

**CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Loring Knoblauch. Present and constituting a quorum were:

<b>Bill Anspach</b>	<b>Steve Donahue</b>	<b>Guy Franklin</b>	<b>Missy Ravid</b>
<b>Phyllis Bartlett</b>	<b>Betsy Downs</b>	<b>Bob Maxson</b>	<b>Jamie Rubenstein</b>
<b>Jan Churchwell</b>	<b>Kathy Fortney</b>	<b>Steve McConnell</b>	<b>Mark Stein</b>

**Also present: DeMaris Johnson, David Joyce**

**Absent: Joe Connelly, Suzi Subeck**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Loring Knoblauch)**

President Knoblauch asked Steve McConnell to chair the Nominating Committee. Betsy Downs and Jamie Rubenstein will co-chair the Communications Committee.

**MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)**

Bill Anspach said a correction is needed to #3 in By-laws Revisions in the Minutes of the December 21, 2023 Board meeting. Correction will be made. Steve Donahue moved to accept the Minutes subject to the correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Phyllis Bartlett moved to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors that was held directly after the Annual Meeting of the Association on January 20, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee (Missy Ravid):** Treasurer Ravid presented a financial report; a report will be made monthly. Expenses stated are for information.

The Finance committee will meet to discuss moving the CCBA account from Chase Bank to Wintrust. She proposed putting \$10,000 into a checking account and the remainder into an interest-bearing savings account that allows six free transactions monthly. Bob Maxson moved to approve the changes "pending committee approval." Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Ravid will report on the status of the CD's (currently held at Consumers Credit Union) later.

**Nominating (Bob Maxson):**

**Website (Betsy Downs):** Kathy Fortney will be Webmaster; Sarik Goyal to help with transition.

**Education/IN (Guy Franklin):** Discussion about holding an I/N Tournament in May, 2025 that could award Sectionally rated (Silver) Points and Gold Rush games. A "mid-level" tournament for players with more than 750 MP's but fewer than 2000 also proposed.

**Tournament Oversight (Jan Churchwell):** David Joyce reported that the Labor Day Sectional will return to the Weber Center in 2024. Dates: Saturday, August 31-Monday, September 2. Bill Anspach reviewed the contract at the table, President Knoblauch signed, Treasurer Connelly cut a check for the deposit. David Joyce will deliver the signed contract and check to Weber Center personnel.

Assuming continued successful negotiations, the Windy City Regional will be held at the White Eagle Events Center in Niles from Thursday, June 27-Sunday June 30.

**2024 Committees:** Jan Churchwell passed out a sign-up sheet. President Knoblauch will select Chairs and staff the committees.

**OLD BUSINESS**

After discussion, Betsy Downs moved to rescind the motion renaming the Harmon Wilkes Award in honor of Stan Subeck. Jan Churchwell suggested that the Central States Regional be permanently renamed the Stan Subeck Regional. Missy Ravid moved. Both motions passed unanimously.

President Knoblauch appointed Bob Maxson and Steve McConnell to fill the CCBA's vacant seats on the District 13 Board.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session. Besides selecting CCBA Award winners for 2023, the Board voted unanimously to give Kibitzer Editor DeMaris Johnson a \$50/per issue raise effective immediately.

Next Meeting, Election of Officers, January 19, 2024; Regular February Board meeting (at GVC) TBD.

Jan Churchwell  
Secretary

### **RECAP OF MOTIONS**

**Steve McConnell moved that the CCBA pay for refreshments served at meetings held at GVC. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Joe Stokes moved to accept the corrected Minutes of the meeting of August 3 and the Minutes of the October 19 meeting. Both motions passed unanimously.**

**Jan Churchwell moved to accept all updates to the By-laws. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Betsy Downs moved to rescind the motion renaming the Harmon Wilkes Award in honor of Stan Subeck. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Missy Ravid moved to rename the Central States Regional in honor of Stan Subeck. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Board approved slate of Officers for 2024-2027 (2 candidates for Treasurer's position).**

**Executive Session: The Board approved presenting the Harmon Wilkes Award to Dan Zagorin, the Gran Sportsmanship Award to John Vincent, and the Service Award to Jim Diebel. The also Board approved an increase of \$50 per issue to Kibitzer Editor DeMaris Johnson.**