

The Illinois Club

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Green Tour

Tuesday, April 20

3:15 ; 4:00; 5:15 p.m.

Gable Home, Business

Instructional Facility &

Joy Thornton-Walter's

Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, April 28

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn

Golden Gopher Room

Celebrating our Golden

(50-year) Members

Guest Speaker –

Sarah Wisseman on

Archeology and Murder

Joint Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

6:30 p.m.

Vivian Larson's home

Potluck & fun!

Market at the Square

1st & 3rd Saturdays

June – October

8:00 – 12:00

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A Letter from the President...

Don't you just love these temperatures? Spring is here! Our hoped-for longer newsletter is going to have to wait for rainy skies. For now, time grows short, Constitutional needs must be met, and it's another 4 pager...

This newsletter is about six Constitutional amendments the Board has approved for you to consider. They will be voted on at the Spring Luncheon. Most are minor changes; the biggest one for most people may be changing when dues are due. I have admired Wisconsin and Ohio for a few years now, because they have their new membership books mailed around September 1. Amazing! In order for us to get there (or closer to there) we need to collect our dues earlier. They have a "Pay in May" way of doing things, and I think that is an idea that we can adopt or adapt.

You do not have to attend the Spring Luncheon to vote, but we would love for you to do both! The amendments will be posted on the website, as well as the new Standing Rules (SR) that the Board has approved.

The new SR's are a combination of new and revised rules. We've also gone from a 1, 2, 3 system of keeping track of them (as they were approved of) to a section by section way, similar to the Constitution. Now if we want to add another SR to the interest group section, we don't have to change half the SR numbers to insert it in this area. We just need to decide is this going to be numbered A6, B1, B2, or C. Much easier!

Among our other decisions this spring are the dues rates for next year. We have approved a new Golden member individual rate, which will be the same as Associate member rates. For Golden couples, you will receive a \$10 discount. Among the new SR's you will notice that Golden members retain full voting rights, even with the discounted rates.

As for our remaining events, the Spring Tour is still open, so sign up by calling me (356-2464). And please let us know if you can't make it, if you have already signed up. We'd hate to hold up parts of the tour while waiting for you to show. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

You also have less than a week (**deadline 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20**) to sign up for the Spring Luncheon. Sarah Wisseman is going to do a terrific job speaking on archeology and murder, so bring along a friend or a spouse if they love mystery books. We're also still looking for pictures to use in our slide show in celebration of our 50-year members, so please call or e-mail me! And come early to vote and to view. ☺

As always, if you have any questions about anything, please just drop me a note or give me a call.

Sincerely, Susan



Constitutional Amendments to be Voted on at the Spring Luncheon

The Board makes the following recommendations:

Article IV., Section 2. B.

Term of Office: Currently the treasurer is the only Board member whose term of office serves from July 1 until June 30 (the fiscal year). It is felt that for continuity, ease of transition from one year to the next, and in fairness to the treasurer, that the assistant treasurer should also serve the same term of office as the treasurer.

Article IV., Section 3. A. 2. c.

Third Vice President's Duties: The only change here is the wording in the parentheses, which deals with where to find the additional duties for this position in the newly renumbered Standing Rules.

Article VI., Section 5.

Nominating Committee: Another minor change. Currently the new Board slate has to be sent to the membership in the newsletter. This new wording allows for a variety of methods to be employed, and brings much needed flexibility to this essential task. The time frame remains the same.

Article VI., Section 7.

Finance Committee: This adds the past president, president, and first vice president to this committee. One or more of these people should have great institutional knowledge, as well as ideas of what needs to be done in the next few years, and where the club needs to go. They should be involved in budgeting and keeping track of expenditures. This will also help the first vice president to start getting acquainted with the intricacies of the club.

Article IX., Section 3.

Scholarship Awards: The last sentence is changed here to reflect how the awards are actually set. Current language limits awards to monies realized during the previous year. Although this seems very clear, it can be interpreted in at least two different ways, since at the time that we set the award amounts, the UIF has already provided us with an estimate of the monies that will accrue over the year (currently about \$20,000) that can then be used to pay for the awards a year later. What constitutes the previous year? Now's last year, or next year's

last year when the money is paid out? Plus, if a fund has accumulated income for several years, the current language only allows for one year's income to be used. This may be contrary to what the donor's wishes are. How can we spend that money? Do we just let that sit forever, helping no one?

Article X.

Dues: We would like to move to the fiscal year for our membership year. This will help us:

- construct a better budget
- spot nonrenewals earlier and remind them
- spot and sort out problems sooner
- get the directory out earlier
- make checking membership easier for interest group chairs.

