

# ***CSCA Board Continues Annual Meeting for Director and Officer Elections; IM Jan van de Mortel Elected President***

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On October 31, 2017, the Connection State Chess Association Board met at the New Britain Chess Club for a continuation of the October 1, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Association. On the agenda were Director elections not held on October 1 and Officer elections, which were procedurally flawed at the original meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Membership elected Directors, as follows:

## Directors expiring in 2022:

Jerry Aiyathurai  
Bob Milardo (reelected)

Jerry Aiyathurai, a casual player and chess parent from Simsbury, is new to the Board and the Association's management.

Bob Milardo is a long-time Director of the Board and former Association Treasurer.

Other Directors, whose terms are not expiring this year, are Glenn Budzinski, Norman Burtness, CJ Gregory, Gert Hilhorst, Alexander Lumelsky, Derek Meredith, IM Jan van de Mortel and Rob Roy. Glenn Budzinski, Gert Hilhorst, Jan van de Mortel and Rob Roy were elected to Board vacancies at the October 1 meeting.

The new Board then elected Officers, as follows:

## Officers:

President:	IM Jan van de Mortel
Vice President:	Suhas Kodali
Tournaments Coordinator:	Alexander Lumelsky
Treasurer:	Gert Hilhorst
Secretary:	Laurent LaFosse
Database Secretary:	Rob Roy

Administrative positions were not appointed or reappointed and will be addressed at the next Board meeting. However, Rick Bauer remains the Association's Ombudsman and Robert Cyr its Historian.

Other business, including the ongoing transfer of financial records to the new Treasurer and the issue of delinquent organizers of CSCA events, was postponed to a subsequent meeting, due to time constraints.

Presiding over the meeting was the Board-appointed Interim Chair, Norman Burtness. The Board removed former President Jim Celone to schedule this election meeting, and directed Mr. Burtness to act as presiding officer until the election of the new President.

The Board's disapproval of Mr. Celone's conduct in this election matter was discussed briefly at the meeting. Subsequently, his removal as President was reaffirmed unanimously by the Directors in attendance.

Also present at the meeting were CSCA Members and New Britain Chess Club players. The Board chose to hold the meeting at NBCC, a venue more accessible to a majority of voting Association Members.

At the meeting, pursuant to CSCA By-laws, Membership was allowed to participate, run for office and elect Association Directors, as well as to participate in the discussion of the Association's status, the qualifications of nominated Officers and to nominate Officers for the Board's voting consideration.

As a result two non-Director Members, Suhas Kodali and Laurent LaFosse, were elected as Association Officers, increasing the Association's collection of volunteers, willing to perform tasks and duties for the CSCA. The Board thanked these new volunteers for their expressed commitment and interest in the functions of the Association.

Meanwhile, in the election for Directors, Membership voted unanimously not to reelect Jim Celone to the Board. Mr. Celone's Board term expired October 1 and was not presented for election by the former President at the earlier meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM, running just under one hour of total time. It is expected that President van de Mortel will schedule a subsequent Board meeting in the near future, to address non-election matters.

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