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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

First and foremost, on behalf of the office and the Board, I wish each of you a wonderful 1999. Let's hope that this is a great year for each of us, and for the United States Chess Federation.

The first election of the Executive Board under the new Bylaws is being held this year. To date there are six certified candidates: Doris Barry (AZ); Ralph Bowman (KS); Tom Dorsch (CA/N); Bob Holliman (MO); Bob Smith (FL); and Helen Warren (IL). If you would like to be a candidate I must receive your petitions by no later than April 1. I am also accepting Advance Delegate Motions for the August Delegates' Meeting in Reno. Motions must be received by no later than June 1. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone or fax at (602) 350-9126. You can reach me by e-mail to secretary@aol.com.

Thanks to Executive Director Mike Cavallo and his staff for providing current financial information for this issue. This is a first and it is very much appreciated.

I wish each of you the best.

Sincerely,

Rachel Lieberman, USCF Secretary

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 12/98 MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD

ACTIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

The following motions were submitted via **objections procedure** between meetings:

PB 99-16 (Eade): An OMOV implementation task force, OMOVTF, is established. Jim Eade is the Board liaison. Mike Nolan will be the task force chair. The purpose of the OMOVTF is to research and review the bylaw changes that would be required to support the direct election of national officers. The task force is to provide the Board with its recommendations no later than the Board meeting immediately prior to the annual meeting, and will be dissolved upon completion of its assignment.

Status: Don Schultz objected on procedural grounds. Jim Eade and Tom Dorsch favored a conference call to discuss this issue. Note: After discussion via e-mail a special OMOV Committee chaired by Vice President Bill Goichberg and including Member-At-Large Jim Eade, Randy Bauer, Mike Nolan, Larry Parr, and Wayne Praeder was established. The committee recommendations were approved at the December meeting.

PB 99-17 (Lieberman): A subcommittee of the Policy Board consisting of Rachel Lieberman and Jim Eade will draft a document that will define the goals, objectives, and measurement criteria for the Executive Director for the current year. The document is to be circulated to the Board, including the Executive Director, for input prior to being finalized. Once a final draft is created it will be submitted to the Board for final approval prior to the December meeting.

Status: No objections received. Motion passed. Note: Executive Director criteria for evaluation were presented by Jim Eade and finalized at the December meeting.

PB 99-18 (Goichberg): If a player qualifies to be invited to a national invitational tournament but is no longer a USCF member, that player shall be invited, and the invitation shall state that acceptance must be accompanied by payment of USCF dues.

Status: Don Schultz and Rachel Lieberman. objected on procedural grounds: Note: This item was discussed at the December meeting and passed 6-0 (See motion PB 99-25).

PB 99-19 (Goichberg): If a player or tournament director qualifies for inclusion on a USCF published "Top" list but is no longer a USCF member, that player or director shall be included on the "Top" list in question provided that no more than six months have elapsed since the expiration of his or her membership.

Status: Don Schultz and Rachel Lieberman objected on procedural grounds: Note: - Motion 99-27, which provides for 3 months rather than 6 months, passed at the December meeting.

The Board held two **conference calls** for the purpose of reviewing an appeal of the awarding of the National Elementary School Championship for the year 2000. Richard Peterson (AZ) submitted the appeal. Executive Director Michael Cavallo, who has the responsibility of awarding the bids, asked the Board to review the appeal.

The first conference call was held on November 8, 1998, from 9:30 – 11:30 PM Eastern Standard Time. Present on the line were Don Schultz, Bill Goichberg, Rachel Lieberman, Tom Dorsch, Jim Eade, Garrett Scott, Mike Cavallo, Beatriz Marinello, Richard Peterson, Robert Tanner, Ralph Bowman, and Joe Ippolito. The following motions resulted:

PB 99-20 (Scott): This issue (regarding the appeal of the 2000 National Elementary School Championship) is the responsibility of the Board, and the Board will vote on it. **PASSED 4 – 2**

(Eade, Goichberg, Lieberman, Scott in favor; Dorsch, Schultz opposed)

PB 99-21 (Schultz): Bidding on the 2000 Elementary School Championship shall be re-opened for the Texas bid and for the Indiana bid. **PASSED 4 – 2**

(Dorsch, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz in favor; Eade, Scott opposed)

It was agreed that the two bids would be re-opened so that they could be improved upon and then a final decision made. The Board was also asked to consider the concept of a payment being given as compensation to the losing bidder.

The second conference call took place on November 16, 1998, from 9:30 – 10:30PM Eastern Time. The same parties were on the line with the exception of Garrett Scott. Rachel Lieberman was connected into the call late. The following motion was proposed, based on a compromise offered by both bidders.

PB 99-22 (Goichberg): The 2000 Elementary bid is awarded to Dallas, Texas, and the 2002 Elementary bid is awarded to Indianapolis, Indiana. **PASSED 3 – 2**

(Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz in favor; Dorsch, Eade opposed)

DECEMBER 1998 USCF POLICY BOARD MEETING

The Board held its Fall / Winter meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday, December 19, 1998.

