

5/10/2026

Attendees: Eric Mullins, Ken Sarner, Laurence Coker, John Schick, CJ Armata  
Ken brought up having board members be on call for RenFest for 2 weekends.

We need to look at who can serve as president next term.

- Patrick B. said he would be willing to help with the online chess account
- Hunter may be interested in serving on the KCA
- Is Lee Schnee still interested
- CJ is willing to continue as secretary
- Laurence is willing to stay on policy board

We need to renew our affiliate membership. Done during the meeting.

It was suggested the stipend for the National meeting be upped to \$1000 for this year.

- The view is that it is probably not worth \$1000/yr to have a representative
- Perhaps we could have an occasional representative
- Meeting attendance is not allowed but it was posted on youtube.
- It is in Grand Rapids, MI
- The motion was voted down

2026 Kansas Open

- CJ will be director
- Ken and Eric will assist TD
- CJ needs help with registration & membership
- John will help with membership
- Ken will help with registration

Senior Kansas Representative

- Would like to have the representative a year early
- Another suggestion is doing it online on [chess.com](https://www.chess.com)
- We could take the top two senior finishers and have an online playoff game
- Decision: The top senior in the KS Open will represent Kansas. If there is a tie in KS Open senior participants, we will have a play off game.

Annual meeting is at KC Open 8:15, Sunday.

5/3/2026

Attendees: Eric Mullins, Ken Sarner, Laurence Coker, John Schick

Due to low attendance, it was decided to have the meeting another time. Items for the agenda include:

- It was proposed that we have the Kansas Delegate a year early
- Ken would like a RenFest standby list
- We need to determine the stipend to national tournament

- We need to start looking at the board members for next year

1/25/2026

### Kansas Open

Eric reviewed the 2024 Kansas Open financials. There was no room rate that year and we spent \$900 for rent.

The outcome was a profit of \$577. So the worst case is we break even.

The room rate is \$65/night but people will have to call them directly.

The flier is on King Registration, reviewed and approved. Eric will ask Kyle about putting it on the scholastic website.

### Kansas Class Championship & Senior Open

Previous suggestions are to have it at a library, possibly during the Manhattan Open. However, Sunday library hours are shorter. But last year there were only 3 games (only four people attended). Eric will not be running the Manhattan Open, but expects it not to be in May due to conflicts causing low turnout.

If we used the highest performing senior from the Kansas Open is that the senior tournament is very soon after the Kansas Open. But we could notify the Kansas Open we will have someone attend.

We could do it online, but people have not responded to online tournaments.

It was decided not to have a separate senior tournament but to use the highest Kansas senior finisher in the Kansas Open.

We would like to have a Class Championship. We would like to see less cash and bigger trophies for the Class Championship. Eric will check to see if the directors of the Manhattan Open if they would like to do the Class Championship instead of the Manhattan Open.

### Website

It was agreed that while we want to preserve the current archival information, we want to avoid having the website become too focused on the past and not the current and future events.

11/9/2025

Attendees: Eric Mullins, Kyle Gregg, Dylan Welch, Ken Sarner, CJ Armenta, Laurence Coker

### Renfest Report:

- Moving forward we need to have more board member involvement. We need to have people agree to be "on-call" for a certain date. We will add a column to the sign up sheet for an "on-call".
- We could challenge chess clubs to take a day or a weekend
- \$3371.50 was raised

KC. has asked for a statement saying that his suspension has been terminated. The original suspension, as documented in a letter to him, was only for a year and has expired, but KC is asking for a message saying that it was terminated as it would imply that the suspension should not have taken place. Ken will reach out to get a better understanding of what KC is requesting.

Kyle Gregg reported that the KSCA is in a position to pay ½ of the scholarship stipends for 2025 and pay the full scholarships this year. This was approved unanimously by the KCA members present. Kyle will confirm with the KSCA members.

Kansas Class Championships –It is under consideration to have the class championships at the same time as the Sr Open. Tentative proposal is to have the senior event at a library and have the Manhattan club run the class championship. But these are very preliminary thoughts. KCA should either get the proceeds or MHK could buy it from KCA.

The Manhattan scholar tournament will be held again this year. It is growing and will need additional assistance.

KS Open is scheduled for July 10-12.

KCA sponsored tournaments are only for over the board.

9/28/2025

Attendees: Eric Mullins, Lee Schnee, Laurence Coker, Ken Sarner, John Schick

Laurence - Holiday Inn East - \$2000, but also had a service charge and sales tax

US Open is Aug 3-9

The decision is to go with Golden Nguyn hotel for 2026. But we are open to new places in 2027.

We are not paying KSCA after this year for scholarships.

We are not having free scholars next year, \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door

Reminder: No charges over \$500 can be paid without board approval.

If KSCA paid the scholastic stipends, we could increase Erwin stipend. The delegate should get a stipend. This should be discussed in the next meeting. We could still give KSCA a stipend (\$1000), see 2024 open notes.

Laurence will see if we can move the Kansas Open a weekend earlier (July 10), 2 weeks before the US Open.

We do not need to increase the entry fee, but we may want to start increases so it is not as abrupt when we have to increase the entry fee. Recommended entry fee for non scholastic to \$60/80 KS Open. \$10 deduction of Blitz & KS Open. \$30/40 for Blitz. Bughouse unchanged.

8/24/25

Attendees: Eric Mullins, Ken Sarnar, Lee Schnee, Laurence Coker, Dylan Welch, CJ Armata. Michael Schoenhoffer, John Schick

### KCA agenda August 2025

- Introductions
- Kansas Open 2025
  - review good/bad
  - Finances review
- Kansas Open 2026
  - New budget proposal format
  - Possible venues
  - Highschools
  - Colleges
  - wichita parks and rec
  - One day option? And format ideas
  - charging for scholastic players
  - Requested topics and others if time permits

### 2025 KS Open Review

- Eric displayed a slide on KS Open
- Lost \$1500, should have an approved plan for estimated cost/profit
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### 2026 Kansas Open

- Need to have a budget
- Need to have a group to look into other places, if nothing else Red Roof Inn is a good facility and if there are 20 nights it is only \$1500.
- Laurence, Eric volunteered to be part of a working group
- No free scholastic players (\$20/\$25)
- Consider increasing the fee

It was decided not to increase the KCA member dues as the only value is to play at certain free tournaments, KS Open and KS Class Championship.

