



**International Braille Chess Association
Executive Board meeting - Minutes
Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 15:00 UTC
Jitsi**

The meeting was scheduled for 14:00 UTC on Zoom, but the Zoom conference refused to work, so we had to switch to Jitsi. The meeting finally started at 15:00 UTC.

Present:

Jörgen Magnusson, president
Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president
Olivier Deville, secretary
Thorsten Mueller, treasurer
Johannes Grib, continental representative of Africa
Mahendra Galani, continental representative of Europe
Marilyn Bland, board member
Harrison Nyaga, board member
José Maria Saponara, secretary IBCA America, without voting rights
Ranko Vukovic, president National Sports Federation of the Blind of Serbia, invited

Absent due to technical issues:

Fernando Daza, continental representative of America
James Infiesto, continental representative of Asia
Kishan Gangolli, board member (disconnected after a few minutes)

Proposed 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 2026-2027.
§5 Reports:
We share information since last board meeting.

§6 Eventual other questions

§7. Application of Serbia to become IBCA member adjunct fellow Ranko Vukovic president of Serbian member organization

§8 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

9 members out of 12 are present. The quorum is established.

§3 Establishment of agenda

Paragraph 7 is moved to 4.

§4. Application of Serbia to become IBCA member adjunct fellow Ranko Vukovic president of Serbian member organization

Serbia has sent an application to be reintegrated as a member of IBCA. Jörgen asks Ranko Vukovic, new president of the Serbian organization for blind chessplayers, to explain to the board what happened after the exclusion of Serbia. Ranko Vukovic replies that there were elections. After he was elected as new president, many changes happened. A new prime secretary was appointed, and India received a financial compensation for lost plane tickets. Several board members ask clarifications on the composition of the new board, the voting procedure for board members, and the role and powers of the secretary according to the statutes.

Jörgen asks the Executive board to vote on the holding of an extra Congress in October 2026 in Greece during the European championship. This proposal is approved by the board by a majority. The board then votes about the reintegration of Serbia as a temporary member. This proposal is approved by the board by unanimous decision. Serbia will also be allowed to play the Team World championship in Petrovac, Montenegro. Ranko Vukovic thanks the board and leaves the meeting.

§5 Upcoming tournaments:

Due to the technical problems that delayed the start of the meeting, this paragraph is skipped, and will be on the agenda of the next Presidential board meeting.

§6 Reports

The situation in Pakistan: Nikos reports that two groups are claiming to be the legal representatives of the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation, which was approved as a full member of IBCA, and was granted the right to organize the upcoming IBCA Individual Asian championship. A contact has been made with the Ministry of Sports of Pakistan. They replied that the Ministry is waiting for a decision of the Court about this conflict. Organizing an IBCA event under these conditions seems very risky, so the board decides that the IBCA Asian championship 2026 is cancelled. About who are the legitimate representatives of the Pakistan Blind Sports Federation, IBCA will wait the final decision of the Court.

Thorsten reports that Switzerland, an inactive member, is asking to be reactivated. It is the same organization than before, with a new board. It is decided that Switzerland will be reactivated after paying the 50 euro annual fee, and after providing the secretariat with the composition of its new board.

Harrison reports that the Kenyan team is preparing for the upcoming Team World championship, in spite of losing the support of the Kessavi organization. More information on the problems with Kesavi will be gathered before the next Presidential board meeting.

§7 Eventual other questions

No questions.

§8 Closing of the meeting

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

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA