



Illinois Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda September 6, 2023

1. Call to Order - 7:05 PM
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Steve, Amy, Patrick, Larry, Eva, Joe
 - b. Absent: Emily, William, Eric
3. Motion: Approve August minutes
 - a. Motion - Larry
 - b. Second - Steve
 - c. Motion Carries 6-0
4. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President (Steve Plotnick)
 - b. Metro VP (Eric Ortega)
 - i. Not present
 - c. Downstate VP (Amy Green)
 - d. Treasurer's Report (Emily Dawson)
 - i. Not present
5. Committee Reports
 - a. WJS
 - i. Not Present
 - b. [ICA Tour](#) (Emily Dawson and Patrick Cohen)
 - i. Emily and Patrick met in August to discuss revamping the tour. The focus was on selecting what 12 tournaments should be part of the tour. A schedule will be submitted for approval in October.

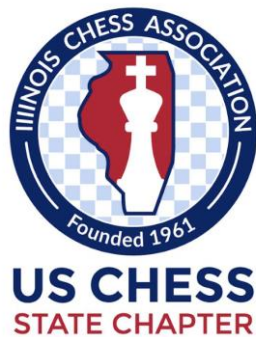
- c. Youth (Steve Plotnick)
- d. Membership (Eva Harrison)
- e. Broughton Committee (Glenn Panner)

6. Open Business

a. Travel stipend

- i. Steve was contacted by a parent of a WJS Invitational tournament participant. The parent inquired about a travel stipend; however, the board had previously approved no longer awarding such a stipend. The information was left on the ICA website which caused confusion. The parent will be told that the information should have been taken down and will not be awarded a travel stipend.

b. Discussion of Kevin Bachler's ICA logo design



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iii. MOTION: Table discussion regarding new logo and revisit topic in 6 months.

iv. Motion - Joe

v. Second - Steve

vi. Motion Carried 6-0

c. Website Update (Steve)

- i. Steve provided update regarding website
- ii. Eva suggested there be a place to display those who buy

Century Club and Patron memberships.

- d. IL Quick Chess Championship (Eric / Joe)
 - i. Joe promoted the QCC at local clubs which resulted in a few entries. Joe and the rest of the board will continue advertising. The QCC will be advertised at upcoming CCA events.
- e. Election Cycle
 - i. Reminder was given that election cycle for general board members begins on Sept. 15th.

7. New Business

- a. ICA Tour discussion on Edwin / Steve + last ICA tour concept
 - i. Larry discussed history of ICA Tour and past variations. Steve discussed new ideas regarding tour revamp. Committee will continue to discuss. No action taken at board meeting.
- b. Expenses related to ICA tournament Representation
 - i. Motion: Approve reimbursement of a board member's travel expenses when the board member is representing the ICA at a tournament. The amount to be reimbursed must have prior board approval.
 - 1. Motion - Steve
 - 2. Second - Joe
 - 3. Motion Carries 6-0
- c. Proposed new committees
 - i. Newsletter (Old ICB)
 - ii. PGN posting / procurement for new website
 - iii. Webmaster
 - iv. Bring back editor position for articles and post on website
 - v. Motion: Table this agenda item to next month's meeting
 - 1. Motion - Larry
 - 2. Second - Steve
 - 3. Motion Carries 6-0
- d. Drive Membership
 - i. New ICA tour (Edwin / Steve) concept - discussed above
 - ii. Events page weekly Email blast for ICA affiliates only
 - iii. PGN Viewer
 - 1. Useable for anyone area

2. ICA member area
3. ICA affiliate area
- iv. Any other ideas to drive membership?
 1. Steve discussed ideas for driving membership.
- v. AftEr website rollout
- vi. Increase Fees for Members
 1. Value: PGN
 2. Value: ICA new tour (Edwin / Steve)
- vii. Increase fees for affiliates
 1. Value: PGN area
 2. Value: ICA new tour (Edwin / Steve)
 3. Value: ICA tour from couple years ago
 4. Value: Events email blast
 5. Value: Next nine upcoming Events will have a quick launch button to tournament specific event page
 - . Steve discussed the possibility of increasing membership fees for affiliates and members due to the added value of a membership created by the potential additions above. No action was taken at this time.

b. Joe discussed idea of having an IHSA high school state tournament where each board rank plays in its own section. Tournament would be unrated. Travel issue was discussed, online event was suggested. Joe will explore idea and will report back next month.



June Swiss w/\$2000 Prize Fund

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8. **Motion: To adjourn the meeting**
 1. **Motion - Joe**
 2. **Second - Larry**
 3. **Motion Carries 6-0**
 4. **Meeting adjourned at 8:41**

Next Meeting: Oct 4, 2023 at 7 PM