

TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION

2024 Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Texas Chess Association was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Houston International Airport, and simultaneously online on Zoom, in conjunction with the 90th Southwest Open on Sunday, September 1, 2024.

Attendees

- Sarah Brauner, Region VI Director
- Caleb Brown
- Tom Crane, Past President
- Peter Craney
- Renate Garcia, Secretary
- Francisco Guadalupe, President
- Jim Hollingsworth
- Amy Jones
- Melanie Kneen
- Kwunnie Ng Montgomery
- Colt Smith-Munoz
- David Ortiz
- Jim Polomsky, Region V Director
- Alexey Root
- Daniel Shafer
- Deborah Shafer, Facebook Administrator
- Colt Smith-Munoz
- Barbara Swafford, Treasurer
- Darryl West, Vice President
- Chris Wood, Website Administrator
- Anna Zuniga-Gonzalez

Call to Order

Peter Craney presented the President with a gavel with which he called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Administrative Issue

The President appointed Caleb Brown as Parliamentarian for the duration of the meeting.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

Caleb Brown told attendees that the minutes of the 2023 annual membership meeting, the minutes of the 2024 junior chess meeting North, and the minutes of the 2024 junior chess meeting South were available on the website. Links to minutes are included in Appendix C. Additionally, Caleb pointed out that the minutes for the meetings had been available on the website for six to twelve months, giving ample time for all concerned to review them. Without objection, the reading of the minutes was waived. Caleb Brown moved to approve the minutes of the 2023 annual membership meeting and the minutes of the 2024 junior chess meeting (North and South). Peter Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed at the meeting and have been reproduced as Appendix D. The Treasurer presented selected details from the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer pointed out that

scholarships and US Chess Delegate stipends had recently been paid, leaving the Bank of America checking account balance at \$5,438.28, the Bank of America 7-month CD at \$10,156.33, and a PayPal balance of \$66.85. The Treasurer indicated that these balances are in line with pre-2020 fund balances. The Treasurer mentioned that the 1,934 current memberships was much higher than most recent years. Because of an advance motion on the agenda regarding the "Texas Knights" publication, the Treasurer included a breakdown of expenses related to Texas Knights by publication period. With 377 to 562 copies produced for each issue, costs ranged from \$2,023.79 to \$2,928.91 per production run. Barbara also noted there are outstanding scholarships to be paid in the future.

Discussion of the Treasurer's Report

Discussion was opened for the Treasurer's Report. Peter Craney pointed out that the extra \$5 included in membership dues should be shown as an offset of Texas Knight expenses to reveal the true net cost of the publication; the Treasurer noted her agreement with this observation. Peter Craney asked about the amount of outstanding scholarships, which was \$4,000 and consisted of unpaid scholarships included on the Treasurer's Report. Tom Crane and Jim Hollingsworth asked if we could require scholarship recipients to take control of scholarship funds sooner and noted the winners could place funds in education funds to be used later. Discussion turned to what happened if the player did not end up going to college. Melanie Kneen pointed out that funds might not be used for the intended purpose or by the intended recipient if turned over before enrollment in college. She explained that it would be impractical for the Association to release funds early. When discussion subsided, the President said he was pleased that money had been put to good use and supported the Association's 501(c)(3) purpose.

President's Report

The President shared in his report that it had been an honor to serve as the President for the last four years, but he was also happy to see new and younger members stepping up to serve with a fresh perspective. He asked that everyone support the new leaders. The President also shared a list of recently bid tournaments as follows:

- 2024 Texas Girls Championship – October 12, Brownsville
- 2024 Texas Grades North/Central – October 18-20, Chess Refinery, Houston
- 2024 Texas Grades South – November 2-3, UTRGV
- 2025 Texas Scholastic North/Central – February 28 – March 2, Tarrant County Chess Club & Blakeman Chess
- 2025 Texas Scholastic South – March 15 – 16, Stillman MS, Brownsville
- 2025 Texas Senior Championship – March 22 – 23, Poison Pawns, Houston Chess Studio
- 2025 Texas State & Amateur – May 23 – 26, Tarrant County Chess Club & Blakeman Chess
- 2025 Texas Girls – October 11 - UTRGV
- 2025 Texas Grades South – November 8 – 9, UTRGV
- 2025 Texas Grades North - Late October, Dallas Chess Club (pending)

The President presented plaques to celebrate significant contributions and outstanding service to the Texas Chess Association as follows:

- Robert Moore, Region I Director
- Tom Crane, Region II Director
- Robert Jones, Region III Director
- Augustine Valverde, Region IV Director
- Jim Polomsky, Region V Director
- Sarah Brauner, Region VI Director

- Margaret Bailon-Labednick, Region VII Director
- Victor Flores, Region VIII Director
- Brenda Hardesty, Region IX Director
- Jorge Trevino, Region X Director
- Jeff French, Editor of Texas Knights
- Lori Balkum, Tournament Clearing House
- Luis Salinas, Posthumously, Organizer of most major TCA Events for many years
- Chris Wood, Website Administrator
- Leigh Harrington, Historian
- Jim Hollingsworth, Creativity Chair
- Renate Garcia, Secretary
- Deborah Shafer, Facebook Administrator
- Darryl West, Vice President
- Barbara Swafford, Treasurer
- Caleb Brown, Bylaws Committee

Old Business

Old Business Motion 1. Reform the Texas Women's Championship

Sponsor: Tom Crane

Currently written as:

Q. Texas Women's Championship. This tournament shall be open to all female players.

Proposed re-write:

Q. Texas Women's Championship. This tournament shall be open to all female players over the age of 16 as of the tournament date. The organizer is authorized to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Rationale: The name of the event says Women's. Not scholastic players and I included The Texas Girls Championship listed as R. from the By-Laws for reference. The dynamic of women playing against other women is appreciated by the participants who have played the event in calendar years 2019 and 2022. Many of them will not play in events where there's scholastic players but they will come and play other adult aged women. I am also quite certain wherever you level the age at which a female is a woman it does not mean scholastic aged players. There's plenty of scholastic events including the one I listed below for reference. Let's do something to serve the adult aged women's chess player, by far the egregiously underserved demographic of chess.

