

Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and Campaign Statement

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NAME (First Last): Charles Hatherill **Florida Resident since (year):** 2011

US Chess ID # 12215430 **US Chess Expiration Date:** Life Member. **FCA member:** Life

Board Status: New, Returning, or Incumbent: Incumbent **Years:** 1

If Incumbent, Positions held: Director at Large.

If Incumbent, your accomplishments of note while on the board: Tournament Director at State Scholastic and assisted in helping with a bid for the Villages to hold the Amateur Team South Tournament in the Winter/Spring of 2024.

Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Rating/Peak Rating, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent, Tournament Director, other applicable info): I have taken teams to the K-12 High School and Grade Championships as coach. My teams have taken multiple second & third places and one first in the Nevada State Scholastic Individual/ Team Championship. Current rating is 1355. I am currently a US Chess National Tournament Director, FIDE Arbiter and FIDE Developmental Instructor. I am working towards both my FIDE National Instructor (pending FIDE approval) and FIDE International Arbiter title. I have organized and served as Chief or Assistant TD several US Opens and US Senior Opens. I was the Director of Chess in the Clark County School District in Nevada managing 30 high school teams and 70 plus middle schools. I have created the Vero Beach Chess Club and soon to hold tournaments locally.

Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service: Have served as Chairman to the USCF Senior Committee, currently serving on the US Chess TDCC and US Chess Ethics Committee. Served as President and Vice president of the Nevada Chess. I was a member of the board of the Ohio Chess Association and helped direct the Ohio State Chess Congress (State Championship). I am a current member of the military committee for the US Chess. I have organized and directed over ten state scholastic tournaments in Nevada. I have skills as an organizer, chief tournament director to backroom pairing chief for various state and national tournaments.

Why are you running for the FCA board? I am interested in increasing over the board chess in Florida and bringing more National and International tournaments to our state. See Campaign statement.

Campaign statement: What will I seek to accomplish for the Florida Chess Community? I would like to work with the Florida Clearing House for tournaments to increase the number of tournaments and reduce the number of conflicts on specific dates. I have submitted a bid to the USCF Military Chess Committee to hold the 67th US Armed Forces Open Championship in Florida and it has been accepted to be held in Florida. Would also like to plan for US Chess Senior and US Junior Championship in Florida every other year especially with the number of Seniors and highly rated junior players we have in our state. This would mean the FCA would work closely with all the state clubs and scholastic programs in the state. This would be an increase in the membership of Florida Chess players. I would like to work towards getting more of our chess players FIDE rated too along with making our state championship FIDE rated for a minimum of the top two sections. Would like to see the increase in team chess and bring back the Regional US Amateur Team Chess Team tournament to Florida again.