

Proceedings of the 2022 US Chess Board of Delegates Meeting August 6th, 2022 Rancho Mirage, California

This document is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed. More details and the discussions may be found in the video files located on the US Chess website.

The following Executive Board members were present:

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| Mike Hoffpauir, President | Kevin Pryor |
| Randy Bauer, Vice President | David Day |
| Chuck Unruh, Vice President of Finance | John Fernandez |
| Fun Fong, Secretary | Carol Meyer, Executive Director |

See Appendix A for a list of Delegates attending.

SESSION 1

Saturday Morning, August 6

President Hoffpauir called the meeting to order, noting that Executive Board Member David Hater, FIDE Zonal President Allen Priest, and FIDE Delegate Michael Khodarkovsky were absent because they were attending the FIDE General Assembly.

Secretary Fong called the roll, and a quorum was established.

President Hoffpauir recognized past presidents who were present and thanked them for their continuing service to US Chess.

President Hoffpauir and Vice President Bauer read the 2021-2022 In Passing list in memory of members of the chess community who passed since last year. Delegates came forward to add names and a moment of silence was observed.

DM22-01/ADM22-01 (Richard Koepcke CA-N)

Delegates re-elect as Delegates-at-Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present at this meeting.

PASSED*

*A staff note upon making minutes: The only expiring Delegate-at-Large for 2022 was E. Steven Doyle (NJ) who was not present and thus no Delegates-at-Large were renewed.

James Eade (CA-N) introduced DM22-02. A friendly amendment from Alexander Lumelsky (CT) to add Mike Nietman was accepted.

It was noted that the Bylaws (Article V section 8) require a DAL motion be passed at two consecutive meetings.

DM22-02/ADM22-02 (James Eade, CA-N)

The Delegates appoint Kenneth Sloan (AL) and Mike Nietman (WI) as Delegates-at-Large.

PASSED

DM22-03/ADM22-03 (Executive Board)

Move that Andrew Rea be appointed parliamentarian.

PASSED

President Hoffpauir then called for the Conflict-of-Interest Committee to convene and review the conflict-of-interest statements provided by the Delegates. The Committee reported that there were no conflicts of interest.

DM22-04/ADM22-04 (Richard Koepcke CA-N)

Move that the minutes of the 2021 Delegates Meeting as available to the Delegates in Rancho Mirage, California be accepted.

PASSED

DM22-05/ADM22-05 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

Move that the minutes of the March 2022 Special Delegates Meeting as available to the Delegates present in Rancho Mirage, California be accepted.

PASSED

DM22-06/ADM22-06 (Richard Koepcke CA-N)

Move that the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2022 Delegates Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates Call.

PASSED

Mike Nietman introduced DM22-07 since the original maker of the motion, David Hater, could not attend the Annual Meeting.

Mike Nietman, Chair of the Election Committee, reported the following before a vote on DM22-07 was taken:

- In the election Michael E. Hoffpauir received 1,278 votes, and Charles D. Unruh received 1,252 votes. They will serve three-year terms.
- There were no registered write-in candidates and no write-in received more than three votes.
- Of the 4,762 registered voters, 1,477 returned a ballot.
- In the electronic vote, 41% of the electronic ballots were returned. By comparison, 23% of the postal mail ballots were returned.

DM22-07/ADM22-07 (David Hater, GA)

The Delegates certified the results of the 2022 Executive Board Election.

PASSED

DM22-08/ADM22-08 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

The Delegates have reviewed the financial information about expenditures and the status of the funds in the Players Health and Benefit Fund (PHBF) and approve the report on the PHBF's activities.

PASSED

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS**THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President welcomed everyone present and thanked the members and citizens of Southern California for their hospitality. He noted there had been many changes in the world of chess over the last 12 months.

- The Special Delegates meeting in March 2022 authorized the sale of the headquarters building in Crossville, Tennessee.
- Staff member Korey Kormick is anchoring the new headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Crossville was recognized as Chess City of the Year in tribute to the many years it was US Chess's home.
- The Delegates are to be applauded for implementing the Executive Board structural changes recommended by the Governance Task Force in 2020. All members of the Executive Board are reaping the benefits of the stability in leadership provided by those changes.
- There has been a continuing return to over-the-board chess across the country and at the national level, especially at the scholastic national championships.
- Financially, US Chess has come through the pandemic in very good shape thanks to Vice President of Finance, Chuck Unruh; Executive Director, Carol Meyer; and Senior Accountant, Debra Robison.

President Hoffpauir concluded by stating that it has been an honor to serve as US Chess President for the past two years. He announced that he would not continue as president because of his belief that it is important to have change of leadership but that he will remain on the Executive Board. He closed by thanking the Delegates and his fellow board members for their service and dedication to US Chess.

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE'S REPORT

Vice President of Finance Chuck Unruh acknowledged the honor of serving in this capacity during a period of growth for US Chess. He started his report with highlights from the draft audit:

- The impact of COVID resulted in less income from events and a loss on investments.
- The organization ended the fiscal year with a surplus.
- Returning to normal participation in national scholastics will benefit the organization in the coming year.
- Net assets are at a record level.
- He affirmed that we are growing and accomplishing the US Chess mission at the same time.

VP of Finance Unruh then spoke to the delegates regarding the 2022-2024 budget.

- US Chess is nearing record membership revenue again.
- The costs of information technology have increased as an ongoing expense. The budget proposes capital expenditures for continued information technology upgrades, now for the ratings system as Phase 2 of our technology refresh. LMA Trust and Reserve Fund dividends are anticipated to grow.
- Donations continue to increase.

VP of Finance Unruh invited the Executive Director to speak more specifically about donations:

- US Chess has a multi-prong strategy for giving.
- GoFundMe was introduced this year to reach people outside the chess community.
- The At-Risk Youth Fund has proved popular in terms of the number of donations.
- There has been very good support for the Invitationals.
- About 45% of giving goes to the general fund.

VP of Finance Unruh continued with the following points:

- Donations and endowments have been a significant growth area.
- The moving costs of relocating to St. Louis will be significantly less than budgeted.

The Executive Director said that US Chess is expecting employee retention credits from the US government this fall as part of the pandemic measures passed by Congress.

To end his report, VP of Finance Unruh presented the Executive Board's motion to approve the budget and President Hoffpauir opened the floor for discussion.

VP Randy Bauer confirmed that this was a good budget that identified ways to lead to a surplus. Even if there is a small deficit, which is not expected, resources are going to the mission. He asked for the delegates' support of the budget.

Delegates made the following points during the discussion period:

- It was suggested that US Chess hire a consultant to finalize the IT upgrade to avoid the item appearing repeatedly in the future, and for its maintenance. Executive Board member John Fernandez (MO) stated that the figure in the budget for software was entirely appropriate, especially as US Chess relies on the software as a nerve center connecting ratings, membership, and money.
- It was asked whether there was a plan to help reach a specific target figure for donations. The Executive Director confirmed there is a development plan.

- A delegate asked for details on the expenditures for international events. The Executive Director said that some of the costs are offset by sponsorship. The Board has identified FIDE events, internally ranked them, and committed certain levels of support.
- It was requested that some consideration for the development of young players be included in future budgets.

DM22-09/ADM22-09 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

Approve the US Chess Budget for 2022-2024.

PASSED

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Meyer thanked the donors whose support ensured US Chess was growing and delivering on its mission. She thanked the volunteers in their roles as delegates, committee chairs, members of committees, and members of the Executive Board who contribute so much to the organization's work. She thanked the staff for all that they do within and beyond their stated roles to make US Chess successful.

Membership & Programs

- Membership numbers have made a phenomenal recovery post-COVID.
- Of 32,000-33,000 youth members at the end of the fiscal year, only 5,600 are female. One way the board is addressing this gender gap is zero tolerance for harassment at all levels of the organization.
- As COVID restrictions relaxed, members preferred to return to over-the-board rated play rather than continue online rated play.
- Scholastic events did not perform as well as previous years due to the pandemic. As schools learn to manage and mitigate the public health issues, attendance at scholastic events should improve.
- Group membership sales are up, which is the way many students come to US Chess.
- US Chess funded nine grants in the last fiscal year, mainly for online events for the Women and Girls Program. An exciting highlight in the program was when regular participants in the Girls Club were invited to play collectively in a simul against GM Judit Polgar.
- Last year as part of our at-risk youth program, US Chess gave away 1,100 chess sets, over 650 memberships, and sponsored a team to attend High School Nationals.
- Lester Holt (NBC) reported on GM Elshan Moradiabadi teaching Afghani refugee children chess as an ESL activity, teaching chess using Dari, Farsi, and English.
- Chess in Education Working GroupThe Chess in Education Working Group issued a report in June 2022 that sets up a framework for US Chess to pursue chess in education in a measured, directed way, with actions for implementation.
- The four high level goals are: double youth membership by 2025, offer curated resources for chess educators, offer teachers professional development, and increase access and remove barriers to chess.

- The Board will form a new Chess in Education Committee to continue this work and help the office launch resources to assist teachers who wish to bring chess into their school environments.

Governance

- Gratitude was expressed to the delegates for their participation in the March Special Delegates Meeting regarding the sale of the building in Crossville.
- More US Open workshops will be held online as the US Open moves from a nine day to a seven day format. Online workshops provide greater opportunities for broader participation. Other workshops, e.g., finance, will continue to take place on site at the US Open.

Development

- The number of individual donors increased by 70+% over the last fiscal year.
- There were grants and corporate support for the Olympiad teams.
- The Ukrainian chess fundraiser brought in \$36,000 via GoFundMe.

Transitions

- Judy Misner retired at the end of May 2022 after working for US Chess for 51 years.
- Natasha Roberts moved from Graphics Assistant to Art Director for the magazine and other publications, and Korey Kormick became the Director of Membership Services.
- US Chess moved its headquarters from Crossville, TN, to an office suite in St. Louis, MO, that is centrally located and near transport links.

Executive Director Meyer closed by inviting people to visit the new St. Louis office.

President Hoffpauir then opened the floor to questions for the Executive Director.

Delegate Daiim Shabazz (FL) asked whether there was any consideration for analytics of the membership for trends to identify different demographics, e.g., ethnic groups, the disabled, the incarcerated. The Executive Director agreed there was such a need and stated that she would welcome Delegate Shabazz's help on survey design to establish a data set that would help understand the membership and US Chess's strengths and weaknesses in improving participation.

Delegate Steve Immitt (NY) paid tribute to Judy Misner's dedication to the organization and her legacy of institutional knowledge.

THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION'S REPORT

Senior Director of Strategic Communications Daniel Lucas began by emphasizing the scope of the Communications Department, which includes:

- Print Magazines
- Website Editorial Content
- Digital Media
- Outreach

- Internal Customers

Mr. Lucas then highlighted some of the specific activities of his diverse department.

Online Content & Social Media Presence

- The most popular content on Chess Life Online tends to be about international events or top players.
 - There have been double digit increases in activity on all social media platforms: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.
- US Chess puts out a weekly podcast.

Internal Projects

- Creating a print edition of the Rule Book.
- Visual design projects such as logos for events, banners, and medallions.
- Digitization of the US Chess archive, including photographs, cross tables, magazines, and Delegates Calls, among other items of importance to the organization.

Outreach

- Mr. Lucas was invited to give a speech at the annual award banquet of Coldwell Banker Wallace, a real estate firm in Knoxville, TN, about Chess in Business.
- A local NBC station covered the National Elementary held in Columbus, OH. *The Columbus Dispatch* did a photo essay about the event on their website.

Mr. Lucas concluded by emphasizing the increasing importance of video for outreach, internal communications, and social media, exemplified by Judy Misner's retirement event video, and video footage of this year's National Elementary.

After Mr. Lucas called attention his department's staff and showed one last video, the floor was open for questions.

Several delegates asked for further details about the archiving, especially of the cross tables.

A delegate echoed the praise of retired employee Judy Misner and acknowledged her twin sister Joan Dubois, who was the Postal Chess Director for many years.

A delegate brought up the idea of supporting independent content creators of streaming video to help expand social media coverage. Executive Director Meyer shared that US Chess may help train those interested in streaming but doubted the organization would have the funds to sponsor their streams.

Delegates praised the quality of the content produced by the Communications Department.

THE DIRECTOR OF EVENTS' REPORT

Director of Events Reed began by addressing the continued impact of COVID-19 on the 2021-2022 event season and the precautions that the Events Department took to minimize exposure during the over-the-board tournaments.

National Scholastic Events

- The National K12 grades had 70% of normal attendance.
- The National High School event was in Memphis, Tennessee, with 1,079 entries.
- The National Middle School event was in Grapevine, Texas, with 945 entries, representing a 30% lower attendance than at the same site in 2019.
- The National Elementary had 1,083 entries, less than half of expected attendance.
- COVID has resulted in people making reservations only three weeks in advance as opposed to months in advance previously.
- The expectation is that it will take up to three years for attendance to recover to pre-COVID levels.
- Some school districts restricted travel for younger players, and during much of this period the vaccine was not yet available for the younger age groups.

In introducing international events, Director Reed highlighted the complications of travel restrictions, financial considerations, and decisions made by FIDE on US Chess's ability to send representatives to events outside the US.

International Events

- US Chess raised its stipends and reimbursements for international players.
- A delegation went to the Pan American Youth event in June, resulting in four gold medals.
- The US Teams are currently at the FIDE Olympiad.
- Delegations are going to the World Youth (Romania) and World Cadet (Georgia) events.
- Due to COVID, coaching for international events is virtual, which allows us to hire more coaches and a wider variety of people.
- New FIDE titles awarded during this period: 5 Grand Masters, 5 International Masters, 4 International Arbiters, 2 FIDE arbiters, and 2 International Organizers.

Future Plans

- All currently scheduled national events are expected to proceed.
- We will be introducing a national online Scholastic Quick Chess Championship.
- The Scholastic Committee and Council were thanked for their timely work on the Scholastic Regulations.
- Subject to COVID regulations, a full international travel schedule is planned.
- A redesign of the national events website structure is on the radar but is waiting for the rating server to migrate and integrate with the membership server so the two function simultaneously. These projects are finance dependent and are not expected to be completed before 2024.

Mr. Reed closed by thanking the Events staff for their diligence. He then opened the floor for questions.

Delegates praised Director Reed for his work and one question was raised about clarifying the qualifications to represent US Chess at international events.

ESTABLISHING COMMITTEES

President Hoffpauir then suggested the Delegates vote on the appointed committees before breaking for lunch.

DM22-10/NDM22-01 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

I move that the delegates approve the continued volunteer service on the Audit Committee of John Haskel, Randy Bauer, Chuck Unruh and Allen Priest.

PASSED

DM22-11/NDM22-02 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

As Chair of the LMA Trust I move that the delegates approve the continued volunteer trustee service of the following individuals: Jim Bedenbaugh, Steve Doyle, Peter Dyson, Dov Gorman, Mike Hoffpauir, Allen Priest, Tim Redman, Beatrice Marinello, Leroy Dubeck, Chuck Unruh, and David Grimaud.

PASSED

DM22-12/NDM22-03 (Mike Nietman, WI)

The elections committee would like to reappoint, myself, Mike Nietman (WI), Ken Sloan (AL) and Andy Thall (GA).

PASSED

DM22-13/NDM22-04 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

I wish to nominate the following for Bylaws Committee: Leila D'Aquin, Guy Hoffman, Randall Hough, Alex Lumelsky, John McCrary, David Mehler, Allen Priest, Richard Koepcke, Judit Sztaray, Robin Ramson, and Andrew Rea.

PASSED

DM22-14/NDM22-05 (Hal Terrie, NH)

The Ethics Committee wishes to nominate the following individuals: Harold Stenzel, Hal Terrie, Noreen Davisson, Anand Dommalapati, Myron Thomas, Jim Mennella, Randy Hough, Martha Underwood, Aris Marghetis, Tom Langland and Charles Hatherill.

PASSED

DM22-15/NDM22-06 (David Grimaud, SC)

The Nominating Committee had six members elected by the delegates. Two are not elected by the delegates, they're provided by the Board, so I'm speaking for the six for the delegates: David Grimaud, Sophia Rohde, Michelle Martinez, Daiim Shabazz, Chris Wainscott. Thank you to Randy Hough for his service, but he decided not to continue, and we would like Richard Koepcke to step in.

PASSED

DM22-16/NDM22-07 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

In listing the Bylaws Committee, I forgot one name. I just wanted to add Robert Messenger.

PASSED

The meeting went into recess until 1 PM.

SESSION 2

Saturday Afternoon, August 6

President Hoffpauir called the meeting back to order and outlined the rules governing conduct in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

President Hoffpauir introduced DM22-17/ADM22-10 and opened the floor for discussion. Steve Morford (CA-S) stood as a representative of the motion's sponsors and withdrew the motion.

DM22-17/ADM22-10 (DM21-18/ADM 21-13) (Dewain Barber, CA-S; Steve Morford, CA-S; Dylan Quercia, CA-S; Sean J. Manross, CA-S; Brian Glover, CA-S; Jim Mennella, CA-S; Alan Kantor, TN)

The US Chess Federation (US Chess) shall sanction and organize an annual National Tournament of State Champions of the Disabled, which offers an online option.

REFERRED to the National State Invitationals Committee and the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee.

Response:

The ASCC's statement:

"Our sub-committee of 10 members took great care and time in considering this motion. At this point, we cannot recommend passing motion 21-1 due to the incompatibility of a new tournament such as this with the US Chess mission of empowering players through accommodations and inclusivity, and the numerous logistical issues.

“The majority of our committee feels strongly that organizers who want to host separate events can do so, but that US Chess should not be the organizer, or sanction a national tournament of state champions specifically for players with disabilities.”

The National State Invitationals Committee concurred with the statement of the ASCC.

WITHDRAWN

President Hoffpauir introduced DM22-18/ADM 22-11.

DM22-18/ADM 22-11 (DM21-19/ADM 21-14) (Beatriz Marinello, NY; Dr. Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Sean Manross, CA-S; Dewain Barber, CA-S; Tom Langland, CA-N; Jim Eade, CA-N; Alan Kantor, TN; Blaine Webb, AK)

US Chess Federation Delegates who are senior citizens over 65 years old and Delegates with underlying health conditions may attend the Delegates Meetings virtually. Requests for this accommodation should be sent to the US Chess office by June 1 of the year of the meeting.

The Executive Board will be forming a task force and invited people interested in being a part of it to speak to him after the meeting.

REFERRED to the Executive Board to create a task force to study, investigate, and issue a report and recommendation regarding the feasibility of hybrid Delegates Meetings that would allow remote participation.

Response:

The Executive Board is appointing a small task force to examine the feasibility of this proposal.

TABLED

DM22-19/ADM22-12 was withdrawn by the maker of the motion.

DM22-19/ADM22-12 (DM21-22) (Chris Prosser, TN)

The US Chess Federation will initiate a State Scholastic Zoom Conference consisting of the Executive Director of US Chess or her designee, the US Chess Executive Board Liaison(s) to the Scholastic Committee, the Scholastic Council, and the Scholastic Coordinator(s) from each State Affiliate.

REFERRED to the Executive Board, the Executive Director, and the Scholastic Council with the power to implement

Response:

The Executive Board, Executive Director, and the Scholastic Council discussed this action during its semi-annual meeting. The Scholastic Council is to work with the maker of the motion to create an online forum that will assist teachers new-to-chess and others with navigating the creation of their programs.

WITHDRAWN

The maker of DM22-20/ADM22-13 introduced the motion, with updates on Executive Board discussions regarding it. President Hoffpauir indicated that the Board has more work to do on the concept and moved to table the motion until next year.

DM22-20/ADM22-13 (DM21-25/ADM 21-19) (Fun Fong, GA)

Title: Sections

Purpose: To create an organizational component known as “Sections,” essentially special interest groups within US Chess. This structure would allow people of different chess interests a suborganization for the purposes of networking and representation within US Chess. Sections (or similar suborganizations) exist in many other larger organizations. Unlike committees, Sections have no direct line responsibilities, and typically perform functions that are not mission-critical to US Chess.

Add at the end of Article V, Section 3, sentence 1:

“Sections will be allotted one Alternate Delegate, exclusive of the 125 Alternate Delegate total.”

Add after “Each state with 1,000 or more US Chess members must have at least two delegates ...”
as a new, independent paragraph:

“Each chartered section shall be entitled to one Delegate as representative of all of the members of such chartered section if the number of section dues paying and complimentary candidate members meets the minimum number established by the Executive Board for the charter of that section based on the membership rolls of US Chess on December 31 of the preceding year.”

Add paragraph to Article V, Section 4:

“Sections shall designate the initial Delegate and Alternate Delegate as provided for in Article V, Sections 2 and 3, submitting the appointment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Sections must designate their initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, by November 1 of that year, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The term of each Delegate shall commence on January 1 for the year for which selected and continue for one year and thereafter until a successor is selected and qualified.”

Renumber Article VIII, Section 5 to Section 6:

Add as Article VIII, Section 5:

Section 5: Sections

The Section may have one or more groups of members known as sections to provide for members who have special areas of interest within the game of Chess, and its associated variants.

Upon the petition of 100 or more members of the Section, the Executive Board may charter such a section of the Section. Minimum dues and procedures to be followed by a section shall be determined by the Board of Directors.”

REFERRED to the Executive Board to study further and potentially implement without Bylaws changes

Response:

The Executive Board is working on a framework to pilot this concept.

TABLED

President Hoffpauir introduced the next motion, indicating that it was being withdrawn because a new motion was being introduced to the delegates under new business later in the meeting.

DM22-21/ADM22-14 (DM21-26/ADM 21-20) (Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Bob Messenger, MA; Kevin Pryor, FL; Fun Fong, GA)

Purpose: To move elements of DACI 1991-27 (State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations) from the DACI to Article VIII (Organizational Units), Section 2 (Functions) of the Bylaws and to change the Title of Section 2 to “Functions and Responsibilities of State Chapters.”

DACI 1991-27. State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations, currently reads:

The first four items of the following list are required of each State Chapter and the remaining items are recommendations for each State Chapter:

1. Pay its affiliate membership when due and payable;
2. Certify in writing to the USCF Secretary by the authorized date (November 1st) the Delegate(s) and Alternate(s), who shall be USCF members, and report how they were selected (i.e., appointed, elected);
3. Directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual USCF rated State Championship;
4. Have a formal organizational structure as laid out in bylaws or articles of association which includes but is not limited to specifying the governing authority and their selection, meeting schedule and purpose of the State Chapter, and provide opportunities for membership and participation by all USCF members residing in the State; Each State Chapter shall submit a copy of their current bylaws or articles of association, and any amendments, as specified herein. This may be in written or electronic form.
5. Directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) annual USCF rated Scholastic State High School, Junior High or Middle School and Elementary School Championships;
6. Directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) other chess tournaments throughout the State and be involved in tournament coordination within the State and with the USCF Tournament Clearinghouse Representative. State Chapters are to support chess throughout the state and exhibit geographical representation in its tournament sponsorship. Examples include but are not limited to statewide or geographically rotating: Rated Beginner Open tournaments, senior tournaments, weekend Swisses, tornados, quads as well as participation in National Chess Day activities, regional and/or national championships;
7. Disseminate a periodical that serves as a state chess journal preserving a record of chess activities, promotion events, identifying state officers and, in general, providing a regular mechanism for communicating with its membership. Examples include but are not limited to: state bulletins, newsletters, or magazines;
8. Promote and publicize chess activities through various media, including but not limited to newspaper articles, television and radio coverage, flyers or notices at libraries, schools, and

- veteran hospitals. Examples include but are not limited to: chess exhibitions and simultaneous, tournaments, chess lectures, chess lessons, chess columns and articles in local and statewide newspapers, chess clubs, and meeting lists and announcements; and
9. Responsibly act in the best interests of its entire State Chapter membership, encouraging and promoting chess activity statewide. The State Chapter affirms its intention to comply with the duties and responsibilities of credentialed State Chapters.
 10. Designate a coordinator to promote participation and events for women and girls within their state.

Amended 2010-32, 2016-42, 2016-71, 2017-42 (Previously 2019 DACI 8)

Article VIII: Organizational Units, Section 2. Functions, currently reads:

Section 2. Functions. Each State Chapter shall guide the chess activity within the state in a manner that provides representation to all groups of chess players within its state. Each State Chapter shall nominate Delegates and Alternate Delegates as provided in Article V Section 4 of these Bylaws. Each State Chapter shall fulfill other responsibilities as the Board of Delegates may from time to time designate.

PROPOSED REVISION to the text of Article VIII, Section 2. of the US Chess Bylaws:

Section 2. Functions and Responsibilities of State Chapters. Each State Chapter shall:

1. Be a current US Chess Affiliate.
2. Responsibly act in the best interests of its State Chapter membership and chess players across the state, including players who are not members of the chapter or US Chess.
3. Nominate Delegates and Alternate Delegates as provided in Article V Section 4 of these Bylaws.
4. Comply with state and federal laws, regulations, and statutes for non-profit or for-profit organizations.
5. Have Bylaws, Articles of Association, or the equivalent document that include as a minimum: the purpose of the State Chapter; a formal organizational structure; specifications for governance; selection of Chapter members for positions of authority in the governance mechanism; frequency and mode by which the governance mechanism meets; and opportunities for membership in the State Chapter.
6. Provide, no later than November 1st each year, US Chess a current copy of the State Chapter's approved Bylaws, Articles of Association, or equivalent document.
7. Directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual US Chess rated State Championship and annual US Chess rated State Scholastic Championship(s) for players K-12. Use these events or other selection methods approved by the Chapter to identify players to potentially represent their state at prestigious US Chess national events for various ages and other groups. Such events may be in-person or online events.
8. Encourage organizers across the state to hold tournaments, and be involved in tournament coordination within the State and with the US Chess Tournament Clearinghouse representative.
9. Regularly provide chess players in the state with information about the Chapter's activities in areas such as, but not limited to, governance, tournaments, player recognition, and chapter initiatives. The means for accomplishing this function is the State Chapter's decision.

10. Promote membership in the US Chess Federation and participation in local, state, regional, and national US Chess rated tournaments.
11. Respond in a timely manner to information requests or requests for assistance from US Chess.

PROPOSED REVISION to the Text for DACI 1991-27, State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations.

Purpose: These recommendations supplement the functions and responsibilities of State Chapters given in the Bylaws.

Recommended Actions for State Chapters. Each State Chapter should:

1. Support chess throughout the state and exhibit geographical representation in tournament sponsorship.
2. Designate a coordinator for scholastic chess to promote participation in local, state, regional, and national scholastic events.
3. Designate a coordinator for women and girls to promote participation in local, state, regional, and national women's and girls events.

REFERRED to States and Affiliates Committee for further study

Response:

The States and Affiliates Committee will present a motion at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

WITHDRAWN

Leila D'Aquin (LA) introduced DM22-22/ADM22-15. Over the course of much delegate discussion, the following changes to it were made:

- The words "at least" were added before both "1 Delegate" and "2 Delegates". (Friendly Amendment)
- "125 Delegates" was changed to "140 Delegates" and "9 Delegates" was changed to "10 Delegates". (Single amendment passed by delegate vote)

The final amended motion voted on after input from the delegates:

DM22-22/ADM22-15 (DM21-30/NDM21-04) (Leila D'Aquin, LA)

Move to Amend Bylaw Art. V, Section 2 to provide that the Board of Delegates shall be composed of the EB, the DAL, and 140 Delegates; each state with 30 or more members must have at least 1 Delegate; each state with 300 or more members must have at least 2 Delegates; the remaining Delegate seats shall be apportioned among the states in proportion to their resident US Chess membership as of May 31, except that no state shall have more than 10 Delegates.

PASSED with >2/3 in favor

The President confirmed that the maker of the next motion wanted it withdrawn.

DM22-23/ADM22-16 (DM21-31/NDM21-05) (Lawrence Cohen, IL)

The USCF publish (and send out to organizers) a stated policy for refunding Entry Fees.

REFERRED to Rules Committee for further study

Response:

The Rules Committee's position is that this motion needs no further action because this situation is already addressed in the Rulebook by Rule 23A3.

WITHDRAWN

NEW BUSINESS

President Hoffpauir invited the maker of the one motion from the membership meeting to introduce it. Jim Eade (CA-N) stated the motion's intent was to fill a gap in tournament offerings for women.

DM22-24/MMM22-01 (Jim Eade, CA-N) Delegates recommend that the Executive Board establish a U.S. Senior Women's Championship Round Robin.

PASSED

The maker of DM22-25/ADM22-17 introduced the motion, highlighting inconsistencies among states in what constitutes a felony.

DM22-25/ADM22-17 (Robin Floyd Ramson, DC)

Amend the Bylaws to strike Article VI, Section 2E, preventing those with felony records from serving on the Executive Board.

The floor was opened for discussion and the following points made:

- Bylaws reported that there was little support for the motion from their committee or during their workshop.
- That minorities are disproportionately likely to have a felony on their record due to discrimination and these felonies may be from their youth or not be of a kind relevant to board service.
- Concern over the message being sent to people in marginalized groups who play chess.

Executive Director Meyer indicated that she thought the motion's concern was valid but that risk management considerations would require a review by legal counsel.

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEEK COUNSEL

The maker introduced the next motion of appreciation.

DM22-26/ADM22-18 (James Eade, CA-N)

In light of the decision to move to St. Louis, the Delegates wish to thank Beatriz Marinello, Harry Sabine, and the other people involved for their work in securing Crossville, Tennessee, as our organization's home for these many years. We wish to also express our appreciation to the Tennessee State Affiliate and all the people who have made us feel welcome in Tennessee.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

The maker of DM22-27/ADM22-19 acknowledging discussion about the motion had taken place at the Scholastic Committee workshop and moved that the motion be referred.

DM22-27/ADM22-19 (Chris Prosser, TN)

The Delegates of US Chess will create a standing "State Affiliate Scholastic Chess Advisory Committee" consisting of the state affiliate scholastic coordinators. The committee will meet by Zoom and be co-chaired by the scholastic liaison from the US Chess Executive Board and a Delegate-appointed co-chair. The purpose of the committee is to elicit information, concerns, and suggestions concerning scholastic chess and to solicit assistance from the state scholastic coordinators in assisting US Chess fulfill its 501(c)(3) mission and vision as it relates to scholastic chess. The committee co-chairs will present a written report to the US Chess Executive Board, US Chess Scholastic Council and Committee, and US Chess Delegates by April 30 each year.

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD, SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL, AND THE CHESS IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE WITH AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT

Delegate Steve Immitt (NY) introduced the next motion, which corrects some language that appeared to be in error and expands the direction and scope of the PPHB Claims Committee.

DM22-28/ADM22-20 (Steve Immitt, NY; Jim Eade, CA-N; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates resolve to amend DACI 2009-30, amended 2015-62 (Previously 2019 DACI 46) as follows:

2009-30. Procedures for applications for benefits from the Professional Players' Health and Benefits Fund (PPHBF):

1. Applicants must be US citizens who hold the GM, IM, WGM,

re-insert "FM" here, as FM titleholders were added by the Delegates several years ago (FMs have already received donations from the PPHBF).

or WIM titles, and WFM, as granted by FIDE.

The following language is appended to the above:

"In special situations, applicants may also be considered who do not hold these qualifications but who have nevertheless given extraordinary service to US Chess in their lifetimes."

2. Applicants must provide

Insert here the word "adequate"

documentation that they have serious financial difficulties resulting from their own medical or psychiatric and psychological

The above word is replaced by

“psychiatric and psychological”

conditions.

The following language is appended to the above:

“or other exigent circumstances.”

3. Applicants must give signed consent for the consideration, discussion, and review of all medical, psychiatric, and psychological

The above word is replaced by

“psychological”

and financial information

they submit in support of their application,

The above is replaced by the following language:

“they choose to submit in support of the application”

by any officials of the US Chess Federation (USCF) who are designated by USCF to make recommendations or decisions regarding their application. Such signed consent by applicants must expressly allow

PPHBF committee members,

Replace the above language with:

“Professional Players’ Health And Benefits Claims Committee members”

the USCF Executive Director, and members of the Executive Board, or others designated by the Executive Board, the right to review and discuss any information submitted by the applicant in support of his/her application.

The following language is appended to the above:

“US Chess will work with the recipients and/or the recipient’s representatives to comply with governmental regulations while also striving not to jeopardize the recipient’s eligibility to receive any additional grants or entitlements ((such as

Medicaid, SSI, etc.). US Chess must also always be vigilant in safeguarding all of the applicants' rights to privacy when reviewing the supporting documentation."

4. The USCF Executive Board shall appoint a

PPHBF committee

Replace the above language with

"Professional Players' Health And Benefits Fund Claims Committee (PPHBFCC)"

which shall review all applications for benefits, and forward recommendations from such review to the Executive Board for final decision regarding the applications. The USCF Executive Board has sole discretion over the granting or failing to grant any benefits from the

PPHFB

Replace the above word with

"Professional Players' Health And Benefits Fund"

to applicants.

5. Applicants must agree in writing at the time of their application that they will accept the decisions of the USCF Executive Board, and shall hold harmless all persons involved in the review and decision process, and shall not initiate any legal actions concerning any such review and recommendations at any time.
6. A lifetime limit of \$10,000 to any applicant will be in effect.

The following language is appended to the above:

"In extraordinary circumstances, the PPHBF Claims Committee may recommend increasing this amount, subject to approval by the Executive Board."

Applications which do not fully comply with these procedures will not be considered.

The following language is appended to the above:

"unless the Committee determines that exigent circumstances in the case of the specific applicant warrant consideration of the application as submitted."

The text of the amended DACI will be as follows.

2009-30. Procedures for applications for benefits from the Professional Players' Health and Benefits Fund (PPHBF):

1. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who hold the GM, IM, WGM, WIM, WFM or FM titles as granted by FIDE. In special situations, applicants may also be considered who do not

hold these qualifications but who have nevertheless given extraordinary service to US Chess in their lifetimes.

2. Applicants must provide adequate documentation that they have serious financial difficulties resulting from their own medical or psychiatric and psychological conditions, or other exigent circumstances.
3. Applicants must give signed consent for the consideration, discussion, and review of all medical, psychological, and financial information they choose to submit in support of the application, by any officials of the US Chess Federation (USCF) who are designated by USCF to make recommendations or decisions regarding their application. Such signed consent by applicants must expressly allow Professional Players' Health And Benefits Claims Committee members, the USCF Executive Director, and members of the Executive Board, or others designated by the Executive Board, the right to review and discuss any information submitted by the applicant in support of his/her application. US Chess will work with the recipients and/or the recipient's representatives to comply with governmental regulations while also striving not to jeopardize the recipient's eligibility to receive any additional grants or entitlements ((such as Medicaid, SSI, etc.). US Chess must also always be vigilant in safeguarding all of the applicants' rights to privacy when reviewing the supporting documentation.
4. The USCF Executive Board shall appoint a Professional Players' Health and Benefits Fund Claims Committee (PPHBFCC) which shall review all applications for benefits, and forward recommendations from such review to the Executive Board for final decision regarding the applications. The USCF Executive Board has sole discretion over the granting or failing to grant any benefits from the Professional Players' Health And Benefits Fund to applicants.
5. Applicants must agree in writing at the time of their application that they will accept the decisions of the USCF Executive Board, and shall hold harmless all persons involved in the review and decision process, and shall not initiate any legal actions concerning any such review and recommendations at any time.
6. A lifetime limit of \$10,000 to any applicant will be in effect. In extraordinary circumstances, the PPHBF Claims Committee may recommend increasing this amount, subject to approval by the Executive Board.
7. Applications which do not fully comply with these procedures will not be considered, unless the Committee determines that exigent circumstances in the case of the specific applicant warrant consideration of the application as submitted.

PASSED

After Steve Immitt (NY) introduced the following motion, the Executive Director pointed out that such mailing lists through a third party already exist and have been available for use by affiliates since Spring of 2022.

DM22-29/ADM22-21 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates recommend that the office re-establish the ability for members and affiliates to communicate with the membership by mail. To safeguard the privacy of members' information, it may be necessary to work with a trusted third-party mailing service to send out such mailings at a reasonable cost to those wishing to do so.

WITHDRAWN AS MOOT

Steve Immitt (NY) explained that the next motion addresses a gap in the rule book for the opponents of players who have been disqualified because of fair play concerns. He noted the overwhelming approval of it during the Rules Workshop.

Mr. Immitt asked whether it was possible to refer it to Rules and have it implemented for 2023, as opposed to needing to bring it back to the delegates the following summer for a vote. The parliamentarian indicated that this was a possibility. Mr. Immitt then moved that DM22-30/ADM22-22 be referred to the Rules Committee with power to implement as of January 1, 2023, given that the referral motion passed with 85% approval (required for a Rules change).

DM22-30/ADM22-22 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Rule 28I. Opponents of expelled players, is amended as follows:

If a player is removed from an event or section because of being made ineligible by a corrected rating (28H)

Insert here the following language (in boldface italics):

“or because the Tournament Director has determined that there is reason to believe that the player may have received assistance in previous game(s) in that event,”

the following adjustments shall be made to that player’s opponents:

28I1. Expulsion before last round of a tournament is paired.

Append the following language (in boldface italics):

“a. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If two or more rounds remain when a player is expelled, all opponents of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless those opponents defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). If one round remains, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit and other players shall have their scores adjusted as in 28I2.”

28I2. Expulsion after last round of a tournament is paired.

Append the following language (in boldface italics):

“c. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If the tournament has concluded, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless that opponent defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). Other opponents shall have their results changed as in sections a. and b.”

28I3. Extra rated games.

Append the following language (in boldface italics):

If, however, the Director expels a player because there is reason to believe that the player has received assistance in the player's previous game(s), the results of those games shall be adjusted to change these results to unrated games as per above, except that the results of games which the expelled player lost shall be unchanged.

After these proposed revisions, the rule would read as follows.

28I. Opponents of expelled players.

If a player is removed from an event or section because of being made ineligible by a corrected rating (28H), or because the Tournament Director has determined that there is reason to believe that the player may have received assistance in previous game(s) in that event, the following adjustments shall be made to that player's opponents:

28I1. Expulsion before last round of tournament is paired.

Use the same procedure outlined in 28I2.

- a. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If two or more rounds remain when a player is expelled, all opponents of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless those opponents defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). If one round remains, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit and other players shall have their scores adjusted as in 28I2.

28I2. Expulsion after last round of tournament is paired.

Earlier opponents of the expelled player shall have their results adjusted for tournament scoring purposes (see also 28I3) as follows:

- a. A player who lost to the expelled player shall instead receive a half-point bye.
- b. A player who drew the expelled player shall instead receive a win by forfeit.
- c. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If the tournament has concluded, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless that opponent defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). Other opponents shall have their results changed as in sections a. and b.

28I3. Extra rated games.

The actual result of each opponent vs the expelled player shall be transferred to an "extra rated games" chart for US chess rating purposes (28M4). If, however, the Director expels a player because there is reason to believe that the player has received assistance in the player's previous game(s), the results of those games shall be adjusted to change these results to unrated games as per above, except that the results of games which the expelled player lost shall be unchanged.

REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT ON 1/1/2023
(the referral passed with more than 85% approval as required for a Rules change)

Steve Immitt (NY) explained why he thought this motion was necessary and then made a motion to refer it to the Executive Director.

Executive Director Meyer then gave an update from that day indicating that the remaining issue brought up by the motion was expected to be resolved by that Monday, thus there was no need to refer it to her.

DM22-31/ADM22-23 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates wish to emphasize their interest in assisting the US Chess website development team in expanding the capabilities of the US Chess website, and especially the Membership Batch Submission program so that it better accommodates the various and diverse needs of our members and affiliates.

Specifically,

1. The Membership Batch Submission program should be able to process many memberships (more than the current limit of 15) in a single upload from organizers to the Tournament Director/Affiliate Area. As was the case with this previous TD/Affiliate Area, affiliates should be able to submit the upload membership batch information from their own records through the TD/Affiliate Area, in a preset format that the TD/Affiliate Area can accept. Currently the batch membership submission process requires the affiliate to retype and/or copy and paste the affiliate's memberships to be submitted into the membership batch, one membership at a time.
2. As was the case with the previous membership batch submission process, the Membership Batch Submission program needs to process updates in a member's address as well as updates in the member's renewal membership type. A member who has paid for a subscription to *Chess Life* but who changed his address from Europe to the U.S., for example, needs to receive his magazine at the new address, without a long delay. If there is a problem processing the member's new address, the affiliate or member should be notified, with the ability to correct this.
3. As was the case with the previous membership batch submission process, the new program should review new memberships submitted to indicate if there might be a potential member with the same or similar last name. This review would help in reducing the submission of multiple memberships with multiple rating histories and expiration dates for the same member.
4. As was the case with the previous membership batch submission process, the new Membership Batch Submission program should provide an email receipt itemizing the name, ID, membership type, and amount paid for each membership submitted in the batch, along with a correct total of all the membership dues, commissions, and charges in that batch. The Memberships Submitted function on the current dashboard provides some, but not all, of this information, and this can take several days to update. It would also be helpful to note if a member's information had changed from the previous membership payment, in order to help flag members whose updated information might need to be checked for obvious errors (such as a member moving to a different state, for example, while the old state is not updated in MSA).

WITHDRAWN AS MOOT

Mike Nietman (WI) represented the Election Committee in introducing motion DM22-32/ADM22-24. He said the intent of the motion was to go to an all-electronic balloting system for the Executive Board elections and provided numbers to support this move and mentioned situations that needed to be taken into consideration. He then moved to refer the motion.

DM22-32/ADM22-24 (Election Committee)

Modify Article VI Section 6 to read as follows (without the crossed-out text):

Section 6. Elections.

A. Regular Elections. Executive Board members shall be elected by the Voting Members. ~~At the discretion of the Executive Board, ballots for that purpose shall either be mailed directly or included in an issue of Chess Life and mailed prior to June 10. The Election Committee shall, by January 31st of an election year, select the time and place for the counting of the ballots.~~ The ballot instructions shall include this information plus other election regulations. For a special election, the time and place shall be determined prior to issuing the call for the special election. Electronic voting may will be used ~~in addition to mailed ballots or ballots in Chess Life.~~ The US Chess office in consultation with the Election Committee shall establish the mechanism to conduct the secure electronic balloting. The ballot shall list all duly submitted nominations. Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. ~~The ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent agency, and counted by an independent agency, or by the Election Committee, or by tellers appointed by the Election Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates.~~ Ties, if any, shall be broken by a secret ballot vote of the Delegates present in person at that year's Delegates meeting, taken at the time that election results are certified.

B. Special Elections. The Election Committee will decide the schedule for a Special Election for the Executive Board, using the deadlines and dates for a regular election as a guide for scheduling reasonable intervals for announcing the special election, ~~and~~ and calling for nominations, and establishing the date for candidate petition filings ~~and the date for mailing the ballots via Chess Life or direct mail.~~ The requirement for candidate statements and election supplements may be reduced to having this information in a single issue of *Chess Life*. The Executive Board may choose to waive any filing fees for a Special Election.

C. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of voting member information to be provided with ~~or printed on~~ the ballots. All properly authenticated ballots that have been received by the date designated for counting the ballots shall be counted. ~~The Election Committee shall designate an address for the return of ballots at the time the date of counting ballots is set.~~

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR LEGAL REVIEW, THEN ELECTIONS AND THEN BYLAWS.

Guy Hoffman (WI) introduced DM22-33/ADM22-25, beginning with a change of both instances of "March 1" to "May 1".

Executive Director Meyer spoke in support of the change to May 1 while also emphasizing the need to honor such a deadline to ensure smooth operations leading up to the annual meeting.

Final motion voted on:

DM22-33/ADM22-25 (Guy Hoffman, WI)

Replace Article V, Section 4 with the following:

State Chapters shall designate the initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates for their states, as provided in Article V, Sections 2 and 3, submitting the Delegates and Alternate Delegates in ordered lists. State Chapters must designate their initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates by May 1 prior to the Annual Meeting, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The term of each Delegate shall commence on May 1 for the year for which selected and continue for one year.

PASSED

President Hoffpauir briefly gave a background on the next motion, a version of it having been presented the previous year. The new motion is the result of the work of the States & Affiliates Committee's work on the previous motion.

To address the issue of legal review, the motion was referred to the Executive Board with the understanding that if the legal process resulted in no changes to the motion that it would be implemented. If there were changes it would be brought before the delegates again in 2023.

There was also a suggestion that, if legal counsel required changes, a Special Delegates Meeting be called to vote on the motion so that delegate approval and implementation could occur before the next in-person meeting in 2023.

DM22-34/ADM22-26 (States & Affiliates Committee)

STATES & AFFILIATES COMMITTEE'S

Substitute Motion to

ADM 22-26 TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII OF US CHESS BYLAWS

Article VIII: Organizational Units.

Section 1. State Chapters.

A. Designation. Every state and recognized territory, referred to hereafter as "state", including the District of Columbia, Northern California and Southern California, shall be entitled to have an organization designated as its State Chapter. States with more than 5000 US Chess members may have two State Chapters with designation divided along defined geographic lines.

B. Application. An organization seeking State Chapter designation for any state without a current State Chapter must submit its application and credentials before June 1. An organization seeking such designation in any state with a current State Chapter must submit its application and credentials before March 1. The organization's application and credentials shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates with recommendations, if any, one month before

the Annual Meeting of the same year. An application and credentials submitted after deadline shall be presented the following year.

C. Agency. State Chapters are not agents of US Chess for any purpose.

D. Duties and Responsibilities.

(1) Administration. A State Chapter shall comply with all applicable laws; comply with Article V Section 4 of these Bylaws, and certify in writing to the US Chess Secretary the names and selection method—i.e.: appointment, election, etc.—of the selected Delegates and Alternates; maintain Bylaws, Articles of Association or an equivalent document that includes, at minimum: (a) the purpose of the State Chapter, (b) a formal organizational structure, (c) specifications for governance, (d) selection of chapter members for positions of authority in the governance mechanism, (e) frequency and mode by which the governance mechanism meets, and (f) opportunities for membership or affiliation in the State Chapter; provide US Chess all new or amended governance documents within thirty (30) days of effective date; and timely pay State Chapter's annual Affiliate fee of \$40.

(2) Communication. A State Chapter shall respond promptly to requests for information or assistance from US Chess; maintain current contact information with US Chess; and disseminate information about Chapter activities, including, but not limited to: governance, tournaments, recognitions and initiatives.

(3) Guidance and Service. A State Chapter shall guide, encourage, promote and support state chess activity fairly and responsibly for all groups and individuals within the chess community.

(4) Tournaments and Nominations. A State Chapter shall timely respond to the US Chess request for nominations to the US Chess National Invitational Tournaments; organize or arrange an annual US Chess rated State Championship tournament; annually consider organizing or arranging other US Chess rated state title tournaments; and utilize available US Chess Tournament Clearinghouses applicable to their state.

(5) Responsibility to Board of Delegates. A State Chapter shall fulfill other duties and responsibilities as the Board of Delegates may direct.

E. Rights and Privileges. Each State Chapter shall receive a subscription to Chess Life and Chess Life Kids; be entitled to conduct US Chess rated tournaments in accordance with US Chess Rules; be privileged to issue US Chess memberships per Article III above, and collect and forward to the US Chess headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom; receive access to the Delegates Call; and have exclusive rights to organize and operate or sanction any state titling events for their state.

F. Revocation. The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 12, revoke or suspend a State Chapter for good cause shown.

Section 2. Affiliates.

A. Formation. Any organization of chess players may affiliate with US Chess upon proper payment. A Regular Affiliate is any organization of chess players not otherwise categorized below; fee is \$40. A Scholastic Affiliate is an organization of exclusively scholastic players; fee is \$40. A Prison Affiliate is an organization of chess players incarcerated in a penal institution; fee is \$15.

B. Agency. Affiliates are not agents of US Chess for any purpose.

C. Duties and Responsibilities. Each Affiliate shall comply with all applicable laws; consider utilizing available US Chess Tournament Clearinghouses applicable to their tournaments and other events; timely pay their annual Affiliate fee; respond promptly to requests for information or assistance from US Chess; maintain current contact information with US Chess; and fulfill other duties and responsibilities as the Board of Delegates may direct.

D. Rights and Privileges. Each Affiliate shall receive a subscription to Chess Life and Chess Life Kids, except that Prison affiliates shall not receive Chess Life Kids; be entitled to conduct US Chess rated tournaments in accordance with US Chess tournament rules; and be privileged to issue US Chess memberships per Article III above, and to collect and forward to the US Chess headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom. Affiliates are not required to affiliate with State Chapters to maintain their US Chess Affiliate status.

E. Revocation. The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 12, revoke or suspend the affiliation of any Affiliate for good cause shown.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR LEGAL REVIEW; IF PASSES, THEN IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION.

The next motion was introduced by the maker. His attempt to have it referred to committees failed.

DM22-35/ADM22-27 (Chris Kim, MD)

Delete 10I2. (Variation 1) **Rook touched first:**

Note: 10I2. **Rook touched first** is left intact.

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

The next motion was introduced by the maker. His attempt to have it referred to committees failed.

DM22-36/ADM22-28 (Chris Kim, MD)

Replace Rule 13C1 with the following:

13C1. Only players or tournament directors may call flag. A flag is considered fallen (5G)

Note: The second paragraphs starting “Spectators, including players of Other games, ...” may be kept along with the TD tip that follows.

Other affected rules:

2a) Replace Rule 16B2b. with the following:

Rule 16B2b, **Clock of player not out of time freezes in sudden-death time control.**

If possible, digital clocks must be set so that when one player runs out of time in a **non-sudden death** time control, the opponent's clock continues to run normally. **However, when one player runs out of time in a sudden-death time control, the opponent's clock must freeze or halt.** This capability is variously called "**FIDE mode**," "Halt on end" or "freeze." A digital clock that can be set to satisfy the requirement of this rule is preferable to a clock that cannot.

Note: in title, replace "Clock of player not out of time continues to run" with "**Clock of player not out of time freezes in sudden-death time control**"

Note: Added different behaviors for sudden-death vs non-sudden-death time controls. In last sentence, added "FIDE mode" used for ZMF and "Tap 'N Set" official USCF clocks and eliminated "claim mode" – not sure which commonly used digital clocks. "halt on end" is used with Chronos clocks, and "Freeze" is with certain DGT clocks that can be halted on end (eg DGT 3000).

2b) Replace Rule 16E with the following:

Rule 16E: **When flag is considered down**

The flag is considered to have fallen when either player **or tournament directors** point this out. **See also** 5G. The flag and 13C1. Only players may call flag.

2c) Replace Rule 16Y

16Y. Assisting players with time management prohibited.

No one, except a player's opponent, may call that player's attention to the fact that a flag is down, the opponent has moved, or the player has forgotten to press the clock after moving. Only the last two prohibitions also apply to the director, as the director may call a flag is down.

Note: Eliminate the end of the Rule from "For a rare exception regarding calling flags in sudden death... and 21K, Use of director's power."

2d) Replace Rule 14G2

14G2. Players apparently unaware of situation

If a sudden death game continues with both flags down, the director may rule it a draw. **See also** 14J, Draw declared by director; 16T, Both players exceed time control; 16Y, Assisting players with time management prohibited; 18G, Adjudications; and 21D, Intervening in games.

Note: Second sentence eliminated: "This exception to the standard rule that only players may call flags down is justified by the need to avoid delaying the tournament."

2e) Replace Rule 18G2

18G2. Director declares game over.

18G does not prevent a director from declaring the result of a game that has ended without the players noticing this. For example, if the game has been decided by checkmate (13A), **only players or tournament directors may call flag (13C1)**, late arrival for adjournment resumption (13E), stalemate (14A), or insufficient material to continue (14D), the director may declare the game over. **See also** 1C2, Director discretion; 13C1 Only players **or tournament directors** may call flag; 14G2, Players apparently unaware of situation; 14J, Draw declared by director; 16Y, Assisting players with time management prohibited; 21D, Intervening in Games; 21F, Player requests for rulings; and 21K, Use of director's power.

2f) Revise TD Tip after 42E.

TD Tip: Check the clock manufacturer's manual. Ideally clocks add the increment time to a player's side of the clock once he has completed the move by pressing his clock (known as : add-after) – some clocks may work differently. The player's total playing time, including the added increment, should now be displayed. Some clocks wait until their opponent presses their side of the clock for the increment time to be added to the player's display (known as: add-before). The TD TIP for rule 16B2 explains the procedure to use if the increment time is not automatically given at the start of move one. Either function is considered standard, and are, in fact, equivalent. If unsure, ask your opponent when the time is added, and observe that function early in the game when the clock is in use. Time expires when the clock reaches 0:00 **in a sudden-death time control**. Most clocks freeze time (do not add the increment) of a player who has expired (always reads 0:00, but **should freeze the time** for the player who does not). This is considered standard. In this case, it is not possible for a player to "unflag", but it is **also not** possible for both players to run out of time. **See also** 16T. Both players exceed time control. Clocks that do not freeze time (run negative time or pause at zero), continue to run and add back the increment at the completion of a move are still considered preferable to a clock that does not have increment capability. This function should be explained to an opponent prior to the game, and claims of expired time should be made in accordance with 13C. In this case, a claim may still be made after the player whose time has expired has completed a move (time added) if the displayed time is equal to or less than the increment. Such a claim (in accordance with 13C5) must be made before the claimant has completed the next move. It is possible, with the next or subsequent moves that the displayed time is greater than the increment without a claim being made. In this case there is no evidence that time has expired, and therefore the player may have "unflagged". With this type of clock function, you lose your right to claim the win on time if you complete your next move and your opponent's clock now **shows** positive time with his own clock running.

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Steve Immitt (NY) introduced the following motion.

DM22-37/NDM22-08 (Steve Immitt, NY; Tom Langland, CA-N) The Delegates resolve to amend Rule 21L1, in the following manner:

"21L1. Procedure. Appeals in writing must be postmarked within ten days of the end of the tournament to the US Chess office. **Appeals submitted after the ten-day deadline may be considered at the discretion of the committee hearing the appeal**"

by inserting the following language to the final sentence:

“, provided an acceptable explanation of the delay was given.”

PASSED WITH >85%

The maker of the following motion introduced it.

DM22-38/NDM22-09 (Alan Kantor, TN) Re-instate print issues of Chess Life and Chess Life Kids without any opt-in fees for any membership category.

FAILED

The maker introduced the following motion and presented her rationale.

DM22-39/NDM22-10 (Leila D’Aquin, LA)

Move that the delegates recommend that the Executive Board establish and appoint a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) committee within the year.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

Delegate Richard Koepcke introduced the following motion moved to refer it to the Bylaws Committee.

DM22-40/NDM22-11 (Alexander Lumelsky, CT; Richard Koepcke, CA-N) The Bylaws Committee moves the Board of Delegates to amend Bylaws Article V Section 8, as follows: [Article V] ...

Section 8. Delegates at Large.

A. Former Presidents. Any former U.S. Chess President who served at least two consecutive years as President and expresses interest in serving on the Board of Delegates may be elected as a Delegate at Large by a majority vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at an Annual Meeting.

B. Members with Distinguished Service. Any U.S. Chess member who rendered distinguished service to chess and demonstrates activity in U.S. Chess governance and an interest in serving on the Board of Delegates may be elected as a Delegate at Large by a three quarters (3/4) vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at two consecutive Annual Meetings. At no time shall the total number of active Delegates elected under this subsection exceed twenty (20).

C. Term and Subsequent Election. The term of any Delegate at Large shall commence at the Annual Meeting their Delegate at Large status is achieved and continue for three more Annual Meetings. Any Delegate at Large whose term is expiring upon the conclusion of an Annual

Meeting or expired at a past Annual Meeting may be elected to a new term of four Annual Meetings by a majority vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at an Annual Meeting.

D. Additional Alternate Delegates. Any Delegate at Large who completes a term of service but is not elected to a new term becomes an Additional Alternate Delegate. Any Additional Alternate Delegate is eligible for election to a new term as a Delegate at Large by a majority vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at an Annual Meeting.

