

The Illinois Club

Joint meeting of the 2020-21 and the 2021-22 Boards of Directors

Held by ZOOM on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Meeting attended by Carl Altstetter, Sandy Camargo, Ann Campbell, Pat Cardenas, Kristine Chalifoux, Lori Choquette, Pat Davis, Michael Haney, Susan Haney, Lynn Kelly, Jenny Kim, Ann Long, Linda Lopez, Christine Lyke, Matt Macomber, Donna Offenbecher, Judith Robinson, [Kathy Valdes](#), Joyce Wright, Steve Zahos

Meeting convened at 4:03 by incoming President Offenbecher.

- Approval of March 6, 2021 meeting minutes submitted by Julia Schmidt.
Lyke proposed approval, Lopez seconded. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

- Outgoing president Lopez thanked the old-board members and suggested that if they had any notes or guidance about the position that they share it with their successor.
The traditional, pre-COVID, potluck will be held at her house (2102 Meadowbrook Court, Urbana) on June 17 at 5:30.
An area that needs to be addressed is the position of treasurer. Bills that have been incurred should be sent to the treasurer. She stated that the 2020-21 year's books needed to be closed and audited, so that the new budget could be adjusted accordingly.
- Campbell noted that the forms for submitting reimbursement requests are located on the TIC website.
- Susan Haney plans to continue with the monthly E-news and asked that items for the newsletter should be in her hands by the Wednesday before the last Saturday of the month. She will continue to have information about tours and other upcoming events. They will consider print newsletters in the upcoming year .
- Lyke reported that the new directories would be ready in November and that there would be a newsletter in August.
- Long reported that the Wine-lovers interest group would be split into two sub-groups: "chill out with wines", headed by Steve and Ann Long, the traditional get-together with each person/couple bringing a wine and a dish to share and a "wines-in-depth" group with only a palate cleanser provided by the host. ["Wines-in-depth" will be coordinated by Peggy and Chris Huson.](#)
- Robinson asked when the new interest group chairs would begin their term. Lopez replied that that occurs just after this meeting, when the new board becomes official. Mike mentioned that he has already updated the website with the new board member names.
- Communications by email to the incoming treasurer, Jenny Kim, should go to a new email address, when she gets it set up.
- Mike needs to be informed when someone uses PayPal.
- There was a discussion of whether or not we have a calendar specifically for the board. After some discussion, Donna decided that we should continue the practice. It was used mainly for planning board meetings in the summer, so that when members posted when they would be away, those dates could be avoided. Mike mentioned that anything on the TIC calendar could be viewed by the general public: not so for the board calendar. Ann warned that anything E-mailed to a generic address listed on the TIC site should be examined by the recipient to make sure it was authentic and not a scam. Ann warned that spurious items could be added to the TIC website and cautioned that security is a serious consideration. Dittoed by Donna.

New Business

- A bill was received from the Riggs Brewery for \$1158 for the event held there on ~~June 3~~ [May 7](#). The amount of \$800 was budgeted, but the door charge of \$5 pp (= \$250 total) diminished that charge to \$908, which is much closer to the budgeted amount. The expenditure of the difference of \$108 was approved by a unanimous vote.

- Donna asked whether or not the dues should be raised. Matt and Steve warned that events at the I-Hotel may be more costly post their recent expansion. The Holiday Inn on State Street had lower fees. One use of dues is to subsidize events. The scholarship fund is a separate account built on donations.
- After some discussion it was decided to keep the same dues (\$25 per person, \$40 per couple), because this would help us in the post COVID rebuild of the membership. .
- Donna emphasized that the club needs new members. Two new members have joined recently. The next meet and greet at the Riggs Brewery is on July 1, which is an excellent venue for introducing prospective members to TIC. Dues could be collected at this event. Other ideas on encouraging new members should be communicated to Donna.

The next meeting of the board is at 4 PM on August 26, to be held on ZOOM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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