

**Illinois Chess Association**

Board Meeting Phone Conference

March 13, 2014

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. Present were Michael Auger, Bill Brock, Michael Cardinale, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman, Steven Craig Miller, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes, and Pattie Zinski, Warren Junior Program Director. None were absent. A quorum was established.

**Executive Session:**

The Board entered executive session to discuss events surrounding the national invitational qualifying tournaments.

**Warren Junior Program Report:**

Pattie Zinski reported on the results of the national invitational qualifiers. Sam Schmackel won the right to represent Illinois at the Denker tournament for high school players, by tiebreak over Max Zinski. David Peng score a perfect 5-0 and will represent the state at the Barber tournament of K-8 state champions. George Li was the runner-up. Miranda Liu won the Girls' invitational qualifying tournament, by tiebreak over Marissa Li. Pattie expressed pride and appreciation for all those that helped make these highly competitive tournaments successful.

Pattie also reported that a full day Warren clinic is planned for April at the University of Illinois in Champaign, and that this year's Warren scholars will be announced at the upcoming state K-8 Championships, 3/14-16.

On behalf of the Board, Carl thanked both Pattie and Sevan Muradian for their efforts in conducting these qualifying tournaments.

**President's Report:**

Carl requested a discussion and vote on the recommendation made by the Bid Committee for the 2015 Illinois K-8 Chess Championships. Carl and Board members Murrel Rhodes and Scott Daniels recused themselves from the discussion and vote. Mike Cardinale led a brief discussion of the bids submitted and moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the bid committee and award the tournament to Bloomington-Normal Area Scholastic Chess. Bill Feldman seconded the motion, and four votes were recorded in favor. On the next day, March 14th, an email was circulated to Board members Bill Brock and Jerry Neugarten who had left the meeting, soliciting their votes on the motion. Subsequently, two additional votes in favor were recorded.

Carl reminded the Board of the upcoming 2014 K-8 state championship tournament, 3/14-16 in Schaumburg. Bill Feldman offered to serve as ICA liaison to the tournament, and also expressed the hope that ICA would make use of the opportunity to contribute content to the tournament booklet for future tournaments.

At Carl's request, Michael Auger reported that the chess community has been very generous in supporting the University of Illinois team in its preparation for the upcoming President's Cup. Donations have reached 86% of the fundraising goal, and the team has hired Yury Shulman for private lessons and coaching. Also, Sevan Muradian has generously donated the services of an additional coach to the cause.

Michael further reported that Glenn Panner has set up a fundraising simul for Michael and Eric Rosen, to be held Saturday night 3/15 in conjunction with the K-8 tournament.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Carl moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting. Scott seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Metro Report:**

Mike Cardinale reported on three upcoming state or national events in the metro area. They are the State K-8, 3/14-16 in Schaumburg; the Illinois Senior, 3/22-23 in Naperville; and the All-Girls National, 4/11-13 in Northbrook. Mike also made note of the 100<sup>th</sup> Knights Quest tournament, 4/6 in Northbrook, a milestone event for organizer Renaissance Knights.

Bill Feldman moved that ICA expend funds to purchase and present a plaque to Renaissance Knights in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Knights Quest tournament. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Downstate Report:**

Murrel reported two important upcoming downstate events: the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual David Mote Memorial in Springfield on March 29<sup>th</sup>, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Greater Peoria Open in Peoria on April 26-27. Murrel also indicated that there will be downstate representation "in force" at the upcoming K-8 tournament.

### **Website:**

Bill Feldman reported that he's excited about the recently formed Website Policy committee, and the potential for new volunteers to assist with website content. He further expressed appreciation for Carl's preview article on the Illinois Senior Open and encouraged all board members to contribute early and often to the website.

Bill also reported that, owing to commitments outside chess, Dan Leroy has resigned his position as web editor.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on April 10th. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Minutes submitted by Mike Cardinale