



**International Braille Chess Association
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes
Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 10:00 UTC
Zoom**

Present:

Jörgen Magnusson, president
Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president
Olivier Deville, secretary
Thorsten Mueller, treasurer

Agenda:

- §1 Opening of meeting
- §2 List of participants and establishment of quorum
- §3 Establishment of agenda
- §4 Upcoming tournaments:
We discuss eventual issues regarding upcoming tournaments in 2024 and 2025.
- §5 Reports:
We share information since last board meeting.
- §6 Discussion of document Facing reality for a bright future.
- §7 New and recurring members.
- §8 Eventual other questions
- §9 Closing of the meeting

§1

Jörgen Magnusson, president, opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

§2

5 members out of 5 are present. The quorum is reached.

§3

Paragraph 7 is renamed as Memberships.

§4

Junior and women championship in Bengaluru, India: The women's event seems to be quite successful in terms of participants (up to 25 players if Philippines is able to participate). Liubov Zhyltsova from Ukraine will be present to defend her title. There are fewer players in the juniors' event (14 participants at the moment). Marilyn Bland will be representing IBCA.

Panamerican in Salinas, Ecuador: No recent news about the number of participants. Piotr will be representing IBCA.

Olympiads in Serbia: the event will be held from 16 to 27 June, 2025 in Vrnacka Banja.

.World Championship: The event will be held in Poland in the second half of September, 2025, together with the 1st Rapid IBCA World Championship. The IBCA Congress will take place during the Championship.

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Treasurer's report: see attached document

Thorsten also gives some information on a new tactile electronic board. See the following link: <https://tabutronic.com/product/tabutronic-tactum/>

§6

Jörgen presents a document called facing reality for a fair and bright future. The goal is to start a thinking process about transparency and fair play. A first step has been made by testing 5 players during the European Championship in Romania. This document will be discussed at the next Executive board meeting.

§7

A membership application has been received from Viet Nam. The Presidential board recommends to approve it. A final decision will be taken by the Executive board.

Iran paid the 2024 membership fee and is back as an active member.

Slovakia seems to have a new board, but we are midding information.

Poland: At the moment, the Cross association is representing Poland as an IBCA member, but the Polish Chess Federation is also sending playersto IBCA events. In the future, the Polish Chess Federation may replace Cross as IBCA member. A joint membership may also be possible.

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No questions.

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No one asking to speak, the president closes the meeting.

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA