

Illinois Chess Association
Board Meeting Conference Call
March 15, 2016

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 and a quorum established. Attending were Bill Brock, Bill Buklis, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, Michael Lenox, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes, and Kevin Taylor.

Officers Reports:

The President's report was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

Warren Junior Program:

Scott Daniels was introduced as the new director for the Warren Junior Program at the Illinois K-8 Championships. He mentioned that he has a few tweaks he'd like to make to the lower end of the Rising Stars program to lower the ratings level for K-3 to qualify for the program.

Report on the K-8 Championships:

With minor exceptions the K-8 Championships was a smooth, successful event. Murrel Rhodes and Shiva Maharaj were the recipients of the Downstate and Upstate coach of the year awards.

Report on the Youth Committee:

The committee meeting held during the K-8 Championships was a successful and well attended event. Many ideas were brought forward. The future and promise of the committee seems bright.

Broughton Award:

A motion to posthumously award Sevan Muradian the 2016 Broughton award was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Membership and ICA Board Structure:

The committee is still having discussion on funding replacements for membership dues.

Illinois Chess Tour:

Volunteers are needed to maintain and promote the Illinois Chess Tour. Murrel Rhodes volunteered to update the statistics for the tour on the ICA website.

Purchase of Clocks from Sevan Muradian:

There was some discussion on whether to purchase some of the used DGT NA clocks which Sevan's family will be selling soon.

Bid for the 2017 K-8 Championships:

The bid committee is currently reviewing two bids for the 2017 Illinois K-8 Championships. There is a bid from Bloomington Area Scholastic Chess and from Peoria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 15, 2016.