

**The Illinois Club Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, 06 November 2017**

The Illinois Club Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017, at the EnterpriseWorks building. Attending were Kathy Valdés, Julia Schmidt, Kathy Marshak, Libby Johnston, Allan Penwell, Mike Haney, Jenny Kim, Linda Lopez, Patty Gropp, Marita Romine, Ann Campbell, Judith Robinson, Alice Taylor, and Annette Buckmaster.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Valdés

REPORTS

President: Kathy Valdés

Kathy Valdés welcomed everyone and reminded that the Minutes from August meeting had been approved via email.

The database review committee was formed including Kathy Valdés, Ann Campbell, Mike Haney, and Jenny Kim. The group had an initial meeting in October to discuss options. The group determined that building a new system from scratch would not be feasible. Action items were to reach out to shareholders to identify weaknesses and needs we could address if we continue with the current system, or to reach out to experts to find an existing system that would better meet our needs.

Kathy Valdés attended the University's All Employee Expo with Sandy Camargo, Patty Gropp, and Linda Lopez.

Meetings/Events: Kathy Marshak

Kathy Marshak reported on the Fall Expo at the Champaign Public Library on September 8. Attendance consisted of 57 returning and 8 new members for a total of 65 attendees. Food was ordered for 60. The time block was earlier this year (3-5) because the library had limited hours when the room was reserved. Next year we will return to the 4-6 time for better attendance.

Holiday Party Tuesday, December 5 from 4 – 6 PM at Milo's Restaurant in Urbana. The cost will be \$18 for members and \$23 for guests. Menu will be appetizers and sweets, with nonalcoholic beverages included and full bar available. Musical entertainment will be provided by three students from the UI Lyric Theatre; each will be given a \$50 honorarium. Reservation and cancellation deadlines are Friday, November 24.

Future events: Scholarship Brunch, March 3 at I Hotel. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to set the cost to \$18 for members and \$23 for guests for the Brunch.

Scholarship recipients will be able to bring up to 2 guests for no charge, and will pay for additional guests. The Spring Luncheon is May 4 at SilverCreek Restaurant with guest speaker Gene Robinson of IGB. Cost is to be determined at a later date.

Treasurer: Allan Penwell and Marita Romine

The bank balance is healthy at around \$20,000. Membership dues are on track with the budget. At this point in the year, there is a projected loss of ~\$1,920. Some events are being subsidized by club funds and a \$1,000 scholarship donation was made to the one-time Sesquicentennial Scholarship in honor of the University's sesquicentennial.

Past president Ingrid Hutchings is working on finding a sponsor at the University to maintain our University account.

Board members are reminded to submit receipts and follow the expense reimbursement process (form is on the website on the "Board" page).

Scholarships: Jenny Kim reported for Sandy Camargo

For 2017-18, there will be 10 Scholarships awarded: 8 awards of \$3,000 each (some combination of Global Focus, Purnell, and Make-A-Difference (MAD)), a single Sesquicentennial Award for \$3,000, and a \$4,200 Ikenberry Award. There were 109 scholarship applications this year, 6 applied for an Ikenberry award, 4 for the Sesquicentennial Award, 8 for the Purnell Award, 26 for Global Focus, and 55 for a MAD award. Applicants who are not considered for the Global Focus, Purnell, Sesquicentennial, or Ikenberry Awards will be considered for a MAD. Ten applicants did not qualify for any of our awards.

The committee members are in the process of reviewing applications. The committee plans to meet before the Thanksgiving break to decide on whom to interview; interviews will be held on January 20 and 27

In 2016-2017 we received 164 applications and interviewed 29 applicants. We awarded the following scholarships: 6 MADs, 1 Global Focus, 2 Purnells, and 1 Ikenberry.

Communications: Libby Johnston

The e-news delivery is going smoothly. The November quarterly mailing with directory was mailed on Friday, November 3 and began to arrive in mailboxes on November 6.

Membership: Patty Gropp and Judith Robinson

Membership report: Total 259 members including individuals, couples, and newcomers.

Membership Directory Kathy Valdés thanked Patty and Judith for the excellent work in pulling the directory together. Kathy Marshak suggested a different cover color next time.

New members with no University connections were approved for membership: Lynn Bruff, Diane Fairchild, Bette Long, Lori Gordon, Jan Hyland & Steven, Joyce Changnon, Lisa and Richard Morgan, Koichi Sasamori. New members with University connections do not require approval from the Board.

Newcomers: Linda Lopez

Linda Lopez contacts all the new members by email and invites them to activities. Upcoming events are a tour of the Cattle Bank for 30; a visit to a working farm; an Irish Tea at the B&B; the CU4 Dinner at Krannert has 4 newcomers attending. There was discussion about asking for donations for the Champaign Historical Museum at the Cattle Bank. Suggested donation will be \$3 per person. The club will make up the difference out of newcomer funds.

Interest-Groups: Julia Schmidt

The expo went well with 3 new groups offered. One – Book Exchange – did not generate sufficient interest to carry on and has been suspended.

Each interest group chair has been asked to submit their member lists to Julia Schmidt for comparing to the directory.

There was some discussion about the composition of the Saturday Morning Tea group. If it renews for next year, it was suggested that a more descriptive name would be helpful. It was determined that the group serves a wider university visitor purpose. Foreign students are invited in order to mingle with and get advice from established TIC members, and TIC members are encouraged to come at any time. The nature of the group is that attendance varies from week-to-week and, unlike other more traditional interest groups, there will not be an expectation of a membership list being provided.

Linda Lopez suggested a Game Night Group for a future interest group.

Nominating committee: Julia Schmidt

Julia Schmidt will convene the Nominating Committee of up to 7 members including herself, the Vice President (vacant), Newcomers Chair, Assistant Interest Groups Chair, and three other members (at least 2 of which should be past presidents.) The committee will try to meet and present a slate by early February for publishing in the February mailing.

Tours: Annette Buckmaster

Magic Motors Tour was very successful and enjoyable. Thirty-two people attended the tour and 27 attended the lunch at Silvercreek afterwards. The lunch after had a small misunderstanding, resulting in expenses exceeding the income by \$54.42.

Upcoming tour on February 7, 2018 at 5 PM will be of the newly renovated Natural History Building led by Steve Marshak with possible dinner to follow.

Corresponding Secretary: Alice Taylor

No Cards sent

Webmaster: Mike Haney

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Member database: reported under President's Report

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be January 22 at 7 p.m., at the EnterpriseWorks Building.

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Campbell for Recording Secretary