

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic
“Regular Meeting” July 11th, 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, Serge Minin, Rose Grandy, Bill Brock

I. Call 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 Gradndy, Serge Minin,

III. Approval of Agenda

- Unanimously approved

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- June minutes approved.

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’s Report (Patrick)

- Patrick continues to research and contact CPAs to look for an accountant to fulfill Treasurer duties. To discuss further at next board meeting.

2. Metro Report (Steve)

- No updates.

3. Downstate Report (Rachel)

- A large scholastic tournament, the C-U Scholastic Classic Tournament, has been confirmed for October 7, to be held at Montessori or University of Illinois.
- Suggestion to discuss the ICA website goals further with Kairav Joshi. Rachel and Steve will meet with him to discuss further.

4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- No updates

B. Committee Reports

1. Broughton Award (Bill B./Patrick)

- At least three board members will attend the Broughton award event on 07/23/18. Patrick will follow up with Bill Brock to confirm additional details. Tickets are currently on sale, with thirteen sold as of meeting date.
2. WJP/RS (Rose)
 - The WJP/RS qualifying class for 2018-2019 has been confirmed and the list of 132 players has been posted on the website. Invitations for these players were sent out on 07/05/18. The deadline for the completed registration form is 08/01/18.
 - There will be no training sessions in July and they will pick up again in August. The program has received a donation pledge to cover some training sessions for future rising stars; advanced lesson sessions are also in progress. The banquet and training day is set for October 13th.
 - The 2019 Youth Invitational is scheduled for April 5-7; the Illinois Senior will be held concurrently.
 3. Youth Committee Report (Steve)
 - There are some downstate youth chess tournaments coming up.
 - The Youth Committee will meet offline prior to the next board meeting.
 4. Veterans Committee (Michael)
 - The VC supports local metro chess clubs, including Stickney Township; Worth Township; and the Burr Ridge Chess Club.
 - The VC offers two VAMC programs: Jesse Brown VAMC – 2nd & 4th Friday, 11am – 1pm, Since 2012; Hines VAMC RCF – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 2:30 -4pm, Since 2013
 - OutReach Clinics/Stand Down:
 - Auburn – Weekly Wednesday, 10am-Noon. Forming next week. Made networking connection at Chicago VA Outreach event.
 - Chicago – Manned booth at Veteran and Senior Fair on Friday 22 June 2018. Invited from VA Dr. networked at Chicago Stand Down. Will form weekly recreational chess therapy after their board finalizes best day. Handed out ICA and ICV flyers. 30 attendees.
 - Chicago Stand Down – Annual homeless Vet event. Friday June 8th. Over 500 homeless vets attending. Chess booth was very utilized. Average strength of players was estimated to be “A” strength.
 - Chicago Abilities Expo – Manned booth June 30, 31 and July 1st. 3000+ attendees. Great networking and player outreach. Several players from our weekly chess clubs were in attendance. Handed out ICA and ICV flyers. Invited to be guest speaker regarding chess next year.
 - Michael met Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner and VFW Commander in Springfield at VFW Convention and discussed expanding chess opportunities for veterans in Illinois.

- Michael received jointly with another Committee Member the USCF “Person of the Year” award for work with Illinois Chess Vets. The USCF Committee I am also a board member on also received “Committee of the Year”. These will be awarded in Madison, WI at an awards banquet. Congratulations Michael!

5. Membership Committee (Eva)

- Membership profile: Congratulations to Megan Chen on her recent tournament performance, and thanks for being our first ICA Member profile! Rachel is finalizing write-up which will be posted to the website shortly. Eva has provided Rachel with some additional member recommendations for the article.

VI. Open issues

A. Website (Patrick)

- Patrick is reaching out to Webmaster to discuss website changes and role changes. The family membership option has not yet been added to the ICA website, but the tour standings have been updated.

VII. New business

- Chessbase Membership update: ten memberships have been sold. They do not expire.

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM