

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Loring Knoblauch. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Bill Anspach
Jan Churchwell
Adrienne Cohen*
Steve Donahue

Betsy Downs
Bob Maxson*
Steve McConnell

Missy Ravid
Jamie Rubenstein
Mark Stein
Suzi Subeck*

* Via Zoom

Absent: Phyllis Bartlett

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Loring Knoblauch)

The names of several people to fill the two Board vacancies were submitted to President Knoblauch. After discussion, the Board agreed he should talk to the following 4 people:

Craig Allen (is willing to serve for the remainder of Amin Hakim's term)
Jim O'Neil (interest in serving unknown)
Frank Pancoe (is possibly interested in serving for the remainder of Kathy Fortune's term)
David Sales (has expressed interest in joining the Board)

Jan Churchwell will send Bob Maxson (Nominating Chair) contact information for all submissions.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Missy Ravid)

Treasurer Ravid distributed Financial Reports for June, July, and August.

MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)

Steve McConnell moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Windy City (Betsy Downs)

The tournament was financially successful. Windy City 2026 has been sanctioned for 4 days (June 4-7), but Chair Downs suggested that a fifth day be added. After discussion, the Board agreed and authorized Betsy Downs, who is also Sanction Coordinator, to make the change.

She volunteered to chair the tournament in 2026.

Labor Day (Steve Donahue)

The Board congratulated Steve Donahue on running an excellent tournament.

The tournament was financially successful; a summary of daily table counts was distributed.

Jim Diebel's "chalk talk" between games Saturday was well-received.

Chair Donahue made the following recommendations: A new coffee pot is needed, and so is a microphone. Inventory Coordinator Betsy Downs will investigate costs and report to the Tournament Committee. If the committee approves the expenditures, the items will be purchased.

Betsy Downs will restock supplies and deliver all items to Suzi Subeck for the Subeck/Central States Regional (October 16-19).

Stan Subeck/Central States (Suzi Subeck)

During the meeting, David Joyce, who was at a meeting with the Deerfield Park District Board to get approval for the tournament to be held at the Patty Turner Sr. Center, texted Steve Donahue that the Board had approved the event. A special set-up plan is necessary because of already-scheduled events. On October 16, the morning game will begin at 11:00, and volunteers are needed at 9:00. Chair Subeck schedule the delivery with Eagle Storage. Betsy Downs will adjust the banner on the website.

WinterFest 2026

The tournament is scheduled for January 30-February 1 at the Irish American Heritage Center (near Wilson Ave. and the Kennedy). Betsy Downs volunteered to chair the tournament.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications (Suzi Subeck and Jan Churchwell)

Suzi Subeck had put together the Kibitzer for August-September following DeMaris Johnson's retirement and said it went well enough that she is willing to continue doing it.

Governance (Bill Anspach)

Jan Churchwell will send edits.

Nominating (Bob Maxson)

There are candidates. The committee will interview them; a report will be made at the October meeting. Chair Maxson also asked anyone who is interested in running for office for 2026 to let him know before the October meeting. Mark Stein said he would run for Vice President.

Tournament Oversight (Jan Churchwell and Suzi Subeck):

Anyone with information relating to tournaments should report it to the committee rather than bringing it up at a Board meeting. Tournament photos will be posted on Facebook and the website.

New Business:

The CCBA needs a webmaster. Mark Stein will check with contacts at the University of Chicago.

Bill Anspach was referred to the website for information about teachers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 30, 6:30 pm, Glen View Club

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Steve McConnell moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of June 26. Motion passed unanimously.