R. Texas Girls Championship. Only Texas female residents or students enrolled in secondary or primary schools (including home schools) in Texas may play in this event. This event shall be held in the fall prior to the Texas Grade Championships. There shall be individual and team trophies. A team shall consist of any four players from the same school and may be designated at the conclusion of the tournament to include the top scorers from that school.

[Note: This motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee at the 2023 annual membership meeting. The report of the committee is attached as Appendix A.]

Discussion and Action on Old Business Motion 1. Reform the Texas Women's Championship

Tom Crane reviewed the purpose of the original motion, which was to make the Women's Championship an event for women, and not another scholastic event. Caleb Brown reported on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, explaining that the committee recommended that the motion be approved without the sentence allowing the organizer to make exceptions. Without objection, the motion was amended as recommended by the committee. Peter Craney asked why the age of 16 was chosen. In addition to several comments regarding 16 being the voting age for TCA members, Caleb Brown pointed out it was also a way to integrate older teens into the adult chess community. Darryl West said that TCA should not attempt to define who is or is not a woman. Jim Hollingsworth noted that all events are held under US Chess rules and US Chess is responsible for rules regarding male and female designations.

Alexey Root proposed that the words "over the age of 16" be changed to "at least 16 years of age" which is parallel and consistent with descriptions included in the bylaws. The suggested changes would make the proposed amendment read, "Q. Texas Women's Championship. This tournament shall be open to all female players at least 16 years of age as of the tournament date." Caleb Brown moved to accept Alexey Root's proposed change to the language. Peter Craney seconded the motion. Jim Hollingsworth moved to amend the amendment by adding "Texas" before "player" to require all participants be Texas residents. The President, on advice of the Parliamentarian, ruled that the additional change was not allowed and would need to be a separate motion. The amendment passed with 18 votes in favor, zero votes opposed, and 2 voters abstaining.

Jim Hollingsworth moved to further amend the wording of the motion to add "and Texas residents" as follows: "This tournament shall be open to all female players at least 16 years of age and Texas residents as of the tournament date." Caleb Brown pointed out that the bylaws already require the champion of any TCA tournament to be a Texas resident. Alexey Root said the event should include or exclude the Texas residency requirement to be consistent and parallel to the requirements of the Texas Senior Championship, which Caleb Brown confirmed did not require all participants to be residents. Melanie Kneen said that everyone wants the title to go to a Texas resident, but we should allow other non-Texas residents to participate. Renate Garcia added that we might be able to add a non-resident section, and someone pointed out that there could be too few non-residents to make a separate section. Darryl West said the tournament director or organizer will choose how non-residents are included in the event. Jim's motion was seconded. A vote was taken, and the amendment failed. 3 members voted in favor of the change and 17 voted against. There were no abstentions.

A vote was called to consider the motion as amended. 19 members voted yes, zero members voted no, and one member abstained. The amendment passed as follows:

Q. Texas Women's Championship. This tournament shall be open to all female players at least 16 years of age as of the tournament date.

Change to Agenda

Due to Renate Garcia's need to leave the meeting early, Caleb Brown moved to suspend the rules and hear the announcement of the election results immediately. David Ortiz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Election Results

The Secretary explained that 814 ballots were emailed through Election Buddy, 12 came back undeliverable and were not subsequently requested by the members who should have received them. 50

email ballots were added for eligible family members included in family memberships who were not originally issued ballots. Renate shared her screen showing the results of the 338 ballots returned electronically and opened the two paper ballots that were returned by mail. The results of the election were as follows:

President				
Candidate	Votes Submitted by Electronic Ballot	Votes Submitted by Paper Ballot	Total Votes	Percentage
David Ortiz	202	0	202	59.41%
Jim Polomsky	136	2	138	40.59%
Votes tallied	338	2	340	100.00%

Vice President				
Candidate	Votes Submitted by Electronic Ballot	Votes Submitted by Paper Ballot	Total Votes	Percentage
Caleb Brown	207	2	209	61.47%
Jeff French	131	0	131	38.53%
Votes tallied	338	2	340	100.00%

Secretary				
Candidate	Votes Submitted by Electronic Ballot	Votes Submitted by Paper Ballot	Total Votes	Percentage
Amy Jones	224	2	226	66.47%
Jon Santos	114	0	114	33.53%
Votes tallied	338	2	340	100.00%

Treasurer				
Candidate	Votes Submitted by Electronic Ballot	Votes Submitted by Paper Ballot	Total Votes	Percentage
Anna Zuniga-Gonzalez	211	2	213	62.65%
Jonathon Singler	127	0	127	37.35%
Votes tallied	338	2	340	100.00%

Election Certification

Caleb Brown moved to certify the election results. Peter Craney seconded the motion. Of the 18 members then present, 18 voted to certify the election, zero voted against certification, and zero abstained. The election was certified.

Administrative Issue

Amy Jones was appointed Acting Secretary after Renate's departure and the meeting returned to old business.

Old Business Motion 2. Allow for At-Large Members of the Scholastic Committee

Sponsor: Caleb S. Brown

Moved that Article VII, Section 2 of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Change From:

- A. The Scholastic Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of ten Resident Members appointed by the President.
- B. A reasonable effort should be made to find a member from each region. Having more than two members from the same region should be avoided if at all possible.

Change To:

- A. The Scholastic Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of the Scholastic Chair, two at-large members and one scholastic representative from each region, all of whom shall be appointed by the President.
- B. A reasonable effort shall be made to appoint scholastic representatives who reside within the regions represented. Appointing nonresidents shall be avoided if at all possible.

Rationale: Generally, only one resident of each region may be appointed to the Scholastic Committee (except for the committee chair). Although regional representation is useful, maintaining a near absolute prohibition against multiple members from the same region is unnecessarily inflexible and could lead to the exclusion of valuable perspectives that could significantly contribute to the work of the Scholastic Committee. This motion would provide the President with the flexibility to appoint up to two at-large members (in addition to the chair) while preserving the overarching principle of regional representation.

[Note: This motion passed at the North junior chess meeting by a 2-1 vote with seven abstentions. At the South junior chess meeting, however, it was postponed until the annual meeting by a 3-0 vote with no abstentions. Under Art. VI, Sec. 2 of the Bylaws, the contradictory actions of these meetings must be resolved at the annual meeting.]

