

The Illinois Club Board Meeting
Wednesday March 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Susan Haney's

Present: Pam Bates, Susan Haney, Marcy Joncich, Ted Rowland, Pat Thiessen, Mary Jo Thomsen, Paula Watson, Cathy Williams.

Minutes from last Board Meeting – Paula Watson

Minutes from Scholarship Awards Brunch – Vivian Larson

Both sets of minutes were accepted as previously distributed.

Board Reports

President – Susan Haney

• Christina Meyers

Susan announced the resignation of Christina Myers as Membership Chair & Scholarship Committee member.

• E-mail voting results

Susan reported on various e-mail votes taken by the Board.

- Governing Board (GB): To allow Sarah Wisseman to sell books at the Spring Luncheon, 11 of 19 voted yes.
- Executive Committee (EC): To offer a 6th MAD scholarship, 4 of 6 voted yes
- Scholarship Committee (SC): On accepting the slate of scholarship award winners, 7 of 7 voted yes
- SC: On replacing one of the un-notified winners after reviewing the official transcripts, 5 of 7 voted yes
- EC: On 2nd Vice President nominee, 4 of 6 voted yes
- EC: On Asst. 3rd Vice-President nominee, 5 of 6 voted yes
- SC: On a MAD Scholarship for Thomas Bunyan, 4 of 6 voted yes.
- EC: On a 7th MAD Scholarship, 6 of 6 voted yes.

• Full 7th MAD Award

\$1,000 has been volunteered by Judith Robinson for a seventh Make-A-Difference Award to go to Thomas Bunyan. There was a discussion concerning whether endowment income should be used to fund an additional \$1,000. Mary Jo offered to contribute \$1,000 for this purpose but the Board voted to take it out of the income.

• Newsletter Chair ideas

Susan asked for ideas for a Newsletter Chair and floated the idea that perhaps different people could take on responsibility for individual newsletters.

• Tiber, Altgeld, Hallene, Comte prints

It was agreed that *Tiber* prints should sell for \$100, *Altgeld* and *Hallene* for \$95, and the two roosters and the grain elevator for \$85.

• Rooster note cards

It looks likely that there will be interest in rooster note cards, but cost estimates weren't available. Further discussion was shelved in favor of an e-mail vote when more details become available.

- **Website for Judy Ikenberry's art**

There is a website for artists, ETSY.com that Judy is intrigued by. One possibility would be to sell through this website with a link from TIC home page.

- **Funding for Haney Award**

The Haney Award is now fully funded so there can be a social work scholarship awarded next year.

- **Golden Members & next year's dues**

Susan reported that there are 11 Golden Members. They, along with other matters, will be featured in a PowerPoint slide show at the Spring Luncheon. Susan called for a vote on a \$10 reduction in dues for the Golden Members and the measure passed.

- **Honorary Members**

The issue was tabled until the emeritus status of the former President and Chancellor could be determined.

First VP Programs – Mary Jo Thomsen

- **Scholarship Awards Brunch**

There were reservations for 89; there were 5 no-shows with a substitution for one.

- **Spring Luncheon**

This is scheduled for April 28. The reservation form is in the newsletter. Sarah Wisseman will speak on “Archeology and Murder” and there will be a slide show on the history of the Club.

- **Summer Garden Party**

A summer garden party is being suggested. If Stan and Judy are willing, it could be at the President's House. The idea would be to encourage early membership renewals. We could do some cost sharing of this event.

- **Fall Expo 2010**

The Expo will take place September 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn in the downstairs ballroom. The cost should be around \$1,500.

- **Holiday Party 2010**

No site has been chosen and we need ideas for host homes if we make it a scholarship fundraiser.

Second VP Newcomers' – Susan Haney

- **Schedule for the rest of the year**

An ice cream social is planned for some time in June.

Third VP Interest Groups – Cathy Williams

No report. Question raised regarding starting a new interest group. As specified in the Constitution there need to be 10 interested people, but informally, it may be fewer.

Treasurer – Debbie Day

- **Copies of the Treasurer's Report and the Funds Report were distributed.**

- **Scholarship Sales to UIF, Taxes**

34% of the note cards have been sold, 8 *Illinois* (grain elevator) prints, 1 *Lord of Chatsworth* print, 2 *Tiber Morning* prints. There are 4 blue tiles and 5 brown tiles left. We also have firm offers for 3 *Hallenes* and 3 *Altgelds*. We'll start with 2 or three copies

of the second rooster print. We also need to find out if we must pay sales tax on these. Susan will talk to Joan Friedman about this (she is a former Accounting Professor). Decision on where the money should come from was shelved until more is known.

