

# Florida Chess Association Candidate Information and Campaign Statement Deadline: July 1st

**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 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. Send this form to the Elections Committee Chair at this email address: [elections@floridachess.org](mailto:elections@floridachess.org).*

**NAME (First Last):** Kevin Pryor  
**US Chess ID #** 12544760

**Florida Resident since (year):** 1974  
**US Chess Expiration Date:** 6/2021

**Board Status: New, Returning or Incumbent:** Incumbent

**If Incumbent, Positions held:** Northeast Regional VP, Treasurer & President

**If Incumbent, your accomplishments of note while on the board:** New website creator, new database project leader, created a 5-year financial analysis to aid decision making, improved leadership responsiveness and overall board member engagement, Election Committee Chair 2016 & 2018. Current webmaster and social media content lead. As Florida delegate to US Chess I attended 2017 (VA) & 2018 (WI) US Chess meetings at my own expense to ensure Florida representation. Revised By-Laws formatting for consistency.

**Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Rating/Peak Rating, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent, Tournament Director, other applicable info):** Peak rating 1453 (R)/1514(Q), President Jacksonville Chess Club, runs a 100 student chess development program, Certified Senior Tournament Director. Certified Chess Instructor level II, Member of US Chess' Club, Women's and Senior Committees. Ran the Girl's room at Grades Nationals 2017 & 2018. Floor TD at national tournament. Creator of the Queen's Cup All-Women/Girls tournament in Jacksonville, Florida's largest Women's chess event.

**Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service:** MBA in management, Board member experience of a 1300-person bicycle club as President, Director and Editor. Trusted Scout leader and pack/troop founder. 20+ years as a senior manager and project leader in a Fortune 100 company.

**Why are you running for the FCA board?** I have worked to show the board how much effort

is required to drive change for chess in our state. I would like to continue my work as the President of the FCA. I believe I've help to bring structure to the board and I'm working diligently to better prepare the leadership team to meet the challenges of running a state organization to improve chess for all in Florida and beyond.

**Campaign statement: If elected, what will seek to accomplish for the Florida Chess Community?** I promise to develop a plan to increase the membership, offer clear benefits to being a member at every membership level of the FCA. Raise the profile of the FCA nationally and continue to add more state championship events to our slate. At the same time, I will continue to bring more stability to the board and transparency in our legislative, financial and governance activity.