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July 2, 2010

VIA E-MAIL, FAX AND EXPRESS COURIER

David Jarett
Executive Director
Fédération Internationale des Échecs
9 Siggrou Avenue
11743 Athens
Greece

Re: 2010 FIDE Elections – Request for Removal of False Statements on FIDE Website and
Disclosure of Documents Supporting Nominations Announced on Website

Dear Mr. Jarett:

We represent the Presidential ticket of Anatoly Karpov in connection with the 2010 elections being held by the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (“**FIDE**”) for the position of FIDE President and other offices.

We write to you concerning FIDE’s announcement on its website, on June 29, 2010, of the submission by two Presidential tickets of their candidacy for the elections, as well as the nomination of several candidates for the Continental President positions.¹ As explained below, we believe that this announcement raises serious doubts as to the care and independence with which the 2010 election process is being conducted by FIDE. In view thereof, we request that you do the following:

- (i) Remove immediately from your website the conclusory and one-sided statements regarding the Russian Chess Federation’s nomination, as these statements provide an incorrect and biased picture that hurts our client’s campaign.

¹ Available at <http://www.fide.com/component/content/article/1-fide-news/4613-announcement-on-the-forthcoming-fide-elections.html>.

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- (ii) Provide us by close of business on Tuesday, July 6 with copies of the documentation supporting Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov's nomination by Argentina and Mexico, Mrs. Beatriz Marinello's nomination by Chile and Brazil, and all other nominations of individuals running on Presidential tickets and for the office of Continental President, so as to allow our clients to verify the timely submission and validity of these nominations in advance of the Presidential Board Meeting in Tromso, Norway on July 24-25, 2010, at which you have stated you plan to certify the nominations. Alternatively, we are prepared to send a representative to the FIDE Secretariat in Athens to review and copy the documents personally on Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

The Nomination of the Russian Chess Federation

The announcement contains the following paragraph regarding the Russian Chess Federation ("RCF")'s nominee:

"Concerning the FIDE elections, the Russian Chess Federation (RCF) informed FIDE on 28 June 2010 that the Supervisory Board of the RCF, during its meeting of 28 June, confirmed the letter of its Chairman Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich to FIDE on 21 April, nominating Kirsan Ilyumzhinov as Russia's candidate for the office of FIDE President 2010-2014. Furthermore, the RCF informed FIDE that the letter sent by Mr. Alexander Bakh on 23 June is not valid on nominating a candidacy from the Russian Chess Federation. Attached are all the relevant documents as sent by the RCF."

At the bottom of the webpage, you provided links to copies of five documents in Russian and English which purport to support the validity of Mr. Ilyumzhinov's nomination by the RCF.

First, we find it remarkable that FIDE made these conclusory and one-sided statements regarding the RCF nomination on its website, despite stating on the same webpage that "FIDE is examining the validity of all candidacies submitted within the deadline of 28 June and will ratify the list of candidates during its Presidential Board meeting in Tromso, 24-25 July."

Second, we also find it strange, to say the least, that FIDE disclosed the correspondence supporting Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov's claim to the RCF's nomination, but not that supporting Mr. Karpov's claim to the nomination. Our clients contest that Mr. Ilyumzhinov, the current President of FIDE, has been validly nominated by Russia as its candidate for the 2010 election. In fact, the RCF nominated Mr. Anatoly Karpov at its May 14, 2010 meeting at its headquarters in Moscow, by a quorum and majority vote of the members of the Supervisory Board of the RCF. The meeting and vote are well documented, including by a video recording available on Mr. Karpov's campaign website.² As a result, the Chairman of the Management Board of the RCF, Alexander Bakh, informed FIDE by letters dated May 21 and June 23 that the RCF had nominated Mr. Karpov for the office of FIDE President. Mr. Bakh enclosed with his May 21

² Available at <http://www.karpov2010.org/2010/05/karpovs-letter-on-receiving-russian-nomination>.

