

## Advance Motions

Advance Motion to Make Agendas consistent with Roberts Rules of Order

Bottom Line up front:

- Add "Committee Reports" to all TCA Meeting Agendas.
- Change the term "Old Business" to "Unfinished Business".

These are consistent with Robert's Rules of Order. We have several committees and rarely does TCA membership hear from them because they are left off the Agenda. Roberts Rules of Order does not mention "Old Business" because any old business has been resolved and is included in the minutes. Roberts Rules of Order does mention "Unfinished Business" and provides guidance to resolve before conducting "New Business."

Sponsored by Jim Hollingsworth  
Facebook Admin and Fundraising Chair  
TCA Membership expires 4/20/2020

The Bylaws currently read:

### Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting

B. Order of Business: The Order of Business may be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting by the Secretary.
2. Financial report by the Treasurer.
3. President's Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business

## Advance Motion to Modify TCA Bylaws

Advance Motion to Modify the Texas Chess Association Bylaws,  
dated August 30, 2015 and as posted on the  
Texas Chess Association Website as of May 27, 2019

Sponsored by Jim Hollingsworth  
Facebook Admin and Fundraising Chair  
TCA Membership expires 4/20/2020

Bottom Line Up Front: The Texas Knights Editor position must be changed from "Officer" category to "Staff" category.

The current Bylaws read as:

### Article IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Section 1. Composition:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the membership; eight Regional Directors representing each region of Texas (as specified in Appendix I), who shall each be appointed by the President; the Editor of Texas Knights, who shall be appointed by the President; and the immediate past President. The President shall be Chairman of the Board.

## Advance Motion to Modify TCA Bylaws

When approved the above paragraph shall have the following omitted:

the Editor of Texas Knights, who shall be appointed by the President;

#### Justification and discussion:

The Texas Knights Editor position is inherently crucial for a robust Texas Chess Association. Most likely that fact provided short-sided advocacy for the status quo. However, the Texas Knights Editor is a "Staff" position, the same as other staff such as Website Admin, Facebook Admin, Tournament Clearing House, and Fundraising Chair.

The status quo elevates the Texas Knights Editor position to policy decision-making status without accountability to the TCA members. No one votes for the Texas Knights Editor. By contrast the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer decide Association Policy, but answer to the TCA membership during elections.

Advance Motion to Award TXAFCC Bid.

Advance Motion to Award the 2021 Bid for the Texas Armed Forces and Military Veterans Open Chess Championships to Organizer Jim Hollingsworth and his Affiliate Texas Armed Forces Chess, a subordinate element of American Legion Post 379, a 501(C)19 organization, without waiting for the July 15, 2020 deadline to submit bids for 2021 TCA Championships.

Sponsored by Jim Hollingsworth  
Facebook Admin and Fundraising Chair  
TCA Membership expires 4/20/2020

Bottom Line Up Front: The proposed 2021 Texas Armed Forces and Military Veterans Open Chess Championships will be jointly conducted with the 62nd Annual US Armed Forces Open Chess Championship at Grapevine's White Wolf Lodge over the 2021 Columbus Day Weekend (8 to 11 October 2021).

Immediate approval at the Southwest Open Membership Meeting is warranted and highly recommended. The budget for these combined championships is \$8,000 and covered solely through corporate gifts and individual donations. Delaying this bid decision until July 15, 2020 or later adversely impacts fundraising.

\$8,000 is a lofty goal and this Organizer has a proven track record for fundraising (with help from a lot of people).

- \$2,065 for the 2017 Texas Armed Forces and Military Veterans Open Chess Championships.
- \$1,264 for the 2018 Texas Women's Chess Championship.
- \$3,913 for the 2018 Texas Armed Forces and Military Veterans Open Chess Championships.

As this is written (25 June 2019), \$1,777.95 has been raised for the 2019 Texas Women's Chess Championship.

TCA will be relied upon heavily for this fundraising effort. However American Legion Post 379 will facilitate a huge fundraising boost because it meets and exceeds the gift giving requirements of many local corporations. All details for this bid are in bid packet that will be submitted to the TCA President prior to the Southwest Open.

Note: There should be no need for a \$50 deposit since the bid is submitted after the deadline for the 2020 TCA Championships and before the deadline for the 2021 TCA Championships.

OK first one, stipends of \$200 to all texas delegates, number two, all state scholastic players be enrolled as junior members without voting rights, third, set up a committee to come up with critiques for awarding monetary requests to players asking for financial support. We have nothing in place. And I have one for scholastic meeting. I would like to set up and run the girls scholastic state team tournament and run it for a period of three years, at which time after the expired time turn it over to TCA.

Floor Motion.

Sponsor: Robert Jones, TCA Region III Director.

Resolved: An annual North/Central Texas Girls Championship in the North Central Texas Zone will be established effective January 1, 2020. The Region III Director will oversee the bidding process.

Justification:

According to US Chess, Texas has approximately 2,060 chess-playing girls ages below-12 to 19.

The Dallas-Plano-Irving MSA has approximately 280 (13 percent).

The Fort Worth-Arlington MSA has approximately 43 (2 percent).

That means 323 girls, ages below-12 to 19 would benefit from an annual North/Central Texas Girls Championship in the North Central Texas Zone.

Most recently, in April 2019, this event had 53 girls in attendance, a North Texas Record for girls.

As a result, the Middle School Champion, Sharon Basepogu, was awarded a scholarship to represent Texas at the 2019 Susan Polgar Girls National Championship.

Clearly there is a need to designate this an official TCA event and keep this great championship going.