

## Illinois Chess Association Agenda October 1, 2024

- 1) Call to Order - 7:05pm
- 2) Roll Call:
  - a) Present: Steve, Amy, Danial, Edwin, Eric, Emily
  - b) Absent: Larry, William
  - c) Late: Larry - 7:26pm
- 3) Approval of August minutes
- 4) Motion to approve August meeting
  - a) Motion - Steve
  - b) Second - Eric
  - c) Motion Carries - 6-0
- 5) Approval of October Agenda - (No vote)
- 6) Executive Board Reports - President (Steve Plotnick)
  - a) Wanda has sent more nonsense emails which have been ignored.  
Due to unprofessional conduct.
  - b) Reached out to Bill and Dan about requesting some PGN games from players to post on new website
    - i) Dan and Bill had informed all the players at the IL-Open they could submit their games via the [editor@il-chess.org](mailto:editor@il-chess.org).
    - ii) Online games can be found at <https://lichess.org/broadcast/2024-illinois-open/round-7/kxysbqFi>
  - c) Brimfield coach turned down offer due to time of meeting
  - d) Steve will follow up with Emily and Roes Mcman about access for Emily. Last email sent on Aug 8.
  - e) Access to Maintain google accounts no change
    - i) Steve will follow up with Emily and Patrick to get access to maintain emails and google docs

- f) Discuss email from a person at Illinois Open.
    - i) Board discussed stated complaints.
  - g) Steve requests to use two Chess Base licenses for a project Jacob is doing overseas next year for SOW Academy
    - i) Steve has agreed to donate \$100 total for the two licenses
    - ii) No vote, verbal approval from Emily, Eric and Dan
    - iii) Once the project is complete that will also be added to the ICA website.
  - h) Steve posted Dan as new secretary
  - i) Discuss moving meetings to Tuesdays
- 7) Motion: to move the ICA monthly meetings from the first wednesday to the first Tuesday of the month.
- a) Motion: Steve
  - b) Second: Larry
  - c) Motion carries: 6-0
- d) Discuss letter to post update from Steve on our website
    - i) Boardmembers will review via email.
  - e) Discuss Quick Chess Tournament
    - i) Joshua will run the quick as an independent event for 2024.
    - ii) Plan to propose the addition of the Quick Chess tournament to the ICA Byelaws either as a separate stand alone event or paired with the Illinois Class (2025 change).
  - f) Discuss ICA organizing and running some state championships
    - i) Board discussed pros and cons of running state events with ICA as the organizer and decided to make no changes from the current method of posting tournaments for bid.
- 8) Treasurer – Emily
- a) Budget requests from all board members for any expense items for 2025.
  - b) Current account balances
    - i) 11,408 in Vanguard

- ii) Total \$56,954.38 in checking accounts
- 9) Memberships – Amy
  - a) Surge of memberships and new memberships. Believed to be aided by the promotion at the IL-Open
  - b) A recurring issue is members seem to be paying twice. All these memberships have been extended for 2 years instead of 1.
    - i) This was believed to be caused by an email error.
- 10) Secretary – Dan - no updates
- 11) Metro VP (Eric Ortega)
  - a) Started a new local chess club
- 12) Downstate VP (Amy Green)
  - a) Raised over 6,000 and are now offering 3 - \$2,000 scholarships for super nationals.
- 13) Committee Reports
  - a) WJS – Edwin
    - i) Proposed the removal of the female rating expectation for WJS and create a female WJS program
      - (1) Board supports this change
    - ii) Proposed a down shift of a 100 points for the WJS rating requirements.
    - iii) Amy suggested creating a down state arm of the WJS program with support from Emily
      - (1) Discussion of different criteria (rating / geographical area) for downstate and or change of the program.
- 14) Motion: to create an advisory committee for the WJS program
  - a) Motion - Steve
  - b) Second - Larry
  - c) Motion carries - 6-0
  - d) Suggested people to support - Jeff Smith, Jeff Wiewel
  - e) [ICA Tour](#) -

- i) Emily will send updated standings to Steve
- 15) Open Business
  - a) Status of potential new board member
    - i) Still looking for downstate
    - ii) Larry will put together proposed revenue and some planned expenses. This includes tournaments for bid, travel stipend etc.
  - b) Danial and Amy are going to assist Emily in a review of bid guidelines
    - i) Dan and Emily plan to have working proposals by the end of next week and changes ready to present to the board next month.
  - c) Shirts update Emily – No update back burner
    - i) Emily will try to look into shopify.
  - d) WJS Open Business
    - i) Plaques need to be ordered and delivered to the players that did not receive. Edwin will get names and work with Emily to order plaques.
    - ii) Edwin will start the WJS program this Oct. to help project a budget for 2025 based on lessons given.
- 16) Motion to adjourn the meeting
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  - a) Motion - Larry
  - b) Second - Steve
  - c) Motion carries 6-0

Next Meeting: November 5, 2024 at 7 PM