

**SUBJECT: Minutes of the Executive Board Open Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

1. Purpose. This document captures the minutes of the Executive Board (EB) Open Session Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
2. President Randy Bauer called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm Eastern time.
  - a. He called the roll and the following EB members were present:
    - Randy Bauer (IA), President
    - Chuck Unruh (OK), VP of Finance
    - Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Secretary
    - David Hater (GA), Member at Large
    - John Fernandez (MO), Member at Large
    - Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Member at Large
    - Leila D'Aquin (LA), Member at Large
    - Carol Meyer, Executive Director (ED)
  - b. VP Kevin Pryor (FL) was not present at the start of the meeting but joined at 8:11 pm shortly after VP of Finance Chuck Unruh started his financial overview.
3. President Bauer asked the members present whether they had any new conflicts of interest to disclose. There were none.
4. President Bauer recognized VP of Finance (VPF) Chuck Unruh for a short financial update. VPF Unruh stated that the organization's finances remain strong with both memberships and donations contributing significantly to the bottom line. He said membership strength surprises him every month and noted that our operational expenses remain within the budget. ED Meyer said she believes there is a good possibility that membership will exceed the year's goal. She also noted the recent increase in donations to the Federation.
5. **EB24-022 –BOARD:** The Board moved to approve the September 2023 Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting.  
**PASSED 8-0**
6. **EB24-023 – BOARD:** The Board also moved to approve the October 2023 Minutes of the Executive Board meeting.  
**PASSED 7-0 (with David Hater abstaining as he was not present at the meeting on 10-18-2023)**
7. The Executive Board went into Closed Session at 8:21 pm.
8. The EB reconvened in Open Session at 10:05 pm Eastern time. President Bauer mentioned that the Board will meet in-person in St. Louis on 1-3 December at the US Chess Office. In addition, the Secretary read the following two motions prepared during Closed Session:

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- a. **EB24-024 – BOARD:** The Executive Board moves to reconsider EB24-019 regarding IM Alexey Diulger, US Chess ID 14584110, that was passed at the October 18 Executive Board Meeting. **Passed 8-0.**
  - b. **As a result of EB24-024 motion EB24-019 is hereby withdrawn.**
  - c. **EB24-025 - BOARD:** Under the authority of Article III, Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws, the Executive Board moves to revoke the US Chess membership of IM Alexey Diulger, US Chess ID 14584110 for being a threat to the safety of US Chess members. The Executive Board further moves to permanently ban IM Diulger, FIDE ID 13900730, from using his International Master title to gain entry into any US Chess-rated event; to permanently bar him from attending any US Chess rated tournaments or activities sanctioned by the US Chess Federation; and to report IM Diulger's activities to FIDE (the World Chess Federation) and the Moldovan Chess Federation. In accordance with the US Chess Bylaws the Executive Board is providing IM Diulger with 30 days of written notice to respond to these proposed actions before the specifications take effect. **Passed 8-0.**
  - d. **EB24-026 – BOARD:** The Executive Board moves to approve the Endowment Fund Trust Trustee’s restated Investment Policy Statement and the First Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust that updates the incorporation documents of the Endowment Fund Grantor Trust. **Passed 8-0.**
9. Having heard no further business President Bauer introduced a motion to adjourn which was seconded and unanimously approved at 10:11 pm Eastern time.

Prepared by: Mike Hoffpauir, EB Secretary