

COMPLIANCE REPORT

2022 US CHESS DELEGATE MOTIONS

Quick Reference Chart

Motion	Disposition	Subject	Basic Action
DM22-01	Passed	Re-elect DALs present at the meeting as necessary	No statuses were updated because the one DAL whose status was expiring was not present at the meeting. The terms of the two DALs mentioned at the meeting will not expire until 2024.
DM22-02	Passed	Elect new DALs	Action occurred during meeting
DM22-03	Passed	Appointing Parliamentarian	Action occurred during meeting
DM22-04	Passed	Approving 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes	Minutes posted on US Chess website
DM22-05	Passed	Approving 2022 Special Delegates Meeting Minutes	Minutes posted on US Chess website
DM22-06	Passed	Approve the 2022 Advance Agenda and standing rules	
DM22-07	Passed	Certify the 2022 Executive Board Election	
DM22-08	Passed	Approve report on the PHBF	
DM22-09	Passed	Approve the 2022-2024 budget	
DM22-10	Passed	Audit Committee Appointments	
DM22-11	Passed	LMA Trustee Appointments	
DM22-12	Passed	Election Committee Appointments	
DM22-13	Passed	Bylaws Committee Appointments	
DM22-14	Passed	Ethics Committee Appointments	
DM22-15	Passed	Nominating Committee Appointments	
DM22-16	Passed	Bylaws Committee Addition	
DM22-17	Withdrawn	Organize an annual National Tournament of State Champions of the Disabled.	
DM22-18	Tabled	Delegates attending the Delegates Meetings virtually.	
DM22-19	Withdrawn	Initiate a State Scholastic Zoom Conference.	
DM22-20	Tabled	Create “Sections,” essentially special interest groups, within US Chess.	
DM22-21	Withdrawn	Move State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations from DACI 1991-27 to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Bylaws	
DM22-22	Passed	Amend Bylaws Art. V, Section 2 so the Board of Delegates shall be composed of the EB, the DAL, and 140 Delegates.	Bylaws updated. Delegate allotment recalculated for 2023 and implemented by staff.

DM22-23	Withdrawn	USCF should publish and publicize a policy for refunding entry fees.	
DM22-24	Passed	Establish a U.S. Senior Women's Championship.	Established by the Executive Board at their September 13, 2022, meeting.
DM22-25	Referred	Remove Article VI, Section 2E from the Bylaws.	ADM offered in 2023 by the Executive Board to address this issue.
DM22-26	Passed	Thanks to Beatriz Marinello, Harry Sabine, and others for securing Crossville, TN, as US Chess's Headquarters.	
DM22-27	Referred	Establishment of a standing State Affiliate Scholastic Chess Advisory Committee.	The Executive Board, Scholastic Council, and the Chess in Education Committee have worked collaboratively to reach more local school-based chess programs through a series of monthly webinars.
DM22-28	Passed	Amend DACI 2009-30.	DACI updated accordingly (this is pending legal review as of Oct 2022).
DM22-29	Withdrawn as Moot	Reestablish communication with the members by mail for the members and affiliates.	
DM22-30	Referred	Amendment to Rules on opponents of expelled players.	Rules Committee acted, and rule took effect on 1/1/2023.
DM22-31	Withdrawn as Moot	Delegate assistance in website development.	
DM22-32	Referred	Modify Article VI Section 6, moving to solely electronic voting.	Sent to Bylaws Committee with suggested language changes.
DM22-33	Passed	Replace Article V, Section 4	Bylaws updated.
DM22-34	Referred	Amend Article VIII of US Chess Bylaws regarding state chapters.	Counsel advised keeping DACI and Article VIII provisions separate. The Executive Board will present a motion at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
DM22-35	Postponed Indefinitely	Delete Rule 1012.	
DM22-36	Postponed Indefinitely	Replace Rule 13C1.	
DM22-37	Passed	Amend Rule 21L1.	Rule book amended.
DM22-38	Failed	Print magazines without opt-in fee.	
DM22-39	Passed	Diversity, equity & inclusion committee.	Charter drafted
DM22-40	Referred	Delegates-at-large.	Report to Delegates at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
DM22-41	Failed	Suspend Article VI, Section 2E.	
DM22-42	Referred	Printed membership cards.	The office has deployed a membership card feature in the member dashboard.
DM22-43	Passed	Thanks to the President, Executive Board, and staff.	
DM22-44	Passed	Thanks to staff, parliamentarian, and Southern California Chess Association.	

The information in bold can be found on the [Governance Hub](#) of the US Chess Website:

- The **2022 Annual Meeting Minutes** on the [2022 Annual Meeting Information page](#).
- The **Bylaws, DACI, and Code of Ethics** on the [Documents and Policies page](#).
- The **2022-2023 Board Motions** document and monthly board minutes on the [2022-2023 Executive Board Documents page](#).
- The **2022-2023 Committee List** on the [Committees page](#).
- A list of Current Delegates on the [Delegates page](#).

Additional relevant links:

The [2022-2023 Executive Board](#).

The Rule Book. <https://new.uschess.org/news/7th-edition-rule-book-free-chapters-updated-2023>

DM 22-01 (Richard Koepcke CA-N)

Action: No statuses were updated because the one DAL whose status was expiring was not present at the meeting. The terms of the two DALs mentioned at the meeting will not expire until 2024.

Delegates re-elect as Delegates-at-Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present at this meeting.

PASSED

DM 22-02 (James Eade, CA-N)

Action occurred during meeting.

Delegates appoint Kenneth Sloan (AL) and Mike Nietman (WI) as Delegates-at-Large.

PASSED

DM 22-03 (Executive Board)

Action occurred during meeting.

Move that Andrew Rea be appointed parliamentarian.

PASSED

DM22-04 (Richard Koepcke CA-N)

Action: [Minutes posted on US Chess website.](#)

Move that the minutes of the 2021 Delegates Meeting as available to the Delegates in Rancho Mirage, California be accepted.

PASSED

DM22-05 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

Action: [Minutes posted on US Chess website.](#)

Move that the minutes of the March 2022 Special Delegates Meeting as available to the Delegates present in Rancho Mirage, California be accepted.

PASSED

DM22-06 (Richard Koepcke CA-N)

Move that the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2022 Delegates Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates Call.

PASSED

DM22-07 (David Hater, GA)

The Delegates certified the results of the 2022 Executive Board Election.

PASSED

DM22-08 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

The Delegates have reviewed the financial information about expenditures and the status of the funds in the Players Health and Benefit Fund (PHBF) and approve the report on the PHBF's activities.

PASSED

DM22-09 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

Approve the US Chess Budget for 2022-2024.

PASSED

DM22-10 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

I move that the delegates approve the continued volunteer service on the Audit Committee of John Haskel, Randy Bauer, Chuck Unruh and Allen Priest.

PASSED

DM22-11 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

As Chair of the LMA Trust I move that the delegates approve the continued volunteer trustee service of the following individuals: Jim Bedenbaugh, Steve Doyle, Peter Dyson, Dov Gorman, Mike Hoffpaur, Allen Priest, Tim Redman, Beatrice Marinello, Leroy Dubeck, Chuck Unruh, and David Grimaud.

PASSED

DM22-12 (Mike Nietman, WI)

The elections committee would like to reappoint, myself, Mike Nietman (WI), Ken Sloan (AL) and Andy Thall (GA).

PASSED

DM22-13 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

I wish to nominate the following for Bylaws Committee: Leila D'Aquin, Guy Hoffman, Randall Hough, Alex Lumelsky, John McCrary, David Mehler, Allen Priest, Richard Koepcke, Judit Sztaray, Robin Ramson, and Andrew Rea.

PASSED

DM22-14 (Hal Terrie, NH)

The Ethics Committee wishes to nominate the following individuals: Harold Stenzel, Hal Terrie, Noreen Davisson, Anand Dommalapati, Myron Thomas, Jim Mennella, Randy Hough, Martha Underwood, Aris Marghetis, Tom Langland and Charles Hatherill.

PASSED

DM22-15 (David Grimaud, SC)

The Nominating Committee had six members elected by the delegates. Two are not elected by the delegates, they're provided by the Board, so I'm speaking for the six for the delegates: David Grimaud, Sophia Rohde, Michelle Martinez, Daiim Shabazz, Chris Wainscott. Thank you to Randy Hough for his service, but he decided not to continue, and we would like Richard Koepcke to step in.

PASSED

DM22-16 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

In listing the Bylaws Committee, I forgot one name. I just wanted to add Robert Messenger.

PASSED

DM22-22 (Leila D'Aquin, LA)

Move to Amend Bylaw Art. V, Section 2 to provide that the Board of Delegates shall be composed of the EB, the DAL, and 140 Delegates; each state with 30 or more members must have at least 1 Delegate; each state with 300 or more members must have at least 2 Delegates; the remaining Delegate seats shall be apportioned among the states in proportion to their resident US Chess membership as of May 31, except that no state shall have more than 10 Delegates.

PASSED with >2/3 in favor

DM22-24 (Jim Eade, CA-N)

Action: Event created by the Executive Board at their September 13, 2022, meeting.

Delegates recommend that the Executive Board establish a U.S. Senior Women's Championship Round Robin.

PASSED

DM22-25 (Robin Floyd Ramson, DC)

Action: ADM offered in 2023 by several members of the Executive Board to address this issue.

Amend the Bylaws to strike Article VI, Section 2E, preventing those with felony records from serving on the Executive Board.

DM22-26 (James Eade, CA-N)

In light of the decision to move to St. Louis, the Delegates wish to thank Beatriz Marinello, Harry Sabine, and the other people involved for their work in securing Crossville, Tennessee, as our organization's home for these many years. We wish to also express our appreciation to the Tennessee State Affiliate and all the people who have made us feel welcome in Tennessee.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

DM22-27 (Chris Prosser, TN)

Action: The Executive Board, Scholastic Council, and the Chess in Education Committee have worked collaboratively to reach more local school-based chess programs through a series of monthly webinars.

The Delegates of US Chess will create a standing "State Affiliate Scholastic Chess Advisory Committee" consisting of the state affiliate scholastic coordinators. The committee will meet by Zoom and be co-chaired by the scholastic liaison from the US Chess Executive Board and a Delegate-appointed co-chair. The purpose of the committee is to elicit information, concerns, and suggestions concerning scholastic chess and to solicit assistance from the state scholastic coordinators in assisting US Chess fulfill its 501(c)(3) mission and vision as it relates to scholastic chess. The committee co-chairs will present a written report to the US Chess Executive Board, US Chess Scholastic Council and Committee, and US Chess Delegates by April 30 each year.

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD, SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL, AND THE CHESS IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE WITH AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT

DM22-23 (Steve Immitt, NY; Jim Eade, CA-N; Sophia Rohde, NY)

Action: [DACI updated accordingly.](#)

The Delegates resolve to amend DACI 2009-30, amended 2015-62 (Previously 2019 DACI 46) as follows:

2009-30. Procedures for applications for benefits from the Professional Players' Health and Benefits Fund (PPHBF):

1. Applicants must be US citizens who hold the GM, IM, WGM,

re-insert "FM" here, as FM titleholders were added by the Delegates several years ago (FMs have already received donations from the PPHBF).

or WIM titles, and WFM, as granted by FIDE.

The following language is appended to the above:

"In special situations, applicants may also be considered who do not hold these qualifications but who have nevertheless given extraordinary service to US Chess in their lifetimes."

2. Applicants must provide

Insert here the word "adequate"

documentation that they have serious financial difficulties resulting from their own medical or psychiatric and psychological

The above word is replaced by

"psychiatric and psychological"

conditions.

The following language is appended to the above:

"or other exigent circumstances."

3. Applicants must give signed consent for the consideration, discussion, and review of all medical, psychiatric, and psychological

The above word is replaced by

"psychological"

and financial information

they submit in support of their application,

The above is replaced by the following language:

“they choose to submit in support of the application”

by any officials of the US Chess Federation (USCF) who are designated by USCF to make recommendations or decisions regarding their application. Such signed consent by applicants must expressly allow

PPHBF committee members,

Replace the above language with:

“Professional Players’ Health And Benefits Claims Committee members”

the USCF Executive Director, and members of the Executive Board, or others designated by the Executive Board, the right to review and discuss any information submitted by the applicant in support of his/her application.

The following language is appended to the above:

“US Chess will work with the recipients and/or the recipient’s representatives to comply with governmental regulations while also striving not to jeopardize the recipient’s eligibility to receive any additional grants or entitlements ((such as Medicaid, SSI, etc.). US Chess must also always be vigilant in safeguarding all of the applicants’ rights to privacy when reviewing the supporting documentation.”

