8/16/2027
Attendees: Eric Mullins, Ken Sarner, Patrick Beaudry, John Schick, James Reese, Hunter Lannon, Laurence Coker

Quick recap
The meeting focused on revising the KCA Constitution to establish a KSCA representative position on the policy board. The group discussed how the KSCA representative should be recommended by KSCA and appointed by the KCA president, with provisions for presidential appointment if KSCA cannot provide a representative. They agreed to set the policy board at nine members total, including the KSCA representative, four elected at-large members, and four officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and KSCA representative). The group also addressed procedures for handling ties in elections, deciding that ties would be resolved by majority vote of the newly elected officers rather than by presidential appointment. Finally, James offered to create a reciprocal position for KCA representation on the KSCA board, with Eric volunteering to serve in that role.

Next steps
Eric
Serve as the KCA representative on the KSCA board, attending meetings remotely as needed. Bring a laptop to the next Kansas Open meeting to facilitate remote attendance via Zoom for board members.
James
Work on getting a constitutional amendment pushed through for the KSCA to create a position on their board for a KCA representative, with voting rights.
John
Finalize and distribute the revised KCA Constitution document with the agreed-upon changes regarding the KSCA representative and board composition.
Summary
KSCA Representation Constitution Discussion
The group discussed KSCA representation and reviewed a constitution document shared by John. Ken raised concerns about handling situations when no KSCA representative attends meetings, suggesting presidential appointment as a solution. Eric explained that appointments have happened in the past when no volunteer emerged, and CJ proposed that the KSCA representative should be the scholastic person when available, with presidential appointment as a fallback option.

KSCA-KCA Liaison Appointment Changes
The group discussed changes to Article 12 regarding the appointment of a KSCA liaison to the KCA board. They agreed that KSCA should recommend someone to KCA, who would typically accept the recommendation, though the KCA president retains the final appointment authority. The discussion clarified that while the position was originally intended to be held by the KSCA executive director, current practice involves the KCA president serving as the liaison, with the president being seen as the face of the organization for external representation.

Policy Board Composition Discussion
The group discussed the composition of their policy board, with Ken proposing to include a KSCA representative who should be recommended by KSCA and appointed by the president. There was debate about whether the board should have 7 or 9 members, with CJ and Ken favoring 9 members while Laurence advocated for 7 members, citing potential difficulties in filling all positions. The discussion highlighted concerns about board composition and appointment procedures, though no final decision was reached during the meeting.

Board Membership Structure Discussion
The group discussed board membership structure, specifically addressing concerns about having nine members versus seven members. They agreed to modify the language to state that if nine board positions cannot be filled, the president may either appoint members or leave those positions vacant. The team worked on revising the document to reflect these changes, with CJ and Ken leading the discussion on how to properly structure the language regarding elected at-large members and the president's authority to fill vacant positions.

Policy Board Voting Procedures
The group discussed the structure and voting procedures for their policy board, focusing on handling ties in elections. They agreed that in the event of a tie, the newly elected officers (including the KSCA representative) would vote to break the tie, rather than having the president appoint someone or use a coin flip. The group also clarified that the policy board would consist of 9 members with the possibility of having at-large positions remain vacant if needed. James offered to create a position on their board for KCA, with Eric volunteering to serve in this role pending a constitutional amendment.

The proposed text is as follows:
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a) Officers of the Kansas Chess Association shall be the President, VicePresident, **Treasurer** and Secretary.
b) Officers shall be elected by simple majority of votes cast by those present during the Kansas Chess Association’s annual meeting.
c) There shall be a Policy Board of **nine** members including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, an appointed **KSCA representative** and **four** elected by simple majority at-large members. In the event that four at large members are not elected, the President may appoint or leave those positions vacant. In the event of an election tie, the winner will be determined by a majority of the new elected officers as well as the KSCA representative.
d) Officers’ powers and duties and the KSCA reduties and powers of the Policy Board shall be stated in the Kansas Chess Association’s Bylaws.
e) All Officers and Policy Board members shall be dues-paying members of the Kansas Chess Association and over the age of 18.
f) In the event an officer’s or a policy board’s membership lapses, expires, terminates, their vacated position shall be appointed by the President until the next election cycle. In the case of a lapsed membership, the Officer or Policy Board member can renew the membership within 30 days to retain their position

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The text was approved by consensus.

7/26/27
Attendees: Eric Mullins, Ken Sarner, Patrick Beaudry, John Schick, James Reese, Laurence Coker, Hunter Lannon

Minutes: The minutes from the Annual Meeting were read and approved

Kansas Open Report: The Open lost $227.04. The hotel gave us a $750 discount for having 31 people stay there. Hunter agreed to be the assistant treasurer. CJ would like this to be his last year as treasurer.

Discussed requiring the winner of a section play up a section the following year. The motion was declined, you can win the same section 2 years in a row and not be forced to move up a section.

Tournament Competition: Eric displayed a spreadsheet he created showing the number of tournaments in Kansas. We are consistently having about 500 active players in Kansas, but the number of people at the Kansas Open has been dropping. Laurence pointed out that the number of scholastic entries dropped by 20 people this year. There might also be economic reasons this year. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

KCA Chess.com - We have the ability to host online tournaments via the KCA membership.

It was agreed to purge expired memberships more than 2 years.

Renaissance Festival - need someone to organize cleaning and organizing the volunteers. Laurence will handle Columbus day weekend. Each member of the board that lives in NE Kansas will take a weekend for which they are responsible. This will be Patrick (19-20), Laurence (Columbus day weekend), CJ (Sept 26-27), Ken (Labor Day), John (Oct 17-18), Eric (Sept 12-13), Luydia (Oct 3-4).

Chess 67 - It has membership and tournament modules that work extremely well and work together. The tournament software seems sound. Concerns include people are used to king registration, it is new and we don't know about its future. John & CJ will continue to investigate.

US Open Stipend - It was discussed if we should increase the stipend from $300 to $350. It was mentioned that it should be consistent with the stipend for the KSCA, and because they sponsor 4 people their cost would be $200, which would be a financial strain. It was moved to increase the stipend to $350 and give $200 to the KSCA. It did not pass.

Ken will put together a newsletter, we are obligated by the constitution to publish one quarterly. Laurence, Patrick and Hunter will see if they can get board one games from their tournaments.

The constitutional amendment was tabled until next week.

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
- 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 Sarner, Lee Schnee, Laurence Coker, Dylan Welch, CJ Armata. Michael Schoenhoffer, John Schick

<u>KCA agenda August 2025</u>

- 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.