

Charter: US Chess Recognition Committee

Background:

In accordance with Executive Board (EB) Motion 20-02, dated August 11, 2019, the US Chess EB establishes the Recognitions Committee by merging the Awards Committee and the Hall of Fame Committee.

Mission:

The mission of the Recognition Committee is to provide recommendations and supporting rationale to the EB for annual awards to be given by US Chess and for nominations to the US Chess Hall of Fame.

Activities, Duties, and Responsibilities:

- Identify individuals who have contributed to one or more areas of US Chess activity throughout his/her chess career.
- Apply appropriate criteria for consideration for US Chess awards and for nomination to the US Chess Hall of Fame.
- For US Chess Hall of Fame nominations, recommendations to the EB must arrive no later than November 10.
- For US Chess awards to be distributed during the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Delegates Meeting, the Awards Committee shall provide recommendations and supporting rationale to the EB by May 1.
- Keep the committee's appointed EB and US Chess staff liaisons informed.

Structure:

The committee shall consist of no more than eleven members, one person of whom serves as Chair and one of whom serves as Secretary. The EB will appoint a Chair annually and will consider the committee's recommendation for Chair. The committee appoints its own Secretary. All committee members shall be active members of US Chess. At least half of the committee members shall meet one of the following minimum qualifications at the time of their appointment to the committee:

- At least three years of service as a US Chess Delegate or member of a US Chess committee
- Organizer of three or more US Chess-rated tournaments with more than 150 players in the past 10 years.
- Certification as a Senior Tournament Director or above.
- At least 10 years as a player in US Chess rated events.

Operations:

The Chair shall set meeting agendas and times, using email as the primary means of communication. Recognitions Committee meetings shall adhere to the norms of Roberts Rules of Order, with matters for decision being voted upon by the committee. All Recognitions Committee communications should include both EB and staff liaisons. The committee shall maintain and archive its materials using cloud forums such as Yahoo or Google Groups, or a similar capability provided by US Chess.

The committee is not authorized to create public-facing web content or social media pages without the express written permission of the US Chess Senior Director of Strategic Communication. Further, committee members shall consider all committee discussions as "official committee business" and may not share the committee's thoughts, discussions, agenda topics or decisions outside of the committee via email, the US Chess Forum, phone calls, or other communication means. Members of the Committee will not speak for or act as agents of US Chess.

Budget and Resources:

The Recognitions Committee does not have an operating budget. Committee members shall not receive financial compensation for their activities. Any requests for funds to support the committee must be submitted to and approved by the US Chess Executive Director.