COVER LETTER TO SAC

July 30, 2026

State and Affiliates Committee United States Chess Federation

Re: Idaho Chess Network, Inc. — Bylaws Amendment Submission for Full Affiliate Status Consideration

Dear Members of the State and Affiliates Committee:

I am writing to submit amended Bylaws for the Idaho Chess Network, Inc. (operating as Idaho Chess Federation) in response to your conditional approval letter dated [insert date], wherein SAC expressed concern that ICN does not meet Requirement 4 of DACI 1991-27 regarding "opportunities for membership and participation by all USCF members residing in the State."

On July 30, 2026, the ICN Board of Directors convened and approved the attached amended Bylaws, which formally codify into our governing documents the membership and participation framework we described in our prior correspondence to SAC. These amendments address SAC's concern by establishing:

Eligible Membership Class (Article II): Any USCF member residing in Idaho is eligible for ICN membership. Membership benefits are explicitly enumerated and include participation in tournaments, receipt of communications, attendance at Board meetings, nomination rights for Board candidates, committee service, and public records access.

Formalized Participation Mechanisms (Article II, Section 3): The amended Bylaws specifically enumerate eight distinct participation opportunities for members, including: attending open Board sessions, participating in the Annual Community Meeting, nominating Board candidates, serving on committees, submitting feedback via multiple channels (website form, email, phone, in-person), and accessing public records.

Public Board Meetings with Comment Periods (Article III, Section 7): Regular Board meetings shall be structured with a Public Session segment covering tournament calendars, community feedback, general announcements, and volunteer opportunities. Members may attend and speak during designated comment periods.

Member Nominations for Board Positions (Article III, Section 8): Members may nominate candidates for the Board of Directors and apply for vacant Board positions when publicly announced.

Annual Community Meeting (Article VII): The Bylaws mandate an Annual Community Meeting each year following the completion of the fiscal year, with explicit provisions for member participation through question-and-answer sessions, written proposals, and community input on strategic direction.

US Chess Delegate Certification Process (Article VII, Section 4): The Bylaws now include the delegation selection and certification process required by US Chess, including certification to the USCF Secretary by November 1st and reporting on selection methodology.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt these amendments. Our understanding is that these changes bring ICN into compliance with Requirement 4 of DACI 1991-27 while preserving our non-voting membership structure, which we believe satisfies the "opportunities for membership and participation" standard without requiring formal member voting rights on corporate governance matters.

Per SAC's statement in your conditional approval letter that "Should ICN be able to demonstrate compliance with Requirement 4 of the DACI 1991-27 prior to the 2026 US Chess Delegates' Meeting, SAC will re-evaluate its recommendation for the one-year conditional approval," we respectfully request that SAC review these amended Bylaws and re-evaluate our affiliate status before the August 8, 2026 US Chess Delegates' Meeting.

Attached please find:

Full text of the Amended Bylaws of the Idaho Chess Network, Inc.
Summary of amendments relative to our original Bylaws
Board meeting minutes from July 30, 2026 documenting adoption of amendments
We welcome any further questions and appreciate SAC's thorough review of our application. We look forward to hearing from you regarding our affiliate status before the Delegates' Meeting.

Respectfully,

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