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letter the minutes of the May 14, 2010 meeting documenting Mr. Karpov's nomination. Thus, clear and convincing evidence of Mr. Karpov's nomination by the RCF has been provided to FIDE. Astoundingly, however, neither of Mr. Bakh's letters was posted on the FIDE website. Nor were the minutes of the May 14, 2010 meeting evidencing the nomination, which were enclosed with Mr. Bakh's May 21 letter. Given Mr. Bakh's position at the RCF, these letters and meeting minutes cast serious doubt on Mr. Ilyumzhinov's claim that he has been validly nominated by the RCF for the position of President of FIDE. As FIDE chose to list the letters supporting Mr. Ilyumzhinov's claim to the RCF nomination, independence, fairness and transparency demand that the letters supporting Mr. Karpov's claim to that nomination also be listed. FIDE's failure to do this is a grave violation of its duty to act with impartiality.

Third, you write that "the Russian Chess Federation (RCF) informed FIDE on 28 June 2010 that the Supervisory Board of the RCF, during its meeting of 28 June, confirmed the letter of its Chairman Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich to FIDE on 21 April, nominating Kirsan Ilyumzhinov as Russia's candidate for the office of FIDE President 2010-2014." But, upon a careful review of the minutes of this meeting posted on the webpage, such confirmation cannot be found. In fact, the minutes do not even mention the FIDE 2010 elections or the RCF's nomination for these elections. This is strong evidence that the matter was not discussed at the meeting. Thus, the documentation listed on FIDE's website in support of Mr. Ilyumzhinov's claim to the RCF nomination does not, in reality, support such a claim. Nor does it evidence a valid withdrawal of the earlier nomination of Mr. Karpov. There is only a letter from Mr. Dvorkovich unilaterally nominating Mr. Ilyumzhinov. This is not a valid nomination. Indeed, Ilya Levitov, the individual ostensibly chosen by Mr. Dvorkovich to replace Mr. Bakh as Chairman of the RCF's Management Board as of July 10, 2010,³ has stated in an on-line chess discussion forum called ChessPro.ru that "the information on the FIDE site is incorrect. The Supervisory Board did not at all discuss the question of FIDE elections [at its 28 June 2010 meeting]."⁴

Alleged Nomination of Mr. Ilyumzhinov by Argentina and Mexico, and of Beatriz Marinello by Chile and Brazil

You also state in your website announcement that Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov has been nominated for the office of President by the chess federations of (in addition to the RCF) Argentina and Mexico, and that Mrs. Beatriz Marinello, a candidate for Vice President on Mr. Ilyumzhinov's ticket, has been nominated by the federations of Chile and Brazil. Our clients question the validity of these nominations.

As you know, Article 1.2 of the FIDE Electoral Regulations provides that, to be able to be nominated by a federation for the Presidential ticket, a candidate must "have been a member of [the] federation at least one year before the General Assembly." Despite providing extensive and

³ See Minutes of meeting of the Supervisory Board of the RCF dated June 28, 2010, posted on the FIDE webpage.

⁴ Available in Russian at <http://www.chesspro.ru/guestnew/looknullmessage/?themeid=8&id=353&PHPSESSID=03a4438886a22799dfa985d6f5225da7>.

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detailed information about his biography, awards, elections and involvement with chess, neither Mr. Ilyumzhimov's official campaign CV⁵ nor his CV as President of the Republic of Kalmykia⁶ list any membership in the chess federations of Mexico or Argentina. In Ms. Marinello's case, a review of the Brazilian Chess Confederation website reveals that she is not a member of this organization at all: her name is not in the database of players registered with the federation that is listed on the federation's website.⁷ Thus, Mrs. Marinello's ostensible nomination from Brazil appears to violate the requirement of Article 1.2. Additionally, we have reason to believe that the Chilean chess federation was not a member federation of FIDE in good standing at the time of Ms. Marinello's alleged nomination and could not therefore act as a nominating federation. It is thus no surprise that Ms. Marinello's official campaign resume,⁸ while providing copious detail about her chess degrees and titles, awards, and chess career history, offers no hint of her involvement with or membership in the chess federations of the two counties – Brazil and Chile – which have allegedly nominated her to run on Mr. Ilyumzhinov's Presidential ticket.

As a result, there is a serious question as to whether Mr. Ilyumzhinov has been a member of the Mexico or Argentina federation, and Ms. Marinello of the Chile and Brazil federations, for at least one year before the General Assembly. If Ms. Marinello's nominations are invalid, as they appear to be, then Mr. Ilyumzhinov's ticket must be disqualified under the requirement of FIDE Electoral Handbook Chapter 14, Article 1.1 that "at least one" member of a Presidential ticket must be a woman.

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As shown above, FIDE's June 29, 2010 announcement raises serious doubts as to the care and independence with which the 2010 election process is being conducted. Because Mr. Ilyumzhinov is the acting President of FIDE, there is a strong appearance that FIDE is conducting the elections in a manner so as to aid its current President's reelection. Such conduct is in violation of the duty of care that FIDE owes all its members.

In view of the above, we request that you provide us at your earliest convenience with the documentation supporting (i) Mr. Ilyumzhinov's nomination by Argentina and Mexico, (ii) Mrs. Marinello's nomination by Chile and Brazil, and (iii) the documents underlying the nominations of all other candidates standing for FIDE 2010 elections. Such transparency will enhance the credibility of the FIDE election process and allow our client to verify the timely submission and validity of these nominations in advance of the Presidential Board Meeting in Tromso, Norway on July 24-25, 2010. The nomination process is exacting and detailed, requiring in some cases that documentary support be provided not only by the candidates themselves, but also directly by the nominating national chess federations, by a stringent deadline (midnight on June 28, 2010).⁹

⁵ Attached in English and Russian as Exhibit A.

⁶ Attached in English and Russian as Exhibit B.

⁷ <http://www.cbx.org.br>.

⁸ Attached in English as Exhibit C.

⁹ See, for instance, Article 1 of the FIDE Electoral Regulations.

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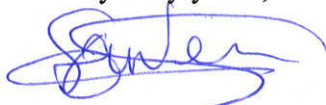
It is imperative for the good of our sport that deadlines and procedures be followed and that the integrity of documents submitted be assured. Kindly send these documents immediately to my attention via e-mail or fax to the above-listed contact details. In the alternative, although our request is far from burdensome given the limited number of candidates, we would be prepared to send a representative to the FIDE Secretariat in Athens on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 to review and copy the documents personally.

We also request that you remove immediately from your website the one-sided statements regarding the Russian nomination. These statements provide an incorrect and biased picture that hurts our client's campaign. The publication of these inflammatory statements on FIDE's website only serves to enforce the impression of bias at the organization in favor of its incumbent President and his ticket.

Finally, as you know, our client requested via e-mail on July 1, 2010 a block of hotel rooms in Khanty-Mansiysk for use by the Karpov campaign team during the September elections. You responded by e-mail on the same day saying that "[t]here was a deadline for registrations for the Olympiad and Congress participants and accompanying persons and, as far as I am aware, all persons registered within the deadline have been accepted." Other emails to the same effect were sent by your FIDE colleague, Mr. Israel Gelfer, and FIDE Organizing Committee Executive Director Nikolay Bondarev ("the on-line registration for the federations finished on the May 20, 2010, so we did not accepted [*sic*] entry [*sic*] that we received after this date"). It is hard to imagine how FIDE expected the Karpov campaign team to meet the June 1 deadline – if it existed – when the deadline for nominations was June 28 and the team learned only on June 29 that its nomination had been accepted by FIDE. Further, your website states on its World Chess Olympiad 2010 home page that "[t]he Khanty-Mansiysk Organisers have agreed to extend the payment date for charters and accommodation **until July 15th 2010**. All payments must be made by this date as tickets will need to be issued for Charters and accommodation booked for upgrades and additional or accompanying persons."¹⁰ If an extension to book accommodations can be made for World Chess Olympiad participants, it should all the more so be made for the challenger for the post of President of FIDE, his entire ticket, and their team. These efforts at complicating the Karpov ticket's presence in Russia for the elections cast further doubt on the manner in which FIDE is conducting the elections for its highest offices.

