

ICCA Activities for 1983

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1983 marks another important year in the history of the ICCA. In October we shall hold the Fourth World Computer Chess Championship. This year it will be sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and will be held in New York City from October 22-25, 1983. There will be no ACM North American Championship in 1983. ACM has agreed to provide \$20,000 to cover the major expenses of the tournament. We shall still need to raise additional funds to provide at least partial travel support for those participants who require such assistance and to be able to invite noted chess and computer people to be our guests in New York. Kathe Spracklen of the ACM Computer Chess Committee is in charge of fund raising. David Levy will be helping with fund raising in Europe. Please contact Kathe or David with fund-raising ideas or with offers to help.

Ken Thompson will be serving as Chairman of the Tournament Selection Committee. He plans to work with a committee made up of European and North American members. He will publish an announcement in the next ICCA Newsletter advising chess programmers around the world how to apply for participation in the World Championship.

Another important event is the ICCA Triennial Meeting and the election of officers. According to the Bylaws of ICCA, "the Triennial Meeting will take place during and at the site of the World Championship". As far as the election is concerned, the Bylaws state that "The elective officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. They shall constitute the Executive Committee of the organization and shall be charged with the administrative affairs of the ICCA". Article III goes on:

"Section 2. Elections. Elections for the members of the Executive Committee will be held at each Triennial Meeting, with elected officers taking on their duties at the end of that meeting. Nominations are to be made by petition no later than three (3) months before the elections. The ICCA Newsletter will announce the candidates at least two (2) months before the election. At least five (5) member signatures are required on each nominating petition. All candidates for election must have been members of the ICCA for no less than two (2) years. Officers are elected by a majority of those present and voting, via secret, written ballot. Runoffs will be held if no candidate receives a simple majority. The candidate with the least votes will be eliminated from the ballot for each runoff, until one candidate receives the simple majority.

Section 3. Terms of Office. All members of the Executive Committee serve for a three-year term."

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6. If the adjudicator(s), after due consideration, cannot be certain beyond a reasonable doubt, then the benefit of that doubt should go:
- a) to the player whose computer is available to finish the game, if his opponent's computer is not available to finish the game;

or

  - b) if neither or both computers are available, then the benefit goes to the player who is ahead on material (if any), or if material is level, the result is a draw.

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I am, therefore, asking that nominating petitions be prepared and mailed to me for the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Since we expect to hold the Triennial Meeting on Monday, October 24, 1983, petitions will be accepted until July 24, 1983. The ICCA Newsletter published in August of 1983 will announce the final slate of candidates, and the election will take place during the Triennial Meeting.