

# Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and Campaign Statement

## Deadline: July 31st, 2022

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 a 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](mailto:elections@floridachess.org).*

**NAME (First Last):** Matthew Kolcz

**Florida Resident since (year):** 1992 (birth)

**US Chess ID #** 15278821

**US Chess Expiration Date:** 5/31/2023

**Board Status: New, Returning or Incumbent:** Returning **Years:** 2019-2021

**If Incumbent, Positions held:**

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

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

- Former Secretary of the Florida Chess Association.
- Won clear 1<sup>st</sup> in the "8<sup>th</sup> Summer Solstice Open – 2016" in the U1450 with a perfect 5/5.
- Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the "10<sup>th</sup> Summer Solstice Open – 2019" in the U1800 with a 4/5.
- My peak and current rating is 1775, FIDE provisional 2080..
- Coached multiple young students to levels that satisfy clients.
- Currently working under the direction of NM Bryan Tillis for Palm Beach Chess.
- I have written chess articles for various platforms
- I have founded, organized, and directed the Florida College Chess Foundation.
- I have been the chess club president of Broward College Central (2011-2013), Florida State University (2013-2015), and Florida Atlantic University (2015-2016).

**Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service:**

- Tournament director level Local TD established July 2022.
- Data entry and computer troubleshooting.
- Streamed content on services such as Twitch.tv and Youtube.

**Why are you running for the FCA board?** To be as involved in the chess scene as possible while expanding chess in schools, homes, and public meeting places.

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

As board member, I will seek an ever-growing and self-sustaining chess community in the state of Florida. Those who are also just as serious will work together tossing ideas, creating events, researching better advertising and sponsorships, all while becoming the strongest community in all the US. With the combined efforts of serious and passionate members, we will be able to accomplish a lot in little time. We will set the example that others will follow in creating their own chess bases.