

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 (First Last): George Foote **Florida Resident since (year):** 1961

US Chess ID # 16161536 **US Chess Expiration Date:** 03-31-2023

Board Status: Incumbent: **Years:** 4 (1+ years on the FCA Scholastic Board in the 1990s and 3 years on current FCA Board – the immediate past term and one interim term)

If Incumbent, Positions held: FCA Scholastic Board Member, FCA NE Florida VP, FCA Election Committee Chairman, FCA At-Large Board Member, floridaCHESS Magazine Editor, and Alternate Delegate to the US Open.

If Incumbent, your accomplishments of note while on the board: I attended the 2019 US Open as an FCA alternate representative. I have edited and published 3 floridaCHESS magazines. I successfully conducted the 2021 FCA Board Elections.

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

-Chess Organizer – I have been setting up and running rated and unrated chess tournaments since 1995, including 24 years for the Jacksonville Scholastic Championship. Another noteworthy chess event I have organized the annual “National Chess Day Celebration and Tournament” held at Jacksonville’s Museum of Science and History.

-USCF Club TD - Over 150 sections directed (54 so far this year). I have also directed some unrated tournaments this year in the home school sector and will be transitioning them into the FCA and USCF.

-**Current Editor of floridaCHESS** magazine – I stepped in as successor to Harvey Lerman in 2021 and have published 3 quarterly issues to date.

-Attended **2019 US Open** as Alternate Representative for FCA.

-I have volunteered for a position on the **National Scholastic Committee** with the USCF (Selections will be announced in August 2022)

-I am currently compiling and scanning back issues of **floridaCHESS** magazine with the intent to publish them in annual (or multi annual) volumes.

-I am a member, in good standing, of the **Chess Journalists of America**.

-**Coaching:** I am a **USCF Certified Coach** who has taught chess to over 1,000 students. I coach the following school programs:

Hendricks Avenue Elementary School since 1995 – Winning over 12 City Championships and taking 3 teams to the K-12 National Championships.

Julia Landon College Prep – Winning 2 City Championships.

San Jose Catholic School

Assumption Catholic School

The Preschool at San Marco

San Marco Area Homeschool group

I have also coached the following schools:

St. Mark's Ark Preschool

Beauclerc Elementary

Chet's Creek Elementary

Mandarin Home School group

Stanton College Prep – Winning 2 City Championships and taking 2 teams to the K-12 National Championship.

I am a Co-owner and coach of **Jacksonville Scholastic Chess Academy** and **ScholasticChess.org**, a Florida Not-for-Profit focusing on chess education.

I have held a week-long summer camp in 5 of the last 7 years (taking 2 years off during the pandemic 2020 and 2021).

TD training: I have been training new club TDs during my time volunteering with the Jacksonville Chess Club (Weekly, Tuesday Night Quick tournaments).

Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service:

I am able to assist with tournaments in an assistant director or organizer role.

I am proficient with word processing and desktop publishing.

I am also proficient with Chess Base, Swiss Sys, and WinTD.

I own a website development and publishing company – Silent E Publishing.

I am willing to volunteer my time to help support the goals of the organization.

Why are you running for the FCA board? To continue to assist with the growth of chess and chess education in Florida.

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

I will continue to be an active member of the Board, working toward the goals of the organization including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Increase the reach of floridaCHESS magazine while maintaining high quality content.
- 2) Continue working on the historical archiving of the floridaCHESS magazine.
- 3) Continue to be actively involved with Scholastic Chess on the local, state, and national level.
- 4) Work in unison with the FCA Board members to continue growth and expansion of chess in Florida.