

Charter for the Georgia Chess Association Recognition Awards by Kent Meadows

The purpose for the Georgia Chess Association (GCA) Recognition Awards is to honor people who have made significant contributions to the Chessplayers of the State of Georgia.

The Georgia Chess Hall of Fame Committee, a group knowledgeable about Georgia Chess appointed by the GCA Board of Directors, will consider any documented nominations for awards. After receipt of the nominations, along with the supporting documentation, the GCA Hall of Fame Committee will review the submissions to verify their accuracy. The GCA Hall of Fame Committee Chair must submit the Committee's recommendations, along with a summary of the accomplishments of each recommended awardee, to the GCA Board of Directors no later than January 31st of each calendar year for any GCA Recognition Awards. The GCA Hall of Fame Committee Chair will also be the final authority for any editing of the nominations. The GCA Board of Directors will have the sole authority to grant these awards.

The GCA Board of Directors is not necessarily bound by any set definitions, as each year's decisions might amend any implied criteria from past awards. As is the case with awards and honors in general, the uniqueness of each individual recipient, who often contributes in multiple ways, makes the establishment of strict criteria difficult.

GCA Distinguished Service Award

To be given for governance service at the State and/or National level. For example, some past GCA Presidents, some past "Georgia Chess News" Editors, some other past long-serving GCA Board members, and past United States Chess Federation (USCF) Executive Board Members or Officers could be considered as recipients of this award.

GCA Outstanding Career Achievement Award

To be given to persons whose work is not necessarily focused in governance areas, but is significant for a longstanding career of contributions at the State and/or National level area in ways such as achievements in some area of play, tournament directing, tournament organizing, authorship of important books, writing, teaching, and other organizational work.

GCA Meritorious Service Award

To be focused on persons whose contributions are analogous to those in the above areas, but are focused mainly on the State regional and local areas.

GCA Special Services Award

To be given for achievements in a specific area. Examples might be longtime contributions as a tournament director, tournament organizing, city/local club organizing and promoting, teaching, and coaching.

GCA Scholastic Award

For outstanding contributions to Georgia scholastic chess.

GCA Distinguished Volunteer Award

To gratefully recognize substantial time and talent contributed to Chess in Georgia by a volunteer in any area.

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