Please respond to our letter by close of business on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. In the absence of a timely and satisfactory response, our client may be forced to undertake further steps, including legal action.

Very truly yours,



Ank Santens

¹⁰ Available at <http://www.ugra-chess.ru/eng/index.htm>.

ATTACHMENT A

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Большое спасибо всем за непрерывную поддержку! Для нас большая честь – участвовать в выборах ФИДЕ 2010 г! Обширный список членов нашей команды будет опубликован после официального объявления членов президентской предвыборной команды. Оставайтесь с нами



KIRSAN ILYUMZHINOV

Президент Всемирной Шахматной Федерации (с ноября 1995)

Президент и Глава Республики Калмыкия (с октября 2005)

Родился 5 апреля 1962 г. Национальность – калмык

Образование: Московский Государственный Институт Международных Отношений (МГИМО)

Степени и Звания

- Почетный Академик Межрегиональных наук, Академии Наук РФ
- Почетный Доктор Национальной Академии Прикладных Наук РФ
- Действительный Член Российской Академии Общественных Наук
- Действительный Член Академии Наук Нью-Йорка

Награды

- Золотая медаль мира за гуманитарную деятельность
- Медаль «300 лет Российского ВМФ»
- Золотая медаль Ф. Плевако
- Орден Дружбы
- Орден Св.Николая
- Орден Достоинства, Св. Георгий с мечом
- Корона Национальной Академии Прикладных Наук
- Почетный житель г.Элиста
- Знак Пьера Обри (Франция)

Выборные должности

- Депутат Верховного Совета РСФСР
- Член Совета Федерации РФ
- Почетный член совета мэрии г. Элиста
- Президент Российской Палаты Предпринимателей

Основные этапы карьеры

- **1979-1980** слесарь-сборщик на заводе Звезда, Элиста
- **1980-1982** срочная военная служба
- **1982-1983** механик на заводе Звезда, Элиста
- **1983-1989** студент, МГИМО
- **1989-1990** менеджер советско-японского совместного предприятия «Лико-Радуга, Москва
- **1990-1993** 1990-1993 Президент корпорации САН, Москва
- **April 1993 – настоящее время** Президент, Глава (с октября 2005) Республики Калмыкия
- **ноябрь 1995 – настоящее время** Президент Всемирной Шахматной Федерации (ФИДЕ)

Личная цитата

“ Все новые попытки расколоть шахматный мир обречены на провал ”

Спонсор и/или Организатор крупных шахматных мероприятий:

- **1996** Матч на звание чемпиона мира по шахматам А. Карпов-Г. Камский. Элиста. Россия.
- **1998** Кубок Президента (международный супертурнир). Элиста. Россия.
- **1998** 33я Шахматная Олимпиада (110 мужских и 73 женских команд), Элиста, Россия.
- **1998-1999** Чемпионат мира по шахматам. Гронинген-Лозанна
- **1999** Турнир молодых мастеров, Лозанна, Швейцария
- **1999** Чемпионат мира по шахматам. Лас-Вегас
- **2000** Чемпионат мира по шахматам. Нью-Дели, Тегеран.
- **2001-2002** Чемпионат мира по шахматам. Москва.
- **2004** Чемпионат мира по шахматам среди женщин. Элиста, Россия.

- **2004** Мемориал Ботвинника. Москва, Россия
- **2006** Матч на звание чемпиона мира по шахматам Крамник-Топалов, Элиста. Россия.

Все эти годы Кирсан и его команда регулярно проводили детские и юношеские чемпионаты мира, чемпионаты мира до 20 лет. С 1999 года Детские шахматные Олимпиады проводятся под патронажем ФИДЕ. Кроме этого, Кирсан провел 6 чемпионатов России и 8 женских Чемпионатов России.

