

**The Illinois Club
Board Meeting
May 14, 2014**

The Illinois Club Board met at noon on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at the home of outgoing President Peri Ceperley for a new board/old board potluck luncheon and meeting. Attending were Linda Lopez, Bob Davis, Peri Ceperley, Kathy Marshak, Sandy Camargo, Marcy Joncich, Ann Campbell, Sarah Wisseman, Anne Anderson, Jenny Kokini, Ann Long, Marne Helgesen, Pat Thiessen, Kathy Valdez and Marguerite Maguire.

The minutes from the last board meeting were approved as distributed. Those present introduced themselves.

Board Reports

President: The meeting was conducted by outgoing President Peri Ceperley, who thanked the old board members for their service. Incoming President Sarah Wisseman requested that suggestions for luncheon speakers be given to her.

Treasurer: Linda Lopez said that the audit committee is appointed by the outgoing President, and the committee should meet as soon as possible after the fiscal year closes July 1. The budget chair is the outgoing treasurer, and Linda will check the bylaws for further information. She reported that the club's University account for campus expenses has not been closed for the year due to outstanding bills for the spring luncheon, and that the club absorbed some of the expenses for the newcomers' Amish dinner.

Vice President: Sarah Wisseman reported that the spring luncheon at the Illini Union went well. She substituted for speaker Wayne Pitard, who was away on a family emergency. The sign-up Expo is usually held on the second Monday in September, which would be September 8. Anne Anderson will investigate this date with the Hilton Garden Inn. The Christmas party is usually held at the President's House every other year. Cheryl Easter's secretary will be contacted. Locations for the Scholarship Brunch and Spring Luncheon are to be determined.

Newcomers: Kathy Marshak met with Pat Davis. "Newcomer" means new to the club, though not necessarily new to town. Events have been scheduled for July, August and September. July 18 the newcomers will meet for a concert at the Research Park; August 8 at a concert at Allerton; September 4 from 5-7 at Kathy's house for a meet and greet wine and cheese.

Tours: Kathy Valdes will meet with Julia to discuss suitable dates. Some ideas being considered are a glass tour in Paris, a Clinton barn tour and a Chicago ethnic grocery tour. New ideas for events are welcome.

Interest Groups: Ann Long will contact interest group chairs before August.

Corresponding Secretary: A thank you note was read from Mehri Cowan.

Membership: Sandy Camargo reported that 44 members have paid dues for 2014-15. Dues will be forwarded from the old year to the new for one member who had difficulties contacting an interest group.

Newsletter: Ann Campbell would like articles for the next newsletter to be submitted by July 1. Bob Davis suggested reprinting the cover sheet of the newsletter to show the club's new mailing address. Photos of various interest groups could be featured in each newsletter. Linda Lopez suggested that everyone be sent a paper copy of the newsletter, including those who want an email copy. Investigation and discussion of cost is ongoing.

Publicity: No chair. Members should look for opportunities for publicity.

Scholarship: Susan Haney was not present; no report. See new business.

Historian: Sandi Thomas is still waiting to visit Vivian Larson's home to retrieve old files.

Web Master: Mike Haney will need an assistant to work on updating the website.

New Business

Ideas for the Scholarship Committee:

Let the committee decide who gets scholarships based on need.

Ideas for restructuring the job of Treasurer:

The treasurer must ask PayPal to send club receipts to the club's Busey Bank account. A PayPal administrator would be useful.

If donations are made directly to the Foundation by credit card for the club's benefit, the Foundation charges its credit card fee to the club, effectively reducing the donation.

Susan Haney has the club's sales tax number for reporting sales of items to the State and to the Federal government. Let the new treasurer and assistant treasurer sort this out.

Remarks from incoming president Sarah Wisseman:

Outgoing board members are requested to send Sarah a summary of the past year, including details of job, duties, what/when. She suggests that the club buy a Power point projector for its own use, for meetings and for interest group use.

Please contact Sarah at suwissem@gmail.com or via the club's email account with your suggestions.

Next meeting will be on August 25, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Sarah Wisseman's house.

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary