

**The Illinois Club
Board Meeting
August 18, 2015**

The Illinois Club Board met at 7p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2015, at the home of Sheila Krein. Attending were Sarah Wisseman, Mike Haney, Susan Haney, Marguerite Maguire, Carl Altstetter, Sheila Krein, Sandy Camargo, Pat Thiessen, Kathy Valdes, Paula Carns, Jenny Kokini, Marcy Joncich, Pat Davis and Carrol Bunick.

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Camargo. Those present introduced themselves. Minutes of the last meeting on May 20 were distributed and approved electronically in May.

REPORTS

President

Sandy Camargo announced that she and Patricia Simpson went to the Big 10 conference in June at Ohio State. She received information packets about other clubs, including samples of newsletters and membership directories. Some clubs included small gifts. Sandy thought the lectures given were useful, but felt there was not enough time spent on breakout sessions, to learn more from other clubs directly from their representatives. The various club booklets will be examined for programs and other ideas. She found our business cards to be very useful. Business cards, notecards, brochures and stationery are available to the Board.

Sandy plans to meet with the University President's wife, Dr. Johnson Killeen, on September 2. Kathy Marshak will also attend that meeting.

Vice President

Paula Carns reported that the Fall Expo will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on September 14 from 4-6 PM. The space will be set up with tables for payment of dues and for interest groups. Board members and Interest Group Chairs can arrive at 3PM to set up, and can stay till 7PM to clean up. Name tags will be available. Kathy Valdes will arrange for ads for the Expo be placed in suitable University publications.

Paula and Sandy will attend the New Faculty Resource Fair on Thursday, August 20, at the iHotel, and Sandy will ask for volunteers to staff the TIC table at the All-Employee Expo on Tuesday, October 20 at the Illini Union.

Treasurer

Former Treasurer Pat Thiessen distributed her final report for 2014-15.

Foundation accounts continue to be a problem. We cannot determine exactly which donations were made in Peri Ceperley's name due to privacy concerns. Christen Mercier, an assistant to Alex Schmidt, may be a good contact for help with the UIF. (Our scholarships are ultimately part of Alex's responsibility and he has a standing offer if we need any help or have any questions that he will gladly assist us. This seems like an area he could help with.)

New Treasurer Jenny Kokini asked banks about bonding the Treasurer, but found out they do not do this. Sandy will help investigate. (Sandy found that Wells Fargo Insurance on South Neil Street does bonding. This information has been passed on to the Treasurer.)

Budget

Pat Thiessen distributed a budget for 2015-16, showing figures for 2013 and 2014-15 for reference. Adjustments were made to the figures for Tours and the Holiday Party. Sales tax is a separate line item. (Note: We pay sales tax on an annual basis at calendar year end. Our State sales taxes are due January 20.) The budget was approved as revised. Jenny asked why the actual figures for opening/closing balances for the Busey bank account and the University account did not tie in with the actual figures shown for income and expenses in 2014-15. Pat said she would meet with Jenny to explain the discrepancy.

Audit

An audit has not been performed for 2014-15. A committee is still being formed.

Membership

Ann Long was not present but sent an email report to Sandy. We have 228 members, 63 couples and 102 individuals. Three of these are newcomers. The directory is at the printer and will be proofread on 8/20. 195 copies will be ordered.

Newcomers

Newcomers are members who joined from 2013 to the present. Pat Davis passed around a list of mentors from last year, asking new Board members if they wanted to volunteer as mentors. Mentoring of new club members may be as simple or elaborate as you like, ranging from a call or coffee to answering questions and social events. She passed out a schedule of monthly events for Newcomers for 2015-16. All mentors should come to Newcomer events, and Board members are encouraged to come as well, to represent the Club. Please bring a simple refreshment if you come.

Tours

Sheila Krein discussed carpooling for local tours, rather than bussing, which is expensive and problematic. She plans to organize a tour to the Air Museum in Rantoul, which will be closing soon, and possibly to a Rantoul manufacturer. She will plan a tour of 3D printing at the U of I Maker Lab in January, and will ask the Club to join the Newcomers for their tour of Japan House in May.

Interest Groups

Carl Altstetter discussed the perennial problem of interest group members who do not want to pay TIC dues. Carl should get sign-up lists and send them to Ann Long, who can check them against the member database. Sandy asks to be included in any Interest Group emails: she plans to visit as many interest groups as she can at least once during her term as President, but also hopes being listed will be a way to determine the IG's membership. Painters interest group has been dropped; Women's Sports group has been added for this year.

Corresponding Secretary

Unfortunately the meeting was running very long, and the Corresponding Secretary did not have time to give her report.

Newsletter/Communications

The Newsletter is delayed a bit due to the Newsletter Chair's travels and subsequent illness. A schedule of dates for future digital newsletters will be arranged.

The new directory will be printed soon and mailed to all paid members. It is expected that a supplement to the Directory will be prepared and distributed in mid-November. The supplement would include people who sign up at the Fall Expo as well as newcomers who join later.

Scholarships

Prior to the meeting, the Executive Committee voted electronically to approve Susan Haney's suggestions for 2015-2016 scholarships, which will be awarded in the spring and paid in 2016-17, as follows: Ten \$2300 Make-a-Difference, Purnell and Peri Ceperley scholarships; one \$3600 Judith Ikenberry scholarship, one \$3000 Haney Social Work scholarship and one \$3000 STEM scholarship. Jenny asked why the amounts in the scholarship accounts are less than the proposed scholarship amounts, and Susan said that additional funds will be added before the scholarships are awarded. Deadline for Scholarship applications is November 1.

Webmaster

Mike Haney has created a more user friendly Interest Group portal under the TIC website. Interest Group chairs should send photos and other tidbits to Mike to make their pages more interesting. An index for Drop Box would be useful. Mike Haney has agreed to construct one; Sandy will add any documents that arrive after the Index is created.

New Business

Carl Altstetter discussed iHelp, a resource to find Illinois student volunteers to help with any project.

NEXT BOARD MEETING TBD, around 16 November.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Maguire
Recording Secretary

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