

**Illinois Chess Association Minutes
December 3, 2024**

- 1) Call to Order - 7pm
- 2) Roll Call
 - a) Present - Emily, Erick, Larry, Steven, Danial
 - b) Absent - Amy
- 3) Executive Board Reports - President (Steve Plotnick)
 - a) Received and Accepted William Blackman's resignation
 - b) Emily received a written complaint
 - i) Document was hard to read and will be scanned and sent to board members to see what next steps to take.
 - c) Discuss Feldman Email
 - i) Committee to review ballots
 - (1) Suggested to give more information on ballots that go out via email.
- 4) Motion: Ad Hoc committee to investigate and provide recommendations based on their findings. - Edwin and Steve committee members
 - a) Motion: Emily
 - b) Second: Steve
 - c) Carries: 5 - 0
 - i) We now have at large potionsions open for upstate and downstate
 - ii) Secretary of State status (Emily)
 - (1) Treasurer - Should be resolved in a week or two.
Document was sent in and paid. Waiting for a response from the Secretary of state.
 - iii) US Chess Illinois State Affiliate renewal (Emily)
 - iv) Annual meeting

5) Motion: ICA to hold annual meeting on 12/17/24 at 7:00pm

a) Motion: Steve

b) Second: Danial

c) Motion carries: 5 - 0

i) Publishing past minutes may need to get Eva involved

(1) Past minutes have been recovered from prior secretary and will be transcribed and added to website as soon as possible

d) Kevin / Corporate

i) Discuss membership levels

6) Treasurer

a) Insurance is due at the end of the month.

b) Per Player from State Bidded tournaments

i) IL - Open brought in \$2,023

ii) All Grade - \$1,941.50

iii) IL Class - waiting

c) Total Balance: \$61,620.66

7) Memberships – Amy - not present

8) Secretary – Dan

9) Metro VP (Eric Ortega) - No update

10) Downstate VP (Amy Green/ Given by Emily)

a) Mark bills middle school - Winners of US Chess Title 1 travel grant to Super Nationals

i) Sending 4 High Schools and 4 Middle Schools to Super Nationals

11) Committee Reports

a) WJS – Edwin (advisory committee)

i) 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.

- ii) When a Player makes the top 100 list an email will be sent to the player (if email address is accessible) letting them know they have qualified for the top 100.
- iii) WJS - List of players are ready to be posted, and the rising stars is almost complete to be posted.
- iv) Plaque Update - Last ones to be given out were 2019 - 20

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

- i) Emily will send updated standings to Steve

12) Open Business

a) Status of potential new board member

- i) Still looking for downstate
- ii) Larry will put together 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) Progress was shown by Danial regarding the updating of the bid guidelines.
- ii) Danial is going to complete and Emily will do a final review before submitting to the board for approval.

13) New Business

- a) Discuss without Steve his willingness to join board as an at large member - Moved to Jan 2025 meeting

14) Next Meeting: January 7, 2025 at 7 PM