

Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and Campaign Statement

Deadline: August 4th, 2023

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): Anthony A Cipollina **Florida Resident since (year):** 1980

US Chess ID # 13713973 **US Chess Expiration Date:**

Board Status: New, Returning or Incumbent: 2021 Years:

If Incumbent, Positions held: Secretary

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

Even Hurricane Ian did not stop me from my work in the FCA.

Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Rating/Peak Rating, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent, Tournament Director, other applicable info): Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service:

Anthony A. Cipollina (aka Tony C) has been playing chess since the age of four. Local to the area, he graduated in 1998 from Spruce Creek High School and got his BS in CS at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. A member of the Daytona Beach Chess Club since 2006, he quickly rose through the ranks to become a Category 1 Expert, currently with a peak USCF rating of 2034. Tony is an official Local Tournament Director, organizer, and coach. His playing record includes multiple Daytona Beach Chess Club Championships, multiple Palatka quad championships, multiple match victories (still undefeated in match play), an Orlando Class Championship, and most recently led a team to victory which he captained and coached, while tying for first in a field of over 100 players at the 2020 United States Amateur Team South.

Why are you running for the FCA board?

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

If reelected, I will continue to apply my "never resign" attitude to the tasks assigned me by the board and will always vote in the best interests of the Florida players.