

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
March Meeting Minutes - 03-25-2024, 7 pm

1. **ESTABLISH QUORUM** at 7:09 pm: Ala'a Moussa, Frank, Lee, James Harrell, Chuck Ensey, Randall Hough, Irina Nizmutdinova, Keith Martin, Jim Minella. Webmaster Chris Roberts was in attendance.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA:** motion/second (m/s), Ala'a/Keith ... all approved.
3. **APPROVE February 2024 MINUTES:** m/s, Ala'a/James ... all approved.
4. **President's (Ala'a) remarks:** lots to talk about tonight! Superstates was a success. The winner of K-5 section needed to update his address from one in Illinois. Parents provided documentation, and parents still need to pay his SCCF membership fee.

TD Irina gave a report on her Superstates (± 600 players) experience. Alternate champions need to be 'lined up' (their pertinent data). Ala'a has the required forms. Brief discussion as to tie breaks to determine alternate representatives to the National Tournament of state champions if needed. Randy and Ala'a will if any K-3 or K-12 entrees need to pay their SCCF membership fees. Overall, it went well. A bigger venue is needed for next year if we can get it.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT (Frank)** Sent to all via email. Information will be updated (remove old SCCF name, add his name) by Frank. Discussion of how and for what we use PayPal.
 - a. The pros/cons of using Zell and Venmo discussed. Frank will look into this and report.
 - b. We need a few more signatories on our checking account at Bank of America. Or, we open a new account and then transfer our funds.
 - c. SCCF does have an EIN with a 'no good' address. Do we need to file a 1099 for our *Rank & File* editor ... currently, Randall gets SS numbers where needed and then tell individuals that they need to file with the IRS. We should update address to the San Diego Chess Club's address.
 - d. m/s Randall/James ... all approved to pay Frank \$50 a month.
6. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Randy)** Sent to all Board members via email. We got some new members but no bump.
7. **Rank & File (April 24 issue)**
 - a. waiting for article from Super States. Dylan submitted an article.
 - b. We need to create a '*Rank & File*' email link (Ala'a email) on our webpage.

- c. Chuck will look into a print shop, get a quote, and report back to us. Chris will try to do this, too.

8. Tournaments & Events:

- a. **Super States and National Tournament of Champions-** discussed
- b. **MDC-** Randy wants flyer stapled into *Rank & File* or printed as a one page item. He will update it and send it to Karina.
Seniors' championship 50+/65+ and Irwin representative options Ala'a has reached out to top four. Enrico appears to be our representative. M/S, Ala'a/Keith, ... all approved. The SCCF will pay Enrico for hotel and airfare to represent the SCCF in the Irwin. Ala'a will talk with him.
- c. **State championship Closed** (qualifiers and invitation approval) \$10,200 in prize money. M/S, Ala'a/Chuck, to budget \$12,000 for event ... all approved.

9. Roundtable: there is a junior/senior open in San Diego this weekend.

10.DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: April 29, 7:00 pm