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Kirsan Ilyumzhinov



KIRSAN ILYUMZHINOV

President of World Chess Federation (Since November 1995)

President and Head of Republic of Kalmykia (from Oct. 2005)

Born: April 5, 1962. **Ethnic background:** Kalmyk

Education: Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations (MGIMO)

Degrees and Titles

- Honored Academician of Interregional Science of Science Academy of Russian Federation
- Honored Doctor of National Academy of Applied Sciences of Russian Federation
- Full Member of Russian Social Sciences Academy
- Full Member of New York Academy of Sciences

Awards

- Gold Medal of Peace for Humanitarian Activities
- Medal “300 Years of Russian Navy”
- F. Plevako Gold Medal
- Order of Friendship
- Order of St. Nicolas
- Order of Dignity St. George with sword
- Triumphal Crown of the National Academy of Applied Sciences
- Honored Citizen of Elista
- Pierre Obrie Sign (France)

Elections

- Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of Russian Federative Republic,
- Member of the Federation Council of Russian Federation
- Honored Deputy of Elista Municipal Board,
- President of Russian Chamber of Entrepreneurs

Career history

- **1979-1980** Mechanic-fitter at Zvezda plant, Elista
- **1980-1982** Military Service
- **1982-1983** Mechanic at Zvezda plant, Elista
- **1983-1989** Student at Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations
- **1989-1990** Manager of Soviet-Japanese Company “Liko-Raduga”, Moscow
- **1990-1993** President of SAN Corporation, Moscow
- **April 1993 – present** President, Head (since Oct.2005) of the Republic of Kalmykia
- **November 1995 – present** President of World Chess Federation (FIDE)

Personal Quotation

“All new attempts to split the Chess World are doomed to failure.”

Sponsor and/or Organiser of Major Chess Events:

- **1996** World Chess Championship Karpov-Kamsky, Elista, Russia
- **1998** President’s Cup (International Super tournament), Elista, Russia
- **1998** 33rd Chess Olympiad with 110 men’s and 73 women’s teams, Elista, Russia
- **1998-1999** World Chess Championship, Groningen-Lausanne
- **1999** Lausanne Young Masters Tournament, Lausanne, Switzerland
- **1999** World Chess Championship, Las Vegas.
- **2000** World Chess Championship, New Delhi-Teheran
- **2001-2002** World Chess Championship, Moscow
- **2004** World Women’s Chess Championship, Elista, Russia
- **2004** Botvinnik’s Chess Memorial, Moscow, Russia
- **2006** World Chess Championship match V. Kramnik vs. Topalov

During all these years *Kirsan* and his *FIDE team* also regularly organized the annual *World Youth Championships* and *World U-20 Championships*. Since 1999, *World Children's Chess Olympiads* are running under *FIDE Patronage*.

Apart from this *Kirsan* did organize *6 Russian Championships* and *8 Russian Women's Championships*.

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**Власть**

- Глава Калмыкии
- Госсоветник Главы РК
- Руководитель Администрации Главы РК
- Председатель Народного Хурала
- Председатель Правительства
- Органы государственной власти

Глава Республики Калмыкия**Илюмжинов Кирсан Николаевич**

Глава Республики Калмыкия, Президент ФИДЕ

Год рождения: 5 апреля 1962 г.

Национальность: калмык

Образование: высшее, окончил МГИМО МИД СССР

Ученая степень:

- Почетный Академик межрегиональной академии науковедения РФ
- Почетный Доктор Национальной Академии прикладных наук РФ
- Действительный член Академии социальных наук РФ
- Действительный член Нью-Йоркской академии наук

Награды:

- Золотая медаль мира за гуманитарную деятельность
- Медаль "300 лет Российскому Флоту"
- Золотая медаль им. Ф.Н. Плевако
- Орден Дружбы
- Орден Николая Чудотворца
- Орден Достоинства -Георгий с мечом
- Триумфальный лавровый венец национальной Академии прикладных наук
- Почетный гражданин г. Элиста

Избирался:

- Депутат Верховного Совета РСФСР,
- Член совета Федерации Федерального Собрания Российской Федерации,
- почетный депутат Элистинского Городского собрания,
- Президент Российской палаты предпринимателей

Работа в прошлом:

