

Hooker, Donald Jr (I)

Donald Hooker Jr. is an incumbent candidate, seeking a second term on the Board

Hoover, Nathan (I)

I have been involved in Minnesota chess as a director and organizer since 1994, and I have directed over 500 tournaments. I am a chess instructor at Youth Enrichment League with 8 years of experience teaching chess to grades K-5. Each one of my schools have earned a top 5 team trophy at local YEL tournaments with approximately 100-150 participants, and I have produced 3 championship teams. I am also a volunteer TD at the Chess Castle of Minnesota. I will use my experience to continue increasing interest in chess, and help to make chess the best it can be here in Minnesota.

Kuhns, David (I)

US Chess National Tournament Director, FIDE International Arbiter. Incumbent candidate for the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Chess Association. Most of you know me. I have had the pleasure of working with the MSCA for 46 years. Any of the candidates on the ballot will be great to work with on the board, and I look forward to doing so.

Kalina, Chris

- I started playing chess in 1992 in high school in scholastic events.
- By 1993, I began playing in the adult tournaments.
- From 1995 to 1997 I worked for Yasser Seirawan's Inside Chess magazine as the shipping manager.
- 2002 to 2009 Seattle Chess Club Vice President
- Club level tournament director from 2005 to 2009 and 2017 to present.
- WA State Premier runner up 2003, 2004, 2007
- Looking to obtain a permanent site to own for a chess center

Litman, Dana

The reason I would like to run for the MSCA board is I believe that I offer a unique and broad perspective that will be very beneficial to the board. My experience with Minnesota chess began in 1985 as a player. Currently, my 13 year old son and 9 year old daughter play rated and scholastic chess. I am the coach of Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion Elementary School and occasionally play myself. Lastly I am a local business owner and former member of the US Army and I think both of those experiences I believe will benefit to board.

Over the past year I have become an active participant at several board meetings lending my opinion. I have volunteered at several events, and currently helping to help find a location and a sponsor for upcoming tournaments.

With so many young people starting to take an interest in chess and more young girls starting to play chess I believe we have a golden opportunity to put Minnesota Chess in a great position for now and in the future.

Narayanan, Saumik

I'm running for MSCA board because I believe that my background with chess will greatly benefit the Minnesota Chess Community. As a player, I have been active in Minnesota Chess for 12 years, at all levels of play including the SCA, school-level completions, Chess Castle tournaments, and MSCA events. I have 4 years of combined leadership experience as Eagan Chess Captain and President of the UMN Chess Club - both programs grew significantly during my tenures. As a TD, I have directed dozens of USCF tournaments, including for the MSCA, and several events over 100 players. My greatest success was organizing and directing the 2018 Golden Gopher Open, with 164 players, the largest prize fund for a Minnesota tournament in recent memory, and even a few out-of-state GMs! As an MSCA Board member, I will continue to strengthen Minnesota Chess, and I hope I have your support. Thank you.

Tang, Patrick

I have been coaching the Wayzata High School Chess Team and managing the Minnesota Blizzard in the past four years. I proposed and helped bidding for the US Class Championship, US Junior/Senior Open, and US Amateur North Championship held in Minnesota for the first time in history, and assisted in organizing Minnesota GM norm tournaments (the third edition is being planned for late June). Other involvement in chess included organizing the Minnesota Blizzard FIDE tournaments, Minnesota Masters, and co-founding the Minnesota Online High School Chess League with other high schools. If elected, I will work with the board on the following tasks:

1. Continue to work on getting national and international tournaments to come to Minnesota (ultimately the US Open and possibly FIDE international tournaments), and promoting Minnesota Chess on the national and global stage.
2. Compile the complete history of Minnesota Chess and produce an eBook. Minnesota has a rich and fascinating chess history and this will be my top priority.
3. Find ways to enrich online chess contents on the MSCA website.
4. Explore fund raising opportunities through nonprofit channels.
5. Brainstorm ideas to promote both scholastic and adult chess in less developed areas in the state.

Instructions: Fill out a ballot in person to an election judge at the, St. Paul Winter Open, at the Chess Castle, or at the Minnesota Open by 2pm Saturday, February 16th, 2019. Place ballot within an envelope. On the outside of that envelope, sign and print your name with your US Chess ID number. Do Not Sign the ballot itself. All MSCA members over the age of 16 are allowed to vote, age may be subject to be verified by a State ID or another document that indicates DOB.

This document may contain more than one ballot, but you may only cast one ballot.

If mail in, please place your ballot inside an envelope. Clearly mark the outside envelope as "Ballot" and sign it. Mail to: Chess Castle 1121 NE Jackson St #134, Minneapolis, MN 55413

BALLOT

**Minnesota State Chess Association
Board of Directors Election February 2019**

Vote for up to FOUR candidates:

David Kuhns, incumbent

Donald Hooker Jr, incumbent

Nate Hoover, incumbent

Chris Kalina

Dana Litman

Patrick Tang

Saumik Narayanan

Write-in candidate:_____
(insert name here)

**Allow the board to make appropriate or
necessary changes to the bylaws, to be
later ratified by the Membership at a future
General Membership Meeting**

Yes

No

BALLOT

**Minnesota State Chess Association
Board of Directors Election February 2019**

Vote for up to FOUR candidates:

David Kuhns, incumbent

Donald Hooker Jr, incumbent

Nate Hoover, incumbent

Chris Kalina

Dana Litman

Patrick Tang

Saumik Narayanan

Write-in candidate:_____
(insert name here)

**Allow the board to make appropriate or
necessary changes to the bylaws, to be
later ratified by the Membership at a future
General Membership Meeting**

Yes

No