Corresponding Secretary – Vivian Larson

No report.

Newsletter – Susan Haney

Susan will get out an April Newsletter. Contributions are needed in one week.

Membership – Susan Haney

• Numbers, non-University members

We now have 393 members: 7 non-paying honorary, 10 Big 10, 2 associate, 178 couple members, and 196 individuals. We voted to accept 10 non-University members.

Publicity, General – Susan

• Inside Illinois, News Gazette, buses

2 more ads will appear in *Inside Illinois*. We hope these can be a combined ad. We will look into running ads in the buses, a very inexpensive way to get the word out about the scholarships.

Publicity, Interest Groups – Pat Thiessen

No report, just the weekly e-mail.

Scholarships – Sandi Thomas

• Scholarship Issues

See above in President's Report.

• Sales Report

See above in Treasurer's Report.

• Market at the Square

We will be at the market on the first and third Saturdays of June through October.

Webmaster – Birgit McCall

• Updates

• UIF & credit card donations

No report.

Tours – Susan Haney

• BIF, Gable Home, Joy Thornton-Walter's

25 people have signed up for different parts of the tour, to end at Joy's garden by 6:45.

New Business

• Big 10 Committee

We will be hosting in three years and will need volunteers.

• Re-ordering of Constitutional Standing Rules

Voting set aside to a separate meeting.

• **Constitutional amendments**

The group voted on and passed various amendments to the Constitution as follows:

- Article VI, section 5: for the Nominating Committee to make its slate available to the Membership in writing (but not necessarily in the Newsletter) one week prior to the vote.
- Article IV, section 2: to change when the Assistant Treasurer begins serving to be the same as the Treasurer. This is at the beginning of the fiscal year rather than at the beginning of the club year.
- Article VI, section 7: adding the past president, the president and the first vice president to the Finance Committee.
- Article IX Section 3: regarding the setting of scholarship amounts.
- Article X: setting of July 1 as the date for payment of dues.

Next Meeting: May 19 at Vivian Larson's
Bring food, your reports and all files.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNING BOARD

Section 2. NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE OF BOARD MEMBERS

B. ELECTION

The Governing Board members shall be elected by the membership at the annual business meeting. The Board members shall assume their duties at the beginning of the Club year. A Club year is defined as beginning with the passing of the gavel at the spring general meeting. The treasurer and assistant treasurer are the only members of the Governing Board who will not assume duties at that time. They shall assume their duties of office as soon as the books for the previous year are audited at the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of seven members: the first vice president, the second vice president, the third vice president, the assistant third vice president, and three members appointed by the president. It is recommended that at least two members of the committee should be past presidents. The third vice president, or another member appointed by the president, shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. This committee shall present its slate to the Governing Board and then submit the slate to the membership in writing no less than one week before the election. The slate of nominees shall be presented for election at the annual business meeting. The slate shall be the president, the three vice presidents, the recording and corresponding secretaries, the treasurer, the meeting manager, the chairs for budget, scholarship, newsletter, membership/directory, publicity, and the assistants to the vice presidents, the treasurer, and the other chairs. If the committee is unable to present a full slate, the Nominating Committee shall continue seeking nominees until the Board has been filled.

Section 7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of the budget chair, the treasurer, the assistant treasurer, the past president, the president, and first vice president. It shall submit a budget to the Governing Board for approval at the first Board meeting of the academic year. The committee shall provide oversight for the club's finances.

ARTICLE IX. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Section 3. AWARDS

Scholarships shall be awarded to students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Scholarship awards may be taken from the interest earned by the Scholarship Fund endowment, from current operating funds, donations, and/or savings at the recommendation of the treasurer and the Scholarship Committee and upon approval of the Executive Committee. Setting of scholarship award amounts should be based on monies realized during prior fiscal years, and realistic expectations of income from the UIF.

ARTICLE X. DUES

The Governing Board shall determine the amount of the annual dues. Dues are payable by July 1st. Members are welcome throughout the year; however, dues are not prorated. The membership year runs from July 1 – June 30.