- 1979-1980 гг. - Слесарь-сборщик завода "Звезда" г. Элиста
- 1980-1982 гг. - Служба в ВС
- 1982-1983 гг. - Слесарь завода "Звезда", г. Элиста
- 1983-1989 гг. - Студент МГИМО МИД СССР
- 1989-1990 гг. - Управляющий советско-японской фирмой "Лико-Радуга" г. Москва
- 1990-1993 гг. - Президент корпорации "САН" г. Москва
- Апрель 1993 г - Президент Республики Калмыкия
- Ноябрь 1995 - Президент Международной шахматной организации ФИДЕ

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- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Head of President's Administration**
- **Chairman of the Peoples' Khural**
- **Chairman of the Government**
- **State Authorities**

President of Republic of Kalmykia

Kirsan Ilyumzhinov

President of Republic of Kalmykia, FIDE President

Born: April 5, 1962

Ethnic background: Kalmyk

Education: graduated from Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations

Degrees and titles:

- Honored Academician of Interregional Science of Science Academy of Russian Federation
- Honored Doctor of Nation Academy of Applied Sciences of Russian Federation
- Full Member of Russian Social Sciences Academy
- Full Member of New York Academy of Sciences

Awards:

- Gold Medal of Peace for Humanitarian Activities
- Medal "300 Years of Russian Navy"
- F. Plevako Gold Medal
- Order of Friendship
- Order of St. Nicolas
- Order of Dignity - St. George with sword
- Triumphal Crown of the National Academy of Applied Sciences
- Honored Citizen of Elista

Elections:

- Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of Russian Federative Republic,
- Member of the Federation Council of Russian Federation,
- Honored Deputy of Elista Municipal Board,
- President of Russian Chamber of Entrepreneur

Career history:

- 1979-1980 - Mechanic-fitter at Zvezda plant, Elista
- 1980-1982 - Military Service
- 1982-1983 - Mechanic at Zvezda plant, Elista
- 1983-1989 - Student at Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations
- 1989-1990 - Manager of Soviet-Japanese Company "Liko-Raduga", Moscow
- 1990-1993 - President of SAN Corporation, Moscow
- April 1993 - President of the Republic of Kalmykia
- November 1995 - President of World Chess Federation (FIDE)



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Beatriz Marinello



Beatriz Marinello

Candidate for FIDE Vice President
General Secretary FIDE Americas
Woman International Master (WIM)

Born: May 14, 1964

Ethnic background: Latin American (Born in Chile, Based in the United States)

Degrees and Titles

- Woman International Master (WIM)
- US Chess Federation Life Master
- Zonal President

- General Secretary FIDE Americas
- Former U.S. Chess Federation President
- Former Member FIDE Verification Commission
- Member of the U.S. Scholastic Council
- Member of the U.S. Life Members Assets Committee
- Member of the U.S. Chess Trust
- Certified Public Accountant

Awards

- 2009 Distinguished Service Award, US Chess Federation
- 2009 Harold Dondis Service Award, US Chess Trust
- 2008 Chess Educator of the Year, University of Texas at Dallas
- 2002 Meritorious Services Award, US Chess Federation
- 2001 Scholastic Service Award, US Chess Federation

Chess Career History

- 1979-1988 Seven times Women's Champion of Chile
- 1985-1989 Chess journalist "Diario La Nacion" Chile
- 1983-1987 Director of Public Relations, Chilean Chess Federation
- 1991 Represented the USA in the Women's Interzonal, Former Yugoslavia
- 1993 Represented the USA in the Women's Interzonal, Indonesia
- 1994 Player and Captain of the USA Women's Chess Team, Russia
- 1997-2000 Scholastic Director, U.S. Chess Federation
- 2001-2003, 2005-Current Member of the U.S. Scholastic Council
- 2002-Current General Secretary FIDE Americas
- 2003-2005 Elected U.S. Chess Federation President and became the U.S. Chess Federation's first (and only) woman president.
- 2005-Current Member of the U.S. Life Members Assets Committee
- 2006-2010 Member FIDE Verification Commission
- 2008-Current Member of the U.S. Chess Trust
- 2009 – Current Zonal President
- 1991-Present Promoting chess and education.

Personal Quote: "No one is bigger than chess." Beatriz Marinello

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