



ICA Meeting Minutes from 7.5.23

1. In attendance: Joe Guth, Steve Plotnick, Patrick Cohen, Amy Green, Eva Harrison, Larry Cohen, Sean Hennessy, Josh Flores
2. Minutes from January to June 2023 approved.
3. Steve Plotnick motioned to discuss our selection of a web developer at the August meeting.
4. Maret Thorpe wrote:
 - a. "As a co-bidder (with Glenn Panner/Chess Weekend) it has been difficult to get any communication from the bid committee. We send in our bids, and we don't get an email confirmation they were received. Steve has been pretty good about getting back to us, and I think he waits until he's sure he has accurate information. I'll suggest a best practice: when a bid is submitted, an acknowledgement email should go out: "Your bid was received, and we will get back to you on (date) with the result of the bidding."" Steve agreed and will speak to Murrel about that.
 - b. "To clarify, bids for the Illinois Class were due on May 11. The date of the tournament is November 19. Glenn Panner and I put in a bid for the Illinois Class by the due date, and we were told that we had been awarded the bid. We have since signed the site contract for the event. We look forward to another excellent event. I'm not clear on who, if anyone, is running the Illinois Open this year. That is traditionally held on Labor Day."
 - c. How can we get more regular communication from the bids committee? Patrick explained the bid chair only communicates with the president as per the guidelines.
5. Patrick Cohen is available to help anyone who needs him to forward our new ICA email to your personal email.
6. Patrick Cohen will work with Eva Harrison, Bill Buklis, and Josh Flores to send members and the board a [feedback survey](#) to evaluate

our effectiveness. Survey results will be emailed to all members in our new annual State of the Association report, which will also be posted on the website yearly. This year's report will include the 2022 spending pie chart and 2023 budget.

7. From the June 2023 report, Emily Dawson reported 2022 revenue was \$3,600. Current account balances are:
 - a. Associated Bank (Checking): \$35,239.96
 - b. Associated Bank (WJS Checking): \$9,070.18
 - c. PayPal: \$10,175.68
 - d. PayPal (WJS): \$513.58
 - e. Vanguard 1: \$3,004.49
 - f. Vanguard 2: \$8,404.06
8. Upcoming meetings:
 - a. August 2
 - b. September 6
 - c. October 4
 - d. November 1
 - e. December 6