

Note from the USCF Vice President and Acting Secretary:

The following Minutes of the 2000 USCF Delegates' Meeting are taken from both the written documentation and the audio tapes of the meeting. There were 118 main motions presented, in addition to numerous motions to refer, postpone, amend, etc. In all, the Delegates took formal action on 65 of those motions. Any comments or questions should be sent to me through the contact information near the Table of Contents in *Chess Life*.

Thanks, John McCrary

The following is the key to the abbreviation used herein:

DM: Any main motion that was voted upon. These are numbered in the order voted.

ADM: A Delegate motion in the *Delegates' Call*, numbered as it was numbered therein.

NDM: A new Delegate motion not in the *Delegates' Call*. Numbered in order presented.

All DM's are also ADM's or NDM's, depending on their origins. Thus, each DM will have at least two numbers, reflecting respectively its origin and its disposition. ADM's which were withdrawn, and ADM's and NDM's which were substituted for, are not DM's because not voted as main motions, although they are documented as ADM's or NDM's by the appropriate number for those. Subsidiary motions (e.g. to amend, table , postpone, refer, or substitute) are not numbered but are described in association with the main motion to which they apply. Points of order and information are discretionary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2000 USCF BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA AUGUST 12-13, 2000

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates for the US Chess Federation was held on August 12-13, 2000, at the site of the 2000 US Open in Saint Paul, Minnesota..

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2000

I. Call to order by USCF President Bob Smith

President Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2000.

II. Roll Call of Delegates

Vice President John McCrary, exercising the duties of the vacant Secretary's position, called the roll.

The following were certified as Delegates in attendance at the 2000 meeting:

Alabama: Frank Camaratta, Kenneth Sloan.

Alaska: Brian Bezenek

Arizona: Denis Barry, Myron Lieberman, Steven Kamp, Rachel Lieberman, and R. Anthony Peterson. Howard Cohen replaced Rachel Lieberman as an Arizona Delegate during the meeting after she became a Delegate-at-Large.

Arkansas: None

California, North: Richard Koepeke, Hans Poschmann, Thomas Dorsch, James Eade, Mike Goodall, Bruce Draney.

California, South: Jerry Hanken, Michael R. Carr, Gerald Blem, Dewain Barber, Barry Lazarus, Gary Coleman. (Jerry Hanken was elected Delegate-at-Large shortly after beginning the meeting.)

Colorado: Richard Buchanan.

Connecticut: None

Delaware: None

District of Columbia: None

Florida: Bob Smith, Don Schultz, Bertrand Wilson, Phil Smith, Lawrence Cohen, Tom Fineberg.

Georgia: Teresa Schultz, Laura Jones

Hawaii: None.

Idaho: Glen Buckendorf, Jr.

Illinois: Garrett Scott, Helen Warren, Timothy Just, Harold Winston, Todd Barre, Fred Gruenberg, Alan Losoff, James Oberweis, James E. Warren. (Harold Winston was elected Delegate-at-Large shortly after beginning the meeting.)

Indiana: Gary J. Fox, Thomas Byers.

Iowa: Roger Gotschall.

Kansas: Ralph E. Bowman.

Kentucky: None.

Louisiana: Francois Allain.

Maine: None.

Maryland: David Pelletier, Larry Kaufman.

Massachusetts: Harold Dondis, William Kelleher, Frank Niro.

Michigan: Peter Nixon, H. Jay Carr, Dennis Bourgerie.

Minnesota: David Kuhns.

Mississippi: None.

Missouri: William Wright.

Montana: None.

Nebraska: James Jirousek.

Nevada: None

New Hampshire: Henry L. Terrie.

New Jersey: Doris Barry, Joe Ippolito, E. Steven Doyle, Roger Inglis, Michael Somers, Dr. Leroy Dubeck, George Krauss, Gary Prince. (Leroy Dubeck and Steve Doyle were elected Delegates- at-Large shortly after beginning the meeting.)

New Mexico: None.

New York: Edward A. Frumkin, Bill Goichberg, Albert J. Lawrence, Harold Stenzel, Walter Buehl, Sunil Weeramantry, Martin Merado, Brenda Goichberg, Joseph Felber, James Menella, Beatriz Marinello, David Spiegel.

North Carolina: Pat Hoekstra

North Dakota: None.

Ohio: James F. Pechac, Grant Perks, Steve Charles, Don Randolph.

Oklahoma: None.

Oregon: Carl Haessler.

Pennsylvania: Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, Stephen Shutt, Andrew Rea, Stan Booz, Andrew Read. (Note that Mr. Rea was credentialed to replace Dr. Riddle during the meeting.)

Rhode Island: None.

South Carolina: Dr. Kay McCrary, Dr. John McCrary.

South Dakota: David L. Knudson.

Tennessee: Harry Sabine, William Orgain, Jack C. Mallory.

Texas: Dr. Timothy Redman, Luis Salinas, Selby Anderson, George John, Forrest Marler, Bob Holliman, Kevin Bachler.

Utah: Robert Tanner.

Vermont: None.

Virginia: None.

Washington: Marvin Hayami, Murlin E. Varner.

West Virginia: James Meyer.

Wisconsin: Mike Nietman, Guy Hoffman.

Wyoming: None.

DM 00-01/NDM 00-01 (Bob Smith, FL): The agenda as printed in the *Delegates' Call* is approved.

Before this motion was voted on, the following motion was made:

DM 00-02/NDM 00-02: (Frank Camaratta, AL): Objection to consideration of the Question: Moved, that ADM 00-71 through ADM 00-77 be struck from the agenda.

President Smith ruled that DM 00-02 was not debatable and would require a two-thirds vote. Richard Peterson (AZ) challenged the ruling of the Chair. Before voting occurred on this challenge, John McCrary (SC) raised a Point of Order to the effect that ADM 00-01 should be voted on first. (Otherwise, potential Delegates-at-Large would be disenfranchised from participation in the motions on the floor.) The Chair accepted this point of order, and ADM 00-01 was brought to the floor:

DM 00-03/ADM 00-01 (Bob Smith, FL; John McCrary,SC): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms have expired or are expiring and who are present at this meeting. **PASSED**

This year the following DALs were re-elected: Steve Doyle (NJ), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Jerry Hanken (CA-S), and Harold Winston (IL).

Now discussion returned to DM 00-01 and DM 00-02. Tim Redman (TX) raised a point of order to the effect that DM 00-01 was out of order because it was not on the advance agenda. Mike Nolan replied that the advance agenda was not binding and that a motion to approve it was proper at that place, as was the motion to Object to Consideration of a Question. President Smith then replied to Dr. Redman's point of order by ruling both DM 00-01 and DM 00-02 to be in order. Richard Peterson (AZ) then questioned whether President Smith should be ruling on a motion pertaining to an ADM of which he was the subject (since ADM 00-76 mentioned President Smith.) President Smith then turned over the Chair to Vice President McCrary (SC). The Vice President then ruled that DM 00-02 was in order, was not debatable, and required a two-thirds vote to pass. Richard Peterson (AZ) challenged the Vice President's ruling, but a majority of the Delegates upheld the ruling. Tim Redman (TX) raised a point of information to the effect of clarifying whether any Delegate could object to the consideration of any motion. When that was answered affirmatively, he moved to strike ADM 00-63 from the agenda. (He originally stated ADM 00-62 but corrected it to ADM 00-63.) A ruling was made that DM 00-02 had precedence. With Vice President McCrary in the Chair, DM 00-02 was brought to a vote:

DM 00-02/NDM 00-02 (Frank Camaratta,AL): Objection to consideration of the question: Moved, that ADM's 71-77 be struck from the agenda.

DM 00-02 then received a vote of 50 in favor and 38 opposed. Since this was less than the two-thirds required, the motion **FAILED**.

DM 00-04/NDM 00-03: (Tim Redman, TX): Objection to consideration of question: Moved, that ADM 00-63 be struck from the agenda. **FAILED**

Now, DM 00-01 was brought to a vote:

DM 00-01/NDM 00-01: (Bob Smith, FL): The agenda as printed in the *Delegates' Call* is approved. **PASSED**

DM 00-05/ADM 00-02 (John McCrary, SC): Moved, that the Minutes of the 1999 Delegates' Meeting be accepted. **PASSED**

President Smith announced the following time limits: The first speaker would be allowed five minutes and each subsequent speaker three minutes, up to a total of 30 minutes per motion. Leroy Dubeck (NJ) raised a point of order to the effect that certain topics such as the budget should be allowed more time. President Smith agreed that appropriate exceptions would be made.

DM 00-06/ADM 00-03: (John McCrary, SC): Moved, that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian for the 2000 Delegates' Meeting. **PASSED**

DM 00-07/ADM 00-04 (John McCrary, SC): Moved, that the election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2000-2002 term be certified. **PASSED**

Note: In response to a point of information by Ralph Bowman (KS), John McCrary (SC) noted that he would be responsible for contacting states regarding breaking election ties.

REPORT OF USCF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

Report of the USCF President: Please see his report with the *Delegates' Call*.

President Smith discussed some major achievements of the past year: hiring George DeFeis as Executive Director; agreeing to a new sponsorship contract with the Seattle Chess Foundation for the US Championship; and starting USCF online play. He noted that the Board agreed on the most important matters despite differences of opinion on some things, and he expressed the hope of effective Board cooperation in the year to come.

Moment of Silence: President Smith asked for a moment of silence for the following distinguished contributors to chess who had died since the 1999 Delegates' Meeting: George Koltanowski, Ken Horne, Sid Samole, Arthur Dake, and Gene Martinovsky.

Report of the Vice President for Finance: Jim Pechac (OH) stated that decisions need to be made that would turn around the recent trends, which include significant financial losses. Those losses have been strongly impacted by declines in membership revenues, and in loss of market share in the sales of books and equipment. He noted that we are in competition with other chess outlets, and that full participation of our affiliates is needed to turn things around. Increasing revenues from grants, sponsorships, and contributions is also needed. The Delegates and the Executive Board will have to consider spending decisions regarding initiatives such as online play in order to help impact membership revenues. He noted the need to regain market share with a new structure that enhances connections with other parts of the chess world, and by attracting more people through the web.

Discussion on ADM 00-05 (Budget) was deferred until sufficient copies could be made available for distribution at the meeting. The Delegates then continued through the advance agenda.

DM 00-08/ADM 00-06: (Board): The Executive Board is authorized by the Delegates to hire an accounting firm. **PASSED**

Report of the Editor of Chess Life: Glenn Petersen stated that budget constraints will continue to be a problem for *Chess Life*, but hopefully much new content will be soon in the Members-only section of the website. He announced that he will soon have new responsibilities as the result of a promotion within the new organizational structure. (Note: Peter Kurzdorfer, former assistant editor, is now *Chess Life* Editor.)

DM 00-09/NDM 00-04: (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates give to Glenn Petersen a vote of thanks for his outstanding services as *Chess Life* editor. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

Report of the President of the US Chess Trust: Harold Winston (IL) reported on activities of the US Chess Trust, which is a 501(c)(3) entity. Mr. Winston, after serving a year as President of the Trust, is now the Trust Chairman, while Harold Dondis (MA), long-time Chairman, was elected Trust President. Harold Winston discussed the new World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum in Miami, set to open early in 2001. Harold Winston also discussed the successful investments of the Trust. He announced a fundraising drive at the meeting, noting that Harold Dondis would match contributions received there up to \$2000. John McCrary (SC), past President of the Trust, took the microphone to discuss new planned

cooperation between the Trust and other entities such as the Outreach Committee, regarding more effective solicitation of grant and sponsorship opportunities. Support of educational and charitable activities should be enhanced by these new cooperative actions.

REPORT OF THE FIDE DELEGATE AND ZONAL PRESIDENT

Bill Kelleher (MA), who is FIDE Delegate from the US, presented an overview of problems within FIDE, the world chess organization. He noted the continuing split with Kasparov, the legal actions concerning Karpov and Polgar, problems with venues of events, problems paying prizes, and too much dependence on the current FIDE President. He also said that FIDE has addressed some of these problems to some degree. For example, the Memo on FIDE Commerce had some coercive clauses, but these had been changed in response to complaints by the USCF and others, and he was appointed to a committee to make further changes in that proposal. He suggested that an acceptable approach to the commercialization question would reduce the dependence on one person, while action against the current president before his term expires in 2002 might enhance dissension.

Jim Eade (CA-N), who very recently assumed the position of FIDE Zonal President to replace the retiring Arnold Denker, spoke of the enhanced influence of the USCF in modern FIDE. He expressed his interest in working with the rest of the USCF team to help that influence grow.

Emmanuel Omuku, Executive Director of FIDE, addressed the Delegates as a visitor to the Meeting. He urged the separation of rumor from fact, and said that things are being done to address the admitted problems of FIDE. He said that while FIDE countries reflect a great variety of backgrounds, he noted the strong tradition of democracy in the USCF, and hoped it would help contribute to constructive resolution of problems.

Steve Doyle (NJ), who is a Vice President of FIDE as well as a USCF Delegate, praised Bill Kelleher, predicting that he would gain in influence within FIDE.

The next motion on the advance agenda, which pertained to FIDE matters, was the subject of much discussion. Bruce Draney (representing CA-N), raised a point of information whether this motion would endorse the FIDE Commerce proposal. The motion's sponsor, John McCrary (SC), replied that it set conditions that must be met, but it did not otherwise endorse the proposal.

DM 00-10/ADM 00-07 (John McCrary, SC): The US Chess Federation adopts the following position: The US Chess Federation (USCF) endorses the concept of a strong

world organization of chess players, which supports a system of competitions for the strongest players in the world culminating in a valid world championship. The USCF also firmly embraces the principles of freedom of action and freedom of speech that are the foundation of the American way of life. In accordance with these principles, the USCF adopts the following position with respect to the FIDE Commerce proposal as it has been presented:

- 1) The USCF cannot accept any regulation that limits journalistic freedom or freedom of expression for any individual, or interferes with the efforts of free enterprise to promote chess. The USCF cannot recognize a censure, boycott, sanction, or other restricting or punitive action that contradicts our principles of freedom of action, speech, or the press, or that is imposed for behavior that does not violate the USCF's Code of Ethics.
- 2) The USCF must reserve the right to recognize or withhold recognition of any world championship event or title, in accordance with the principles established by our Board of Delegates regarding the validity of the world championship title. The USCF endorses the principle of compromise in helping to bring about a universally-accepted world championship.
- 3) The USCF endorses working toward a more logical program of high-profile tournaments and toward cooperative Internet ventures, and might be willing to consider entering contractual arrangements toward those ends. Questions of open accounting and of legitimacy of funding must be addressed prior to any such arrangement and as part of any such arrangement.
- 4) The USCF considers that conflict-of-interest issues must be satisfactorily addressed in any plan to grant economic interest in any venture to any person or organization within FIDE, or any organization affiliated with FIDE, or to give voting rights to any individual or organization whose financial gain would be affected by the exercise of such voting rights.
- 5) The USCF considers that any plan to be put into effect must have the approval of the FIDE General Assembly and must not be inconsistent with the principles in this position statement.
- 6) The USCF Delegate or representative to FIDE is instructed to act in accordance with this motion. **PASSED**

The following motion, which had been referred to the Delegates by vote of the USCF Membership Meeting, was brought forward on the agenda by consent of the Delegates.

NDM 00-05 (Don Schultz, FL; Bob Smith, FL; Bill Goichberg, NY; Hal Terrie, NH; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Rachel Lieberman, AZ; George John, TX; Garrett Scott, IL;) The USCF Delegates do hereby direct our FIDE team to submit a motion of no-confidence in FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov and to make their best efforts to have the resolution passed at the FIDE Congress in Istanbul.

The principal sponsor, Don Schultz (FL), stated that passing this motion would give the USCF an important leadership role in addressing FIDE problems. He referred to problems paying players in Las Vegas and general problems in payment of debts; "casual" funding and setting up accounts in the names of individuals; unclear financial accountability; a failure to encourage competing bids; and the general issue of too much financial dependence on the FIDE President. A co-sponsor, Bill Goichberg (NY) raised moral concerns about the current FIDE regime, and noted that moral concerns might hurt sponsorship possibilities. During a lengthy debate, a number of other speakers addressed this motion, including: Bill Kelleher (MA), Jim Eade (CA-N), Denis Barry (AZ), Jerry Hanken (CA-S), John McCrary (SC), Tim Redman (TX), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Tom Dorsch (CA-N), Garrett Scott (IL), and Steve Doyle (NJ.) Those supporting the motion generally argued that it was the most effective way to address FIDE problems. Those opposing the motion concurred that FIDE has problems that must be addressed, but offered differing views on the most practical approach. Concerns were expressed by the motion's opponents that our FIDE representatives should not have their hands tied by a specific motion as opposed to a set of principles; or that this motion would risk isolating the USCF or interfere with progress toward compromise already occurring.

The Question was then called on this motion, but there was objection to calling the Question. The Delegates voted 51-36 to call the Question, but this was not two-thirds so debate continued. The 30 minute time limit was briefly extended by consent of the body, and a substitute motion (NDM 00-06) as given below was offered by Steve Doyle (NJ.) Then, the question was automatically called by the time limit, so voting on the substitute and the resulting main motion proceeded.

The Delegates voted 49-44 to substitute the following motion (NDM 00-06) presented by FIDE Vice President Steve Doyle (NJ), thereby making it the main motion:

DM 00-11/NDM 00-06 (Steve Doyle, NJ): The US delegation is instructed to begin working on a ticket for the next election in 2002 with a new set of officers.

The delegation is instructed to submit the following motion:

"The member countries of FIDE express grave disappointment in the mishandling of the Las Vegas prize fund by the local organizers and then by FIDE by not promptly settling the issue. In addition we recognize the current state of affairs in world chess is causing disharmony among the top players. We express the strongest form of disapproval in the handling of the Polgar matter. Lastly, the lack of adherence by the World Chess Foundation to the FIDE financial statutes which require advance payment of 20% of the prize fund is unacceptable. FIDE should seek interest payments and demand that Mr. Berik be removed from the payroll immediately." **PASSED 81-7.**

BUDGET DISCUSSION

As handouts were now available, the budget discussion, which had been deferred from the earlier report of the Vice President For Finance, was brought to the floor. Leroy Dubeck (NJ) presented an overview of the USCF financial situation as evidenced by recent activity. He said that changes are required to avert the death of the USCF, and noted that membership revenues and sales from books and equipment have been down significantly. He answered questions on various specific items. Executive Director George DeFeis discussed the proposed planning budget for fiscal year 2000-2001. Steve Doyle (NJ) then offered the following motion:

NDM 00-07 (Steve Doyle, NJ): Move adoption of the budget.

Al Lawrence (NY) moved to amend this motion by providing that there will not be a 2001 Grand Prix unless it is sponsored completely from outside the USCF, thereby changing the bottom line on the planning budget by \$12,500. This amendment **PASSED.**

Kevin Bachler (representing TX) moved to amend the planning budget by implementing an across-the-board cut of 4% on all items. This was clarified as referring only to expense items. After some debate, this amendment was **WITHDRAWN.**

The main motion was then put to a vote:

DM 00-12/NDM 00-07 (Steve Doyle, NJ): Move adoption of the budget.

PASSED

Since DM 00-12 was essentially the same as ADM 00-05, ADM 00-05 became **MOOT**.

Steve Doyle (NJ) moved to suspend the rules to bring forward the following motion not on the advance agenda:

NDM 00-08 Moved, A committee be formed to investigate \$150K expenditure and report back to the Board and Delegates.

The vote was 46-35 to suspend the rules. Since this was not the required two-thirds, the motion to suspend the rules **FAILED** and NDM 00-08 remained in its usual agenda place.

The Delegates then by unanimous consent brought forward ADM-00-29 AND ADM -00-30. Substitute wording for ADM-00-30 was distributed to the Delegates by Tim Redman (TX). This substitute wording had been provided as the result of Executive Board discussion and a conference call. It was then agreed to discuss ADM-00-30 in preference to ADM 00-29.

In discussion, Steve Shutt (PA) moved to amend the motion by changing the factor for scholastic dues to 25%. This amendment **FAILED**.

Harold Winston (IL) moved to amend the motion by substituting new wording for the proposed changes to Article III, section 12 in the motion, the original wording for which was: "Section 12: after Sentence two, insert ' Internet members in all membership categories shall not receive a copy of any printed USCF membership publication, currently *Chess Life* and *School Mates*, and will pay dues equal to 80% of the calculated dues amounts in the respective membership categories.'" The amended wording, which was **ACCEPTED**, was " Internet Memberships terms and dues shall be set by the Executive Director with the approval of the Executive Board."

Time having expired for debate, the vote was taken on the main motion as amended, which read as follows:

DM 00-13/NDM 00-09/ADM 00-30 (as substituted and amended):

(Board) Amend the Bylaws, Article III, as follows:

Section 1: No change.

Section 2: After the word "upon," change to "payment of 50% of the regular membership rate."

Section 3: After the word "upon" change to " payment of 33% of the regular membership rate."

Section 4: After the word "upon" change to "payment of 25% of the regular membership rate."

Section 5: After the word "upon" change to "payment of 75% of the regular membership rate."

Section 6: After the word "upon" change to 50% of the regular membership rate."

Section 7 through 9- no changes.

Section 10: After the word " upon" change to "payment of 75% of the regular membership rate for the first six months." In the last sentence, after the word "upon," change to "payment of 50% of the regular membership rate for the next six months."

Section 11: After the word "upon," change to "payment of 25% of the regular membership rate."

Section 12: After sentence two, insert: " Internet memberships' terms and dues shall be set by the Executive Director with the approval of the Executive Board."

Sections 13 through 15-no changes

Section 16: After the word "upon" change to "payment of 100% of the regular membership rate."

Add Section 17: The actual dollar amount of all other membership dues categories shall be calculated according to the factors indicated in Section 2 through Section 11, with the "regular" membership dues as the base amount from which all other dues amounts are determined. All dues amounts shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

Amend Article VIII, Section 4. clause (c) as follows: After the word "above," insert "and to collect and forward to the USCF headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom." Delete the remaining words of the clause, specifically, " and to retain commission thereon at a rate to be set by the Board of Delegates."

DM 00-13/NDM 00-09/ADM 00-30 then PASSED AS SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED.

Note: These dues changes will take effect on January 1, 2001.

Steve Doyle (NJ) requested and received permission of the Delegates to suspend the rules in order to bring forward ADM 00-32. The President appointed Frank Camaratta (AL) as temporary Chair because he felt that all Board members were personally affected to some degree by the motion. After some debate, Luis Salinas (TX) moved to amend the motion by replacing the last clause with new wording. The original last clause in ADM 00-32 read: "except that upon a vote of a majority of its membership, the Executive Board may at any time meet in person or by teleconference to elect new officers." The replacement wording, which was **ACCEPTED** as a friendly amendment, read: "except that the Executive Board may meet at the Policy Board meeting following the Annual Delegates' Meeting to elect new officers. " The motion then became the following:

DM 00-14/ADM 00-32 (Steve Doyle, NJ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Denis Barry, AZ;) Change Article VI, Section 6, to read: " Election of Executive Board officers: At an organizational meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Delegates' Meeting at which Executive Board election results are certified, the Executive Board shall elect among itself the following officers: President, Vice President, Vice President for Finance, and Secretary. The term of each officer shall be for two years, except that the Executive Board may meet at the Policy Board meeting following the Annual Delegates' Meeting to elect new officers." **FAILED 42-48**. A recount resulted in the same vote count.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arnold Denker Championships: Jack Mallory, Committee Chair, reported on the successful event this year. Scholarships from the University of Texas at Dallas were awarded to several of the top finishers.

DM 00-15/NDM 00-10 (Jack Mallory, representing TN): The Delegates request the President to write a formal letter of thanks to the President of UT-Dallas for his support of the Denker and college chess in general. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

Bylaws Committee: This is a Delegate-elected committee. Although no specific committee report was given at this point in the agenda, the committee did make recommendations on a number of motions that had Bylaws implications when they were considered at their appropriate parts of the agenda.

Chess In Education: Dr. Tim Redman spoke on behalf of the Committee Chair. This committee has done invaluable work in advancing the awareness of the benefits of chess in education. Dr. Redman announced that the international Koltanowski Chess-in-Education Conference will be held at the University of Texas at Dallas in December 2001.

College Chess: Dr. Tim Redman presented on behalf of the Committee Chair. He stated that the Pan-American Intercollegiate will be held in Milwaukee on Dec. 27-30. UT-Dallas will give a scholarship to the winner of the Pan-American Scholastic Tournament.

