

Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and Campaign Statement

Requirements for board candidates Per the FCA Bylaws, all candidates must have been a continuous member of the FCA and US Chess since before March 1st of the election year (see By-Laws Article III Section 3). They must also be a voting member of the FCA. Each candidate must have minimum one-year of Florida residency and in good standing with the FCA (Article VIII Section 10). All potential candidates will be reviewed against the criteria in the By-Laws.

Note: All information presented will be placed on the FCA website, but only a condensed bio will be included in the Summer edition of the floridaCHESS newsletter. Save and send this form to the Elections Committee Chair at this email address electons@floridachess.org.

NAME (First Last)/ ___ Kevin Pryor **Florida Resident since (year)** ___ 1973 ___

US Chess ID # 12544760 **US Chess Expiration Date** Life Member

Board Status New, Returning or Incumbent/ Incumbent **Years** 8

If Incumbent, Positions held NE VP, Treasurer, President & Newsletter Editor

If Incumbent, your accomplishments of note while on the board: Organized NE Region to hold 2 Regional Championships, Attended 6 National Delegates meetings as Florida Rep at US Chess. Traced profit/ loss for organization for at 5 year period showing history of financial management. Switched Elections to electronic methods from paper. Project managed conversion of member records from Excel to a Customer management system. Builder of current website. Raised \$2000 for Florida Blind Students. Updated Bylaws in 2016. President from 2018 to 2022 led the redesign of board member roles to increase individual activity. Conducted Town Hall meetings at Scholastic Championships. 2020 & 2022 Scholastic Championship Organizer and negotiated contracts with venue. Filled in as Magazine Editor for the 2021 Summer Edition.

Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Rating Peak Rating, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent, Tournament Director, other applicable info): 1487 Peak (2022). Certified L2 Chess Coach. Two years on the US Chess Federation Executive Board. Currently the Vice-President of US Chess. Certified Steps Method trainer. Awarded FIDE Developmental Instructor title.

Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service: 30 years J&J Corporate manager, Not for profit board member experience. US Chess Executive Board member.

Why are you running for the FCA board? The FCA has continued to grow during my time as Vice-President and I would like to focus on new initiatives to better secure the future of chess in our state.

Campaign statement: If elected, what will I seek to accomplish for the Florida Chess Community? To continue to support chess in Florida through hands-on leadership and listening to the people of Florida for ways to improve chess in our state. To continue to find talented people to fill board and committee member positions in chess governance. To continue to build the national profile and appreciation of all we do in Florida.