**Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and**

**Campaign Statement**

**Write-In Deadline: September 13, 2020**

**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. See

<https://www.floridachess.org/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: elections@floridachess.org.*

**NAME (First Last): Paul Leggett Florida Resident since (year): 1998**

**US Chess ID # 12484864 US Chess Expiration Date: 2/22**

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

**If Incumbent, Positions held: Previously, At Large and Central VP at different times**

**If Incumbent, your accomplishments of note while on the board**:

 **I have helped new and or smaller clubs in my region become very successful in running weekend tournaments, which have grown steadily in attendance and popularity- in particular, holding the most successful one-day tournaments in the Central Florida region in decades. I consider my most important work to be the focus on senior players, who represent a substantial portion of the Florida chess playing population, but are underserved.**

**Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Rating/Peak Rating, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent,**

**Tournament Director, other applicable info): I am a Guest Experience Manager with the Walt Disney Company. I am a multiple-time Florida Class Champion and USATS Champion with a peak rating of 1887, and one of the most prolific players in the state. I have held several offices with the Clermont Chess Club in Clermont, Florida, and I am often used by Chess Organizers to perform scouting and venue photography work for new potential chess tournament locations.**

**Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service: I am fortunate to have lots of chess friends all over the State, and I often serve as a conduit to introduce chess planners and organizers for mutual benefit and chess synergy.**

**Why are you running for the FCA board? I was not actively running, but I am happy to serve when called.**

**Campaign statement: If elected, what will I seek to accomplish for the Florida Chess Community? My continuing focus will be to advocate for the Florida senior community, including a Florida senior championship and perhaps a senior tournament circuit.**