

**Proceedings from the US Chess Membership Meeting
August 9, 2019
Orlando, FL**

This document is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed. Details of discussions, etc., may be obtained from the audio files online.

The following Executive Board members were present:

Allen Priest	Chuck Unruh	Hal Sprechman	Ryan Velez
Randy Bauer	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpauir	Carol Meyer

US Chess delegates, members, and other guests were present.

The Executive Board President called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

MM 19-01 (Harold Winston, IL) The Membership Meeting elects the following Additional Delegates under Article V Section 9 of the Bylaws:

Kenneth Sloan (AL)	Janelle Losoff (NV)
Hal Terrie (NH)	Fun Fong (GA)
Maureen Grimaud (SC)	

PASSED unopposed.

MM 19-02 (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.

PASSED.

During the discussion of MM 19-02, the maker of the motion clarified that the intent was for US Chess to provide a lawyer or a seminar for advising those affiliates that wanted to transition to 501(c)3 status. It was reported that at the States & Affiliates workshop those assembled voted 19-9 in favor of this motion. Members offered the suggestions of contacting a Small Business Development Center or their state Bar Association to inquire about free assistance.

The room location of the next Open Executive Board meeting was announced.

When the floor was opened for audience questions the following information was shared:

- *President Priest explained the delegate Conflict of Interest forms, which are the implementation of a policy approved by the delegates in 2018, and the process by which they would be assessed. Examples of potential conflicts of interest were given. Board members also recommended that state affiliates that are non-profit strongly consider having a conflict of interest policy.*

The meeting was adjourned.