

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic  
“Regular Meeting” November 7th, 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 at 7:31

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

- Unanimous

IV. Discussion of minutes from October meeting, potential approval

- Unanimous

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President’s Report (Patrick)

- IL All Grade on 10/28/29/, went very well, good tournament, everyone happy/satisfied.
- Also working on the 990 Form, due on November 15<sup>th</sup>, CPA hired to facilitate, and will be working with Patrick to complete by November 12<sup>th</sup>.

2. Metro Report (Steve)

- No news to report.

3. Downstate Report (Rachel)

- The recent Champaign Chess Classic on 10/07/18 went well, and included 60 K-8 entrants. Rachel requires reimbursement for the purchase of ICA pens; Patrick confirmed reimbursement would be facilitated.
- Next “Meet Our Member” profile has been confirmed.
- Congratulations to Megan Chen for her recent tournament performance at the Wisconsin Veteran’s tournament.

- Megan will be working Rachel to assist with technical design to the ICA website.
- Rachel recommends updating the ICA Facebook page more frequently, as it receives high traffic.

4. Treasurer Report (Patrick)

- Patrick will be sending the current balance and transactions information to the board shortly for review.

B. Committee Reports

1. WJS/RS (Rose)

- 75 WJS/RS attended the Banquet and Training day on 10/13/18; approximately 125 people attended total. Training sessions went very well, and an unrated blitz tournament was held.
- Rose provided current Accounting for WJS/RS.
- Rose also discussed current award vendor and brainstormed with board on potential award vendors for future use.
- Three additional Sunday Night training sessions will be held in November and December.

2. Youth Committee (Steve)

- Some interested new members for youth committee, will follow up.

3. Veterans Committee (Michael)

- The ICV continues to support three Metro chess clubs, along with offering VAMC Programs, VA Outreach clinics, and Veteran programs.
- ICV will participate in a skill event on 11/08/18.
- Unfortunately, the ICV has lost the use of their current venue and is currently searching for a new location. Recommendations welcome.
- Midway Tournament details and date still pending.
- The 2018 Winter Homeless Veteran Stand-Down is scheduled for 11/16/18. Michael has requested use of ICA banner for event, will coordinate hand-off of banner from Patrick.

5. Membership Committee (Eva)

- Membership Database still in progress; no new updates.
- Membership is up (35 additional members compared to this time last year).
- Discussion about changing the location of P.O. Box for more convenient and frequent access for ICA Board members. Will revisit post-election.

VI. Open issues

A. Election (Patrice)

- Ballots will be emailed out 11/10/18 by webmaster.

B. Delegates to USCF

- Three players have agreed to serve as USCF delegates.
- Continue to look for additional delegates (up to 10).

C. Networking Ideas

D. Increasing Membership

E. Board and Organizational Vacancies

- a. Treasurer
- b. 2 Downstate General Board Members
- c. Election Committee Member
- d. Tour Commissioner: Eva knows a player potentially interested in Tour Commissioner position; Patrick will supply him additional information.

VII. New business

Next meeting December 5th, 2018

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.