



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" July 10, 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,

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Mike Lenox, Patrick Cohen, Garrett Scott,
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda unanimously approved
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meeting, potential approval:** Minutes unanimously approved
- V. **Report**
 - a. **Officer Reports**
 - i. **President (Steve):** Steve has received the Illinois Chess Tour plaques and will work with Eva to confirm addresses for delivery. He is also requesting a quote for the WJS trophies from the vendor. Discussed extra delegate for IL for 2020 US meeting and potential senior representative for Orlando in August. There are multiple potential representatives. A brief introductory letter from Stephen to other state affiliates has been included in the USCF monthly letter and invites other state affiliates to collaborate and share information about their respective programs.
 - ii. **Metro VP (Eric):** NO REPORT
 - iii. **Downstate VP (Rachel):** Evanston Chess Club will be the first affiliate highlighted on the ICA website (one affiliate to be highlighted per month), Eva Harrison also provided additional recommendations for next affiliate. Rachel is speaking with local U-C/Peoria chess community about upcoming activities. She will be attending the US Open in August as a delegate and open to any advice/suggestions to maximize trip. Garrett offered to donate a large number of older chess trophies for re-use to the local downstate community, and Rachel will coordinate their receipt and reuse.
 - iv. **Treasurer (Stephen)** No update; Steve to follow up with David.
 - b. **Committee Reports**
 - i. **WJP/RS (Rose):** Rose is working on 2019-2020 WJS/RS class. She is also coordinating the donation of older un-accepted trophies to Michael Lenox for ICV to use.

ii. **Youth (Steve):** No update

iii. **Veterans (Mike):** The ICV had a great time Chess at the Promenade event in June. Upcoming events include an ICV presence at the USO Fundraiser BBQ at Webb Chevrolet in Oak Lawn on July 13th and at the Native American National Vet Event the weekend of July 26th. Events to be scheduled include the Veteran Tournament and the workshop for the Boy Scout Chess Merit Badge. The ICV is also circulating a petition to encourage chess in the Paralympics.

iv. **Membership (Eva):** There were 19 new memberships in June , including 4 people who signed up while attending the Chess at the Promenade event in Bolingbrook. This is up from 10 new memberships in June 2018. There are no updates for the membership database.

VI. **Open Issues**

a. **Insurance:** The Insurance policy has been updated and purchased.

b. **Treasurer Position:** Position is still open. Board discussed if there are any recommendations to fulfill position. David Rockwell is assisting with finances for 2018, which we hope to be closed in August. Patrick has offered to speak with an accountant (but won't be able to provide additional information until 2018 is complete).

VII. **New Business:** Garrett may no longer be able to attend the USCF delegate meeting next month.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 8: 17 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, August 14th