The Board expresses its appreciation to those who arranged the meeting. In addition, the Board thanks the guests who were present. Those guests included the following: Kevin Bachler, IL; Dan Conner, NV; Barbara DeMaro, NY; Norm Harvey, NV; Igor Ivanov, AZ; Steve Kamp, AZ; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Allen Magruder, NV; Beatriz Marinello, NY; Gary Moore, AZ; Shiloh Quinn; Tom Thrush, NV; John Trivett, NV; and Carolyn Withgitt, CA/N

OPENING – PRESIDENT

President Donald Schultz opened the meeting at 9:08AM. After welcoming the group and guests, he reported that the tentative dates for the FIDE World Championship are June 17 – July 19, 1999. It is expected that the event will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada.

President Schultz extended Congratulations to Nick DeFirmian, our new US Chess Champion, and to fourteen-year-old Irina Krush, who won the Interplay US Women's Championship with no losses and only a single draw. The Board extends its Congratulations to them.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Michael Cavallo discussed his upcoming meeting with International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch. The meeting presents a possibility to build a bridge between the USCF and the International Olympic Committee. Please note: The meeting did not take place as scheduled but may be rescheduled.

Michael Cavallo stated that USCF finances are turning in the right direction; however there has been lower than expected revenue. This is due in part to decreased membership revenue, low tournament revenue, and negative market variation in investments. "Chess Life" newsstand sales and advertising are down. On the positive side, it was noted that book and equipment sales are going extremely well. Online sales are rapidly increasing. Membership revenue is low in all major categories, although November's figures are encouraging. Revenue has not been posted for tournaments that have been held but for which the accounting has not yet been closed. The 1998 US Open may have resulted in a loss of about \$20,000. The recent market recovery should offset earlier market losses.

Personnel issues were discussed. Anthony Crawley, Manager of Club Development, will be leaving in January. We thank him for his service to USCF. Executive Director Cavallo reviewed the organizational chart for the office. He stated that more people are needed. Many staff members are performing multiple functions, and additional shifting of workloads is expected to take place. Michael Cavallo stated that it is the right time to hire a Number Two person for the office. The problem is that he is being held back by the budget. The National Intercollegiate Chess League was discussed, as well as the possibility for hiring a Club Development/ Internet person to develop a strong USCF presence in both areas. The sense of the Board was for Michael Cavallo to run an ad for a Number Two person in the office.

The USCF won the Nevada litigation, resulting in a court injunction against Stan Vaughan. Due to continued violations of the injunction, active enforcement measures are being pursued. The issue is not that Stan Vaughan has his own organization, separate and apart from the USCF, but that his organization continues to make false claims about being USCF's authorized state affiliate and continues to use the affiliate number for the authorized state affiliate.

OPEN FORUM

An Open Forum was held to enable guests to provide feedback and ask questions. Topics discussed included the fact that in the past there had been Ethics Committee cases filed regarding Stan Vaughan and his group, and the Committee had not responded. The office has no jurisdiction in those instances. The parties were urged to re-submit their cases to the new Delegate-appointed Ethics Committee. It was noted that there would be a court hearing on January 5, 1999 due to the continued violation of the injunction.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The consolidated financial report for November 1998 was distributed to the Board. It reflected a significant shortfall of membership revenue for the six month period when compared to the budget or the previous year. November showed some improvement. Revenue comes primarily from sales plus memberships. Many tournaments have not yet been closed, which could lead to substantial additional expense as well as additional revenue when they are closed. Our line of credit is up to \$500,000.

Treasurer Tom Dorsch stated that the USCF's cash flow problems have been intense and that he does not see a lot of movement. He expressed concern over long term debt and stated that he wants to see more energetic efforts to deal with chronic problems. His concerns were then discussed.

Executive Director Mike Cavallo stated that sales and cash flow are enormously good right now. The new phone system has brought improvements in sales and customer service. The purchase and installation of the new computer system creates substantial expense, but is essential for our operation.

Please note: After the meeting Treasurer Tom Dorsch requested that the Finance Committee review the situation. The Finance Committee requested a Special Meeting with the Board to discuss projections and policy. December figures are included in this PBN for everyone's review, thanks to Executive Director Mike Cavallo. One possibility currently under consideration is a meeting or workshop at the US Amateur Team Championship East.

A break was called at 11:00AM and the meeting resumed at 11:17.

SHELBY SCHOOL

Kevin Bachler (IL) presented his complaint against the Shelby School (AZ) to the Board. Steve Kamp and Gary Moore represented the Shelby School. After full discussion of the status of the Shelby School, Kevin Bachler withdrew his complaint pending receipt of additional documentation from the Shelby School.

A break was called at 12:15 PM and the meeting resumed at 12:34.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The Board reviewed the Executive Director Performance Criteria presented by Member-At-Large Jim Eade. After some modifications the performance criteria for the Executive Director were approved.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session from 1:58PM until 3:16PM. The following motions and action items came from closed session:

PB 99-23 (Board): The membership of Leon Powers (TX) is suspended, pending payment of \$70.

PASSED 6 – 0

PB 99-24 (Board): The Gast appeal is deferred until the next meeting of the Policy Board.

PASSED 6 – 0

Executive Director Michael Cavallo will write to Robert Boylan (CT) regarding his unpaid debt to the Massachusetts Chess Association.

