

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION

### Minutes of BOARD Meeting 1.22.24

1. **ESTABLISH QUORUM at 7:24:** Attendees: Ala'a Moussa; Keith Martin, Frank Lee, Chuck Ensey, James Harrell, Randall 'Randy' Hough, Irina Nizmutdinova, Abhishek Kylasa, Jay Stallings (guest). Jim Menella arrived at 7:44.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA:** motion/second (m/s) to approve with addition of a discussion on the need for TD's, Keith/Ala'a ... all approved
3. **APPROVE DECEMBER MINUTES:** m/s to approve, Ala'a/Randy ... all approved
4. **President's remarks:**
  - a. he stopped by the Chess Palace and discussed an inter-club event, which can be discussed in depth at our next meeting.
  - b. See Rank & File notes, below.
  - c. Time is running out to commit to having a Memorial Day Event (a SCCF event since 1980). Randall will talk to Anthony at the Chess Palace.
  - d. Pacific Southwest Open is from 7/5 – 7/7
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Frank sent out the summary via email.
6. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Randy sent out a current report via email.
7. **TD ISSUE:** Randall led a discussion about the TD situation. He is pulling back from being senior TD for our events. One must have TD experience before being eligible to be a senior TD. USCF manages the TD structure, tests, etc. TD training is planned by David Saponara at the San Diego Chess Club with details to be posted on our website.
8. **COMMITTEES:**
  - a. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Ala'a Moussa
  - b. CLUBS & LEAGUES: Mason
  - c. COLLEGE CHESS: Abhishek Kylasa, gave a brief report
  - d. ELECTIONS: Ala'a Moussa
  - e. ETHICS: Jim Minnella
  - f. FINANCE: James Harrell
  - g. MEMBERSHIP: Randy Hough
  - h. NATIONAL EVENTS: Chuck Ensey (see notes below)
  - i. PUBLICATIONS: Brian Glover
  - j. PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jonney Machtig
  - k. SCHOLASTIC: Irina Nizmutdinova reported that there is a lot of interest from coaches/clubs for team competitions in SoCal. Much work, meetings and brainstorming needed to make this happen. Related items on the SCCF website are outdated.
  - l. TITLE EVENTS: Chuck Ensey

- m. TOURNAMENT DEVELOPMENT: Chuck Ensey
  - n. USCF REPRESENTATION: Ala'a Moussa – delegates determined via emails. One vacancy still available.
  - o. WOMEN'S: Irina Nizmutdinova
  - p. DISABLED & ACCESSIBILITY: Keith Martin
  - q. SENIORS: Alaa Moussa
9. **2024 SUPERSTATES:** m/s, Chuck/James, for Jay to run the Super States Event at the Hyatt Valencia
10. **RANK & FILE:** discussed at length including the possibility of an 'offshore' paid editor. Ala'a will keep us updated. He also talked to appropriate folks at UCSD and two people are talking with him about possibly being our editor. One person in particular impressed Ala'a and a formal proposal from her will be forthcoming.
11. **COLLEGE CHESS:** see committee report
12. **SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE:** Irena will create an Instagram page for us. Ala'a will work with Keith and attempt to get us active on Facebook. Ala'a, Irena, and Chris will get together concerning our website
13. Round table discussion topics:
- Kirk Ghazarian has earned his third GM norm. We need to put this on our website.
  - Jay: looking into sites for Super States Event, he shared his research, and the Hyatt Valencia was the best deal, and a contract is being drawn up for us. Details should be released next week. SCCF membership requirement discussed and Jay shared the challenges faced and what he would try to do using our website with the goal that all active players in SoCal to be members of the SCCF. The Board agreed with Jay that SCCF membership is required for the championship sections only.
  - Items to discuss at US Open were shared and discussed
  - TD's: get your Safe Play training done soon
14. **DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:** February 26, 7:00 pm

Adjourned at 8:52 pm

Keith Martin, secretary