

CHARTER FOR THE GEORGIA CHESS HALL OF FAME

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FOREWORD: Induction into the Georgia Chess Association Hall of Fame shall take place annually at the Georgia State Championship Tournament. Inductees are current or former Georgia residents who have either distinguished themselves for outstanding achievements in the competitive chess arena, or who have made significant contributions to the game of chess in Georgia.

PURPOSE: The Georgia Chess Hall of Fame is established to honor properly those members who have distinguished themselves throughout their outstanding chess achievements. Induction into the Hall of Fame is administered within the Georgia Chess Association (GCA) by the GCA Board of Directors, with advice and recommendations from the Georgia Chess Hall of Fame Committee, a group knowledgeable about Georgia Chess appointed by the GCA Board of Directors to recommend candidates for induction.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Strict selection criteria cannot be specified, nor are they appropriate. The following guidelines are offered in their stead:

1) The nominees must be Georgia residents for a significant portion of their careers, or must have had significant and substantial periods of residency in Georgia.

2) Inductees must be selected from qualified candidates either living or deceased.

3) Achievements must be significant and can be in any one or more of the following chess-related areas: competition (over-the-board or correspondence play), promotion, teaching, coaching, journalism, publishing, organization, service, or leadership. This list is not all-inclusive and should be used for guidance only.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: The selection of inductees into the Georgia Chess Hall of Fame is the responsibility of the Georgia Chess Hall of Fame Committee. Their recommendations are forwarded to the GCA Board of Directors for approval. The Committee is composed of a minimum of (7) seven experts on the history of Georgia chess appointed by the GCA Board of Directors.

I. Call for nominations: A standing call for nominations is continuously announced to the general membership at the GCA website. The nominations must be submitted with supporting documentation to the Georgia Chess Hall of Fame Committee or the Committee Chair Person no later than December 31.

II. Referral to Committee: The nominations are transmitted to the Committee members by January 15 for their review and consideration. After receipt of the nominations, along with the supporting documentation, the Hall of Fame Committee will review the submissions to verify their accuracy. They will then rank the nominees and make their recommendations to the GCA Board of Directors. The Committee may elect to have no nominees for any one year or may nominate more than one person. The goal is to limit induction to one or two persons per year maximum. The Committee Chair must submit the Committee's recommendations, along with a summary of the accomplishments of each recommended inductee, to the Board of Directors no later than January 31. The Committee Chair will also be the final authority for any editing of the nominations.

III. Selection of Inductees: The GCA Board of Directors will officially select the inductees, using the recommendations of the Hall of Fame Committee to guide their decisions. Members of the GCA Board of Directors may vote for none of the nominees, if they desire. The induction ceremonies will take place at the Georgia State Championship Tournament. Any information recorded and preserved on the GCA website will be developed in collaboration with the Hall of Fame Committee Chair.

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