



**International Braille Chess Association  
Executive Board meeting - Minutes  
Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 13:00 UTC  
Zoom**

Present:

Jörgen Magnusson, president  
Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president  
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president  
Olivier Deville, secretary  
Johannes Grib, continental representative of Africa  
James Infiesto, continental representative of Asia  
Mahendra Galani, continental representative of Europe  
Kishan Gangolli, board member  
Marilyn Bland, board member  
Harrison Nyaga, board member

Absent:

Thorsten Mueller, treasurer  
Fernando Daza, continental representative of America

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 2024-2031.  
§5 IBCA and chess in schools.  
§6 Serbia. The president updates the board regarding the talks with the new Serbian board.  
§7 Reports:  
We share information since last board meeting.  
§8 Eventual other questions  
§9 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

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

## §3 Establishment of agenda

Paragraph 7 becomes IBCA in America.

## §4 Upcoming tournaments:

In 2026, Greece is going to organize the Individual European championship (classical and rapid), and the women and juniors World championship. It was planned to organize these events in Rhodos in November, but due to big raise in hotel prices, the events will finally take place in Crete from October 3 to 27. The official invitations will be uploaded to the IBCA website very soon.

IBCA received a bid from Spain for organizing the European Team championship in 2027. We already have a bid from North Macedonia for this event. The board decides to give the organization of the European Team championship 2027 to Benidorm, Spain. Nikos and Piotr will check the details with the organizers.

## §5 IBCA and chess in schools.

Dana Reizniece, Deputy Chair of FIDE Management Board and ECU vice-president, has been appointed by FIDE President Arkadi Dvorkovitch to cooperate with IBCA on chess in schools. Contact will be made with Dana very shortly.

Chess in schools should be presented to sponsors as a social project. Learning chess will give blind and visually impaired children better opportunities and a better life.

The Aegean University, based in Cyprus, provides seminars for chess coaches. IBCA may register several students from Philippines, South Africa and Kenya.

Jörgen is in contact with a Swedish company that is developing an IA chess coach called Nocti. Making this tool accessible for the blind could be a big step.

## §6 Serbia.

Jörgen has been in touch with Ranko Vukovic, new president of the Serbian chess organization for the blind. The new Serbian board promised to pay the 1.000 euro fine to IBCA for not organizing the excursion during the 2025 Olympiads, and the compensation to India for lost plane tickets.

## §7 IBCA in America.

It would be good to have IBCA people attending the next IBCA America meeting that is expected to be held in Brazil during the Panamerican 2026. There were some conflicts lately, especially in Central and Southern America, and language problems are harming communication between American member countries, and between IBCA America and IBCA itself. A draft of a letter has been written. A final version of this letter will be sent to all American IBCA member countries at some point.

## §8 Reports:

No reports.

§9 Eventual other questions

No questions.

§10 Closing of the meeting

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

Olivier Deville  
Secretary IBCA