



**International Braille Chess Association
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes
Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 17:00 UTC
Zoom**

Present:

Jörgen Magnusson, president
Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president
Nikos Kalesis, 2nd vice-president
Olivier Deville, secretary
Thorsten Mueller, treasurer

Proposed agenda:

§1 Opening of meeting
§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum
§3 Establishment of agenda
§4 Regarding Serbia.
§5 Upcoming tournaments:
We discuss upcoming tournaments in 2025-2027.
§6 Congress in Poland
§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

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

§3 Establishment of agenda

The proposed agenda is approved by the board.

§4 Regarding Serbia.

Serbia finally refunded IBCA for the registration fees that they collected during the Olympiads, their own annual fees for 2025, and the annual fee of Turkiye. But they did not pay the 1000 euro penalty for not organizing the excursion, nor did they refund India for the lost plane tickets before the deadline, which was July 31st. The Board decides to temporarily exclude Serbia, and recommends a permanent exclusion by the Congress. Serbian players would still be allowed to play individual events under the IBCA flag.

§5 Upcoming tournaments:

Individual World championship in Rzeszow, Poland: Around 65 players registered for the classical event, and around 50 for the rapid. The organizers received 20 new clocks from DGT. There will be enough DGT clocks for the event. Medical tests: an agreement for testing 20 people has been made with a private clinic. 20 top players will be tested, excluding those who have already been tested during previous events.

FIDE Olympiads for disable in Astana, October 2025: IBCA received an invitation. All expenses are paid, including plane tickets for 7 people. The board decides to accept the invitation. Jörgen, Piotr and Nikos will collaborate in order to form a team.

Panamerican in Colombia: No recent news.

World Team Championship 2026: IBCA received a bid from Montenegro. There are still some minor details to be sorted out, but the board recommends to accept this bid.

Junior and Women's championship 2026: The Paralympic Committee of Ecuador may have a bid ready for the Congress.

European Individual championship 2026: A bid has been received from Czech Republic.

European Team championship 2027: North Macedonia seems interested in organizing this event. No formal bid has been received so far.

Olympiads 2029 and World Individual championship 2029: No bid has been received so far. Several options are under consideration: Morocco, Monaco, Romania, Hungary...

§6 Congress in Poland

The agenda and all relevant documents will be sent out to member countries very shortly.

§7 Reports

The board is looking for an organizer for the first African continental championship in 2027.

Thorsten presents a financial report for the years 2023-2025. This report will be published with other documents for the Congress.

§8 Eventual other questions

No questions.

§9 Closing of the meeting

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

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA