

Notice of Special Election of Interim Officers for the U.S. Virgin Islands Chess Federation

Dear VIOC Executive Board: You are hereby advised that the membership of the U.S. Virgin Islands Chess Federation (“USVICF”) convened a virtual Extraordinary Meeting on December 23, 2023, for purposes of commencing a Special Election to vote for an interim USVICF President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and FIDE Delegate. This Extraordinary Meeting was convened by USVICF membership after the current USVICF President and Board of Administration refused to call such a meeting or otherwise respond to members' concerns and requests, and due to the attached Notice of Misconduct. The results of this Special Election, which was conducted virtually via www.OpaVote.com, are the election of the following USVICF Interim Officers:

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

Accordingly, please address all future USVICF correspondence and communications to the above-named individuals and revise your records and website accordingly. As we complete the leadership transition process, updated USVICF email addresses will be provided, together with an updated physical address. These Special Election results are confirmed in the attached document titled US Virgin Islands Special Election Results, together with the attached Voting List, which lists the names and email addresses of all individuals who received Special Election ballots. Please note that all interested Virgin Islands chess players were asked to vote, to measure the extent of interest in fair chess competition in the Virgin Islands, with each voter indicating their current membership status in the USVICF on the last ballot. As you will see, 16 current USVICF members voted, 5 previous USVICF members voted, and 21 aspiring (but previously excluded) USVICF members voted. The new USVICF interim leadership will immediately admit to membership all U.S. Virgin Islands chess players and will be holding an annual meeting in Mid-February 2024 for the election of Officers and the adoption of a Constitution and By-laws that will provide that all USVICF members are entitled to vote.W

Please do not hesitate to contact me or other Interim USVICF Officers if you have any questions.

Anne Kershaw, Interim Secretary of the U.S. Virgin Islands Chess Federation