

The Illinois Club Minutes, 11/5/2018

The Illinois Club Board met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018, in the Enterprise Works conference room. Attending were Kathy Valdés, Jenny Kim, Ann Campbell, Janice Hiland, Stephen Kolderup, Pat Cardenas, Linda Lopez, Lori Choquette, Mary Hodson, Kathleen Weibel, Sharon Grogan, Allan Penwell, Judith Robinson, Helen Valentine, Jane Myer, Libby Johnston, and Cathy Jackson.

Board Reports

President, Kathy Valdés

Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the board.

The All Employee Expo was October 18. It was covered by Kathy Valdés, Sharon Grogan, Linda Lopez, Janice Hiland, Steven Kolderup, and Ann Campbell. The Club had a drawing for a free membership and received 108 entries. A thank you email with a link to our website sent to those who entered.

Vice President, reported by Kathleen Weibel

Kathleen has a pianist, Ernie Hoffman, for the Holiday Party. The nominating committee will be beginning to seek candidates for next year's Board soon.

Meetings and Events, reported by Janice Hiland, Stephen Kolderup, and Jane Myer

The Fall Expo – Tues. Sept 4 - Hyatt Place Hotel in downtown Champaign, 4:30- 6:30 pm
Food was ordered for 90, and there were 77 attendees. Food distribution could have been improved. Food cost was \$2000. The purposes of the Expo are to allow people to sign up for interest groups and to attract new members. There was a brief discussion about some kind of incentive for bringing in new members.

The Holiday Party – Thurs Dec. 13 – President's Home, 4:30-6:30 pm
Kathy Valdés will contact Mike Haney to set up PayPal for this event. Cost will be \$18 for members and \$23 for guests. Accessibility is available. Estimated attendance is 100. Last year's TIC scholarship winners will be invited. Mailings and flyer are in process.

Scholarship Brunch – Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the I Hotel, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Spring Luncheon – Saturday, May 4, 2019, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Hyatt Place Hotel, downtown Champaign

Treasurer and Budget, reported by Allan Penwell

- Total account balances are just over \$20,000 which is about the same as one year ago.

- Dues income is around \$400 lower than one year ago.
- The Fall Expo was slightly over budget.
- The farm tour event was profitable.
- Remember the budgeted loss of (\$927.00) results from the budgeted expense of \$1,200 for the Big 10 Conference which is held every other year.

Scholarships, report e-mailed by Sandy Camargo and reported by Jenny Kim

The committee has vetted 89 applications, only 6 of which did not meet the basic criteria for consideration. It appears that the changes we've made in our intake process have ensured that no applications fell into the cracks, as happened last year.

The committee members have sorted and ranked the applications in their section of the alphabet (some members had heavier loads than others this year). The awards being discussed are Global Focus, Humanities, Purnell, Make-a-Difference, and the Ikenberry Fine Arts award.

They are now in the process of reviewing those rankings, ahead of meeting this Wednesday evening, when the committee will decide on the candidates to interview in January.

After that meeting, the Chair will communicate with all applicants to advise them of their status. Jenny Kim, the Assistant Chair, will set up a system to schedule the interviews.

Membership, reported by Judith Robinson and Kathleen Weibel

The membership numbers are as follows: 254 total paid members including 63 couples (1 new couple) and 116 individuals (10 new individuals).

Several memberships were submitted for approval because of no university affiliation. Ann Campbell moved, Mary Hodson seconded that these members be approved. Members were approved unanimously.

Newcomers, reported by Linda Lopez and Sharon Grogan

We should remove from the 'previous' events page the info on the RR Museum. We did not get responses and the event was cancelled.

Many thanks to Judith, Kathleen, and Sharon for preparing the Newcomer list for 2018-19. This new list has that date that members joined (and in some exceptional cases rejoined) and are to be a part of Newcomers.

Newcomers are to meet tomorrow November 6, 2018, just as the polls close and their vote is counted. Conversation will focus on TIC and not on the election.

Newcomers have also been invited to join the CU-4Dinner group that will gather at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, November 10.

With the Holiday Party and Tour of Decorated Homes, a separate Newcomer event will probably not be scheduled in December.

There was some discussion that newcomers should be better-identified on their badges and that longer-term members should be reminded to look for newcomers and interact with them.

Interest Groups

No report this month.

Tours, reported by Pat Cardenas

The Farm Tour in October was very successful and very interesting.

On December 4, there will be a tour of two historic homes in Decatur, the Oglesby Mansion and the James Milliken House. There will be a limit of 20, with a wait list.

Spring tours will include the Wildlife Clinic at Vet Med and the maritime museum in Sadorus.

Communications, reported by Libby Johnston

People are reminded to get items for the e-news in by Thursday noon if at all possible and to keep e-news items relatively short.

The November mailer will include the Holiday Party. The February mailer's deadline is January 28 and will include the Scholarship Brunch. The April mailer's deadline is April 1 and will include the Spring Luncheon.

Linda Lopez moved, Mary Hodson seconded, that last year's price for the Scholarship Brunch be approved for this year. Motion passed unanimously. If necessary, these prices can be amended at a future Board meeting.

Historian, reported by Mary Hodson

The archives include 2 bound volumes from 1928-1983. She solicits suggestions on where those should be housed.

The archives also include a number of directories. Mary is looking for directories earlier than 1996, 2010-11, and 2013-14.

There are 6 notebooks collected since 1982, including information on interest groups.

There is some interest in digitizing the archives.

There was some discussion of what to save from this year, such as photos and additional information.

Mary needs contact an Archivist to help her decide how to manage the archives. Kathleen Weibel will find appropriate contacts for Mary.

Corresponding Secretary, e-mailed by Alice Taylor

1 sympathy card was sent.

Webmaster, e-mailed by Mike Haney

Nothing to report this month.

Old Business

None.

New Business, reported by Kathy Valdés

The TIC constitution is to be reviewed with suggestions for updates. We need a committee. Ann Campbell proposed Kathy Marshak. Sheila Krein had previously expressed some willingness to serve on such a committee. Jan Hiland volunteered to be a representative from the current Board.

The next Board meeting will be January 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Enterprise Works.

Linda Lopez motioned to adjourn, seconded by Helen Valentine. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the president at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Jackson, Recording Secretary