

ICA Board Meeting via Phone Conference
January 13, 2010

Present: Jerry Neugarten, Bill Barton, Tom Sprandel, Bill Brock, Andi Rosen, Garrett Scott, Maret Thorpe, David Long

Minutes from Jan 6, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Tom Sprandel made this motion to refer the ICA Youth Task Force Report to the new ICA Youth Committee: "MOVED that the November 1, 2009 report of the Youth Task Force be referred to the Youth Committee for further action." The motion was approved unanimously.

Tom Sprandel made this motion: "MOVED that the Bid and Tournament Guidelines dated January 10, 2010 be approved and posted on the ICA website."

After some discussion, the board made the clarified the following issues in the guidelines:

- Chosen bidder can be required to provide optional surety up to \$1000, at the discretion of the board
- ICA membership requirement will determined on a tournament-by-tournament basis
- Specifications for each state title tournament will be written as the bids for these events come up.
- The list of tournaments covered by these bid guidelines will be specified in the bylaws instead of in the guidelines.

Passed unanimously as amended tonight.

A constitution and bylaws update was passed on from Mike Zacate. Tom Sprandel made the following motion: "MOVED that the updated Constitution and Bylaws dated 2008 be posted to the ICA website, and that a subcommittee of the board be appointed to suggest additional changes." This motion was tabled for further review.

Tom Sprandel reported that he is in communication with Bill Goichberg about collecting ICA dues at CCA tournaments. He will follow up with Goichberg about how to handle membership fulfillment once dues are collected with advance registrations.

Tom Sprandel reported that Theo Ubique, a dinner theater in Chicago is putting on the musical "Chess" and is seeking blitz players for Saturday evenings to provide ambiance, as well as chess raconteurs for Thursday night theater talk-back programs. The company will offer dinner and theater to participants. ICA will publicize this opportunity to the community.

Wayne Clark called Tom Sprandel and asked if ICA would let Chess For Life out of the last two years of the Illinois Open contract. Wayne would like to reach an amicable agreement and mentioned the following:

- Clark acknowledged that the contract specifies that be done by 12/31/2009 and said that he will do it this year if we insist.
- Clark pointed out that the contract does prohibit transfer to another organizer.
- Clark said that Sevan Muradian has shown an interest in the contract.

- Clark said that he prefers to reach an agreement with us whereby we release him from the contract with no further compensation to either side.
- Clark offered to share his hotel arrangements with us, implying that we could probably get the same arrangement.

The Board gave Tom Sprandel broad latitude to negotiate with Wayne and Tim.

The Board agreed to give complimentary one-year memberships for the new youth committee members.

The meeting adjourned.