Discussion and Action on Old Business Motion 2. Allow for At-Large Members of the Scholastic Committee

Caleb Brown explained that the amendment added flexibility to add more than one member from the same region while still maintaining the principle of regional representation. Alexey Root offered a friendly amendment to add clarity to the motion by switching the order of the phrases "two at-large members" and "one scholastic representative from each region" and placing a comma after the first phrase. Caleb Brown accepted her suggestion. The President passed the gavel to the Vice President who chaired the meeting for the remainder of old business. The motion passed 14-0 with 2 abstentions. The approved amendment

to Article VII, Section 2 of the Bylaws reads as follows:

- A. *The Scholastic Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of the Scholastic Chair, one scholastic representative from each region, and two at-large members, all of whom shall be appointed by the President.*
- B. *A reasonable effort shall be made to appoint scholastic representatives who reside within the regions represented. Appointing nonresidents shall be avoided if possible.*

Old Business Motion 3. Add Awards for Top Girls at TCA Events to Promote Girls' Chess

Sponsor: David Ortiz

Awards for Top Girls in Sections at Tournaments

- All participants in scholastic, junior and collegiate events who are listed as female in US Chess records shall be eligible for these awards. In all other events, participants who are under sixteen years of age and are listed as female in US Chess records shall be eligible.
- The criteria for determining the top girls in each section shall be based on performance within their respective sections, considering factors such as number of wins, tiebreaks, and overall performance against their peers.
- The awards may include but are not limited to trophies, certificates, or other forms of recognition deemed appropriate by the tournament organizers.
- These awards shall be incorporated into the TCA bidding guidelines for future events, specifically applying to TCA events that have not been bid out.

Rationale: The motion to add awards for top girls in sections at TCA tournaments directly aligns with the educational and instructional purposes outlined in Article II of the TCA Bylaws. By recognizing and celebrating the achievements of girl players, it promotes inclusivity, encourages participation, and fosters the growth of chess among girls in Texas, contributing to the diversity of the sport.

[Note: This motion was referred to the Scholastic Committee at the 2024 junior chess meeting (North and South). The report of the committee is attached as Appendix B.]

Discussion and Action on Old Business Motion 3. Add Awards for Top Girls at TCA Events to Promote Girls' Chess

After the introduction of the third old item of business by Darryl West, David Ortiz provided attendees with a brief summary of the motion. Amy Jones read the Scholastic Committee's report of recommendations for implementation (see Appendix B). Darryl West said awards should be for all groups and not just girls. Amy Jones provided examples of situations where girls are significantly in the minority and may feel awkward or unwelcomed, which could be improved by increasing participation by girls. Peter Craney indicated participation by girls was not an issue in Houston and they participate by choice and without any need for extra encouragement. Caleb Brown mentioned that, while this measure might not solve the issue of low participation levels by girls, it was a start and could be adjusted in the future. Jim Hollingsworth added that it could not hurt to reward girls. The motion passed 13-1, with 2 abstentions.

Administrative Issue

Caleb Brown moved to recess for five minutes. The recess was agreed to without objection.

Seating of New Officers

Darryl West passed the gavel to the new President, David Ortiz, and the meeting resumed with David thanking all attendees for being there. President Ortiz shared that the new Board was excited and ready to begin implementing new ideas. He mentioned several people who led him to be a committed member of the chess community. He mentioned his dad, who taught him to play chess, GM and UTRGV Chess Coach, Bartek Macieja, and Anthony Guerra of Dark Knights Chess. David said all of these individuals helped him develop as a chess player and increased his passion to serve the chess community.

New Business

Advance Motion 1. Allow for Virtual Board Meetings

Sponsor: Caleb S. Brown

Resolved that Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Change From:

A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on the Saturday preceding Labor Day at the location of The Southwest Open upon call of the President or the Chairman of the Board. Special meetings may similarly be called at any major tournament sponsored by the Association.

Change To:

The Board of Directors shall meet upon the call of the President or any three elected officers of the Association. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held at any major tournament sponsored by the Association or by video conference.

Rationale: It is not entirely clear under the Bylaws whether the Board of Directors can meet virtually. The current text seems to suggest that board meetings can only be held in person at major tournaments. This motion would ensure that decisions made in virtual board meetings cannot be legally challenged on grounds that virtual meetings are prohibited by the Bylaws.

Discussion and Action on Advance Motion 1. Allow for Virtual Board Meetings

Caleb Brown explained the motion to amend the Bylaws to allow for virtual meetings, which was not an option when the Bylaws were drafted in 1987. The motion passed unanimously 14-0, with no abstentions. Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws was amended to the following:

The Board of Directors shall meet upon the call of the President or any three elected officers of the Association. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held at any major tournament of the Association or by video conference.

Advance Motion 2. Relieve the Immediate Past President of Chairing the Bylaws

Committee Sponsor: Caleb S. Brown

Resolved that Article VI, Section 4, Subsection A of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Change From:

A. The Bylaws Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of three to five voting Members appointed by the President, except for the Chairman, who will be the Immediate Past-President.

Change To:

A. The Bylaws Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of three to nine voting members appointed by the President.

Rationale: Presently, the Bylaws require the Immediate Past President to chair the Bylaws Committee. This provision is untenable because the Immediate Past President may not always be interested in chairing the committee (including the current outgoing President). It is also problematic because if the Immediate Past President is dead there is no way to fill the vacancy, forcing the Vice President to preside until a new President is elected (possibly for years). This motion will allow the President to appoint the best person to lead the committee.

This motion will also provide much needed flexibility in the size of the committee. From my experience as a member of this committee three is too small for relatively simple issues like the qualifications for the Women's championship. We will certainly need more than five if wide-ranging complicated issues are referred to the Bylaws Committee.

Discussion and Action on Advance Motion 2. Relieve the Immediate Past President of Chairing the Bylaws

Caleb Brown explained the motion to amend the Bylaws to remove the requirement that the past president chair the Bylaws committee. Caleb explained the motion and moved to approve the motion. Daniel Shafer seconded. In discussion, Jim Hollingsworth stated that the amendment was not needed because the past president could decline the position and the president could appoint someone else. Tom Crane also stated he disagreed with the amendment. Caleb stated disagreement with Jim's position because the Bylaws do not offer an alternative if the past president does not chair the Bylaws Committee. Daniel Sahfer and Chris Wood supported the amendment, with Chris indicating it is important to choose people who want to serve. Jim restated his position about the amendment being unnecessary and Caleb called the question. Jim objected but discussion ended and a vote was taken. The motion to end debate passed 12-2 with no abstentions. A vote was taken on the proposed amendment to Bylaws and passed by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority with a vote of 9-3, with 1 abstention. Article VI, Section 4, Subsection A of the Bylaws was amended to the following:

A. The Bylaws Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of three to nine voting members appointed by the President.

