



# Texas Chess Association, Inc.,

a 501(C)(3) Nonprofit Organization, EIN: 742673185  
Annual Membership Meeting at Double Tree by Hilton in Irving, Texas  
Sunday, September 4, 2022, 8:33 AM (CST) to 11:24 AM (CST)

Minutes captured by Jim Hollingsworth, Outgoing Vice President, Acting Secretary and Acting Elections Co-Chair.

## Attendees in person:

- Franc Guadalupe, President (candidate for reelection)
- Jim Hollingsworth (outgoing Vice President)
- Barbara Swafford, Treasurer and Elections Co-Chair (candidate for reelection)
- Caleb Brown (Member, Postal Mail-in Ballots Counting Committee)
- Rob Jones (Member, Postal Mail-in Ballots Counting Committee)
- Robert Heise
- Melanie Kneen
- Louis Reed (Texas Knights Editor)
- WIM Alexey Root

## Attendees using Zoom:

- Rogelio Cabello (candidate for Vice President)
- Brenda Hardesty
- Danny Hardesty
- David Ortiz (candidate for President)
- Lakshmana Viswanath (TCA President, 2014-2015)
- Chris Wood (TCA Webmaster)

Note: The Acting Secretary verifies all the above are voting members in good standing, or quickly became members in good standing before casting any votes.

## Absent:

- Osiel Castello (candidate for Secretary)
- Richard Garcia (candidate for Secretary)
- Manuel Gonzales (candidate for Treasurer)
- Darryl West (candidate for Vice President)

## Postal Mail-in Ballots Counting Committee.

The Postal Mail-in Ballots Counting Committee arrived at 8:00 AM (CST), were briefed by Jim Hollingsworth, and began their duties. There were only five ballots received and they were able to tally quickly. Then they remained on standby while Old Business was discussed.



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## Meeting called to order.

Franc Guadalupe called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

## President's remarks.

Franc Guadalupe welcomed all present and explained Zoom voting procedures. He also thanked TCA's many volunteers for their good works over the past two years.

## Old Business.

## Recently awarded bids.

Information presented by Franc Guadalupe.

- Texas Girls' Championship, UTRGV, September 24, 2022.
- Texas Grade Championships, UTRGV, October 8-9, 2022.
- Texas Scholastic Online Open Quick Chess Championships, DCC, October 29, 2022.
- Texas Senior Championship, Arlington Chess Club, March 4-5, 2023.
- Texas "Super State" Scholastic Championships, TCA, March 3-5, McAllen
- Convention Center
- Texas State and Amateur Championship, DCC, May 26-29, 2023

Note: The TCA Vice President manages this information using the Bidding Spreadsheet tab on the TCA website. The URL is

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14fBF27sbVmZARH7xPf3TzNO\\_5qSDV3KWuHBrYecPxio/edit#gid=1782477297](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14fBF27sbVmZARH7xPf3TzNO_5qSDV3KWuHBrYecPxio/edit#gid=1782477297)



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## Treasurer's report.

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#### Income

September memberships	\$267.50
October memberships	403.00
November memberships	27.50
December memberships	60.00
January memberships	156.50
February memberships	232.50
March memberships	250.00
April memberships	210.50
May memberships	246.00
June memberships	510.00
July memberships	370.00
August memberships	356.50
2021 SW Open memberships	41.50
2021 Texas Grade Championship memberships	waived
2022 Texas Quick Championship memberships	303.00
2022 Regional Scholastic memberships	waived
2022 Texas Scholastic Championship tournament	8,387.37
2022 Texas State and Amateur tournament	298.50
Amazon Smiles	80.52
Benevity Fund	5,022.16
Network for Good	70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,293.05</b>



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### Expenses

#### Promote Chess

Chess Set Program	254.00	
Chess Journalists of America entries	31.00	
TK July-March 2022	1,772.39	
2022 Texas Scholastic Invitationals	1,530.25	
Sharvesh Deviprasath – 2022 Denker representative	500.00	
Eric Liu – 2022 Barber representative	500.00	
Joshua Meng – 2022 Rockefeller representative	500.00	
Ambica Yellamraju – 2022 Haring Girls representative	500.00	
Doug Root – 2022 Irwin representative	500.00	
2021 Texas Delegates	900.00	
2022 Texas Delegates	1,500.00	
Obituary Flowers for Charles Ray Flores	160.42	
		\$8,648.06

