

CSCA Board Meeting 9/30/2026  
Wed, Sep 30, 2026

#### CSCA Board Meeting Minutes:

**\*\*Date:\*\*** September 30, 2026 6:30pm MST

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**\*\*Attendees:\*\*** Earle Wikle, Lloyd Gauthier, Dan Duggan, Sharmila Kamath, Alex Von Kaenel, Joyce Kovacs, Amitai Sebba, Kaavya S. A quorum was confirmed.

#### **\*\*Summary:\*\***

The board approved the minutes of the annual membership meeting unanimously. This approval is needed to document the treasurer election and enable Dan to be added to the CSCA bank account.

The board discussed public board contact information, phishing risks, website updates, posting meeting minutes, the October 2026 Colorado Chess Informant, future publishing software, and prospective Buck Memorial tournaments. The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Earle and second by Sharmila.

#### Key Discussion Points:

##### **\*\*Approval of annual membership meeting minutes\*\***

- \* Dan moved to approve the annual membership meeting minutes; Lloyd seconded.
- \* The minutes were approved unanimously, with no dissent voiced.
- \* Earle explained that the approved document is required by the bank to add Dan as treasurer/account signatory.

##### **\*\*CSCA Kids website and promotion\*\***

- \* Amitai has been working on the site, <https://www.cochesskids.com/>
- \* Lloyd asked Amitai to provide a short announcement expressing excitement about the new forum/site for social-media posting.
- \* Lloyd is experimenting with AI-generated promotional graphics and logos, but noted that one knight-themed design appeared too childlike.

##### **\*\*Social-media access\*\***

- \* CSCA has Facebook, X/Twitter, and Instagram accounts, but Lloyd does not have access to the X and Instagram accounts created by a former board member in 2019.
- \* Lloyd has attempted multiple methods of contacting the former account owner without success.

\* Dan suggested that a board resolution might help establish CSCA's authority to recover account access. Lloyd will seek assistance from X and Instagram.

\* Earle said he would ask Peter whether he can help identify or contact the former account owner.

#### **\*\*Board email addresses and phishing\*\***

\* Lloyd had posted board member names and email addresses on the CSCA website and asked whether the board was comfortable making them public.

\* Members agreed that personal email addresses should not be publicly listed, citing repeated spoofing and phishing attempts impersonating board officers.

\* Earle, Dan, Sharmila, and Alex discussed the increasing sophistication of email scams and the need to verify sender addresses before responding or making payments.

\* The board supported using one public contact address, ColoradoCSCA@gmail.com, on the website rather than individual officer addresses.

\* Internal role-based Gmail accounts for core officers were discussed for continuity of records and handoff to successors. Lloyd will circulate naming suggestions and investigate setup options.

#### **\*\*Website minutes\*\***

\* Joyce asked whether meeting notes would continue to be posted on the website. Earle clarified that only summarized minutes, not full AI recordings or transcripts, would be posted.

\* Lloyd showed that the website's minutes page was last updated in 2022.

\* Sharmila said she has prior minutes in her email and can send them to Lloyd for posting.

\* The group discussed posting minutes as PDFs for cleaner presentation; Lloyd said storage should be manageable and PDFs can be compressed if necessary.

#### **\*\*Colorado Chess Informant\*\***

\* Lloyd posted the October 2026 Informant on the CSCA website, Facebook, and relevant Colorado chess Facebook groups.

\* Earle will show Lloyd how to update the website's "current issue" link.

\* Earle praised John Brezina's work producing the publication and described contributing tournament results, games, articles, and photos.

\* Microsoft Publisher will no longer be supported, so an alternate publishing tool may be needed.

\* Lloyd noted that CSCA qualifies for free Adobe Express as a nonprofit and suggested John consider it; Adobe Acrobat Pro is

available at a discounted annual cost.

**\*\*Buck Memorial tournaments\*\***

- \* Earle plans to run a Buck Memorial Tournament in the winter and has already booked a hotel.
- \* A Manitou organizer has proposed hosting another Buck Memorial tournament at Manitou City Hall, likely the weekend after Presidents' Day because March tournament dates are crowded.
- \* Free parking remains a concern and is being discussed with City Hall.
- \* Joyce suggested including photos of Manitou in promotional materials to encourage participation.

**Action Items:**

**\* \*\*Earle\*\***

- \* Schedule a time with Dan, potentially Monday, to complete the bank process for adding Dan to the account.
- \* Ask Peter whether he can help identify or contact the former owner of CSCA's X and Instagram accounts.
- \* Show Lloyd, including through screenshots if needed, how to update the Informant's "current issue" link on the website.
- \* Speak to John Brezina – Consider Adobe Express or another alternative to Microsoft Publisher for future Colorado Chess Informant production.
- \* Continue planning the Buck Memorial Tournament and address parking arrangements for the proposed Manitou event.

**\* \*\*Lloyd\*\***

- \* Obtain a short promotional announcement from Amitai and prepare social-media promotion for chskids.com.
- \* Continue seeking access to CSCA's X and Instagram accounts through the platforms.
- \* Remove individual board email addresses from the CSCA website and replace them with ColoradoCSCA@gmail.com.
- \* Email the board suggested naming formats for officer email accounts and investigate creating role-based Gmail accounts.
- \* Coordinate access to the shared CSCA Gmail account with Earle.
- \* Post current and historical meeting minutes received from Sharmila and Joyce, potentially as PDFs.
- \* Learn how to update the website's current Informant link.

**\* \*\*Amitai\*\***

- \* Send Lloyd a brief announcement for promoting the new CSCA Kids forum/site.

**\* \*\*Sharmila\*\***

- \* Send Lloyd prior meeting minutes for website posting.