

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hart House Chess Club Membership
FROM: Alumni Chair
DATE: March 25, 2026
RE: Hart House Chess Club – Executive Board Elections 2026/20267

In alphabetical order the following is a list of all persons who declared an intention to run for a position on the Hart House Chess Club 2065/27 Executive.

Jonathan CHOI (Communications, Fundraising)

Hi everyone! My name is Jonathan Choi, and I am currently a second-year medical student at U of T. I completed my undergraduate studies at Dalhousie University, where I was actively involved with the Dalhousie University Chess Club throughout all four years of undergrad, first as Tournament Director and later as Vice-President.

During that time, the club was rebuilding after the COVID shutdown, and I had the opportunity to help re-establish its sense of community through event planning, social media outreach, and member engagement. As Vice-President, I managed the club's email communications and oversaw its social media accounts, helping promote events, share announcements, and keep members connected and informed. Through these experiences, I developed strong communication, organizational, and teamwork skills that I believe would allow me to contribute effectively as Communications Representative.

In addition, I have experience organizing fundraising chess events, whether for charitable causes or to help support players attending CUCC, and I would be excited to bring that experience toward supporting the club's fundraising efforts as well. I would be very grateful for the opportunity to serve the club in either role.

Emir ESHBERK (Fundraiser, Communications)

Hello everyone! My name is Emir Eshberk, and I'm currently in the Life Science program, looking to major in Immunology. I was also honoured to be this year's First Year Representative, and it has been amazing being a part of the Hart House Chess Club. Many of you may recognize me from the weekly Friday opens I have been at, or from my helping out at nearly all of the

tournaments we held. Based on my experience with these tournaments, I would love to continue helping with them and the club's activities in general. This is why I am running for both the Fundraising Rep. and Communications Rep., so I can continue supporting the clubs' activities, whether by promoting events or helping make them. I look forward to meeting you all over the board.

Suren GRIGORYAN (Events, Communications)

I have been playing chess competitively since the age of 10, and it has been a significant part of my life. Through this experience, I have developed strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills that I believe would allow me to contribute effectively to the team.

I would be honored to be considered for one of these roles.

Cyprian KAZMIERCZAK (Treasurer, TBD)

My name is Cyprian Kazmierczak, and I have been attending the club's events for the past semester. I've been playing chess for around 13 years and have played in a couple of tournaments; however, I am not currently very highly rated. Besides that, I have prior experience as a Treasurer for the Gym's Student's Association at UofT (GSAT), and leadership experience as a compliance director at the G20 Research Group.

Max RUSONIK (Treasurer, Events)

I'm a second-year student in Mathematics & Economics. I have played chess professionally for many years and achieved the FM title, as well as a CFC rating of over 2400. Hart House has always been my favourite club to play at, and I enjoyed helping the U of T chess team win the CUCC in 2025 and 2026. I have previously served on the executive teams of several clubs, including math, debate, and chess, taking on roles such as treasurer, fundraiser, event organizer, and president. I have also organized two chess tournaments between schools across the GTA. These events were very successful, and we had players of all skill levels, from beginners to those with ratings over 2200 CFC.

Yuri SEONG (Treasurer, Fundraising)

Samuel ZHANG (Secretary, Communications)

Hey everyone! I'm running for HHCC Secretary this year. I've been at the club since my first year in 2024-2025, and it's been some of the most fun I've had at UofT. As part of the team for 2 years now, I've organized some novel events, and taught lessons for the club for 4 semesters.

I'm also a US/Canada national master currently rated 2303 CFC, 2126 FIDE. Chess is one of my favorite things to do so I'm excited to get the chance to do even more.

Samuel ZHENG (Treasurer, TBD)

I am Samuel Zheng, a third-year studying mathematics and statistics at the University of Toronto. I am interested in running for the position of Treasurer for the Hart House Chess Club executive elections. I have been a member of the Hart House Chess Club for all three years I have been at UofT, and have greatly enjoyed myself in casual play, events, and tournaments throughout that time. I have played on behalf of the club at the CUCC and Pan-Ams, and am currently serving as the beginner chess coach for the club.

I am running for Treasurer because I would like to help with the running of the club, and continue its storied history of spreading and sharing the game of chess. I have experience acting as Treasurer from taking on the position in my high school's student government, in my residence council in my first year at UofT, and in the Academic Trivia club at UofT this past year. As treasurer I hope to be able to use my experience and skills to help ensure the club runs smoothly, so that all players can continue to enjoy what the club has to offer.