

# World Tournament Director

**Candidate's Statement:** Dr. Jason Bokar (USA)

## Chess Achievements

- **2002:** International Master (IM)
- **2003:** Senior International Master (SIM)
- **2007:** International Grandmaster (GM)

## Achievements as a CC Volunteer

### **2002-2008**

- Deputy Director NAPZ
- Tournament Organizer NAPZ
- TD NAPZ various classes
- Webmaster ICCF-US (2003-2008)

### **2008-2011**

- Deputy Services Director (under J-C Chazalette)
- TD NAPZ Higher Class events

### **2011-2013**

- NAPZ Zonal Director
- Deputy Services Director (under Austin Lookwood)
- Bertl von Massow Silver (2013)

### **2013-2015**

- ICCF Help Desk Manager
- NAPZ Zonal Director (cont.)

### **2015-2017**

- NAPZ Zonal Director (cont.)
- ICCF-US National Director (from 2016)

### **2018 - Present**

- World Zone Director
- ICCF-US National Director (cont.)
- Bertl van Massow Gold

## Outside of the Correspondence Chess World

- Adjunct professor – Automotive Engineering – Clemson University
- Honorary Doctorate, Moscow State University, Moscow Russia
- Invited Lecturer:
  - St. Petersburg State University, Russia
  - Gheorghe Asachi Technical University, Romania
- Manager of Learning and Development and Design School – Michelin Tire Company
- Expatriation to France for Michelin 3 years
- Photographer

## Goals and Aspirations as World Tournament Director (WTD)

First, a general introduction to my history in ICCF:

### Achievements as a Leader in ICCF

Since the early 2000's I have served ICCF faithfully, first through working as a Tournament Director and then as a Tournament Organizer for the old NAPZ zone. Even though I worked in the background of the organization, I was often the first person with whom many delegates would have contact as I organized most events during those years.

Eventually, I took over as NAPZ Director and ICCF-US as National Delegate. During that time, I renewed the status of NAPZ and reinvigorated ICCF-US through finding the right people to help and keeping the level of enthusiasm high. From re-starting the NAPZ Championship to creating well-funded ICCF-US invitationals, the success of those two organizations was assured.

When NAPZ and CADAP decided to join together to form the World Zone, I worked together with Gino Figlio to form a cohesive Zone that would be the benefit for all the players of the world, with a strong focus on providing an excellent playing experience.

I have now decided to step down as the World Zone Director and to pass the baton onto the next person. Hence, it is now my interest to expand my horizons and to become the next WTD.

### Becoming the next WTD

As I have attended every Congress since 2012, I have gotten to know most of the country delegates on a personal basis. I feel that one of my biggest assets is the ability to listen and provide useful debate on all the topics that are at the heart of ICCF.

You can be assured that I will be a facilitator to the delegates interested in organizing International Events. With attention to detail and a strong work ethic, I believe that I can clarify the current very complex state of international events. It would be my intent to create clear guidelines to help support the delegates to plan and organize events in the future.

I believe my many years of service to ICCF, plus many hours of actually serving as a Tournament Director and Organizer – plus the understanding of the needs and wants of the players, will help me to operate at the highest level as WTD.

Jason Bokar, June 2019