

OCA Board of Trustees  
Actions Since Last Meeting

The following is a summary of the actions of the Board via email between its in-person meetings at the 2015 and 2016 Ohio Chess Congresses.

**October 2015:** Motion made and seconded to grant \$500 to Oberlin College to help support their hosting of the 2015 Pan Am Games. Motion passed 7-2.

**October 2015:** Motion to sanction a G/60 and Blitz tournament to be held in conjunction with the Pan Am Games as state championships. Motion passed 9-0.

**November 2015:** Motion to accept Kelly Bloomfield's bid to host the 2016 Ohio Chess Congress at the OSU Ohio Union in Columbus as a 7-round event. Three trustees expressed objections to the number of rounds, but the motion passed 10-0.

**December 2015:** Kelly Bloomfield volunteered to re-write the OCA website and received approval to proceed.

**February 2016:** Cheryl Stagg announced her resignation as Treasurer and Membership Chair effective as of the next Congress, or sooner if a replacement can be found before then.

**March 2016:** Mike Joelson and Joe Yun submitted a bid to host the 2017 Cardinal Open in Mayfield Heights (Cleveland). Action was delayed until the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for submission of bids as prescribed in the Code of Regulations, as it was expected another bid would be submitted for consideration by then. Discussion ensued that we have not consistently waited for this deadline in the past.

**March 2016:** Motion to amend the bid schedule in the Code of Regulations to read as follows:

The Board of Trustees may accept any bid within 60 days after the latest edition of the event being bid upon. If no bids are submitted within that 60 day period, then the dates currently listed will be used. If no bids are submitted by the date currently listed, the Trustees will actively lobby for bids from organizers for a period of 30 days. Finally, if no bid is submitted, a committee of OCA Trustees will be appointed, if a majority of Trustees vote in favor of the motion, to organize the event to ensure that the membership is served. The OCA will then use its own funds to support the event and will keep all profits after facility, rating, and TD fees.

The motion received 4 yes votes, however the trustees cannot actually amend the bylaws until the proposed amendment has been posted on the OCA website for at least two weeks, and then the amendment can only be adopted with at least 7 affirmative votes. There was also discussion about removing bid deadlines from the Code of Regulations entirely, and putting them in a separate policy document of some sort.

**March 2016:** It was noted that OCA did not elect its USCF delegates at the last membership meeting. Evan Shelton as President appointed Riley & Sharon Driver, Joe Yun, and alternates Evan Shelton and Eric Gittrich.

**March 2016:** It was noted that no action has been taken to renew the Ohio Grand Prix program; a call for volunteers to track points went unanswered.

**May 2016:** Grant Perks and Kelly Bloomfield submitted a bid to host the 2017 Cardinal Open in Columbus. Two bids having been submitted (Mayfield Heights submitted in March, and this one), votes were called for; the Mayfield Heights bid won 6-1.

**May 2016:** Riley Driver submitted his resignation as a trustee effective May 31, 2016, citing health and family reasons. The board thanked him for his years of service. Riley asked that Chris Bechtold be appointed to fill the vacancy until the Congress, but Chris declined. No further appointees were discussed; the seat will remain vacant until trustee elections at the next Congress.

**May 2016:** The board received the following communication:

I am looking for someone interested in the old BOUND issues of the Cleveland Chess Association newsletters. There are 14 BOUND volumes starting from Volume 1 Number 1 all the way from the 1940's through the 1950's. This is a complete history of chess in the Cleveland area and also the Ohio chess scene. If you know of someone who might want to purchase these and have any idea as to their value, I would be interested in hearing from you. I also have hundreds of UNbound issues of The Ohio Chess Association Bulletins from Volume 1 Number 1 for several decades after that.

If any member has an interest in responding, you may contact the OCA Secretary for the person's name and email address.

**August 2016:** Cuneyd Tolek submitted his resignation as a trustee citing health reasons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grant A. Neilley, Secretary  
August 31, 2016