

**Minutes for the CalChess Annual Meeting held Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 1:00pm at the University of the Pacific in Stockton (Site of the Grade Level Championship).**

Attending (Board): Tom Langland, Salman Azhar, Roger Poehlmann, Alan Kirshner, John McCumisky.  
Visitors: Bob Blatt. Absent: Jason Gurtovoy, Michael Aigner, Kurt Garbe.

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm

Motion to accept minutes of 9/1/07 (Annual Meeting) passes 4-0, Poehlmann abstains. Poehlmann to follow up on meeting minutes uploaded to CalChess website.

**Old/New Business**

1. Previous Board items to be turned over, transfer of Treasurer's items, State Championship reconciliation of budget, costs, and memberships. Need for new signers on account (since former Treasurer and President are no longer on the Board). Unclear whether Kurt Garbe will indeed serve as Treasurer or will also do accounting and tax preparation work.

**Motion 071202.1 (Kirshner/Langland): If Kurt Garbe is unwilling to serve as Treasurer, then the Board will negotiate with Bob Blatt to do the accounting for CalChess.** Passes 4-0, Azhar did not vote.

2. CalChess Journal: should we start it up again? Electronic vs. Paper format (and increase membership dues to pay for it?). Possible editors Frisco del Rosario or Eric Schiller. No Treasurer's Report so financial situation is unclear.

Motion to table (Kirshner) passes 3-1 with Salman abstaining, Poehlmann opposed.

3. Discussion on how best to count abstentions for online/email vote—Poehlmann will draft appropriate wording and submit to Board.

4. Bidding Process for 2009 State Scholastic Championships

Try to correct past late starts leaving us with few site options and high prices; should open process earlier, and have CalChess secure the site in advance.

**Motion 071202.2 (Langland/Poehlmann): To have Salman Azhar explore the idea of setting up a long-term, multi-year contract with a site for the State Scholastic Championships.** Passes 5-0, unanimously.

Next meeting set for 2/10/08 in Fremont (Sunday afternoon).

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Poehlmann

**Interim Business via Yahoo! Groups**

**Motion 080208 (Poehlmann/Langland): To change the text of the CalChess Bylaw Article IV Section 10 to: "The Board can make and approve motions via email. For such a motion to pass, it must receive a two-thirds vote of the Standing Board is required to pass a motion when acted on through this medium. members who do not explicitly abstain." Passes 8-0, unanimously. (This Bylaw change requires ratification from the membership at the next CalChess annual meeting.)**