



MSCA BOARD MEETING
June 4, 2025 – 7:30 p.m. CT
Plymouth Community Center
14800 34th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55447

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: None

Meeting Minutes:

- (1) Tim Radermacher, the MSCA's Treasurer, presented the Financial & Operations Report for the month of May 2025, a copy of which had been distributed to the Board Members via email on June 2, 2025.
- (2) Sandeep Jain, the MSCA's Sponsorship Coordinator, provided an update on the new monthly event that the MSCA is hosting on Chess.com for members of the Minnesota chess community. The first such event was held on May 25, 2025, and future events will be held on the last Sunday of each month. Chess.com is offering one-month Diamond memberships to the top three finishers each month.
- (3) Sean Nagle, the MSCA's Secretary, reported on the results of his preliminary research following the Board's determination at its previous meeting that new grade-level verification language would be added to the advertisements and/or registration forms for future state scholastic events. Sean identified several potential sources of precedent language and procedures, including from the Scripps National Spelling Bee, Little League Baseball and Softball, the FIRST Robotics State Tournament, the Minnesota State High School League, and US Chess. The Board discussed the pros and cons of various approaches and resolved to revisit the issue at a future meeting.
- (4) Tim reported on his efforts to secure a suitable site for the 2026 Minnesota Open, which led to a broader discussion of the rising costs of holding the MSCA's events at hotels and other event spaces, and the risk of volunteer burnout due to the ongoing challenge of securing tournament sites on an event-by-event basis. With respect to the 2026 Minnesota Open, Tim agreed to engage in further negotiations with the most promising venue in an attempt to obtain a lower price.
- (5) As part of the Board's discussion of the MSCA's upcoming events and strategic outlook, the Board continued its ongoing consideration of leasing space to serve as a home for Minnesota chess, including a review of a specific opportunity to lease space in a technology business center

in a first tier suburb with sufficient square footage and parking availability to accommodate almost all of the MSCA's events. The Board resolved to continue exploring this and other such opportunities, and to solicit input from the MSCA's members and other key stakeholders in the Minnesota chess community, both via targeted meetings and, potentially, via an online survey that would be distributed to all MSCA members.

- (6) With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m. CT.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sean Nagle
Sean Nagle, Secretary