

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION

### Minutes of BOARD Meeting 11-19-2023

1. **ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Attendees: Alaa Moussa; Abhishek Kylasa; Jim Minnella; Frank Lee; Chuck Ensey; James Harrell; Mason Welch; Dylan Quercia; Irina Nizmutdinova
2. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Agenda sent by Dylan earlier was approved.
3. **APPROVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** The nominations of Randy Hough and Irina Nizmutdinova to fill the two vacant board seats were approved by the board members present.
4. **APPROVE 10-8-2023 MINUTES:** The minutes document sent by Keith earlier was approved with no changes.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** No update. The transition of the responsibilities from Randy Hough to the new treasurer Frank Lee is still pending.
6. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** No Update due to Randy's absence.
7. **APPOINT COMMITTEE Chairs:** The following appointments were discussed and agreed upon. The committee memberships will be built over time. There is no need for a 501c (3) committee since “**chess prodigies**” fulfilled the original need or driver to achieve this and it is no longer a high priority for SCCF. A new Seniors committee is formed with focus on 50+ age group.
  - a. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Ala'a Moussa
  - b. CLUBS & LEAGUES : Jonney Machtig.
  - c. COLLEGE CHESS : Abhishek Kylasa
  - d. ELECTIONS: Ala'a Moussa
  - e. ETHICS: Jim Minnella.
  - f. FINANCE: James Harrell.
  - g. MEMBERSHIP: Randy Hough.
  - h. NATIONAL EVENTS: Chuck Ensey.
  - i. PUBLICATIONS: Brian Glover.
  - j. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jonney Machtig.
  - k. SCHOLASTIC: Irina Nizmutdinova.
  - l. TITLE EVENTS: Chuck Ensey.
  - m. TOURNAMENT DEVELOPMENT: Chuck Ensey.
  - n. USCF REPRESENTATION: Ala'a Moussa
  - o. WOMEN'S: Irina Nizmutdinova.
  - p. DISABLED & ACCESSIBILITY: Keith Martin.
  - q. Seniors: Alaa Moussa

8. **2024 SUPERSTATES:** Dylan reported that Jay Stallings is having issues with the targeted location of the event, and with the uncertainty, the board should think of contingency plans should Jay drop out of organizing the event. Dylan to share with the board the current draft of the contract with Jay.

9. **RANK & FILE**

a. Dylan still committed to produce a printed issue by year end and will tap into Irina's content on SDCC scholastic activities . Chuck will contribute content covering the state open; Ala'a will contribute content related to world seniors 23.

b. Board approved a one-time \$200 expense for a Cyrus Lakdawala's contribution to this R&F issue.

c. The board needs to find a new R&F editor to publish in 2024.

10. **COLLEGE CHESS:** Abhishek reported that a chess tournament is planned for December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a collaboration between CSUN's Chess Club, USC's Chess Club, and the Armenian Student Association.

11. **DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:** 7 pm Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. Ala'a will send the invite.