NDM 00-11 (Tim Just, IL): Moved, to accept all committee reports that are printed in the *Delegates' Call*. **Withdrawn.**

The Meeting adjourned until the following day. By agreement, the starting time for the next day was changed to 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2000

The Delegates' Meeting was convened by Vice President McCrary in the temporary absence of the President at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Executive Director's Report

The first item of business was the report of the Executive Director, George DeFeis, which was presented with the help of slides and printed copies. He emphasized the importance of a management-by-objective approach. He discussed a number of topics: staff redeployment, the Presidents' Special Committee, sponsorship, grants, the new conceptual statement for *Chess Life*, changes in *School Mates*, the USCF Press, scholastic chess, on-line play, marketing and outreach, and possible alliances with other entities. He answered a number of questions.

The following motion was presented with the consent of the Delegates. After discussion, it was amended by the co-sponsors by adding the last sentence. It then read as follows :

DM 00-16/NDM 00-12 (Myron Lieberman, AZ; Al Lawrence, NY;): The Executive Director is given the authority to explore completely the possibilities regarding *Chess Life* and if necessary to provide alternative methods to providing the yearbook and rating lists. This motion will expire at the 2001 Delegates' Meeting. **PASSED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: These, which began on Saturday, were resumed. Committees which had printed reports in the *Delegates' Call* were given precedence.

Ethics Committee report: Presented by Chair Ken Sloan. Please see the report in the *Delegates' Call*.

Finance Committee report: The Chair, Mike Carr, referred to the report in the *Delegates' Call*, and provided an overview of changes that had occurred since the preparation of that report as a result of new information .

Internet/Committee report: The Chair, George John, referred to the report in the *Delegates' Call*. He emphasized the importance of questions, comments, and general feedback to the committee and the office, including feedback on the new online play system.

Master Affairs and Development Committee: The Chair, Hal Terrie, referred to the printed report, and requested that the next Chair contact him for continuity on the Game Archive project.

Outreach Committee: The Chair, Myron Lieberman, provided updated information regarding the content of the detailed printed committee report. He mentioned the fact that Rachel Lieberman had contacted a researcher on Alzheimer's regarding the positive effects of chess, and the researcher had responded very positively regarding incorporating that into his studies.

Ratings Committee: Presented by Frank Camaratta. He briefly described the new rating system, presently being implemented.

By permission of the Delegates ADM 00-46 was brought to the floor. It was amended by deleting the word " ICC" in the last sentence of the ADM. The motion then read as follows:

DM 00-17/ADM 00-46 (Ratings Committee) The Ratings Committee recommends that the scope of the quick rating system be extended to include rating events that have time controls between G/10 and G/60. This would allow for greater use of the quick chess rating system, and would thereby help to produce more meaningful quick chess ratings. Specifically, we recommend the following:

1. The Quick Chess Rating System would apply to G/10 through G/60 events.
2. The regular rating system would apply to G/30 and slower events.
3. In events with mixed time controls, either a) the slowest time control is used to classify the event for rating type, or b) a separate rating report would be submitted for games with time controls quicker than G/60.

4. Online play would only be rated under the Quick chess system assuming a time control of G/60 or faster, unless a tournament director was present for all games.

PASSED AS AMENDED

Rules Committee report: Presented by Al Losoff. He mentioned several issues regarding rules and concerns expressed at the rules workshop. Of particular note was the general issue of different kinds of clocks and how the rules should be structured to accommodate the different modes of timing.

Senior Committee report: Presented by Dennis Bourgerie. With the permission of the Delegates, the following motions were introduced as part of this committee report:

DM 00-18/NDM 00-13 (Senior Committee): Resolved, the Delegates of the US Chess Federation affirm our gratitude to Ken Horne for years of work for chess. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

DM 00-19/NDM 00-14 (Senior Committee): It is recommended that the US Chess Federation shall have a continuing (biennial) presence at the AARP convention. **PASSED**

(Note: The first four words were added on the suggestion of Al Losoff (IL), which was **ACCEPTED** as a amendment to NDM 00-14 as originally presented.)

DM 00-20/NDM 00-15 (Senior Committee): It is moved that the requirement for only one round per day for the Senior Championship be rescinded while recognizing that one round per day is the preferred standard. **PASSED**

States Committee: The Chair, Guy Hoffman, referred to the printed report in the *Delegates' Call*.

Tournament Director Certification Committee: The Chair, Tim Just, referred to the printed report in the *Delegates' Call* and noted that it recommends that the Executive Board create a separate committee to study pairing program certification. He briefly discussed proposed changes being developed by the committee.

Women's Chess Committee: Presented by Forrest Marler. He referred to the printed report while recommending increased *Chess Life* coverage regarding women's chess, and a women's page on the website.

Organizers' Committee and the OMOV Task Force: Bill Goichberg stated that reports from both these groups had been prepared but not published in the *Delegates'*

Call for some reason. He requested that those reports be included in a future Board Newsletter.

Publications Committee: Selby Anderson distributed a printed report. He discussed issues such as website content, and practical concerns regarding *School Mates* and the possibility of using pages in *Chess Life* for younger players.

Cramer Awards: Don Schultz briefly discussed uncertainty in funding, and possible coordination of these awards with the Chess Journalists of America. He noted the possibility of having three awards each with a \$1,000 stipend.

Events Committee: Presented by Robert Tanner. He noted that transition in the office had posed issues regarding the committee's main functions: reviewing and helping to solicit bids. He briefly discussed possible bids on future US Opens.

Scholastic Committee report: Presented by Ralph Bowman, Chair. Please note that this committee was named "Committee of the Year" for 2000. Mr. Bowman praised past Scholastic Director Beatriz Marinello, who received a standing ovation. He also praised new Scholastic Director Tom Brownscombe, as well as Dr. Tim Redman for his work in helping to establish the scholarship program at the University of Texas at Dallas. Both received applause.

With permission of the Delegates, ADM 00-80 was brought to the floor. The original ADM 00-80 as printed in the *Delegates' Call* read as follows:

ADM 00-80 (Joe Ippolito, NJ; John McCrary, SC;): The USCF shall establish a Scholastic Board that will have the following duties:

- 1) Establishing a mentor program.
- 2) Revising and evaluating scholastic guidelines.
- 3) Establishing formal standards of events.
- 4) Assisting the USCF in management of scholastic events.
- 5) Establishing standards for prizes, including trophies.
- 6) Oversight of the Arnold Denker Tournament of Champions.
- 7) Improvement of reporting from national events.
- 8) Evaluation and input into standards for tournament directors of scholastic events.

The method of selection of the Scholastic Board membership will be determined by the Delegates.

Substitute wording for ADM 00-80, which had been produced as a result of discussion in the Scholastic Workshop, was given to the Delegates. This substitute wording was **ACCEPTED** by the co-sponsors of ADM 00-80 and thus became the main motion. In the substitute wording for ADM 00-80 given the Delegates, Point (1) in the first section was amended in response to a suggestions by Tim Redman (TX) and George DeFeis (NY) by adding "and institutions of higher learning." Point (4) of the substitute wording, under " construction," was amended first by amending the end to read "all open meetings of the Executive Board and all closed meetings pertaining to scholastic issues." Then, on suggestion of Kevin Bachler (representing TX) the amended wording of Point (4) was changed to read "all open meetings of the Executive Board." These amendments were **ACCEPTED** as friendly. The motion then read as follows:

DM 00-21/NDM 00-16/ADM 00-80: (Scholastic Committee; Joe Ippolito, NJ; John McCrary, SC;): Scholastic Council: The Scholastic Council is a five-person body, with three primary duties:

1. The Scholastic Council represents the interests of the scholastic community to the Executive Board and also conveys the interests of the Executive Board to their constituency. The scholastic community includes Scholastic and Youth members, their parents, and scholastic affiliates and organizers, State Scholastic Coordinators, and institutions of higher learning.
2. The Scholastic Council serves as a body to oversee, organize, and prioritize scholastic projects for the Scholastic Committee and the USCF.
3. The Scholastic Council has consultative authority over national scholastic events, and the scholastic objectives and policy set by USCF.

Construction. To accomplish these duties, the Scholastic Council shall be constructed as follows:

1. Members of the Scholastic Council are elected by a simple plurality by the Scholastic Committee and State Scholastic Coordinators present at the designated Scholastic Annual Meeting held coincident with the US Open and USCF national meetings. Three of the members will have three year terms, and two have two year terms. In the initial election, the top three vote totals will be for three-year terms.
2. Officers will be determined by election or by consensus of the committee.

3. The chairperson of the Scholastic Council acts as Chairperson of the Scholastic Committee.

4. The chairperson of the Scholastic Council is a scholastic advisor to the Executive Board, to be present at all open meetings of the Executive Board.

