

COMPLIANCE REPORT

2023 US CHESS DELEGATE MOTIONS

Quick Reference Chart

Motion	Disposition	Subject	Basic Action
DM23-01	Failed	Challenge to SENECA decision	
DM23-02	Passed	Re-elect DALs present at the meeting as necessary	Amended (by Allen Priest) to strike those absent, as named in the original motion, leaving Beatriz Marinello.
DM23-03	Passed	Re-elect DALs present at the meeting as necessary	Amended (by Allen Priest) to strike those absent, as named in the original motion, leaving Albert J Lawrence.
DM23-04	Passed	Appointment of DALs	Kenneth Sloan (AL) and Mike Nietman (WI) appointed until 8-8-2026.
DM23-05	Passed	Appointment of Parliamentarian	Action occurred in meeting.
DM23-06	Passed	Ratification of SENECA as the Rhode Island State Affiliate	Action occurred in meeting.
DM23-07	Passed	Approval of Conflict-of-Interest Committee	Action occurred in meeting.
DM23-08	Passed	Approval of the 2022 US Chess Annual Meeting minutes	Minutes posted on US Chess website
DM23-09	Passed	Approve the 2023 Advance Agenda and standing rules	Action occurred in meeting.
DM23-10	Passed	Certification of the 2023 Election	Action occurred in meeting.
DM23-11	Failed	Suspend the rules	
DM23-12	Passed	Approve the PPHBF Report	Action occurred in meeting.
DM23-13	Passed	Approve the US Chess Budget for 2023-2025.	Action occurred in meeting.
DM23-14	Passed	Audit Committee appointments	Committee updated in US Chess system.
DM23-15	Passed	LMA Trustee Appointments	Committee updated in US Chess system.
DM23-16	Passed	Election Committee Appointments	Committee updated in US Chess system.
DM23-17	Passed	Bylaws Committee Appointments	Committee updated in US Chess system.
DM23-18	Passed	Ethics Committee Appointments	Committee updated in US Chess system.

DM23-19	See DM23-46/ADM23-25	Strike Article VI, Section 2E from the Bylaws	
DM23-20	School-based chess programs access monthly webinars.	Establish a State Affiliate Scholastic Chess Advisory Committee	
DM23-21	Rules Committee acted, and the new rule took effect from 1-1-2023.	Amendment to Rule 281	To appear in the next edition of the <i>US Chess Rules of Chess</i>
DM23-22	Passed	Modify Article VI, section 6 to allow a move to electronic voting	A substitute motion, DM23-33/ADM23-24, was offered for consideration under New Business.
DM23-23	See Motion DM23-44/ADM23-42	Amendments to Article VIII of the US Chess Bylaws, re. Organizational Units	Counsel advised keeping DACI and Article VIII provisions separate.
DM23-24	Passed	Amendment to Bylaws Article V Section 8	Reported to Delegates at the 2023 Annual Meeting after referral to Bylaws in 2022. The Executive Board will present a motion at the 2023 Annual Meeting. (See Motion DM23-44/ADM23-42)
DM23-25	The office has deployed a membership card feature in the member dashboard.	Reinstate printed membership cards	Implemented via members' dashboards.
DM23-26	Referred	Amend Rule 41B of the US Chess <i>Rules of Chess</i>	The Rules Committee discussed the amendment and decided it was a matter for a delegates' vote
DM23-27	Passed	TDCC to provide ways local TDs can improve	The TDCC is investigating the best training strategies for aspiring senior level Tournament Directors
DM23-28	Referred	Amend the US Chess <i>Code of Ethics</i>	Ethics Committee voted to reject the motion and Retain 6(h) code as is with no changes
DM23-29	Passed	Amend Rules 14C9, 14F4 and 15D of the US Chess <i>Rules of Chess</i>	To appear in the next edition of the <i>US Chess Rules of Chess</i>
DM23-30	Passed	Amend Rules 18G1, 20H, 20H1, and 20N of the US Chess <i>Rules of Chess</i>	To appear in the next edition of the <i>US Chess Rules of Chess</i>
DM23-31	Passed	Amend Rules 18G1, 20H, 20H1,	To appear in the next edition of the <i>US Chess Rules of Chess</i>

		and 20N of the US Chess <i>Rules of Chess</i>	
DM23-32	Passed	Amend Rules 20D, 28M1, 35B and 36 of the US Chess <i>Rules of Chess</i>	To appear in the next edition of the <i>US Chess Rules of Chess</i>
DM23-33	Passed	Modify US Chess Bylaws Article VI Section 6	Bylaws updated and posted on website
DM23-34	Referred	Acknowledgement Of Tournament Directors As Other TDs	It is proposed to include this in the imminent system redesign
DM23-35	Referred	Working Towards Reducing The Creation Of Multiple US Chess IDs For The Same Individual	Working group established in EB24-059
DM23-36	Passed	Amend US Chess Bylaws Article V Section 1	Bylaws updated and posted on website
DM23-37	Referred	Crediting US Chess TDs Who Work At Chess Control	It is proposed to include this in the imminent system redesign
ADM23-29	Withdrawn	Amend Bylaws, Article V	
ADM23-30	Withdrawn	Remove the “adjacent state” requirement under Bylaws Article V Section 5(B)	
ADM23-31	Withdrawn	Establish a Standing Legislative Committee to assist the Board of Delegates	
ADM23-32	Withdrawn	Establish a Standing Article VIII Committee to assist the Board of Delegates in its Article VIII responsibilities	
ADM23-33	Withdrawn	Allocate or otherwise amend	

