



Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 7, 2024

- 1) Call to Order – 7:05pm
- 2) Roll Call:
 - a) Present: Steve, Amy, Larry, Danial, Emily, Edwin
 - b) Absent: William, Eric
 - c) Late: 8:01pm
- 3) Motion: Approval of Agenda
 - a) Motion – Steve
 - b) Second – Larry
 - c) Motion Carries 5-0
- 4) Approve June Minutes (No July Meeting)
 - a) Discussed that no one present has seen meeting minutes from the last few meetings.
- 5) Executive Board Reports – President (Steve Plotnick)
 - a) Accepted resignation by Josh for Secretary – Prior to meeting
 - b) Discussed and vote for Danial Wilson for secretary
 - i) Larry and Steve agreed that only executive board members can replace an executive board member.
 - ii) Executive board members: Steve, Amy and Emily discussed and agreed Danial will take the position of Secretary on a temp basis until January 2025.
 - iii) Danial to become Secretary verbal agreement 3-0; Danial accepted.
 - iv) Time stamp of recording: 9:00 – 10:58

- c) New Flow for agenda and meeting minutes
 - i) Stated in prior email that meeting minutes created by the Secretary would be posted no later than end of day Sunday after the meeting. New agenda created by the President will be posted a few days after.

6) Motion that Google account & email should be handled by the Treasurer.

- a) Motion – Steve
- b) Second – Larry
- c) Motion Carries 5-0

- d) EB is up for election soon
- e) Ten signatures / email nominations need to be sent to Secretary for someone to be eligible for election.
- f) The executive board elections are this November which are for the seats of
 - i) President – Steve
 - ii) Treasurer – Emily
 - iii) Memberships – Amy
 - iv) Secretary - *Danial

(1)*Newly appointed as of 8/07
- g) Discuss person sent by Emily if wants open downstate board position.

7) Motion to add the Brimfield coach as a downstate board member. Contingent on him accepting the position.

- a) Motion – Larry
- b) Second – Steve
- c) Motion Carries 5-0

- h) Metro VP (Eric Ortega) – Not present
- i) Downstate VP (Amy Green)
 - i) Peoria Chess fundraiser looking to do really well. Targeting \$5,000 to \$10,000 to help send some kids to nationals next year.
- j) Treasurer’s Report (Emily Dawson)

- i) \$250 Donation from Facebook with no description.

8) Motion to add these funds to the WJS account

- h) Motion – Emily
- i) Second – Larry
- j) Motion carries 5-0

- k) Board members have in the past put ICA expenses in their personal accounts. We are moving these to ICA accounts.
 - l) Emily will connect with Patrick to see if we are paying for Google accounts. Which we believe we are not.
 - m) Steve will email US Chess contact to get a login for the ICA affiliate.
 - n) Larry will put together proposed revenue and some planned expenses. This includes tournaments for bid, tournaments ICA plans to run, travel stipend etc.
 - o) Have not received payment for May tournament qualifier
- 10) Danial and Amy are going to assist Emily in a review of bid guidelines

11) Committee Reports

- k) WJS – Edwin
 - i) Still in the process of reviewing the WJS guidelines.
 - ii) Reviewing the process of how players qualify for the state tournament.
 - iii) Following up with Bill Buklis regarding 2025 location.
 - iv) Monthly WJS lectures across three divisions. Target start near the beginning of the school year.
 - v) Edwin will provide Zoom login to Emily to update credit card on file and obtain more user licenses.
 - vi) Looking to create a scholarship program for strong juniors.
 - (1) Edwin will create a budget for the scholarship program to send to Emily for review and present to the board for a vote.
- l) [ICA Tour](#) -
 - i) Emily will update standings.
 - ii) Steve posted new event rules on ICA website
- m) Youth (Tom)- Open
- n) Membership – Amy

- i) Emily will help Amy figure out if David Rockwell is aware of possible multiple membership payments and if he would like to apply the overpayment to an extension on his current membership.
- o) Website – Steve
 - i) Website has an ICA members area.
 - ii) Buying memberships is still being worked on.
 - iii) Affiliates will have tournaments posted.
 - iv) PGN's can be posted
 - (1) Unpaid members will get less
 - (2) Paid members get full access
 - v) Weekly / Biweekly email that will have information on upcoming events and other ICA / chess news.
 - vi) Add to the optout function instead of a general optout if possible, to only opt out of parts of the mailer.
 - vii) PGN administrator position (Create new email pgn@il-chess.org)
 - viii) Event administrator position (Current email will not go to Maret anymore, unless she is event manager)
 - ix) Permission to post article on current website giving details for benefits to members and affiliates on new website
- 12) Steve will create an info piece on the benefits of being an ICA member.
 - k) Once done will send to the board for review.
- 13) Open Business
 - k) Website Update (Steve)
 - i) Update - we are getting closer to finishing
 - ii) Jacob Plotnick is trained on posting articles to the new site
 - iii) Current website articles posted by Steve
 - l) Shirts update Emily – No update
 - m) ICA Tour Website – Emily will update.
 - i) Final draft of payouts by achievements
 - ii) Final draft of payouts by participation
 - iii) Emily write-up was posted in rules
- 14) Motion to adjourn the meeting
 - k) Motion – Steve
 - l) Second – Danial

By: Danial Wilson

8/11/2024

- m) Motion Carries 6-0
- n) Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Next Meeting: September 4, 2024 at 7 PM