

# Southern California Chess Federation

Minutes from online meeting on 10/28/24

## **In Attendance:**

**President:** Alaa Addin Moussa

**Vice President:** Melik Khachiyan

**Treasurer:** Frank Lee

**Membership Secretary:** Randall Hough

**Secretary:** Chuck Ensey

**Other Board Members:** Linus Eisenberg,

Brian Glover, Dedian Guo, James Harrell, Angela Liu, and Guy Reams

Non-Board members in Attendance: Dewain Barber and Chris Roberts.

## **Agenda & Minutes:**

10/28/24 The online meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Moussa. All board members were present. Also present were USCF Dean of Scholastic Chess Dewain Barber and SCCF Webmaster Chris Roberts. The agenda for this meeting was approved by all the board members and then the minutes from the last meeting were also unanimously approved.

## **Financial Report:**

Balances - B of A checking: \$100.00, Chase checking: \$16,128.00 and a PayPal balance of \$1,175.69 for a total of \$17,403.69. The Bank of America savings account has been closed and the checking will be soon.

## **Membership Report:**

Randall Hough reported on the membership: 210 Regular, 322 Juniors, 15 Life and 6 Complementary memberships for a total of 553.

## **Rank and File:**

The "Rank and File" magazine was discussed; the new issue is close to being finished and should be ready to go by late November or early December. Proof reading and final touches are just needed to finish up the preliminary draft. Angela Liu has done another great job and we are very pleased to have such a good-looking magazine to promote chess once again. It looks like Staples will be handling the printing this time.

## **Hall of Fame:**

The nominees for the Hall of Fame were discussed once more. The committee is still studying the issue and will report back to the board next month. Phil Chase is writing a book on the history of Southern California chess and shared a draft of his work which was very helpful. It should not be shared with anyone as it is not yet published.

### **Up Coming Tournaments:**

The Super States for next year were discussed. There was also a discussion about how hard it is to get the USCF to hold a US Open on the West Coast and how generally uncooperative they are even when they do put one out here. The American Open is coming up in November and we will try to work with the Ong family to help promote SCCF memberships. The Dreaming King Open in January is open for registrations online on our website and we already have a few entries. The Memorial Day tournament is still without a TD or organizer. Randy Hough said he can help with some things but doesn't want to be burdened with the entire work load.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was set for December 2nd at 7 PM and the current meeting was adjourned. Thanks to all for attending.