

The Illinois Club Minutes, 3/26/2018

The Illinois Club Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018, at EnterpriseWorks. Attending were Kathy Valdés, Julia Schmidt, Sandy Camargo, Ann Campbell, Libby Johnston, Jenny Kim, Sheila Krein, Linda Lopez, Marita Romine, and Cathy Jackson. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Kathy Valdés.

President, Kathy Valdés

The January minutes were approved via e-mail.

The auditing committee will meet in the summer.

The tea for the old and new TIC Boards will be Friday, May 18, at 3:45.

There is a Google calendar for the TIC Board for board members to indicate availability and extended absences. The Assistant webmaster Ann Campbell can get board members connected to the calendar.

Meetings and Events, e-mailed by Kathy Marshak and reported by Kathy Valdés

Scholarship brunch was held on March 3, 2018, 10-noon at the IHotel in the Quad Room. Attendance was 75 (working estimate 65). Students & guests: 31; members & guests: 44. Communication gap between event and catering departments meant adjusting the seating that morning—lesson of the day for event coordinators is to come early in case anything needs to be addressed. There were also some issues with the food not being refreshed and kept hot. Total cost: \$1575; total income: TBD

Historical notes based on records on hand:

2017 at IHotel, attendance 65 (22 students & guests, 43 members & guests). Total cost \$1422, total income: \$849

2016 at Hawthorne Suites, attendance 77. Total cost \$1589.

2015 at Hawthorne Suites, attendance 48. Total cost \$1826.

2014 at Illini Union. Total cost \$1647.

2013 at Hawthorne Suites. Total cost \$1073, total income \$800.

The Spring luncheon will be held May 4, 2018, 11:30-1:30, at Silvercreek Greenhouse. Parking is available at the building plus in the large lot across the street. An accessible entrance is directly into the room from outside, to the right of the building. Speaker is Gene Robinson, Director, Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, Swanlund Chair and Center for Advanced Study Professor in Entomology and Neuroscience. His topic is *How Genomics is Changing the World--With Help from the IGB*.

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Cost is \$17.70 per person (\$15 plus 18% service charge, no tax) when we bill through the University. No charge for room, podium, mike, screen, projector. Working count is 60, notification date to restaurant is Friday 4/27. Reservation deadline will be Tuesday, April 24. Meal is a buffet with grilled chicken or grilled portabella mushroom sandwiches (cut in half) and green salad with choice of dressings. Beverages included are tea and coffee, iced tea, lemonade, soft drinks. If we want to add cookies (\$4 per person) or dessert bites (\$5), Board will need to approve the additional cost.

Optional costs with service charge included:

- \$17.70 with savory options only
- \$22.42 with cookies
- \$23.60 with dessert bites

Moved by Ann Campbell, seconded by Sandy Camargo, that we include cookies in the menu. Approved unanimously.

We will continue with the \$18/23 price point as used for other events this year. This was approved at the January Board meeting.

Treasurer, e-mailed by Allan Penwell and reported by Marita Romine and Kathy Valdés

- The checking account balance is \$16,879.46.
- The cost of the scholarship brunch is \$1,414.18 which is paid out of the University account in March. The transfer to this account will pay the account down to \$1.00. Note the carryover balance as reported to Allan is \$2,384.45 which is an accumulation of year-end sweeps that is the University practice. We are in the process of changing our University contact, and Allan is hopeful we can have this balance refunded to us.
- The PayPal account was swept to leave a zero balance.
- There is a year-to-date third quarter profit of \$452.27.
- Income and expenses are projected for the end of the year. A deficit of (\$1,920.00) was budgeted to include our \$1,000 scholarship distribution as well as using operating cash to cover some of the event expenses. At this point, it appears the deficit will be cut by over \$1,000 which is positive.

All looks good from a financial perspective.

Scholarships, reported by Sandy Camargo

There was very positive feedback about the Scholarship Brunch, and it was nice that so many Board members could attend.

We awarded 10 scholarships this year: 4 Make-a-Difference awards, 2 Sesquicentennial awards (a special award for this year only), 1 Isabelle Purnell Education award, 2 Global Focus awards, and 1 Judith Life Ikenberry award.

All of our applicants were able to come to the Brunch, with the exception of Trevor Royse, who won a Make-a-Difference award. He is a reservist in the National Guard and had to drill with his

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unit that weekend. He did send in a speech of thanks for Sandy to read to the guests at the Brunch. All of the winners were impressively articulate. The grandfather of one of the Sesquicentennial winners told Sandy afterward that our recognition of these young people meant more to them than the money attached to their awards.

This year's work will be done as soon as Sandy finishes work on the press releases celebrating the winners, which are sent to UI's Public Affairs department.