Text of the Proposed Amendments

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNING BOARD

Section 2. NOMINATION, ELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE OF BOARD MEMBERS

B. ELECTION

The Governing Board members shall be elected by the membership at the annual business meeting. The Board members shall assume their duties at the beginning of the Club year. A Club year is defined as beginning with the passing of the gavel at the spring general meeting. The treasurer and assistant treasurer are the only members of the Governing Board who will not assume duties at that time. They shall assume their duties of office as soon as the books for the previous year are audited at the end of the fiscal year, which is June 30.

Section 3. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

A. DUTIES

2. Vice presidents
 - c. The third vice president shall have the responsibility for directing the interest groups (see standing rules for interest groups for further outline of duties) and

for serving as chair of the Nominating Committee unless the president appoints another for that service.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of seven members: the first vice president, the second vice president, the third vice president, the assistant third vice president, and three members appointed by the president. It is recommended that at least two members of the committee should be past presidents. The third vice president, or another member appointed by the president, shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. This committee shall present its slate to the Governing Board and then submit the slate to the membership in writing no less than one week before the election. The slate of nominees shall be presented for election at the annual business meeting. The slate shall be the president, the three vice presidents, the recording and corresponding secretaries, the treasurer, the meeting manager, the chairs for budget, scholarship, newsletter, membership/directory, publicity, and the assistants to the vice presidents, the treasurer, and the other chairs. If the committee is unable to present a full slate, the Nominating Committee shall continue seeking nominees until the Board has been filled.

Section 7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of the budget chair, the treasurer, the assistant treasurer, the past president, the president, and first vice president. It shall submit a budget to the Governing Board for approval at the first Board meeting of the academic year. The committee shall provide oversight for the club's finances.

ARTICLE IX. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Section 3. AWARDS

Scholarships shall be awarded to students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Scholarship awards may be taken from the interest earned by the Scholarship Fund endowment, from current operating funds, donations, and/or savings at the recommendation of the treasurer and the Scholarship Committee and upon approval of the Executive Committee. Setting of scholarship award amounts should be based on monies realized during prior fiscal years, and realistic expectations of income from the UIF.

ARTICLE X. DUES

The Governing Board shall determine the amount of the annual dues. Dues are payable by July 1st. Members are welcome throughout the year; however, dues are not prorated. The membership year runs from July 1 – June 30.

New Judy Ikenberry Scholarship Fundraisers

We have more prints and note cards as promised! All are gorgeous and make great gifts for any occasion. All profits go to our scholarship funds.

Prints

<i>Illinois</i> – limited edition	17.75" x 13"	\$85
<i>Lord of Chatsworth</i>	13" x 18.75"	\$85
<i>Comte de Burgundy (new)</i>	13" x 18.75"	\$85
<i>Altgeld Hall (new)</i>	15" x 20.6"	\$95
<i>Hallene Gateway (new)</i>	20.6" x 15"	\$95
<i>Tiber Morning (new)</i>	25" x 16.25"	\$100

Each print is signed by Judy. Sizes listed are the approximate measurements of the printed area. Each one comes mounted on foam board backing and shrinkwrapped. To purchase one, please contact us at prints@theillinoisclub.org or call Susan Haney at 356-2464. Note card versions are available too at \$12 for 6, including *Orange Café*.



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The Illinois Club Board 2009 – 2010

Elected Positions

President Susan Haney
1st Vice President, Programs Mary Jo Thomsen
2nd Vice President, Newcomers' Susan Haney
Assistant 2nd Vice President Mary Jo Thomsen
3rd Vice President, Interest Groups .. Cathy Williams
Assistant 3rd Vice President..... Jenny Kokini
Recording Secretary Paula Watson
Corresponding Secretary Vivian Larson
Treasurer..... Debbie Day
Assistant Treasurer Birgit McCall
Budget Chair Sally Spaulding
Newsletter Chair..... Susan Haney
Assistant Newsletter Chair
Membership Chair Susan Haney
Assistant Membership Chair Carol DeVoss
Publicity, Interest Groups..... Pat Thiessen
Publicity, General..... Susan Haney
Scholarship Chair Sandi Thomas
Assistant Scholarship Chair Marcy Joncich
Meeting Manager Jane Myers

Sustaining Member

Past President Ann Long

Appointed Positions

Archivist Vivian Larson
Hospitality Sandy Camargo
Tours Susan Haney
Webmaster Birgit McCall
Scholarship Committee..... Pam Bates
.... Susan Haney, Ted Rowland, Mary Jo Thomsen

*We still need a **Newsletter Chair** for next year.*

If you can't do all the newsletters, but are willing to be responsible for one or two newsletters, please let us know, as this is a viable option.

Please consider volunteering. Thanks!

