



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" February 5th, 2020 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 7:31 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Stephen Plotnick, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Garrett Scott, and Patrick Cohen
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved Unanimously
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meetings:** Approved Unanimously
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Officer Reports**
 - a. **President (Steve)**
 - **Discussion of Missing Board Positions:** Three of the four potential candidates have been contacted regarding the two open board positions. One declined; two have not replied. Steve is waiting to hear back before reaching out to 4th candidate. Garrett will continue as a downstate board member if the remaining position cannot be filled.
 - b. **Metro VP (Eric):** No Report
 - c. **Downstate VP (Rachel)**
 - Rachel is still working on creating first article for affiliate spotlight and welcomes recommendations.
 - d. **Treasurer (Steve):**
 - **Corporate Tax Returns:** Steve spoke with accountant Arthur Gunn, who has experience with non-profits,

and discussed fees for filing corporate tax returns. The accountant would not handle QuickBooks; Steve would maintain credits/debits. **MOTION:** Hire accountant to file corporate ICA taxes. **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

- Steve will work with former treasurer to transition filing taxes and QuickBooks to review with new accountant.

B. Committee Reports

a. **WJP/RS (Rose):** No Report

b. **Youth (Steve):**

- The ICA Youth scholarship information has been posted to the ICA website. Steve has already begun to receive entry emails. Steve will ask Bill Buklis to add Eva and Rachel to the Youth ICA email account so they will also automatically receive scholarship submissions.

c. **Veterans (Open):** No Report

d. **Membership (Eva):**

- **Broughton Award:** The ICA should post an article seeking nominations for the Broughton award. Eva has drafted an article but would like to confirm if/when the award will be presented (if it will be presented at the Warren Junior Scholars Banquet in fall 2020). Eva will email Rose and copy Steve to confirm that the award can be presented during the event and tentative dates.

VI. Open Issues

- a. **Email List:** This action is still pending; Eric will be addressing.
- b. **ICA Mission Statement Placement:** The ICA Mission statement has been added to the ICA Website under "About the ICA."
- c. **Illinois Open Bid:** The Bid specs were posted, bids have been received, and will be going to the Bid Committee shortly.
- d. **Inventory of all ICA assets:** Steve has spoken with Bill Buklis, who is currently charged with keeping the sets, about the upcoming inventory

and relocation. The sets will be rented out to a vendor for an upcoming tournament (approximately .50 a set), and then transferred to Steve in late February.

VII. New Business

- a. **ICA Tour:** We need to confirm standings from last year before proceeding with standings for current year. A 2020 schedule has not yet been confirmed, though some events have already taken place (such as Tim Just). Ideally, event articles would be written pre and post event, but the position of Tour Commissioner is vacant. The board discussed the best ways to review cross tables and try to come up with a system of posting results on ICA website. Steve will speak with ICA article editor and discuss if he would be interested in drafting concise articles for ICA tour. If the editor is not interested Steve will create Facebook post for volunteers interested in drafting articles.
- b. **Liability Insurance:** Patrick confirmed our insurance was paid last July, so will not need to be renewed until July 2020.
- c. **Illinois Class and All Grade Bid:** Steve will post the calls for Bids for the Illinois Class and All Grade tournaments. If he does not already have the bid requirements, he will work with Maret to access the ICA website bid requirements and will reach out to Patrick if he needs help.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, March 4th, 2019