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In response to the inquiry for clarification on the Alaska Chess Federation's application for the status of Alaska State Affiliate, we provide the following response:

1. Some SAC members raised a concern that it appears that the bylaws can only be modified by the ACF Board of Directors and not the ACF members. It is also unclear if the members voted on the presented set of bylaws. Would ACF please further elaborate on the process for adopting and amending the ACF bylaws?

ACF Members are encouraged to read the Bylaws upon becoming a member. Any ACF Member can submit a written request to the ACF Secretary to propose an amendment to the Bylaws. The request will be included in the agenda at the next scheduled Board meeting.

The original Bylaws were adopted at the Incorporator's Meeting held on December 7, 2024- which elected the current ACF Officers and Board Members and gave approval to submit an application to the State of Alaska to form the Alaska Chess Federation as a non-profit organization. At this date, there were no formal ACF Members- besides the Incorporators/newly elected Board of Directors.

On March 8, 2025, the ACF Board of Directors held their first Regular Quarterly Board Meeting of 2025. ACF Members were notified of this meeting at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Any items requested to be added to the agenda are due at least 10 days prior to the meeting and the official agenda is posted to the ACF website within 7 days of the meeting. A reminder email along with the finalized agenda and meeting link/dial in information is sent a few days prior to the meeting. At this meeting, the ACF Secretary proposed a revision of the Bylaws and a formal vote was taken by the Board of Directors.

The process for adopting and amending the Bylaws consists of a Board Member or ACF Member formally submitting the request to the ACF Secretary within 10 days of the meeting. The ACF Secretary will request supporting information from the requester about the proposition. The ACF Board of Directors will receive an agenda packet prior to the meeting with the information of the request and supporting documentation. At the meeting, the

ACF Board of Directors will review the motion and take a formal vote. A majority vote of the Board of Directors is required for the motion to pass.

2. It is unclear when the ACF membership meetings will be held. Is it the 4th meeting of the year (referred to as the Annual Meeting), can they attend all Board meetings, or is there some other approach?

The 4th meeting of the year, which is held in December, is considered the Annual Meeting. However, ACF Members are invited and encouraged to attend all Board Meetings that occur throughout the year on a quarterly basis: March, June, September, and December. ACF Members are notified of an upcoming meeting through an email from the ACF Secretary and a post of the ACF social media pages.

3. The bylaws state, "All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected into their positions with a majority vote by the current Board of Directors and present eligible voting ACF Members." Do Board of Directors and ACF Members each have one vote as an aggregated tally or are there two separate tallies with a majority vote from both the Board and Membership each required?

For the purposes of electing members to the Board of Directors, each member of the current Board of Directors and each ACF member present at the election will receive one vote. All votes from both groups will be combined into a single tally. A candidate must receive a majority of the total votes to be elected to the Board.

The Alaska Chess Federation appreciates the USCF States and Affiliates Committee for reviewing our application and providing feedback. We hope our response answers your questions. Please let us know if you need further clarification on these matters. We look forward to hearing from you.

Attached is a copy of our Bylaws which were amended on March 8, 2025. These changes were non-material and should not affect our application. The summary of changes is outlined in Article X.