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In 2023, the Chess In Education (CIE) Committee underwent leadership changes, welcoming Christina Mullinax and Mark Indermaur as new co-chairs. This transition marked a continuation of the committee's mission to promote chess in education and provide valuable resources to educators and students.

In November the CIE committee chairs held a joint session with the Scholastic Council co-chairs John Rockefeller and Danny Rhode to discuss collaborative efforts and address inquiries from the chess community. This session served as a platform for exchanging ideas and coordinating initiatives between the two entities as well as letting interested parties engage and ask questions.

Throughout the year, the committee organized a series of engaging webinars covering various topics relevant to chess education:

- ***Teaching Chess in Saint Louis (Oct 2023)*** - Richard Pointer from the Saint Louis Chess Club
- ***Teaching Chess During the School Day - Part 1 (Feb 2024)*** Veronica Hopkins from Lakeland Elementary/Middle School and Laurel Aronian from St. Luke's School
- ***Teaching Chess During the School Day - Part 2 (March 2024)*** Matan Prilleltensky from National Scholastic Chess Foundation
- ***How Philanthropy Supports Chess in Education - (May 2024)*** Dewain Barber and John D. Rockefeller V

These webinars aimed to provide insights, share best practices, and foster collaboration within the chess education community.

In addition to webinar sessions, the committee embarked on a new initiative to establish standards for chess in education. These are still being refined and will be presented during the U.S. Open to the Delegates.

In December the CIE committee invited two FIDE representatives to a meeting. This was to both learn how FIDE is tackling chess in education and to build connections between the two organizations.

Looking ahead, the committee plans to continue its efforts in promoting chess education, with a focus on implementing the newly established standards and furthering collaboration with educators and stakeholders nationwide. This includes hosting an open meeting at the U.S. Open this year for Delegates to engage with the committee.