

**Minutes from CSCA Board Meeting  
December 8, 2018  
Newington Public Library**

This meeting was scheduled as a continuation of the CSCA Annual Meeting to complete annual business for year 2018-2019 including electing officials, reviewing bids and setting a tournament schedule.

**I. Call to order (Newington Public Library) 2:15 Mr Derek Mansfield**

1. Notice of Meeting (Mr Mansfield)

Present Directors

Alex Palvinski  
Suhas Kodali  
Jennifer Hogrefe  
Alexander Lumelsky  
Rick Cheung  
Fred Townsend (leaves at 4:20 before the adjournment of the meeting)  
Norman Burtness  
Rick Bauer  
Erin Striff (arrived at 2:30)

Absent Directors

Derek Meredith

Also Present

Derek Mansfield, Vice President and Acting President  
Bob Milardo, Treasurer  
Bob Cyr, Historian  
CSCA Membership, scholastic players and their parents, University of Connecticut Chess Club members, New Britain Chess Club members, Chess Haven

US Chess representative Hal Sprechman, US Chess Executive Board member, as observer pursuant to notice to CSCA from US Chess Delegates at Annual Meeting August 2018.

**II. Directors and By-Laws**

1. Mr Milardo passed around a Treasurer's report. (*attached*)
2. Meeting began with brief debate over whether this meeting was a continuation of the previous meeting (business was not completed at the previous meeting), or a new meeting (meeting was adjourned outright; no notice of meeting was provided to last meeting attendees) with no definitive answer.
3. Mr Fiske raised concerns about the validity of amendment 3b to the By-Laws made during the April 28, 2018 CSCA meeting (*Bylaws attached*).

*3b. At no time shall the Board be composed of more than 30% of Directors (3 directors for a full Board) from the same local chess club. If this situation occurs due to resignation or failure to fill a director's position, or for any other reason, then one or more directors must step down until the Board is in compliance with this rule.*

Mr Norman Burtness raised a Point of Order that the amendment was not legal. Numerous attendees explain why they felt this amendment was unjust. Mr Derek Mansfield ruled that it was not ratified by  $\frac{2}{3}$

of Directors and therefore not legal. Mr Lumelsky explained that the minutes showed that it was ratified by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Directors. Mr Burtness explained that while he is not in favor of this amendment; and currently no one on the Board is violating this rule as Mr Derek Meredith is not a member of NBCC. Mr Lumelsky made a motion to increase the Board to 11 members. The motion was amended by Mr Fiske to expand the Board to 12 members, so all three nominees that tied during the November 2, 2018 CSCA meeting for the tenth Director position (Mr Meredith, Mr Aashish Chopra, Mr Mansfield) would serve for the balance of the year. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The Board was **temporarily** increased to 12 Directors **for 2018-19 only. The new seats will expire at the end of the 2019 Annual Meeting.**<sup>1</sup>

Mr Burtness made a motion to remove Amendment 3b from the By-Laws. He explained he would like Mr Meredith to join the New Britain Chess Club, but as it stands if Mr Meredith were to join NBCC this would violate Section 3b of the By-Laws. No vote was held.

### III. Officer Elections

1. President: Mr Mansfield asked for nominations. Mr Jan Van de Mortel was nominated three times. He accepted. No other nominations were made. Mr Van de Mortel won with 10 votes.

Mr Van de Mortel took over as Chairperson.

2. Vice President: Mr Van de Mortel asked for nominations after reading the description of the position as stated on the By-Laws. Mr Mansfield was nominated and accepted. Mr Alex Palvinski was nominated and accepted. Each candidate was given two minutes to explain their qualifications and goals. The floor was opened to discussion and additional questions. Mr Mansfield received 5 votes. Mr Palvinski won with 6 votes.

3. Secretary: Mr Van de Mortel asked for nominations after reading the description of the position as stated on the By-Laws. Mrs Jennifer Hogrefe was nominated and accepted. Mr Fred Townsend was nominated and declined. Mr Rick Bauer was nominated and declined. Mrs Hogrefe won the position.

4. Treasurer: Mr Van de Mortel asked for nominations after reading the description of the position as stated on the By-Laws. Mr Robert Milardo was nominated and accepted. Mr Bryant Mercado was nominated and accepted. Mr Matthew Chan was nominated and accepted, but withdrew before the vote. Each nominee was given two minutes to explain their qualifications and goals. Mr Robert Milardo received three votes. Mr Bryant Mercado won with eight votes.

5. Tournament Coordinator: Mr Van de Mortel gave a description of the position, and encouraged CSCA to run 1 or 2 tournaments in house. Mr Meredith was nominated, but was not present to accept the nomination. Mr Alexander Lumelsky was nominated and accepted. Mr Robert Milardo explained that Mr Lumelsky was censured during the April 28, 2018 meeting and for him to get an officer position the censure would need to be lifted. The Chairman motioned to lift the censure, and the motion was passed, unanimously. Mr Burtness was nominated and declined. Mr Van de Mortel was nominated and declined. Mr Suhas Kodali was nominated and accepted. Each nominee was given two minutes to explain their qualifications and goals. During Mr Kodali's speech, he explained that the former Tournament Coordinator (TC) may have used the position to unfairly award his organization bids. Mr Lumelsky responded to the accusation, and a broader discussion of the responsibilities of the position was had.

The Tournament Coordinator, it was explained by Mr Lumelsky, is essentially a shell position if the

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<sup>1</sup> During the 5/19/19 CSCA meeting an amendment was added to the minutes before approval to elucidate the intent of the Board vote to increase Directors to 12 for the 2018-19 session. All words in bold represent the change from the original minutes submitted for approval. The amendment passed with 8 votes in favor and 2 abstaining.

CSCA does not run any tournaments themselves. It would be the duty of the TC to organize and run events. The TC has nothing to do with the bidding process, or decisions made around it. The current procedure is all bidding organizers come to the meeting with their bids for Board vote to award events. Mr Lumelsky had in the past suggested that CSCA organize its own events and contacted organizers to bid so that all events are covered and presented to the Board in a clear way with sufficient information to make award decisions.

Mr Kodali received 3 votes. Mr Lumelsky won with 8 votes.

6. Membership Database Secretary: Mr Van de Mortel asked for nominations after reading the description of duties as stated in the By-Laws. Mr Bauer was nominated and accepted. Mrs Vandna Chopra was nominated and accepted. The nominees were given two minutes to explain their qualifications and goals. Mr Bauer received 5 votes. Mrs Vandna Chopra won with 6 votes.

During the Membership Database Secretary discussion, concerns about lack of membership data was addressed. It was explained that this was largely due to tournament organizers not providing membership information to CSCA. It is believed for-profit organizers were keeping member information for proprietary reasons. Mr Burtness expressed concern about giving CSCA personal information of people that attend his events. Mr Fiske suggested that organizers could explicitly ask for permission. Mr John Fikiet reminded all that tournaments were public events with published results, and as CSCA members they have already given permission. This discussion was tabled for future discussion.

7. Ombudsman: This position does not have a description on the By-Laws, so Mr Van de Mortel asked the Board and Assembly to explain the responsibilities and duties previous officers held. For clarification, Mr Townsend asked if this position was elected by the Board or elected by the Membership. Mr Lumelsky and Mr Bauer explained that while the Membership attendees in the past was limited mostly to Board Directors it had been voted by the Board as shown in previous minutes. Mr Bauer explained, "whenever there is a conflict that arises either internal or external people will sometimes approach the Ombudsman to resolve the conflict. The Ombudsman should be the conscious of the organization." Mr Burtness expounded, "By definition the ombudsman is supposed to investigate ethical violations. It is more of an ethical investigator." Mr Townsend motioned to have the have the whole Assembly (Members and the Board) vote for Ombudsman. Mr Lumelsky stated that this was improper because it was a motion to amend the By-Laws as stated in Section 4. Mr Kodali was nominated and accepted. Mr Burtness was nominated and accepted, but withdrew before the vote. Mr Mansfield was nominated and accepted, but withdrew before the vote. Mr Fiske was nominated and declined. Mr Cheung was nominated and accepted. Mr Kodali received 5 votes. Mr Cheung won with six votes.

8. Historian: Mr Van de Mortel asked for nominations. Bob Cyr was nominated and accepted. Board unanimously voted to reelect.

9. Scholastic Chess Grants Administrator: This position does not have a description in the By-Laws, so Mr Van de Mortel asked the Board and Assembly to explain the responsibilities and duties. Mr Bauer explained that in the past CSCA awarded \$100 to schools for chess sets. CSCA did not have many applications, so the award was not given frequently. Mr Van de Mortel encouraged the Board and Officers to gain more funds by applying for grants and getting donations to help the financial health of the organization; then in turn the organization would be capable of more outreach to publicize programs that help chess players. Mr Lumelsky explained that the position could be expanded into something productive and active, but without non-profit status grants would be difficult to obtain. Mr Townsend motioned to incorporate. This was deemed out of order in the middle of the election, but tabled for future discussion. Mrs Marguerite Christy was nominated and accepted. Mr George Wang was nominated and accepted. Each was given two minutes to explain qualifications and goals. Each seemed incredibly

qualified and was asked if they would work together on a committee, if not the winner. Mr Wang said no. Mrs Christy conceded and agreed to work on a committee. Mr Wang won the position.

10. Website Administrator: Mr Van de Mortel gave background on the current website and the current Administrator, Mr Gert Hilhorst. He is willing to remain a technical position including hosting the website, if no one else is willing. Mr Cyr explained that he is continually working on updating the historical information on the website. He feels competing websites are confusing for users. Mr Mansfield offered to look into having content removed from ctchess.com. Mr Lumelsky had three scholastic chess parents (Neelam Madhwani, Michael Mezheritskiy, and Laxma Dendi) volunteer for the position, none were present. They are all willing to update and expand the current website. No other nominations were made. Mr Van de Mortel motioned to have an email vote and the Board voted in agreement.

11. US Chess Delegates: Mr Van de Mortel explained every State Chapter gets to send Delegates, determined by membership of a Chapter, to a Delegates' meeting, typically in August, where all important USCF decisions are made by an Assembly of Delegates. Connecticut has one Chapter with slightly more than 1000 members, so currently the state has 2 Delegates plus 2 Alternates, both must be CSCA members. In the past, few CT delegates or Alternates have attended the Delegates' meeting. Mr Meredith was nominated, but was not present to accept. Mr Lumelsky was nominated and accepted. Mr Van de Mortel was nominated and accepted as an Alternate, he withdrew before the vote. Mr Kodali was nominated and accepted as an Alternate. Mr Burtness was nominated and accepted as an Alternate, he withdrew before the vote. Mr Townsend was nominated and accepted. The board voted twice for their top two Delegate nominees. The third place winner was the first Alternate. Mr Lumelsky received 8 votes. Mr Townsend received 9 votes. Mr Meredith received 3 votes. Mr Lumelsky and Mr Townsend became the US Chess Delegates. Mr Meredith and Mr Kodali are the Alternates. If neither the Delegate or the Alternates are able to attend the meeting the Chapter can elect to have someone else attend.

12. New England Chess Association (NECA): Mr Van de Mortel explained this is a position not previously filled. Mr Lumelsky attended the previous meeting and was elected the At-Large member. He explained that it needs two representatives, one is the President (or determined by the President) and the other is elected by the Board; if either or both cannot attend they can delegate to another. Mr Lumelsky suggested CT bid on the New England Open or New England Speed Open. Mr Van de Mortel accepted the Delegation. Mr Lumelsky was nominated, but did not accept because he was already an At-Large member. Mr Palvinski was nominated and accepted.

#### **IV. Tournament Schedule and Bidding Awards**

1. Mr Lumelsky motioned for CSCA to organize the Scholastic K-12 State Championship themselves. He argued that this was to ensure much needed revenue for the organization. It is the most attended event and therefore raises the most money. Van de Mortel volunteered (unpaid) for Tournament Director if CSCA runs the event. Connecticut Chess Organization (CCO) offered to donate event liability insurance for the event.

Mr Lumelsky explained during the discussion that no one else had bid for this tournament, but Chess Haven had expressed interest in this event if CSCA did not organize it. They had not put an official bid in for it.

A vibrant discussion was had exploring the pros, cons, and history of running and awarding tournaments. The Board thoroughly analyzed and considered all options with their individual risks and benefits. Mr Fiske asked if the Board has a policy to favor non-profit organizations over for profit organizations. Board members explain that this is not a policy. Mr Van de Mortel suggested the board should take that into their consideration when voting.

Chess Haven expressed the desire to bid for the CT Scholastic K-12 State Championship and willing to increase their bid, exact details would be given after further review. Mr Lumelsky explained that the CSCA organizing the tournament will make thousands versus bidding it out for hundreds of dollars.

Mr Van de Mortel directed the vote to have CSCA organize the Scholastic K-12 State Championship themselves. Seven voted for CSCA to organize the Scholastic K-12 State Championship, 2 voted against CSCA organizing the Championship, and 2 Directors abstained.

2. Mr Lumelsky motioned to approve the bid from Chess Haven to organize the Grade Championship. The Board voted unanimously in approval. (*Bid attached*)

3. Mr Lumelsky motioned to approve the UConn Chess Club bid for the National Nomination Grand Prix (NNGP) Leg 2. An Assembly Member asked about the NNGP. Mr Lumelsky explained that instead of awarding the Denker, Barber and Girls' nominee straight from the State Championship he had created the National Nomination Grand Prix, which is a series of events that creates nominees through a point system, and the top point recipients, alone, play in the National Nomination Championship Tournament. The winner of those four players is the nominee. The Board voted to approve.

4. Mr Lumelsky requested that Burtness/Hall High School bid for NNGP Leg 3. Motion delayed for organizer's consideration to submit bid.

5. Mr Lumelsky motioned to vote by email for any further bids for remaining unbid scholastic tournaments; events that are remaining are Girls' Championship, NNGP Legs 1 and 4, Scholastic Quick, Scholastic Blitz, Scholastic Bullet, and NNTC. Motion approved.

6. Mr Burtness submitted a bid for the 2019 CSCA CT State Championship, but explained that for numerous reasons he did not want to organize this tournament. Chess Haven made an oral bid to hold this tournament in conjunction with the 2019 CT Grade Championship, same time and place. Due to time Mr Van de Mortel motioned to receive and vote on the bid by email. Motion approved by unanimous vote. (*Bid attached*)

7. Mr Van de Mortel motioned to approve NBCC running the 2018 Blitz Championship. There was a request to change the date to a weekend. Mr Lumelsky offers to find a venue for the weekend. Mr Burtness explained that adult players would not come to weekend events and there is too much risk to move the day. The Board voted to approve. (*Bid attached*)

8. Mr Burtness explained that NBCC submitted a bid for the Senior Open (50+ year olds). It was the first time NBCC was organizing it. Mr Lumelsky has heard from players wanting to participate, and asked if NBCC would move the location closer to southern CT if a free site was provided. Mr Burtness explained that he wanted it at NBCC for this first year. Mr Van de Mortel motioned to approve NBCC's bid. The Board passed the motion. (*Bid attached*)

9. Mr Van de Mortel motioned to vote on the adult Quick and Rapid tournament bids by email. Motion carried.

## **V. New Business**

1. Mr Van de Mortel motioned to suspend the stipend (\$300 each) to the Denker, Barber and Girls' Champion because it did not appear CSCA had the funds; and organizers need to know what to advertise. Mr Burtness amended the motion: if the organization has more than \$2,000 in the account we provide the stipend. Both the motion and amendment were seconded. The Motion was tabled.

**VI. Adjournment 4:50 Mr Jan Van de Mortel**

Due to the library's closing time, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 4:50 PM. Mr Van de Mortel motioned to conclude the meeting including to discuss creating a By-Laws Committee by email. The Board voted in agreement.

# CSCA Treasurer's Report

December 8, 2018

<u>Date</u>		<u>Balance</u>
September 18, 2017		\$2,446.35
December 28, 2017	R. Jackson	\$1,035.00
	J. Celone	<u>\$ 70.00</u>
		\$3,551.35
January 28, 2018	USCF Affiliate dues	<u>\$ -40.00</u>
		\$3,511.35
May 15, 2018	Denker: Zoon-Young Kim	\$ -300.00
	Barber: Daniel Zhou	\$ -300.00
	NGTOC: Beatrice Low	<u>\$ -300.00</u>
		\$2,611.35
July 16, 2018	Deposit	<u>\$ 107.00</u>
		\$2,717.35
October 12, 2018	NECA Dues	<u>\$- 25.00</u>
		\$2,692.35
November 3, 2018	Membership Dues	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
		\$2,842.35

Submitted by: Bob Milardo – Treasurer CSCA

## BYLAWS OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

1. NAME. The name of this organization shall be the "Connecticut State Chess Association" (CSCA).
2. PURPOSE. The CSCA shall be a non-profit organization affiliated with the United States Chess Federation ("USCF") as the official state chapter for the USCF in the State of Connecticut. As such, (1) the CSCA will pay its USCF affiliate membership dues when due and payable, (2) certify in writing to the USCF Secretary by November 1 the USCF Voting Members and Alternates from Connecticut and their method of selection, (3) sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual USCF State Championship, (4) have a formal organizational structure and bylaws with opportunity for USCF members to participate in the CSCA, (5) and any other duties and responsibilities of USCF State Affiliates mandated by the USCF. Also, the CSCA shall encourage and promote chess in Connecticut, organize State-titled events, promote Scholastic and women's chess activities, co-ordinate chess tournaments, maintain a tournament calendar, maintain a directory of Connecticut chess clubs, and maintain a website (or disseminate a periodical).
3. DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall be composed of ten Directors who shall vote on CSCA matters. Each year, at the annual meeting, the adult CSCA members present shall elect Directors. In order to be nominated, the nominee must indicate his willingness to serve in writing or in person. All Directors shall serve five years or until their successors are duly elected. Vacancies shall be filled for their remaining terms at the next election.

Subject to Change: 3a) A Director, at any time, seeking action to bring civil lawsuit against another director, the CSCA, or the USCF, shall be immediately removed from the Board, and the CSCA, and will be recommended by the CSCA for USCF removal.

3b) At no time shall the Board be composed of more than 30% of Directors (3 directors for a full Board) from the same local chess club. If this situation occurs due to resignation or failure to fill a director's position, or for any other reason, then one or more directors must step down until the Board is in compliance with this rule.

4. OFFICERS. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Coordinator, shall be elected by the Directors at a Board of Directors Annual Meeting for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected. A nominee must signify his willingness to serve, either in writing or in person, before he is voted on for office.

### 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

**PRESIDENT.** The President shall preside at meetings of the CSCA, enforce the Bylaws, call Board of Directors meetings when necessary, and sign papers and documents for the CSCA officers or appointees. The Vice President shall succeed the President if a vacancy occurs.

**VICE PRESIDENT.** The Vice President shall assume all meeting duties of the President when the

President is absent, or when the President has to step down from the chair to debate an issue. The Vice President takes over the office of President if that office is vacated.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR.** The Tournament Coordinator shall organize, or supervise organizers for all CSCA tournaments. Such organization includes selecting assistants, playing conditions and rules.

**TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all the financial records of the CSCA; deposit and disbursement of all funds, reporting on the financial status of the organization, any investments, etc. At any time both the Treasurer and the President shall have access to all financial records of the CSCA.

Organizers winning a bid for state events are required to submit player dues to in a timely fashion to the Treasurer upon conclusion of the event.

**SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping all the non-financial records of the CSCA; preparing the agenda, handling correspondence, sending notices of meetings, taking and recording the minutes, and performing other assigned administrative duties.

**DATABASE SECRETARY.** The Database Secretary shall maintain records of current and past members, including but not limited to Name, USCF ID, and Email address. The Database Secretary

shall maintain records on all players that play in state titled events. Organizers winning a bid for state events are required to submit player registration information to the Database Secretary in a timely fashion upon conclusion of the event. Player records will be used by the Database Secretary to help promote future CSCA events.

6. **MEMBERSHIP.** Any person may become a member of the CSCA by

- 1) participating in a CSCA event during a calendar year, allowing the player CSCA membership for the remainder of the calendar year; or by
- 2) paying \$5 for one calendar year's dues or by
- 3) paying \$100 for a Lifetime Membership

**Subject to Change: 6a) being a current member of the USCF and residing in CT**

~~7.—~~**FISCAL YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR.** The fiscal year and the membership year both shall be the calendar year, running from January 1 to December 31.

~~8.—~~**MEETINGS.** The election of Directors shall constitute the Annual Directors Meeting. A special meeting of the members shall be called by the President upon written request of one-tenth of the membership over age 17, or if considered advisable by the President. The President shall set the time and place of all special membership meetings, and Board of Directors Meetings, if not previously determined. Directors meetings shall be open to all CSCA members. The Directors, at any Board of Directors meeting, may vote to go into a closed session.

~~9.—~~**QUORUM.** A quorum for a Directors Meeting shall be five Directors, or shall be 50% of all current Directors. A quorum for any special membership meeting shall be ten percent of the CSCA members over age 17. There is no quorum requirement for the election of Directors.

~~10.~~ RULES OF ORDER. Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, on points not covered by these By-laws. No proxies or proxy votes are permitted.

~~11.~~ AMENDMENTS. These Bylaws may be repealed or amended at any meeting of this association by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, voting in person or by absentee ballot, ~~and ratified by a two thirds vote of the CSCA members over age 17 present at the following annual Board of Directors meeting.~~

Adopted May 20, 2000

Amended October, 2003

Amended September, 2007

Amended July, 2015

Amended April, 2018

## **BIDDING SLIP**

2018-19 CSCA CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

**Event:** **2019 CT Grade Championships**

**Submitted by:** George Wang and Jake Wang on behalf of **CHESS HAVEN INC.** a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

**Proposed Date:** 01/19/19 - 01/19/19

**Snow date, if any:** 01/20/19 or 01/21/19

**Venue:** Hopkins School  
CT

**Town:** New Haven,

**Venue description:** Held at the prestigious Hopkins School, ranked Connecticut's #1 private day school. The venue building is the award winning Heath Commons, a multi-million dollar facility including ample space for 500+ people. The first floor can seat 200+ people as a waiting venue. The second floor can hold 300+ people and serves as a large tournament hall. Bathrooms are well maintained; free wifi access; newly renovated food servery; state of the art heating and cooling services; ample parking space (300+ cars).

Heath Commons is located at the center of Hopkins School, which spends over a million dollars every year maintaining their facilities. Please see photos of the venue below.

**Organizer:** Chess Haven Inc., George Wang and Jake Wang, The Hopkins School, Hopkins School Chess Club

**TD(s): Chief Arbiters:** George Wang and Jake Wang (certified USCF tournament directors, directed over 150+ total players. USCF ID 14946263 and 14946257 respectively) ; **Assistant Arbiters:** Emily Wang, Terence Mooney, Kathryn Chavez; **Volunteers:** 20+ Hopkins School Chess Club Members.

**Rounds/Format:** Currently a **4 Round SS**, if CSCA/CCO requests, we can make it 5 Rounds SS

**Time Controls:** G25 d5 Dual Rated (The unrated section time control is the same, except not USCF rated).

**Sections:**

15 Total Sections

- 13 rated sections by grade (your grade is your section, from K-12)
- 2 Unrated Sections: (K-4) or (5-12)

**Prizes:**

**Rated Section Prizes:**

State Champion Plaque to Top CT Player in each rated section; Trophies to Top 3 in each scholastic section; Team Trophies to Top Team in each section (Top 4 scores counted)

**Unrated Section Prizes:**

For the unrated section, there are trophies to the top 3 players, team trophies to the top 2 teams in each section. (Top 4 scores counted).

**Medals are provided to all participants!**

**Entry price:** \$35 per entry for all sections. However, many of our tournament participants come from disadvantaged backgrounds and receive free entry.

**Fee offered to CSCA:** (must at least meet minimum) : \$3/entry

**Are minimum requirements met?** **YES** / NO, if no, please explain:

**Are any suggested qualities met?** **YES** / NO, if yes, please specify:

We have/will have:

- (g) Unrated section(s) for players who do not have USCF membership;
- (a) Team entry discount;
- (b) Reduced entry rate for players from known areas of financial need, most notable for players from New Haven Public Schools
- (c) USCF e-blast use to publicize the event;
- (d) Organizer distribute TD, organizer, hosting, floor monitor, admin, etc. duties to multiple people (3 certified TD's and 20+ volunteers)

**Attachments (i.e., descriptions, photos of venue, etc.)?** **YES** / NO, if yes, please specify:



Pictured above is **Heath Commons at Hopkins School**, where the tournament will be held.



The 2nd Annual Hopkins Chess Tournament was held in **Heath Commons**, pictured above. The 2nd floor was the tournament playing venue, which very easily held 80+ players in 2018.



1st Floor of **Heath Commons**. This is where the waiting venue and awards ceremony will be held. Parents and kids can eat, relax, and play casual chess here while waiting for the games upstairs to finish. Complementary WiFi and bathrooms are provided.

**Submitting party and organizer agree to abide by all CSCA rules applicable to this bid.**

Signature of Submitting Party: Electronically Signed: *George Wang and Jake Wang*

**Notes:**

This tournament will attract the same crowd of players (and potentially more) from the 1st and 2nd Annual Hopkins Chess Haven tournament, attracting a total of 140+ players from both years.

We have same mission as CCO/CSCA. One of our primary goals is to spread chess, especially in underprivileged areas. For players in need, we will completely waive their entry fee, and we will pay their CSCA fees personally.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so every single dollar benefits charity. Executive board compensation: \$0.00 for everyone! All of us volunteer to benefit the Connecticut Chess Community.

**BIDDING SLIP**

2018-19 CSCA CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

**Event:** 2019 CSCA CT State Championship\_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:** New Britain Chess Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Date:** May 4, 2019\_\_\_\_\_ **Snow date, if any:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Venue:** NBCC \_\_\_\_\_ **Town:** New Britain \_\_\_\_\_

**Venue description:** Armenian Church, 1910 Stanley St. New Britain \_\_\_\_\_

**Organizer:** NBCC \_\_\_\_\_

**TD(s):** TBD \_\_\_\_\_

**Rounds/Format:** 4-SS \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Controls:** R1-2 G/40;d5, R3-4 G/70;d5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Rounds: 9:30, 11:00, 1:30, 4:00

**Sections:** 2 **Section 1: Championship: CT players only O1800** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Section 2: Amateur (U2000) - out of state welcome**  
If a tie for 1st exists in the Championship section, there will be a playoff

**Prizes:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Trophies to:** Championship: 1st-3rd, U2100, \_\_\_\_\_  
Amateur (U2000): 1st-3rd, U1600, U1200 \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry price:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee offered to CSCA:** \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

**Are minimum requirements met?** YES / NO, if no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are any suggested qualities met?** YES / NO, if yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments (i.e., descriptions, photos of venue, etc.)?** YES / NO, if yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitting party and organizer agree to abide by all CSCA rules applicable to this bid.**

Signature of Submitting Party: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIDDING SLIP**

2018-19 CSCA CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

**Event:** 2018 CSCA CT Blitz Championship  
**Submitted by:** New Britain Chess Club  
**Proposed Date:** Wed. Jan. 2, 2018 or Wed Dec 26 Snow date, if any:  
**Venue:** NBCC Town: New Britain  
**Venue description:** Armenian Church, 1910 Stanley St. New Britain  
**Organizer:** NBCC  
**TD(s):** TBD  
**Rounds/Format:** 8-SS  
**Time Controls:** G/5;d3  
**Sections:** 1  
**Prizes:** 1st-3rd, Class, 60% returned + trophy to 1st  
**Entry price:** \$15  
**Fee offered to CSCA:** \$2  
**Are minimum requirements met?** YES / NO, if no, please explain:  
**Are any suggested qualities met?** YES / NO, if yes, please specify:  
**Attachments (i.e., descriptions, photos of venue, etc.)?** YES / NO, if yes, please specify:  
**Submitting party and organizer agree to abide by all CSCA rules applicable to this bid.**  
Signature of Submitting Party:  
**Notes: Rounds/Format:** 3-SS .If a tie for 1st exists, the following afternoon will be a  
playoff. Out of state welcome, but not eligible for title.  
**Time Controls:** G/75;d5

**BIDDING SLIP**

2018-19 CSCA CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

**Event:** CSCA Senior OPEN  
**Submitted by:** New Britain Chess Club  
**Proposed Date:** Sat March 9, 2019 Snow date, if any:  
**Venue:** NBCC or Hall High School Town: New Britain or West Hartford  
**Venue description:**  
**Organizer:** NBCC  
**TD(s):** TBD  
**Sections:** 1  
**Prizes:** 1st-2nd, U2000, \$100, \$75, \$50 b/16  
**Entry price:** \$25  
**Fee offered to CSCA:** \$3  
**Are minimum requirements met?** YES / NO, if no, please explain:  
**Are any suggested qualities met?** YES / NO, if yes, please specify:  
**Attachments (i.e., descriptions, photos of venue, etc.)?** YES / NO, if yes, please specify:  
**Submitting party and organizer agree to abide by all CSCA rules applicable to this bid.**  
Signature of Submitting Party:  
**Notes:**