



Illinois Chess Association (ICA) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Link: [Agenda Document](#)

Roll Call

- **Absent:** Eric

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

- **Motion:** Danial moved to approve the January minutes, seconded by Edwin.
 - **Outcome:** Motion passed.
- **Motion:** Danial moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Edwin.
 - **Outcome:** Motion passed.

Discussion & Updates

- **Debit Card Updates:** General discussion.
- **Zoom Account Transfer:** Zoom account to be moved from the Secretary to the President. Danial handling the transition.
- **Upstate Board Seat Update:** General discussion.

Board Membership

- **Motion:** Emily moved to add Abdallah to the ICA Board, seconded by Amy.
 - **Outcome:** Motion approved.
- **Webmaster:** Bill Buklis appointed as Webmaster. No vote required.

Administrative Updates

- **Membership Updates:** Discussion on membership details and corrections.
- **Annual Meeting & Electronic Voting:** Amy led discussion on holding the annual meeting virtually and electronic voting protocols.

Broughton Awards

- **Committee Meetings:** Clarification needed on meeting schedule for ICA minutes inclusion.
- **Award Frequency:** Discussion on whether the award is granted annually.
- **Funding:** The award is paid from the Vanguard account.
- **Action Item:** DW to follow up with Glenn Panner.

Social Media & Website

- **ICA Facebook Page:**
 - Emily Dawson to be a moderator.
 - Paid affiliates allowed to post once per event per week, up to four total posts per affiliate.
- **Website Programming:**
 - Contract needed for the programmer.
 - Programmer is from India; ICA does not currently have access to the source code.
 - ICA should secure access to the source code to prevent loss of work in unforeseen circumstances.

US Chess Delegates

- ICA has three approved delegates; two additional delegates needed.
- **New Delegates:**
 - Edwin Walker wishes to be a delegate.
 - Emily Dawson wants to be an alternate delegate.

Tournament & Bid Guidelines

- **Bid Schedule Discussion:**
 - Proposal to change bid deadlines for 2027 tournaments postponed until October board meeting.
- **Terminology Update:** Change "site" to "playing hall" per discussion with Danial Wilson and Glenn Panner.
- **Skittles Space:** Update bid guidelines to include expectations for skittles space.
- **Action Item:** DW to follow up with Glenn Panner.
- **Tournament Bidding:**
 - Motion: Emily Dawson moved to set the K-8 2026 bid deadline to March 15, with awards announced on April 1. Seconded by Amy.
 - **Outcome:** Motion approved.

ICA Branding & Materials

- **ICA Logo Selection:**
 - Motion: Emily Dawson moved to approve the logo featuring dark blue, red, and the state of Illinois split with a knight. Seconded by Henry.
 - **Outcome:** Motion approved.
- **ICA Event Materials:**
 - \$1,000 allocated for ICA-branded tablecloths and banners.
 - Ideal setup: One tablecloth and two banners for both Upstate and Downstate.

- Emily to include in the budget.

ICA Expense & Mileage Reimbursement

- **Motion:** Emily moved to set the board policy mileage reimbursement at \$0.50 per mile, with a total board-approved budget of \$600. Any excess requires further board approval. Seconded by Larry.
 - **Outcome:** Motion approved.

IMSA Reporter

- Discussion on minors posting content and oversight requirements.
- **Motion:** Emily moved to allow Danial to hire a staff editor at his discretion without additional board approval. Seconded by Larry.
 - **Outcome:** Motion approved.

Treasurer & Budget

- **Motion:** DW moved to approve the budget, with insurance managed separately. Seconded by Emily.
 - **Outcome:** Motion approved.
- **Budget Oversight:** Any budget exceeding 10% of allocated funds requires further board approval.

Downstate Update

- Downstate chess community growing.
- The Grand Prix was a success.
- **Acknowledgment:** Amy and Emily recognized for their contributions.

Edwin WJS Update

- Edwin updating qualifying members on ICA membership benefits.
- Discussion on involving Downstate chess efforts in the WJS program, including summer camp collaborations.
- **Funding Support:** DW interested in subsidizing elite players for Downstate participation.
- **Tournament Expansion:** Proposal for a Downstate Youth Invitational qualifier.
- **Senior Tournaments:** General discussion led by Danial Wilson.

ICA Tour

- Emily updating standings.
- Reaching out to Upstate events for breakdown of standings.

ICA Scholastic Clinics

- One clinic planned for Upstate and one for Downstate.
- Scheduled for Fall/Summer.

Next Meeting

- **Date:** March 4, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned.