

10/28/08 -- AIA CHESS UPDATE FROM LEIGH TRUDGEN, CHAIR, AIA CHESS COMMITTEE

Item 1

Congratulations to Ms. Jill Scott, Mesquite High School, who is the new Region III director for next year.

Thanks to Mr. Mojo Krup for an outstanding job as Region III director the past 4 years. Also, congratulations to Mr. Doug Taysom, Tempe High School, who is the new ACCA State Executive Secretary for next year.

Thanks to Mr. Dave Small for an outstanding job the past 3 years as our Executive Secretary.

Congratulations to the following Region I teams for qualifying for the state team tournament:

Blue Ridge High School (region champs), Tuba City High School, and Hopi High School

Region IV qualifying teams for the state team tournament:

Catalina Foothills (region champ), Flowing Wells, Nogales, and University/Rincon High Schools

Congratulations to the following Region II teams for qualifying for the state team tournament:

Barry Goldwater High School (region champs), San Luis, Yuma, Trevor Browne, and Alhambra High Schools

Item 2

Following are 4 important dates that "hopefully" all regions can agree upon for next year's schedule-if you have any input, please respond to Leigh Trudgen, Corona del Sol High School (ltrudgen.cds@tuhsd.k12.az.us).

Team invitational - (hosted by Region II) - September 11 and 12

Individual invitational - (hosted by Region I) - September 25 and 26

State team championships - (hosted by Region IV) - November 6 and 7

State individual championships - (hosted by Region III) - November 20 and 21

Item 3

Next week is the state team tournament in San Luis hosted by Mr. Matt Osborn and Region II. All state team participants will receive a medal. To be determined: WHO is making these medals. We need to let the medal person the names of the schools for the 16 teams participating.

Congratulations to the following region III teams for qualifying for the state team tournament:

Region III: Gilbert, McClintock, Desert Vista, and Corona del Sol High Schools

To be determined: Regions I (3 teams) and II (5 teams)?

Also to be determined: IS the same person making the medals for state team championships also making them for the state individual championships? We will need to get the names of these individuals to the medal maker.

Item 4

Regions III and IV held their individual qualifiers this past weekend. As soon as regions I and II hold their individual qualifiers, then we can determine how many participants each regions will be allowed to send to the State individual championships. For your information: region III has 89 participants this past weekend at their individual qualifier.

Item 5

The state individual championship, hosted by Mr. Robby Adamson, and region IV, will begin at approximately 2:00 PM on Friday, November 21st at Catalina Foothills High School (not the usual 4:30 start). Hopefully we will receive a flier from Robby soon.