

## **Minutes of ICA Regular Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM. Present by telephone: Keith Ammann, Bill Brock, Michael Cardinale, Scott Daniels, Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman, Jerry Neugarten, Murrel Rhodes. Absent: Michael Auger, Steven Craig Miller.

**JN moved to approve minutes from October meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

**KA moved to receive officers' and committee reports submitted by e-mail. Motion passed unanimously.**

Secretary's report: KA reported that Executive Board election was concluded and a counting committee appointed to review the online vote count.

**JN moved to enter executive session. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session entered at 7:38 and exited at 8:04.**

CD reported that Tim Just, Sevan Muradian, Garrett Scott and himself had agreed to be delegates to the 2015 USCF annual meeting in Phoenix, that Jeff Wiewel was not certain and that BB had agreed but would prefer to remain an alternate. **BF moved to nominate Just as chief delegate and Muradian, Scott, CD and BB as delegates. Motion passed unanimously (abstain: BB).**

Board discussed changing the day and week of board meetings. **BF moved to hold January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Motion passed unanimously (abstain: KA).**

**MC moved to amend Article III, Section 1 of the ICA Constitution to add "Family: Members of a parent(s)-child(ren) family unit" and "Senior: Age 65 and over" as membership categories following "Scholastic: Under age 19." SD indicated that he opposed the amendment because he intended to propose changing to an open membership structure without paid memberships, raising revenue from other sources.**

**KA moved to amend the motion to change the age cutoff of scholastic memberships from 19 to 22. Motion to amend did not receive a second.**

**BF moved to amend the motion to also change Article III, Section 2 to change the voting age from 19 to 16. Motion to amend failed (nay: KA, BB, MC, SD, CD, JN, MR; abstain: BF).**

**KA moved to postpone the motion to the January meeting in accordance with Article XVI of the ICA Constitution. Motion to postpone passed (nay: MR).**

**CD moved to amend Article VIII, Section 2 of the ICA Constitution to delete "Such instruments in the amount exceeding six hundred dollars shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, a Vice-President or the Secretary of the association. Such instruments equal to or less than six hundred dollars may be signed by the Treasurer or President, or a Vice-President, or the Secretary of the association without being countersigned."**

**KA moved to amend motion to restore deleted material and change "six hundred" to "one thousand" in both instances. Motion to amend unanimously approved.**

**KA moved to postpone the motion to the January meeting in accordance with Article XVI of the ICA Constitution. Motion to postpone passed unanimously.**

**CD moved to amend Article VIII, Section 4 of the ICA Bylaws to delete "Membership in the ICA shall be required for all title tournaments, but this requirement may be modified or eliminated by the Board for youth tournaments."**

**KA moved to postpone the motion to the January meeting in accordance with Article IX of the ICA Bylaws. Motion to postpone passed unanimously.**

JN, CD and BB thanked exiting board members for their service.

**KA moved to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:37.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ICA Annual Meeting:** The ICA Annual Meeting was held Saturday, November 22, at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville at 3:30 pm. Other than ICA board members and a scholastic member, there were no ICA members in attendance and no quorum of ICA members. Therefore, the meeting did not proceed.

**ICA Banquet:** The ICA Banquet was held Saturday, November 22, at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville at 6:00 pm with 19 in attendance. The Natalie W. Broughton Lifetime Achievement in Chess Award was presented to Garrett Scott, who graciously accepted the award, telling the attendees that he valued this award more than the USCF Lifetime Achievement in Chess Award that he received in 2013.

**ICA Election:** The ballots cast in the ICA election for Executive Board positions have been given to an Election Committee, made up of Mike Cardinale, Scott Daniels, and Jerry Neugarten. According to the ICA Bylaws, the ballots are to be counted between December 5 and December 20. When the Committee has verified the final count, they will report the results to the ICA Board. Election winners will be contacted to verify their willingness to serve on the Executive Board, and their terms will begin January 1, 2015.

**Outgoing Board Members:** I want to sincerely thank Mike Cardinale and Keith Ammann for their service on the ICA Board.

Mike has been a voice of sound reason since joining the ICA Board in June 2010. He brought fresh ideas to the board, including reinstating and revamping the Illinois Chess Tour. He has worked tirelessly on ICA's behalf as Metro VP and chair of the newly formed Membership Committee. We will miss his valuable contribution to the board.

Keith stepped in to the long-vacant secretary position and did an admirable job of taking minutes, administering the ICA election, and being parliamentarian for the board. We would have preferred he continue in the role and wish him the best as he continues work with the Chicago Chess Center.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Very successful Illinois Class! Don't ask me about the rating points I dropped. Special thanks to Carl Dolson for organizing and to Jeff Smith and Maret Thorpe for directing.
- \$771 profit, give or take. Not bad! Certain expenses were donated to ICA; I have not included the donation proceeds in the event bottom line, but as a donation to general unrestricted.
- As I did in November 2013, I paid the Hilton with personal credit card and reimbursed myself. Carl reviewed and approved invoice before I paid.
- Bill Feldman paid USCF invoice 3081915 with his personal credit card; I reimbursed him \$2,700, again, with Carl's approval. This is for USCF portion of promotional memberships. I have not yet been asked to disburse money for [chesskid.com](http://chesskid.com)—status?
- I would like direction from board in accounting for these promotional memberships. We've had \$2,700 go out the door, and a whopping \$166 come back in.
- \$900 in Tour prizes paid in November (Pete Karagianis \$500, Andrew Fei \$200, Rudy Padilla \$200)
- Although I'm open to future Board service, 2015–16 will probably be my last term as Treasurer. I

mention this now as we will be discussing Carl's proposed Bylaws amendment, which I support.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

I'm resubmitting this membership committee report from last month, as it provides background for the proposed change to the constitution's membership categories that is on tonight's agenda.

The membership committee met via conference call on Wednesday, November 12. Present were Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Bill Feldman and Steven Craig Miller.

Bill provided an update on the ChessKid and USCF Bulk membership initiatives.

The committee resumed its discussion of ICA's membership structure, and considered changes to the member categories. First, consideration of a family membership was continued from the previous meeting. Following discussion, the committee unanimously voted to recommend to the full board the establishment of a family membership, to be set initially at \$30/year.

Bill recommended extending the age of the scholastic membership from the current "under 19" to include full-time matriculating college students. The vote to recommend this extension to the board was deadlocked at 2-2.

Next, Bill recommended establishing a senior membership, for members 65 and over, at the equivalent cost of a scholastic membership (\$10). The committee voted unanimously to recommend this addition to the full board.

Carl pointed out that classes of members are defined in Article III of our Constitution, and consequently any changes will need to be approved by the full board in successive meetings.

Bill noted the need for more and better data collection from membership to accommodate the new member classes, including at a minimum date of birth.

The next project of the committee is to define a list of responsibilities for the membership secretary. As time for the meeting expired, Mike proposed that the committee circulate drafts of such a list via email.