#### Admin Expenses

Web Administrator	1,200.00	
Web Page renewal	120.00	
Insurance	315.00	
TCA Election	89.00	
		\$1,724.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,372.06</b>



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WF checking account balance	\$15,002.57
BOA checking account balance	\$25,534.64

#### Current memberships as of August 31, 2022

Lifetime Patron	10
Lifetime Regular	38
Patron	8
Patron Online	2
Family Patron	10
Family Online	10
Family	16
Honorary Life Member	1
Regular	82
Regular Non-Subscriber	64
Blind	0
Student	9
Student Online	30
Junior	60
Junior Online	40
Club	28
Complimentary	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>



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## Vice President's report.

### TCA Membership Trends

- 2020 — 2022, the first two-year officer terms in TCA History
  - Fully staffed Membership Committee
    - Co-Chairs: Barbara Swafford & Jim Hollingsworth
  - Committee Members:
    - Randy Dixon
    - Richard Garcia
    - David Ortiz
    - Rob Jones

September 2020 – TCA had 313 members, excluding clubs

August 2022 – TCA has 466 members, excluding clubs

(48.9 percent INCREASE)

### Biggest Membership Gains Since Last Month

- Region V 61 to 79 Gain of 18
- Region VI 63 to 65 Gain of 2

### Where the TCA Clubs Are:

- Region III = 8
- Region II, V = 6 each
- Region VI = 3
- Region I = 2
- Region IV, IX, X = 1 each

