Stephen Plotnick, President
Eric Ortega, Metro VP
Rachel Schechter, Downstate VP
Darren Erickson, Treasurer
Joshua Flores, Secretary
Megan Chen
Patrick Cohen
Ren Vincent Escalera
Eva Harrison
Garrett Scott

Via Zoom Software the ICA Board of Directors meeting commenced on November 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Present were:

Patrick Cohen

Eva Harrison

Rachel Schechter

Eric Ortega

Josh Flores

Garrett Scott

A Quorum was formed.

Approval of Agenda.

Rachel Motioned

Eva Seconded

Passed

Motioned to approve October/November Minutes

Rachel

Josh Seconded.

Minutes Passed.

President Report

President has been traveling for his personal business nothing to report.

Warren Junior Report

Eric Luster not present

Secretary Report

Will Ask Joe Guth to run for Downstate Board spot.

Eva Harrison is running for board- have her support via email.

Meetup research in progress.

Will ask Bill Smythe for a Spreadsheet application for Illinois Tour.

Will seek a Tour Coordinator.

Have 3 spots open still 1 non-metro 1 metro - one at large.

Megan not running,

Nothing from Ren as his intentions.

Discussion over the open spots - possible candidates and recourses.

Election Committee - Josh and 2 board members to oversee election.

Metro Vice President Report

CC&C club is doing ok.

Eric spoke over his health issues.

Working on other activities.

Round Robin Blitz.

Mr. Reed displayed part of his wooden chess set collection.

Down State Vice President Report

McDonald ad spots out. $2000 suggested fee to be paid to ICA

Requiring ICA Affiliation for Bided ICA Events proposed by Rachel

Discussion.

Decided against.

Parkland sessions went well. Looking to repeat.

Clearinghouse - Maret states it is good thing but time consuming. Lots of work involved.

Discussion over clearinghouse.

General Membership Semi-annually - maybe March K-8 event.

Treasurer Report

Darren Not present.

Report sent -

Garrett and Josh looked at the report looked fine to them.

Committee -

Nothing new.

Other business

Online Events discussion continued - still looking to do more events. Deferred.

IL Open - seemed successful. Financials? Nothing yet received. Deferred

Webpage - Patrick won't be running so another has to take lead on the project. Darren mention maybe able to be point of contact once tax session is over.

Two New Applications for the Drawing Educational Stipend Winner

Deferred -

Web Editor (who holds position?)

Deferred.

Statewide Meetup discussed Chicago Chess Meetup group 2k+ subscribers where many Chicagoland chess clubs use to promote their meetings. Maybe ICA should have a meetup statewide.

Josh Flores will talk with Vadim Metta about his Meetup and the possibility of joining with ICA to make it statewide. Will report to Board with his findings.

USCF Delegates - Rachel would like to be one. (Steve) Deferred.

ICA Tour. (Josh) Nothing new to Report.

Membership Database (Josh) Nothing new to report.

All-grade low turnout expected - 150 less than expectations. So ICA will be receiving less funds - no contributions from discounted entries. Discussion over the poor-turnout causes.

New Business

Motion to adjourn made by Josh.

Seconded by Rachel

Motion to adjourn meeting passed.