		the US Chess Budget to allocate \$200,000, just \$2 per member, to be distributed to each State Chapter on or before December 1	
ADM23-34	Withdrawn	Adopt the US Chess Committee Members Bill of Rights	
ADM23-35	Withdrawn	Amend US Chess Bylaws Article IX, Section 18	
ADM23-36	Withdrawn	Amend US Chess Article V, Section 7	
DM23-38	Referred	Amend US Chess Article V, Section 9	Deemed unnecessary due to the increase to 140 delegates allowed by the Bylaws.
DM23-39	Failed	Amend Rules 11A and 11B of the <i>Official Rules of Chess</i>	
DM23-40	Postponed Indefinitely	Appoint a committee to study membership	
DM23-41	Passed	Affiliates' choice of affiliates' names	Wording added to Article VIII, Section 3
DM23-42	Referred	Revise US Chess Bylaws Section 11 of Article VI	Bylaws Committee supports the removal of candidates' statements from Chess Life. Elections Committee submitted new language.
DM23-43	Passed	Appoint a task force to create a policies and procedures document, and update and revise the DACI	Governance Task Force established in EB24-041
DM23-44	Passed	Amend US Chess Bylaws Article IX	Bylaws updated and posted on website
DM23-45	Withdrawn	Revise US Chess Bylaws Article III Section 5	
DM23-46	Referred	Replace US Chess Bylaws Article VI, Section 2, Subsection E	Referred to Bylaws and Elections
DM23-47	Withdrawn as Moot	Confirmation of SENECA as the Rhode Island state affiliate	
DM23-48	Passed	Thanks to Jennifer Shahade	Appeared in October 2023 <i>Chess Life</i> , p. 9

DM23-49	Passed	Establish a committee to review information accessible to members, TDs, and other individuals and organizations	Motion EB24-077 on 4-9-2024 established a Data Quality Project
DM23-50	Passed	Create DC State Chapter Committee	The Executive Board created a DC Interim Board in December 2023
DM23-51	Passed	Congratulatory motion	Action occurred in meeting

The information in bold can be found on the [Governance Hub](#) of the US Chess Website:

- The **2023 Annual Meeting Minutes** on the [2023 Annual Meeting Information page](#).
- The **Bylaws, DACI, and Code of Ethics** on the [Documents and Policies page](#).
- The **2023-2024 Board Motions** document and monthly board minutes on the [2023-2024 Executive Board Documents page](#).
- The **2023-2024 Committee List** on the [Committees page](#).
- A list of Current Delegates on the [Delegates page](#).

Additional relevant links:

The [2023-2024 Executive Board](#).

The **Rule Book**. <https://new.uschess.org/news/7th-edition-rule-book-free-chapters-updated-2023>

DM 23-02 (Allen Priest (KY))

Action: Amended (by Allen Priest) to strike those absent, as named in the original motion, leaving Beatriz Marinello.

The Delegates re-elect as Delegates-at-Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present at this meeting. The term of these Delegates-At-Large will expire at the end of the 2026 Annual Delegates Meeting.

Those whose terms are expiring 8-6-23 are Frank A Camaratta (AL), Anthony P Cottell (FL), Leroy W Dubeck (NJ), Beatriz Marinello (NY), and Timothy P Redman (TX).

Those whose terms have previously expired include Frank B Elley Jr (AR), Helen E Warren (IL), Edward Steven Doyle (NJ), William Goichberg (NY). Albert J Lawrence (NY), Gary L Walters (OH), and Jim Berry (OK).

PASSED

DM 23-03 (Allen Priest, KY)

Action occurred during meeting.

The Delegates re-elect as Delegates-At-Large those whose terms have previously expired and are present at the meeting. Those eligible include Frank B. Elley Jr. (AR), Helen E Warren (IL), Edward Steven Doyle (NJ), William Goichberg (NY), Albert J Lawrence (NY), Gary L Walters (OH), and Jim Berry (OK).

Amended (by Allen Priest) to strike those absent, as named in the original motion, leaving Albert J Lawrence.

PASSED

DM 23-04 (Alexander Lumelsky, CT; James Eade, CAL-N)

Action occurred during meeting.

The moving Delegates request that the Board of Delegates appoint Kenneth Sloan (AL) and Mike Nietman (WI) as Delegates-at-Large.

PASSED

DM23-05 (Allen Priest, KY)

Action occurred during meeting.

Move that Andrew Rea be appointed parliamentarian.

Amended (by Randy Bauer) that if Andrew Rea was unable to act a Parliamentarian, Allen Priest would act as Parliamentarian on a temporary basis.
PASSED

DM23-06 (Randy Bauer, IA)

Action occurred during meeting.

Move for the ratification that SENECA is recognized as state chapter for Rhode Island at present.
PASSED

DM23-07 (Allen Priest, KY)

Action occurred during meeting.

The Delegates approve the following delegates as the current Conflict of Interest Committee: Leila D'Aquin, Kimberly Doo, David Day.
PASSED

DM23-08 (Allen Priest, KY)

Action: Minutes posted on US Chess website.

