

**Proceedings from the US Chess Membership Meeting
August 3, 2018
Middleton, WI**

This document is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed. Details of discussions, etc., may be obtained from the audio files online.

The following Executive Board members were present:

Chuck Unruh	Mike Nietman	Hal Sprechman	Lakshmana Viswanath
Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Carol Meyer

The following members were present at the meeting:

Myron Lieberman (AZ)	Adam Porth (ID)	Alan Losoff (NV)
Rachel Lieberman (AZ)	Steve Morford (CA-S)	Janelle Losoff (NV)
C.M. Unruh (OK)	Randy Hough (CA-S)	Steve Immitt (NY)
Sean J. Manross (CA-S)	David Hater (GA)	Sophia Rohde (NY)
Dan Lucas (GA)	Chris Kim (MD)	Randas Burns (KY)
Jennifer Vallens (CA-S)	Ruth Haring (CA-N)	Kenneth Sloan (AL)
Luis Salinas (TX)	Michael Kodarkovsky (NJ)	Guy Hoffman (WI)
Jim Stallings (TX)	Walter Brown (TN)	Richard Koepcke (CA-N)
Sreenivas Alampalli (NY)	Catrina James (KS)	Steve Plotnick (IL)
Maureen Grimaud (SC)	John Mitraz (SC)	Jacob Plotnick (IL)
Garrett Scott (IL)	Shirley Kitterman (CO)	Alex Relyea (NH)
Richard Buchanan (CO)	Debra Robison (TN)	Ken Ballou (MA)
Gerald Larson (AL)	Grant Oen (NC)	Bob Messenger (Res: NH / Del: MA)
Hal Terrie (NH)	Melinda Matthews (GA)	Mike Hoffpauir (VA)
Kevin Pryor (FL)	Jeff Wiewel (IL)	Michael Lenox (IL)
Eric Sigil (IA)	Brian Yang (KS)	

The Executive Board President Mike Hoffpauir called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

MM 18-01 (Harold Winston (IL)) The Membership Meeting elects the following Additional Delegates under Article V Section 9 of the Bylaws:

Ken Sloan (AL)
Hal Terrie (NH)
Maureen Grimaud (SC)
Eric Vigil (IA)

Harold Winston (IL) introduced the following membership meeting motion. Questions and comments from Chris Kim (MD) and Ken Sloan (AL) about the purpose of the deadline of MM 18-02 were addressed by Harold Winston and Allen Priest. A delegate called the question.

MM 18-02 (Harold Winston (IL), Guy Hoffman (WI), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Gerald Larson (AL), Ken Sloan (AL) Resolved, that the Members recommend to the Delegates that DACI 24 be amended as follows: "An exception is made for the 2020 US Open so that the 2020 US Open can take place near the World Chess Hall of Fame."

Rationale: The hotel contract for the 2020 US Open provides that the Open ends on Sunday August 16, a day after the deadline of DACI 24. The US Open always ends on a Sunday so the spirit of DACI 24 is not really violated. The Executive Board has approved that date but the Delegate action should be amended to prevent any possible legal challenge since the deadline could be considered a policy which is the domain of the Delegates. The Delegates should be able to visit the museum.

Bob Messenger (MA) introduced the following membership meeting motion. The following delegates commented on the motion: Steve Immitt (NY), David Kuhns (MN), Tim Just (IL), Abel Talamantez (CA-N), David Hater (GA), Ernie Schlich (VA), Bob Messenger (MA), Luis Salinas (TX), Charles M. Unruh (OK), John Miller (OH), Ken Sloan (AL), and Jeff Wiewel (IL) among others. A delegate called the question.

MM 18-03 (Bob Messenger (MA), David Hater (GA), Ken Ballou (MA) Resolved, that the Members recommend to the Delegates to amend the Rules of Chess to replace 10 I 2 (Variation 1) Rook Touched First

If a player intending to castle touches the rook first the standard penalty specified in rule 1 C 2 a applies (i.e. two minutes added to the opponent's clock). If castling is illegal the player must move the rook if legal. This variation does not need to be announced in advance publicity but should be announced at the start of the tournament.

PASSED 22-4 in membership meeting.

Tim Just (IL) introduced the following membership meeting motion. A delegate called the question.

MM 18-04 (Tim Just (IL) Resolved, that the Members recommend to the Delegates that the Delegates approve the next edition of the rulebook be published online on or before 1-1-19. The hard copy is to be published ASAP.

The meeting was adjourned.