

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION

June Meeting MINUTES - 06-03-2024 7 pm

1. **ESTABLISH QUORUM PRESENT:** Alaa-addin Moussa, Keith Martin, James Harrell, Frank Lee, Guy Reams, Chris Roberts, Dedian Guo, Brian Glover, Jim Mennella, Randall Hough, and Abhishek Kylasa at 7:04 when called to order.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA:** motion/second (M/S) Alaa/James H. to approve: all approved.
3. **APPROVE April 2024 MINUTES:** M/S Alaa/Jim M. ... all approved
4. **Board reshuffle and voting on nominees:** Dedian and Guy agreed to fill the board seats of Keith and Mason who are relocating to NY. Alaa shared their background. Randy mentioned that Jim Holder may be interested in joining the board. Randy and Alaa will discuss offline the possibility of Jim replacing Irina if she decides not to run for reelection. M/S Alaa/James H: Motion to appoint Dedian and Guy to the board effective immediately. All approved.
5. **2024 Board Elections (timing and process):** Irina may be stepping down and not run for re-election. All other current members that are up for re-election will run again. Randy and James H will provide statements to be published on the website and Rank&File summer issue. A committee needed to oversee the election. Alaa and Chris will serve on this committee, but more volunteers (from the 6 Board members who are not up for election) are needed. Online voting to be open by August 1st in addition to onsite voting at the State open Labor Day weekend. Mechanics of E-voting will be sorted out with Chris and Alaa leading.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORT (Frank):** Sent via email. We do have outstanding checks and bills to pay. Still have issues with PayPal. Frank is working to get Zelle functioning which will save us some costs. Frank envisions using Zelle to have players pay for online EFs.
7. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Randy):** sent in an email. Totals fluctuate monthly.

Regular	180
Junior	272
Life	17
Comp	6
Total	475
8. **Rank & File (Summer issue): Content and timing:** State Championship will be feature content. MDC, and Pacific Southwest to be covered. IM John Bryant already provided an annotated game. We should have a full 24 pages to publish.

All content should be submitted by mid-July. Brian and Dylan plan to submit an article on the Candidates in Toronto. **Spring issue** is in the hands of our members. Randy's recommendation is that annotated games have moves in **bold** and commentary not bold. Frank suggested we get sponsors to place ads in the publication. It would be a source of income. About 12 were returned "undeliverable". Randy will investigate and try to fix the addresses that bounced. Bulk mailing might save about \$500 vs first class postage. Using *Staples'* "one stop shopping" to be revisited by Alaa, Chris and Chuck. Alaa stated that the quote Chuck got from Staples was competitive with the price Chris paid at a Temecula print shop.

9. Tournaments & Events:

- a. **MDC:** we netted about \$1,600 to date. Randy pulled this off successfully but the Board needs to find another organizer next year. Thanks to James H, Frank, Irina, and Chris for all their contributions with this event. Randy will write a short article about the MDC.
- b. **State championship Invitational:** Guy summarized the renovation of Temecula chess club, the lounge area for players, and DGT board setup. Alaa reported that IM Ghazaryan pulled out due to injury and replacement being sought (GM Sevillano and Alex Wang contacted). Chris shared our website updates, and the decision to broadcast games in-room live and games on Chess.com with a 15-minute delay (event page on chess.com: <https://www.chess.com/events/2024-southern-california-state-championship>. Official page for event on SCCF's website is [http://www.scchess.com/tournaments n results/state champ/champ_2024/champ24.html](http://www.scchess.com/tournaments_n_results/state_champ/champ_2024/champ24.html)). Opening ceremony at 5:00 pm June 13th.

10.Roundtable: New logo (from Chris) sent via email. We discussed the advantages of the new logo. M/S Alaa/many seconds ... all approved. Discussion of expanding our State Championship Event, Dedian's ICEA is eager to find a bigger venue to host next year's event. Alaa will discuss this with Dedian in more detail.

11.DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: July 22, 7:00 pm.

Adjourned at 8:24