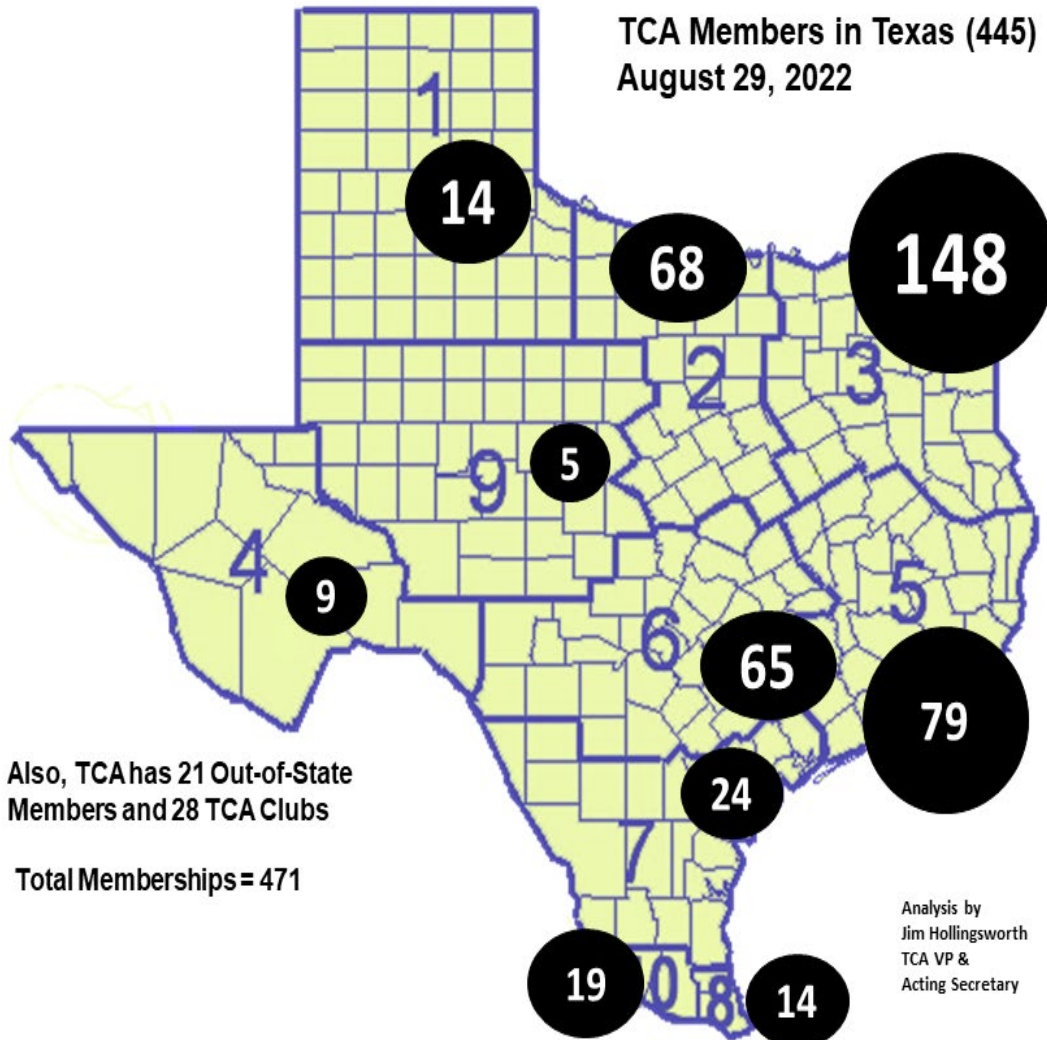


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## Vice President's report continued.

- Philip Peterson, Graphic Artist
  - TCA Lifetime Regular Member
  - Lives in Region VI
    - He upgraded the TCA Logo to Vector Quality
    - Much better for Signs, Posters, and Garments





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## Vice President's report continued.



## TCA Membership Trends by Region as of August 29, 2022 (excluding 28 clubs)

(Analysis by Jim Hollingsworth, TCA VP & Acting Secretary)

Region	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22
01	31	32	33	31	31	32	33	11	14	12	13	14	14
02	88	93	99	89	89	94	103	64	74	62	59	68	68
03	262	300	308	296	296	300	309	136	159	146	143	148	148
04	6	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	10	8	8	8	9
05	61	73	67	64	63	62	87	71	79	66	56	61	79
06	70	84	87	75	75	73	85	64	70	65	59	63	65
07	13	12	23	23	25	25	26	26	27	29	31	24	24
08	15	15	13	12	12	12	16	15	11	11	11	13	14
09	6	7	8	7	7	7	7	5	6	5	5	5	5
10	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	18	19	19	19
Out of State	12	13	13	13	13	13	21	22	25	24	23	22	21
<b>Memberships</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>466</b>





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## Vice President's report continued.

### All Membership Types by Region as of August 29, 2022

(Analysis by Jim Hollingsworth, TCA VP & Acting Secretary)

Membership Type	Region										Out-of State	Grand Total	%
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X			
Regular	2	20	22		13	11	3	3		1	7	82	16.6%
Regular Non-subscriber	2	10	13	2	12	4	3	1	1	17	1	66	13.4%
Junior		4	17		11	13	12		1		1	59	11.9%
Family	5	3	23		17	6		3				57	11.5%
Junior Online		2	18		9	6					5	40	8.1%
Lifetime Regular	1	10	8		5	6	3	2	1		2	38	7.7%
Family Patron	4	3	9	3	1	6		3	2			31	6.3%
Student Online		1	22			3	1			1	2	30	6.1%
Club	2	6	8	1	6	3			1	1		28	5.7%
Family Online		10	9	3	5	1						28	5.7%
Lifetime Patron		1	2			4	1	1			1	10	2.0%
Student		1	1	1	4		1	1				9	1.8%
Patron		2	1		1	4						8	1.6%
Complimentary			2		1	1					1	5	1.0%
Patron Online		1	1									2	0.4%
Honorary Life Member											1	1	0.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>494</b>	



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## **Secretary's report.**

Minutes from the September 5, 2021, Annual TCA Membership Meeting were unavailable. A committee will be appointed to construct the minutes for approval at the 2023 Annual TCA Membership Meeting.

## **Intermission to verify Election Results.**

There was a brief intermission to allow the Acting Elections Chair and the Postal Mail-in Ballots Counting Committee to prepare the final election tallies.

## **Counting of the Postal Mail-in Ballots.**

Five ballots were received out of 67. An additional ballot, unused, was received with a note from the family of the TCA Lifetime Regular member John Chilton, of Region III. He was also a US Chess Life Member. Mr. Chilton became "en passant" in November 2021. We at TCA are saddened by news of this loss and our heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

## **Election Results.**

After Intermission, Acting Elections Co-Chair and the Postal Mail-in Ballots Counting Committee tallied all votes, in a public forum for all to witness. The results are in the following table.



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2022 Officer Election Results		Election Buddy Votes	Postal (mail) Votes	Totals
<b>For President</b>				
	Franc Guadalupe	70 (78.7%)	1 (50%)	71 (78.0%)
	David Ortiz	16 (18.0%)	1 (50%)	17 (18.6%)
	Tom Crane Write-In	3 (3.4%)		3 (3.3%)
	Abstentions	1	3	4
<b>For Vice President</b>				
	Rogelio Cabello	22 (30.6%)	1 (100%)	23 (31.2%)
	Darryl West	50 (69.4%)		50 (68.5%)
	Abstentions	18	4	22
<b>For Secretary</b>				
	Osiel Castillo	28 (41.2%)	1 (100%)	29 (42.0%)
	Richard Garcia	40 (58.8%)		40 (58.0%)
	Abstentions	22	4	26
<b>For Treasurer</b>				
	Manuel Gonzalez	19 (21.6%)	1 (25%)	20 (21.7%)
	Barbara Swafford	69 (78.4%)	3 (75%)	72 (78.2%)
	Abstentions	2	1	3

Jim Hollingsworth certified the election results with his signature.

The TCA members approved the election results.

**Jim Hollingsworth was appointed Acting Secretary** for the duration of the meeting.

## New Business.

### Motions 1a through 1j.

Nine advance motions to bring the TCA dues structure into alignment with the TCA Memberships webpage, <https://texaschess.org/memberships/> plus one other motion to keep TCA current with US Law. These were initiated by Caleb Brown, researched and recommended by the Membership Committee.

**Motion to consolidate Motions 1a through 1j into one up-or-down vote.** Requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting Members at the Annual Membership Meeting (TCA Bylaws dated March 10, 2021, Article VI: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting, D1).

**This motion was made by Jim Hollingsworth, seconded, and passed by a 10-0 vote.**



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## Advance Motion 1a.

Change TCA Website from:  
Regular Adult

Change TCA Website to:  
Regular

## Advance Motion 1b.

Change TCA Website from:  
Adult (no magazine) ...

Change TCA Website to:  
Regular Non-subscriber: ...

## Advance Motion 1c.

Change Bylaws from: Junior: Any Texas resident 16 (as of September 1st) years of age and under may become a Junior Member of the Association upon payment of \$7.50 dues per year.

Change Bylaws to: Junior: Any Texas resident 18 years of age and under may become a Junior Member of the Association upon payment of \$7.50 dues per year.

## Advance Motion 1d.

Add to Bylaws:  
Junior Online. Any Texas resident, age 18 or less may become a Junior Online Member of the Association upon payment of \$3.00 dues for one year.

## Advance Motion 1e.

Change Bylaws from:  
Junior Tournament Membership: \$1.00 (in two places).

Change Bylaws to:  
Junior Tournament Membership: \$2.00 (in two places).

## Advance Motion 1f.

Change Bylaws from:  
Family: A household consisting of husband and/or wife, including children (if any) age 16 (as of September 1st) or under, being Texas residents, may



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take out a Family Membership upon payment of \$15.00 for one year. They shall receive one subscription to Texas Knights, and all shall be considered TCA members eligible to participate in TCA events.

Change Bylaws to:

Family: A household consisting of husband and/or wife, including children (if any) age 18 or under, being Texas residents, may take out a Family Membership upon payment of \$15.00 for one year. They shall receive one subscription to Texas Knights, and all shall be considered TCA members eligible to participate in TCA events.

## **Advance Motion 1g.**

Add to Bylaws:

Student Online memberships are \$3.00.

## **Advance Motion 1h.**

Add to Bylaws:

Patron Online memberships are \$15.00.

## **Advance Motion 1i.**

Add to Bylaws:

Patron Online memberships are \$15.00.

## **Advance Motion 1g.**

Change Bylaws from:

Article II: PURPOSE

Limit the TCA to exclusively educational and instructional purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Change Bylaws to:

Article II: PURPOSE

Limit the TCA to exclusively educational and instructional purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**Consolidated Motions 1a through 1j passed by a 10-0 vote.**



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## **Advance Motion 2. Establish an annual Southwest Norm Futurity.**

Luis Salinas, Sponsor.

Affects the Bylaws and requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting Members at the Annual Membership Meeting (TCA Bylaws dated March 10, 2021, Article VI: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting, D1).

Change the Bylaws to Read:

Article IX: V. Southwest Norm Futurity. This tournament should be held at least once a fiscal year. This Tournament must have a possibility of awarding a FIDE GM or IM Norm. There can be more than one section, for example, top section can award a GM Norm and the other sections players can earn IM norms. The tournament must have one of the following formats: 1. Round Robin 2. Double Round Robin 3. Scheveningen 4. Schiller. At least once every Three years, a GM Norm tournament shall have at least a 6 Day format. The Texas Chess Association may sponsor this tournament and awarded it to an organization with the proper expertise or may run it themselves and hire the proper expertise.

Note: A Friendly Motion was approved by at least two-thirds of the voting members present. The words "or other FIDE approved non-Swiss events."

## **Advance Motion 2 with approved Friendly Motion.**

Change the Bylaws to Read:

Article IX: V. Southwest Norm Futurity. This tournament should be held at least once a fiscal year. This Tournament must have a possibility of awarding a FIDE GM or IM Norm. There can be more than one section, for example, top section can award a GM Norm and the other sections players can earn IM norms. The tournament must have one of the following formats: 1. Round Robin 2. Double Round Robin 3. Scheveningen 4. Schiller 5. Or other FIDE approved non-Swiss events. At least once every Three years, a GM Norm tournament shall have at least a 6 Day format. The Texas Chess



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Association may sponsor this tournament and awarded it to an organization with the proper expertise or may run it themselves and hire the proper expertise.

## **Advance Motion 2 passed by an 11-0 vote.**

### **Advance Motion 3. Prohibiting lapsed memberships by TCA officers and committee members.**

Brenda Hardesty and Danny Hardesty, Co-Sponsors.

Change From:

Section 4. Rights and Privileges of Members.

All Voting Members except for Junior Tournament Members are entitled to vote at meetings of the general membership and participate in all activities and tournaments sponsored by the Association, except that such events may require an entry fee. All Voting Members may hold office in the Association if duly elected or appointed.

Change To:

Section 4. Rights and Privileges of Members.

All Voting Members except for Junior Tournament Members are entitled to vote at meetings of the general membership and participate in all activities and tournaments sponsored by the Association, except that such events may require an entry fee. Only Voting Members may hold office or serve on a Committee in the Association if duly elected or appointed. Any TCA officers or Committee Member who allows his/her TCA membership to lapse shall forfeit that position and a replacement member shall be appointed by the TCA President or his/her designee.

### **Friendly Motion proposed by Caleb Brown.**

Change To:

Section 4. Rights and Privileges of Members.



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All Voting Members except for Junior Tournament Members are entitled to vote at meetings of the membership and participate in all activities and tournaments sponsored by the Association, except that such events may require an entry fee. Only voting members may hold office or committee seats, and if such membership expires, the position held shall be vacated.

## **Caleb Brown's Friendly Motion was accepted by the Sponsors.**

### **Friendly Motion proposed by Jim Hollingsworth.**

Added to the above:

The effective date after passage shall be immediate.

After some discussion the friendly motion was withdrawn. The effective date after passage shall be January 1, 2023, in accordance with TCA Bylaws dated March 10, 2021, Article X: AMENDMENTS, Section 2. Date of Effect.

## **Advance Motion 3 passed by a 7-1 vote.**

### **Advance Motion 4.      Creation of a Tournament Director Clearinghouse.**

Caleb Brown, Sponsor.

