

US Chess Executive Board's Meeting with State Chapters

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 ... 8 pm Eastern

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Topics to Share with You this Evening ...

1. US Chess and State Chapter Governance
2. US Chess States & Affiliates Committee
3. Coordination of Events across State Chapters ...
4. Trends from Claims submitted to US Chess
5. Looking ahead ...

1. US Chess and State Chapter Governance

What I observed at the Delegates Meeting in Cherry Hill ...
... many of our Delegates are older than me (I'm 64).



2. US Chess States & Affiliates Committee

Purpose: Support the State Chapters and other Affiliates; Make recommendations to the Executive Board (EB) on state chapter & affiliate matters.

- **Co-Chairs**: Lakshmana Viswanath (TX) and Phil Simpkins (DE)
- **Members**: Alampalli (NY), Cohen (IL), Hoffman (WI), Koepcke (N-CA), Panner (IL), Rogers(GA), Messenger (VT), Kantor (TN), Tillis(FL), Nietman (WI), Hodina (IA)
- **Focus Areas for 2021-2022:**
 - Review each State Chapter's Bylaws
 - Gather best practice information to share among the State Chapters and Affiliates
 - Generate self assessment for use by State Chapters
 - Provide recommendations to the EB

2. Coordination of Events across State Chapters

“Houston, we have a problem.”

- ‘*Event fratricide*’ ... Organizers scheduling events on top of dates being used by others
- COVID (or something) seems to have disrupted the ability to maintain the Clearinghouses



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3. Trends from Claims (complaints) submitted to US Chess

Trends from complaints submitted to US Chess committees for Ethics, Rules, and Tournament Director Certification

-- A general increase in incidents where TDs / Organizers did not adequately address issues at their events:

- *Player behavior / conduct ... enforcement of Sportsmanship*
- *Alleged Rules violations ...*
- *Questionable rulings by TDs on player claims*



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4. A Look Ahead ... the Return of OTB Chess!!

Over-the-Board Chess is making its way back ...

- ***Nov 24-25:*** US Masters in Charlotte NC
- ***Dec 3-5:*** K-12 Grade Nationals in Orlando FL
- ***Jan 6-9:*** Pan-Am Intercollegiate Ch. in Dulles VA
- ***TBD Jan-Feb:*** Online National Scholastic Quick Championships (*New event*)
- ***Feb 4-6:*** Amateur Team South in West Palm Bch FL
- ***Feb 18/19-20/21:*** Am Team North, West, and East
- ***Apr 8-10:*** National High School Championship in Memphis TN
- ***Apr 22-24:*** All Girls National Championship in Chicago IL
- ***Apr 29-May 1:*** National Jr. High Championship in Grapevine TX
- ***May 13-15:*** National Elementary Championship in Columbus OH

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Links mentioned during this presentation:

- 1) Example of a Regional Clearinghouse Site: <http://vachess.org/Clearinghouse/Clearhouse.html>
- 2) US Chess Presentation on Non-Profit Organizations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uEALiKlv8I>
- 3) Resources for State Chapter Presidents: <https://new.uschess.org/state-chapters>