

# Southern California Chess Federation

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## Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

9/01/08

This meeting was held at 2:45 PM at the Southern California Open in Pasadena. Present were Elliot Landaw, Chuck Ensey, John Hillery, Randy Hough, Mike Nagaran, Anthony Ong and several non-board members. The Federation's financials were explained once again by our trusty accountant Mike Carr. The picture he painted was a bit more optimistic than the usual gloom and doom Mike has dispensed in the past from his lectern. The increase in dues made a positive impact of about \$1,200 more than last year. We also got an extra boost from a few multi-year memberships. The SCCF appeared to make money in the last fiscal year ending July 31, 2008, to be exact, a net gain of \$555.79, according to the Balance Sheet and Income Statement supplied by Treasurer John Hillery.

The dormant Scholastic Fund the Mike and others have been in charge of for many years was discussed and once again Mike threatened to close it and wanted the board to finally do something with it. It was decided after much discussion to transfer it out of the inactive bank account where it has been held and move it to the SCCF ledgers where it will be safe from appropriation by the State for inactivity. Then the board can decide what to do with it at a later meeting. The balance is approximately \$10,000 as I recall.

An increase in the editors fee from \$330 to \$360 was discussed when John had stepped away to attend to TD duties and the increase was met with general approval. It will be voted on at the next meeting. The quality of the Rank and File appears to be quite good given the low budget we have to work with. The mystery surrounding the due bills to the magnanimous publisher Mr. David Argall was once again discussed at length. Keeping the status quo as is seems to be the favored approach as the day of reckoning appears to be out on the distant horizon, but should it approach more rapidly the SCCF could square accounts if need be.

The Membership Chairman Randy Hough reported a count of 550 members.

The ballots for the general election were collected and counted by Elliot Landaw and Chuck Ensey. Re-elected were Michael Nagaran (15 votes), Takashi Iwamoto (12), Rick Aeria (11), Jim Bullock (11) and Ron Rezendes (8). New board member Anthony Ong (15) replaces Essam Mohamed.

The meeting was adjourned, the next meeting to be announced over the SCCF website and by email.

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9/21/08

**Meeting by teleconference, Attendees present were: Elliot Landaw, Chuck Ensey, Randy Hough, Michael Nagaran, Jim Bullock and Anthony Ong.**

As a first order of business and after some discussion, it was decided to keep all current club officers in their present positions. The board welcomed new member Anthony Ong.

John Hillery had previously emailed a detailed report on the SCCF's balance sheet showing a gain of \$556 for the year ending July 31, 2008. The details of the report were discussed. The dues increase from \$14 to \$18 was largely responsible for the improvement over last year. Also there was a rush of members earlier in the year that renewed to beat the increase, plus there was an increase in multi-year memberships. The State Championship was a drain on resources once again but was supported by very active fund raising efforts and donations.

The new scholastic funds were discussed. The fund was originally set up to fund worthy programs with the interest earned on the account. To this end, the board discussed and decided in a vote of 6-0 to invest \$7,000 in a short term CD (2 years or less). Jim Bullock, who is familiar with several scholastic programs, offered to look into what programs might be worthy of receiving an initial \$200 award.

The date of next year's State Championship was discussed but no final decision was reached and the matter was left unresolved.

Randy Hough reported that the current membership was 558. There were 5 Life members and 16 "comped" members.

The definition of a Junior Team was discussed as far as Amateur Team West was concerned and it was voted 6-0 that anyone currently enrolled in High School would be considered a Junior, regardless of age. It was also voted 6-0 to increase the Rank and File Editor fee from \$330 to \$360 as previously discussed at the last meeting.

All votes were subject to potential reversal if enough board members reject them when pronounced over the internet by email.

The Southern California Open for 2009 will be played in San Diego at a site still to be determined, possibly returning to the Pechanga Casino/Resort or possibly at the San Diego Chess Club itself. Chuck Ensey of the San Diego Chess Club promised to have a definite site finalized in a few weeks, or by the end of October at the latest.

Since Tim Taylor has apparently moved to Ohio, a new USCF delegate spot has opened up and Randy was looking for possible alternates.

Finally a long discussion took place about the 2009 Scholastic Championship cycle which seems to be lacking a sponsor and a suitable location. The last event location was undesirable for children who had to stay in one small area. Anthony Ong withdrew his offer to help find a site, but then later on appeared to agree to continue to help find something suitable. Everyone agreed that more study was needed over the next few weeks to try to come up with a decent proposal.

The teleconference was finally ended after about an hour and a half of discussions.

The next meeting will be announced by email.

Chuck Ensey, Secretary SCCF