4. The USCF Executive Board shall appoint a
PPHBF committee

Replace the above language with

“Professional Players’ Health And Benefits Fund Claims Committee (PPHBFCC)”

which shall review all applications for benefits, and forward recommendations from such review to the Executive Board for final decision regarding the applications. The USCF Executive Board has sole discretion over the granting or failing to grant any benefits from the

PPHFB

Replace the above word with

“Professional Players’ Health And Benefits Fund”

to applicants.

5. Applicants must agree in writing at the time of their application that they will accept the decisions of the USCF Executive Board, and shall hold harmless all persons involved in the review and decision process, and shall not initiate any legal actions concerning any such review and recommendations at any time.
6. A lifetime limit of \$10,000 to any applicant will be in effect.

The following language is appended to the above:

“In extraordinary circumstances, the PPHBF Claims Committee may recommend increasing this amount, subject to approval by the Executive Board.”

Applications which do not fully comply with these procedures will not be considered.

The following language is appended to the above:

“unless the Committee determines that exigent circumstances in the case of the specific applicant warrant consideration of the application as submitted.”

The text of the amended DACI will be as follows.

2009-30. Procedures for applications for benefits from the Professional Players’ Health and Benefits Fund (PPHBF):

1. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who hold the GM, IM, WGM, WIM, WFM or FM titles as granted by FIDE. In special situations, applicants may also be considered who do not hold these qualifications but who have nevertheless given extraordinary service to US Chess in their lifetimes.
2. Applicants must provide adequate documentation that they have serious financial difficulties resulting from their own medical or psychiatric and psychological conditions, or other exigent circumstances.
3. Applicants must give signed consent for the consideration, discussion, and review of all medical, psychological, and financial information they choose to submit in support of the application, by any officials of the US Chess Federation (USCF) who are designated by USCF to make recommendations or decisions regarding their application. Such signed consent by applicants must expressly allow Professional Players’ Health And Benefits Claims Committee members, the USCF Executive Director, and members of the Executive Board, or others designated by the Executive Board, the right to review and discuss any information submitted by the applicant in support of his/her application. US Chess will work with the recipients and/or the recipient’s representatives to comply with governmental regulations while also striving not to jeopardize the recipient’s eligibility to receive any additional grants or entitlements ((such as Medicaid, SSI, etc.). US Chess must also always be vigilant in safeguarding all of the applicants’ rights to privacy when reviewing the supporting documentation.
4. The USCF Executive Board shall appoint a Professional Players’ Health and Benefits Fund Claims Committee (PPHBFCC) which shall review all applications for benefits, and forward recommendations from such review to the Executive Board for final decision regarding the applications. The USCF Executive Board has sole discretion over the

granting or failing to grant any benefits from the Professional Players' Health And Benefits Fund to applicants.

5. Applicants must agree in writing at the time of their application that they will accept the decisions of the USCF Executive Board, and shall hold harmless all persons involved in the review and decision process, and shall not initiate any legal actions concerning any such review and recommendations at any time.
6. A lifetime limit of \$10,000 to any applicant will be in effect. In extraordinary circumstances, the PPHBF Claims Committee may recommend increasing this amount, subject to approval by the Executive Board.
7. Applications which do not fully comply with these procedures will not be considered, unless the Committee determines that exigent circumstances in the case of the specific applicant warrant consideration of the application as submitted.

PASSED

DM22-30 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Action: Rules Committee acted, and rule took effect on 1/1/2023.

Rule 28I. Opponents of expelled players, is amended as follows:

If a player is removed from an event or section because of being made ineligible by a corrected rating (28H)

Insert here the following language (in boldface italics):

“or because the Tournament Director has determined that there is reason to believe that the player may have received assistance in previous game(s) in that event,”

the following adjustments shall be made to that player's opponents:

28I1. Expulsion before last round of a tournament is paired.

Append the following language (in boldface italics):

“a. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If two or more rounds remain when a player is expelled, all opponents of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless those opponents defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). If one round remains, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit and other players shall have their scores adjusted as in 28I2.”

28I2. Expulsion after last round of a tournament is paired.

Append the following language (in boldface italics):

“c. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If the tournament has concluded, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless that opponent defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). Other opponents shall have their results changed as in sections a. and b.”

28I3. Extra rated games.

Append the following language (in boldface italics):

If, however, the Director expels a player because there is reason to believe that the player has received assistance in the player's previous game(s), the results of those games shall be adjusted to change these results to unrated games as per above, except that the results of games which the expelled player lost shall be unchanged.

