Steve)

- i) I will send out updates prior to meeting
- ii) <https://thekashyaps.com/ica-demo/>
(1) Progress being made

b) Proposed new committees

- i) Newsletter
(1) See Editor
- ii) Bring back editor position for articles and post on website

(1) Motion: Appoint Jacob as non-paid, volunteer Editor to write and post articles on the website and produce the newsletter

() Motion: Steve

(a) Second: Amy

(b) Motion passed: 5-0,

- Steve - Abstain

iii) Illinois chess bulletin

(1) Motion: To offer Josh the position of ICB editor to produce a magazine of approximately 30 pages every other month for \$30, to be paid on months when the magazine is published.

A. Motion: Larry

B. Second: Eric

C. Motion passed: 5-0

a. Josh - Abstain

c) USChess complaints

- i) The decision was made by board consensus to no longer pursue action regarding two complaints submitted to USChess by the organization.

9) New Business

a) US Governance needs Illinois State Champions

(1) Motion: To adjourn the meeting

- D. Motion: Steve
- E. Second: Larry
- F. Motion passed:6-0

Meeting adjourned - 8:35

Next Meeting: Feb 7, 2024 at 7 PM