

NAME (First Last): Shabazz, Daaim

Florida Resident since (year): 1998

US Chess ID # 11487408

US Chess Expiration Date: April 30, 2023

Board Status: New, Returning or Incumbent: Returning

Years: 3

If Incumbent, Positions held: NW Vice President, Member-at-Large

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

Served as a U.S. Delegate; helped to publicize several events in the Tallahassee and provided coverage for 2019 U.S. Open.

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

Accomplishments: USCF member since 1979, Illinois Junior Champion, 2X MVP Chicago Industrial Chess League, 20 years of chess journalism (*The Chess Drum*), approximately 4000 news articles, dozens of interviews, op/ed stories, photography. Featured in various chess publications including a profile in *New in Chess* (January 2021). Also live coverage of six Olympiads, U.S. Championships, Grand Chess Tour events, and World Open; chess diplomacy (visited chess communities in Qatar, Bahrain, Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, Jamaica, Bahamas, Trinidad)

Current Rating/Peak Rating: 2009/2150

Author: Triple Exclam: *The Life and Games of Emory Tate*, *Chess Warrior*

Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service:
Marketing, Journalism

Why are you running for the FCA board?
There was a void in the NW region

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

One of the things I would like to do is rejuvenate the chess scene in the Panhandle. It is the most isolated part of Florida as far as chess is concerned.