



**International Braille Chess Association  
Executive Board meeting - Minutes  
Saturday, June 29, 2025 at 14:00 UTC  
Zoom**

Present:

Jörgen Magnusson, president  
Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president  
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president  
Olivier Deville, secretary  
Fernando Daza, continental representative of America  
James Infiesto, continental representative of Asia  
Marilyn Bland, board member  
Harrison Nyaga, board member  
Jose Maria Saponara, chairman of the Nomination Committee, without voting rights

Absent:

Thorsten Mueller, treasurer  
Johannes Grib, continental representative of Africa  
Vladyslav Kolpakov, continental representative of Europe  
Nomin Erdenebat, board member

Proposed agenda:

§1 Opening of meeting  
§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum  
§3 Establishment of agenda  
§4 Sum up after the Olympiad in Serbia, and discussions of eventual sanctions on Serbia.  
§5 Report from the chairman of the electoral committee regarding nominations of IBCA president at upcoming congress and other congress related topics.  
§6 Upcoming tournaments  
The World Championships in Poland.  
Panamericans.  
The team world Championship.  
Junior's and women's world Championships.

Eventual European individual Championship.  
European team Championship.  
African individual Championship.  
The Olympiad and World Championships in 2029.

§7 Reports.

We share reports about what has not already been discussed.

§8 Eventual other questions.

§9 Closing of meeting.

§1 Opening of meeting

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

§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum

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

§3 Establishment of agenda

The proposed agenda is approved by the board.

§4 Sum up after the Olympiad in Serbia, and discussions of eventual sanctions on Serbia.

The general impression of board members who were present at the event is that the organizers have been careless. There have been many problems, the main one being the absence of visas for 6 countries. The excursion that was planned on June 22 was silently cancelled, as well as the festive dinner on June 25. The game scores were not properly recorded. There was a big lack of volunteers to help blind people, and the communication was poor.

India is requesting a compensation of 1800 Euros for lost plane tickets. The organizers have till July 31 to refund India.

The Executive board also decides to ask the organizers a compensation of 1000 Euro for cancelling the excursion that was planned on June 22. This excursion was present in the bid that Serbia presented in 2021, and they had the obligation to organize it. The deadline for paying this compensation will be July 31.

§5 Report from the chairman of the electoral committee regarding nominations of IBCA president at upcoming congress and other congress related topics.

The Nomination Committee has received 7 nominations. 6 nominations go to Jörgen Magnusson as IBCA President, and one go to Ajeet Kumar as 2nd Vice-president. This last one is not valid, only nominations for President are allowed. The Chairman of the Nomination Committee declares Jörgen Magnusson as only candidate for the position of IBCA President.

§6 Upcoming tournaments

The World Championships in Poland, classical and rapid: more than one hundred people declared that they will come, including guides. It is still possible to register.

Panamericans: Piotr informs the board that some Mexican players are afraid that they could not take part because of internal divisions (there are two organizations in Mexico at the moment). All Mexican players should be allowed to play. Jose Maria, secretary of IBCA America, takes note.

The team world Championship: A formal bid has been received from Montenegro.

Junior's and women's world Championships: Ecuador is willing to organize this event, but no

formal bid has been received so far.

Eventual European individual Championship: No bid has been received so far.

European team Championship 2027: North Macedonia seems interested in organizing this event.

African individual Championship, possibly in 2027: IBCA is looking for a host country.

The Olympiads and World Championships in 2029: IBCA is looking for new organizers for these two events, for instance Morocco, Kenya, South Africa or Egypt.

#### §7 Reports.

Marilyn reports that her visit to Ecuador was fruitful. Ecuador seems ready to organize the Junior and Women World championship in 2026. She also mentions that Barbados and the other Caribbean islands are eager to run chess activities for the blind. The main issue at the moment is that they have no adapted chessboards.

More and more African players are active. 20 boards will be sent from India to South Africa, at Jörgen's expenses. 20 boards should be sent to Kenya as well in the near future. The next steps are coaches, courses and clocks.

Jose Maria points out that some Latin American countries are asking for receipts for the payment of IBCA annual fee. Jörgen will ask Thorsten about it.

#### §8 Eventual other questions.

No questions.

#### §9 Closing of meeting.

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

Olivier Deville  
Secretary IBCA