

The Illinois Club Minutes, May 18, 2018

The Illinois Club Board met at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2018, at the home of Kathy Valdés, for a tea and business meeting. Attending were Kathy Valdés, Julia Schmidt, Marcy Joncich, Ann Campbell, Libby Johnston, Linda Lopez, Lori Choquette, Mary Hodson, Kathleen Weibel, Sharon Grogan, Allan Penwell, Jane Myers, Mike Haney, Judith Robinson, Helen Valentine, and Cathy Jackson. The business meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Kathy Valdés.

President, Kathy Valdés

Kathy Valdés welcomed the outgoing and incoming boards.

The March minutes were circulated and approved in advance via e-mail.

BOARD REPORTS

Meetings and Events

Spring Luncheon 2018, reported by Kathy Marshak (submitted by email and read by Kathy Valdés)

The Illinois Club Spring Luncheon 2018 was held at Silvercreek Greenhouse, Friday, May 4, 2018, 11:30-1:30. A lovely location but a little warm due to beautiful sunny weather. We generally hold this event on the first Thursday in May, but due to our speaker's schedule we set it for Friday, which unfortunately conflicted with the Krannert Art Museum Guild spring luncheon.

Our speaker, Gene Robinson, presented a talk on "How Genomics is Changing the World--With Help from the IGB." Although his slides were not easy for all to see due to the aforementioned beautiful day, the talk was fascinating and clearly presented.

Attendance was billed at 56 total, including the speaker and his wife, whose meals were covered by the Club. We experienced some PayPal glitches, and a few paid but didn't end up attending, with no refunds. Total Club cost: \$1255.52; total Club income: \$985.25. The Board had agreed to absorb the cost of dessert.

Transition from Old Year to New Year, reported by Janice Hiland (submitted by email and read by Kathy Valdés)

Kathy Marshak has completed the hand-over of her wisdom, guidance and spreadsheet (but has told us she will be available for consultation, as needed)!

Her experience has been very helpful in providing us contact points for various venues and resources. Allan Penwell was also very helpful in explaining the financial processes.

Schedule for Meetings/Events 2018, reported by Janice Hiland (submitted by email and read by Kathy Valdés) and Jane Myers

Fall Expo

The Expo is planned for Tuesday, September 4 at 5-7 PM at the Hyatt Place Hotel in downtown Champaign. Jan Hiland and Stephen Kolderup are coordinating. The later time (5 -7 PM or 4:30-6:30 PM) was requested to allow working members to attend. The meeting room cost waived. Parking is available at hotel and in the area. We will use caterer that works with the Hotel, Dish Passionately. This is not a University. approved caterer, payment will be made from the Busey Bank account.

There was some concern that September 4th is the day after Labor Day. Kathy Valdés will follow up to see if there are other options.

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be in early December at the President's House, the date will be determined by President's office. Jane Myers is coordinating. The President's office has committed to the event but has not yet provided a date, they were on hold until after Commencement. The anticipated time is 4-6 PM.

Scholarship Awards Brunch

The Scholarship Awards Brunch will be Saturday, March 2 at the IHotel. Jan and Stephen are coordinating. The event will be held in the IHotel - Alma Mater room. The contract has been signed with IHotel using the University account information.

Spring Luncheon

The proposed date for the Spring Luncheon is Saturday, May 4. Jan and Stephen will be coordinating. Based on feedback at a planning meeting, they are seeking a Saturday to allow working members to attend. The location for the luncheon earlier this month was lovely, but had issues with viewing the presentation projection, and was very warm for those sitting in the sun. They are seeking an alternate location and will get it locked down in the coming weeks.

Treasurer, reported by Allan Penwell

Reports are as of May 31, 2018. There may be some deposits for next year's dues remaining this month, but the spring luncheon expense to Silvercreek is probably the last check to write for this fiscal year. Based on this are the following comments:

- A loss of (\$1,920.00) was budgeted, but it looks like this is being cut to (\$384.03) because dues collections were over \$700 higher than budget and some budgeted expenses were not fully used.
- We have four events (expo, holiday party, scholarship brunch, and spring lunch) which were fairly close to budget. These are loss events which are covered by dues.

- All other line items are self-explanatory. Dues for FY18-19 are being collected, and they are in the Prepaid Dues category total of \$2,080.38. When we turn into the next fiscal year, these amounts will be transferred into Dues. Based on the \$2,080.38 collected thus far, we are about one-third of the way to the dues total for FY 2018.

We received a bill from the Urbana Country Club for an event from FY16-17. The bill will be reviewed and contested if necessary.

The University account is changing, and there is ongoing work on finding a liaison within the University system.

Scholarships, reported by Sandy Camargo (submitted by email and read by Kathy Valdés)

Because the UI News Bureau is no longer willing to be involved, the Club will not be sending out press releases celebrating our Scholarship winners. Sandy contacted the winners' local papers, but got no response.

The Scholarship Committee will meet in August, once we've gotten the dollar figure from Jamie McFarling for the scholarship funds available. At that time, we'll settle on the numbers of awards and discuss the possibility of a scholarship dedicated to students working in the Humanities. Once we have a description of such an award, we'll share it with the Board for their input and, hopefully, support.

Membership, reported by Judith Robinson

The membership numbers are as follows: 112 individuals renewing, 65 couples renewing, for a total of 278 people; 20 new individuals, 8 new couples, for a total of 36 people.

There are a number of problems and discrepancies with the membership database. These affect mailings, the directory, and the identification of newcomers.

Some members are confused about whether or not they've renewed. This has been ongoing. Duplicate renewal checks for a member are held and voided. The membership year ends June 30

Newcomers, reported by Linda Lopez and Sharon Grogan

Reaching out to Newcomers for FY 2017-18 included:

- Ice Cream at the Red Bicycle in Urbana
- Lecture at Allerton Library
- Tour of Allerton House
- Tour of Champaign County History Museum
- Riggs gathering after tour with pulled pork and other goodies
- Newcomers have been asked to join CU4Dinner each month
- Announcements were sent to Newcomers to see Japan House/Garden/Cherry Blossoms (weather did not cooperate for scheduled event.)
- Announcement sent for Spurlock Museum special events.

- Announcement sent for Community Service Day at U of I Stadium and Mom's Weekend events.

Other venues were investigated but not booked due to timing or expense (Irish Tea, Hudson Barn and potluck)

There are no specific meetings for Newcomers other than the events.

Tentative summer events for Newcomers include:

- a trip to Jarling's (June)
- a Krannert tour followed by a visit to Krannert Uncorked (June)
- the Monticello Railroad Museum (July 20)
- the Flying Monkey Café at Curtis Orchard (August 26).

Newcomers' events are open to Newcomers first, then to other members on a space-available basis.

Interest Groups, reported by Julia Schmidt

Julia handed out the summer schedule for the interest groups.

Interest group meetings show up in the online calendar and are reported in the e-news.

Interest group chairs should make sure the description of each group on the website is what the chair of the group wants.

Any group that no longer has a chair becomes dormant but can be revived if interest revives and a chair is found.

Tours, reported by Sheila Krein (submitted by email and read by Kathy Valdés)

The tours this year were very well received. On October 21, we visited Magic Motors, a private antique car and clothing museum in Urbana, and then had lunch at Silvercreek, the owner's restaurant. On February 7, 2018, we had a tour of the newly renovated Natural History Building on campus, and many joined us for the dinner at The Bread Company.

Tour ideas for the 2018-19 year:

The Tour Directors have met and have made some tentative plans. They would like your feedback. Pat Cardenas reports from England that she is planning a tour to Decatur to visit two historic houses, perhaps a museum located near one of them, and lunch in the historic district. The date is not set, but she is thinking around the holidays. She was told both houses are beautifully decorated then.

Another tour possibility, perhaps for next spring, would be to the new Wildlife Clinic facility at Vet Med. It opened/opens this May and they do give tours. Combined with that she also thought of a tour of the Student Life Archives, part of the University Archives. Student Archives is

located in Orchard Downs, very close to Vet Med. She talked to the librarian who is quite happy to give a tour. Those two tours can be done the same day.

Nils talked about an agricultural/farm event, possibly including tours, for the fall. Another idea was to go a ship/maritime museum in Sadorus.

Communications, reported by Libby Johnston

The quarterly mailings for the year went out as scheduled. The e-news has been weekly during the academic year, but will be switching to biweekly for the summer, beginning Memorial Day through sometime in August. Report any upcoming events to Libby for inclusion in the e-news by the Thursday before the e-news goes out. There are four mailed newsletters timed around TIC's main events: the expo, the holiday party, the scholarship brunch, and the spring luncheon. The directory goes out in the November mailing.

Event photos can be posted on the TIC Facebook page. Administrators of that page are Kathy Valdés, Ann Campbell, and Sandy Camargo.

Corresponding Secretary

No report this month.

Webmaster, reported by Mike Haney

Please tell Mike if you need something done on the various web pages, rather than assuming he will know. Also check calendars for Mike's availability.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

None.

New Business, reported by Kathy Valdés

Each chair has a Dropbox folder. Ann provides access.

The board e-mail list has been updated so that old board members drop off, and new ones have already been added.

There are club calendars on Google, a board calendar for travel and an event calendar that is published on our website. Ann provides access to the board calendar. Board members can note periods of time when they are not available.

Our proposed calendar for 2018-2019 Board Meetings are 7:00 PM August 27, November 5, January 28, and March 25, locations to be determined. Additionally, there will be an Outgoing/Incoming Board Meeting in May, time, location, and format will be determined at a later date.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Jackson, Recording Secretary

The Illinois Club
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2018

	<u>May 31, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Busey Bank	19,628.58
PayPal Acct	327.63
UIUC Acct - Carryover Balance	553.78
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Total Checking/Savings	20,509.99
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Total Current Assets	20,509.99
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TOTAL ASSETS	20,509.99
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Dues	2,080.38
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Total Other Current Liabilities	2,080.38
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Total Current Liabilities	2,080.38
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Total Liabilities	2,080.38
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Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	18,813.64
Net Income	-384.03
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Total Equity	18,429.61
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	20,509.99
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