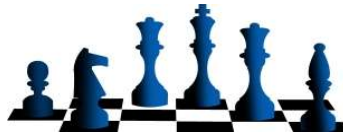


ILLINOIS CHESS ASSOCIATION



Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic “Regular Meeting” May 1st, 2019 7:30 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Stephen Plotnick, President
Invitees: Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Garrett Scott, Rose Grandy

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I. Call to order

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

- Unanimously Approved

IV. Discussion of minutes from prior meetings, potential approval

- April Minutes to be updated/edited before approval.

V. Reports

A. Officer Reports

1. President' Report (Steve)

- Mike Lenox did some work researching potential logos; however, Steve will now review logo options incorporating USCF logo.
- Steve would like to reach out to other state chess organizations to establish connections and learn about their initiatives.

2. Metro Report (Eric)

- Eric is introducing himself to affiliate metro chess clubs and beginning dialogues about ICA
- Eric supports and assists with ICV chess events.
- He is currently preparing for the Chess on the Promenade event in June. He recommends the ICA have some presence at the event (such as a booth or banner display).
- Rachel suggests having a second banner made so that one can be used for upstate events and one can be used for downstate events. Mike will research options and let the board know the cost estimates. Approval may be rendered via email prior to next meeting in order to have the 2nd banner ready for the June 8th chess event

3. Downstate Report (Rachel)

- Rachel just finished preparing the May “Meet Our Members” feature, and it should be posted to the website this week.
- Rachel is also preparing for a local summer chess camp.

4. Treasurer Report (Steve)

- Steve is preparing financial update for board.

B. Committee Reports

1. WJP/RS (Rose)

- Rose provided a written report with updates about the WJP/RS programs, including confirmed representatives for the Barber, Denker and Girls tournaments, and that she continues to search for additional assistance with the running the program for next year.

2. Youth Committee Report (Steve)

- No update

3. Veterans Committee (Michael)

- Michael provided a written report. In addition to its ongoing VMAC programs, ICV will man a booth at the Chicago Abilities Booth to be manned 6/21/2019-6/23/2019, and is working on the Chess at The Promenade event in Bolingbrook in June.
- There was also a blitz tournament held after the IL Senior Open.

4. Membership Committee (Eva)

- Sent out membership reminders and received 9 new/renewed members.
- There is some minor progress on the membership database.

VI. Open Issues

A. Insurance

- The ICA needs to renew its insurance. Board discussed insurance options. MOTION: Renew current policy with reduced property coverage.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

VII. New Business

A. Delegate Stipend Question

- A delegate asked if ICA provides any meal stipends to delegates. In the past the ICA has reimbursed some small meal expenses if asked.
- MOTION: Upon request, ICA will reimburse any delegate a \$50 meal stipend. Motion passes 7-0-1.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM. Next meeting is June 5th, 2019.