



**International Braille Chess Association
Presidential Board meeting - Minutes
Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 10:00 UTC
Zoom**

Present:

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

Agenda:

- §1 Opening of meeting
- §2 List of participants and establishment of quorum
- §3 Establishment of agenda
- §4 Upcoming tournaments:
We discuss upcoming tournaments in 2025 and 2026.
Olympiad, I suggest that 30 player's will be tested. This time it might make sense to test board 2 and three out of 15 teams.
World Championship
Junior's and women's Worldchampionships 2026
Eventual other events
- §5 Reports:
We share information since last board meeting.
- §6 IBCA member of Canada.
- §7 Revision of the document "for a brighter future".
- §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

Paragraph 7 is moved to Paragraph 5 (reports).

§4 Upcoming tournaments:

Olympiads in Serbia: 30 to 50 players will be examined by an ophthalmologist. The goal is not to exclude players, but rather to have a general picture of the situation, and build a database. Players are encouraged to bring medical documentation, when available.

World championships in Poland: The organization is in good way.

Junior's and women's World championships 2026: A bidding procedure has been issued.

§5 Reports:

A new version of the document "for a brighter future" is almost ready, and will be submitted to the next Executive board.

Jörgen is trying to get 100 chessboards from India sent to South Africa,

§6 IBCA member of Canada.

Braille Chess Canada, the organization that represents Canada to IBCA, has no activity. On the other hand, IBCA received a membership application from AQJEHV, a well established chess association for the blind, with more than 30 active members. The Presidential board recommends to exclude Braille Chess Canada, and replace it with AQJEHV. The Executive board will make a decision during its next meeting.

§7 Eventual other questions

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No questions.

8 Closing of the meeting

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

Olivier Deville
Secretary IBCA