

Proceedings of the 2019 US Chess Board of Delegates Meeting
August 10-11, 2019
Orlando, Florida

This document is an overview of the meeting and includes the official documentation of motions. More details and the discussions may be found in the video files located on the US Chess website.

SESSION 1
Saturday, August 10

US Chess President Allen Priest called the meeting to order.

In remembrance, a list of names was read of those within the chess community who had passed on since the last meeting and a moment of silence was observed. (See Appendix A.)

The delegate roll was called and a quorum was established. (See Appendix B for a list of delegates present.)

DM 19-01/ADM 19-01 (Allen Priest, KY)

The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large the Delegate at Large who are present and whose terms have expired or are expiring, that being E. Steven Doyle.

PASSED

The President introduced the Last Frontier Chess Foundation's (LFCF) application to become the new State Chapter Affiliate for Alaska. The chair of the States & Affiliates committee reported the approval of that committee and the unanimous approval expressed during the committee's workshop that week. The President reported that the Executive Board saw no problem in the LFCF's application to become the state chapter. A delegate from CA-S asked the body to approve the motion by unanimous acclamation.

DM 19-02 (Allen Priest, KY)

I move to approve the application of the Last Frontier Chess Foundation as the official Alaska State Affiliate.

PASSED no objection

The Chair of the Connecticut State Chapter Resolution Committee reported on the status of the Connecticut State Chess Association, indicating that there was no action needed because the Vice President of the existing state chapter called a meeting and elected officers and the organization contesting the existing state chapter withdrew their application. Board member Mike Hoffpauir corroborated the committee Chair's assessment and congratulated the people of Connecticut for working out the situation themselves.

DM 19-03 (Allen Priest, KY)

I move that a committee consisting of David Day, Gary Walters, Leila D'Aquin and Ken Ballou be appointed to review the Conflict of Interest forms.

PASSED no objection

DM 19-04/ADM 19-02 (Harold Winston, IL; Robert Messenger, MA)

Moved that the minutes of the 2018 Delegates meeting, as available to the Delegates present in Orlando, Florida be accepted.

PASSED

DM 19-05/ADM 19-03 (Allen Priest, KY)

I moved that Ken Ballou be appointed parliamentarian.

PASSED

DM 19-06 (Robert Messenger, NH)

Moved to amend the agenda by moving the appointment of the delegate appointed committees (including ADMs 19-35, ADM 19-36 and those that do not yet have a motion) and insert them after the committee reports.

PASSED

DM 19-07/ADM 19-04 (Allen Priest, KY)

Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2019 Delegates Meeting as amended and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates Call.

PASSED

The Chair of the Elections Committee reported the following regarding the 2019 Executive Board election:

- Out of 4043 registered voters, 1006 ballots were received.
- The two candidates, Mike Hoffpauir and Chuck Unruh, who ran unopposed, received the majority of the votes.

DM 19-08/ADM 19-05 (Ken Ballou, MA; Election Committee)

The Delegates certify the Executive Board election results. The new Executive Board members elected to full three-year terms will take office at the conclusion of this meeting.

PASSED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Report of the President (Allen Priest)

Actions taken by the board over the past year to fulfill US Chess's mission:

- Added a promotional membership for prison chess.
- Modernized the Junior Tournament Player (JTP) program to address issues related to home schools.
- Placed US Chess members in key FIDE roles and by reaching out to our Americas neighbors.

- Expanded development efforts by hiring a Development Director, adopting gift acceptance policies, updating our case for support, creating a planned giving program, and expanding contacts with potential sponsors.
- Revised our policy recognizing the acceptance of transgender players.
- Expanded and formalized the policy for the review of electronic devices.
- Adopted guidelines for safe play.

Generous donations have allowed US Chess to provide:

- Grants to local programs that foster the participation of girls and women in chess.
- Scholarships to three invitational events.
- Uniforms for the World Cadet, World Youth, and Under 1600 Olympiad delegations.

Report of the Vice President of Finance (Chuck Unruh)

The following aspects of US Chess's financial status were highlighted:

- The impacts to overall expenses including increased tournament obligations and the addition of a new staff position.
- An increase in donations and the importance of continuing to develop donor revenue.
- Both the importance and limitations of membership.
- Investment income is increasing and continued growth is expected.
- An endowment fund has been created.
- The LMAT is doing well.
- The Reserve Fund is at a record high.

The following changes in the budget from last year to this year were mentioned:

- Increased membership revenues.
- Increased staff expense.
- Increased expectations for donation and interest revenue.
- Decreased tournament expenditures.

DM 19-09/ADM 19-06 (Executive Board)

The 2019-2020 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted.

PASSED

The Conflict of Interest Committee was invited by the President to report if necessary and they said that no conflicts existed.

REPORTS OF STAFF

Report of the Executive Director (Carol Meyer)

The following activities from the past year were highlighted:

- Working to develop corporate sponsors.
- Internal changes included staff additions, expanded programming, creating structures for development, and preparation for the infrastructure refresh.
- A continued increase in rated play and an increase in participation by girls in scholastics.

- Increased communication with state affiliates.
- An increase in girls' and women's regional events.
- The 80th Anniversary display at the World Chess Hall of Fame.
- Seeking out nontraditional partners for advancing our mission.

