

**The Illinois Club
Board Meeting
January 25, 2016**

The Illinois Club Board met at 7p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016, at the home of Ann Long. Attending were Mike Haney, Marguerite Maguire, Sheila Krein, Sandy Camargo, Marcy Joncich, Ann Long, Ann Campbell, Kathy Valdes, Pat Davis, Carl Altstetter and Carrol Bunick.

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Camargo. Minutes of the last meeting on November 5, 2015 were distributed and approved electronically in November.

REPORTS

President

Sandy Camargo reported that this is a quiet time for her.

Vice President

Sandy Camargo reported for Paula Carns, who was absent. The Holiday Party in the Colonial Room in December was well attended by 56, and arrangements for cash bar and appetizers went well. It was suggested that this should be the location for future “alternate year” Holiday Parties, in spite of issues with parking. Dr. Roberta Johnson Killeen has agreed to have next year’s Holiday Party at the President’s House. TIC will assume the expenses for that event, and will charge members accordingly.

A flyer for the Scholarship Brunch was passed for review. The brunch will take place on Saturday, March 5, at Hawthorn Suites in Champaign. Each Scholarship winner will be invited to bring one person as a non-paying guest, with the emphasis on ONE. A lavish buffet brunch will be offered for \$18/members, \$23/guests paid before February 26, with the price rising to \$23 for all after that date. Brunch will be followed by remarks by attending dignitaries and the Scholarship winners. A notice and reservation form will be sent in the mail to TIC members.

Paula and Sandy are working on finding a speaker for the Spring Luncheon on May 5. Sandy thinks she has located someone suitable in the Liberal Arts field.

Treasurer

No report: Jenny Kolkini was not present, having been trapped in New York by a major snowstorm. A moment was spent in reflection on the life of Assistant Treasurer Angie Prendergast, who died suddenly.

Membership

Ann Long reported that we have 275 members. There were only 4 recent new members, so it was decided that no directory supplement was needed. None of the newcomers needed Board approval. More work will be done on a membership recruitment initiative. Board members were encouraged to talk about TIC and recruit new, younger members.

Newcomers

Pat Davis reported on recent and future Newcomer events. Events are poorly attended, with more Board members appearing than newcomers, the recent Pot Luck being no exception. 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. As a result, a suggestion was made to limit Newcomer events to one per term.

For this year, upcoming events include a tour of the Eastern Illinois Food Bank on February 18, attending a WILL tour and live taping on April 7, and a visit and tea ceremony at Japan House on May 18. This last event is a joint effort with Tours. All members may attend these events, and they will be advertised in the upcoming newsletter. It was suggested that, in future, the Newcomer committee join with TIC Tour committee for tours/events open to newcomers and all TIC members. Assigning mentors to newcomers may be more effective in integrating them into TIC. It was suggested that TIC buy an ad on the Chambana Moms blog to advertise TIC and attract younger members.

Scholarships

Susan Haney was not present, but sent a report that the scholarship applicants have been told that the semi-finalists will be interviewed on Saturday, either February 6 or 13, at Roger Adams Lab. The scholarship applications have been distributed electronically to committee members for their rankings of their portion of the applications. The committee as a whole now must meet to integrate these listings and choose finalists to interview. It is imperative that the committee meet soon to complete this work, which is behind schedule.

Tours

Sheila Krein reported on the upcoming tour of 3D printing at the U of I MakerLab on January 29 from 4-5PM, followed by optional dinner at Biaggi's. Reservations are required, but the tour is free. Over 40 have signed up for the tour, and 22 for dinner. She sent out details by email to those who signed up.

Communications / Webmaster

Webmaster Mike Haney reported that he will remove Angie Prendegast's name from the list of TIC officers. Kathy Valdes is working on recreating newsletter templates, which had been corrupted. Ann Campbell is working on a one-page USPS mailing about the Scholarship Brunch and also the slate of officers for 2016-17, which must be announced to the membership before voting occurs at the brunch. Ann reported that if a member "unsubscribes" from the weekly email news in "Mail Chimp" format, this does not mean she unsubscribes from all electronic communications. Ann must manually unsubscribe the member from the ListSery, and, of course, the member's name and address are still listed in the Directory. The problem of duplicate emails was discussed. If you know someone without email, please share non-USPS news.

Four TIC communications are mailed via USPS each year:

Fall: full-sized newsletter with directory of members;

Holiday Party notice/signup, directory supplement;

Spring Scholarship Brunch notice/signup, with Slate for upcoming year;

Spring Luncheon notice/signup.

Kathy as Assistant Communications Chair should also be Big Ten Liaison Officer, to exchange lists of officers and newsletters with other clubs.

Interest Groups

Sandy Camargo reported on the new interest group Women's Sports. The group attended volleyball, soccer, swimming and basketball games, and will attend softball and gymnastic meets in future.

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

Both groups are doing well, and the Board formally voted to approve them as part of the Interest Group stable.

Suggestions for future interest groups include Art History, and Living Room Chats, an informal lecture series.

Corresponding Secretary

Marcy Joncich sent cards to Claire Skaperdas, whose husband died; to Margrit Mistry, whose husband died; to Angie Prendegast's family; and get-well wishes to Carl and Yolanda Deal. She also sent thank-you notes to those who donated to the Peri Ceperley Scholarship. Ann Long reported that she too had sent notes to the donors.

New Business

Sandy was contacted by Purdue's Women's Club, which wants to exclude a man from membership in the club. After discussion it was decided that Sandy would tell Purdue that TIC has no experience, legal or otherwise, with such a matter.

The Nominating Committee of Carrol Bunick (Chair), Carl Altstetter, Paula Carns, Pat Davis, Susan Haney and Kathy Marshak have met and have made excellent progress with the slate. They will continue their work to fill the remaining openings.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Monday, March 14, at 7pm, at Sandy Camargo's house.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Maguire
Recording Secretary

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