

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS FEDERATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2020**

**PRESENT (all remote):** Dewain Barber, Chuck Ensey, Brian Glover, Abhishek Kylasa, Jonney Machtig, Sean Manross, Jim Mennella, Steve Morford, Dylan Quercia, ( Alan Kantor, President, Tennessee Chess Association)

**ABSENT:** Ashley Li

**AGENDA:** Sean Manross moved, Jim Mennella seconded, and the Board approved the agenda.

**PRIOR MINUTES:** Sean Manross moved, Jim Mennella seconded, and the Board approved the 11-1-20 minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sean Manross moved, Jonney Machtig seconded, and the Board voted to accept the treasurer's report.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Sean Manross moved, Jonney Machtig seconded, and the Board approved the membership report.

**SUSAN KANTOR:** The Board held a moment of silence in honor of Susan Kantor.

**SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL:** The Board discussed changes to the Scholastic Council. No action was taken.

**COLLEGE CHESS:** It was announced that the UCLA team took first place in an on-line blitz tournament held November 21. A collegiate chess league will commence play in January. No action was taken.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** It was announced that master Robert Shlyakhtenko won the 2020 Southern California State Championship. Negotiations will now proceed to arrange a match with the Northern California champion. No action was taken.

**RANK & FILE:** It was announced that work is proceeding to create an on-line issue of Rank & File. No action was taken.

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TOURNAMENT:** In abidance of a benchmark vote of the Board of Directors, which was unanimously against holding in-person events before the successful establishment of herd immunity (via a proven and widespread vaccine), the Chair (President Sean J. Manross, under advisement from the organizer (former president Dr. Steve Morford), declared the Southern California Chess Federation Memorial Day Classic Tournament to be

postponed until further notice. It is expected the Memorial Day Classic Tournament will resume in 2022. This precedent may be applied to further tournaments until COVID has been curtailed by the appropriate authorities.

**CHESS FOR THE DISABLED:** Sean Manross provided an update. No action was taken.

**UNIFIED DUES STRUCTURE:** There was discussion regarding the possibility of a unified dues structure for chess. No action was taken.

**BOARD ELECTION:** There was discussion regarding issues related to the upcoming board election. Chuck Ensey and Steve Morford will follow up. No action was taken.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held Sunday, January 3, at 2 p.m. This will be a virtual only meeting.