After these proposed revisions, the rule would read as follows.

28I. Opponents of expelled players.

If a player is removed from an event or section because of being made ineligible by a corrected rating (28H), or because the Tournament Director has determined that there is reason to believe that the player may have received assistance in previous game(s) in that event, the following adjustments shall be made to that player's opponents:

28I1. Expulsion before last round of tournament is paired.

Use the same procedure outlined in 28I2.

- a. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If two or more rounds remain when a player is expelled, all opponents of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless those opponents defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). If one round remains, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit and other players shall have their scores adjusted as in 28I2.

28I2. Expulsion after last round of tournament is paired.

Earlier opponents of the expelled player shall have their results adjusted for tournament scoring purposes (see also 28I3) as follows:

- a. A player who lost to the expelled player shall instead receive a half-point bye.
- b. A player who drew the expelled player shall instead receive a win by forfeit.
- c. Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If the tournament has concluded, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless that opponent defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). Other opponents shall have their results changed as in sections a. and b.

28I3. Extra rated games.

The actual result of each opponent vs the expelled player shall be transferred to an "extra rated games" chart for US chess rating purposes (28M4). If, however, the Director expels a player because there is reason to believe that the player has received assistance in the player's previous game(s), the results of those games shall be adjusted to change these results to unrated games as per above, except that the results of games which the expelled player lost shall be unchanged.

REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT ON 1/1/2023

DM22-32 (Election Committee)

Action: Sent to Bylaws Committee with suggested language changes.

Modify Article VI Section 6 to read as follows (without the crossed-out text):

Section 6. Elections.

- A. Regular Elections.** Executive Board members shall be elected by the Voting Members. ~~At the discretion of the Executive Board, ballots for that purpose shall either be mailed directly or~~ included in an issue of *Chess Life* and mailed prior to June 10. The Election Committee shall, by January 31st of an election year, select the time and place for the counting of the ballots. The ballot instructions shall include this information plus other election regulations. For a special election, the time and place shall be determined prior to issuing the call for the special election. Electronic voting ~~may~~ will be used ~~in addition to mailed ballots or ballots in Chess Life.~~ The US Chess office in consultation with the Election Committee shall establish the mechanism to conduct the secure electronic balloting. The ballot shall list all duly submitted nominations. Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. ~~The ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent agency, and counted by an independent agency, or by the Election Committee, or by tellers appointed by the Election Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates.~~ Ties, if any, shall be broken by a secret ballot vote of the Delegates present in person at that year’s Delegates meeting, taken at the time that election results are certified.
- B. Special Elections.** The Election Committee will decide the schedule for a Special Election for the Executive Board, using the deadlines and dates for a regular election as a guide for scheduling reasonable intervals for announcing the special election, ~~and~~ calling for nominations, and establishing the date for candidate petition filings ~~and the date for mailing the ballots via Chess Life or direct mail.~~ The requirement for candidate statements and election supplements may be reduced to having this information in a single issue of *Chess Life*. The Executive Board may choose to waive any filing fees for a Special Election.
- C. Ballots** shall be authenticated by use of voting member information to be provided with ~~or printed on~~ the ballots. All properly authenticated ballots that have been received by the date designated for counting the ballots shall be counted. ~~The Election Committee shall designate an address for the return of ballots at the time the date of counting ballots is set.~~

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR LEGAL REVIEW, THEN ELECTIONS AND THEN BYLAWS.

DM22-33 (Guy Hoffman, WI)

Action: Bylaws updated.

Replace Article V, Section 4 with the following:

State Chapters shall designate the initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates for their states, as provided in Article V, Sections 2 and 3, submitting the Delegates and Alternate Delegates in ordered

lists. State Chapters must designate their initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates by May 1 prior to the Annual Meeting, or as soon thereafter as feasible. The term of each Delegate shall commence on May 1 for the year for which selected and continue for one year.

PASSED

DM22-34 (States & Affiliates Committee)

Response: This proposal to amend Article VII of the Bylaws was referred to the Executive Board for legal review. Among other things, the proposed amendment inserts a re-written portion of DACI 1991-27, State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations, directly into the Bylaws. Legal counsel reviewed the proposed amendment and opined that the DACI language is not typically included in bylaws and suggested that the language be contained in some type of policies and procedures governance instrument rather than the bylaws. Counsel also suggested that including the amount of the affiliate fee in the bylaws is also likely cumbersome since fee amounts can typically be changed without requiring a bylaw amendment. The Executive Board will present a motion at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Article VIII: Organizational Units.

