

Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and Campaign Statement

Deadline: July 31, 2022

Requirements for board candidates per the FCA Bylaws <https://www.floridachess.org/By-Laws>
Every nominee must meet each item 1-5:

1. Been continuous member of the FCA and US Chess since before March 1st of the election year
2. Must be 16 years or older
3. Meet **one** of the following:
 - a) Have a USCF or FIDE chess rating, either over-the-board or correspondence.
 - b) Be a certified tournament director with one (1) USCF event in the previous two (2) years.
 - c) Participated in the Florida State Championship tournament or at least one (1) of its side events (G-29, G-15, G-5 championships, for example) in the previous five (5) years.
4. Minimum one-year of Florida residency
5. In good standing with the FCA (Article VIII Section 10).

Save and send this form to the Elections Committee Chair at this email address:

elections@floridachess.org. You can also use this email address for any questions about the vetting criteria.

NAME: **Timotey Gospodinov** Florida Resident since (year): **2002**

US Chess ID # **13797483** US Chess Expiration Date: **11/30/2022**

Board Status: New, Returning or Incumbent: **Incumbent** Years: **2**

If Incumbent, Positions held: **Regional Vice President for West Florida.**

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

One of the Tournament Directors of 2021 Harvey Lerman Florida State Chess Championship, also TD at 2022 Florida State Scholastic Championship, and 2022 Florida State Girls Championship.

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

ACHIEVED FIRST PLACE AT BULGARIA OVER 30 TIMES FROM 1981 TO 2002. AFTER 2007 PLAYED CHESS TOURNAMENTS IN THE USA. CHESS COACH OF 2 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS WHO ARE ALSO FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONS.

1. 2008 SUNSHINE FEB, OPEN SECTION, 2ND PLACE
2. 2008 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, U1600, 3RD PLACE
3. SPCC MAY 2010 OPEN SECTION, 2ND PLACE
4. TAMPA BAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PREP, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
5. SPCC FEBRUARY 2011, OPEN, 2ND PLACE

6. TAMPA BAY WINTER OPEN, 2ND PLACE
7. TAMPA BAY FALL OPEN, 2ND PLACE
8. 1-14-12 CHRIST CHURCH, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
9. SPRING BREAK OPEN, 3RD PLACE
10. UM CHESS MARCH 2013, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
11. ST. PATRICK'S TOURNAMENT MARCH 2013, OPEN 2ND PLACE
12. 11TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CLASS, CLASS B, 2ND PLACE
13. CHESS CLUB JOY APRIL TOURNAMENT, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
14. CHESS CLUB JOY MAY 2013, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
15. CHESS CLUB JOY JUNE 2013, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
16. UM CHESS - JULY 2013, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
17. CHESS CLUB JOY AUGUST 2013, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
18. CHESS CLUB JOY DECEMBER 2013, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
19. UM CHESS - JANUARY 2014, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
20. CHESS CLUB JOY MARCH 2014, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
21. CHESS CLUB JOY APRIL 2014, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
22. ROLAND PARK CT2, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
23. CHESS CLUB JOY JUNE 2014, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
24. WEST TAMPA AUGUST, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
25. ACA_TAMPACHESSNOV, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
26. CHESS CLUB JOY NOVEMBER 2014, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
27. FRIDAY NIGHTS RATED TOURNAMENTS, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
28. FRIDAY NIGHTS CHESS TOURNAMENT JANUARY, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
29. ACA_TAMPAJAN, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
30. CHESS CLUB JOY FEBRUARY 2015, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
31. CHESS CLUB JOY MARCH 2015, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
32. ACA_TAMPACHESSMAY, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
33. ACA_TAMPACHESSAUG, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
34. CHESS CLUB JOY JANUARY 2016, OPEN, 1ST PLACE
35. CHESS CLUB JOY FEBRUARY 2016, OPEN 1ST PLACE
36. CHESS CLUB JOY AUGUST 2016, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
37. CHESS CLUB JOY NOVEMBER 2016, OPEN, 2ND PLACE
38. CHESS CLUB JOY DECEMBER 2016, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
39. 15TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CLASS CHAMPION, CLASS B, 3RD PLACE
40. CHESS CLUB JOY JULY 2017, OPEN, 3RD PLACE
41. AUG 2017 WEST TAMPA TOURNAMENT, 1ST PLACE
42. CHESS CLUB JOY AUGUST 2018, 3RD PLACE
43. CHESS CLUB JOY NOVEMBER 2018, 3RD PLACE
44. CHESS CLUB JOY FEBRUARY 2019, 3RD PLACE
45. 17TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CLASS CHAMP, CLASS B, 2ND PLACE
46. CHESS CLUB JOY MARCH 2019, 2ND PLACE
47. CHESS CLUB JOY APRIL 2019, 2ND PLACE
48. SYC APRIL 2019, 2ND PLACE
49. CHESS CLUB JOY AUGUST 2019, 1ST PLACE

President of Saint Petersburg Chess Club since 2018 & Chess Club Joy since 2012. *US* Certified Chess coach since March 2020. Tournament director since 2012 with about 200 chess tournaments organized. Regional Vice President for West Florida. My two sons/students are National Champions as well as Florida State Champions. **Current Rating 1748. Peak Rating 1887**

Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service:

Local Tournament Director since 2012 with about 200 Tournaments organized. I have Been Floor TD at National Tournaments and Florida State tournaments. Chess coach since 2007. I am President of two USCF affiliates – Chess Club Joy and Saint Petersburg Chess Club.

Why are you running for the FCA board?

I have the experience and skills to help promote chess in Florida. When it comes to promoting the game of chess and providing future generations with this great knowledge, I am all in. I want to teach this wonderful game of chess to anyone willing to learn.

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

By promoting FCA I will help the chess community grow. I will bring in more FCA memberships, as well as organizing more chess tournaments in Florida if needed. Saint Petersburg Chess Club will be always available for FCA to do some of the tournaments here.