



**MSCA BOARD MEETING**  
**April 2, 2025 – 7:30 p.m. CT**  
**(Online via Microsoft Teams)**

Board Members in Attendance: John Bartholomew, Mike Benson, Scott Carpenter, Sandeep Jain, Sean Nagle, and Tim Radermacher.

Board Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Jiten Patel

**Meeting Minutes:**

- (1) The Board welcomed Jiten Patel, tournament director of the 2025 MN State Championship Playoffs (held March 28-30, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth, MN). Jiten and the Board began with a general discussion of the event, including highlights and areas for improvement. The conversation then turned to concerns that had been raised regarding fair play at the event, specifically an incident involving a player's possession of a cell phone during gameplay. Prior to the meeting, Jiten had proactively engaged a nationally recognized expert in the detection of potential cheating in chess to conduct a statistical analysis of the player's games from the event. The expert's analysis did not reveal any statistically significant evidence of cheating, and no other evidence indicated the player had received unauthorized assistance during play. Based on these findings, the Board and Jiten agreed that the player's results would not be retroactively adjusted and that the event's results would remain unchanged. However, the Board agreed to take the following actions: (i) the MSCA's President would send a written warning to the player in question, outlining the MSCA's expectations regarding fair play and the use of electronic devices during competition; and (ii) the MSCA would develop and implement a formal Electronic Device and Fair Play Policy as soon as possible. Following discussion of these matters, Jiten departed the meeting.
- (2) Tim Radermacher, the MSCA's Treasurer, presented the Financial & Operations Report for the month of March 2025, a copy of which had been distributed to the Board Members via email on April 1, 2025.
- (3) Sandeep Jain, the MSCA's Sponsorship Coordinator, reported on his ongoing efforts to engage with potential sponsors of the MSCA and/or its events.
- (4) The Board discussed the MSCA's upcoming events, strategic outlook, and related matters. No formal action was taken on these topics.

(5) With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m. CT.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sean Nagle  
Sean Nagle, Secretary