

Proceedings from the US Chess Membership Meeting
August 2, 2024
Norfolk, VA

This document is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed.

The following Executive Board Members were present:

Randy Bauer, Mike Hoffpauir, Kevin Pryor, David Hater, John Fernandez, Chuck Unruh, Leila D'Aquin, Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath and Ranae Bartlett.

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

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

MM 24-01 (Mike Nietman, WI)

Per Article V Section 9 of the US Chess Bylaws, 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. Therefore, be it resolved that the 2023 US Chess Membership Meeting elect as Additional Delegates to the 2023 US Chess Delegates the following:

Alan Kantor, TN
Sandra Hoffman, WI

PASSED

MM 24-02 (Executive Board)

Amend Section 1 (State Chapters) of Article VIII (Organizational Units) in the US Chess Bylaws by adding the following text to the end of, or at an appropriate place within, Section 1 of Article VIII. "When an existing State Chapter's status is challenged and that challenge is rejected by the Delegates, no one may re-challenge the existing State Chapter's status for three (3) years except upon recommendation to the Delegates by the Executive Board that the new challenge is based on previously unheard substantive and relevant evidence that the Delegates should hear."

PASSED

MM 24-03 (Executive Board)

Amend Article IV (Voting Members) Section 2 (Definition) and Article V (Board of Delegates) Section 2 (Number) of the US Chess Bylaws to correct a problem with the age requirements for Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

- Remove the last sentence of Article IV, Section 2 that currently reads: “~~All Delegates and Alternate Delegates are voting members.~~”
- Move the above language, modifying it as follows, to become the last sentence of Article V, Section 2: “**The age of Delegates-at-Large and Delegates shall conform to the specifications for voting members provided in Article IV, Section 2.**”

PASSED

MM 24-04 (Caleb S. Brown, TX; Micah Smith, OR)

Resolved that Rule 18 of Chapter 11 of the Rules of Chess be amended as follows:

18.) Subject to the right of appeal to US Chess, the decision of the chief tournament director is final.

PASSED

MM 24-05 (Hal Terrie, NH)

The members recommend that ADM 24-29, which is the safe play training motion be brought up for consideration as early as possible under New Business.

FAILED

MM 24-06 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Notwithstanding any scheduled online workshops, the membership is in support of having an in-person Rules Committee workshop during the normal period of workshops preceding the Annual Delegates Meeting.

PASSED

The meeting was adjourned.