E. Limited Term Delegates at Large. At any meeting, the Board of Delegates may elect upon specified motion the following individuals, if present and not otherwise made Delegate, to a vacant seat under Section 8(B) for a term commencing upon election and terminating at the opening of the subsequent Annual Meeting: (1) Additional Alternate Delegates by motion of an Executive Board member or Bylaws Committee chair, (2) persons actively involved in US Chess governance since the prior Annual Meeting by motion of an applicable committee chair or lead, (3) prior year Delegates not renewed and exhibiting continued interest in US Chess governance by motion of an Executive Board member or Bylaws Committee chair. No state may have more than one Delegate pursuant to Section 8(E)3.

F. Effect on Quorum. For quorum at any Board of Delegates meeting, only Delegates at Large present are applied to the Delegates total.

REFERRED TO BYLAWS

Delegate Alexander Lumelsky (CT) introduced the next motion.

DM22-41/NDM22-12 (Alexander Lumelsky, CT; Maureen Grimaud, GA; Leila D'Aquin, LA; James Manella, CA-S; Judit Sztaray, CA-N; James Eade, CA-N; Sophia Rohde, NY; John Rockefeller, MD; Sunil Weeramanty, NY; Thomas Langland, CA-N)

Due to the legal review of ADM 22-17, we move to suspend Article VI, Section 2E, marking the section "SUSPENDED PENDING REVIEW."

All candidates for the executive board must disclose prior felony convictions in a candidate's statement.

FAILED

The maker introduced the following motion.

DM22-42/NDM22-13 (Louis Reed, TX) I move that US Chess shall reinstate the issuance of printed membership cards to US Chess members which hold a valid US Chess membership and/or reinstate the mechanism on the US Chess website for members and/or Tournament Directors to print a membership card.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Delegate John McCrary (SC) addressed the delegates as Chair of the Recognitions Committee to encourage them to nominate people for potential state and local awards for next year.

DM22-43/NDM22-14 (John McCrary, SC) The Delegates commend Mike Hoffpaur for his very able chairing of the Delegates Meeting and the Executive Board and the US Chess staff for their very able conduct of the US Chess Annual Meeting.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

DM22-44/NDM22-15 (Mike Hoffpaur, VA) I'd like to thank the US Chess governance team for the work that they've done to prepare us for this meeting I'd like to also thank our parliamentarian, Andy Rea. Lastly, I would like to thank the Southern California Chess Association for all the work that they did to help get this venue and for your hospitality, for your gracious welcome to everyone and for the spirit and enthusiasm that you've had for us being here in California.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

The meeting adjourned.

APPENDIX A
DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE (62)

Kenneth Sloan (AL)

Lawrence Cohen (IL)

Steve Elkins (AR)

Leila D'Aquin (LA)

Michelle Martinez (AZ)

Chris Kim (MD)

Steve Martinez (AZ)

John Rockefeller (MD)

James Eade (CA-N)

John Fernandez (MO)

Dana Langland (CA-N)

Tony Rich (MO)

Jordan Langland (CA-N)

Thomas Langland (CA-N)

Jeff Bulington (MS)

Judit Sztaray (CA-N)

Abel Talamantez (CA-N)

Hal Terrie (NH)

Brian C. Glover (CA-S)

Daniel Serna (NM)

Dylan Quercia (CA-S)

Dewain Barber (CA-S)

Tom Brownscombe (NV)

Sean Manross (CA-S)

Steve Morford (CA-S)

Kimberly Doo (NY)

James Harrell (CA-S)

Steve Immitt (NY)

Randall Hough (CA-S)

Daniel Rohde (NY)

Jim Mennella (CA-S)

Sophia Rohde (NY)

Sunil Weeramantry (NY)

Karen Aronian (CT)

Alexander Lumelsky (CT)

Robert McCrary (SC)

David Grimaud (SC)

Robin Floyd Ramson (DC)

Alan Kantor (TN)

Andrew Rea (FL)

Chris Prosser (TN)

Jon Haskel (FL)

Kevin Pryor (FL)

Francisco Guadalupe (TX)

Daaim Shabazz (FL)

Kacy Hokett (TX)

Fun Fong (GA)

Louis Reed (TX)

Maureen Grimaud (GA)

Wendy Reed (TX)

Alexey Root (TX)

Lakshmana Vishwanath (TX)

Randy Bauer (IA)

Eric Vigil (IA)

David Day (UT)

Adam Porth (ID)

Mike Hoffpauir (VA)

Dwight Barber (WA)
Josh Sinanan (WA)

Guy Hoffman (WI)
Sandra Hoffman (WI)
Mike Nietman (WI)

Non-delegate in attendance:
James Hodina (IA)

APPENDIX B
2021-2022 IN-PASSING LIST

Edward L. Addis, OR
David F. Alter, OH
Ronald Atkins, FL
Delbert Tal Area, TX

Wilford Biggs, TX
Kelly L. Borman, WI
Fred Brock, CA
John C. Bidwell, MI
L. Gordon Brooks, CA
D L P Ballard, OK

Ernesto Caicedo, PA
Scott Chaiet, NY
Albert C. Chow, IL
Wayne Clark, IL
David Cohen, Ontario, Canada
Marcia Cope, CA
Lawrence J. Coplin, FL
Richard Corkan, PA
J. Norman Cotter, PA
Natal John Carabello, PA

Aaron Dubin, MO
Richard Stephen Dusza, RI
William S. Davis, MN
Vladimir Djordjevic, IL
James W. Dunion, CO
Jeffrey J. Dahl, MN

Dee D. Drake, OK

Roy Eikerenkoetter, PA
Robert J. Elliott, OH
Sefus Ellis, WV
Edward Rudolph Epp, MA

Michael Flewelling, TX
Thomas Scott Freneau, AZ
Carleton R. Furbush, TX
George T. Fekete, NY
Lester L. Fritz, II, IL

John W. Green, OK
Michael William Gallagher, WY
Charles Greger, AZ
Kevin Gowen, OR
Brenda Goichberg, NY
Joseph Gadson, MI

Robert Laurie Harvey, MA
Gerald A. Heuer, MN
Robert B. Holland, FL
Lewis A. Hucks, WA

Joseph Ippolito, NJ

Timothy C. Jameson, NC
Richard A. Johnson, CT

Eric R. Jones, OK

Warren Kreckler, IL

Patrick Leonard, MA

Myron Lieberman, AZ

Joseph Leathers, GA

Rachel E. Lieberman, AZ

David F. Love, NY

Hills Lee, CO

Cheryl Amber Lins, NY

Raymond Earl Lawrence, AR

Glenn MacDonald, MA

Edward Maopolski, PA

Raymond P. Mayer, FL

Bill McCauley, NJ

Robert Eugene Miller, III, OH

Michael S. Morgan, WI

Albert Meyer, TX

Mark E. McPheters, ME

Alex McNeilly, MI

F. Edward Morgison, MO (Sep.
2018)

Samuel Moffett, PA

Philip K. Noll, RI

Dr. A. K. Nigam, NJ

Larry Nezhni, OH

Frank E. Northaft, VA

Bernard Overly, PA

Henry R. Odell, WA

David L. Olmsted, CA

Ignacio Perez, WA

Glenn Petersen, NJ

Klaus A. Pohl, SC

Bruce W. Potratz, IL

Daniel A. Perelman, WI

Thomas Lamar Peverall, VA

John R. Phythyon Sr, ME

Tom V. Purser, FL

Richard Ricketts, OR

Andrew Allan Rayle, NC

Raymond Schneider, VA

Peter Scott, MA

Michael G. Selchert, WI

Jerry W. Smith, IA

Michael C. Stone, WI

David W. Syers, NY (Dec. 1984)

Larry B. Smith, MI

Anthony J. Sciarretta, Jr, NY

Joseph E. Stearns, jr., SC

Nelson Sears, PA

Arnold Shafritz, PA

Dr. Rose Marie Stutts, AL

James E. Sparks, AZ

Tony Scioly, MI

Michael E. Splain, CA

Lawrence Tamarkin, NY

John Thompson, Jr, NC

Robert J Taylor, OH

Ronald Vogel, MN
Dennis V. Vogel, IN

Robert Watkins, KY
Jerome Works, PA
David N. Williams, WA
John R. Williams, CA
Willanthian Williams, TN
Dennis Waterman, CA

Betty Zacate, IL