

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda:  
Telephonic  
“Regular Meeting” March 7, 2018  
7:30 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Cohen, President

Invitees: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Murrel Rhodes, Garrett Scott, Rose Grandy

I. Call to order

II. Roll call

- All present except Garrett Scott

III. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda Approved, unanimous

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- Minutes Approved, unanimous. Patrice will follow up to post on ICA website.

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’ Report (Patrick)
  - Motion to add board members Murrel and Patrick to the Vanguard account as signers was passed through email.
  - After reviewing account information, Patrick recommends speaking to financial advisors to seek account improvement recommendations. Patrick and other board members will be doing some additional research to present to board at later date.
2. Metro Report (Steve)
  - No news to report.
3. Downstate Report (Rachel)
  - There are multiple new initiatives to encourage scholastic chess.
4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)
  - The position of Treasurer is still open.
  - Patrick reported on current finances.

B. Committee Reports

1. WJP/RS (Rose)
  - Rose and Rachel drafted ICA website article to acknowledge Susan Polgar Foundation's contribution to program; to be edited and posted to website.
  - Chess.com and Chesskids representatives will be attending the March 10<sup>th</sup> scholastic tournament and have requested to meet with ICA representatives for exclusive agreement with online memberships. Rose and Rachel hope to meet with them.
  - Online training session for WJP has continued since last meeting. The qualifier tournament schedule has been changed back to a three-day tournament format after additional parent feedback.
  - Grant received from Mander Foundation.
  - Suggestion to make ICA membership mandatory for WJP/RS program participants.
2. Youth Committee Report (Steve)
  - ICA Youth Grand Prix: Steve working on ICA point system for computer program for player participant membership and affiliates. Discussion about types of prizes, such as Amazon gift cards.
3. Veterans Committee (Michael)
  - Michael inquired if there is an ICA banner available to display at May IL ChessVets event. Rose has one ICA banner and will deliver to Michael for the event., Additional ICA banners may need to be ordered for future use.
  - Potential Vet/Military chess workshop to add to ICA workshop website listings.
4. Membership Committee (Eva)
  - Eva and Rachel will be drafting interview questionnaire for affiliates and members to highlight on ICA website.
  - Motion: Add an ICA Family membership plan for \$30. Motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Open issues

### A. Tournament Bids

1. 2018 IL Class: Approved through email, rescinded, and approved again with changes by executive board meeting.
2. 2019 K-8: Approved through email, rescinded, and approved again with changes by executive board meeting
3. 2018 All Grade: Approved by executive board meeting.

### B. Board and Organizational Vacancies

1. Treasurer

2. Tour Commissioner
3. Committees

C. PO Box

- Patrice has agreed to accept second key to PO Box, and check on box when Steve is unavailable.
- Create second ICA signature stamp to endorse checks.

D. Website

- Recommendation to increase website articles; encourage board members to write and/or solicit content.
- Reminder to board members to provide brief biography information for website.

VII. New business

- No new business

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. Next meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.