Move that the minutes of the 2022 Delegates Meeting as available to the Delegates present in Grand Rapids, Michigan be accepted.
PASSED

DM23-09 (Allen Priest, KY)

Action occurred during meeting.

Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2023 Delegates Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates Call.

Amended by Caleb Brown (TX): I move to amend the advance agenda so that ADM23-11 be considered immediately after ADM23-45.

PASSED

DM23-10 (Mike Nietman, WI)

Action occurred during meeting.

The delegates certify the results of the 2023 Executive Board election.
PASSED

DM23-12 (Allen Priest, KY)

Action occurred during meeting.

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

PASSED

DM23-13 (Executive Board)

Action occurred during meeting.

Approve the US Chess Budget for 2023-2025.

PASSED

DM23-14 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

Action: Committee updated in US Chess System.

I ask for delegates to consider these individuals for the Audit Committee: Allen Priest, Fun Fong, John D. Rockefeller, Jon Haskel, Doug Eckert.

PASSED

DM23-15 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

Action: Committee updated in US Chess System.

I am recommending that the delegates approve 11 trustees to the Life Member Asset (LMA) Trust: Jim Bedenbaugh, Tim Redman, Mike Hoffpauir, Steve Doyle, Leroy Dubeck, Beatriz Marinello, David Grimaud, Allen Priest, Peter Dyson, Dov Gorman, Charles D. Unruh.

PASSED

DM22-16 (Mike Nietman, WI)

Action: Committee updated in US Chess System.

The four names put forward for the Election Committee are: Mike Nietman (WI), Kenneth Sloan (AL), Josh Sinanan (WA), Kimberly Doo (NY)

PASSED

DM23-17 (Guy Hoffman, WI)

Action: Committee updated in US Chess System.

The nominations for the Bylaws Committee: David Day, Guy Hoffman, Randy Hough, Richard Koepcke, Alex Lumelsky, John McCrary, David Mehler, Robert Messenger, Allen Priest, Robin Ramson, Andrew Rea.

PASSED

DM23-18 (David Hater, GA)

Action: Committee updated in US Chess System.

I make a motion that the Ethics Committee for the next term consist of: Harold Stenzel, Hal Terrie, Tom Languard, Anand Dommalapati, James Mennella, Myron Thomas, Randall Hough, Charles Hatherill, Martha Underwood, Noreen Davisson, Jeffrey L. Smith, Robert Greer, Robert Getty, and David Day.

PASSED

DM23-19 (Robin Floyd Ransom, DC)

Action: The Executive Board offers ADM23-45 to address this situation.

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

REFERRED TO Executive Director, Bylaws and Elections

DM23-20 (Chris Prosser, TN)

Action: The Executive Board, Scholastic Council, and the Chess in Education Committee have worked collaboratively to reach more local school-based chess programs through a series of monthly webinars.

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 the Executive Board, the Scholastic Council, and the Chess in Education committee with authority to implement.

DM23-21 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Action: The new rule took effect from 1-1-2023.

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 ratings purposes (28M4). If, however, the Director expels a player because there is a reason to believe that the player has received assistance in the player’s previous games(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)

DM23-22 (Election Committee)

Action: After legal review and consultation over the language change with the Bylaws Committee, ADM23-33 was presented to the Annual Meeting.

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 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

DM23-23 (States and Affiliates Committee)

Action: See Motion DM23-44/ADM23-42

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 5,000 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

DM23-24 (Alexander Lumelsky, CT; Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

Action: Amended, with Section E stricken; Section F becomes Section E.

<https://new.uschess.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2023-us-chess-bylaws.pdf>

The Bylaws Committee moves the Board of Delegates to amend Bylaws Article V Section 8, as follows:

[Article V]

Section 8. Delegates at Large.

Former Presidents. Any former US 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.

A. Members with Distinguished Service. Any US Chess member who rendered distinguished service to chess and demonstrates activity in US 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).

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. 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
PASSED**

DM23-25 (Louis Reed, TX)

Action: The office has deployed a membership card feature in the members' dashboards.

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.

DM23-26 (David Day, UT)

Action: The Rules Committee discussed the amendment and decided it was a matter for a delegates' vote.

Amend Rule 41B in the US Chess *Rules of Chess* by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: The corner squares of the chessboard (a1, a8, h1, and h8) may contain logos, the name of the event, and other similar items. Chess boards which contain logos or similar markings in the middle of the board or in a non-corner square are nonstandard.

REFER TO RULES

DM23-27 (Mike Shuey, TN)

Action: The TDCC is investigating the best training strategies for aspiring senior level Tournament Directors

Move to formally refer and direct the TDCC to explore and provide some process(es) where Local-level TDs can improve their ability to adjudicate, at a level senior-level TDs would be capable of adequately adjudicating 90% of the time. Some possible suggestions might include:

Correct answers to failed questions on the Senior TD test(though correct answers alone don't drive much more complete understanding)

Correct answers to failed questions on the Senior TD test with rationale around the failed answers and rationale around the correctness of the other answers on failed questions(though there may be "reasonable" concern of this information "escaping")

A limited number of Appointed/Designated Senior, Asst. Ntnl., or Ntnl. TDs as mentors, trusted with answer keys, to review verbally 1-on-1 failed answers to tests, to provide rationale to incorrect and correct answers, limited to the failed questions (all to prevent people from having answer keys in hand, and reduce/prevent "escaping")

1-3 Practice tests, with logical and specific rationale and/or rules references for ALL correct and incorrect answers

A Senior-level TD Show of 10-20 episodes, similar to previous TD Show on YouTube, with a variety of complex scenarios, similar but "adequately different"(as defined by TDCC and producers of said show) to questions on the Senior TD Test.

PASSED

DM23-28 (David Day, UT)

Action: The Ethics Committee voted to reject the motion and Retain 6(h) code as is with no changes

Amend the US Chess *Code of Ethics* to remove 6(h) and renumber 6(i) to become 6(h).

REFER TO ETHICS

DM23-29 (Steve Immitt, NY; Tim Just, IL; Rules Committee)

Action: To appear in next edition of US Chess *Rules of Chess*

Amend Rules 14C9, 14F4 and 15D of the US Chess *Rules of Chess* as follows:

14C9. Claimant's scoresheet.

Except for 14C8, the claimant must have a scoresheet adequate (~~13C7~~) to demonstrate the validity of the claim.

14F4. Director may count moves in sudden death.

In sudden death, a player with fewer than five minutes remaining and a simplified position in which no pawn moves or captures seem likely may stop both clocks, declare to a director an intention to invoke the 50-move rule when possible, and ask for assistance in counting moves. A director who agrees this is appropriate may count moves or use a deputy or a clock with a move counter to do so.

- a. If the director or the deputy will count moves, the count should begin by crediting moves already made and listed on the scoresheet of the player intending to claim. An opponent who believes a different number of moves have been made should present this case if and when the count reaches 50.
- b. The director or deputy may either keep score, make check marks, or combine the two.
- c. After the count by the director or deputy begins, neither player has a right to know the count until 50 moves are reached. At that point the game is declared drawn unless the opponent successfully challenges the move count.
- d. The opponent may challenge either the moves on the claimant's scoresheet before the director/deputy count, the count itself, or both, but must have a scoresheet adequate (~~13C7~~) to support the challenge.

- e. If the challenge is upheld, the game shall continue with the director or deputy resuming from the corrected count. If the claimant's scoresheet is responsible for the wrong count, two minutes shall be added to the remaining unused time of the claimant's opponent. If the director/deputy count was wrong, there shall be no time adjustment.
- f. The director may insert a clock with a move counter that shows the remaining time of both players, set the move counter to zero, and order play to resume. When the clock indicates that both sides have completed 50 further moves, either player may claim a draw. If this method is used, the director should inform the players that if a move is erroneously not counted or double counted, the players should stop the clock and notify the director.

15D. Use of opponent's scoresheet for assistance.

A player who has an incomplete scoresheet (13C7) and wishes to consult the opponent's scoresheet for assistance may ask to borrow it from the opponent under the following conditions:

PASSED WITH >85%

DM23-30 (Steve Immitt, NY; Tim Just, IL; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Rules Committee)

Action: To appear in next edition of *US Chess Rules of Chess*

DM23-30 (Steve Immitt, NY; Tim Just, IL; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Rules Committee)

Amend Rules 15B and 15C of the *US Chess Rules of Chess* as follows:

15B. Scorekeeping in time pressure, non-sudden death time control.

If either player has less than five minutes remaining in a non-sudden death time control **and the time control includes less than 30 seconds of time increment or time delay,** ~~then does not have additional time (increment) of 30 seconds or more added with each move,~~ both players are excused from the obligation to keep score until the end of the time control period. Doing so, however, may make it impossible to claim a draw by triple occurrence of position (14C) or the 50-move rule (14F) or a win on time forfeit (13C).

When the time increment or time delay is 30 or more seconds, players must keep score through the end of the time control period. Scorekeeping by both players must resume with the start of the next time control period, and missing moves should be filled in (15F).

15C. Scorekeeping in time pressure, sudden death time control.

If either player has less than five minutes remaining in a sudden death time control **and the time control includes less than 30 seconds of time increment or time delay then**; does not have additional time (increment) of 30 seconds or more added with each move, both players are excused from the obligation to keep score **for the remainder of the game. When the time increment or time delay is 30 or more seconds, players must keep score through the end of the game.** A scoresheet is not required to win on time in a sudden death control (13C).

PASSED WITH >85%

DM23-**31** (Steve Immitt, NY; Tim Just, IL; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Rules Committee)

Action: To appear in next edition of US Chess *Rules of Chess*

Amend Rules 18G1, 20H, 20H1, and 20N of the US Chess *Rules of Chess* as follows:

18G1. Example of emergency.

An *emergency* situation could arise, for example, if a player with substantial time remaining and a poor position disappears for more than 15 minutes or is present but shows little interest in considering the position. Such behavior is unsportsmanlike and the director is encouraged to adjudicate, possibly after a warning. **See also** 1C2, Director discretion; 20H, ~~Long~~ **Absence** during play; 21F, Player requests for rulings; and 21K, Use of director's power.

20H. ~~Long~~ **Absence** during play.

