**NEW MEXICO CHESS ORGANIZATION**

**BOARD MINUTES**

DATE AND TIME: 10/30/22 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Staybridge Inn following Albuquerque/Rio Rancho Open.

BOARD MEMBERS:

President: John LeTard

Vice President: Daniel Serna

Treasurer: Dean Brunton

Tournament Organizer: Kevin Zemko

Scholastic Director: Willow LeTard

Secretary: Annabelle Romero – by telephone

Member at Large: Will Barela - Absent

1. Treasurer’s report was accepted.
2. Scholastic Director, Willow Letard reported:
   1. K-1 & K-3 tournament received $250.00 donation for trophies.
   2. Scholastic State Championship is set.
3. Treasurer Dean Brunten announced a decision not to seek re-election at November Open.
4. The Board unanimously voted to award the Distinguished Service Award to Dean
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6. NMCO President, John Letard, still working with Facebook to gain full Facebook account from prior NMCO President.
7. The Board unanimously voted to contribute to expenses associated with Scholastic Championships, i.e., trophies not covered by donations.
8. Board considered requests for a tournament in Alamogordo. The Board determined that events outside of Albuquerque Metro, will require the assistance and support of a NMCO member in the requesting locale.
9. Discussion regarding Ron Kensik’s decision to continue a sabbatical from Scholastic Chess.
10. Kevin Zemko to contact Meadowlark facility for Senior Tournament 2023, for either January 14-15, or 21-22.
11. Discussion regarding a FIDE tournament to assist New Mexico players in establishing FIDE ratings.
    1. Dates considered February 18-19, 2023.
    2. Player eligibility would include a greater than 1600 USCF rating and a FIDE ID.
12. Discussion regarding the November Open Membership Meeting which will be held on November 19, 2022.
    1. This meeting will include election of NMCO Board Members, who take office immediately after election.
    2. This meeting will also include a vote on a constitutional change to include an annual Closed State Championship Tournament.
13. The Board adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
14. The date, time, and location, for the next meeting is:

November 19, 2022, following the New Mexico Open.