

CHICAGO CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by President Loring Knoblauch. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Craig Allen
Phyllis Bartlett*
Jan Churchwell

Steve Donahue
Betsy Downs
Bob Maxson

Steve McConnell
Frank Pancoe
Mark Stein*
Suzi Subeck*

* Via Zoom

Also present: David Joyce

Absent: Bill Anspach, Adrienne Cohen, Missy Ravid, Jamie Rubenstein

MINUTES (Jan Churchwell)

Bob Maxson moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

A special Board meeting was held on September 30 to discuss the appointment of two people to fill vacancies. The Minutes were revised after they were sent; the Board was asked to ratify the revision. Steve Donahue moved to accept the Minutes as revised; they will be sent to the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Missy Ravid)

Suzi Subeck reported for Treasurer Ravid. The CCBA's financial position is good.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Stan Subeck/Central States (Suzi Subeck)

Turnout was low, but the tournament was financially successful. There were many positive comments about the site (the Patty Turner Center), and the Board agreed that we should try to use PTC again.

WinterFest 2026

The tournament is scheduled for January 30-February 1 at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago. Tournament Chair Betsy Downs has put flyers out at Temple Jeremiah, and copies were given to Diane Martin. Further distribution is needed. Georgann Humphrey is helping with the preparation of a restaurant guide.

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 31 at 6:00 pm. Missy Ravid, Suzi Subeck, and Jan Churchwell are managing the dinner. The cost to members is \$15; reservations are being managed by Fran Lyne. Board members are guests, but need reservations. See the flyer for information.

Additional publicity for the tournament is needed on social media, the website, and in the next Kibitzer. Suzi Subeck is out of town; she and Jan Churchwell, Co-Chairs of the Communications Committee, will coordinate information when she returns.

Windy City (Betsy Downs)

There is no site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications (Suzi Subeck and Jan Churchwell)

Jan Churchwell reported that a club owner asked to place club news on the website home page. She and Suzi Subeck agreed that club news should be posted on club pages. They requested that an exception be made for education announcements such as classes. The Board agreed.

Suzi Subeck is in contact with someone about cleaning up and revising the website.

Nominating (Bob Maxson)

Chair Maxson presented the following slate:

Jan Churchwell
Jamie Rubenstein
David Sales
Wayne Snider
Suzi Subeck

Craig Allen moved to accept the slate. Motion passed unanimously. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2026.

Kathy Fortney, Bill Goldberg, Mark Stein, and Suzi Subeck served on the Nominating Committee.

Chair Maxson will invite David Sales and Wayne Snider to the December Board meeting to meet the rest of the Board.

The following people have expressed interest in serving as officers in 2026:

Suzi Subeck will run for President
Bob Maxson will run for Vice President
Missy Ravid will run for Treasurer
Jan Churchwell will run for Secretary

All Board members are eligible to run for any office. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Bob Maxson as soon as possible. All candidates will have the opportunity to speak to the Board at the December meeting about why they are running.

The election of officers takes place immediately following the Annual Meeting.

A Board member is needed to oversee the Annual Meeting.

Tournament Oversight (Jan Churchwell and Suzi Subeck):

David Joyce said negotiations with 1100 Eventz as a site for Windy City 2026 had not jelled. The dates are available, but June is "prime time," and a mutually acceptable rate has not been found.

Finding a site for Windy City is a priority. The space requirement in the website notice will be revised to state a minimum of 3500 sq. ft. The Board authorized David Joyce to negotiate a rate for Windy City of up to \$1000/day.

The manager of the Weber Center has agreed to discuss a contract for the 2026 Labor Day Sectional at the current rate plus 5%.

NEW BUSINESS

Craig Allen, Betsy Downs, and Frank Pancoe will look into educational opportunities in local schools.

The Board expressed general approval of the afternoon meeting time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Next meeting: Glen View Club, date and time TBD

Jan Churchwell
Secretary

RECAP OF MOTIONS

Bob Maxson moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of September 4. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Donahue moved to ratify the revised Minutes of the special meeting of September 30. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig Allen moved to accept the slate of Board nominees presented by Bob Maxson, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed unanimously.