Players with games in progress should not leave the playing room for more than 15 minutes without permission ~~from~~ **of** the director. A first offense usually does not warrant a forfeit unless there is additional evidence suggesting a further rules violation during the absence. ~~For further information~~ see 18G1, Example of emergency.

Players are not allowed to leave the playing venue without the permission of the director. The playing venue is defined as the playing area, restrooms, refreshment and smoking area, adjacent hallways and other areas as designated by the director. For further information see 18G1, Example of emergency.

20H1. Quitting without resigning.

It is rude and unsportsmanlike to abandon a lost position without resigning. Any player with a bad position who is absent without permission for over 15 minutes risks having the game adjudicated. **See also** 18G1, Example of emergency and 20H, ~~Long~~ **Absence** during play.

20N. Electronic communication devices.

~~Players are not allowed to leave the playing venue without permission from the arbiter. The playing venue is defined as the playing area, rest rooms, refreshment and smoking area, adjacent hallways and other places as designated by the arbiter/TD.~~

Without the permission of the ~~director~~ ~~arbiter~~/TD a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue, unless they are completely switched off.

PASSED

DM23-32 (Steve Immitt, NY; Tim Just, IL; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Rules Committee)

Action: To appear in next edition of US Chess *Rules of Chess*

Amend Rules 20D, 28M1, 35B and 36 of the US Chess *Rules of Chess* as follows:

20D. Use of additional chessboard or computer prohibited.

A player who analyzes a game in progress on another chessboard or consults a computer about the position is guilty of a serious violation of the rules. Though the director still has discretion, the usual penalty is loss of the game. **See also** 1C2, Director discretion; 21K, Use of director's power; and ~~36H, Consultation.~~

28M1. The house player.

Sometimes a spectator will agree to play a game against a player who would otherwise expect a bye. It is desirable that this spectator has a rating approximately within the range of the lowest score group, but this is not required. The player is voluntarily giving up a free point to play, so no one can legitimately claim the opponent is too weak.

Sometimes the player would rather play an unusually strong opponent than receive a bye. This also is acceptable, but if the strong opponent is rated too high for the section, the director may consider retaining the original bye and listing both players for a rated game in a higher section or an *extra rated games* section. **See also** 28M4, Extra rated games.

If a permanent house player is available, this is the best solution. Such a player is paired normally whenever there is an odd number, not paired when there is an even number, and may even receive half-point byes if the tournament allows them.

It is not required that a house player be paired against the player who would otherwise receive the bye. Sometimes it is more appropriate to insert a relatively strong house player into a higher score group. In this case, neither the player paired against the house player nor the one who otherwise would have received the bye has the right to refuse to play.

~~A US Chess rated commercially available computer may be used as a house player only if computer participation for the tournament was advertised in advance (36C).~~

Usually, a player whose full-point bye is replaced by a temporary house player should be assigned no additional full-point byes in the tournament. An exception may be

appropriate if the house player was strong and the player is competing for a class prize against others who have received full-point byes.

35B. Equality of treatment.

Players with temporary or permanent disabilities that prevent them from fulfilling certain conditions of the *Official Rules of Chess* shall have special consideration in meeting those rules. Their opponents shall be offered the same, or equivalent in the judgment of the TD, consideration. The tournament director is responsible for seeing that both opponents know about and understand any special rules for that particular game. No player may refuse to play a disabled or assisted human opponent. ~~For rules regarding computers see 36, Rules and Regulations For Computer Participants.~~ For Internet rules regarding disabled players see **Rule 14. Players with Disabilities (Chapter 10)**.

36. Rules and Regulations for Computer Participants

36A. Membership.

~~The originator or the legal owner of a computer program may register the computer program as a member of US Chess. The dues for computers are the same as for regular members. The rights of computer members are: the right to play in US Chess rated tournaments, subject to possible restrictions; the right to acquire an official US Chess rating; and a subscription to Chess Life magazine. Specific identification and registration procedures shall be determined administratively.~~

36B. Purchase of membership.

~~Computer program owners may purchase memberships only directly from US Chess office. Owners are required to sign a statement agreeing to specific rules. The memberships are available only for experimental programs, and owners are required to sign a noncommercial use agreement.~~

36C. Computer participation must be advertised in advance.

~~Computers may not participate in rated tournaments unless that participation is prominently advertised in all pre-tournament publicity. Tournament announcements in Chess Life must specify that computers are eligible to participate by using the symbol "C" for computer participation. If this symbol does not appear, computers may not enter. Entries must be arranged in advance with the director's or organizer's consent.~~

36D. Player may not object.

~~A player may not object to being paired against a chess-playing computer program in a tournament that advertised computer participation.~~

~~*TD TIP: Because computer participation must be advertised in advance, players will know before they decide to enter a tournament that there is a possibility that they will be paired against a computer program; therefore, by entering the event they have given their implied consent to being paired against any possible computer program. It would be wise to post this at the site and to give players an opportunity to withdraw from the event if they do not wish to give their consent to such a pairing*~~

36E. Computer vs. computer.

~~Computers shall not be paired against each other unless the event is for computers only.~~

36F. Prize eligibility.

~~Computers may win only prizes specifically designated for them. Other prizes shall be distributed as though computers were not entered.~~

36G. Commercial computers.