Secretary Rachel Lieberman will write to William Wright (MO) to inform him that the Missouri case has been referred to the TDCC and the Rules Committee.

President Donald Schultz will submit an article for the "Delegates' Call" stating that nominations are being sought for Delegate named committees.

USCF INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND "TOP" LISTS

Open session resumed at 3:28PM. Vice President Bill Goichberg re-introduced his motions that had failed objections procedure as motions PB 99-18 and PB 99-19. PB 99-18 was discussed first.

PB 99-25 (Goichberg): If a player qualifies to be invited to a national invitational tournament but is no longer a USCF member, that player shall be invited, and the invitation shall state that acceptance must be accompanied by payment of USCF dues. **PASSED 6 - 0**

Discussion then turned to PB 99-19 and the topic of whether USCF membership should be required for inclusion on "Top Lists". Member at Large Garrett Scott offered following motion as a substitute for PB 99-19.

PB 99-26 (Scott): Membership status should not be a criterion for inclusion on "Top" lists.

FAILED 3 – 3 (Dorsch, Goichberg, Schultz in favor; Eade, Lieberman, Scott opposed) Note: Yes, it is permissible to vote against a motion that you sponsor.

Discussion on PB 99-19 resulted in shortening the time period where a lapsed membership would be allowed, after which the revised motion passed.

PB 99-27 (Goichberg): If a player or tournament director qualifies for inclusion on a USCF published "Top" list but is no longer a USCF member, that player or director shall be included on the "Top" list in question provided that no more than three months have elapsed since the expiration of his or her membership. **PASSED 6 - 0**

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Vice President Bill Goichberg recommended the creation of a Young Adult Membership class as a means to bridge the gap between a \$17 Youth Membership and a \$40 Regular Adult Membership. The concept of a \$28 membership was introduced. This class could apply to 22 – 33 year-old individuals. The Board endorsed this principle. Executive Director Michael Cavallo stated that he would discuss this with the Finance and Scholastic Committees and report back to the Board in May. The concept of an online membership was also discussed. A subcommittee made up of Bill Goichberg and Rachel Lieberman was named to examine this possibility and report back to the Board.

A break was called at 4:00PM. The meeting resumed at 4:15.

SCHOLASTIC ISSUES

Member-At-Large Garrett Scott introduced the concept of a Scholastic Chess Congress: The idea would be for the USCF to host the conference in a large (hub) city, but for individual state Delegates to pay their own way. The Board discussed the concept of obtaining sponsorship for the conference, as well as the concept of integrating it into the US Open workshop schedule in the future. It was felt that this conference, held on its own, would enable the scholastic community to provide direct input.

PB 99-28 (Scott): The USCF is encouraged to consider a Scholastic Chess Congress, to be held in the summer of 1999.

PASSED 4 – 1 – 1 (Eade, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Dorsch opposed; Goichberg abstained)

PROPOSALS REGARDING BIDDING AND BIDDING PROCEDURES

Ralph Bowman's proposal regarding the hiring of a Scholastic Tournament Coordinator and Al Woolum's proposal regarding Regional Qualifiers for National Scholastics were deferred until the next meeting.

It was noted that there is an existing set of Bidding Procedures. Member-At-Large Garrett Scott and Executive Director Michael Cavallo will prepare an update for distribution to the Board at the next meeting.

OMOV COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee Chair Bill Goichberg presented the recommendations of the OMOV Committee: The first recommendation was a revision to the Bylaws that would enable a system of direct election of the Executive Board by the members.

Bylaw changes recommended by the OMOV Committee

The OMOV Committee proposes the following changes to the new Bylaws:

Article IV: Voting Members

Section 1. Responsibility. The Voting Members are responsible for electing **the Executive Board, and** the Delegates and Alternate Delegates that represent their state. An insert containing nominees and voting instructions shall be inserted in an appropriate issue of Chess Life.

Article V Section 9. Deleted

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 4. Nomination. Any USCF member shall be eligible for nomination to **the Executive Board** upon submitting to the Secretary **both of the following** by **January 15** of an election year:

1. A valid petition containing the signatures of thirty or more Voting Members.

2. A filing fee of \$500 made payable to USCF.

No full-time employee of the USCF is eligible to serve on the Executive Board. The Secretary shall have advertised a call for nominations in the issue of Chess Life published no later than **November 20th** of **the year prior to** an election year and shall publish a list of all duly-submitted nominations in the issue published not later than **April 20th** of an election year.

Section 5. Delete and Replace with:

Election. Executive Board members shall be elected by the voting members. Ballots for that purpose shall be included in an issue of Chess Life to be mailed prior to June 10 with ballots to be returned no later than July

20 of a year in which there is an election so that the ballots can be counted no later than August 1. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. The ballot shall list all duly submitted nominations. Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. The ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent agency and counted by the Secretary or his or her designee and by tellers appointed by the Executive Board prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. Ties, if any, shall be broken by a secret ballot vote at that year's Delegates' meeting, taken at the time that election results are certified. The election of Executive Board members shall take place in odd numbered years starting in 2001.

Article VI Section 8. Duties.

