

The US Chess shall establish a nominating committee to recommend candidates for election to the Executive Board. The nominating committee will consist of 8 members. Four will be appointed by the Executive Board. Four will be appointed by the Board of Delegates. Appointees may or may not be current Executive Board members or Delegates – there is no limitation on the selections by the respective appointing authorities other than committee members must not be seeking nomination by the committee nor can they be members of the election committee. Members will serve for four years. The first term for the committee will begin in 2020. Members will serve until their successors are named. Vacancies may be filled at any time by action of the respective appointing authorities. **The committee will select its own chair.**

The nominating committee will solicit members to run for election to the Executive Board, considering the requirements for EB members expressed by the Executive Board. The committee shall nominate the same number of candidates as there are open positions in the next election. The committee may advertise for applications and may personally seek out and recruit potential candidates. Nomination must be approved by majority vote of the nominating committee. It is expected the committee will remain active throughout the year to develop a list of potential candidates. Nominated candidates must meet all qualifications for election including, but not limited to, term limits and “sit-out” periods.

Nominations for the next election must be announced by December 15 of the prior year. Nominated candidates are not relieved of any other filing requirements. Candidates who are not nominated are still eligible to run for the executive board upon completion of all filing requirements. Nominated candidates may include the fact of their nomination in any campaign advertising or promotion.

Amend Section 3. Committees item 3 to add a prohibition for Election Committee members to serve on a nominating committee. The revised item would read (addition in bold print):

3) Election Committee. The Election Committee shall consist of 4 members appointed by the Delegates. Alternate members may also be appointed who would replace any member of the committee who resigns or otherwise leaves the committee. The committee is responsible for the conduct of and shall preside over Federation elections. No member of the Election Committee may be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board during his or her service on the Election Committee. No member of the Election Committee may serve on a Nominating Committee, sign nominating petitions for any candidate for the Executive Board, campaign on behalf of any candidate, or make an endorsement for or against any candidate for the Executive Board. The Committee shall choose its own Chair.

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