Advance Motion 3: Reform the Bidding Process

Sponsor: Caleb S. Brown

Resolved that Article IX, Section 3 of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Change From:

A. Nominations for Regular TCA Tournaments shall be submitted to the President by the

June 1. Regular TCA tournament bids are due for the next tournament year. A tournament year is defined as the following January to December from the General membership meeting in September. If there are no nominations for a tournament (or tournaments), the Board of Directors shall solicit proposals for overdue tournament(s). The TCA Board of Directors can solicit bids for scholastic majors if there is no bid turned in two years ahead. On the non-scholastic majors, the TCA board of directors may choose to either wait until the one year deadline to see if a bid is submitted, or the TCA Board of Directors may vote to have TCA organize the event(s). If the Board of Directors cannot find organizer(s) willing to handle the overdue Major Event(s), they will organize the event(s). If a Regular TCA Tournament does not get timely bids for two years, then the Board of Directors can give future options when bids are submitted to the Board. A notice should be placed on the website within two weeks after the bidding deadline so that organizers who are currently working on a bid can submit their bids. No decision should be made until at least one month after the bidding deadline.

B. Nominations for TCA Tournaments identified as a "Major Event" can be submitted up to two (2) years in advance. The bidding deadline is on July 15th. For major scholastic events in the South, however, the bidding deadline shall be the following January 15, with the bid being awarded at the junior chess meeting.

C. For every successful nomination of a tournament more than one year in advance (that is, receiving the most votes in the annual election), the affiliate will provide a refundable deposit of \$50.00 to TCA within 30-90 days of being notified that their affiliate's bid won the nomination. TCA will refund the affiliate's deposit within 30 days after the conclusion of the event.

D. One affiliate cannot host a single specific "Major Event" two years in a row unless there is no other comparable bid for the tournament. Cities within the same Texas Association region should not host a single specific "Major Event" two years in a row unless there is no other comparable bid for the tournament (e.g., cities within the same region should not host the Southwest Open two years in a row, but can host the Texas Junior Championship, the Southwest Open and the Texas State and Amateur Chess Championship in the same year.)

E. A "Priority Rotation Schedule" will begin in 1995 for TCA Tournaments. This rotation schedule will give a higher priority to a city/TCA Region making a comparable bid and, in some cases, this higher priority can result in an automatic award of the tournament to a bidding city/TCA Region. That is, the city/TCA Region which has had a longer time since hosting a tournament may be awarded the tournament without a vote if their bid is reasonably comparable to other bids made for that tournament. Also note that there should be TCA Regional rotation. For example, a Region should not have a tournament three out of four years if there are other Regions with comparable bids that would make the regional rotation more diverse. If there are multiple cities who have somewhat equal lengths of time since hosting the tournament, then the board will make the determination based on TCA Regional rotation. If there is a city with multiple comparable bids and no other cities or regions have bid on it, then award it to the organizer who has not had the tournament in the longest time. If the bids can still not be awarded by the previously stated criteria, ask the appropriate Organizer Committee for their opinion on which is the better bid.

F. The final approving authority for the comparability of bids and “somewhat equal lengths of time” for awarding a tournament to a bidding city shall be the Board of Directors, or in the case of major scholastic events, the North Texas Organizer Committee for South Texas Scholastic Major Bids and the South Texas Organizer Committee for North Texas Scholastic Major Bids. They should consider the following factors: geographic location, drawing power of the area, finances, organizers’ experience, size of the playing site, hotel contracts and that bids meet the TCA guidelines, profitability for the TCA and other relevant criteria. The Committee should first look to see if the bids are comparable while meeting all the guidelines. If the bids are not comparable then the best bid wins. If the best bids are comparable bids then the Committee should look at rotation per Article IX, Section 3 P.

G. The award of a bid is binding once it is made.

H. For all approved regional tournaments, in the event of competing bids, the ten Texas regions shall use the established system of bid rotation as stated in Article IX, Section 3.E. The Regional Director (or bid committee) shall make the awarding decision. Any appeals should be made to the TCA Board (or Scholastic Committee). Any bid guidelines for specific tournaments shall be posted on each regional web page.

I. In the case of an opportunity arising, the TCA may choose to run any of its events and/or accept a bid more than two years in advance and may organize the major tournament. The TCA may choose to hire an affiliate to run this event.

Change To:

A. The Board of Directors shall have power to award bids for all TCA events.

B. For regional tournaments, the regional director shall award bids with the consent of the President unless the Board of Directors otherwise provides. The Board of Directors may delegate the awarding authority for other events not awarding state titles to the President or one or more voting members appointed by the President for such purpose.

C. The Board of Directors shall determine the bidding deadlines for all TCA events.

D. One affiliate cannot host the same event two years in a row unless there is no other satisfactory bid for the tournament. A tournament shall not be held in the same city, county or region two years in a row unless there are no viable alternatives.

E. The award of a bid is binding once it is made.

F. TCA may organize any of its events and may hire affiliates to organize events on its behalf. TCA must organize any major event if there is no viable alternative for it to be held.

G. The Board of Directors and the membership shall have concurrent authority to create TCA events in addition to the tournaments enumerated in these Bylaws.

Rationale: This motion is intended to simplify and clarify the provisions of the Bylaws relating to the bidding process as well as provide the Board of Directors with the flexibility it needs to refine that process. Importantly, it will allow for bidding deadlines to be more easily changed to reflect the varying needs of different events and different situations, just as is the case with US Chess National Events that

are bid out to affiliates. If passed, this motion will help TCA further its mission of promoting chess throughout Texas.

Discussion and Action on Advance Motion 3: Reform the Bidding Process

Caleb Brown moved to refer the motion to the Bylaws Committee. David Ortiz seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 10-0, with no abstentions.

