



# GCA Board Meeting Minutes

## Call to Order

The meeting of the Georgia Chess Association board was held on February 26, 2017 at the food court in the Cobb Galleria. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

## Attendees

Dr. Fun Fong, Ben Johnson, Laura Doman, Priya Srinivasan, Dave Schloss, Doub Ashbaugh, and Michael Muzquiz

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were unavailable for approval.

## New Business

- Discussion held about Doug Ashbaugh regarding his potential contributions to the GCA as webmaster. Board is informed that he plans to attend the meeting.
- Copies of Mr. Ashbaugh's Release of Liability document were passed out to all members present.
- Board discussed promotional videos on GCA site, specifically regarding its placement on the site.
- Chess book author Dave Schloss talks to board about his background. Describes himself as a chess book writer/promoter. Discusses possible projects with the GCA.
- Secretary given administrative access to GCA website for the posting of meeting minutes.
- Board discussed the benefits of electronic balloting, and the possibility of this application being in place by the election.
- Board discussed the addition of promotional videos to the GCA website.
- Scholastic committee informs the board that Emory University will double its venue price starting May of this year.
- Scholastic committee is recruiting committee members to begin planning process for next scholastic year.
- Ben Johnson will be Chief TD for State K-8 Championship; Susan Justice: Deputy Chief TD; Keith Sewell: Infomatics.
- Junior Invitational scheduled for April 22-23.
- The board laid out to Mr. Ashbaugh all the web issues that need to be addressed, as well as ideas for other applications for the GCA website and Georgia Chess News.

- Mr. Ashbaugh recommended revenue generating ideas to the board, specifically advertising on the GCA site.
- Discussion held with Mr. Ashbaugh regarding possible tech improvements for tournaments (texting pairings to parents/players, watching games in progress, etc.)
- Board member makes motion that Doug Ashbaugh be accepted as GCA webmaster, as well as acceptance of his release of liability.
  - Motion seconded.
  - Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. at 7:00 pm in the Cobb Galleria food court.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Secretary: Michael Muzquiz