

# Florida Chess Association Candidate Information.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: The entire form will be placed on the FCA website under the Governance/Election Headquarters page. Save and return a fully completed form to the Elections Committee Chair at this email address: [elections@floridachess.org](mailto:elections@floridachess.org).*

**NAME (First Last): Anthony Cipollina**

**Florida Resident since (year): 1980**

**US Chess ID # [13713973](#) US Chess Expiration Date: 08/31/22**

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

**Years: \_\_\_N/A\_\_\_**

**If Incumbent, Positions held: \_\_\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_**

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

N/A

**Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Rating/Peak Rating, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent, Tournament Director, other applicable info):**

Anthony A. Cipollina (aka Tony C) has been playing chess since the age of four. Local to the area he graduated in 1998 from Spruce Creek High School and got his BS in CS at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. A member of the Daytona Beach Chess Club since 2006, he quickly rose through the ranks to become a Category 1 Expert with a peak USCF rating of 2016. Tony is an official Local Tournament Director, organizer, and coach. His playing record includes multiple Daytona Beach Chess Club Championships, multiple Palatka

quad championships, multiple match victories (still undefeated in match play), an Orlando Class B Championship, and most recently led a team to victory which he captained and coached, while tying for first in a field of over 100 players at the 2020 United States Amateur Team South. Tony formed the Volusia County Chess Club in 2019 and has held the club together safely during the pandemic and plans on organizing and directing uscf rated tournaments again.

**Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service:**

Tech savvy

Social media experience

TD experience

Organizing experience

Teaching / coaching experience

Knowledge of FCA history

**Why are you running for the FCA board?**

I believe my knowledge of FCA history and my drive and determination will be of great benefit to the board.

**Campaign statement: If elected, what will I seek to accomplish for the Florida Chess Community?**

I want to bridge the gap between veteran and new players. I want to help educate the veteran players in new technology and study methods to help them improve. I also wish to educate the newer players with the older study methods and things of a historical nature. I will constantly look to see how other chess clubs outside the state do things and take the best ideas from them.