

2024 Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee was given three motions to review. Unfortunately, we discussed these prior to the Delegates' meeting and at the workshop, so not much new was added.

DM 23-38, ADM 23-36 dealt with increasing the number of Delegates elected at the membership meeting. The consensus is that with the recent increase in Delegates from small states and the small number of Delegates that are elected at that meeting (fewer than five), this motion is unnecessary.

DM 23-42, ADM 23-41 deals with moving the candidates' statements to the website and out of *Chess Life*. Some of us feel that those statements belong in the official publication *Chess Life*.

DM 23-46, ADM 23-45 intends to make it easier for a candidate with felony convictions to be elected to the Executive Board. The motion lists the types of felonies that would be restrictive, as opposed to any felony. It also has a time limit for how long ago such felony should be considered. We did not reach a consensus last year, and doubt we will have one prior to the workshop, if then.

The committee will continue to work on the referred proposals and will review any new ADMs that involve bylaws changes. We may propose changes to these motions and present additional ADMs or our own. We will have our usual workshop at the Delegates' meeting. We expect that to be on Friday right before the Delegates' meeting so we can consider any additional proposals that come from other committees during the weeks leading to the meeting.

We would like to thank our committee members for their participation: David Day, Guy Hoffman, Randy Hough, Richard Koepcke, Alex Lumelsky, John McCrary, David Mehler, Bob Messenger, Allen Priest, Robin Ramson, and Andrew Rea.