



American Mock Trial Association
Mid-Year Meeting of Board of Directors
Via Zoom
December 14, 2025
Agenda

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members Present: Ben-Merre, Bernstein, Cannon, D'Ippolito, Detsky, Garson, Gelfand, Halva-Neubauer, Harper, Haughey, Hauser, Henry, Heytens, Jahangir, Langford, Leapheart, Leckrone, Michalak, Olson, Ouambo, Parker, Pickerill, Randals Schuette, Smiley, Sohi, Thomason, Walsh, Warihay, Wilson, Woodward, Yeomelakis, Zarzycki (32)

Members Not Present: Hogan, Holstad, Schuett, Watt (4)

Candidate Members Present: LaPrade, Nolte, Selcov (3)

Candidate Members Not Present: Kerwin (1)

II. Welcome and Remarks (Sohi)

III. Approval of Agenda

See [Appendix A](#) for an explanation of the Agenda.

Motion by Cannon to approve the Agenda. Seconded.

Agenda approved.

IV. Committee Reports

Most committees delivered their reports to the Board via email prior to the meeting.

- A. Academics Committee (Leapheart): Written report.
- B. Analysis Committee (D'Ippolito): Written report.
- C. Audit Committee (Halva-Neubauer): Written report.
- D. Competition Integrity Committee (Thomason): Written report.
- E. Content and Campaigns (Selcov): Written report.
- F. Criminal Case Committee (Schuett): Written report.
- G. Development Committee (Bernstein): Written report.
- H. Disciplinary Committee (D'Ippolito): Written report.
- I. Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Harper): Written report.
- J. New School Recruitment and Mentorship
- K. Operational Excellence Committee (LaPrade): Written report.
- L. Rules, IP, and Ethics Committee (Smiley): Written report.
- M. Student Advisory Board Committee (Wilson): Written report.
- N. Tabulation Advisory Committee (Michalak): Written report.
- O. Tournament Administration Committee

V. Tabled Motions

See [Appendix A](#) of the Agenda for an explanation of tabled motions.
See [Appendix C](#) of the Agenda for a list of motions tabled by committee.

VI. VII. Motions

The full text of motions advanced for debate appears in [Appendix B](#) of the Agenda and below. Designations in **green** were advanced by the committee with a positive recommendation. Designations in ***blue italic*** were advanced by the committee with no recommendation. Designations in **red with underlining** were tabled by the committee.

Overview of Motions

All motions are hyperlinked by number to their full text, Board discussion, and outcome.

Motion	Description	Outcome
EC-04	Selects Arizona State University as the 2027 NCT Host.	Passed

EC-04:

Motion by Leckrone to select Arizona State University as the 2027 National Championship Host.

This motion would select Arizona State University in Phoenix, Arizona as the 2027 National Championship Host.

***Rationale:** ASU is a longtime regional host and occasional ORCS host, and they will be hosting an ORCS tournament this year. They always put on a strong tournament and came up with a strong proposal for a 2027 NCT. ASU hosting NCT would bring the National Championship back to the West Coast for the first time since 2017.*

EC-04 passes.

VIII. Unfinished/New Business

IX. Adjournment

Motion by D'Ippolito to adjourn. Seconded. **The Board adjourned on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. CST.**



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Appendix A: Explanation of Agenda

Pursuant to AMTA Rule 10.2.1, the Executive Committee referred each motion to a Board committee based on the subject matter of the motion. All motions are referenced numerically by the abbreviation of the committee to which the motion was referred (e.g., EC-02, TAB-03.)

Each committee had the option of (1) advancing the motion to the Board with a positive recommendation; (2) advancing the motion to the Board with no recommendation; or (3) tabling the motion. Further, each committee had the option to make amendments to each motion prior to advancing it to the Board.

Advanced Motions (Appendix B)

Motions advanced by committee with a positive recommendation do not require a second. These motions are indicated by a designation in green, e.g., **TAB-02**.

Tabled Motions (Appendix C)

These motions are designated in red with underlining, e.g., **TAC-09**. No action will be taken on any tabled motion unless five Board members ask that that a vote be held to untable the motion and the Board subsequently votes to untable. If the vote to untable the motion is successful, the untabled motion would then be subject to debate on its merits and action.

Voting Standards

For a motion to be adopted, it must receive a majority of the votes cast at a meeting where quorum is present. AMTA Bylaw 4.10. Motions to amend the Bylaws require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Voting Directors. AMTA Bylaw 8.02.



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Appendix B: Full Text of Motions

SUMMARY OF ADVANCED MOTIONS

The full text of motions advanced are provided below. The shortened descriptions here are for reference only. Designations in **green** were advanced by the committee with a positive recommendation.

In cases where existing rules are being amended, rule language to be deleted is shown ~~struck through~~ and new language to be created is shown **in red**.

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Appendix C: Tabled Motions

SUMMARY OF TABLED MOTIONS

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<u>EC-01</u>	Provides for a delayed motion submission deadline for motions impacting internal Board operations.	<u>2</u>
<u>EC-02</u>	Adopts proposal from Non-Core Tournaments Working Group.	<u>3</u>
<u>EC-03</u>	Adopts proposal from Board Longevity Working Group.	<u>4</u>

EC-01:

Motion by Sohi to amend Rule 15.7 of the AMTA Rulebook as follows:

Rule 15.7 Meeting agendas.

(1) FILING. A motion **generally** shall be filed with the Secretary no later than May 15, for motions for the Summer meeting, or October 15, for motions for the Midyear meeting. **A motion that only impacts internal Board operations shall be filed with the Secretary no later than June 15, for motions for the Summer meeting, or November 15, for motions for the Midyear meeting.** Whenever possible, motions should contain the operative text to be added or amended as well as a statement of rationale for the motion. Motions may be filed only by a voting Director. A motion is deemed filed at the time it is emailed to the Secretary.

Rationale: *The May 15 and October 15 dates are designed to provide time for both committee review and public comment. Internal Board operations don't require public comment, so having a later deadline provides more flexibility in an already busy time to propose useful motions.*

EC-02:

Motion by Sohi to adopt the proposal from the Non-Core Tournaments Working Group

Rationale: PLACEHOLDER.

EC-03:

Motion by Sohi to adopt the proposal from the Board Longevity Working Group.

Rationale: PLACEHOLDER