Meetings: The Scholastic Council meets at the US Open and at least two other times each year to be determined by the Scholastic Council.

Consultative Authority. To best and efficiently use the expertise and representation provided by the Scholastic Council, decisions regarding national scholastic events, USCF scholastic objectives (including management objectives for the Scholastic Director or other USCF personnel involved in scholastics) or scholastic policies or scholastic regulations, and the hiring of the Scholastic Director or other USCF scholastic personnel shall use the following process.

1. A list of alternatives is provided by the Scholastic Council or by a sub-committee of the Scholastic Committee appointed by the Scholastic Council. The final list shall be prioritized and shall typically be no greater than three and no less than two if available.

2. A committee consisting of a member of the Scholastic Council, the Executive Director, and the Scholastic Liaison of the Executive Board selects a final alternative and presents that alternative to the Executive Board for approval. (Example: alternatives may be a person for hiring, or a possible tournament bid for a tournament, etc.) Unless the Executive Board becomes aware of overlooked or undervalued information (not changed information) the Executive Board shall accept that alternative for approval. (Example: A restructuring of a bid would constitute *changed* information, not overlooked information.) If an appeal is made in respect to an event bid, the Executive Director determines the validity of the appeal, and if considered valid, the bid will be re-submitted to the Scholastic Council for reconsideration. Each of the groups comprising the committee may send a designated person to act on their behalf.

3. The Scholastic Council and Scholastic Director in consultation with the Executive Director will oversee the organization and running of all national scholastic events. In the event that any national scholastic event lacks an organizer or that USCF is the organizer of a national scholastic event, the Scholastic Council and/or a person designated by the Scholastic Council, in conjunction with the Scholastic Director and the Executive Director shall oversee the organization of the event on behalf of USCF.

4. The Scholastic Council shall recommend to the Executive Board the members of the Scholastic Committee.

On the motion of Tim Just (IL), **DM 00-21/NDM 00-16/ADM-80 WAS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH POWER TO ACT.** (Note: The Executive Board subsequently affirmed the creation of this council. Please see the Minutes of the Executive Board for the Meeting of August 14-15.)

Correspondence Chess Committee: The Chair, Harold Stenzel, briefly discussed plans to try to increase entries in new kinds of tournaments being done by the USCF.

RATIFICATION:

The following motion was **ACCEPTED** by the sponsors of both ADM 00-08 and ADM 00-09 as replacing their motions. President Smith stated that the Executive Board members had agreed with the wording of this motion as reflective of approved Minutes:

DM 00-22/NDM 00-17/ADM 00-08/ADM 00-09 (Harold Winston, IL; Myron Lieberman, AZ) The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board reported in Executive Board Newsletter #1 for 1999-2000, October 1, 1999 Meeting of the US Chess Federation in Newburgh, NY, the 2000 *Delegates' Call*, and the Myron Lieberman memo to the Delegates regarding transcripts and Minutes.

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

DM 00-23/ADM 00-10: (Bylaws Committee): The Delegates appoint the following persons to the Bylaws Committee for 2000-2001, replacing the previous Bylaws Committee: Mike Nolan, Harold Winston, Myron Lieberman, Guy Hoffman, David Mehler, Gary Kitts, Frank Camaratta, Randy Hough, Al Losoff, Richard Koepcke, Denis Barry, Carolyn Withgitt, Dan Burg, Bill Goichberg, and Richard Costigan. **PASSED**

DM 00-24/ADM 00-11 (Ethics Committee): The Delegates appoint the following people to the Ethics Committee, (replacing the previous Ethics Committee): Selby Anderson, Richard Buchanan, Frank Camaratta, Mike Carr, Wick Deer, Roger Gotschall, Alan Losoff, Frank Niro, Kenneth Sloan, Bill Smythe, Hal Terrie, Andy Thall, and Carolyn Withgitt. **PASSED**

Next on the agenda was the appointment of the LMA Management Committee. ADM 00-12 was put on the floor with the following specific wording:

ADM 00-12: (Frank Camaratta, AL): The Delegates appoint the following persons to the Life Member Assets Management Committee for FY 2001: Frank Camaratta, Jim Pechac, Steve Doyle, Al Lawrence, and Leroy Dubeck.

Don Schultz (FL) suggested Stan Booz for this committee, and Tom Dorsch was suggested by Helen Warren (IL). It was noted that the Bylaws limit the number of members of the committee. After this discussion, the following substitute motion for ADM 00-12 was made:

DM 00-25/NDM 00-18 (Don Schultz, FL; Frank Camaratta, AL;): Amend Article IX, Section 10 (A), the second sentence, to read: "The LMAC shall consist of the Vice President for Finance and six others elected by the Delegates."

With the permission of the Delegates this was substituted for the main motion and became the main motion. Then it **PASSED BY MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS as a Bylaws amendment.**

Then ADM 00-12 was brought back to the floor, with the following new specific wording suggested by Don Schultz (FL):

DM 00-26/ADM 00-12 (Frank Camaratta; Don Schultz, FL): The Delegates appoint the following persons to serve on the LMA Committee for FY 200: Frank Camaratta, Leroy Dubeck, Steve Doyle, Tom Dorsch, Stan Booz, and Al Lawrence.

PASSED

(Note: Jim Pechac is on the LMAC by virtue of his office as Vice President for Finance.)

ADM 00-13 /DM 99-36: The Delegates instruct the Scholastic Committee and the Finance Committee to analyze the present dues structure and report their analysis and recommendations to the 2000 Delegates' Meeting.

This was declared **MOOT** by the Chair and was not brought to the floor.

DM 00-27/NDM 00-19/ADM 00-14 (Rachel Lieberman, AZ): This ADM was given the following substitute wording by the sponsor:

The Delegates endorse in principle the concept of financial accountability for all Executive Board candidates. The Bylaws and Ethics Committees are asked to suggest appropriate wording to implement this concept no later than the August 2001 meetings.

On suggestion of the sponsor, DM 00-27 was **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS AND ETHICS COMMITTEES.**

ADM 00-15/DM 99-58/ADM 99-49 (Myron Lieberman, AZ): Chess Life shall be split into two different publications. One is to be oriented toward tournament players and feature games, analysis, and news. The second is to be oriented toward the casual chessplayer and shall feature personality profiles, features, human interest, cartoons, art, or photos, and other items of general interest. The intent is that the second publication be designed to have newsstand sales appeal and can help attract new members. Members may choose which publication they choose to receive with their membership, and they can receive both for an additional charge. **WITHDRAWN.** (The sponsor requested assurances that the Publications Department in the USCF office would consider the proposal.)

ADM 00-16/DM 99-60/ADM 99-52 (Ken Horne, NV): It is moved that the next revised copy of the Rulebook be published in loose leaf and in CD format; and that yearly updates will be made with page changes and upgraded CD's. There will be a charge for the initial copy and the page changes and upgrades.

This motion was considered to be **WITHDRAWN.** (The original sponsor is deceased.)

ADM 00-17/DM 99-62/ADM 99-56 (Bob Holliman, MO; Myron Lieberman, AZ): The USCF shall establish an Internet rating. Specifics shall be determined by the Executive Board seated in August 1999. **WITHDRAWN.** (It was noted that this matter is being addressed.)

ADM 00-18/DM 99-67/ ADM 99-57 (Bob Holliman, MO): The USCF shall develop a survey for the purpose of determining the availability and willingness of local masters to assist in publicity matters to assist local clubs. **WITHDRAWN.**

ADM 00-19/DM 99-68/ADM 99-58 (Bob Holliman, MO, for the Club Development Committee) The USCF shall develop a survey for the purpose of determining areas of mutual cooperation between the clubs and full time chess studios. **WITHDRAWN.**

ADM 00-20/DM 99-72/NDM 99-63 (Gary Gaiffe, TX): Any individual present at the ballot count whose name is called as not having a ballot received, will be offered a ballot to fill out and add to their region's certified ballots.

(This motion was moved to the bottom of the agenda because there was no Delegate sponsor for it present at the meeting. It was ultimately not addressed by the Delegates.)

ADM 00-21/DM 99-74/NDM 99-67 (Ken Horne, NV): It is moved that the USCF have a Members Only section of the USCF website. To be included in this Members Only section will be the current issue of *Chess Life*, *School Mates*, and the rating data.