~~Commercially available computers and computer programs may acquire ratings only through US Chess's Computer Rating Agency. Interested manufacturers should write to US Chess for details.~~

36H. Consultation.

~~Players who consult a computer for advice about their games shall be subject to the same penalties that would be imposed for asking advice from another person. *See also 20D, Use of additional chessboard or computer prohibited.*~~

36I. Rules for play involving computers.

~~Following are rules for US Chess-rated tournaments in which one player is a computer. In matters not governed by these rules, play is governed by applicable human rules, as interpreted by the director. In the following, the term *computer* refers to a chess program running on a computer. The term *opponent* refers to the computer's opponent. The term *operator* refers to the person running the computer.~~

36I1. Parameter settings.

~~Before play begins, the operator shall do all initial setting up of the computer. At that time, the operator may freely specify any operating parameters, such as rate of play, suggested openings, value of a draw, etc. After play begins, the role of the operator is passive. During the game, the operator is not allowed to alter any parameter settings that might affect the course of the game.~~

36I2. Communication of moves.

During play, the operator is to communicate the opponent's moves to the computer.

3613. Execution of moves.

The operator is to execute the computer's specified move on the chessboard. *Touch* rules do not apply to the operator, but excessive handling of pieces may violate other rules, such as those against distracting the opponent. A piece shall be deemed touched by the computer when a move involving that piece has been communicated by the program to its output device, except that displays of moves it is considering shall not be considered communication of a move. A move for the computer shall be deemed completed when the operator, in accordance with normal rules, has executed it on the board.

3614. The clock.

After the computer's move is executed, the operator is to start the opponent's clock.

3615. Reconciliation of positions.

If different positions should arise on the playing chessboard and the computer's representation of same, such difference shall be corrected with the assistance of the director. The director may choose either to accept the playing chessboard as official or retrace the moves to the point of departure. If the director chooses to back up the game, then clocks shall be adjusted accordingly. The director shall penalize the computer if the score indicates that the computer or its operator has caused the discrepancy of position.

3616. Resetting the computer.

If the computer is unable to accept a legal move because of discrepancies, communication trouble, or computer trouble, then the operator may reset the current board position and status on the computer, along with clock times. Other parameters set must be the same as those in effect at the start of the game. The clocks are not stopped during the resetting of the computer nor for any other "down time" (time when the computer is unable to function despite the efforts of its operator).

3617. Clock times.

There shall be a clock at the chessboard whether or not there is an internal clock in the computer. The operator and the opponent shall use the external clock, which shall be the official timer for the game.

The operator may communicate the clock times to the computer only if the computer initiates the request.

3618. Memory unit exchange.

The operator may change or insert memory units when the computer requests this and identifies the unit to be inserted, by description or by generating a coded signal or message with a single, predetermined meaning. Diskettes, disk cartridges, tapes, ROM cartridges ("program modules" in commercial machines), and the like are all considered equivalent forms of memory units.

~~36I9. Draw offers and resignation.~~

~~The operator may offer a draw, accept a draw, or resign on behalf of the computer, either with or without consulting the computer or humans of any playing strength about the decision. Humans so consulted should be disinterested as to the result of the game.~~

~~36I10. Time forfeits.~~

~~The operator may claim a win on time (13C) if the opponent has exceeded the time limit.~~

~~36I11. Adjournments.~~

~~The operator shall carry out the necessary adjournment formalities.~~

~~36I12. Score.~~

~~The operator and/or the computer must keep a score of the game.~~

~~36I13. FIDE warning.~~

~~An event with a non-FIDE registered computer cannot be FIDE rated even for humans who are not paired against the computer.~~

PASSED

DM23-~~33~~ (Election Committee)

Action: Bylaws amended and posted on website

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 **for all Executive Board elections, except for the secret ballot vote described in this paragraph** 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, and the voting procedures shall comply with the applicable laws of US Chess' state of incorporation. 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 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. 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.~~

PASSED

DM23-34 (Steve Immitt, NY; Dan Rohde, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

Action: It is proposed to include this in the imminent system redesign

Acknowledgement Of Tournament Directors As Other TDs On US Chess Rating Report.

The Chief Tournament Director is permitted to list non-FIDE-certified US Chess TDs as “Other TDs” in the global portion of the US Chess Tournament Rating Report on MSA, for tournaments with FIDE-rated sections, as long as those TDs do not make any rulings in any FIDE-rated games. The Chief Tournament Director shall attest to this if requested by a US Chess official.

REFER TO TDCC, EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE OFFICE

DM23-35 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Action: Working Group established by EB24-059

Working Towards Reducing The Creation Of Multiple US Chess IDs For The Same Individual

The Delegates request that the Executive Board establish a working group, comprised of development team, for the purpose of recommending procedures which will avoid creating multiple individuals with experience in reviewing and submitting US Chess memberships, to work with the website IDs for the same person, while also respecting the privacy concerns of US Chess members.

REFER TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

DM23-36 (Alexander Lumelsky, CT)

Action: Bylaws updated and posted on website

Amend Bylaws Article V Section 1, as follows:

“**Responsibility.** Pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Delegates shall be the legislative body of US Chess. The Board of Delegates shall be the authoritative body of US Chess to determine the policies that shall govern US Chess in all of its activities. Among other things, it shall have the authority to amend the Bylaws and US Chess Official Rules of Chess, approve the sale, exchange or other transfer of real estate owned by US Chess, approve any borrowing secured by real estate owned by US Chess, approve the annual budget, establish, amend or revoke one or more trusts for the management of Life Member assets and appoint or remove one or more Trustees for the purpose of administering said trusts, and supervise the ethics compliance process of US Chess.”

Current Article V Section 1:

Section 1. Responsibility. In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Delegates shall be the legislative body of US Chess. The Board of Delegates shall be the authoritative body of US Chess to determine the policies that shall govern US Chess in all of its activities. Among other things, it shall have the authority to amend the Bylaws and the US Chess Official Rules of Chess, approve the annual budget, approve the sale of real estate owned by US Chess, approve any borrowing secured by real estate owned by US Chess, establish, amend or revoke one or more trusts for the management of Life Member assets and appoint or remove one or more Trustees for the purpose of administering said trusts, and supervise the ethics compliance process of US Chess.

PASSED

DM23-37 (Steve Immitt, NY; Dan Rohde, NY)

Action: It is proposed to include this in the imminent system redesign

Crediting US Chess TDs Who Work At Chess Control

In an effort to expand the opportunities for advancement in the ranks of US Chess tournament directing, the Delegates support the principle of adding the category of working at Chess Control as source of gaining tournament experience credit for Assistant TDs. The category of Chess Control should specifically be added to the current options of Backroom TD and Floor TD on the US Chess rating report and TDs should be able to earn credit as such in tournaments of at least 200 players.

REFER TO TDCC, EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE OFFICE

DM23-38/ADM23-36 (Caleb Brown, TX)

Action: Deemed unnecessary with the recent increase to 140 Delegates and small states having two Delegates. There doesn't seem to be a demand for more Delegate spots.

Move that Article V, Section 9 of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Section 9. Additional Delegates. The US Chess Membership Meeting may elect up to 5 Additional Delegates for a term that expires on June 1 of the following year at the start of the Membership Meeting from persons who are present and have previously served as Delegates in at least one of the last five years. **The Membership Meeting may also elect a number of Additional Delegates for the same term from persons who are present and are presently serving as Alternate Delegates or Additional Alternate Delegates; provided that the number so elected shall not exceed the number of Delegate seats unfilled at the close of the day before the Membership Meeting.**

REFERRED TO BYLAWS

DM23-41 (John Fernandez, MO; Randy Bauer, IA; David Day, UT; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Kevin Pryor, FL; Chuck Unruh, OK)

Action: Bylaws wording updated.

Article VIII: Organizational Units.

Section 1. State Chapters. Every state (the District of Columbia being treated as a state for all Federation purposes and Northern and Southern California being treated as separate states for all Federation purposes) shall be entitled to have an affiliate designated as the State Chapter, provided that any state having more than 5,000 members may have two state chapters divided along geographical lines. 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.

Add the following at the end of **Article VIII (“Organizational Units”), Section 3:**

Subject to approval by the US Chess Executive Director, affiliates may choose how they are named, with the exception that the name of the form “[State Name] Chess Association” or “[State Name] Chess Federation” is restricted only to the designated State Chapter for that particular state.

PASSED

DM23-42 (Randy Bauer, IA; David Day, UT; David Hater, GA; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Chuck Unruh, OK)

Action: **Response from Bylaws Committee:** By a vote of 6-3 the Bylaws committee supports the removal of candidates' statements from Chess Life. In the months when these statements have been printed in Chess Life the magazine would have a statement directing readers to the location of the statement posted on the US Chess website. Registered voters will be contacted by the office when each set of statements is posted with either the statements or a link to the statements on the US chess website.

Response from Elections Committee: Proposed language,

“Section 11. Candidate statements and advertising. Each candidate nominated for election pursuant to Section 5A is entitled to submit a 150-word statement and photograph for publication on the US Chess website, which will be referenced in the issue of **Chess Life** to be published no later than April 10 of the election year. Each candidate nominated for election pursuant to Section 5A is entitled to two 500-word statements published on the US Chess website on May 10 and June 10. The purchase of additional campaign space in other US Chess publications is prohibited. Any candidate for the US Chess Executive Board who is currently a party against US Chess in a lawsuit must disclose that fact in their April statement. Failure to disclose such a lawsuit would be grounds for immediate recall. The candidate will be allowed an additional 50 words in their first candidate's statement for this purpose.”

The Bylaws and Elections Committees are directed to revise Section 11 of Article VI of the Bylaws to allow candidates nominated for election to submit statements and photographs that will be published on the US Chess website with a reference to the webpage in *Chess Life*.

REFER TO BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS

DM23-43 (Randy Bauer, IA; David Day, UT; David Hater, GA; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Kevin Pryor, FL; Chuck Unruh, OK)

Action: Governance Task Force established by EB24-041

The Executive Board will appoint a task force to create a policies and procedures document and will revise and update the existing DACI as part of that document. The task force will make recommendations to the Executive Board who will then make recommendations to the Delegates at a future meeting. The Bylaws committee will review the other proposed revisions to the Bylaws contained in ADM22-26 and make a recommendation regarding the same, such recommendation to be consistent with the advice received from legal counsel.

