



**International Braille Chess Association
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes
Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 10:00 UTC
Zoom**

Present:

Jörgen Magnusson, president
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president
Olivier Deville, secretary
Thorsten Mueller, treasurer

Absent:

Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president

Agenda:

§1 Opening of meeting

§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum

§3 Establishment of agenda

§4 Upcoming tournaments:

We discuss eventual issues regarding upcoming tournaments in 2024 and 2025.

§5 Reports:

We share information since last board meeting.

§6 Membership questions:

We have different proposals regarding countries not in good standing with IBCA. We have to establish a principled and pragmatic rule.

§7 Eventual other questions

§8 Closing of the meeting

§1

Jörgen Magnusson, president, opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

§2

4 members out of 5 are present. The quorum is reached.

§3

The proposed agenda is approved by the board.

§4

2024 Women and junior World championships in Bangalore (India): No invitation has been received yet. A reminder will be sent to the organizers.

No bid for the 2025 Individual World championship has been received at the moment.

2024 Panamerican in Guayaquil (Ecuador): the organizers found funds for the accommodation. They are now looking for funds for the playing hall and the communication. A room has been booked for two night for Piotr Dukaczewski, IBCA 1st vice-president and his wife.

2024 European championship in Ploesti (Romania): we need to make sure that a medical control will be performed on 5 low vision players, as decided by the Congress.

§5

A section on the IBCA website will be open to promote online chess events for blind and visually impaired players.

Tage Johansson is working on a software that will allow blind instructors to produce videos accessible for both blind and sighted users.

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Our Paypal account is still blocked. Other payment solutions like Apple Pay or Google Pay could be considered.

As long as Russia cannot take part in IBCA events, they don't have to pay the fee, but they are nevertheless considered as full IBCA members. Approved by unanimous decision.

A recommendations from the Presidential Board to the Executive Board about countries not in good standing with IBCA will be made:

- All European countries must settle their debt to IBCA. These countries will not be allowed to take part in any IBCA event until their debt is settled. The deadline to settle the debt is May 31.
- The debt of African, Asian and American countries is cancelled. They have till the 31st of May to pay their 2024 annual fee.
- Organizers of IBCA events have the duty to check with the IBCA treasurer whether participating countries owe a debt to IBCA.

Executive Board members will have until March 5 to vote by email.

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No questions.

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No one asking to speak, the president closes the meeting.

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA