



**International Braille Chess Association
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes
Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 14:00 UTC
Zoom**

Present:

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

Proposed agenda:

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- §3 Establishment of agenda
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§1 Opening of meeting

Piotr Dukaczewski, 1st vice-president, opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

§2 List of participants and establishment of quorum

4 members out of 4 are present. The quorum is established.

§3 Establishment of agenda

The proposed agenda is approved by the board.

§4 Preparations for Congress

As already indicated at an informal meeting in Petrovac, Piotr has decided not to stand for the presidency of IBCA. The election of a new president will take place during the Extraordinary Congress which will be held during the European Individual Championships in Crete in October. The board is ready to support a candidate. Several names are being mentioned.

After checking with Nikos, the Extraordinary Congress will take place on Thursday, October 15th, in the afternoon, local time.

§5 Reports

World Team Championships in Petrovac: The organization was very good and the excursion enjoyable. IBCA had to take care of the Kenyan team's accommodation, as Jörgen had passed away before he could do so.

Countries not in good standing with IBCA: the deadline for paying debts is July 15. After this date, any country not in good standing will be deactivated.

Noctie: Piotr is in contact with the CEO of Noctie. The project is well underway, and the product is currently being tested by a group of blind chess players. The invoice has been paid in full by Jörgen.

Pakistan: IBCA is waiting for a decision of the Court. Until then, it is impossible to know which organization is legitimate.

Arbiters: The IBCA Arbiters Commission currently consists of Mihalis Keramiotis and two young female arbiters from Poland and Slovenia. Its objective is to train a new generation of IBCA arbiters.

§6 Upcoming tournaments

FIDE Olympiads for disabled in Uzbekistan in September: the IBCA team could consist of Pulvett, Nikac, Dukaszewski, Pribeanu and one female player.

Women and Junior championships, European Individual championship (classical and rapid) in Crete in October: registrations are open and everything is going smoothly so far.

European Team championship in Spain in May 2027: The organizers are very experienced, and the event should be great.

World Individual championship in 2027: the bidding procedure will be started very shortly.

§7 Membership application of Greenland

Greenland is a FIDE member, and Denmark stated that there is no objection from their side if Greenland becomes a member of IBCA. Therefore, the Presidential board will recommend the Executive board to grant Greenland the status of temporary member.

§8 Proposal from Nepal

An organization called Pavilion Chess Academy is running trainings and tournaments for blind kids in Nepal, and is looking for a financial help from IBCA. The board thinks that this proposal is interesting. However, Nepal is not an IBCA member yet, and we need to know this organization better. The answer from the board is that Nepal needs to send a membership application, and try to show up in some IBCA events before any support from IBCA.

§9 Eventual other questions

An Executive board meeting is planned for July 11.

§10 Closing of the meeting

No one asking to speak, the 1st vice-president closes the meeting.

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA