



**International Braille Chess Association
Executive Board meeting - Minutes
Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 14:00 UTC
Zoom**

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
Fernando Daza, continental representative of America
James Infiesto, continental representative of Asia
Marilyn Bland, board member
Harrison Nyaga, board member
José Maria Saponara, Secretary IBCA America, without voting rights

Absent:

Vladyslav Kolpakov, continental representative of Europe
Nomin Erdenebat, board member

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 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.

10 members out of 12 are present. The quorum is reached. José Maria Saponara, Secretary IBCA America, is present without voting rights.

§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 Vrnacka Banja, Serbia. The invitation is not ready yet for publication. Promotional teams, for example women's teams, or teams composed of players from different countries, could be admitted to participate after being approved by the IBCA board.

World Individual Championship (classical and rapid): The event will be held from August 17 to 29, 2025 in Rzeszow, Poland. The invitation is coming soon. The IBCA Congress will take place during the event.

IBCA Tournament Calendar 2025-2031: see attached file.

A bidding procedure will be started soon for all events that will take place in 2026.

§5 Reports:

Report concerning Braille chess development in Africa: see attached file.

§6 Eventual other questions

Marilyn and Harrison mention that we need to educate our players and arbiters, because sometimes FIDE rules are not fully implemented in our tournaments regarding stopping clocks, checking boards, announcement of moves, braille chess sets, etc.

§7 Closing of the meeting

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

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA