

The Illinois Club Board Minutes
8/21/2016

The Illinois Club Board met at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2016, at the home of Ann Campbell. Attending were Ann Campbell, Kathy Marshak, Sandy Camargo, Teal Ashworth, Patty Gropp, Tom Hodson, Sheila Krein, Kathy Valdes, Jenny Kokini, Cathy Jackson, and Carrol Finnigan-Bunick. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Campbell. Those present introduced themselves.

President, Ann Campbell

The president welcomed the Board and introduced the new recording secretary, Cathy Jackson.

She reported on attending New Hire Resource Fair on 8/16. This event did not generate a lot of interest in TIC. Our best resource for attracting new members is word-of-mouth from current members, so all members are encouraged to promote TIC among their friends and acquaintances.

Notecards, brochures, and business cards for TIC are available as needed.

Meetings, reported by Kathy Marshak

Fall Expo will be at the Champaign Public Library on Monday, September 12, from 4-6 p.m. It will be catered by LA Gourmet. Tables will be set up for the interest groups. Interest group chairs may decorate their tables as desired. Each group will get half a table. Tables will also be set up for payment of dues and scholarship donations. Space will be available at 3 p.m. for setup.

The Holiday Party will be held at the President's House on December 8.

The Scholarship Brunch will be held at the I Hotel on March 4.

The Spring Lunch will be held at the Urbana Country Club on May 4.

Treasurer and Budget, reported by Jenny Kokini

Budget was distributed via e-mail before the meeting, with copies also available at the meeting. Historical budget data was also distributed. 2016-17 budget was amended to add \$150 for the Scholarship Committee to use to give \$5 gift cards to the scholarship applicants who are actually interviewed. There are no longer product sales, and dues will be a line item in aggregate, rather than splitting out categories of dues. It was moved by Patty Gropp, and seconded by Kathy Valdes, to accept the budget as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Reimbursement procedures were discussed. For reimbursement, submit a PO with attached receipt to the treasurer, either via mail or e-mail. The reimbursement form is on the Board page

of the TIC website. Scanned or photographed receipts are acceptable. There is a 60-day limitation on reimbursement.

We are sales-tax exempt if we source through the University. The University only handles large printing jobs. For any copying, we should choose black-and-white unless color is needed, as color copies are more expensive.

Each interest group can apply to the treasurer for \$20 a year for concrete expenses such as copying.

It is preferred that, when possible, dues and scholarship donations be paid via separate checks rather than combined. Also, one can donate directly to the Foundation through the TIC website, but then TIC only knows names and an aggregate amount, not individual amounts (which would be helpful for sending thank you notes to donors, etc.).

Bonding for the Treasurer was discussed as protection for both the Treasurer and TIC. Tom Hodson was asked to research this.

The Audit Committee report was presented by Sandy Camargo. The audit committee audited the month of September 2015 and found all to be in order.

Membership, reported by Patty Gropp

As of the Board meeting, there were 176 paid members for the current year, including 72 individual, 50 couples, and 4 newcomers. It is expected that a number of people will renew at the Expo, as has happened in the past. The directory is planned for November.

Newcomers, reported by Teal Ashworth and Ann Campbell

The wine and cheese party for newcomers will be held September 20 at Ann Campbell's house. There are 4 newcomers. Mentoring will occur for one year. The Newcomers group may partner with an interest group.

Interest Groups, reported by Carrol Finnigan-Bunick

The meeting for the interest group chairs will be September 1. The chairs will receive a packet. A new interest group was approved, mentoring for international students. The following interest groups from last year have been disbanded: Drive and Dine, Cordially Yours, Writers Not Anonymous, German, Korean, Krannert, and Literature.

Scholarship, reported by Ann Campbell

TIC will present 7 to 9 scholarships. The STEM and social work scholarships will now be administered by the University. One more member is needed for the scholarship committee. The scholarship application deadline has been moved to October 15, which is earlier than in prior years.

Tours, reported by Sheila Krein

The Lincoln's Trials and Tribulations dinner theater tour to Oakland, IL, will be September 24. The deadline to register is Sept. 12. There will be other events in Oakland that day, suitable for both adults and families.

Other tours being planned include the Center for Wounded Veterans on campus, possibly combined with another campus site, and a tour of Flesor's Candy Kitchen in Tuscola (combined tour with Antiques interest group).

Communications, reported by Kathy Valdes

TIC is now doing 4 postal mailings per year, and the newsletter is entirely electronic. There will be one postal mailing in August.

Old Business, reported by Ann Campbell

Libby Johnston will look into where TIC might best fit in with the U of I Sesquicentennial celebration activities. The campus/public kickoff will be February 28, 2017, and the celebration itself is October 12, 2017, so a TIC event could be slotted sometime between those dates.

New Business, reported by Ann Campbell

Participating in the All Employee Expo on Oct. 18 seems not to be worthwhile, based on past years' experience.

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Jackson, Recording Secretary