



# Illinois Chess Association

## Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda: Telephonic "Regular Meeting" October 14th, 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 Grady, Ren Escalera, Garret Scott, Darren Erickson

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Stephen Plotnick, Eric Ortega, Patrice Connelly, Eva Harrison, Megan Chen, Patrick Cohen, Garret Scott, Darren Erickson, Rachel Schechter, Rose Grady
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved Unanimously
- IV. **Discussion of minutes from prior meetings:** Approved Unanimously
- V. **Reports**
  - A. **Officer Reports**
    - a. **President (Steve)**
      - **Discuss ICC for WJS:** Steve recently served as a Tournament Director for the Chicago Open, which was held virtually via ICC. Organizations can create a landing page and use ICC for virtual tournaments, as well as for teaching. \$600 for up to 150 people annually, and \$200 for landing page. WJSRS formerly used ICC for blitz tournaments, and the board discussed the potential of WJSRS using it again, as well as the ICA for potential virtual tournaments, and splitting the cost between WJSRS and the ICA.  
**MOTION:** Form a committee to review the viability of ICC for WJSRS 9 ayes 1 nay. **MOTION PASSES.**  
Committee will consist of Steve, Rose, Rachel, Patrick, and Megan.

- **Illinois Class:** A bid has been received, and the Bid Committee should review.
- **Stipend Winner:** Steve will send official notice to Stipend winner; Eva has confirmed contact information.
- **WJS Director discussion:** A chess parent was recommended to board for potential candidate to head WJS. Rose will reach out to parent and inquire if he would be interested in position.
- **ICA Board Membership:** Reminder, some board members need to renew their memberships.
- **ICA Executive Board Election:** Executive Board election cycle is behind due to COVID. Eva will post call for nominations on the website with new cycle dates of nominations by 11/10; ballot distribution 11/17; last day to vote 12/8; 12/20 counting ballots.

**b. Metro VP (Eric):** No Report

**c. Downstate VP (Rachel):**

- **Michael Lenox Article:** Megan and Rachel wrote article about Michael's work for the ICA and chess community; posted to website.
- **ICA Website Updates:** Megan and Rachel reviewed website recently for functionally and clean-up. Board Member page may require biography information. Opened to board for additional recommendations. Eva mentioned need for additional articles/updates about current events/news.
- **Potential Buy/Sell page for ICA website:** Should the ICA offer an online forum for coaches/players/members to sell services/items? ICA webmasters would need to facilitate listings. The point was raised that some affiliate may already buy ads; would that be different than posters required to purchase an ICA affiliate membership for buying/selling? Are other platforms, such as Facebook Marketplace, already better suited? Would this be too time-consuming for ICA volunteers? Rachel will think

more about it and correspond with Maret to gather more information about website.

- **Offering Free Advertising:** The point was raised that the ICA could offer free postings as goodwill to help vendors during pandemic. An idea was suggested that the ICA could work with other state chess organizations to share ideas and resources. Steve will reach out to other chess state organizations to discuss their initiatives during COVID pandemic.
- No OTB tournaments or in-school chess teaching; running a small chess in the park outdoor Sunday group

**d. Treasurer (Darren):**

- The 990 will be filed for the IRS deadline.
- Darren reported on Net Income for the year so far as well. The ICA is net positive.

**B. Committee Reports**

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

b. **Youth (Steve):**

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

d. **Membership (Eva):** No Report

**VI. Open Issues**

- a. **Broughton Award:** The Committee has reached a decision. Garrett will forward the information to the board. The Committee will award both a 2019 and 2020 award for upstate and downstate.
- b. **Liability Insurance:** Darren will work on sending payment for renewed liability insurance.

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

**Next meeting Wednesday, November 4th, 2020**