The background here is that our compliance report on ADM22-26 will be substantially as follows:

This proposal to amend Article VII of the Bylaws was referred to the Executive Board for legal review. Among other things, the proposed amendment inserts a re-written portion of DACI 1991-27, State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations, directly into the Bylaws. Legal counsel reviewed the proposed amendment and opined that the DACI language is not typically included in bylaws and suggested that the language be contained in some type of policies and procedures governance instrument rather than the bylaws. Counsel also suggested that including the amount of the affiliate fee in the bylaws is also likely cumbersome since fee amounts can typically be changed without requiring a bylaw amendment. The Executive Board will present a motion at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

MOTION TO REFER TO BYLAWS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD: FAILED

PASSED

DM23-44 (Randy Bauer, IA; David Day, UT; David Hater, GA; Mike Hoffpaur, VA; Mike Hoffpaur, VA; FL; Chuck Unruh, OK)

Action: Bylaws updated and posted on website

Amend Article IX: Sundry Bylaws as follows:

Section 1. Authority. These Bylaws have been adopted by the Delegates under the authority of the charter issued to the United States of America Chess Federation by the State of Illinois.

Section 2. Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended by a ~~majority~~ 2/3 vote of the Delegates present at an Annual or a Special Delegates' meeting except that any proposal not specifically included in the Delegates' advance agenda shall require a ~~2/3~~ 3/4 majority vote to pass.

PASSED

DM23-46 (David Day, UT; David Hater, GA; Mike Hoffpaur, VA)

Action: **Response: From Bylaws Committee:**

The Bylaws committee did not support the referred motion as submitted, but could not reach consensus on an alternative. Four members preferred no change to the bylaws which would leave a strict prohibition on EB service. Seven supported some form of limiting language that would prohibit from EB service those convicted or pleading no contest to more serious crimes as referred motion suggests. The limiting language with the most support was:

Replace US Chess Bylaw Article VI, Section 2, Subsection E with the following text:

“Has never been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or other crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment involving violence, abuse of a minor or other vulnerable individual, fraud, embezzlement, dishonesty, misrepresentation, illicit trafficking, child pornography, or involuntary servitude, . . .”

Response from Elections Committee:

Original text:

- E. Has never been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

Proposed:

- E. **Has not been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or other crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment. Any felony conviction must be disclosed and explained during the candidate vetting process and in a candidate statement published by US Chess.**

Replace US Chess Bylaw Article VI, Section 2, Subsection E with the following text:

Has not been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or other crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment 1) involving violence, abuse of a minor or other vulnerable individual, fraud, embezzlement, dishonesty, misrepresentation, illicit trafficking, child pornography, or involuntary servitude, or 2) within the last 15 years. Any felony conviction must be disclosed during the candidate vetting process and in a candidate statement published by US Chess.

REFERRED TO BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS

DM23-48 (Dylan Quercia, CA-S)

Action: This appeared in October 2023 *Chess Life*, p. 9:
<https://pubs.royle.com/publication/?i=802251>

Move that US Chess thanks Jennifer Shahade by printing this text in a news article for all to read: "US Chess thanks Jennifer Shahade for her pivotal role in protecting the women and girls of US Chess. Her courageous efforts continue to have a positive impact on making chess a safe place for all players.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

DM23-49 (Lawrence Cohen, IL)

Action: Executive Board Motion EB24-077 on 4-9-2024 established a Data Quality Project

The Delegates request the Executive Board shall establish a committee or group of volunteers to review information that is accessed by members, TDs, organizers, and other individuals/organizations. This is not limited to, but will include, USCF ID information, accuracy, clearinghouse information, affiliate status, and state level information.

PASSED

DM23-50 (David Grimaud, SC)

Action: The Executive Board created a DC Interim Board in December 2023

In the interests of the District of Columbia chess players and community, the Delegates appoint a four (4) member committee consisting of David Grimaud (SC), James Hodina [formerly IA, now SC], Kevin Pryor (FL), and Executive Director Carol Meyer to work with and guide the three Applicant-organizations for a new DC State Chapter, and others through cooperative efforts. The Committee will involve players and other organizations in an effort to improve the overall quality and quantity of chess activities and services in DC, and heal the chess community through cooperation, promotion and activity.

In cooperation with the existing State Chapter for DC, the Committee will facilitate the performance of duties and responsibilities of the DC State Chapter for 2023-24, including the provisions of US Chess Bylaws Article VIII Section 2, Article V and DACI 1991-27. Not later than May 1, the Committee will conclude its work and issue a report to the Board of Delegates for publication in the Delegates Call. The Delegates shall take further action as appropriate. The

goal of this Committee will be to facilitate consensus on a new state chapter that is representative of the broader interests of the chess playing community in the District of Columbia.

PASSED

DM23-51 (Randy Bauer, IA)

Action: Action occurred in meeting

CONGRATULATORY MOTION

The Delegates wish to thank Andrew Rea for his service as parliamentarian, Allen Priest as temporary parliamentarian, the U.S. Open Committee for their work in hosting the U.S. Open and Delegates Meeting, the Elections Committee and the office governance staff for administering the 2023 EB Election, the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan for its hospitality, Carol Meyer, US Chess Office Staff, and all those who have contributed to an effective Delegates Meeting.

PASSED