



**Agenda for the
Annual Business Meeting of the Idaho Chess Association**

March 28, 2026

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Notes taken by Deon Goodwin

Link: [Constitution](#)

Voting members attending the meeting:

- Adam Porth
- Jay Simonson
- Deon Goodwin
- Brian Lange
- Timothy Erion
- Jerek Flora

Call to Order and [Pledge of Allegiance](#):

Adam Porth, Idaho Chess Association (ICA) President, called the meeting to order at __3:00 pm__ .

Reading of Mission and Values: The mission of the Idaho Chess Association is to provide organized chess play, coordinate chess activities within the state, support and develop local chess clubs, encourage player development, and enhance appreciation of chess. The Idaho Chess Association values fair play and good sportsmanship, education through sharing and teaching, chess players with diverse abilities and skills, creating various chess activities and opportunities, decisions using sound logic and forethought, and continued growth and learning through chess.

Approval of Minutes_2025

Motion 26-1 to approve minutes 2025 and suspend reading: ____Jay Simonson____

Second: ____Timothy Erion____

Presidents Report: Adam Porth

- 32 Rated [Events](#) Total (915 players)
- 9 Unrated Events (319)

I want to honor those who worked hard and admire the diversity of winners: [Champions](#)

- Idaho Representatives:
 - Rockefeller: Roy Li
 - Barber: Vlad Nosarev
 - Denker: Linus Wannamaker
 - Senior: Zygmund Mayer
 - Haring: Candice Liang
 - Ashley: coming in 2026
- Hall of Fame: none
- State Champion: James Wei, Josh Price, Cody Gorman

- Open Champion: Josh Price
- State Blitz Champion: Cody Gorman and Niall McKenzie
- EIO: Cody Gorman
- Norman Friedman Memorial: Brian Lee
- NIO: Nikolay Bulakh, Michael Cambareri, and Kenneth Erickson
- Women's: Tilly Backstrom

Membership Report: Adam Porth

- Membership is currently 89
- Premium memberships 25

Current Fee Structure: Adam Porth

ICA Regular Membership for all \$25.00/year

- Titled tournaments require membership (Idaho Closed, Idaho Open)
- \$5 Discount to all tournaments (if pre-registered).

ICA Premium Membership \$35/year

- \$5 Discount to all tournaments (if pre-registered).
- Northwest Chess Magazine

Tournament fees:

- \$25 for members
- \$30 for non-ica members
- \$50 State Championship (ICA membership)
- \$40 Idaho Open (ICA membership or OSA)
- \$40 Norman Friedman

Treasurer's Report: Deon Goodwin

Thank 7 donors (\$5836) (\$2000 for NFM)

Update on 501c3 re-revocation:

- \$10,000 on hold until we get 501c3 back.

With all Bills paid.

King Registration for state approx)	350
Balance in my account	187.77
Red Lion (to adam)	(803.25)
TD Fees (to adam/deon)	(600)
Chess reg. State	816.25
Chessreg Side	27.46
Chessreg State Schol.	275.2
cash	39.7
Total	252.66

Business:

US Chess Executive Board Decision:

March 11, 2026

Adam Porth (13362690)

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RE: Safe Play complaint – [REDACTED] against Adam Porth (13362690)

Dear Mr. Porth:

On March 10, 2026, the US Chess Executive Board met and approved the following motion:

EB Motion 26-057: On March 10, 2026 the US Chess Executive Board met and moved to suspend the US Chess membership of Adam Porth (US Chess ID 13362690) for 1 year (effective March 10, 2026 - March 10, 2027) and impose a 2-year probation (effective March 10, 2027 - March 10, 2029) for violations of Section III (Prohibited Conduct), subparagraphs D. (Harassment) and E. (Emotional Misconduct) of the US Chess Safe Play Policy. Passed 8-0. Under the US Chess Bylaws, you have the option to submit an appeal to the Executive Board within thirty (30) days from the date of notification, explaining why such action should not be taken. If you decide to submit an appeal, please send it to me at president@uschess.org by 5:00 p.m. Central time on April 10, 2026, and copy the Safe Play team at safeplay@uschess.org.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pryor

President, U.S. Chess Federation

Point of Fact: I have appealed.

Formal Resignation (March 15):

Dear Members of the Idaho Chess Association,

I am writing to resign my position with the Idaho Chess Association.

After giving this matter considerable thought, I have concluded that I can no longer wholeheartedly participate in the organization under the current circumstances. I want to sincerely apologize for any confusion that my actions or involvement may have caused. I am deeply embarrassed and humbled by the situation, and it was never my intention to create difficulty for the Association or its members. But, I wish to emphasize that I do not believe I am guilty of "emotional misconduct" as US Chess asserts. Their conclusion is based on lies that an individual perpetuated after I scolded them for *their* behaviors pertaining to ICA tournaments. This individual was an employee, screwed up, verbally criticized and corrected, and that could have been the end of it.

I hope that the Idaho Chess Association continues to grow and thrive. There are many dedicated people involved, each bringing their own perspective and energy to the organization, and I sincerely hope their efforts continue to strengthen chess in Idaho.

I wish the Association and its members the very best moving forward.

Sincerely,

Adam Porth

Idaho Chess Association – Board Announcement (March 18)

Dear Members,

The current Board of Directors of the Idaho Chess Association has decided to step down from their positions after the resignation of the President this past week. The upcoming **Scholastic State Championship** will be the final tournament organized and directed by the current board (April 26).

To ensure the continued operation of the Idaho Chess Association, we are asking members who are interested in helping lead and support chess in Idaho to consider serving on the Board of Directors. The association depends on the involvement and dedication of its members, and we welcome volunteers willing to help organize tournaments, support scholastic chess, and continue the work of the organization.

Members interested in serving on the board or learning more about the responsibilities involved are encouraged to contact the Idaho Chess Association at idahochessassociation@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of chess in Idaho.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
Idaho Chess Association

Elections

Motion 2026-2 Trustees (___Jerek Flora (East), Brian Lange (West), Caleb Courtney (North)___): Timothy Erion and Jay Simonson
2nd (___Deon Goodwin___)

Unanimous

Motion 2026-3: Jeff Price for President _____ Deon Goodwin _____
2nd ___ Brian Lange _____

Unanimous

Delegates:

US Open in Grand Rapids (Someone to sit in meetings) _____none_____

Staff:

- Membership Coordinator -
- Online Coordinator -
- Scholastic & Education Coordinator -
- Social Media Coordinator -
- Women's Coordinator -

Motions from the Floor:

Adjournment:

Motion 2026-9 (_____Deon Goodwin_____) Move to adjourn.

2nd (_____Jay Simonson_____)