(This motion was moved to the bottom of the agenda because there was no Delegate in attendance at the meeting who stated a desire to sponsor it. The Delegates ultimately did not address it. The original sponsor is deceased.)

DM 00-28/ADM 00-22/DM 99-76/NDM 99-72 (Jim Pechac, OH; Finance Committee): Delete Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest, paragraph #25. Unrealized gains have been included in financial statements for the past two years, consistent with revised financial reporting standards. **PASSED**

ADM 00-23 (Lawrence Cohen, IL): "The USCF shall charge a fee for scholastic crosstables." **WITHDRAWN** (It was noted that the Executive Director has the authority to address this.)

DM 00-29/ADM 00-24 (Harold Winston, IL): Pursuant to Article III, Section 9 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board for 1999-2000 and authorize their continuation. **PASSED**

DM 00-30/ADM 00-25 (John McCrary, SC; Scott Freneuax, AZ; Bill Goichberg, NY; Brenda Goichberg, NY; Jerry Hanken, Ca/S; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Helen Warren, IL; Jim Pechac, OH; Richard Peterson, AZ; Tim Redman, TX) Resolved, that Rachel Lieberman is elected a Delegate-at-Large and is thanked for her many contributions to chess on a local and national level. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION. THIS WAS MORE THAN THE THREE-FOURTHS VOTE REQUIRED.**

Note: Since this passed for the second consecutive year, it took effect immediately upon passage. Howard Cohen was then certified as Delegate from Arizona to replace Rachel on the state list for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motions from the 2000 USCF Membership Meeting:

The following motion was passed at the USCF Membership Meeting on August 11, 2000.

DM 00-31/NDM 00-20 (Ralph Bowman, KS; Alexey Root, TX; Forrest Marler, TX): Moved, that the Membership Meeting endorses in principle the following: The Delegates' Meeting will be held no later than the first full weekend of August each year. This requirement will be in effect for all US Opens for which dates have not yet been set.

PASSED

The other motion passed at the Membership Meeting was the referral of NDM 00-05 to the Delegates. This had already voted on by the Delegates after being brought forward in the agenda.

DM 00-32/ADM 00-26 (Rachel Lieberman, AZ; Myron Lieberman, AZ) Article VI, Section 5 of the Bylaws is amended to require that the Executive Board positions of Secretary and Vice President for Finance be elected by position rather than as part of the general Executive Board election. The election would be at the same time as the Executive Board election. The effect would be that the electorate shall vote for Secretary, Vice President for Finance, and the appropriate number of Executive Board positions. Article VI, Section 6 is also modified to remove the positions of Secretary and Vice President for Finance from the listing of Executive Board officers that are elected by the Executive Board. **FAILED**

ADM 00-27 (Harold Winston, IL): Effective immediately, Amend Article VI, Section 8, by adding the following sentence: "In case of a tie vote, the President, if he had already cast his or her vote, may cast an additional tie-breaking vote." **WITHDRAWN**

On the following motion, Tim Redman (TX) provided amended wording that was acceptable to the co-sponsors. The amended wording was after the words "Section 4" in the ADM, which originally read as follows: "Only the Executive Board shall have the authority to initiate, terminate, arbitrate, or negotiate litigation on behalf of the USCF." The amended wording added "or the Board of Delegates" and changed "or negotiate" to "or settle." After debate, the question was called, but there was objection to doing so and the Delegates allowed debate to continue.

DM 00-33/ADM 00-28 (Tim Redman, TX; Steve Doyle, NJ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Helen Warren, IL; Doris Barry, AZ; John McCrary, SC; Garrett Scott, IL; Bo Smith, FL; James Pechac, OH) The Bylaws are amended by adding to Article VII ("Other Officers, Appointees, and Committees" Section 4: "Only the Executive Board or the Board of Delegates shall have the authority to initiate, terminate, arbitrate, or settle litigation on behalf of the USCF."

On the motion of Harry Sabine (TN), **DM 00-32 WAS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

ADM 00-29 (Tim Redman, TX; Steve Doyle, NJ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Helen Warren, IL; Doris Barry, AZ; Garrett Scott, IL; John McCrary, SC; Bob Smith, FL; James Pechac, OH): Article III of the Bylaws is amended by striking Sections 1-11, the first sentence of Section 16, and the first two sentences of Section 12. Add Section 1: The Executive Director shall set the prices for goods and services provided by the USCF including the prices and privileges for all membership categories. The latter shall be subject to Executive Board review and approval. Amend Section 12, the new first sentence will read: Members shall be entitled to receive a regular or Internet copy (or both) of *Chess Life* or *School Mates*. (Redman amendment.) This Bylaws provision will expire at the Delegates' Meeting in August 2002 unless expressly renewed there. **WITHDRAWN** (This motion had been discussed in connection with DM 00-13/ADM 00-30 the previous day but not voted on.)

DM 00-34/ADM 00-31 (Tim Redman, TX; Steve Doyle, NJ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Helen Warren, IL; Doris Barry, AZ; Garrett Scott, IL; Bob Smith, FL; James Pechac, OH): Amend the Bylaws by adding to Article V, Section 10: "All Delegate motions not incorporated into the Bylaws will expire at the close of the Delegates' Meeting five years after their passage unless expressly renewed, unless a termination date is stated or implied in the motion when passed. All motions presented to the Delegates must include a cost impact statement prepared jointly by the maker of the motion, a staff member appointed by the Executive Director, and a person appointed by the Vice President for Finance."

2. Amend the Bylaws by adding to Article VI, Section 11: All Board motions will expire five years after their passage unless expressly renewed. All Board motions must include a cost impact statement prepared jointly by the maker of the motion, the Executive Director, and the Vice President for Finance.

3. Amend the Bylaws by adding to Article IX, Sections 17, etc., the following Delegate actions of continuing interest: #1, 6, 9, 16, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30.

4. Amend the Bylaws by adding to Article VI, Section 4: In contested elections for the Executive Board, the July *Chess Life* shall publish a campaign statement of up to 110 words for each candidate.

On the suggestion of Tim Redman (TX), DM 00-33/ADM 00-31 was **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

ADM 00-32 had been completed on the first day of the meeting.

ADM 00-33: (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Dues Theory: In general, irrespective of the development of dues categories and types, the following relationships shall hold: A standard Youth membership shall be priced at one-half (rounded to the next dollar) of the regular Adult membership. A standard Scholastic membership shall be priced at one-half (rounded to the next dollar) of the standard Youth membership. **WITHDRAWN.**

DM 00-35/ADM 00-34: (Hans Poschmann, CA-N): The Delegates of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) direct the Executive Director of USCF to design a new membership structure to be approved by the Executive Board and adopted at the earliest possible time. The goal of the new membership structure shall be as outlined in the following paragraphs:

- a) Memberships sold after adoption shall be equal in cost for all members, youth and scholastic included.
- b) Life Memberships shall no longer be available.
- c) Commissions on membership sales shall be discontinued.
- d) The Book and Equipment Sales Department shall be a self-serving profit center with the intention to generate a contribution to the General Membership Department for using the USCF Logo and shall have an independent Manager.
- e) *Chess Life* Magazine and *School Mates* shall be available at cost and shall be self-supporting.
- f) On-Line services shall be available at additional cost.
- g) Postal Chess and E-mail chess functions shall be financed from tournament entry fees.
- h) Rating fees shall be charged at cost.

i) TLA's shall be charged at cost.

j) Life Membership obligations shall be negotiated with the appropriate committee.

Necessary Bylaws changes shall be voted on at the 2001 Delegates' Meeting.

Hal Terrie (NH) moved to postpone indefinitely.

DM 00-35/ADM 00-34 was POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

ADM 00-35 (John McCrary, SC): The Bylaws are amended as follows:

Article VI, Section 2, delete the words " including employment and other contracts" in the first full sentence.

Article VII, Section 1 is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the section: " Any appointment, removal, and change in contractual terms of an Executive Director requires approval by two-thirds of the total membership of the Executive Board."