Goals for the future:

- Building capacity in staff and services.
- Create and launch more programs.
- Replace the database and website.

What's needed:

- Volunteer recruitment.
- Ensuring alignment with the US Chess mission across all efforts.

Report of the Senior Director of Strategic Communication (Daniel Lucas)

A review of the traditional publications of US Chess:

Chess Life	Scholastic Newsletter	Annual Report
Chess Life Kids	US Chess Newsletter	The website
Tournament programs	Delegates Call	

New endeavors over the past year:

- Increased reliance on social media.
- Creating materials for the Development Department.
- Increasing use of press releases.
- A full slate of podcasts.
- Sending out congratulatory letters.
- A national event guide for people new to them.
- Branding projects.
- Self-publishing the Rules of Chess and making it available in e-book formats.

Looking ahead:

- Developing new videos to replace those currently on the website.
- Integrating all media avenues available to US Chess.

Due to the Director of Events being unavailable, his report was moved to after the lunch break and the FIDE Zonal President gave his report.

REPORT OF THE FIDE ZONAL PRESIDENT (Francisco Guadalupe)

- Reviewed world events at which US Chess was represented
- Previewed upcoming international events.
- Provided projected meeting date for the next FIDE Congress.

The meeting recessed for lunch.

SESSION 2
Saturday, August 10

The final staff report that had to be delayed was given before continuing on to Committee Reports.

Director of Events (Boyd Reed)

The following aspects of US Chess events were highlighted:

- New contracts for future national events since the June Executive Board meeting.
- Future events still seeking sites.
- The complexities of finding sites for large scholastic events.
- The difference between the hotel model and the convention center model for events
- Proposed changes in coaching provided for international events.
- Previously bid events being brought back in house.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from the Governance Task Force (Gary Walters) as required by DM 18-47.

The following is a summary of topics covered by the Chair of the Governance Task Force.

- Clarification of the difference between US Chess's former status as a membership organization and its current status as a charitable organization.
- Potential changes in how the Executive Board is formed that the committee is considering.
- An explanation of how skills needed on the board drive some of the changes that will be proposed.
- The quantity of communication engaged in by the committee.
- Their review of the Bylaws and DACIs for any necessary changes, especially in relation to other proposed changes.
- An outline of the problems with the current way that Executive Board members are nominated.

Delegates in the audience provided feedback on some of the issues being considered by the Governance Task Force.

ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

DM 19-10 (Gary Walters, OH)

I move to name the following to the 2019-2020 Governance Task Force:

Leila D'Aquin	Jim Mennella	Richard Williams, Jr.
Randy Bauer	Allen Priest	Harold Winston
Guy Hoffman	Kenneth Sloan	Alexander Lumelsky
Korey Kormick	Gary Walters	Richard Koepcke

PASSED

DM 19-11/ADM 19-35 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

The LMA Trust Chairman nominates the following individuals for volunteer Trustee service on the USCF Life Member Asset Grantor Trust:

Mike Hoffpauir	Dov Gorman	Peter Dyson
Steve Doyle	Beatriz Marinello	Alex Relyea
Jim Bedenbaugh	Allen Priest	Chuck Unruh
Leroy Dubeck	Tim Redman	

PASSED

DM 19-12/ADM 19-36 (Hal Terrie, NH)

The Ethics Committee nominates the following:

Ken Ballou (10022550, MA)	Noreen Davisson (13685502, NJ)
Hal Terrie (10025265, NH)	Anand Dommalapati (13778420, VA)
Paul Kolojeski (12734090, NH)	David Day (12526705, UT)
David Hater (12234630, GA)	Randy Hough (10461138, CA)
Harold Stenzel (10095824, NY)	Jim Mennella (11066241, CA)

PASSED

DM 19-13 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

I move to name the following to the Audit Committee;

Randy Bauer (IA)
Jon Haskel (FL)
David Grimaud (SC)

PASSED

DM 19-14 (Harold Winston, IL; Guy Hoffman, WI)

Move that the following persons be elected to the Bylaws Committee:

Guy Hoffman (WI)	John McCrary (SC)
Richard Koepcke (NCA)	Randy Hough (SCA)
Robert Messenger (MA)	David Mehler (MD)
Gerald Larson (AL)	Sandeep Alampalli (NY)
James Mennella (SCA)	Andrew Rea (VA)
Myron Lieberman (AZ)	David Day (UT)
Harold Winston (IL)	Alex Lumselsky (CT)
Gary Walter (OH)	Leila D'Aquin (LA)
Steve Immitt (NY)	Fun Fong (GA)

PASSED

DM 19-15 (Ken Ballou, MA)

I move to name the following to the Elections Committee:

Ken Ballou (MA)
Myron Lieberman (AZ)
Kenneth Sloan (AL)
Andrew Thall (OH)
Alex Relyea (NH) – alternate

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Before the vote on the following two motions, the Chairs of the Elections and Bylaws committees reported the votes of those committees.

