

The Illinois Club Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 29, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Alma Bellafiore, 711 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign

The meeting was called to order by President Alma Bellafiore. In attendance were Alma Bellafiore, Peri Ceperley, Bob Davis, Mike Haney, Susan Haney, Jane Heaton, Libby Johnston, Sheila Krein, and Kathy Marshak.

Approval of Minutes - Jane Heaton

The minutes of the August 21 meeting were approved as corrected.

President's Report - Alma Bellafiore

--The Illinois Club had a presence at the UI Student Volunteer Fair, at which the Scholarship program was explained to students. The fair was not attended as well as in the past.

--The Illinois Club also had a presence at the Employee Fair, and there was lots of interest.

--Alma brought cards that contained a brief explanation of The Illinois Club. Board members were encouraged to take some and pass them out to potential members.

--The Board/Newcomer mixer went well.

Treasurer - Mary Jo Thomsen

The electronic treasurer files got corrupted, and Mary Jo was trying to reconstruct them. Mary Jo presented the current budget, and she will be making corrections.

Vice President - Peri Ceperley

--Peri will make a reservation for next year's Fall Expo, which will be September 13, 2013. She will try to get the same room at the Hilton Garden Inn as we had this year.

--This year's Holiday Reception will be December 13 at the President's House, hosted by President and Mrs. Easter. There will be a \$10 charge for members and a \$15 charge for guests to offset food costs. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, December 13.

--The Scholarship Awards Brunch will be March 2 at Hawthorn Suites.

--The Spring Luncheon will be May 2 at the Urbana Country Club.

Newcomers -

Upcoming events include:

--A meal at the new Inman Place, prepared by Chef Rick. Details will be forthcoming.

--A tour of the UI Plant Conservatory is planned for March 13.

Tours

--The Bloomington tour went great. A group of 28 visited the Twin Groves Wind Farm, the David Davis mansion, and the White Oak Vineyard.

--The next tour will be of the Buzard Pipe Organ Builders on February 8, followed by

dinner at Destihl.

Interest Groups -

--Interest Group leaders should email information about interest group events to calendar@theillinoisclub.org. This will send the information not only to those who maintain the calendar but to others who need the information as well.

Corresponding Secretary -

Eight cards were sent during the past month. Please notify Roma Chenoweth if you know of instances where a card should be sent.

Membership - Libby Johnston

--The Directory was turned in to Printing Services this morning (October 29), and final copies should be ready to go to Mailing Services on Friday, in time to be mailed with the Newsletter. 310 copies were ordered.

--As of October 29, the number of paid members is:

126 Individual members

146 Couples members

9 Associate members (including 8 Golden members)

8 Honorary members

We have 289 total members.

--According to the Club by-laws, members not affiliated with the University of Illinois (staff, faculty, or alumni) need to be formally approved by the Club Board. The Board approved memberships for the following individuals:

Robert Monti

Elizabeth Monti

Judith Spiess

Stephen Bremseth

Judith Gordon

Newsletter - Bob Davis

--Bob presented the draft of the next issue. He had more material than would fit in the eight pages allotted and asked for advice on how to tighten it up. The newsletter will be mailed with the directory.

--We will save money by requesting to receive address corrections at 50 cents each rather than to receive returns of the entire mailing piece at \$1.10 apiece.

Scholarship - Susan Haney

--We have received more than 80 applications, with only three days until the deadline. This is a record number of applications. Students applied online this year. The Scholarship committee will meet November 7.

--We have a new piece of artwork, Bellagio, an Italian street scene that will sell for \$125.00. It was moved and seconded to authorize Susan to order smaller versions of

the other prints. The motion carried.

Old Business

Big Ten--The committee will begin meeting weekly. They are working on the conference schedule and considering a theme. They will be sending a questionnaire to other Big Ten Clubs.

Ad Hoc membership Committee report--Kathy Marshak presented both long and short versions of the survey results. There will be an article in the newsletter. The committee's report to the board is attached.

New Business

A discussion of Section 10, the Scholarship Standing Rules, was postponed until another meeting.

Next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., January 28, 2013, at Alma Bellafiore's house.

The meeting was adjourned.