

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION
April Meeting MINUTES - 04-29-2024 7 pm

1. **ESTABLISH QUORUM:** present: Ala'a-addin Moussa, Keith Martin, James Harrell, Frank Lee, Abhishek Kylasa, Brian Glover, Mason Welch, Randall Hough, Jim Mennella, Irina Nizmutdinova. Chris Roberts joined in an advisory capacity.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion/Second to approve, Ala'a/Mason, all approved.
3. **APPROVE March 2024 MINUTES:** Motion/Second to approve, Ala'a/James, no discussion, all approved.
4. **President's remarks (Board vacancy)** Keith Martin tendered his resignation with regrets and thanks to all. And all thanked him for his years of service to SCCF. If any board member knows of anyone who wants to be secretary, we will have nominations and voting at our next meeting. Ala'a will nominate Dedian Guo at our next meeting as she has shown an interest.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT (Frank):** see full report sent via e-mail. Frank was able to update our information on PayPal. Frank opened a Chase account for SCCF so we can migrate there with our current president having signing privileges.

- B of A checking:	\$19,065.06
- B of A Savings	\$7,748.39
- PayPal	\$6,989.33
Total	\$33,802.78
6. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Randy)**

- Regular	178
- Junior	271
- Life	15
- Complimentary	5
7. **Rank & File (Spring issue & Summer issue):** discussion included reaching out to lapsed members by sending an email blast with this issue of Rank & File. Randy will do this with Chris' support. A good issue with good content and a learning experience for all involved in getting it done. Printed version discussed as well as when will be send digital version once our printed version is mailed. In the past, the email came out after the following issue was mailed.
8. **Tournaments & Events:**
 - a. **National Tournament of Champions nominations:** Irina's report: K-12 champion was an 11th grader whose parents are not sure the child will be able to go sure because four family members want to go. Irina will check every two weeks. 2nd place finisher is willing to go. The K-8 winner is not

going for sure, runner up's family asked for financial aid and was told that funds will be distributed at the end of the event. They will be going to the event. Irina will submit the forms to USCF soon. The girls' winners' forms have been submitted. The youngest boy champion said he will go. Irina will submit all forms to USCF soon. Aala will submit the Senior winner to USCF.

b. MDC: we're on track with 48 entries so far.

c. State championship Invitational: June 13-16 at Temecula Chess Club where major renovations are in the process. Two GMs said yes, three IMs said yes, and one FM said yes, so far. We are waiting for V. Akopian's response. Games may be broadcast live. Chris is working on it.

9. Roundtable: discussion about fundraising, donations. Ala'a, Randy and Keith are working on developing a list of previous donors and drafting a letter to them. Share any current potential donors. Chris on Rank & File: we need to keep the number of pages to be a multiple of four. It's currently 26 pages. Ala'a will talk to Karina and work it out.

10. DETERMINE DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30