DM 19-16/ADM 19-07 (DM 18-43/NDM 18-06) (Kenneth Ballou, MA; Harry Sabine, TN)
Repeal DACI 40 which requires the counting of votes in elections by region
Referred to Election and Bylaws Committees in 2018
PASSED in 2019

If ADM 19-07 fails, the following is submitted as a substitute:

DM 19-17/ADM 19-07a (Randy Hough, SCA; Harold Winston, IL; Allen Priest, KY)
add to DACI 40 "Votes will not be counted by regions when candidates are unopposed.
Ruled **MOOT** by the chair

Before the vote on the following motion, the Chairs of the Elections and Bylaws committees reported the votes of those committees, as well as concerns raised in committee discussions. In addition, delegates made statements both for and against the original motion and the amended motion.

DM 19-18/ADM 19-08 (DM 18-40/NDM 18-03) (John Hartmann, NE)
Any advertising on behalf of a candidate/candidates for the Executive Board shall require disclosure of the persons/companies/organizations who pay for those advertisements on said materials. This includes in-kind contributions from publishers or businesses.
Referred to Election and Bylaws Committees in 2018

AMENDMENT: Any advertising on behalf of a candidate/candidates for the Executive Board shall require disclosure of the persons/companies/organizations who pay for those advertisements on said materials **in the cumulative amount of \$1000 or greater**. This includes in-kind contributions from publishers or businesses.
Motion to amend **PASSED** 46-37

Motion to refer to Elections and Bylaws **FAILED**.

DM 19-18/ADM19-08 as amended **FAILED** in 2019

Before the vote on the following motion, the Chair of the Bylaws committees reported the vote of that committee.

DM 19-19/ADM 19-09 (DM 18-45/NDM 18-08) (Kenneth Ballou, MA)
Amend the bylaws as follows. Replace the second and third sentences of Article VIII Section I with the following:
"Credentials of affiliates applying for designation as State Chapter for any state without a current State Chapter submitted before June 1, or for any state with a current State Chapter submitted before March 1, shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates with recommendations, if any, one month before the next Annual Meeting. Credentials submitted

after the deadline shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates one month before the Annual Meeting of the following year.”

Referred to Bylaws in 2018

PASSED in 2019

The president explained changes to the Transgender Policy made during the previous year to address the concerns in DM18-35, referring to Executive Board motion EB19-060.

A delegate reported that the maker of the motion was satisfied with the actions that the board had taken regarding the issue.

DM 19-20/ADM 19-10 (DM 18-35/ADM 18-23) (Steve Immitt, NY)

The current US Chess Transgender Policy adopted by the Executive Board on May 22nd reads as follows:

“The Executive Board moves to adopt the following transgender policy as provided by legal counsel: Allow a person to identify as they choose, and allow each person one change to their gender identification. If an individual attempts a second change to gender identification, at that time the individual must provide US Chess a birth certificate, and the birth gender indicated on the birth certificate will be used to determine gender for US Chess purposes.”

Referred to Women’s committee and Executive Board in 2018

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair in 2019

A member of the board explained the approach that the board has taken regarding NDM 18-14, which culminated in a document of broader application called Guidelines for Safe Play and Conduct at US Chess National Events that the board adopted at its June 2019 meeting.

A delegate reported that the makers of the motion were satisfied with the actions that the board had taken regarding the issue.

DM 19-21/ADM 19-11 (NDM 18-14 Substitute for ADM 18-24) (Steve Immitt, NY; Jeff Wiewel, IL)

Chess is game played by kids and adults for enjoyment. Bullying from non-playing spectators detracts from that experience. The EB is requested to create a **spectator code of conduct** that can be presented at the 2019 US Open delegates meeting. The code should include giving the tournament director and/or organizer both the empowerment and encouragement to take action against violators of the **spectator code of conduct** and explicitly allow such actions to include ejection from the tournament site.

Referred to Executive Board in 2018

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair in 2019

A member of the board detailed the factors involved in the board’s response to DM 18-37 and the resulting changes to the equipment evaluation process. In addition, he mentioned that there will be further investigation into how to evaluate the security of electronic devices.

A delegate reported that the makers of the motion were satisfied with the actions that the board had taken regarding the issue.

DM 19-22/ADM 19-12 (DM 18-37/ADM 18-25) (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY; Daniel Rohde, NY)

Requests for official US Chess certification of tournament equipment are to be made to the Executive Board, which shall then refer the request to an appropriate committee comprised of individuals with expertise and experience with similar equipment. The committee shall adopt a protocol for evaluating equipment and apply these standards in making its recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the product.

Referred to Executive Board in 2018

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair in 2019

The President provided some background to DM 18-39 and explained how the Executive Board had addressed the issue by creating promotional prison group memberships with EB 19-032.

DM 19-23/ADM 19-13 (DM 18-39/NDM 18-02) (Eric Golf Vigil, IA)

Proposed to have a regular prison membership available for \$7.00 for the purpose of playing OTB tournaments behind bars.

Referred to Executive Board in 2018

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair in 2019

The Executive Director mentioned that the current budget does not allow US Chess to accommodate the staff position requested by DM 18-38.

DM 19-24/ADM 19-14 (DM 18-38/ADM 18-26) (Steve Immitt NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates recommend that the Executive Board add and advertise for a staff position of Technical Director, if it determines that such an additional staff expense is financially viable.

Referred to the Executive Director in 2018

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair in 2019

NEW BUSINESS

The President explained that motions passed at the Membership Meeting the previous day are the first order of New Business. He added that the first motion of the Membership Meeting was the appointing of Additional Delegates, which is concluded within the Membership Meeting and not referred to the Delegates. Thus the first order of New Business is MM-2.

The maker of MM-2 introduced his motion to the delegates.

DM 19-25/MM-2

Steve Morford (CA-S)

The delegates recommend the Executive Board budget and offer professional assistance to state affiliates interested in obtaining 501(c)3 status.

REFERRED to the Executive Board

The maker of ADMs 19-15, 19-16, and 19-17 introduced them in turn.

DM 19-26/ADM 19-15 (Harold Winston, IL; Robert Messenger, MA)

Pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2018 and authorize their continuation.

PASSED

The Vice President of Finance briefly commented on the status of the Professional Players Health and Benefit Fund.

DM 19-27/ADM 19-16 (Harold Winston, IL; Robert Messenger, MA)

The Delegates have reviewed the financial information about expenditures and the status of funds in the Players Health and Benefit Fund and approve the report on those items, a report required by DM 11-51.

PASSED

Before voting, delegates both questioned and affirmed the language change proposed in ADM 19-17.

DM 19-28/ADM 19-17 (Harold Winston, IL; Allen Priest, KY; Janelle Losoff, NV)

Amend the final sentence of Article 2, Section 1, of the Bylaws to replace the words "handicapped individuals" twice and "handicapped" once by "individuals with disabilities."

PASSED

ADMs 19-18, 19-19, 19-20 and 19-21 were introduced as intending to clean up problems with wording in the Bylaws. The votes of the Bylaws Committee and the Bylaws workshop were shared for each motion in turn.

DM 19-29/ADM 19-18 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, IL; Bylaws Committee)

Amend Article VI: Executive Board Section 7, Terms of office, to read: The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for three years, except as provided in Section 9 of this article. The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for two years, except that the term of an officer who leaves the Board after one year would expire. No individual shall serve more than three consecutive terms on the Executive Board, not counting partial terms of less than half of a full term.

No person shall serve as USCF President more than four consecutive years.

PASSED

DM 19-30/ADM 19-19 (Harold Winston, IL; Allen Priest, KY)

Amend Article VI Executive Board Section 7 Terms of Office to delete the sentence "The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for two years, except that the term of an officer who leaves the Board after one year would expire."

PASSED

DM 19-31/ADM 19-20 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, IL; Bylaws Committee)
Amend Art. VI, sec. 3: Remove the requirement to make printed copies of EB minutes available upon request. The sentence currently states: "Delegates and Alternate Delegates may receive printed copies of minutes upon request and upon payment of a reasonable fee..."
PASSED

DM 19-32/ADM 19-21 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, IL; Bylaws Committee)
Revise the last sentences in Art. VI, sec. 6 and Art. VII, sec. 1 to read: "The Executive Board can elect one of its members as Secretary or designate a person to fulfill the functions of Secretary."
PASSED

ADMs 19-22 and 19-23 were introduced as intending to remove Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest that are no longer relevant. The DACI in question was read before each motion was voted on. The votes of the Bylaws Committee and the Bylaws workshop were shared for each motion in turn.

DM 19-33/ADM 19-22 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, IL)
Repeal Delegate Action of Continuing Interest 2
PASSED

Before the vote on ADM 19-23, the Vice President of Finance affirmed that the goals expressed in DACI 19 were still embraced by the LMA Trust. The President explained the differences between the former LMA committee and the Current LMA Trust.

DM 19-34/ADM 19-23 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, IL; Bylaws Committee)
Repeal Delegate Action of Continuing Interest 19
PASSED

The maker of the next two motions indicated that if ADM 19-24 passed he would withdraw ADM 19-25.

DM 19-35/ADM 19-24 (Harold Winston, IL; Allen Priest, KY)
Executive Board votes on resolutions will be available to the Delegates in printed form at the annual Delegates meeting.
PASSED

DM 19-36/ADM 19-25 (Harold Winston, IL)
Replace the Sentence in Art. VI sec. 3 of the Bylaws allowing Delegates and Alternate Delegates to receive printed copies of minutes upon request and payment of a reasonable fee" by "Executive Board Minutes will continue to appear on the US Chess website and in the Delegates Call."
WITHDRAWN

At this point the meeting was recessed until 9:00 am Sunday.

SESSION 3
SUNDAY, August 11

The maker of ADM 19-26 introduced that motion. The Chair of the Bylaws Committee reported on votes by both its committee and its workshop regarding the motion. There was clarification of Robert's Rules by both the President and some delegates. Delegates spoke both in favor and against the motion.

DM 19-37/ADM 19-26 (Myron Lieberman, AZ; Rachel Lieberman, AZ)

When there are only two people at the microphones and one is there to call the question and the other has not yet spoken re: the issue currently being discussed, the question is not to be called or any vote taken on calling the question until that person is allowed to speak.

The following substitute motion was proposed by Alexander Lumelsky and accepted by the makers of the original motion. Again, delegates spoke both in favor and against the substitute motion with the Parliamentarian speaking repeatedly against it.

Upon a motion to call the question, the subsequent speaker in line to be heard, who intends to speak on the question and is otherwise eligible to speak, may request the Chairperson/Chair to be permitted two minutes of time for a final point or comment by invoking this "Call and One" or "Liebermans" rule. The Chairperson/Chair shall then yield the floor to the speaker for two minutes ahead of the vote on the Motion to Call the Question.

FAILED

The Chair of Bylaws introduced the next motion by the Executive Board, reporting on both Bylaws committee and workshop votes.

DM 19-38/ADM 19-27 (Executive Board)

To replace Article 4 Section 6 of the bylaws regarding the electronic voting process to read: If US Chess implements an electronic voting system, voting members may request a paper ballot by writing to the US Chess office prior to May 1st for a regular election or the equivalent cutoff date for a special election.

PASSED

The maker of ADM 19-28 introduced the motion and amended bullet "b" with more specific language.

DM 19-39/ADM 19-28 (Neil Dietsch, AL)

Resolved: The US Chess Federation hereby recognizes the value of "chess in education" (CIE), wherein CIE is defined as the use of chess as an educational tool in the service of educational goals, and supports the efforts of organizations engaged in its cause. That support shall include:

- a. Engaging constructively with international CIE commissions and US non-profit organizations providing CIE services
- b. Supporting US Chess Federation member candidates for office or board membership put forth by such international CIE organizations unless rejected by a formal vote by the Executive Board

c. Allowing use of its communication channels (e.g., affiliate mailings, forums) to be used for promotion and discussion of CIE topics and events (subject to existing policies regarding review of content)

d. Reporting annually to delegates and USCF members on its CIE engagement and activities.

REFERRED to the Scholastic Council

A maker of the following motion introduced it and differentiated it from a previous motion. A board member reviewed the Executive Board's actions thus far on equipment certification and its expectations for further refining and developing a policy. Both board members and delegates questioned the language of the motion.

DM 19-40/ADM 19-29 (Steve Immitt, NY; Daniel Rohde, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates request to be advised in advance if the Executive Board is in favor of granting provisional U.S. Chess certification of tournament equipment.

REFERRED to the Executive Board

The President introduced the following set of motions as addressing changes to the rules of chess. A maker of the ADM 19-30 then introduced the motion by providing some background. He amended the motion and provided a rationale. The Chair of the Rules Committee reported that votes from both committee members and workshop participants favored the motion.

DM 19-41/ADM 19-30 (Steve Immitt, NY; Bill Goichberg, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates Amend Rule 11D (7th Edition) as follows:

11D. Illegal move. If a player completes an illegal move by pressing the clock, in addition to the usual obligation to make a legal move with the touched piece if possible, the standard penalty specified in rule 1C2a applies. **If the opponent has completed a move subsequent to the illegal move, the standard penalty shall not apply.** See also 11J, Deliberate illegal moves and 16D1, Illegal moves. 11D1. Illegal move in time pressure. Time pressure is defined as a situation where either player has less than five minutes left in a time control and the time control does not include an increment or delay of 30 seconds or more. A director should not call attention to illegal moves in time pressure, only the players may make that claim. If, during the game, in time pressure, a player's claim that one of either player's last two moves was illegal is upheld by the TD, the position shall be reinstated to what it was before the illegal move and the procedure in rule 11A shall be followed, with no adjustment to the time on the clocks,

AND BY INSERTING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE HERE:

"TD Tip: A player should make sure to claim an illegal move made by his opponent before completing his next move, in order to be eligible to receive the additional time."

PASSED with 91% - EFFECTIVE 1/1/20

The President briefly explained that the rules changes will appear online, where they are available for free, before they will appear in the Rule Book.

The maker of ADM 19-31 introduced that motion and amended it based on feedback during the Rules workshop. The Rules Chair reported that both the Rules committee and those attending the workshop supported the motion as amended. While the amended version was prepared for display to the body, ADM 19-31 was tabled.

After receiving permission from the maker of the next motion, the President provided an update of events that had occurred since the motion was made that pertained to it. The maker then clarified his intent with the motion and then made a motion to refer it to the Executive Board. Prior to the vote on the referral, the President informed the body that the relationship between US Chess and the Chess Trust has been increasingly formalized by series of time-limited written agreements, a revision of which has begun in anticipation of the current agreement's expiration next year.

DM 19-42/ADM 19-32 (Steve Immitt, NY; Bill Goichberg, NY; Daniel Rohde, NY)

The Delegates request greater U.S. Chess input into the selection of the members of the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame.

REFERRED to the Executive Board

ADM 19-31 was removed from the table. At the request of a delegate, the votes of the Rules committee and workshop attendees were reiterated.

DM 19-43/ADM 19-31 (Bob Messenger, MA)

Amend rule 11D1, to delete the words "with no adjustment to the time on the clocks."

PASSED unanimously– EFFECTIVE 1/1/20

The maker of the motion introduced it briefly and made a motion to refer it to the Executive Board.

DM 19-44/ADM 19-33 (Steve Immitt, NY)

The Delegates recommend that the creation of U.S. Chess national closed championships be done with a concomitant view of the costs involved to the state associations of sending their representatives to participate in these events.

REFERRED to the Executive Board

A maker of motion ADM 19-34 introduced it. Because the original motion as stated did not fall under the authority of the delegates, it was amended so that it was appropriate for the delegates to vote on. The Chair of the Bylaws Committee reported that those in attendance at the Bylaws workshop voted overwhelmingly to have the motion referred to the board as a promotional membership. A delegate reported that those attending the Clubs workshop voted in support of the motion. The board liaison to the Clubs Committee clarified the trend of the discussion during the Clubs workshop. The Chair of the States & Affiliates Committee expressed concerns about smaller State Chapter Affiliates potentially opting into the proposed free membership. The maker of the motion clarified that the intent was a "Basic" affiliate that would preclude the status of a state chapter. A motion was made to refer the amended motion to the board to consider as a promotional membership.

DM 19-45/ADM 19-34 (Bill Goichberg, NY; Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

Moved that the delegates recommend a new category of affiliation is established, called Basic Affiliation. This category shall be free and include the following conditions:

- 1) Listing of meeting place and times on the USCF website (may be in smaller type than regular affiliates).
- 2) The right to hold up to four USCF rated tournaments per year of up to 20 players. These tournaments would pay regular rating fees and have regular TD certification requirements. If any such event draws over 20 players, there would be an additional fee of \$1 per player. This fee may be avoided by paying \$40 to convert to a 1 year regular affiliation.
- 3) Basic Affiliates would not receive a magazine.
- 4) Basic Affiliates would not be entitled to a commission on USCF memberships.

REFERRED to the Executive Board

A maker of NDM 19-01 immediately withdrew the motion.

DM 19-46/NDM 19-01 (Harold Winston, IL; Guy Hoffman, WI; Bob Messenger, MA; James Mennella, SCA)

Acknowledgments of the Conflict of Interest Policy should not be sent out to Delegates prior to the annual Delegates meeting but a simply summary of the policy may be sent.

WITHDRAWN

A maker of NDM 19-02 introduced the motion. The President pointed out that the DACIs were provided in the delegate packets and the various places it is available online. The Chair of the Bylaws committee reported that the committee supported the motion, but the workshop attendees were opposed to it. Delegates spoke both for and against the motion.

DM 19-47/NDM 19-02

(Harold Winston, IL; Guy Hoffman, WI; Bob Messenger, MA; James Mennella, SCA; Myron Lieberman, AZ)

The Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest (DACI) should be restored to the Delegates Call as it was before 2019 and hard copies be available at the Delegates Meeting as the Actions contain Standards of Conduct for the Executive Board and other matters relating to the Delegates meeting.

FAILED

The maker of NDM 19-03 introduced it in relation to ADM 19-07 that abolished counting election ballots by regions. The Chair of the Bylaws committee reported that those attending the Bylaws workshop voted in favor of the motion. Delegates spoke both for and against the motion.

DM 19-48/NDM 19-03 (Guy Hoffman, WI)

If ADM 19-07 passes, delete DACI 9 USCF Regions

PASSED with 2/3 majority

Beyond this point, all motions establishing committees were declared moot by the President because the agenda had been amended at the beginning of the meeting for them to be established before the beginning of Old Business.

DM 19-49/NDM 19-04 Harold Winston (IL), Guy Hoffman (WI)

Moved that the following persons be elected to the Bylaws Committee:

Guy Hoffman (WI), Richard Koepcke (NCA), Robert Messenger (MA), Gerald Larson (AL), James Mennella (SCA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Harold Winston (IL), Gary Walter (OH), Steve Immitt (NY), John McCrary (SC), Randy Hough (SCA), David Mehler (MD), Sandeep Alampalli (NY), Andrew Rea (VA), David Day (UT), Alex Lumselsky (CT), Leila D'Aquin (LA), and Fun Fong (GA).

Ruled **MOOT** by the Chair

The maker of NDM 19-05 introduced it in relation to the failure of NDM 19-02.

DM 19-50/NDM 19-05 (Robert Messenger, MA)

Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest shall be made available to all Delegates in printed form at annual Delegate Meetings.

PASSED

The maker of NDM 19-06 introduced it in relation to the passing of ADM 19-20. The Chair of Bylaws reported unanimous support of the motion from those attending the Bylaws workshop.

DM 19-51/NDM 19-06 (Robert Messenger, MA)

Amend the bylaws, Article VII, Section 1A, second sentence, describing the duties of the Secretary, to remove the following: "and shall mail the Minutes to all the Delegates and Alternate Delegates who request such mailing and pay a printing fee, set by the Executive Director, sufficient to offset the costs of printing and mailing."

PASSED with 2/3 majority

The maker of 19-07 introduced it. One delegate spoke against it before it was referred.

DM 19-52/NDM 19-07 (Larry Cohen, IL)

Whereas US Chess will be running both the 2020 & 2021 US Junior Open and US Senior Open; propose that for 2021, US Chess budget for a women's prize in the US Senior Open and one or more mixed doubles prizes in the US Junior Open.

