



**International Braille Chess Association**  
**Executive Board meeting - Minutes**  
**Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 14:00 UTC**  
**Zoom**

**Present:**

Jörgen Magnusson, president  
Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president  
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president  
Olivier Deville, secretary  
Thorsten Mueller, treasurer  
Vladyslav Kolpakov, continental representative of Europe  
Marilyn Bland, board member

**Absent:**

Johannes Grib, continental representative of Africa  
Fernando Daza, continental representative of America  
James Infiesto, continental representative of Asia  
Harrison Nyaga, board member  
Nomin Erdenebat, board member

**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 Eventual other questions  
§7 Closing of the meeting

§1

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

§2

7 members out of 12 are present. The quorum is reached.

§3

The proposed agenda is approved by the board.

§4

European Championship in Ploesti, Romania: There will be 5 medical tests on 5 low vision players from different countries at the beginning of the tournament, performed by an IBSA ophtalmologist. The Blind Sports Federation of Pakistan requests to be accepted as observers at the European Championship. We recommend that they take part to the women and junior championship in Bangalore instead, in order to reduce costs.

The European championship should take place every 2 years; approved by unanimouz decision.

Women and junior championships in Bangalore, India: The official invitation should be available very soon.

Panemrican championship in Salinas, Ecuador: The organizers invited Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president, and Olivier Deville, secretary. Piotr is planning to go. IBCA should encourage American countries to organize more international events.

§5

Information about online events for blind and visually impaired players is now available on the IBCA website.

Chessboards: Sending boards from Europe to Africa is very expensive. The best way in the long run would be to find local producers.

Training videos: the latest version of the software still has bugs, but should be operational in the near future.

The Chess Queens tournament is in progress. 60 players from 18 countries are taking part.

6 Nations tournament in Uppsala, Sweden; there will be a live broadcast with commentaries.

§6

Marilyn gathered the names of at least 4 bilingual arbiters (English-Spanish). One of them may join the Arbiters Commission.

§7

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

Olivier Deville  
Secretary IBCA