

1/22/23 NMCO Board Meeting

Dean Brunton, John Letard, Daniel Serna, Christian von Huene, Kevin Zemko, Heidi Fleck, Preston Herrington III, Willow LeTard, Joseph Cutchall, Christian von Huene present.
Motion to accept agenda, treasurer's report passed.

Daniel moves to allow free advertisements in the DK. Consensus is to permit ads that are related to chess only. And must originate from a NM resident.
Motion passed.

Dean presents treasurer's report: due in part to large number of tournaments held, 2022 was NMCO'S most profitable year. Not all of the tournaments have been able to turn a profit. Core tournaments occasionally are run at a loss. Most events last year returned a small profit, however. Thanks to John LeTard, Daniel Serna and Willow LeTard for volunteering their time to run tournaments. We are now able to pay Tournament directors for their time in running NMCO events.
Dean moves to attribute \$210 in unclassified monies as a donation courtesy John LeTard in the Fiscal year 2023. Motion Passed.

Willow proposes the ordering of trophies and medals for all scholarship events. Passed.

John suggests the future site of the state Championship be in Albuquerque, as two years prior the venue was in Santa Fe, and this past year it was in Socorro. Quorum agrees.

Daniel asks for delegates to the US Open in Grand Rapids, MI. Daniel would like two delegates if possible. He was a delegate last year.
Heidi, Daniel may be available. Discussion of a small stipend for delegates. (\$100).

Willow asks for board approval to act independently in the setup of the K-12 championships. Motion passed. Willow suggests Bike in Coffee for grade level champs. Quorum Agreed.
Call for help finding scholastic venues. Women's championship dates set.
Venue: 8 boards; budget \$200/day max

NM Open format 30 day 90+30 FIDE closed championship round robin.
Passed.

4 players invited from the top 4 finishers of the NM Open.

1 from the ABQ/Rio rancho open.

1 from the class Championships top finisher in expert/Master

If ties, spot will go to winner of round robin blitz playoff day of the named event.

Passed, with 4 votes.

Willow would like to have a larger venue for the NM Open. Possibility of the UNM ballroom.
Date should be in September or October.

Venue needed for ABQ/ Rio rancho open. Late May or early June dates.

Discussion on prioritizing scholastic tournaments over the G/60 warmups. Attempt made by Daniel to secure the venue of the International District Library for the rest of the year. The attempt was not successful.

Discussion of other venues. AIMS a possibility- John objects as running an event while collecting fees at a charter school leased by UNM could violate the charter. Daniel disagrees.

Discussion concluded with the possibility of using AIMS as a backup, while looking for other venues.

