

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic
“Regular Meeting” May 2, 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

- Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM

II. Roll call

- Present: Patrick Cohen, Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Rose Grandy

III. Approval of Agenda

- Approved unanimously

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- Approved via email. Posted to website.

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’ Report (Patrick)

- Senior Illinois Open scheduled for weekend of May 5th. Prize fund is based on thirty entrants; and over thirty entries has been confirmed.

2. Metro Report (Steve)

- Steve is working with local chess players to facilitate a chess event in June at the Oakbrook Promenade; Michael will be assisting as a TD. Steve will work with Eva and Patrick to post an informational write-up about the upcoming event on the ICA website.

3. Downstate Report (Rachel)

- Rachel provided a written report on the success of the April 15th Chess Challenge tournament, which included over eighty-four scholastic participants. There is definitely a demand in Champaign for chess! Rachel is still looking for recommendations for Tournament Directors in Urbana/Champaign. She is also welcoming recommendations for someone to assist with promoting downstate chess events via social media.

4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- The position of Treasurer is still open.
- The transition to the new CPA is in progress.

B. Committee Reports

1. WJP/RS (Rose)

- Several Illinois students did extremely well at the recent High School National Championships. Rose added an article to the ICA website highlighting these wins.
- The Denker/Polgar Qualifier tournament will be held the weekend of May 5th in Schaumburg (in conjunction with the Illinois Senior Open).

2. Youth Committee Report (Steve)

a. ICA Youth Grand Prix

- Steve provided a written report about the potential “Junior Grand Prix” initiative. This program would allow scholastic players to earn points at ICA affiliate tournaments, promoting both scholastic play and encouraging chess clubs to register as ICA affiliates. There will be additional email discussion and reviews with a small group of scholastic players.

3. Veterans Committee (Michael)

- Michael inquired about displaying the ICA banner at the Illinois Chess Vets booth at the upcoming May Abilities expo. Patrick confirmed the banner is currently in Peoria. They will connect offline to try to facilitate a delivery to the Chicago Metro area in time.

4. Membership Committee (Eva)

a. Membership Profile

- In the future we hope to automate a way to collect information for membership/affiliate profiles but will require technical changes to the website. In the meantime, the committee will email potential members for the ICA program feature, and post articles with responses.

VI. Open issues

a. ChessBase

- Finalizing details on membership purchases.

b. Website Help

- Motion to seek vendor to assist with ICA website technical needs, with the first priority the automation of the membership database. Motion passes unanimously.
- ICA will request quotes from current webmaster.

- Motion to approve temporary access, the same as the webmaster, to ICA website for a vendor to provide estimate cost for technical costs. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Board and Organizational Vacancies

1. Treasurer

2. Tour Commissioner

3. Committees

VII. New business!

- Michael inquired about promotional hand-outs and fliers about the ICA for distribution at events. Everyone agreed that would be great. Michael offered to help create and prepare fliers.

VIII. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Next board meeting scheduled at June 6th at 7:30 PM