

Third Memorandum of Understandings  
between USVICF Past and Interim Boards of Administration

Whereas the U.S. Virgin Islands Chess Federation (USVICF) has held an Extraordinary Meeting and Special Election;

The undersigned past and interim Presidents of the USVICF hereby agree on the following plan for moving forward in the best interests of chess in the Virgin Islands:

1. The parties agree to the following slate of Interim Officers and FIDE Delegate, pending an Annual General Meeting Election to be held no later than March 2, 2024, as set forth in paragraph 4 below:

Interim President: Kai Nielsen  
Interim Vice-President for STX: Khalid Saleem  
Interim Vice-President for STT: Sinclair Wilkinson  
Interim Treasurer: Bevan Smith  
Interim Secretary: Anne Kershaw  
Interim FIDE Delegate: John Dempsey

2. The parties agree to form a commission of members to discuss and amend the USVICF Constitution & By-laws. Versions of the amended statutes will be presented to the membership for commentary and provisional approval. To allow for continued membership in the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee (VIOC), the amended USVICF Constitution and By-laws will include, among other amendments, provisions that:

- a. Impose Virgin Islands residency requirements that are consistent with the residency requirements of the VIOC. Specifically, the VIOC requires that members “shall be citizens of the United States, residents of the Virgin Islands and persons of good standing and upright character, sound judgment and independent mind with a knowledge and belief in the Olympic principles.”

Section 4.2 of the VIOC Constitution further states:

A resident of the Virgin Islands is one who domiciles and has established an on-going physical presence within the Virgin Islands. Such residents shall provide one (1) valid government issues identification card. In addition, tax records, a current voter’s registration card, a valid Virgin Islands driver’s license, and a public service utilities bill provided in his/her name may be submitted. The VIOC will have the authority to request other reasonable documentation to verify residency. The resident must reside in the Virgin Islands for a three (3) year period continuously.

- b. Extends membership and voting rights to all active chess players in the territory over the age of 18, upon payment of dues.
- c. Requires the admission of chess clubs without restrictions as to the locations for club meetings.

3. The parties agree to establish a valid and current membership list before January 24, 2024, as per the USVICF Constitution, Article 2.2, to include all member contact information, proof of residency, and proof of payment of membership dues.
4. The parties agree to designate a specific date, such as the third Saturday in February, 2024, but no later than March 2, 2024, for the Annual General Meeting of the USVI Chess Federation wherein a virtual Extraordinary Election of Officers and a new FIDE Delegate will take place via [www.opavote.com](http://www.opavote.com). All members will be notified via email and invited to attend the AGM and vote.
5. The parties agree that copies of all USVICF Books and Records will be provided to the newly elected Interim Officers of the USVICF no later than February 1, 2024.
6. The parties agree that at the 2024 AGM the newly amended Constitution & By-laws will be voted into place by the membership.
7. The parties agree that the outgoing Board of Administration will train the newly elected officers, delegate, and volunteers who commit to continue the chess-in-schools program.

Accepted and agreed, this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2024:

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Margaret Murphy

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Kai Nielsen