



**International Braille Chess Association
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes
Saturday, November 16, 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 upcoming tournaments in 2025 and 2026.
Olympiad
World Championship
Junior's and women's Worldchampionships 2026
Eventual other events
§5 Reports:
We share information since last board meeting.
§6 Eventual other questions
§7 Closing of the meeting

§1 Opening of meeting

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

§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum

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

§3 Establishment of agenda

The proposed agenda is approved by the board.

§4 Upcoming tournaments:

Olympiads: The event will be held from June 16 to 26, 2025 in Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia. The organizers will provide IBCA with a formal invitation very soon.

World Individual Championship (classical and rapid): The event will be held in September, 2025 in Rzeszow, Poland. More details will be available very shortly.

World Team Championship (formerly known as World Cup) in 2026: A bidding procedure will be issued.

§5 Reports:

Panamerican in Salinas, Ecuador: Piotr reports that the event was very nice and very well organized. 37 players from 6 countries took part. The players were separated in two groups, B1 and B2.

Women and Junior Championships in Bengaluru, India: The organizers provided IBCA with a comprehensive report, including many documents and pictures.

Olivier reports the death of Piet Devos from Belgium, at the age 41. Piet was very talented, one of the strongest totally blind chessplayers ever.

§6 Eventual other questions

IBCA needs to know which member countries are really active. At the beginning of every year, all member countries will be requested to confirm the name of their president, secretary and IBCA delegate.

Jörgen suggests to have an online calendar where member countries would announce their upcoming events.

Several online tournaments on Skype or Lichess for blind and visually impaired chessplayers are organized all along the year. These events are not related to IBCA, but they will be announced on the member countries list.

§7 Closing of the meeting

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

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA