

Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and Campaign Statement

Deadline: August 23, 2020

Requirements for board candidates: Per the FCA Bylaws, all candidates must have been a continuous member of the FCA and US Chess since before March 1st of the election year (see By-Laws Article III Section 3). They must also be a voting member of the FCA. Each candidate must have minimum one-year of Florida residency and in good standing with the FCA (Article VIII Section 10). All potential candidates will be reviewed against the criteria in the By-Laws. See <https://www.floridachess.org/By-Laws>

Note: All information presented will be placed on the FCA website, but only a condensed bio will be included in the Summer edition of the floridaCHESS newsletter. Save and send this form to the Elections Committee Chair at this email address: elections@floridachess.org.

NAME (First Last): Krista Alton **Florida Resident since (year):** 1992

US Chess ID # 15468018 **US Chess Expiration Date:** July 31st 2022

Board Status: New, Returning or Incumbent: Incumbent Years: 1 1/2

If Incumbent, Positions held: VP West

If Incumbent, your accomplishments of note while on the board: I wrote articles for newsletter, helped the US Woman's committee and now the Florida's Woman's and Girls Committee

Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Rating/Peak Rating, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent, Tournament Director, other applicable info): My husband and I run Alton Academy 4 Chess since 2012. Our focus is scholastic chess. We run in school chess classes, 3 after school chess clubs, 1 night chess class, summer camps, zoom & in person private lessons, and before Covid we ran the largest rated tournaments in the Tampa Bay area. We also have run since 2016 an "All Girls Chess Tournament" Chess is our full time job for both my husband and myself.

Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service: Every job in chess I have done. I love teaching chess. The best benefit I bring to the board is I am a woman. All my private lessons are girls. Many families feel more comfortable to have a female coach for their daughters as they start learning chess. I am currently on the US Chess Woman's Committee.

Why are you running for the FCA board? I want to help chess to grow in Florida and bring more girls into chess.

Campaign statement: If elected, what will I seek to accomplish for the Florida Chess Community? I want to help chess to grow in Florida and bring more girls and more families into chess.