

## **Minutes, MSCA Board Meeting, 13 March 2024**

Board Attendees: Jenny Bourne, Tim Radermacher, Scott Carpenter, Ed Bourgeois, Mike Benson, Nels Truelson, Sean Nagle

Member Attendee: Dane Zagar



Jenny welcomed the new board members and noted that we will run meetings in a professional manner and follow the agenda. Tim offered the op/fin report and said he will add money to our CD next week. We elected the following officers: Jenny Bourne – President, Ed Bourgeois – Vice President, Tim Radermacher – Treasurer, Scott Carpenter – Tech Coordinator. The Tech Coordinator officer role is an interim replacement for the Secretary officer and will be presented for formalization in the Constitution & Bylaws at our next annual membership meeting. The President will continue to perform the duties of the Secretary. After consulting with the site on cost and availability, and with the scholastic chess coaches on preferences, we set the Scholastic Tournament for March 8-9, 2025, at the University of St. Thomas.

Jenny recapped the annual meeting – our main focus was on how to operationalize the \$5 per entry building fund fee that the members approved. We plan to be transparent about this, to add it to our tournament flyers, and to assess how people feel at the next annual meeting, as well as to formalize an oversight group for the building fund at some future point. We agreed to discuss ways to organize the annual meeting so that proposals are made in advance. We deferred a few agenda items – proposals for novice tournaments, strategies for increasing our membership among women and girls, and selection of delegates to the Annual US Chess meetings -- until our next meeting.

*Upcoming meeting:*

Apr. 10, 7:30, via zoom