

Greetings!

I am Brigiliano Perez, a soon-to-be-63 years old Ilocano from Bauang, La Union. I graduated from University of the Philippines College Baguio and worked in the private sector in various capacities, including several years at the management level.

Although I was introduced to chess during Bobby Fischer's ascendancy to the World Championship, i had very little exposure to over-the-board chess competitions.

My love affair with correspondence chess started in 1999 when I became a member of the now-defunct International Email Chess Group (IECG). As the name suggests, chess games then were played by email. When the IECG stopped operations around 2009, I had already achieved the title of International Master (IM). By that time most of the games were already server-based, and when IECG closed shop, the server operator set up the Lechenicher Schach Server (LSS) and accepted all IECG members with their titles and ratings intact.

LSS also continued all IECG World Championship cycle stages that were interrupted by the closure of IECG, and soon introduced their own World Championship cycles. It was in the 2nd LSS World Championship double round robin Finals a few years ago that I tied for first and second places. Although I lost the Championship on tie-break, I was later awarded the title of Senior International Master (SM). I continue to be active in the LSS World Championship cycles, where today I am playing in one of the three double round robin 7th LSS Candidates Finals groups.

Upon the invitation of Arthur Simplina, I became a member of the Philippines Correspondence Chess Association (PCCA) in November last year, although I have been a non-playing ICCF member for a few years. As I write this, I have completed 15 games in ICCF and will have a published rating in the next ICCF Rating List. Despite still being active in LSS, I intend to play more games and participate in more ICCF events to bring honor and recognition to the PCCA and the Philippines.

It is a distinct honor to be nominated a candidate for the PCCA Executive Committee, and I hope to be able to share my experiences in both management and correspondence chess, and assist in the growth of the PCCA and the development of its members.

Thank you.