Sponsor's comments:

There shall be a TD Clearinghouse Administrator, who shall be appointed by the President. The administrator shall maintain an electronic list, known as the Tournament Director Clearinghouse, of available opportunities for people to serve as tournament directors in Texas. The clearinghouse shall be derived from listings voluntarily submitted by the organizers of national and state championships as well as tournaments sponsored by TCA clubs. As soon as practicable, the clearinghouse shall be available through the dropdown menu under tournaments on [texaschess.org](http://texaschess.org).





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**Advance Motion 4 failed by a 4-5 vote.**

**Advance Motion 5.            Establish a Publication Committee.**

Caleb Brown, Sponsor.

Sponsor's comments:

There shall be, and is hereby constituted, a committee of the Association, which shall be known as the Publication Committee. The committee shall consist of the Editor of Texas Knights and a convenient number of voting members appointed by the President. The committee shall consider how Texas Knights can be improved and prepare a report containing its findings and proposed improvements, which shall be published on texaschess.org in time for the 2023 annual membership meeting. Without prejudicing the general mandate of the committee, the committee shall especially consider:

- (1) How the printing and distribution costs of Texas Knights may be economized, and if possible, how the extra revenue generated by Texas Knights may be aligned with its expenses.
- (2) Whether electronic issues of Texas Knights should be reserved for members only, and if so, how.
- (3) How the quantity of submitted articles and other content to Texas Knights could be increased; and
- (4) What can be done to cut the time from the submission deadline until delivery.

**Advance Motion 5 passed by a 7-1 vote.**

**Advance Motion 6.            Creation of Superregional Scholastic Championships.**

Caleb Brown, Sponsor.

Note: Acting Secretary's summary. The sponsor's comments are quite lengthy and detailed in Advance Motion 6. It is available for reading at this link:



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<https://texaschess.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/TCA-2022-Annual-Meeting-Advance-Motions.pdf>

**By a 9-1 vote, Advance Motion 6 tabled until the Spring Scholastic Meeting.**

**Advance Motion 7. Allow publication of TCA elections administration information on the TCA Facebook page.**

Jim Hollingsworth, Sponsor.

**Advance Motion 7 passed by a 9-0 vote.**

**Advance Motion 8. Establish a committee to Review Stipends for TCA Elected Officers and Key Staff.**

Jim Hollingsworth, Sponsor.

Sponsor's comments:

Establish a committee to review and make stipend recommendations for TCA envoys (AKA elected officers and designated key staff) who travel great distances to perform official TCA duties without compensation from any chess organization or sponsor.

**Advance Motion 8 failed by a 3-5 vote.**

**Advance Motion 9. Add Co-Champion requirements to the TCA Bylaws for all TCA sponsored championships.**

Jim Hollingsworth and Franc Guadalupe, Co-Sponsors.

Article IX, Section 1 of the Texas Chess Association, Inc. Bylaws.

As reads: Section 1. Regular TCA Tournaments.

Amend to read: Section 1. Regular TCA Tournaments. In these events, players tied for 1st place in all Championship sections will be declared co-champions. Trophies will still be awarded based on



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previously announced tie-breaks. In case that the event winner qualifies for another event, such as the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, the winner will be determined based on previously announced tie-breaks. But, if players tie with a perfect score in a Championship section, the player who advances to another competition will be determined via a play-off as announced by the organizer.

## **A Co-Sponsor accepted a friendly motion made by Caleb Brown:**

- **Change from Section 1. Regular TCA Tournaments**
- **Change to Section 2. Policies of the Conduct of Tournaments**

**Advance Motion 9 passed by a 7-1 vote.**

## **Outgoing Officer Remarks.**

Outgoing Vice President Jim Hollingsworth used the opportunity to thank the people in the meeting and his many TCA friends. His remarks were brief and sincere. After finishing with 2022 minutes, he will be a fulltime student pursuing a BFA in Graphic Design. He resigned all offices, except for Creativity Contest Chair for the annual Chess Journalists of America competition. In addition to photography and web design, his committee will be adding a new category for 2023, Best Chess Cartoon.

**The Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 AM (CST).**