Advance Motion 4: Abolish the Defunct Organizer Committee

Sponsor: Caleb S. Brown

Resolved that Article VII, Section 5 of the Bylaws be deleted.

Text to be Deleted:

A. The Organizer Committee shall be broken up into a North Texas Organizer Committee with members from North Texas and a South Texas Organizer Committee with members from South Texas. See APPENDIX II. Each Committee must have at least three members. If a committee member has a conflict of interest or financial interest in the awarding of any bid, then that committee member must abstain. To be on the organizer committee, the member must have experience organizing tournaments at hotel/convention centers and Schools/Universities.

B. The Primary Responsibilities of these committee will be:

1. Award the Scholastic Majors when more than one bid. When only one bid, then the committee must also review the bid to make sure it meets the guidelines or to not approve the bid. Note that in the case of only one bid submitted by the bidding deadline, the committee can help the bidder to improve the bid. The North Texas Organizer Committee will award the South Texas Scholastic Major bids, while the South Texas Organizer Committee will award the North Texas Scholastic Major bids. When there is a super state (see Article IX, Section 1 E), the South Texas Organizer Committee awards the bid when it is the North Texas turn to host it and the North Texas Organizer Committee awards the bid when it is the South Texas turn to host it.

2. To act in an advisory capacity to the board with regard to tournaments and tournament bids.

3. In the case of having a major with no bid, the TCA is supposed to run the tournament. The Organizer Committee will advise the board on any questions the board may have and can volunteer to run the event or recommend an Organizer to run it.

Rationale: The organizing committee has not functioned since the pandemic. Since then, the decision to award bids for the scholastic majors has actually been made by the Board of Directors without any review by the committee even though that is in violation of the Bylaws. This motion will ensure that the Board of Directors can continue awarding bids without worrying about the possibility of those decisions being challenged. If this motion passes the President will still have the power to appoint committees to advise the Board of Directors on bids when needed.

Discussion and Action on Advance Motion 4: Abolish the Defunct Organizer Committee

Jim Hollingsworth moved to table remaining motions due to not having ample time for discussions; this motion was ruled out of order by the President on the advice of the Parliamentarian. Caleb Brown moved to refer the motion to the Bylaws Committee. The motion to refer the motion to the Bylaws Committee passed by a vote of 6 to 1, with no abstentions.

Advance Motion 5: Reform the Membership Structure and Save Money on Texas Knights

Sponsor: Caleb S. Brown

Resolved that Article III of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Change From:

Section 1. Voting Membership Categories

A. Regular: Any Texas resident may become a Regular Member of the Association upon payment of \$10.00 for one year.

B. Regular Non-subscriber: Any Texas resident may become a Regular Non-subscribing Member of the Association upon payment of \$5.00 for one year. This class of membership does not receive Texas Knights but may participate in TCA tournaments and vote in TCA elections, and does not exclude juniors aged 16 (as of September 1st) or under.

C. Student: Any Texas resident who is a full-time student may become a Student Member of the Association upon payment of \$7.50 for one year.

D. Student Online: Any Texas resident who is a full-time student may become a Student Online Member of the Association upon payment of \$3.00 for one year.

E. Junior: Any Texas resident 18 years of age and under may become a Junior Member of the Association upon payment of \$7.50 for one year.

F. Junior Online: Any Texas resident 18 years of age and under may become a Junior Online Member of the Association upon payment of \$3.00 for one year.

G. 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 members eligible to participate in TCA events.

H. Family Online: 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 \$10.00 for one year. They shall all shall be considered members eligible to participate in TCA events.

I. Life: Any person may become a Life Member of the Association upon payment of \$200.00.

J. Patron: Any member may become a Patron Member of the Association upon payment of \$25.00 for one year. Said Member shall receive Texas Knights by first class mail, have his name displayed in the Texas Knights "Hall of Honor" and be known as a generous supporter of Texas chess.

K. Patron Online. Any member may become a Patron Online Member of the Association upon payment of \$15.00 for one year. Said Member shall have his name displayed in the Texas Knights "Hall of Honor" and be known as a

generous supporter of Texas chess.

L. Life Patron. Any member may become a Life Patron Member of the Association upon payment of \$500.00. Said Member shall receive Texas Knights by first class mail, have his name displayed in the Texas Knights "Hall of Honor" and be known as a generous supporter of Texas chess.

M. Blind Membership. A blind person may become a Special Member of the Association upon payment of \$2.00 for one year without the magazine, or \$5.00 for one year with the magazine.

N. Family Patron: Any family member may become a Family Patron Member of the Association upon payment of \$30.00 for one year. Said Member shall have their family name displayed in the Texas Knights "Hall of Honor" and be known as a generous supporter of Texas chess.

O. Family Online Patron. Any family member may become a Family Online Patron Member of the Association upon payment of \$20.00 for one year. Said Member shall have their family name displayed in the Texas Knights "Hall of Honor" and be known as a generous supporter of Texas chess.

Section 2. Nonvoting Membership Categories

A. Junior Tournament: Any Texas resident 18 years of age and under may become a Junior Tournament Member of the Association upon payment of \$2.00. This class of membership does not receive Texas Knights and carries no voting privileges, but may participate in one TCA sponsored tournament. College players in a TCA Scholastic Event with a Collegiate Section may participate as Junior Tournament Members upon payment of the \$2.00 fee.

B. Nonresident. Any person residing in a state other than Texas may become a Non resident Member at the corresponding dues rate established for members who are Texas residents.

C. Affiliate: Any school, club or organization may affiliate itself with the Association for an annual affiliation fee of \$10. The affiliate shall have no voting privileges but shall receive Texas Knights by mail and one free quarter page advertisement each year in Texas Knights. Foreign affiliates shall receive Texas Knights by mail only if they pay an additional annual surcharge of \$30. Affiliates are not agents of the Association for any purpose.

D. Foreign Member: Any person may become a foreign member of the Association upon payment of \$10.00 for one year. Said member shall not receive Texas Knights and shall have no voting privileges.

Section 3. Renewals

Membership renewals shall be dated from the previous expiration date, if renewed within 30 days following expiration, or for a year from the date of renewal if necessary, to ensure that the renewing member is scheduled to receive one year's worth of Texas Knights before the new expiration date.

Section 4. Rights and Privileges

Every member of the Association who is at least 16 years of age as of September 1 and is a resident of Texas shall be a voting member. All voting 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. All Voting Members may hold office in the Association if duly elected or appointed. Only voting members may hold office or committee seats, and if such membership expires, the position held shall be vacated.

Section 5. Verification of Membership Status

If a person advises an Association Board Member that his dues have been paid and can produce a receipt, check, canceled check or other proof of payment, the person (or family) shall be listed on the website list of current members. In the absence of proof of payment, the Secretary or the Treasurer or a majority of the Board of Directors may decide to honor or deny the player's request.

Section 6. Discounted Memberships

The Officers of the Association may authorize memberships at a discounted rate for disabled persons or senior citizens on applications stating a specific reason for this type of membership.

Change To:

Section 1. Membership Classes

- A. Regular. Any person may become a Regular Member upon payment of \$5 for one year.
- B. Student. A full-time student may become a Student Member upon payment of \$3 for one year.
- C. Junior. Any person who is under 19 years of age may become a Junior Member upon payment of \$3 for one year.
- D. Family. A household, consisting of parents and any children under 19 years of age (or under 24 years of age if full-time students), may purchase a Family Membership for \$10, and upon purchase all such persons shall be considered members for one year.
- E. Life. Any person may become a Life Member upon payment of \$200.
- F. Patron. Any person may become a Patron Member upon payment of \$25 for one year. Said member shall be recognized as a generous supporter of Texas chess in the Hall of Honor, which shall be published in each issue of Texas Knights and on the website.
- G. Life Patron. Any person may become a Life Patron Member upon payment of \$500. Said member shall be recognized in the Hall of Honor.
- H. Family Patron. A family may purchase a Family Patron Membership for \$30, and upon purchase all such persons shall be considered members for one year. A family name shall be recognized in the Hall of Honor.

I. Blind. A blind person may become a Blind Member upon payment of \$2 for one year.

J. Affiliate. Any club, school or organization may become an Affiliate Member upon payment of \$10 for one year. Affiliates shall have no voting rights but shall be entitled to one free quarter page advertisement in Texas Knights each year. Affiliates are not agents of the Association for any purpose.

Section 2. Rights and Privileges

Life Members and Life Patron Members shall have the option of receiving Texas Knights by mail without any additional charge. All members shall have electronic access to Texas Knights and may purchase paper subscriptions to Texas Knights at a rate not greater than 110% of printing and mailing costs. Members shall have the right to participate in tournaments and other activities of the Association, subject to any entry fees and such other reasonable limitations as may be consistent with the purposes of the activities concerned. Members with addresses outside of the United States who receive printed copies of Texas Knights may be required to pay additional surcharges.

Section 3. Voting Members

Every member who is at least 16 years of age as of September 1 and a resident of Texas shall be a voting member. Voting members shall have the right to propose motions and vote at membership meetings. Only voting members may hold office or committee seats, and when such membership ceases, the office or seat held shall be vacated.

Section 4. Honorary Members

Any person who has rendered distinguished service to the chess community of Texas may be declared an Honorary Member by a two-thirds vote at the annual membership meeting. Honorary Members shall enjoy the rights and privileges of Life Members without any payment of dues.

Transitional Provision: Any member who purchased an annual membership carrying the right to receive Texas Knights by mail before the effective date of this amendment shall continue to receive the paper magazine for the unexpired term of the membership without any additional cost unless the member otherwise directs.

Rationale: Based on information provided by the Treasurer, TCA spent approximately \$9,500 on printing and mailing paper copies of Texas Knights over the most recent fiscal year (the amount for the last issue is estimated). If this was divided by the average number of members receiving paper copies, the per member cost is \$22.62 (i.e., an average of 420 copies were mailed; most members are online only). However, members only pay \$5 extra to receive the paper magazine, producing a total loss of approximately \$7,400 every year to TCA.

TCA cannot afford this loss. It does not match up with our 501(c)(3) educational mission of promoting chess in Texas. We should be using this money to help people in need, such as by sending needy scholastic players to national events or supplying chess sets to help start more chess clubs throughout the state. Losing this much money on paper and ink simply makes no sense. If people want paper, that is fine. They just should have to pay the cost of it. And if that is too much, they can read it online for free.

This motion will solve this problem by separating the magazine from the membership structure and requiring members to pay a print opt-in fee if they want to continue receiving the magazine by mail. This solution is almost identical to the change US Chess successfully implemented in 2019.

This motion would also make a few other changes to the membership structure, such as abolishing the obsolete junior tournament membership and expanding family memberships to include college students under 24. It would also allow for honorary memberships which have historically been awarded on several occasions but are technically not allowed under Robert's Rules of Order unless expressly stated in the Bylaws.

Discussion and Action on Advance Motion 5: Reform the Membership Structure and Save Money on Texas Knights

Caleb Brown briefly explained the motion before discussion began. Jim Hollingsworth stated that the motion included too much to consider in a single motion and argued that the membership structure and Texas Knights should be separate issues. Tom Crane agreed with Jim Hollingsworth, citing this motion was a major overhaul and previous attempts to move Texas Knights online resulted in a revolt by older members. Caleb explained that the Texas Knights should be separated from membership and made to cover the cost of Texas Knights. Currently, Caleb explained, TCA spends approximately \$11,000 annually on producing and distributing Texas Knights, which leads to approximately an \$8,000 loss annually. Amy Jones spoke to the need to match the cost of Texas Knights to revenues intended to cover its cost. Jim Hollingsworth agreed that the loss incurred was not ideal but it was the main value offered to members. Jim suggested referring the issue to the Membership Committee. Tom Crane said TCA should offer a tournament or other income producing event to cover the cost, and Darryl West said tournament organizers should be promoting memberships at events. Chris Wood explained that a previous attempt to move the magazine to online cost him a lot of time and was met with backlash. Chris said it was time to re-evaluate the value of a TCA membership. Chris Wood moved to refer the motion to the Membership Committee. Caleb Brown offered a friendly amendment to also refer the motion to the Bylaws Committee, which was accepted by Chris. The motion to refer the proposed amendments to both the Membership and Bylaws Committees passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0, and no abstentions.

Other Business

Caleb Brown moved that, "the membership thanks all of its volunteers for their work over the last fiscal year." Amy Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0, with no abstentions.

Alexey Root shared an opportunity to host the US Blind Chess Championship in the DFW area in July 2025. She discussed the event with Alex Relyea while attending the US Senior, Junior, and Blind Championship events. She asked which committee or individual this opportunity should be referred to. Caleb Brown asked her to connect the Board with her contact.

Jim Hollingsworth mentioned a motion regarding covering Safe Play fees for tournament directors at TCA events. The motion was not made due to the person planning to present it not being in attendance.

Remarks of Outgoing Officers

The President asked if any outgoing officers were still present and if they wanted to make any remarks. Barbara Swafford was the only outgoing officer still in attendance and she declined to make any remarks.

Announcements

Caleb Brown announced that the Board was eager to bid out any remaining TCA events and asked that anyone interested in hosting an official TCA Tournament please talk to the Vice President.

David Ortiz announced that the new officers planned to hold a board meeting immediately after the annual meeting concluded and invited anyone who wanted to attend to stay for that.

Adjournment

After David Ortiz asked if there were any additional announcements and none were presented, Caleb Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. David seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously 9-0, with no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Jones

Appendix A. Bylaws Committee Report

The 2023 annual membership meeting considered a motion sponsored by Tom Crane to amend the Bylaws by changing the subsection on the Texas Women's Championship. The membership unanimously referred the motion to the Bylaws Committee.

Under the Bylaws, the Texas Women's Championship is open to all female players. When the tournament was organized by Jim Hollingsworth (2018 and 2019) and Tom Crane (2022), however, it was limited to female players who are at least 16 years of age. As submitted the motion would have incorporated this limit into the Bylaws with the possibility for the organizer to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

The committee considered alternatives that would allow the Women's Championship to be open to females of all ages. These alternatives included subdividing the tournament into age-based sections and creating a separate tournament for senior women. However, the committee agreed that it is important to preserve the age limit for the tournament because women are egregiously underserved in our community and deserve a place where they can interact with one another without the presence of scholastic players. This conclusion was also motivated by the reality that the tournament has historically included side events like women's banquets and guest speakers requiring a mature audience.

The committee also agreed that the age limit should be uniform without any possibility of exceptions being made by the organizer. Allowing the organizer to make exceptions would allow for younger players to be included or excluded arbitrarily, which could negatively affect TCA's reputation.

Accordingly, the committee recommends that the membership approve this motion without the provision allowing the organizer to make exceptions. As amended, the motion would read as follows:

Currently written as:

Q. Texas Women's Championship. This tournament shall be open to all female players. Proposed re-write:

Q. Texas Women's Championship. This tournament shall be open to all female players over the age of 16 as of the tournament date.

This report was prepared by Caleb Brown. The Bylaws Committee is composed of Tom Crane (Chair), Jeff French and Caleb Brown. Jim Hollingsworth also participated in the committee's discussion of this motion.

Appendix B. Scholastic Committee Report

Dear TCA Executive Board Members,

I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of the Scholastic Committee, I am pleased to present our detailed recommendations for introducing top girl awards at various TCA events. This proposal, initially brought forth by David Ortiz, aims to encourage greater participation among girls in chess and recognize their achievements in a meaningful way.

Eligibility Criteria:

- General Eligibility: Girls listed as female in US Chess records.
- Event-Specific Eligibility:
 - Scholastic, junior, and collegiate events: All female participants are eligible.
 - Other events: Only participants under 16 years old are eligible.

Award Criteria:

- One top girl award will be given per section, provided the eligibility criteria are met.
- Primary Criteria: Highest score, excluding requested byes.
- Secondary Criteria: Use the existing tiebreak system in the event of no clear winner.
- Additional Considerations: Limit awards to sections with at least two girls or participants with positive scores.

Types of Awards:

- Awards should be of similar value to at least the third-place award in the section.
- Suggested types: Plaques, trophies, medals, chess books by women authors, or practical items like water bottles with a chess queen design.
- Awards should be classic and inclusive, appealing to a broad age range.

Implementation Guidelines:

- Integrate criteria and award types into TCA bidding guidelines.
- Address logistic issues:
 - Manage increased costs without raising registration fees.
 - Plan for ordering awards prior to registration close.
 - Avoid awarding girls who have not performed well, even if they're the only eligible players.

Special Considerations:

- If a girl wins both a regular top award and the top girl award, the top girl award should be something different and practical (e.g., a chess book or a water bottle with a chess queen design).

Implementation Timeline: We propose implementing these changes starting with the Texas State Scholastic Championship in March 2025.

Cost Implications: Estimated additional costs for these awards are expected to be no more than \$500 per event, depending on the number of eligible sections and the type of awards chosen.

Alignment with US Chess Policies: These recommendations align with existing US Chess policies and initiatives aimed at promoting girls' participation in chess.

Addressing Potential Concerns: We believe these awards will enhance inclusivity without detracting from the achievements of other participants. Our goal is to encourage and recognize girls' participation in chess while maintaining the integrity of the overall competition.

Feedback Mechanism: We recommend reviewing the impact and reception of these awards after one year of implementation and making adjustments as necessary. This will allow us to ensure the initiative is meeting its goals and address any unforeseen issues.

Conclusion: The Scholastic Committee unanimously supports the implementation of top girl awards at TCA events. We believe this initiative will promote inclusivity, encourage participation, and foster the growth of chess among girls in Texas.

We welcome any further input from the TCA board before finalizing our recommendations.

Best regards,

Victor Flores
Scholastic Committee Chair
Texas Chess Association

Appendix C. Other Helpful Materials

Members may find the following materials to be helpful:

- Minutes of the 2023 annual membership meeting:
<https://texaschess.org/minutes-from-membership-meeting-2023/>
- Minutes of the 2024 junior chess meeting:
<https://texaschess.org/2024-junior-chess-meetings-notes/>
- TCA Bylaws:
<https://texaschess.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/TCA-Bylaws-11-Mar-2021.p>
- Two-Page Summary of Robert's Rules of Order:
https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts_rules_simplified.pdf

Appendix D. 2024 Treasurer's Report

TCA Treasurer Report – August 31 2024

Income

September memberships	\$765.50
October memberships	385.50
November memberships	145.00
December memberships	1,049.00
January memberships	320.50
February memberships	1,734.00
March memberships	956.00
April memberships	72.50
May memberships	481.50
June memberships	2,195.00
July memberships	124.00
August memberships	335.00
2023 SW Open memberships	607.00
2023 Texas North Grade Championship memberships	282.00
2023 Texas South Grade Championship memberships	57.00
2024 Texas Team memberships	105.00
2024 North/Central Texas State Scholastic tournament	900.00
2024 Texas Senior Championship tournament	40.00
2024 Region I tournament	117.00
2024 Region II tournament	110.00
2024 Region III tournament	150.00
2024 Region V tournament	220.00
2024 Region VIII tournament	1,100.00
2024 Region IX tournament	107.00
Benevity Donations	20.00
Interest on \$5,000 CD	132.64
Interest on \$10,000 CD	<u>156.33</u>

Total Income \$12,667.47

Expenses

Promote Chess

Chess Sets Program	253.15
TK Sept-Oct 2023 (377 issues)	2,023.79
TK Nov-Dec 2023 (395 issues)	2,085.76
TK Jan-Feb 2024 (402 issues)	2,144.11
TK Mar-Apr 2024 (507 issues)	2,928.91
TK May-Jun 2024 (562 issues)	2,745.72
TK Jul-Aug 2024 (462 issues)	2,407.27
Texas Invitational tournament	800.00
Sharvesh Deviprasath – 2024 Denker representative	500.00
Eric Liu – 2024 Barber representative	500.00
Oscar Yihanf Zhang – 2024 Rockefeller representative	500.00
Ellery Zhang – 2024 Haring Girls representative	500.00
Scott Elliott – 2024 Irwin representative	500.00
2024 Texas Delegates	1,800.00
Chess Journalists of America	<u>24.00</u>
Total	19,712.71 85%

Administrative

US Chess Affiliate membership (2 years)	80.00	
Facebook Administrator	1,500.00	
Insurance	315.00	
Web Page Administrator	1,200.00	
Election Expenses	99.00	
Zoom	<u>237.19</u>	
	Total	<u>3,431.19</u> 15%
	Total Expenses	<u>\$23,143.90</u>

Scholarships Awarded by TCA

Total Prize Amount 2022 Texas Scholastic 3,000

1 st Place	Venkata Pullabhotla-Col	\$1,000-paid
1 st Place Girl	Aparna Yellamraju-Col	\$1,000-paid
2 nd Place	Sharvesh Deviprasath-10	\$600-paid
3 rd Place	Ganesh Kumarappan-Col	\$400-paid

Total Prize Amount 2023 Texas Scholastic 6,200

1 st Place	Sharvesh Deviprasath-11	\$1,200-paid
1 st Place Girl	Ambica Yellamraju-Col	\$1,000-paid
2 nd Place	Rohit Gundam-12	\$1,000-paid
3 rd Place	Ganesh Kumarappan-Col	\$1,000-paid
4 th Place	Rithik Sai Polavaram-12	\$1,000-paid
5 th Place	Rohun Trakru-12	\$1,000-paid

Total Prize Amount 2024 Texas North/Central Scholastic 3,100

1 st Place	Sharvesh Deviprasath-12	\$600-paid
1 st Place Girl	Vicky Yu-11	\$500
2 nd Place	Lucius Melillo-9	\$500
3 rd Place	Christian Karlseng-9	\$500
4 th Place	Rohun Trakru-12	\$500-paid
5 th Place	Yakshwag Reddy Raju-9	\$500

Total Prize Amount 2024 Texas South Scholastic 3,100

Best male student	Rohun Trakru-12	\$1,000-paid
Best female student	Izabel A Vasquez-12	\$1,000
2 nd Best male student	Michael R Casas-12	\$500
2 nd Best female student	Sahara J Torres-10	\$500
Additional \$100 HS Champ section winner Rohun Trakru \$100-paid		

August 31 2024

WF checking account balance	Closed
BOA checking account balance	\$5,438.28
BOA 7 month CD	\$10,156.33
PayPal	\$66.85

Current members August 31 2024

Lifetime Patron	13
Lifetime Regular	42
Patron	13
Patron Online	1
Family Patron	42
Family Online	163
Family	173
Foreign	1
Honorary Life Member	1
Regular	139
Regular Non-Subscriber	329
Blind	2
Student	2
Student Online	33
Junior	136
Junior Online	805
Affiliate	36
Complimentary	<u>3</u>
Total	1,934

Texas Knight Income and Expenses

TK Sept-Oct 2023 (377 issues) \$2,023.79

Mailed 366 issues

Income

CCLA Ad 31.25

Expenses

377 Texas Knights Mailer Body 8.5 x 14 1,210.17

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TK Nov-Dec 2023 (395 issues) \$2,085.76

Mailed 387 issues

Income

CCLA Ad 31.25

Extra Copies Paid 17.79

Expenses

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Income		
CCLA Ad	31.25	
Expenses		
402 Texas Knights Mailer Body 8.5x14 (Job 11727)		1,539.66
Postage for Job #11727 (Job 11828)		235.70
Editor		400.00
TK Mar-Apr 2024 (507 issues)		\$2,928.91
Mailed 482 issues		
Income		
CCLA Ad	31.25	
Extra Copies Paid	33.67	
Expenses		
507 Texas Knights 8.5x14 - March-April 2024 (Job 12709)	1,867.82	
Postage for 12709 (Job 12877)	276.01	
Editor	400.00	
Sharvesh Deviprasath Article	150.00	
Scott Elliott Article	150.00	
Vicky Yu Article	150.00	
TK May-Jun 2024 (562 issues)		\$2,745.72
Mailed 452 issues		
Income		
Expenses		
562 Texas Knights 8.5x14 - May-June 2024 (Job 13776)	2,008.66	
Postage for 13776 (Job 13901)	257.06	
Editor	400.00	
TK Jul-Aug 2024 (462 issues)		\$2,407.27
Mailed 442 issues		
Income		
Extra Issues	37.60	
Expenses		
462 Texas Knights 8.5x14 - July-August 2024 (Job 14579)	1736.85	
Postage for 14579 (Job 14711)	270.42	
Editor	400.00	

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Swafford