



Illinois Chess Association

Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" September 2nd, 2020 7:30 PM

Meeting Facilitator: Stephen Plotnick, President

Invitees: Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Rachel Schechter, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Rose Grandy, Ren Escalera, Garret Scott, Darren Erickson

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Garret Scott, Darren Erickson, Rachel Schechter
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved Unanimously
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meetings:** Approved Unanimously
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Officer Reports**
 - a. **President (Steve)**
 - **Replace Eva with Darren on bank account:** Steve would like to add Darren to bank accounts; will meet with Darren later this week to go to bank.
 - **Checks:** Patrick will get checks to Steve and Darren.
 - **MOTION:** Add Darren Erickson as secondary signer on ICA account. **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**
 - **Website Article Editor:** The ICA website article editor resigned. The board welcomes recommendations for a new article editor. Megan will assist with article editing in the interim.
 - **Illinois Open:** The organizer for the 2020 Illinois Open recommends rescheduling due to COVID-19 rates. **MOTION:** Cancel the 2020 Illinois Open and transfer the winning bid to the organizer for the 2021 Illinois Open. **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Metro VP (Eric): No Report

c. Downstate VP (Rachel): No Report

d. Treasurer (Darren):

- Darren now has access to QuickBooks. There are some back items that need to be posted, and then he will work on reconciliation.
- No unreconciled items from last year. We should be on track to file 990 with IRS; Darren's goal is to post by October 15th.
- Will provide a more complete report next month after further review.

B. Committee Reports

a. WJP/RS (Rose): No Report

b. Youth (Steve):

- **Education Stipend:** Steve and Darren used a certified random number generator online draw the winner for the applicants for the Education Stipend reward. Steve will contact the winner and ask for a photograph for an ICA website article, and the prize will be mailed to winner. Steve will also contact Illinois Chess Coach Association to help spread the word about the Education Stipend.

c. Veterans (Open): No Report

d. Membership (Eva): No Report

VI. Open Issues

- Broughton Award:** Bill Brock and Broughton Committee is working on selecting recipient. Committee is also considering proposal to recommend multiple banquets for 2021 (as no banquet can be held for 2020).
- Liability Insurance:** Steve updated liability insurance and will work with Patrick to pay.
- Illinois All-Grade:** Steve will email organizer for update.

VII. New Business

- a. Post Box Check:** Steve will check Post Office Box for any new memberships.
- b. COVID discussion:**
 - **ICA Website article for review:** Add Robert's Rules; information to properly wear face covering; food/drink at board; support organizers' efforts to follow distancing guidelines and recognizes the "frontline" tournament staff.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Next meeting Wednesday, October 7th, 2020