

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
February 2024 Meeting MINUTES

1. **ESTABLISH QUORUM** meeting started at 7:04, quorum present
 - a. Those present: Ala'a Moussa, Keith Martin, Jim Mennella, James Harrell, Chris Roberts, Mason Welch, Brian Glover, Frank Lee, Randall Hough, Irina Nizmutdinova. Chuck Ensey at 7:10 and Abhishek Kylasa signed in later and Jonathan Machtig at about 8:30.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA**
 - a. Motion/Second to approve: Ala'a/Keith, ... all approved
3. **APPROVE January 2024 MINUTES**
 - a. Motion/Second to approve: Ala'/Keith ... all approved
4. **President's remarks (Alaa)**
 - a. we have good momentum, our new website and Facebook page are looking great. Our on-line vote was to hire Karina for *Rank & File*.
 - b. Brief discussion about submissions for *Rank & File*
 - c. Role of Membership Secretary: Motion/Second by Ala'a and Chuck ... all approved to show Randall as current secretary. Website needs updating to show current secretary as Randall.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT (Frank)**
 - a. See full report sent via email.
 - b. Frank explained it in detail. \$25,962 is the current balance with one small outstanding check for about \$400.
6. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Randy)**
 - a. Regular: 153 and Junior; 268
 - b. Membership is 'flat' not increasing in significant numbers (we had 486 members before COVID and over 1,000 in 2016)
7. **Rank & File (April 24 issue)**
 - a. Material is being sent to Karina. Ala'a is reaching out to various chess entities for contributions.
 - b. When published and distributed, membership may increase.
 - c. March 11, 7 pm Zoom meeting on R & F (board attendance not required)
8. **Tournaments & Events:**
 - a. **Super States- Jay** (not available)
 - b. **MDC- Randy-** TLA is available, format same as last year, hotel cost might be lower this year. May 25-26 are the dates. A TD is still needed. Irina needs more details if she is to be responsible for trophies and will communicate with Randall as/when needed.
 - c. **Seniors championship 50+/65+ (Ala'a)-** Jay does not have room in his event for this. Chuck will work with Ala'a on creating this event.
 - d. **State championship Closed** (Dates/Location/qualifiers/and invitations) A meeting is set up with the Temecula Chess Club, this Thursday at 1:00 pm., to explore the possibilities. Chuck and Ala'a will be there and report back to the Board. To be held June 13-16. Mason will explore the possibility of live streaming this event.

- e. **Clubs state championship-** Mason is gathering a list of clubs in California. Irina suggested using social media to do this. A general discussion ensued. Irina will explore a possible high school championship event.

9. Roundtable:

- a. Review of topics already discussed. Connecting with more clubs/groups such as in Santa Barbara discussed.

10. DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. March 25 at 7:00 pm

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm