

Illinois Chess Association

Board Meeting

April 14, 2013

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM CST. Present were Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Jerry Neugarten, Mark Nibbelin, Murrel Rhodes, and Will Tseng. Bill Brock joined momentarily for purposes of determining whether a quorum was present, and, upon learning that a quorum was present, dropped off. Others absent were Chris Merli, Josh Rohrscheib, and Tom Sprandel.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March 14, 2013 conference call were unanimously approved.

President's Report:

Carl acknowledged the accomplishments of the University of Illinois chess team, consisting of Eric Rosen, Michael Auger, Aakash Meduri, and Xin Luo, in the 2012 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship, making it to the Final Four of Chess.

Carl also acknowledged the success of several Illinois students in the SuperNational V chess tournament, including Sam Schmakel (T2-8 in K-12), Alex Bian (T2-5 in K-8), David Peng (1st in K-6), Vincent Do (T2-8 in K-5), and Aydin Turgut (1st in K-3 with a perfect 7-0 score).

Bid Guidelines:

Jerry summarized the proposed changes drafted to the Bid Guidelines that was submitted in advance for reaction to the Board and the Bid Committee. Vigorous discussion of certain proposed changes ensued. The changes to the Bid Guidelines were approved with the exception of two items that were tabled for consideration at the May board meeting.

Those two items included the reference to the Warren Junior Program in the section on **Anticipated ICA revenue**, which was challenged in favor of a more broad state-wide support of scholastic chess, and the requirement in the section on **Tournament Directors** that the Chief TD and their certification level be specified in the bid, which was referred to the Bid Committee for their additional input.

Metro Report:

Mike reported on the upcoming All-Girls National Championship to be held April 26-28 in Chicago. Indications are that Garry Kasparov will be present during this tournament.

Mike also provided an update on the 2013 Illinois Chess Tour, whose next event will be in Peoria April 20-21 and in Normal on May 4. Bill Feldman will be writing an article on the Peoria tournament.

Bid Committee:

Murrel presented the 2013 All-State bid submitted by BNASC for board approval. The bid was approved by the Board unanimously, with Mark Nibbelin abstaining.

Murrel presented a proposed timetable for soliciting bids for the 2014/2015 cycle of state championship tournaments. The timetable would begin the bid solicitation and approval process 15 months before the tournament so that the successful bidder could be announced at the previous year's tournament. The timetable was approved unanimously.

Youth Committee:

Jerry provided a brief summary of the establishment of the Chicago Schools Advisory Board committee, co-chaired by Faye Katt and Jeff Joseph. The Committee will present a letter of introduction to the Mayor.

Next meeting: May 9, 2013

Submitted by: Carl Dolson