REFERRED to the US Chess Office

DM 19-53/NDM 19-08 Election Committee nominations:

Ken Ballou (MA)

Myron Lieberman (AZ)

Kenneth Sloan (AL)

Andrew Thall (OH)

Alex Relyea (NH) – alternate

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair

A maker of NDM 19-09 introduced the motion. The other maker of the motion explained the impact this would have on the current parameters of the Barber tournament. The Chair of the Women's committee spoke to how this motion would benefit girls. A number of delegates asked questions and provided their input on the formation of the new structure.

DM 19-54/NDM 19-09 (Sunil Weeramantry, NY; Dewain Barber, CA-S)

Seconded by: David Grimaud (SC), Tony Rich (MO), Michael Khodarkovsky (NJ), Kimberly Doo (NY), Bob Messenger (MA), David Hater (GA), Maureen Grimaud (SC)

WHEREAS he has offered to create a K-5 Tournament of Champions and has made a multi-year commitment to fund this event fully, be it moved that the delegates pass this motion by acclamation and recognize the initiative of John Rockefeller

PASSED unanimously

DM 19-55/NDM 19-10 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Repeal DACI 9

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair

The Executive Board Secretary introduced the next motion.

DM 19-56/NDM 19-11 (Mike Nietman, WI; Harold Winston, IL)

The delegates give a vote of thanks to Myron Lieberman and Rachel Lieberman for keeping track of the Executive Board motion file for many years.

PASSED by acclamation

The maker of NDM 19-12 read the following motion of thanks.

DM 19-57/NDM 19-12 (Harold Winston, IL)

The delegates give a vote of thanks to the following people:

President Allen Priest for his able chairing of the meeting

Ken Ballou for his service as parliamentarian

Carol Meyer for her second successful year as Executive Director

Chuck Unruh, Carol Meyer, Allen Priest, and the entire US Chess Executive Board for a financially successful year

Boyd Reed for his fine work as Director of Events

Anand Dommalapati for his service as chief TD of the 2019 US Open

Jon Haskel for his service as TD of the Denker, Barber, Haring, and National Senior Tournament of Champions

Dewain Barber for his sponsorship of the US Junior Invitational, the Junior Girls Invitational, and the US Cadet Championship

Maureen Grimaud for her work on the Women's Committee including the meet and greet for Denker, Barber, and Haring participants

David Grimaud for his work on the Seniors Committee

The Moderators of the forum for all their work: Bob Messenger, Terry Winchester, and Tom Langland

Jennifer Shahade and Mike Nietman for serving as emcees of the Denker-Barber-Haring opening and closing ceremonies

Leila D'Aquin and Pete Karagianis for their work as emcees of the Awards Luncheon which finished ahead of time

Jennifer Yu for doing the simuls for the Denker, Barber and Haring players

Kim Cramer and Jennifer Pearson for their work on credentials

Grant Oen and Pete Karagianis for running the delegates agenda projector

PASSED by acclamation

DM 19-58/NDM 19-13 (Steve Immitt, NY)

I would like to propose an addition to the people thanked, someone who showed up at every national, state, and regional tournament promoting the women's committee, taking surveys, and asking questions to promote women's chess. I would like the delegates to give a vote of thanks to

Kimberly Doo.

PASSED by acclamation

Because there were no changes to the board, the usual presentation to outgoing board members and the installation of new board members was not observed.

Before adjourning, the President invited those present to attend the open board meeting later that day.

Adjournment

APPENDIX A

2018-2019 IN-PASSING LIST

Jim N. Ainslie, WA	John J. Fitzpatrick, PA
Pat Arena, MA	Solomon Francis, PA
David M. Axinn, PA	Dale Gibbs, NM
George Bablilot, CA	Walter Griesmeyer, IL
Robert J. Bales, Jr., IL	Craig Grigson, MO
Marvin R. Barker, Jr., WV	James E. Gwyn, Sr., NJ
Vincent J Bazemore, Jr., CA	Geoffrey Haffner, CA
Peter Birdsall, NJ	Phil G. Haley, Ontario, Canada
Dr. Nathan Leland Boles, FL	Bruce S. Hall, NC
Herbert J. Burgauer, OH	Daniel Hammond, IL
Robert M. Burlingame, CA	Peter W. Hanen, DC
Edwin F Burnett, RI	Ruth Inez Haring, CA
Tony Burton, CA	Leon Hariton, NY
James J. Callan, PA	Billy R. Harrison, MS
Charles R. Cannone, NH	Robert A. Hayward, CT
Michael L. Cardinale, IL	Raymond E. Hemstock, ME
Edward Carpenter, FL	William T. Hendry III, AL
Donald Anthony Carrelli, NJ	L. George Hermes, AR
Chris Carson, TX	Douglas M. Heimbichner, CA
Mike W. Chess, GA	J. Allen Hinshaw, VA
Joseph Cisneros, CA	Durwood B. Hutch, PA
Brian A. Clark, NY	Toshio Imai, MI
Donald J. Cochenour, WI	Igor Jaworowsky, NJ
Joseph M. Coleman, CT	David H. Jones, KS
Dr. Paul Consolver, CA	Jeffrey Mason Jones, NC
Brad Cornelius, WI	Ronald J Jones, DC
John C. Daucsavage, SD	Samuel C. Jones, MD
James P. Davis, NY	Arthur C. Joy, FL
M M Deren, CT	William S Kaden, MA
Harold J. Donahue, NJ	Aron Kaptan, Manitoba, Canada
Murphree Y. Donnan, Jr., SC	Richard Kasa, CA
Danny L. Dunn, TX	John D. Kelly, NY
Aaron Eisenbach, MD	James H. Kiser, NV
Keith D'Elia, NY	Erez Klein, NY
Thomas L. Evans Sr., MI	Vincent J. Klemm, NJ
Richard W. Fabian, CA	William V Kondrat III, CA
JoAnne Fatherly, NY	Riley E. Lane, GA
Jim Fischer, UT	Daniel N. Leeson, CA

