

# **Colorado State Chess Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025**

**Location: Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/wmh-beov-kow>**

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**Time: 7:00 – 8:30pm MST**

### **1. Roll Call**

- **Board Members Present:**  
Dan, Kevin, Earle, Jesse, Griffin, Sharmila
- **Board Members Absent:**  
Tanya – away due to schoolwork

### **2. Call to Order**

- Meeting formally called to order by CSCA President Kevin M

### **3. Strategic Goals for the Upcoming Year**

Discussion and planning were around four key objectives:

- **Timeliness of Events**
  - Ensure all CSCA tournaments and rounds begin promptly.
- **Tournament Promotion Process**
  - Establish a standardized procedure for tournament organizers to submit and publish announcements.
- **Player Growth Initiatives**
  - Develop strategies to increase participation in all CSCA-sponsored events.
- **Expansion of Tournament Calendar**
  - Add new tournaments to the existing CSCA schedule to diversify offerings.
- **Enhancement of Tournament Conditions**

- Improve venue amenities including: Make it more exciting for participants and parents, Establish standards across all CSCA tournaments.
  - Parking, meals, hotel accommodations
  - Playing hall and skittles areas
  - Side events, prize structures (e.g., Upset Prizes, U-Prizes)

#### 4. Board Advisory Appointment

- **Griffin** to serve as advisor to the CSCA Board until his 21st birthday on **September 23, 2025**.

#### 5. Board Position Consideration

- **Griffin** expresses interest in the role of **Scholastic Coordinator** for Year 25-26

Replacing Tom Nelson who was an earlier scholastic Co Ordinator.

**Tom Nelson** was invited to continue in the role but chose to step down voluntarily. He expressed support for Griffin as a strong candidate to succeed him.

All five voting board members voted in favor of Griffin being appointed as the new CSCA Scholastic Coordinator.

#### 6. Scholastic Championship Updates

- Proposed changes to:
  - Change in Venue- STEM School Highlands Ranch
  - Time controls for CSCA Scholastic Chess Championships
    - Day 1 rounds 1-3 G/45, d/5 – round 4 – G/60, d/5
    - Day 2 rounds 5-6 G/70, d/10
  - Addition of Blitz Championship
    - Bring back the State Blitz on Friday night, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, the day before the main event.
      - K-5 and K-12 (2 main sections – wind up 10:30 pm latest)
  - Introduction of a **one-day unrated championship** for casual players.

Happening Saturday, the same day as State Scholastic Chess Championship

The idea is to open for non USCF membership so is unrated.

Goal is to get 60-100 to sign up as casual players

G/30, d5 – 5 rounds

## 7. Women's Chess Initiatives

- Planning for:
  - **Rocky Mountain Regional Women's Chess Championship (RMRWCC)**
  - **CSCA All-Girls Scholastic Chess Championship**
- **Sharmila** expresses interest in the newly proposed role of **Representative for Women's Chess in Colorado**.
- The board voted in favor of having Sharmila to be appointed Representative for Women's Chess in Colorado
- **Open Forum**
- Roundtable

**Kevin** will investigate the USCF rules to see if the first-place winner of the Rocky Mountain Regional Women's Chess Championship (**RMRWCC**) needs to live in a specific state or not within the Midwest region. He'll also find out whether the RMRWCC is a biddable event in the future or if CSCA can just run it every year.

**Dan** will research how to revise the bylaws to make them clearer and less repetitive. He'll also investigate adding a change that would allow up to two more board members to be added to the current board.

**Jesse Cohen** will explore how to notify members when it's time to vote, and he'll also check out the logistics of sending a Google Form to members' personal emails so they can vote that way.

## 9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at [8 pm MST].