Section 1. State Chapters.

- A. Designation. Every state and recognized territory, referred to hereafter as “state”, including the District of Columbia, Northern California and Southern California, shall be entitled to have an organization designated as its State Chapter. States with more than 5000 US Chess members may have two State Chapters with designation divided along defined geographic lines.
- B. Application. An organization seeking State Chapter designation for any state without a current State Chapter must submit its application and credentials before June 1. An organization seeking such designation in any state with a current State Chapter must submit its application and credentials before March 1. The organization’s application and credentials shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates with recommendations, if any, one month before the Annual Meeting of the same year. An application and credentials submitted after deadline shall be presented the following year.
- C. Agency. State Chapters are not agents of US Chess for any purpose.
- D. Duties and Responsibilities.
 - (1) Administration. A State Chapter shall comply with all applicable laws; comply with Article V Section 4 of these Bylaws, and certify in writing to the US Chess Secretary the names and selection method—i.e.: appointment, election, etc.—of the selected Delegates and Alternates; maintain Bylaws, Articles of Association or an equivalent document that includes, at minimum: (a) the purpose of the State Chapter, (b) a formal organizational structure, (c) specifications for governance, (d) selection of chapter members for positions of authority in the governance mechanism, (e) frequency and mode by which the governance mechanism meets, and (f) opportunities for membership or affiliation in the State Chapter; provide US Chess all new or amended governance documents within thirty (30) days of effective date; and timely pay State

Chapter's annual Affiliate fee of \$40.

- (2) Communication. A State Chapter shall respond promptly to requests for information or assistance from US Chess; maintain current contact information with US Chess; and disseminate information about Chapter activities, including, but not limited to: governance, tournaments, recognitions and initiatives.
 - (3) Guidance and Service. A State Chapter shall guide, encourage, promote and support state chess activity fairly and responsibly for all groups and individuals within the chess community.
 - (4) Tournaments and Nominations. A State Chapter shall timely respond to the US Chess request for nominations to the US Chess National Invitational Tournaments; organize or arrange an annual US Chess rated State Championship tournament; annually consider organizing or arranging other US Chess rated state title tournaments; and utilize available US Chess Tournament Clearinghouses applicable to their state.
 - (5) Responsibility to Board of Delegates. A State Chapter shall fulfill other duties and responsibilities as the Board of Delegates may direct.
- E. Rights and Privileges. Each State Chapter shall receive a subscription to Chess Life and Chess Life Kids; be entitled to conduct US Chess rated tournaments in accordance with US Chess Rules; be privileged to issue US Chess memberships per Article III above, and collect and forward to the US Chess headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom; receive access to the Delegates Call; and have exclusive rights to organize and operate or sanction any state titling events for their state.
- F. Revocation. The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 12, revoke or suspend a State Chapter for good cause shown.

Section 2. Affiliates.

- A. Formation. Any organization of chess players may affiliate with US Chess upon proper payment. A Regular Affiliate is any organization of chess players not otherwise categorized below; fee is \$40. A Scholastic Affiliate is an organization of exclusively scholastic players; fee is \$40. A Prison Affiliate is an organization of chess players incarcerated in a penal institution; fee is \$15.
- B. Agency. Affiliates are not agents of US Chess for any purpose.
- C. Duties and Responsibilities. Each Affiliate shall comply with all applicable laws; consider utilizing available US Chess Tournament Clearinghouses applicable to their tournaments and other events; timely pay their annual Affiliate fee; respond promptly to requests for information or assistance from US Chess; maintain current contact information with US Chess; and fulfill other duties and responsibilities as the Board of Delegates may direct.
- D. Rights and Privileges. Each Affiliate shall receive a subscription to Chess Life and Chess Life Kids, except that Prison affiliates shall not receive Chess Life Kids; be entitled to conduct US Chess rated tournaments in accordance with US Chess tournament rules; and be privileged to issue US Chess memberships per Article III above, and to collect and forward to the US Chess

headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom. Affiliates are not required to affiliate with State Chapters to maintain their US Chess Affiliate status.

- E. Revocation. The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 12, revoke or suspend the affiliation of any Affiliate for good cause shown.
REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR LEGAL REVIEW; IF PASSES, THEN IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION.

DM22-37 (Steve Immitt, NY; Tom Langland, CA-N)

Action: Rulebook updated.

The Delegates resolve to amend Rule 21L1, in the following manner:

"21L1. Procedure. Appeals in writing must be postmarked within ten days of the end of the tournament to the US Chess office. **Appeals submitted after the ten-day deadline may be considered at the discretion of the committee hearing the appeal**"

by inserting the following language to the final sentence:

“, provided an acceptable explanation of the delay was given.”

PASSED WITH >85%

DM22-39 (Leila D’Aquin, LA)

Action: Because the motion provided little guidance on the structure, charge, or composition associated with a DEI committee, the Executive Board has had numerous internal discussions and examined the composition and operation of this type of committee in other organizations. The Executive Board has, in an iterative process, arrived at a draft charter for a DEI Committee. Because this committee may have significant overlap with existing committees and charters, the Executive Board will make the DEI committee appointments in conjunction with all other committee appointments in August 2023.

Move that the Delegates recommend that the Executive Board establish and appoint a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) committee within the year.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

DM22-40 (Alexander Lumelsky, CT; Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

The Bylaws Committee will report to the delegates at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The Bylaws Committee moves the Board of Delegates to amend Bylaws Article V Section 8, as follows: [Article V] ...

Section 8. Delegates at Large.

- A. Former Presidents. Any former U.S. Chess President who served at least two consecutive years as President and expresses interest in serving on the Board of Delegates may be elected as a Delegate at Large by a majority vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at an Annual Meeting.
- B. Members with Distinguished Service. Any U.S. Chess member who rendered distinguished service to chess and demonstrates activity in U.S. Chess governance and an interest in serving on the Board of Delegates may be elected as a Delegate at Large by a three quarters (3/4) vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at two consecutive Annual Meetings. At no time shall the total number of active Delegates elected under this subsection exceed twenty (20).
- C. Term and Subsequent Election. The term of any Delegate at Large shall commence at the Annual Meeting their Delegate at Large status is achieved and continue for three more Annual Meetings. Any Delegate at Large whose term is expiring upon the conclusion of an Annual Meeting or expired at a past Annual Meeting may be elected to a new term of four Annual Meetings by a majority vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at an Annual Meeting.
- D. Additional Alternate Delegates. Any Delegate at Large who completes a term of service but is not elected to a new term becomes an Additional Alternate Delegate. Any Additional Alternate Delegate is eligible for election to a new term as a Delegate at Large by a majority vote of the Board of Delegates via motion on the advance agenda at an Annual Meeting.
- E. Limited Term Delegates at Large. At any meeting, the Board of Delegates may elect upon specified motion the following individuals, if present and not otherwise made Delegate, to a vacant seat under Section 8(B) for a term commencing upon election and terminating at the opening of the subsequent Annual Meeting: (1) Additional Alternate Delegates by motion of an Executive Board member or Bylaws Committee chair, (2) persons actively involved in US Chess governance since the prior Annual Meeting by motion of an applicable committee chair or lead, (3) prior year Delegates not renewed and exhibiting continued interest in US Chess governance by motion of an Executive Board member or Bylaws Committee chair. No state may have more than one Delegate pursuant to Section 8(E)3.
- F. Effect on Quorum. For quorum at any Board of Delegates meeting, only Delegates at Large present are applied to the Delegates total.

REFERRED TO BYLAWS

DM22-42 (Louis Reed, TX)

Action: Referred to the Executive Board. The office has deployed a membership card feature in the member dashboard.

I move that US Chess shall reinstate the issuance of printed membership cards to US Chess members which hold a valid US Chess membership and/or reinstate the mechanism on the US Chess website for members and/or Tournament Directors to print a membership card.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DM22-43 (John McCrary, SC)

The delegates commend Mike Hoffpauir for his very able chairing of the Delegates Meeting and the Executive Board and the US Chess staff for their very able conduct of the US Chess Annual Meeting.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

DM22-44 (Mike Hoffpauir, VA)

I'd like to thank the US Chess governance team for the work that they've done to prepare us for this meeting I'd like to also thank our Parliamentarian, Andy Rea. Lastly, I would like to thank the Southern California Chess Association for all the work that they did to help get this venue and for your hospitality, for your gracious welcome to everyone and for the spirit and enthusiasm that you've had for us being here in California.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION