

**Illinois Chess Association Agenda
November 5, 2024**

- 1) Call to Order - 7:25pm
- 2) Roll Call:
 - a) Present: Steve, Amy, Danial, Larry, Edwin (WJS)
 - b) Absent: Eric, William
- 3) Motion: Approval of September minutes
 - a) Motion - Steve
 - b) Second - Larry
 - c) Motion Carries - 4-0
- 4) Executive Board Reports - President (Steve Plotnick)
 - a) Discuss parents catching up with missing plaques
 - b) Plaques need to be ordered and delivered to the players that did not receive.
- 5) Motion: To post an article for the missing years of the WJS/Rising Stars.
Send an email to the WJS director to request the missing years and we will send out the process regarding how we will get the award to the player.
 - a) Motion - Steve
 - b) Second - Larry
 - c) Motion Carries - 4-0
 - b) Ballot for ICA sent out
 - i) issues with people not getting ballots. Bill Buklis was working on a fix.
- 6) Treasurer – Emily - No update given
- 7) Memberships – Amy
 - a) Follow-up on Membership Confirmation and Website Issue
 - b) Membership benefits & Description:

- i) Description needs to be added for each membership with a list of benefits.
 - c) New site needs to be more automated as the current system is not sending out confirmation emails nor updates automatically.
 - 8) Secretary – Dan - no updates
 - 9) Metro VP (Eric Ortega) - No update given
 - 10) Downstate VP (Amy Green)

 - 11) Committee Reports
 - a) WJS – Edwin (advisory committee)
 - i) Proposed the removal of the female rating expectation for WJS and create a female WJS program
 - (1) This program would also address issues girls face in the world of chess. Queens United in Chicago have made a great impact with something similar.
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- 12) Motion: Remove the criteria for female players to enter the WJS & rising Stars program.
 - a) Motion - Danial
 - b) Second - Larry
 - c) Motion Carries - 4-0
 - i) Proposed a down shift of a 100 points for the WJS rating requirement to align with US Chess.
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- 13) Motion: for the classification of the WJS only the High School will be Class A, 6-8 Grade Class B, all lower grades Class C.
 - a) Motion - Steve
 - b) Second - Larry
 - c) Motion carries - 4-0

14) Motion: for the Classification of the Rising Stars program High School will be Class B, 6-8 Grade Class C, all lower grades Class D. Any player between 1500 and 1600 already in the program will be grandfathered in.

a) Motion - Steve

b) Second - Danial

c) Motion Carries - 4-0

i) 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.

ii) The above has been tabled in favor of a more inclusive WJS program and Female WJS. Looking to expand our reach and benefits more to the Downstate community.

iii) ICA is planning to send the president and the WJS director to the Martin Luther King Jr. Tournament to speak with parents.

15) Edwin will put together a list of youth players that make the top 100 in the country based on age. Same with the Female only top 100 list. To be published on the ICA website.

a) [ICA Tour](#) - Not discussed

i) Emily will send updated standings to Steve - No update

16) Open Business - Not discussed

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) Edwin will start the WJS program this Oct. to help project a budget for 2025 based on lessons given.
- 17) New Business
 - a) Chess Class at Parkland College - Lifelong Learning
- 18) Meeting Concluded: 9:25pm

Next Meeting: December 3, 2024 at 7 PM