Secretary. USCF Operations, with the approval of the Secretary, shall engage a stenographic service to attend and record each meeting of the Executive Board. The stenographic service shall be directed to prepare a full official transcript and a summarized official transcript of each Regular and Special Meeting. Members of the Executive Board shall be provided with a copy of the full transcript through the BINFO system, and all **Delegates and Alternate Delegates** shall be provided with a copy of the summarized transcript in a Executive Board Newsletter distributed by the Secretary not more than six weeks after each Regular Meeting of the Executive Board. Transcripts of Special Meetings may be included with and distributed with the transcript of the next Regular Meeting. The Secretary shall review the summarized transcript of each Executive Board meeting and post the summarized transcript of Executive Board meetings, Membership Meetings, and Annual Meetings on the USCF Internet web page. The Secretary shall act as custodian of the corporate seal, preside over Federation elections, ensure that the annual report is filed with the Secretary of State of the state of Illinois, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws. The Secretary shall officially publish and mail and also post on the USCF Internet web page a summary of the minutes of Membership Meetings, Annual Meetings, and Executive Board meetings. USCF members may purchase a copy of the complete transcript of Executive Board meetings at a reasonable cost.

Article VI Section 10. Removal and Recall. Members of the Executive Board are subject to removal through recall by Petition for Recall.

Petition for Recall. A Petition for Recall bearing the signatures of a **number of Voting Members equal to at least 15% of the number who voted in the most recent Executive Board election where the Executive Board member subject to recall was elected** may be filed with the USCF Secretary, except that a Petition to Recall the USCF Secretary shall be filed with the USCF President. **A recall election may also be initiated by a vote of 75% or more at an annual meeting of the Board of Delegates.** Upon certification of the petition **or initiation of recall by the Board of Delegates,** timely notice of the recall shall be provided to the **Voting Members by notice in Chess Life magazine.** The Executive Board member who is subject to recall shall have no less than **sixty** days to communicate his/her views to the **Voting Members.** At the end of that period a recall ballot shall be **included and prominently placed in an issue of Chess Life magazine. Ballots must be received by mail by an independent agency by the end of the month following the issue date of the Chess Life magazine containing the recall ballot.** At the end of that period the ballots shall be opened and tabulated in the presence of three tellers, one appointed by the Executive Board member who is subject to recall, one appointed by the first available signer of a recall question, and one appointed by the other two tellers. If at least **two-thirds** of those voting support recall **and the number of those voting to recall is more than one-half of the number who voted in the most recent Executive Board election where the Executive Board member subject to recall was elected,** the Executive Board Member is recalled. **The Executive Board member subject to recall shall be allocated space for a response of 250 words or less in Chess Life magazine to be included in the issue with the ballot for recall.**

Article VI Section 11. Candidate statements and advertising. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to a 150 word statement plus photo in the issue of Chess Life published no later than April 20 of the election year, plus space on the USCF website. Election supplements shall accompany or be inserted in issues of Chess Life published no later than May 20 and June 20 of the election year. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to a total of one-half page of space in the two election supplements and may purchase additional space at rates equal to the Chess Life affiliate rates. Campaign advertising in Chess Life is prohibited.

Article VI Section 12. Effective date. Revisions to the bylaws relating to the election of the Executive Board take effect on January 1, 2001.

The OMOV Committee also offered a fallback motion to be considered by the Delegates if the Bylaw revisions were not passed. The wording was as follows:

Fallback Motion

The delegates see merit in the idea that the voting membership electing the Executive Board is the next logical step after SOMOV (State One Member One Vote), and hereby appoint a task force to further develop the detailed proposal presented in Reno and report back with an implementation proposal for the 2000 delegates meeting.

Member-At-Large Jim Eade moved to delete Section 12 from the proposed Bylaw changes. This was tabled on a motion by Tom Dorsch.

PB 99-29 (Eade) - Delete Article VI Section 12 from the proposed OMOV Bylaws - **TABLED** without objection

After discussion the following motions were considered:

PB 99-30 (Goichberg): The Policy Board approves the revised Bylaws and Fallback Motion presented by the OMOV Committee in principle. **PASSED 4 – 2** (Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Dorsch, Eade opposed)

PB 99-31 (Goichberg): The Policy Board refers the revised Bylaws and Fallback Motion to the Bylaws Committee for report back to the Board in time for the May meeting.

PASSED 5 – 1 (Eade, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Dorsch opposed)

PB 99-32 (Goichberg): The OMOV Committee is continued through the Annual Meeting (August 1999).

PASSED 3 –0 –3 (Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; none opposed; Dorsch, Eade, Goichberg abstained)

Member At Large Jim Eade proposed an additional motion on the subject of One Member One Vote.

PB 99-33 (Eade) - The Board accepts the Delegates' decision to implement the system of State One Member One Vote (SOMOV), but advocates the creation of a Delegates' appointed committee charged with designing a One Member One Vote (OMOV) implementation plan for the Delegates' future consideration.

PASSED 4 – 1 – 1 (Dorsch, Eade, Lieberman, Scott in favor; Schultz opposed; Goichberg abstained)

NEW NATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENTS

Vice President Bill Goichberg recommended that the new Team Tournaments be planned in such a way as to not hurt the existing Amateur Team events, traditionally held over President's Day weekend. For instance, some consideration should be given to how these new tournaments are named. The new Three-Person Team Tournament could be called the "National Team Open" or the "American Team Open". In addition, it was suggested that possible prizes might be free entries into the already existing and successful Amateur Team Tournaments. Executive Director

Michael Cavallo will speak to Alan Benjamin regarding this issue. Input is being sought from the Events Committee.

WOMEN'S CHESS OLYMPIAD TEAMS AND WOMEN'S US CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

President Donald Schultz introduced four motions regarding the Women's Olympiad teams and the Women's US Championship. Jim Eade asked that these matters be deferred until the next meeting so that feedback from the men could also be obtained. After discussion, the Board determined that the following motions should be considered at this time:

PB 99-34 (Schultz) - Members of the USCF Women's Olympiad team must play a minimum of 40 USCF rated games during the two year period preceding the date of invitation. **PASSED 5 – 1** (Dorsch, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Eade opposed)

PB 99-35(Schultz) - Invitations for the Women's Olympiad team shall be based on the average of the following:

- Peak USCF rating during the two years preceding the invitation
- Latest published USCF rating at the time of the invitation
- Latest published FIDE rating at the time of the invitation

PASSED 5 – 1 (Dorsch, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Eade opposed)

(Schultz) - Participants in the US Women's Championship must play a minimum of 20 USCF rated games in the year preceding the date of their invitation. Games played in the previous Women's Championship will count toward this even if they fall outside of the one-year time period.

Member-At-Large Garrett Scott proposed that the previous year's Top Three players be invited to participate. This amendment **FAILED 2 – 3- 1** (Lieberman, Scott in favor; Dorsch, Goichberg, Schultz opposed; Eade abstained). A vote was then taken on the main motion:

PB 99-36 (Schultz) - Participants in the US Women's Championship must play a minimum of 20 USCF rated games in the year preceding the date of their invitation. Games played in the previous Women's Championship will count toward this even if they fall outside of the one-year time period. **PASSED 5 – 1** (Dorsch, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Eade opposed)

(Schultz) - Players on the most recent US Olympiad team or Women's Olympiad team shall, even if they are not Grandmasters, receive the same special considerations as Grandmasters, e.g. discounts, lower or free tournament entry for USCF National events, etc.

The last motion was amended as follows:

PB 99-37 (Schultz) – Players on the most recent US Olympiad Team or Women's Olympiad Team shall receive free entry fee to USCF National Tournaments. **PASSED 4 – 2** (Dorsch, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Eade, Goichberg opposed)

A break was called at 6:15PM. The meeting resumed at 6:22.

STATUS OF REFERRED ITEMS AND ACTION ITEMS

Secretary Rachel Lieberman presented a status report of those items referred to the Board by the Delegates at the 1998 Annual Meeting. All referred items have been considered by the Board.

Action items were then reviewed: Note: Some items have been completed and/ or removed from the chart.

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BOARD MEMBER ACTION ITEMS

DATE	ITEM	STATUS	WHO/WHEN
8/97	Don Schultz and Bill Goichberg will continue to explore options re: Doubles.	The intent is to spotlight Doubles as a way to increase participation in chess, particularly among females.	Don Schultz Bill Goichberg Ongoing
8/98	A Board subcommittee shall be established to study the feasibility of a new rulebook. (PB 99-08)	It was determined that this is should be a project for the next Board.	
8/98	Synchronization of website and label ratings will be referred to the Ratings Committee	This idea has been referred and is awaiting a report.	Bill Goichberg 5/99
8/98	George John (TX) will give a report to the Board	The report will be on Internet Partnerships.	Tom Dorsch 5/99

BOARD MEMBER/ OFFICE/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

DATE	ITEM	STATUS	WHO/WHEN
5/98	A five-year plan will be developed which will focus on needs and goals for the organization.	Mike Cavallo, Don Schultz, and Tom Dorsch will each develop their own plan, to be presented to the Board at the next meeting.	Don Schultz Tom Dorsch Mike Cavallo 5/99
2/98	Garrett Scott and Beatriz Marinello will examine the concept of a scholastic rulebook.	The Scholastic Committee saw this as a worthwhile project. Ralph Bowman will be involved.	Garrett Scott Beatriz Marinello 5/99
2/98	All Board members and the ED will establish AOL addresses.	Please see PB 98-52. The goal is to enhance communications.	PB/ ED 5/99

5/98	Methods will be developed to correct (sandbagging) problems caused by inaccurate ratings or extraordinary rating fluctuations.	Bill Goichberg has talked to Mark Glickman. The office will also provide input.	Bill Goichberg Mike Cavallo Ernie Schlich Ongoing
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ OFFICE ACTION ITEMS

DATE	ITEM	STATUS	WHO/WHEN
8/97	Feedback is being sought through <u>Chess Life</u> and at tournaments..	A new <u>Chess Life</u> survey is forthcoming.	Mike Cavallo Ongoing
2/98	The Chairman of the Ratings Committee was requested to poll the committee.	Feedback was being sought regarding Quick Chess ratings	Mike Cavallo 5/99
5/98	The Executive Director will examine some aspects and procedures of the US Championship.	The ED will report back on ways to give our Grandmasters more coverage. Increased sponsorship is being sought.	Mike Cavallo 5/99
5/97	The office computer system is being upgraded.	It is anticipated that the conversion will take place by May 1999.	Mike Cavallo 5/99
5/98	A Collegiate Chess League of 10 teams is planned.	League play is planned for January 1999.	Mike Cavallo 1/99

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH STATUS REPORTS

Herman Drenth, Co-chair of the Club Development Committee is working with the office on a National Chess Day promotion. National Chess Day is expected to be in September of 1999. More details will be available soon.

Secretary Rachel Lieberman reported that the National School Boards Association (NSBA), a contact made at the NOAPPP conference this year, has shown an interest in chess and was sent a packet of materials. The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention/ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (CSAP/ SAMHSA) is currently working with the office. A CDC funded field study is currently in progress in San Antonio, Texas. The Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society, a group that sponsors and produces Science Fiction and Gaming conventions, has shown interest in a three day chess festival as part of a convention next year. Many science fiction fans enjoy chess and vice versa. Science fiction and gaming conventions could be a significant new source of chess enthusiasts.

Myron Lieberman, Chairman of the Outreach Committee, reported on the brief survey that has been posted on the website (www.uschess.org) and on rec games chess. Members, Non-members, and former members are invited to participate. The intent is to gather input regarding USCF until a scientific survey can be designed and implemented.

The Board will receive periodic reports. Please participate if you haven't already. Your opinions matter. This is a chance for you to be heard. About 50 responses have been received as of the day of the meeting.

VOLUNTEER ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Treasurer Tom Dorsch requested that the Board adhere to the policy in which volunteers who attend conferences at USCF expense shall be required to submit a written or oral report regarding the conference. Member-At-Large Garrett Scott stated that he would contact those individuals who attended the NEA Convention for a report back to the Board.

COPYRIGHTING OF CHESS GAMES

Treasurer Tom Dorsch introduced the following motion regarding the copyrighting of chess games:

PB 99-38 (Dorsch): It is the policy of the USCF to promote the freest possible exchange of information within the chess community worldwide. Consistent with that policy, the USCF deplors all attempts to restrict the flow of information. Specifically, the USCF opposes the attempt by FIDE to implement a system of charges for copyrighting chess games and also opposes copyrighting games outright. **PASSED 5 – 0 – 1** (Dorsch, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Eade abstained)

FAN ADAMS TOURNAMENT FOR FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

The Board discussed the concept of the Fan Adams Tournament for Female High School Champions, which was introduced at the 1998 Annual Delegates' Meeting. The question was raised as to whether the USCF wants to organize it, postpone it, or study it. There was some discussion regarding finances for the tournament, and our current financial position. Garrett Scott introduced the following motion:

PB 99-39 (Scott): Garrett Scott, Mike Cavallo, and Beatriz Marinello will pursue information regarding the Adams Tournament, and if it is comparable to the Denker Tournament (for High School Champions), begin organizing the 1999 Adams Tournament. **FAILED 2 – 4** (Dorsch, Schultz in favor; Eade, Goichberg, Lieberman, Scott opposed)

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC REGULATIONS

Scholastic Director Beatriz Marinello introduced the USCF National Scholastic Regulations, which had been amended and approved by the Scholastic Committee. The office suggested additional amendments. The Board reviewed the Regulations and approved the recommended changes as presented by Beatriz Marinello. Please Note: Scholastic Committee co-chair Ralph Bowman has subsequently requested that the final version be reviewed by the Scholastic Committee before release. The text of the regulations is available at <http://members.aol.com/secretary/scholreg.htm>.

Garrett Scott introduced the following motion to approve the new Scholastic Regulations.

PB 99-40 (Scott): The USCF National Scholastic recommendations are approved, as amended, by the Policy Board.

PASSED 6 – 0

"OPEN" STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The issue of requiring each state to hold an "Open State Championship" instead of a "State Championship" was referred to the States Committee.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:53PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled for New Windsor, New York, on the weekend of May 1 and 2, 1999. A Special Meeting with the Finance Committee is under consideration for February.

USCF COMMITTEES FOR 1998-99 - Revised April 16, 1999

PLEASE NOTE: Names listed are subject to those individuals named being current members of USCF. Committee members may change throughout the year

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	LIAISON	MEMBERS/CONSULTANTS
Bylaws	Co-Chairs: Harold Winston, IL; Mike Nolan, NE	Tom Dorsch-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Delegate Appointed: Alan Benjamin, NY; Frank Camaratta, FL; Guy Hoffman, WI; Randy Hough, CA/S; Gary Kitts, MI; Richard Koepcke, CA/N; Myron Lieberman, AZ; David Mehler, MD; Paul Shannon, OR; Bob Smith, FL
Chess In Education	Sunil Weeramantry, NY	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Jayne Bertovich, DC; Fritz Gaspard, NY; Jim Gallagher, TX; Fernando Moreno, MD; Michael Nietman, WI; Javier Pinedo, UT Ex Officio: Ralph Bowman, KS; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Tim Redman, TX
Club Development	Co-Chairs: Bob Holliman, MO, Herman Drenth, NJ	Rachel Lieberman-PB	Tim Just, IL; Thad Rogers, GA; Tim Sawyer, NH , Michael Vaughn, OR,
College Chess	Tim Redman, TX	Garrett Scott-PB	Chris Chu, Gary Gaiffe, TX; George John, TX; Brian Lamb, Alexey Root, TX; Alan Sherman, MD; Katie Stone, TX; Ex Officio: Ralph Bowman, KS; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Sunil Weeramantry, NY
Computer Rating Agency	Frank Camaratta, FL	Tom Dorsch, -PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Myron Lieberman, AZ; Al Losoff, IL
Correspondence Chess	Harold Stenzel, NY	Jim Eade-PB Joan DuBois-Office	Frank Camaratta, FL; Donald Cotton, CA/S; Alex Dunne, PA; William A. Naff, IL; Christine Rosenfeld, CA/N; Bob Smith, FL; Max Zavanelli, FL
Cramer Awards	Frank Brady, NY	Don Schultz-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Burt Hochburg, NY; Peter Tamburro, NJ; Fred Wilson, NY
Arnold Denker Championship Committee	Joe Ippolito, NJ	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Ralph Bowman, KS; Jack Mallory, AL
Ethics	Andrew Thall, TX	Garrett Scott-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Delegate Appointed: Frank Camaratta, FL; Mike Carr, CA/S; Bob Dudley, PA; Roger Gotschall, IA; Martin Merado, NY;

			Ken Sloan, AL; Bob Smith, FL; Hal Terrie, NH; Helen Warren, IL
Events	Alan Benjamin, NY	Bill Goichberg-PB	Jerry Hanken, CA/S; Martin Merado, NY; Bob Nasiff, NY; Thad Rogers, GA; Robert Tanner, AZ; Helen Warren, IL
Fast Chess	To be determined	Garrett Scott-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	
FIDE Advisory	Robert John McCrary, SC	Don Schultz-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Joel Benjamin, NY; Sharon Burtman, CA/S; John Donaldson, CA/N Carol Jarecki, NY, Tim Redman, TX
Finance	James Pechac, OH	Tom Dorsch-PB; Mike Cavallo-Office	Frank Camaratta, FL; Michael Carr, CA/S; Anthony Cottell, NJ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Peter Dyson, FL; Myron Lieberman, AZ
Grandmaster Affairs	Joel Benjamin, NY	Jim Eade-PB	Nick DeFirmian, NY, John Donaldson, CA/N
Grants	Leroy Dubeck, NJ	Tom Dorsch, PB Lillian Arnold-Office	Gerry Dullea, NY; Al Lawrence, NY; Tim Redman, TX; Sophia Rohde, NY; Al Woolum, TX
Hall of Fame	Robert John McCrary, SC	Rachel Lieberman-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	John Donaldson, CA/N, Bob Dudley, PA, Woodrow Harris, VA, Rea Hayes, TN, Mark Ishee, TN, Sidney Samole, FL, Andrew Thall, TX
Historian's	Peter Tamburro, NJ	Rachel Lieberman-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	Dale Brendreth, DE; John Donaldson, CA/N; Robert John McCrary, SC; Nick Pope, MI; Allen Savage, MD; Macon Shibut, VA; Robert Tanner, AZ; Jim Weinheimer, NJ; Harold Winston, IL
Internet	Doris Barry, AZ Vice Chairs Bob Holliman, MO: George John, TX; Richard Koepcke, CA/N	Tom Dorsch-PB Mike Cavallo/ Joan DuBois-Office	Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Michael Gosselin, MA; David Gross; Keith Mehl, CA/N; Addie Prince, NJ; Tim Redman, TX, Doug Shaker; Jim Wilson, AZ
LMA Management	Tom Dorsch, CA/N	Not applicable as a current Board member (Treasurer) and the Executive Director are on the Committee	Delegate Appointed: Tom Dorsch, CA/N, (current Treasurer); Mike Cavallo, NY, (Executive Director); Frank Camaratta, FL, (past Treasurer); Steve Doyle, NJ, and Jim Pechac, OH, (two members selected by the Delegates). Note: Jim Pechac, OH, is the current Chair of the Finance Committee.
COMMITTEE	CHAIR	LIAISON	MEMBERS/CONSULTANTS
Master Affairs & Development	Hal Terrie, NH	Jim Eade-PB	Selby Anderson (TX), Jerry Hanken (CA/S), John Hillery (CA/S), Bob Holliman (MO), Helen Warren (IL)

Olympics Participation Task Force	Bruce Draney, NE	Jim Eade-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Richard Buchanan (CO)
Organizer's	Luis Salinas, TX	Bill Goichberg-PB	Jerry Hanken, CA/S; Al Losoff, IL; Thad Rogers, GA; Randall Swanson, TX
Outreach	Myron Lieberman, AZ	Rachel Lieberman-PB	George Anagnost, AZ, Randy Bauer, IA, Jamie Dunbar, TX, Nathan Liebowitz, NY, Fernando Moreno, MD, Mike Nolan, NE, Tom Reahard, AZ, Tim Redman, TX, Norman Saba, AZ,
Prison Chess	Co-Chairs: Steve Frymer, MA; Norman Zemke, IL	Garrett Scott-PB	Bobby Dudley, PA; Chris Hendrickson, CO; Ken Horne, NV; Jerry Keker, MD; David LeClair, CT; Ira Lee Riddle, PA; Don Wedding, OH; Incarcerated: - Claude Bloodgood, VA; Ken Davenport, PA; James Gannaway, TX; John Kingham, FL; Carlos Molina, CA; Abed Munoz, William Roten, MD; Dale Royer, IA
Publications	Denis Barry, AZ	Jim Eade-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	Selby Anderson (TX) Frank Elley (CA/N), Mike Nolan (NE), Carolyn Withgitt (CA/N)
Ratings	Co Chairs: Mark Glickman, MA, Frank Camaratta, FL	Bill Goichberg-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Christopher Avery; Harry S. Cohen, VA; Dmitry Dakhnovsky, PA; Thomas Doan, IL; Albyn Jones, OR; Larry Kaufman, MD; Alan Losoff, IL; Paul Mathews, NJ; Andrew Metrick; Ken Sloan, A
Rules	Co-Chairs: Carol Jarecki, NY; Al Losoff, IL	Bill Goichberg-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Todd Barre, IL; Tim Just, IL; Jim Meyer, WV; Bill Snead, TX; Robert Tanner, AZ; Hal Terrie, NH; Andrew Thall, TX
Scholastic	Co -Chairs: Ralph Bowman, KS Joe Ippolito, NJ	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Dewain Barber, CA/S; Robert Ferguson, PA; De Knudson, SD; David Lither, UT; David Mehler, MD; Peter Nixon, MI; William Orgain, TN; Richard Peterson, AZ; George Pyne, FL; Steve Shutt, PA; John Surlow, CA/S; Sunil Weeramantry, NY; Al Woolum, TX; Ex Officio: Tim Redman, TX
Senior	Ken Horne, NV	Garrett Scott-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	Charlie Davis, CO; Arnold Denker FL; Joe Wagner, CA/S
States	Bob Smith, FL	Rachel Lieberman-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Guy Hoffman, WI; Bob Holliman, MO; Mike Nietman, WI; David Pelletier, MD; Thad Rogers,GA; Robert Tanner,AZ; Harold Winston, IL

Tournament Director Certification	Randy Hough, CA/S	Bill Goichberg-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Guy Hoffinan, WI; Steve Immitt, NY; Carol Jarecki, NY; Tim Just, IL; Robert Messenger, MA; David Pelletier, MD
US Championships	Sophia Rohde, NY	Don Schultz-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Joel Benjamin, NY; Esther Epstein, MA; Jerry Hanken, CA/S; Carol Jarecki, NY; Robert Tanner, AZ; Alex Yermolinsky, OH
Women's Chess	Anjelina Belakovskaya, NY	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Phyllis Benjamin, NY; Sharon E. Burtman, CA/S; Alina Markowski, CA/S; Alexey Root, TX; Harold. Winston, IL; Carolyn Withgitt, CA/N

BOARD LIAISONS

CHESS JOURNALISTS OF AMERICA: Liaison: Jim Eade

FIDE DELEGATE AND ZONAL PRESIDENT: Liaison Don Schultz

HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS: Liaison: Rachel Lieberman

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND: Liaison: Tom Dorsch

US CHESS TRUST: Liaison: Tom Dorsch

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

SUBCOMMITTEE/TASK FORCE	CHAIR	MEMBERS
Doubles	Bill Goichberg	Don Schultz
Online Membership	To be determined	Bill Goichberg, Rachel Lieberman
Strategic Planning Subcommittee	To be determined	Mike Cavallo, Tom Dorsch, Don Schultz

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE

Chair: Bill Goichberg, **Members:** Randy Bauer, IA; Jim Eade, CA/N; Mike Nolan, NE; Larry Evans, Wayne Praeder, WA

CALL FOR ADVANCE DELEGATE MOTIONS (ADMs)

By Rachel Lieberman, USCF Secretary

Before we know it, the 1999 US Open will be here. The US Open is always exciting, and this year we are expecting it to be one of the best yet. We can all look forward to a great tournament, an exciting Delegates' Meeting, and some informative workshops. Of course, an additional highlight will be tabulating the results of the first election held under the new Bylaws. Seven Executive Board positions will be filled.

All Delegates are invited to submit motions for the Advance Agenda of the 1999 USCF Delegates' meeting. The meeting will be held in Reno, Nevada, during the US Open. The deadline for submission of ADMs for the preprinted agenda is June 1, 1999.

Motions may be e-mailed to secretary@aol.com . Signed hard copy should follow, and be sent to:

Rachel Lieberman, USCF Secretary

1444 West Sixth Street

Tempe, AZ 85281

Signed faxes are acceptable. Please send faxes to (602) 350-9126.

Please note that the June 1 deadline also applies to Committee Reports. Committee Chairs should send their Committee Reports to Executive Assistant Barbara DeMaro at the USCF office by no later than June 1, 1999. Committee Chairs please note that if your Committee Report includes any ADMs, the USCF Secretary must also receive those ADMs by no later than June 1.

We are looking forward to seeing you and working with you in Reno.