

The Illinois Club Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Alma Bellafiore, 711 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign

The meeting was called to order by President Alma Bellafiore. In attendance were Alma Bellafiore, Sandy Camargo, Ann Campbell, Peri Ceperley, Roma Chenoweth, Bob Davis, Pat Davis, Susan Haney, Jane Heaton, Marcy Joncich, Sheila Krein, Elisa Mustari, Patricia Simpson, Pat Thiessen, and Mary Jo Thomsen.

Approval of Minutes - Jane Heaton

The minutes of the October 29 meeting were approved as corrected.

President's Report - Alma Bellafiore

--The Holiday Party at the President's House was a fantastic success.

Treasurer - Mary Jo Thomsen

Mary Jo presented the current budget. We have received \$7,064.94 in dues as of January 28. Product sales are up. We have received \$3,714.00 and the budget projected \$2,000. The report is included in the appendix.

Vice President - Peri Ceperley

--The Scholarship Awards Brunch will be March 2 at Hawthorn Suites. The speaker will be Ruth Watkins, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The deadline to register at the reduced Early Bird rate is February 22, and the absolute deadline is February 26.

--The Spring Luncheon will be May 2 at the Urbana Country Club.

Newcomers – Peri Ceperley

--The evening at the new Inman Place went well. The food, prepared by Chef Rick, was excellent, and the storytelling was great.

--The next Newcomers event will be a tour of the UI Plant Conservatory on March 13.

Tours – Alma Bellafiore

--Forty people have signed up for the tour of the Buzard Pipe Organ Builders on February 8, and 30 have signed up for the dinner following at Destihl.

Interest Groups – Pat Thiessen

--There is the possibility of a Korean Cooking Interest Group starting, chaired by Christina Myers.

Corresponding Secretary – Roma Chenoweth

Four cards were sent during the past month.

Membership - Sandy Camargo

--As of January 28, the number of paid members is:

142 Individual members

158 Couples members

9 Associate members (including 8 Golden members)

8 Honorary members

Thirty-two of our members are Newcomers.

--According to the Club by-laws, members not affiliated with the University of Illinois (staff, faculty, or alumni) need to be formally approved by the Club Board.

The Board approved membership for the following individual:

Gail Litman

Newsletter - Bob Davis

--Bob and Pat are working on the February newsletter. It will include a membership directory addendum and the registration form for the Scholarship brunch.

Scholarship - Patricia Simpson

--We received 240 applications and conducted 27 interviews. Patricia expressed thanks for the awesome committee and the wonderful group of student applicants.

--Eleven scholarship recipients have been selected for the 2013-2014 Academic Year and will be recognized at the Scholarship Brunch.

Club Communications – Ann Campbell

--The weekly emails continue to go out.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – Pat Thiessen

The Nominating Committee has made excellent progress toward putting together a slate of nominees for the TIC 2013-2014 Board. Three people responded to the email request for volunteers. We could use suggestions for Vice President and Treasurer, in particular.

Big Ten – Susan Haney

--Patricia has created an online questionnaire to get information from the other schools. It will be used instead of a paper version.

--They are working on breakout sessions and tours.

--An email is being sent out to people who attended the last conference.

--Rutgers University and the University of Maryland have joined the Big Ten. We do not have information about similar clubs at those institutions.

Old Business

Ad Hoc membership Committee report – Sandy Camargo

--One of the things we learned from last year's survey of current and former members is that newcomers could benefit from having a mentor to help them get the most out

of club membership. A club mentor might accompany a new member to an interest-group meeting or invite the newcomer to sit at the same table at the Scholarship Brunch, Spring Luncheon, or other group gathering. We are asking current members to volunteer. Those interested in volunteering to be a mentor should contact Sandy at membership@theillinoisclub.org.

Elisa Mustari presented the results of the membership survey in color bar charts, which illustrate the data visually.

New Business

Susan Haney reported that a bride-to-be has inquired about obtaining Fu Dog tiles to give out as party favors at her wedding. Susan will look into the possibilities and discuss arrangements for an appropriate donation with the bride.

The next board meeting will in April, with details to be arranged.

The meeting was adjourned.