WITHDRAWN

ADM 00-36 (John McCrary, SC; Bob Smith, FL;): Article VI, Section 8 of the Bylaws is amended by deleting the entire wording pertaining to the duties of the Secretary and replacing it with the following wording: " Secretary: The Secretary will record and publish the Minutes of each meeting of the Executive Board, including conference calls, Internet conference meetings, and motions handled by objections procedure. The Secretary shall also record and publish the Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Delegates and the USCF Annual Membership Meeting. The Secretary shall tape-record each meeting, except that this requirement may be waived for closed sessions or telephone conference calls of the Executive Board by a majority of Board members participating. The Secretary must maintain all motions in the form in which they were introduced, including the originals of all handwritten motions. A photocopy of all those original motions must be provided to any Executive Board member who requests them within seven days of the request. The wording of motions introduced in telephone conference calls will be sent by e-mail or fax to all Board members within two days of the call and entered into the Minutes of the next regular meeting of the Executive Board. The Minutes will include all motions introduced in Open session, but motions passed only in Closed session of the Executive Board will not be published and will not be official actions of the Executive Board. The Minutes of Executive Board meetings shall include the names of Board members voting on any motion and how they voted. The Minutes of all Board meetings will be provided to all

members of the Executive Board for review prior to publication. The Minutes shall be published within six weeks of each meeting, either by mailing to all electors, and/or by publication on the official USCF website. Any USCF member desiring a paper copy of the Minutes may receive these by paying a reasonable precessing charge set by the Executive Director. The Secretary shall act as custodian of the corporate seal, preside over USCF elections, and ensure that the annual report is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois."

WITHDRAWN

ADM 00-38 was taken out of order with consent of the Delegates.

ADM 00-38 (Harold Winston, IL): Amend Article VI, Section 8 of the Bylaws to change the word "shall" to "may" in lines 2 and 4 to make the stenographer and full transcripts optional, not mandatory, and save the Federation money.

Substitute wording for ADM 00-38 was provided by the sponsor. The substituted motion then read:

DM 00-36/ADM 00-38: (Harold Winston, IL): Amend Article VI, Section 8 of the Bylaws to:

(a) Change the word "shall" to "may" in lines 2 and 4 to make the stenographer and transcripts optional, not mandatory, and save the Federation money.

(b) Add: "The Secretary shall record the Minutes of the Membership Meeting and the Board of Delegates meeting."

(c) Add: " If there are no transcripts the Secretary shall record and publish the Minutes of each meeting of the Executive Board, including conference calls, Internet conference meetings, and motions handled by objections procedure."

(d) Add: "or Minutes" after "summarized transcript" in lines 9 and 15.

(e) Insert: "Minutes of" in the last line on page 23 before " Membership Meetings."

FAILED

At this point, President Smith announced new time limits for debate: Three minutes for all speakers and 20 minutes per main motion.

ADM 00-37 was addressed next. An amendment that replaced the wording of point (2) in the motion was offered by Al Losoff (IL) and accepted. The original wording of

point (2) had read: " 2. The Secretary of his or her designee shall consider the comments made by the Executive Board and may revise the Minutes where appropriate." Except for that amendment, the wording of ADM 00-37 remained as printed in the *Delegates' Call*. The motion as amended then read as follows:

DM 00-37/ADM 00-37 (Myron Lieberman, AZ; Rachel Lieberman, AZ): Moved, that the following procedure be adopted for the documentation of the proceedings of Executive Board meetings:

1. The Secretary or his or her designee shall prepare Minutes based upon the documentation of motions in the transcripts of the meeting and submit them to the Executive Board for comments, corrections, and/or suggestions.
2. The Secretary or his or her designee shall consider the comments made by the Executive Board and may revise the Minutes where appropriate. Any deviation from the transcript must be indicated with an explanation and a reference to the transcript. The transcript must be available concurrently.
3. The transcript of all Open session meetings are to be posted on the USCF website as soon as practical, so that anyone who has any questions can access the basic documentation for all motions and can access Open session discussions that are not likely to be in the published Minutes. Since any motions made in Closed session must be voted in Open session as well, the Open session transcripts will be sufficient to document all motions.
4. The transcripts are to include all Open session activity. The stenographer must record everything until the meeting is actually adjourned. No motions are to be voted on the absence of the stenographer. If it is not on the Open session transcripts it did not happen!

PASSED

ADM 00-39 was next on the floor. Amended wording suggested by Mike Nolan, parliamentarian, and Harold Winston (IL) was accepted by the sponsor and appears as the last paragraph of the motion beginning with "revise Article VI, Section 8 of the Bylaws further by deleting...". The motion then read as follows:

DM 00-38/ADM 00-39: (John McCrary, SC): Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws is amended by adding the following sentences at the end of the Section: "Vacancies in the position of Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the term of that Alternate Delegate, provided that such

appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter. Any Executive Board member who completes his term without re-election to the Executive Board, remains a Delegate until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates in the year following the completion of the Board term, except that if he has Delegate status for that period under another provision of these Bylaws, this provision shall not apply. Any former Executive Board member receiving Delegate status by the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not be a Delegate on the ordered list of any state, and shall not be replaced as a Delegate if he dies or resigns the position."

Revise Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws further by deleting the third and fourth full sentences of that Section, (beginning "The state president") and inserting the following sentence in their place: " The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list of Alternates for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates." **PASSED**

ADM 00-40 (Harold Winston, IL): Amend Article IX, Section 10A of the Bylaws concerning the composition of the Life Member Assets Committee, (LMAC) to no longer mandate the current Treasurer, current Executive Director, and a past Treasurer as three of its members. Replace the third sentence by the wording: " The LMAC shall consist of five members selected by the Delegates including no more than one member of the current Executive Board." (Note that the Delegates changed the composition of the LMAC in DM 00-25 earlier in the meeting.)

WITHDRAWN

DM 00-39/ADM 00-41 (OMOV task force): The Bylaws are amended to read as follows:

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

Article IV, Section 2. Definition. Any member residing in the USA who is 16 years of age or older in an election year, is in a membership category that receives *Chess Life* magazine or is a Family Member, and whose membership is current through the end of a month in which an election is held, is a Voting Member. Any member of any age who is a full adult, Sustaining or Life Member is also a Voting Member. Family Members 16 years of age or older at the time of the election may request a ballot by sending a self-addressed envelope to the USCF, 3054 US Route 9W, New Windsor, NY, 12553 before May 20 of an election year. Family Members wishing to vote must

furnish their date of birth to the USCF office. The ballot shall contain the signature of the voter certifying that the voter is eligible to vote.

Article V, Section 9 is 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 \$250 made payable to the 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 duly-submitted nominations in the issue published not later than April 20th of an election year.

Article VI, 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 20th 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 ballots 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 or by the Secretary or his 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 of the Delegates present in person 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 (Note that the sponsors stated on the floor that this section should be changed to mirror the wording of DM 00-36/ADM 00-37 passed earlier in the Meeting about duties of Secretary. Since specific wording was not provided, this section will not be specifically worded in the Minutes.)

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 300 Voting Members shall 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 of the Delegates present and voting 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. All interested parties shall have no less than sixty days to communicate their 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 by an independent agency agreed upon by both sides or 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 at least 500 votes are received, the Executive Board member is recalled. Both sides shall be allotted 250 words 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 IV 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 reasonable and equitable 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 an election year. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled. to one half-page of space in each election supplement. The purchase of additional campaign space in the election supplements or other USCF publications is prohibited.

Section 12. Effective Date. Revisions to the Bylaws relating to the election of Executive Board take effect on January 1, 2001.

Richard Buchanan (CO) moved to postpone indefinitely. **DM 00-39/ADM 00-41** was **POSTPONED INDEFINITELY BY A VOTE OF 39-31**.

ADM 00-42 (John McCrary, SC): Subject to being overruled by two-thirds of the membership of the Executive Board, which must be kept fully informed, the Executive Director may negotiate and sign contracts with sponsors on behalf of the USCF provided that such contracts do not violate the Bylaws or policies set by the Board of Delegates, and involve no net anticipated cost to the USCF. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-43 (Tim Redman, TX): The USCF will cease to publish the annual rating list in *Chess Life*, but will make it available on the website instead. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-44 (Don Schultz, FL): The Executive Director will prepare and make available a 7-year report of the LMA account activity showing:

- a) All income from new life and sustaining members, sale of LMA investments, etc.
- b) The disposition of that income to LMA investments, operations, or elsewhere, and
- c) A complete list of all LMA investments showing purchases, sales, and current values.

WITHDRAWN

ADM 00-45 (Don Schultz, FL): At least once a year, a report must be prepared for the Delegates by the CFO showing all outstanding loans from the LMA to operations. This report should include the following information for each loan: the reason for the loan, the amount of the loan, interest and other charges, and the repayment plan. Any other special conditions should also be included. **WITHDRAWN** (Note: The sponsor expressed appreciation to the LMAC for the report distributed at the meeting.)

