



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" June 5, 2019 7:30pm

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, David Rockwell

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Mike Lenox, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy, David Rockwell
- III. **Approval of Agenda :** Agenda unanimously approved
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meeting:** Minutes unanimously approved
- V.
- VI. **Report**
 - a. Officer Reports
 - i. **Special Report: David Rockwell:** David Rockwell was asked to be ICA treasurer in 2016, and resigned due to board changes, but assisted with 2017 financials, as well as 2018 financials. He will not be able to assist with ongoing 2019 financials, though he hopes to support the WJS program financials until a treasurer is found. He will also help finish 2018 financial statements and help transition once a new treasurer is found/willing to work with new candidate. Discussed if anyone has candidate recommendations. David would be happy to help create documentation/formal policy draft for the treasurer position and is available via email for questions. David also discussed the fines for lack of filings in past years, and the board discussed potential steps on how to address those. David left the meeting at 8 PM.
 - ii. **President (Steve):** Steve has been working with Patrick on transition of presidential duties. He has also worked on creating new ICA logo that incorporates USCF logo, and a letter to other state affiliates to ask them to share information about their programs.
 - iii. **Metro VP (Eric):** Eric has been working on Chess at the Promenade event preparations; the event is scheduled to take place Saturday June 8th. The board discussed additional ICA promotion, and will have a table/booth. Steve, Eric, Mike, and Eva will be attending and representing the ICA.
 - iv. **Downstate VP (Rachel):** Rachel posted the article posted about new member of the month and is looking for suggestions for next month's member. Rachel also discussed affiliate organization recommendations with the board to begin working on a monthly article highlighting ICA affiliates.

v. Treasurer (Stephen): Treasurer items discussed during David's report.

b. Committee Reports

- i. **WJP/RS (Rose):** Two online training sessions were held in May, which were the final sessions for this year's class. Sessions won't begin again until September. Representations have been confirmed for the Barber Tournament (Dimitar Mardov); the Denker (Matthew Stevens); Girls (Marissa Li); and Polgar (Ashley Yan), and information has been submitted to tournament organizers. Rose asked to confirm if Illinois Senior representative has been submitted. Rose discussed WJS finances, as well as leftover plaques (Michael Lenox offered to repurpose those for ICV events). Rose is working on the 2019-2020 class, and final decisions will be based on July 1st supplement plus tournament participation (and needs to website updated to reflect this). She requested scholastic player list to help her with qualifiers. She has also sent out requests for additional assistance next year but has not received any confirmed responses. Michael has a potential recommendation he will pass along to Rose.
- ii. **Youth (Steve):** No updates
- iii. **Veterans (Mike):** Upcoming ICV events include Chess at the Promenade (6/8) in Bolingbrook, IL; the Chicago Abilities Booth (6/21-23) in Schaumburg, IL; and Chicago Ridge Mall #9; Chicago Ridge; IL. New projects include the ICV Recreational Therapy Manual English-Spanish Translation. The ICV Sending 10 manuals and 10 chess sets to orphanage in Mexico. Translation to be facilitated by Catholic Charities. The ICV is very busy with new initiatives, including the ICV Veterans Challenge; ICV Challenge Coins; Boy Scout Chess Merit Badges (workshop to be scheduled); Veteran tournament (to be scheduled); Veteran Community Resource chess program scheduled bi-monthly 1st/3rd Thursdays. The program at Jesse VA Hospital has been discontinued; turned down by PVA.
- iv. **Membership (Eva):** Reminder about board membership renewal and updating board member biographies.

VII. Open Issues

- a. Logo sent for Plaque

VIII. New Business

- a. Discuss letter to other State Affiliates; Steve sent out initial draft of introduction letter to other ICA affiliates. Board members to review and email any recommendations.
- b. Insurance: Insurance policy still needs to be updated.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM. Next meeting scheduled for July 10th.