

Dear Alan,

Please let me know immediately the names and addresses 6928 Clinton St.

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7 new PCA voting members, so I can send them ballots. Do

you have a current address for Calvin Blocker?

I'm enclosing a check for \$10.00 dues from James Schroeder (A 4-80).

Best, Jack

Dear PCA officers,

By now, you should have received a copy of the PCA Newsletter Volume 2, #1 and 2 (a double issue). I think Max Burkett did a good job on it. If we can resume regular publication, the PCA will regain respectability.

Dr. Paul Schmidt has offered to annotate one game per issue, but says that he has trouble finding current games. If any of you can send him a game or two to annotate, he'll be grateful. His address is 429 N. Broad St., Allentown, Pa. 18104.

I will send ballots to all paid-up (through 1979) PCA voting members in about two weeks. I have written to the nominees, asking them if they are willing to run for office, and I expect to hear from all of them before April 20. The nominees for President are Larry M. Evans and John Meyer, for Secretary-Treasurer Alan Benson, and for Vice-President (replacing Tarjan, who resigned with one year to go on his term) Bill Goichberg and Richard Fauber. I've given the nominees the option of running for a different office than they were nominated for, which may not be standard procedure. However, I want to do everything I can which will encourage masters to become active in the affairs of the PCA, and this might help.

There is little to report from the PCA meeting in Lone Pine. The small turnout (perhaps 15 members) was disappointing. In a one-hour meeting, we discussed the USCF's plans for the 1980 U.S. Championship and 1980 U.S. Junior Championship, the problems of inflation and deflation in the USCF and FIDE rating systems, and the question of uniform treatment of American players' results in foreign events. Several members expressed their resentment that bad results of others had not been rated, while good results are quickly reported and rated, which is clearly unfair. Arthur Bisguier said that this was something that he had discussed with USCF officials shortly after he was hired. No formal motions were made, except for nominations. Larry Kaufman, the sole member of our Ratings Committee, said that he would continue to study the problems with the ratings, and would propose a solution to the USCF on behalf of the PCA when he worked out a superior ratings formula. He noted that almost all of the players at Lone Pine had higher USCF ratings than FIDE ratings, and that this trend will continue unless FIDE institutes a bonus or feedback system to combat deflation, or unless the USCF modifies its bonus-feedback system.

James Schroeder wants someone to translate the new "64" magazine so he could publish an English-language version. I told him to take it up with the new PCA officers.

In my opinion, the new PCA officers must work a lot harder than we have if they want the PCA to survive. Our members' lack of interest is partly due to the lack of direction shown by us. After our successful campaigns for more money in the 1978 U.S. Championship and fair selection of players for the 1978 Olympiad team, we have not been able to agree on issues.

Jerry Hanken informs me that the USCF has decided to have a prize fund of about \$15,000 for the 1980 U.S. Championship. There will be seven prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$400, plus point money of \$50 per point to the remaining players. There will be no appearance fees. If the ACF increases its donation from \$10,000 to \$12,000, the prizes for fourth-seventh places will be increased. Best, Jack Peters