Lawrence Lerner, WA
Sandi Lieber, FL
George Leighton, MA
Gail Lingner, MA
James P Loring, IL
Richard Andrew Mahon, NY
Ralph O. McGraw, Jr., IL
William (Bill) McGreevy, Jr., NY
Brian J. Melzak, OH
John R. Menke, IL
Duane W. Mercier, ME
Henry Duncan Mervynne, CA
Allan H. Messinger, PA
Dr. George J Meyer, FL
Glenn R. Mohler, PA
Rigoberto Salvatierra Morales, FL
Roger Morin, ME
PJ Morris, Limerick, Ireland
John J. Ophals, NY
Russell J Palkendo, PA
George H. Paxton, CA
Stuart R. Pearson, WA
Daryl L Pelletier, WA
Jeff Pennig, Nashville, TN
Thomas Arthur Polese, PA
Wayne W. Porter, VA
Edmund Jerome Powers, IL
Ted G. Price, CA
Joseph S. Puzzuole Jr., NV
Ernst W Rasmussen, WA
Danielle Rice, CA
John Risk, NC
Peter Roberts III, NY
William Ross, FL
William J. Ross, PA
Ronnie D. Rubit, TX

Harry D. Sabine, TN
Antonio V. Saguisag Jr., CA
Paul J. Salem, SD
Eric Alan Samuels, NY
Eric A. Schiller, CA
Jeffrey Schmoldt, OH
Jeffrey A. Schreiber, PA
Hans Schuschel, FL
Harold E. Schwartz, Jr., SC
Raymond Shapira, GA
Ludis Sics, PA
Robert Sigmond, PA
Dr. Graciano Sison, NY
Ross Sprague, OH
Dennis Patrick Steigerwald, NY
Gary K Stevens, PA
John Russell Stopa, OH
Prabhas Sunkara, IA
Suhas Sunkara, IA
Anthony Suraci, CT
James John Terrone, NY
Tom P. Tri, MN
Jean Troendle, MS
Luz Del Carmen Uhlig, TX
Richard Varchetto, WV
Joseph Wagner, CA
Stephen Weissman, VA
Gerald W. Weldin, MD
William F. Wheeler, MA
Larry Whelan, IN
Bran Whitcomb, OK
Jerry Williams, MA
Alan M Willimont, CO
Martin J. Wyand, PA
Ralph Patrick Zimmer, MD

APPENDIX B

Delegates in attendance:

Neil Dietsch
Larry Weston
Michelle Martinez
Martha Underwood
Anjelina Belakovskaia
Myron Lieberman
Rachel Lieberman
Richard Koepcke
James Eade
Abel Talamantez
Sean Manross
Steven Morford
Jennifer Vallens
James Mennella
Brian Glover
Randall Hough
Dewain Barber
Alaa-Addin Moussa
Paul Covington
Alexander Lumelsky
Robin Floyd Ramson
Jon Haskel
Kevin Pryor
Bryan Tillis
William Bowman
Daaim Shabazz
David Hater
Ernest Nix
Eric Vigil
Randy Bauer
Timothy Just
Stephen Plotnick
Rachel Schechter

Harold Winston
Larry Cohen
Randas Burns
Ryan Velez
Allen Priest
Joan Priest
Leila D'Aquin
Kenneth Ballou
Robert Messenger
Chris Kim
Michael Regan
John Rockefeller V
Michael Dudley
John Whitworth
David Kuhns
Jeffrey Bulington
Tony Rich
Walter High
Rudolph Abate
Alexander Relyea
Michael Somers
Hal Sprechman
Steven Doyle
Michael Khodarkovsky
Joey Troy
Alan Losoff
Sreenivas Alampalli
Sandeep Alampalli
Steve Immitt
Kimberly Doo
Daniel Rohde
Sophia Rohde
Beatriz Marinello

Al Lawrence
Sunil Weeramantry
Carol Jarecki
Michael Ellenbogen
Kelly Bloomfield
John Miller
Gary Walters
Chuck Unruh
Tom Martinak
Frank Vogel
David Grimaud
Korey Kormick
Chris Prosser
Thomas Crane
Troy Gillespie
Lakshmana Viswanath
Eddie Rios
Louis Reed
Wendy Reed
David Day
Andrew Rea
Anand Dommalapati
Mike Hoffpauir
Guy Hoffman
Sandra Hoffman
Mike Nietman
Ken Sloan
Hal Terrie
Maureen Grimaud
Janelle Losoff
Fun Fong
Jonathon Singler