We will have a slightly larger committee next year: besides Sandy and Jenny Kim, our four Ann's—Ann Campbell, Anne Heiles, Ann Long, and Ann Webbink—will return, and will be joined by Sharon Grogan and Patricia Simpson. The committee will meet in August before the start of the Fall term to go over procedures, revise the application form where necessary, and set deadlines. We will also know how much money we will have at our disposal, so we will know how many awards we'll be able to give.

It has been the case for some time that the majority of our applicants come from the Business School and the STEM departments. Our work with the Sesquicentennial applicants led one member of the committee to wonder if we couldn't create a new award aimed at Humanists, like we did with the Sesquicentennial and Global Focus awards. This idea will be explored further and presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Membership, report e-mailed by Patty Gropp and reported by Kathy Valdés

We have had 5 people new or renew since last TIC Board meeting, all with U of I connections, so no approval needed. Renewing: 1 member. Rejoining: 2 members. New members: 2 new members.

Also, we received a \$1000 scholarship donation from one of our member couples.

A question was raised about pro-rating membership dues for people joining midyear. The general consensus of the Board is that if people pay their dues in April or May for the following year, they may attend interest groups over the late spring/summer before the year officially begins in July. However, there will be no changes to our policy and we will not be pro-rating membership dues.

Newcomers, reported by Linda Lopez

Linda is looking at an event at Japan House. She is hoping to make arrangements for a tour when the cherry blossoms are at their peak.

Linda explored the idea of an event in June at Hudson Farms. The event was dropped due to the expected cost being too high.

Newcomers continue to be included in the CU4Dinner interest group.

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Interest Groups, reported by Julia Schmidt

Some nonmembers are regularly attending interest groups. We need to encourage these people to join TIC. Two groups with this issue are bridge and supper club. Julia will check with IG chairpersons to see if those non-members listed have either 1) stopped attending or 2) have decided to join TIC.

Tours, reported by Sheila Krein

The tour of the renovated Natural History Building was a success. There were 26 people on the tour, 15 for the optional dinner, and four guests. There is a lot of enthusiasm for next year's tours.

Communications, reported by Libby Johnston

The April quarterly mailing will go out soon. There will be a membership form in that mailing. Dues can be paid at the Spring Luncheon. The next mailing will be in August. The e-news is being produced on schedule.

Corresponding Secretary, reported by Kathy Valdés

Sympathy card sent for Vivian Larson, and Ann Campbell hand-delivered one for Mariella Guttenberg.

Webmaster, e-mailed by Mike Haney and reported by Kathy Valdés

One rather full day was spent performing housekeeping on the Membership database, reconciling duplicate entries and resolving "unnamed" entries that contained valuable data. It is not clear how the database came to be in this state, so there is no way to prevent it from happening again. A backup of the data has been made and posted to DropBox. Although a database meeting with its author (Birgit McCall) was planned, it was postponed due to work related priorities, and has not been rescheduled at this time.

Old and New Business

None.

The next Board meeting will be a tea at Kathy Valdés's house on Friday, May 18, at 3:45 p.m., with tea from 3:45 to 4:30 and the business meeting at 4:30.

Libby motioned to adjourn, seconded by Sheila. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jackson, Recording Secretary

The Illinois Club
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2018

	<u>Mar 31, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Busey Bank	16,879.46
PayPal Acct	1.00
UIUC Acct - Carryover Balance	2,384.45
UIUC Acct - This Year Balance	1.00
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Total Checking/Savings	19,265.91
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Total Current Assets	19,265.91
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>19,265.91</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	18,813.64
Net Income	452.27
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Total Equity	19,265.91
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>19,265.91</u>

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Profit & Loss
July through March 2018

	Jul 17- Mar 18	Projected Thru Jun 18	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dues	6,091.96	6,091.96	5,500.00
Event Income			
Holiday Party	1,216.30	1,216.30	1,300.00
Scholarship Brunch	1,124.83	1,124.83	850.00
Spring Luncheon		1,200.00	1,200.00
Total Event Income	2,341.13	3,541.13	3,350.00
Tours	546.32	546.32	500.00
Total Income	8,979.41	10,179.41	9,350.00
Expense			
Agenda (Printing and Mailing)	1,154.16	1,800.00	1,800.00
Archives	-	50.00	50.00
Event Expense			
Fall Expo	2,429.26	2,429.26	2,400.00
Holiday Party	1,583.55	1,583.55	1,800.00
Scholarship Brunch	1,414.18	1,414.18	1,500.00
Spring Luncheon	-	1,300.00	1,300.00
	5,426.99	6,726.99	7,000.00
Newcomers	78.69	157.00	200.00
Operation, Miscellaneous	-	300.00	300.00
PO Box Rental	-	100.00	100.00
Scholarship Gift Cards	100.00	100.00	150.00
Tours	600.74	600.74	500.00
UI Sesquicentennial Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Website	166.56	166.56	170.00
Total Expense	8,527.14	11,001.29	11,270.00
Net Ordinary Income	452.27	(821.88)	(1,920.00)
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