

Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF)
Board Meeting Minutes
Site: Academic Chess, Laguna Hills
October 12, 2014

1. Establish Quorum

Attendees: Adam Brody, Jim Bullock, Phil Chase, Ankit Gupta (by phone), Elliott Landaw, Steve Morford, Alla Moussa, Dylan Quercia (by phone).

Absent: Dewain Barber, Chuck Ensey, Alfred Ong, Ashok Ramadoss.

Note: A board election was held during the annual Southern California Open Championship tournament, balloting ending on July 31. Elected or re-elected were: Dewain Barber, Jim Bullock, Steve Morford, Alla-addin Moussa (new), Alfred Ong, and Dylan Quercia (new).

2. Plan for Membership Functions (Morford)

- The board unanimously approved (Morford motion, Brody second) that a Membership Committee be formed with the Membership Committee Chair receiving the Membership Secretary stipend previously given to the Membership Secretary.
- The Membership Secretary, which is a board position, will interface with the Membership Committee Chair and report membership data to the board.
- The board President can appoint a Membership Committee Chair. Steve Morford appointed Randy Hough.

3. Election of Officers

The board unanimously elected the following officers:

- President: Ankit Gupta
- Vice President: Steve Morford
- Membership Secretary: Adam Brody
- Treasurer: Ashok Ramadoss
- Secretary: Jim Bullock

4. Approve Minutes of July 27, 2014

Minutes were unanimously approved with two changes:

- Item 5—change the tournament director to David King.
- Item 9—delete the election results (second bullet) and note them in the Oct. 12 minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report (Ramadoss)

The treasurer was unable to attend the board meeting and will be asked to email the report to the board members.

5A. Membership Report

Not on the agenda this time. Will resume membership reporting with the new Membership Secretary at the next board meeting.

6. 2015 Superstates (Morford)

- The board received two proposals for conducting the 2015 Superstates (scholastic) Tournament: one from Jay Stallings and the other from Joe Hanley and Dewain Barber. Board members compared the proposals and had a few questions.
- The board unanimously approved (Chase motion, Brody second) that:
 - Phil Chase drafts emails with the board questions and sends to Ankit Gupta by Oct. 12.
 - Ankit Gupta reviews and modifies the emails and sends to the two tournament organizers.
 - Tournament organizers respond to the questions by October 17.
 - The board votes by email to award the tournament by October 19.

7. Invitational State Championship and Candidates Tournament (Chase)

- Some feedback about the 2014 State Championship:
 - Players would like a larger prize fund, similar to last year's prize fund of \$5000. This year, it was \$3000.
 - It was a "fighting tournament," in that there were few draws, and even those draws were played to win.
 - The host site, Beverly Hills High School, treated players well and was a nice venue.
 - The event went smoothly.
- Phil Chase hopes that next year's tournament will:
 - double the prize fund,
 - set dates for the Candidates Tournament and State Championship Tournament by January, looking toward June for the Candidates and late June or early July for the State Championship,
 - be FIDE-rated (Fédération Internationale des Échecs).
- The board unanimously approved (Chase motion, Landaw second) that Phil Chase chair a new State Championship Committee that will organize the 2015 event, including the fundraising. Alla Moussa will participate on that committee.

8. Next Meeting

Place: Academic Chess
26941 Cabot Road, Suite 110
Laguna Hills, CA
Date: Sunday, November 16
Time: 1:30 pm