

**The Illinois Club
Board Meeting
January 26, 2015**

The Illinois Club Board met at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the home of Sarah Wisseman. Attending were Sarah Wisseman, Mike Haney, Susan Haney, Ann Campbell, Marguerite Maguire, Carl Altstetter, Kathy Marshak, Sheila Krein, Ann Long, Peri Ceperley and Sandy Camargo.

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Wisseman. Minutes of the last meeting on November 10 were approved with one spelling correction.

REPORTS

President: Sarah initiated discussion about greater use of electronics to reduce effort and costs of paper, printing and postage. The following motion was passed by the Board: Beginning next fall, most newsletters will be electronic (sent in weekly e-blasts). The very few folks who do not have email will receive printed sheets about major events. The directory can be available electronically, with copies printed for those without email. This change will simplify Board functions and save money.

As Nominating chair, Sarah is working on the slate for 2015-16. Carl will help her. The Nominating committee needs help to complete the slate of officers before the March brunch. All Board members will make a couple of phone calls, as directed by the Committee. The good news is that several have already volunteered: we have a President, Newsletter chair, Scholarship chair, Treasurer, Meeting Manager, and Membership Chair so far. Email Sarah with your suggestions.

Treasurer: Pat Thiessen and Jenny Kolkini were not there. A suggestion was made for dues to be paid by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. This will be discussed further.

Meeting Manager: Anne Anderson will continue as meeting manager in 2015-16. The Scholarship Brunch will be held at Hawthorne Suites on Saturday, March 7, from 10:30-12:30. Sarah has invited Cheryl Easter to make a few remarks. The Spring Luncheon will also be held at Hawthorne Suites, on May 14. Mike Haney will arrange PayPal for these events.

Newcomers: Kathy Marshak reported that mentors have done a great job this year, and the program should continue. A potluck on January 25 was attended by 10 old and 6 new members. Spring events include a tour of Prairie Fruits farm April 21 and a performance at the Station Theater February 22.

Tours: Kathy Valdes was not present.

Interest Groups: In October Carl Alstetter informed interest group chairs that their attendees must be dues-paying members of the club, but has had poor response from the chairs. Sandy will help him secure list of interest group members.

Corresponding Secretary: Marcy Joncich was not present.

Membership: Sandy Camargo reported that TIC has 290 members consisting of 140 individuals, 71 couples (142) and 8 associate members. Ann Long will assume the role of membership chair for the remainder of the 2014-15 year, since Sandy is stepping into the role of Vice-President to shadow Sarah. Sandy will be nominated for President for 2015-16.

Newsletter: Ann Campbell said the deadline for printing the next newsletter is 2/25. She sent an email requesting specific information for the newsletter, and it is needed immediately.

Scholarship: Susan Haney reported that the committee will choose finalists next week from among the applicants and will begin interviewing. Eleven awards will be given this year. Susan said that Pat Thiessen has the figures for Scholarship sales, and it is hoped that sales tax was paid to the State by the January 20 deadline.

Publicity: Carrol Bunick was not present.

Webmaster: Mike Haney, no report.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at Susan and Mike Haney's house on Monday, March 30, 2015, thereby avoiding Spring Break March 21-29.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Maguire
Recording Secretary

TICminutesJan2015