

**The Illinois Club
Board Meeting
November 5, 2015**

The Illinois Club Board met at 7p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at the home of Marguerite Maguire. Attending were Mike Haney, Marguerite Maguire, Sheila Krein, Sandy Camargo, Paula Carns, Marcy Joncich, Ann Long, Ann Campbell, Angie Prendergast and Carrol Bunick.

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Camargo. Minutes of the last meeting on August 18 were distributed and approved electronically in August.

REPORTS

President

Sandy Camargo and Kathy Marshak met with the University President's wife, Dr. Johnson Killeen, on September 2. Dr. Johnson Killeen was cordial but non-committal. She is employed at the University and is very busy. TIC will send the Drs. Killeen written invitations to our 2015 Holiday party. The Holiday Party in December 2016 will be held at the President's House, following the biennial tradition.

Susan and Mike Haney, Sandy Camargo, and Pat Davis attended the All Employee Expo to hand out TIC materials. It was a worthwhile event: it doesn't cost anything, and people showed interest, but we may have only one new member as a result.

Communications/Webmaster

TIC now has six methods of communications. They are 1) Weekly email news in "Mail Chimp" format, 2) Digital quarterly newsletter, 3) Website, 4) Print, 5) Facebook and 6) Calendar. All members will receive one printed newsletter in August, along with the Club Directory; as well as event registration forms prior to the three main Club events (Holiday Party, Scholarship Brunch, and Spring Luncheon).

Mike Haney has made some excellent improvements to TIC's main webpage and to Interest Group pages. He has added a Scholarships Gifts page.

Sandy, Ann Campbell and Mike met to discuss privacy issues in relation to our digital communications. Mail Chimp archives everything, and these archives will naturally be open-access rather than password-protected. It is thought best to list first name/last initial only plus phone number for Interest Group contacts, with no addresses. TIC members in each interest group will receive the info they need for each meeting from their chairs.

Vice President

Paula Carns reported that this year's Holiday Party will be held on December 10 from 5:30-7:30 in the Colonial Room in the Illini Union. Member tickets will cost \$15; guest tickets will cost \$20. Mike Haney will set up PayPal to accept payments with a \$1 surcharge.

A menu of assorted appetizers and mini desserts has been selected, accompanied by coffee, hot cider or tea. A cash bar will be available. Total cost per person will exceed ticket price, with the Club making up the difference as a holiday gift to members. Quiet background music will be provided by electronic means.

Invitations with reservation forms will appear in the November digital newsletter; forms will also be mailed soon to members, along with the supplementary directory.

Treasurer

Jenny Kokini was not present. Assistant Treasurer Angie Prendergast presented Jenny's statement of account activity from July 1-October 30. Balances at 10/15 were as follows: Busey Bank, \$18,855.59; University Account, \$1989.48. Marguerite suggested that common names such as "Dues" be used for activity details in place of or in addition to "Batch #," for greater understanding. Angie will pass this along to Jenny.

Jenny asked Angie to call Wells Fargo Insurance to learn more about bonding the Treasurer, as required by our Constitution. Angie spoke to many persons but could not get a good explanation of what is involved. Apparently our organization has to be insured before an officer can be bonded, and TIC is not insured. Since TIC is not incorporated, each officer would be liable in case of law suit. Sandy told Angie to Google "Surety Bonds, Campaign" for more information. This topic will be continued.

Audit

The Audit Committee, consisting of Carol Rebeiz, Karen Paulsen, and Shirley Splittstoesser, met on September 3. They found the books for 2014-15, presented by outgoing Treasurer Pat Thiessen, to be accurate, and thanked Pat for her attention to detail.

Membership

Ann Long reported that we have 274 members, 75 couples and 124 individuals. Nineteen of these are newcomers. The names of two couples and two individuals with no affiliation to the University were presented for approval for membership, and this was granted by the Board. The new members are Dottie Fanning, Jinqin Liu, Peggy and Chris Huson, and Cathy and Dave Jackson.

Ann has been sending emails to members, thanking them for renewing their memberships and also for making gifts to the scholarship funds. TIC will write thank you notes as long as we know who is making a gift. Mike Haney keeps track of gifts made online, but the club does not know who makes gifts direct to the U of I Foundation. The Foundation also send thanks and a tax receipt for any gifts it receives, whether directly to UIF or through TIC. (Note that these documents are only furnished to members who write a check directly to UIF. If they combine their donation with their dues in the same check, the Club has to write out a new check to UIF, so the UIF will have no record of the original donor.)

Newcomers

Pat Davis sent a written report. Summer Newcomer events included 3 outdoor concerts with each being attended by 6-15 people. Fall events (Wine and Cheese and Krannert backstage tour) were poorly attended. On November 19 a tour of Common Ground food coop with lunch from their deli is scheduled. Poor response may be due in part to daytime scheduling. All Newcomers are informed of the events, but many seem to join TIC with a certain interest group in mind, and are satisfied with that activity alone.

Four more events are planned for the second semester.

Tours

Sheila Krein reported on the Club tour on October 8 to a Rantoul helmet manufacturer, lunch and tour at Generations of Hope, and the Rantoul Air Museum. 21 members and 1 guest attended, and income exceeded expenses by \$64 (well done!). She is planning a tour of 3D printing at the U of I Maker Lab on January 29 from 4-5PM, followed by optional dinner at Biaggi's. Members may sign up for either or both events. Reservations are required. Information and signup will be in the newsletter.

Interest Groups

Carrol Bunick reported that most Interest Group members were dues-paying TIC members. She uncovered 5 who had not paid, and of those 2 have since paid dues. She will continue to monitor the lists.

Sandy reported on the new interest group Women's Sports. The group will attend volleyball (very popular), soccer, swimming (not so popular), basketball and softball games. Some games are free and some require admission.

Ann Campbell reported on the new interest group Walk and Talk. The group meets Friday mornings to spend an hour walking in area parks. The most popular part is going for coffee afterward.

Corresponding Secretary

Marcy Joncich will send cards as needed. She reported that Beth Carbonneau is ill.

Scholarships

Susan Haney sent a written report. So far there are 29 full or partial scholarship applications. The deadline is now November 16, and about 75% of the expected 150-250 applications undoubtedly will be submitted in the last 3 days before the deadline. 4800 qualified students are being sent email reminders, and additional specialized reminders are going to students who qualify for Purnell, Ikenberry and Haney scholarships. Dropbox is working out well for posting downloaded documents. All current copies of directions for how and what to evaluate are also there, as well as suggested replies to questions that come in before an application arrives, as well as for issues with applications. The Scholarship committee should be able to get the first set of applications for winnowing around the second week of December.

New Business

Sandy was contacted by Michigan's club Liaison Officer. Sandy asked her for more information about what she does, and raised the question to the Board whether we need a Liaison Officer in TIC. Discussion to be continued.

The Nominating Committee is being formed. Members include Carrol Bunick (Chair), Carl Altstetter, Paula Carns, and Pat Davis. Three others will be appointed by Sandy from the general membership.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be on January 25, 2016, at 7PM at Ann Long's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Maguire
Recording Secretary

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