

Report for Clubs Committee 2024-25.

We narrowed many potential tasks to work on two major projects this year:

First, a total revision of “The Guide to a Successful Chess Club”. Nick Carlson took the lead on this, with Wayne Powers and Daniel Serna providing proof reading. Everyone on the committee unanimously approved of it. The emphasis of this project was to make the “guide” easier to use for clubs throughout the USA.

Secondly, we implemented a project to select the “best chess clubs”. Rose McMahon assisted us to send an email blast to all State Chapter Presidents to nominate their best clubs for club of the year. This nomination process was expanded to three areas: large, medium, and small clubs, an expansion introduced by Sophia Rohde and unanimously approved by the committee.

All of the nominated clubs were then referred to the Recognitions Committee. Their leaders: Robert “John” McCrary and Jon Crumiller approved these clubs.

Our members Tara Kelly, Sophia Rohde, Daniel Serna, Wayne Powers, Nicholas Carlson, Fun Fong, and Paul Covington researched the nominations. Then each member briefed their reports on a zoom video call.

Afterwards, we voted on our three recommendations to US Chess for the clubs of the year in the three areas.

We look forward to revising our Charter and goals for 2025-6 and expanding the Large, Medium, and Small Chess Club of the Year nominated and vetted process.

Every year we review the Guide for suggested updates.

We submit this report for your approval.