

**Illinois Chess Association Executive Board
Meeting Agenda: Telephonic “Executive Board Meeting”
December 6, 2017**

7:15 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Cohen, President

Invitees: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of agenda

IV. Motion to approve Patrice Connelly as Secretary

7:35 Started Meeting

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Invitees: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Rose Grandy

I. Call to order

II. Roll call- all invitees (listed above) present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Mike motioned to approve Agenda, Patrick seconded. Passed 6-0.

Stephen motioned to add item: New potential board member under New Business, Patrick seconded. Revised agenda passed 6-0.

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval. Minutes approved.

V. Reports

a. WJS/RS Report (Rose Grandy)

- Rose Grandy provided written Warren Junior Scholar Report to board, and provided summary of budget challenges and banquet event success.
 - The program did not facilitate as many events as hoped due to budget approval restraints (particularly in regard to online training). Patrick confirmed further budget review required for next year; Ruth is also in progress of grant inquiries to offset costs.

- The banquet was very successful. 5 Chess trainers attended, with over 67+ participants, and over 150+ attendees. The blitz tournament was unrated. Rose has prepared preliminary banquet cost information, but is still collecting receipts and will confirm.
- Some additional WJS information needs to be updated on website.

Eva inquired if Rose would write an article about the WJS banquet for the ICA website, and Rose agreed.

After concluding her report, Rose left the meeting at 7:49 PM.

b. Metro Report (Steve)

- Steve is reviewing USCF affiliate list for Illinois chess affiliates and comparing to ICA affiliate list to research potential new ICA affiliates. He recommends compiling a list (in list or map form) of Illinois chess clubs for players new to the area.
- Steve will be visiting the Roselle Chess Club on 12/07/17 and discussing possibility of the club becoming an ICA affiliate, and what types of benefits would encourage them to become an affiliate.

c. Youth Committee Report (Steve)

- Steve is in discussion with several players and organizers regarding participation in Youth Committee.

d. Downstate Report (Patrick)

- The All-grade tournament was recently completed in November, and was the largest tournament Peoria has hosted. Many new schools participated for the first time. There are three downstate tournaments coming up in early 2018, including the Martin Luther King Jr. tournament, the Bradley Winter Open, and St. Mary's.

e. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- Patrick is working with the bank to update account information, and review bank statements (right now access is limited). The PayPal and Associated accounts have been consolidated, and access and account information to PayPal is being updated. Once full access is established, Patrick will be reviewing account transactions.

Michael inquired as to the status of the Treasurer position. The position of Treasurer is currently open, and Patrick is serving as interim treasurer. The ICA is seeking someone with accounting experience and familiarity with tax filing to serve as treasurer.

f. President's Report (Patrick)

- Bill Feldman currently is storing the ICA banners, and the board hopes to have them returned in the next few weeks. ICA clocks and chess sets are stored by Bill Buklis.
- Not all winners from Illinois Class and Illinois Senior tournament have received prize money. Bill Feldman partially paid out prizes, but had to stop due to lack of checks (no new checks have yet been ordered). He will provide the ledger of checks that have already been written. The Winner list and prizes are listed online.
- There is a need to automate the membership list to keep it updated and use for reference. Further discussion required with Bill Buklis and Maret Thorpe to address.

VI. Open issues

a. Election

- Patrice received 10 nominations for Eva Harrison, and she will be added to ballot.
- Patrick is encouraging nominations for representatives from Bloomington and Peoria.
- Michael will run as for a board position, but still requires ten nominations.
- Michael inquired about updating ICA Facebook page with information about candidates, or creating a platform on the ICA website for potential board members to provide brief bio/introductions, e.g. "Meet the Nominees" page, with images.
- Patrick confirmed more nominees needed. Megan Chen was mentioned as a potential nominee.

i. Election committee

- People are needed for the election committee, but cannot serve if they are also on the ballot. According to the bylaws, three committee members are needed, who will certify the election results (e.g. count ballots). Ideally, they should be confirmed by ballot mail-out (12/20).
- Maret Thorpe and Sam Henderson were recommended as potential election committee members.
- Patrice will reach out to Bill Buklis to review and confirm the ballot mail-out. ICA membership list recently reviewed by Eva and mistakes corrected.

b. Board Recruitment

- The board should have a maximum of ten members; right now is in an atypical situation of having few members.

c. Delegates to USCF

- ICA board membership updated on USCF Affiliate website.
- USCF requires 5 delegates (and ideally 5 alternates) from Illinois. Steve has spoken with some players regarding delegate membership for next year. ICA formally posted notice seeking delegates (as per bylaws, Article 7 pg 13), but no one formally responded, though 4 players have expressed interest. Selection is based on demonstrated participation and dedication in chess, and the Executive Board will select delegates. Patrick collected list of names to consider for USCF delegates, and will reach out to the players inquiring about interest and availability.

d. Motion for Closed Session (Steve)

Steve motioned Closed Session, Michael seconded.

9:08 PM came out of closed session.

VII. New business

- a. Motion to approve proposed 2018 Illinois Tour schedule
 - One additional tournament for October may be added to schedule.
 - Patrick motioned to approve, Eva seconded. Passed 6-0.

- i. New Commissioner
 - Bill Buklis has resigned as Commissioner, and the position is open. This position is not as high a priority as other open positions, but recommendations are welcome. Position includes advertising tour and fundraising.

- b. Illinois Chess Vet event (Michael)
 - ICV annual holiday and award party is scheduled for 12/17/17. All ICA Board members are invited, and there are a few spots left. Michael is providing ICA with opportunity for promotion at event, including “swag bag” items. Unfortunately, ICA banners are unavailable for event.

- c. Motion to authorize Patrick Cohen to find an agent for the Secretary of State.
 - The position of Agent for Secretary of State is open. The agent serves as the liaison between the ICA and state of Illinois.
 - Patrick is requesting authorization to find and fill the position of Secretary of State. Attorney General does not recognize organization without an Agent.
 - Patrick motioned. Steve seconded; Passed 6-0.

- d. Steve motions to approve Sheila Heiser as Woman’s Coordinator for Illinois, Eva seconds, Motion passed 6-0.

Next ICA board meeting is scheduled for January 3rd, 2018 at 7:30 PM

VIII. Adjournment

Patrick motions for Adjournment at 9:20 AM, Steve seconded, passed 6-0.