

2025 Election Committee Report

Mike Nietman, Chair

As per the US Chess Bylaws “[t]he committee is responsible for the conduct of and shall preside over Federation elections.”

Our thanks to the delegates who in last two years supported our committee’s efforts to embrace a fully electronic ballot. In 2024 we proposed a couple of additional motions to clean up the Bylaws. Passed motions included moving the pull of the registered voters’ list to June 1 instead of May 5 and to move all candidate statements online thus returning several pages to our Chess Life editor. We urge voters to review the candidates’ statements at <https://new.uschess.org/2025-candidate-statements>.

2025 is the first of our now biennial elections for four seats on the Executive Board. In 2025 the seats of

- Randy Bauer (continuous service since 2018)
- Mike Hoffpauir (continuous service since 2016)
- Kevin Pryor (continuous service since 2021)
- Chuck Unruh (continuous service since 2016)

are up for election. Article VI, Section 8 of the US Chess Bylaws limits Executive Board members to no more than eleven consecutive years of service. Therefore, Mr. Hoffpauir and Mr. Unruh are term limited. In addition, Mr. Bauer opted not to run for re-election. We note that there are five people running for the four seats. Good luck to all of them.

The remaining Executive Board members have terms expiring in 2027 and they are

- Leila D`Aquin (continuous service since 2023)
- John Fernandez (continuous service since 2021)
- David Hater (continuous service since 2020)
- Lakshmana Viswanath (continuous service since 2023)

Our thanks to our US Chess Governance Coordinator who has been busy reaching out to registered voting members who don’t have an e-mail on file. Voters will need to have a valid e-mail on file and opt in on e-mails from US Chess.

The committee encourages all eligible voters to register and vote.