

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 [hMps://www.floridachess.org/By-Laws](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): George Foote **Florida Resident since (year):** 1961

US Chess ID # 16161536 **US Chess Expiration Date:** 01/31/21

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

If Incumbent, Positions held: N/A **If Incumbent, your accomplishments of note while on the board:** _____

Chess Bio: (Player Accomplishments, Current Ra/ng/Peak Ra/ng, Coaching, Author, Organizer, Parent, Tournament Director, other applicable info): Affectionately known as the “Dean of Scholastic Chess” in Jacksonville, FL, I have been teaching after-school chess at Hendricks Avenue Elementary continuously since 1994 and have started chess programs at several other schools. I have introduced chess to preschoolers at St. Marks Ark with a weekly program for the last ten years. I have been a promotor/organizer of Jacksonville scholastic tournaments since the mid 1990s, initially working with Darren Dillinger, then Scott Pfeifer, and more recently with Kevin Pryor. My marquee tournament is the Jacksonville Scholastic Championship. We ran this as an “unrated” tournament for many years, but have recently converted it back to a USCF event. I was also a member of the FCA Scholastic Board in the late 90s. I am a USCF certified coach and club TD. I have taught chess to over 1,000 students in my coaching career. I have partnered with Kevin Pryor to form ScholasticChess.Org, with the goal of educating even more North Florida students and sponsoring a consistent slate of scholastic tournaments. I attended the 2019 US Open as an Alternate Delegate (FL), attending Scholastic Chess Seminars and Workshops.

Please list skills or experience of benefit to board service: Graphic Design, Website Design, Club Level TD, USCF Certified Coach, Social Media and Marketing Experience. Trained and experienced in the use of Constant Contact, a leading email marketing software. I also have experience with book publishing if the FCA wants to consider creating historical records for the public or other projects that might fit that format.

Why are you running for the FCA board? I can contribute to the growth and operation of the organization. It also aligns with many of my personal goals.

Campaign statement: If elected, what will I seek to accomplish for the Florida Chess Community? I want to continue to expand Scholastic Chess in Jacksonville and would also like to work in the Volusia county and Flagler county areas to start additional scholastic programs in those areas.