ADM 00-46 was completed earlier in the ratings committee report

The sponsor of ADM 00-47 provided substitute wording for this ADM. The original ADM 00-47 read as follows:

ADM 00-47 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Grantor Trust. The USCF will adopt a Grantor Trust (commonly known as a rabbi trust) to hold the assets of the LMA, effective no later than January 1, 2001. The following key points will be included in the structure of the rabbi trust and its funding. Although the various accounting charges of the LMA will continue to be based on the current set of assumptions, the funding of the LMA will be based on an assumed annual contribution of \$35 per Life Member to Operations, the actual age of Life Members, the 83GAM mortality table or similarly conservative mortality table, and an earnings rate of at least 8% in the current environment, or other best assumptions as determined with advice from actuaries or other suitable financial professionals. Other assumptions will be set in conjunction with advice from actuaries or other financial professionals. The rabbi trust will have a trust document that includes provisions for USCF Operations to take loans from the LMA at an established interest rate and repayment schedule. The trust

document will also include provisions for reimbursement from the trust for approved expenses documented to the trust. The trust will be targeted to be 100% funded within 20 years. Upon full funding, the trust will begin to contribute the assumed annual contribution to Operations. Trust investments and allocations will be established with the advice of professionals based on the expected duration of investments and anticipated annual needs for liquidity.

The substitute wording read as follows:

DM 00-40/NDM 00-21/ADM 00-47 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX; Tim Just, IL;): Grantor Trust. The Finance Committee, with consultation by the LMA Committee, is assigned the task of examining whether a grantor trust (commonly known as a rabbi trust) to hold the LMA would be beneficial to the USCF, and is to report back to the Executive Board no later than next year's Delegates' Meeting.

On motion of Al Losoff (IL), as amended by Leroy Dubeck (NJ), DM 00-40/NDM 00-21/ADM 00-47 was **REFERRED TO THE LMA COMMITTEE FOR A REPORT BY THE SPRING MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

ADM 00-48 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Membership recapture. USCF shall provide a mailing to all members whose membership has expired on or before June 1, 2000, but after January 1, 1998, and offer a one-time opportunity for the members to renew at a cost of \$30 for one year, if such renewal is received within 30 days of mailing. Said mailing will go out no later than October 1, 2000. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-49 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Bonds. USCF shall examine the possibility of issuing tax-free municipal bonds with the assistance of a friendly local government and a friendly bank. Proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be used either for improvements in infrastructure, or for funding the LMA, or both. The ED or Finance Committee must report back to the Executive Board no later than November 1, 2000 on the legal viability of said bond issue, unless such deadline is extended by the Board. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-50 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): USCF will examine methods by which the US Charitable Trust will be configured or new charitable entities established in order to accept tax-deductible charitable contributions for USCF or specific USCF projects. Such report will be made by the Finance Committee to the Board no later than January 1, 2001, unless extended by the Executive Board. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-51 was next. The original ADM as printed in the *Delegates' Call* was as follows:

ADM 00-51 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Online Tournament Report Submission. USCF shall develop and fully implement an online tournament report submission system, to be fully operational no later than March 1, 2001. USCF shall commit whatever economic resources are necessary to such development, up to \$75,000. The ED will have project oversight. Such system shall have as part of its basis the acceptance of credit card payment for rating fees and for USCF memberships. The system will offer a rating fee discount from standard rating fees, to set by the ED with the assistance of the Finance Committee. Non-members submitted by this system will automatically have their membership billed to the organizer's credit card. USCF will include as part of the development an online program or a Windows-based program in which organizers can enter tournament results to produce a rating report. Such program will be made available at no more than \$10 per copy.

The sponsor then submitted substitute wording for ADM 00-51, as follows:

DM 00-41/NDM 00-22/ADM 00-51: (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Online Tournament Report Submission: USCF shall develop (using outside expertise as necessary) and fully implement an online tournament report submission system and an online membership database to be operational no later than a date to be determined by the Executive Director, such determination to be made no later than 9-15-00. The Executive Board and the Executive Director are directed that the development of this system is of primary importance to the USCF. The Executive Board and the Executive Director are encouraged to negotiate special arrangements that may be bundled to provide the required economic resources. The Executive Director will have project oversight. Such system shall have as part of its basis the acceptance of electronic payment for rating fees and for USCF memberships. The system will offer a rating fee discount from tournament reports submitted on paper, and for USCF memberships, to be set by the Executive Director and the Executive Board, but not to exceed \$0.50 per game or a minimum tournament rating fee of \$20 per tournament. The Executive Board and Executive Director will have this power until 8-15-2001. In addition, USCF will make available a program in which organizers can use to input tournament results to accomplish electronic submission. Such program may be online.

On motion of the sponsor, DM 00-41/NDM 00-22/ADM 00-51 was **REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

ADM 00-52 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Minimum rating fee. The minimum rating fee for a computer-submitted report will be \$10. The minimum rating fee for a non-computer submitted report will be \$20, effective 10-01-2000. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-53 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Rating Fees. Effective January 1, 2001, electronically submitted rating reports will have a rating fee of \$.50 per game. Non-electronic reports will have a fee of \$1 per game. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM-00-54 was brought to the floor. The ADM as printed in the *Delegates' Call* read as follows:

ADM 00-54 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Organizer ratings. Organizers or tournament directors who submit rating reports will be rated based on timeliness, accuracy, and electronic submission, based on guidelines developed by the ED in conjunction with the TDCC. Organizers meeting high criteria will have 50% of their rating fees for the calendar year returned to them not later than March 15th of the following year. Organizers meeting moderate criteria will have 25% of their rating fees for the calendar year returned to them not later than March 15th of the following year. Organizers not meeting at least moderate criteria will have no rating fees returned.

The sponsor of ADM 00-54 then provided substitute wording which became the main motion, as follows:

DM 00-42/NDM 00-23/ADM 00-54: (Tim Just, IL; Kevin Bachler, representing TX;) Organizer ratings. Organizers (as represented by affiliates) and tournament directors who submit rating reports will be rated based on timeliness, accuracy, and electronic submissions, based on guidelines developed by the Executive Director in consultation with the Tournament Director Certification Committee. Organizers meeting higher standards will receive a discount on rating fees at the time of submission.

Jerry Hanken (CA-S) moved to table, but then withdrew that motion before the vote count was completed. A motion to refer to the Executive Board was made by Harold Winston (IL).

DM 00-42/NDM 00-23/ADM 00-54 was REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

ADM 00-55 (Kevin Bachler, representing TX): Tournament Discounts. Special memberships or promotions may involve USCF providing to the member a coupon for a discount on a tournament entry fee. Organizers are required to accept this coupon, and may return it to USCF as payment toward rating fees, membership fees, or TLA announcement fees. Each coupon shall be numbered so that organizers may use the coupon as part of an online submission. Coupons must be used by players within 12 months of issue, and by organizers within 18 months of issue. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-56 (Al Lawrence, NY): USCF will pay all profit-sharing monies, including both principal and interest, legally due to Holly Prisco by September 1, 2000, a date nearly four years after her termination. **WITHDRAWN**

(Note: the sponsor requested assurance from the Executive Director that the matter would be appropriately addressed administratively.)

DM 00-43/ADM 00-57 (Al Lawrence, NY): USCF will pay Holly Prisco's legal fees (up to \$1500) relevant to her attempts to recover her deserved profit-sharing plan moneys, both principal and interest. A copy of the Executive Director's findings will be forwarded to Holly Prisco.

Al Lawrence moved to refer DM 00-43 to the Executive Director. **REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** (Note: the last sentence was added as a friendly amendment during discussion.)

ADM-00-58 came next to the floor. Amended wording for the printed ADM 00-58 was suggested by Tim Redman (TX) in point (4) and by Gary Prince(NJ) in point (8); both amendments were accepted. The original wording of point (4) was as follows: "BINFO documents may be classified as confidential, that is made available to the general public sparingly and only with the use of strict, documented criteria." The original wording of point (8) was as follows: "Updated, descriptive indexes of the BINFO system will be available on request for a reasonable duplication fee."

The motion with the amended wording then read as follows:

DM 00-44/ADM 00-58: (Al Lawrence, NY) In the interest of both history and accountability, the Board information (BINFO) system should be maintained and used in the following manner:

1. The Executive Board and Executive Director will place documents relating to their decisions and discussions in this record system;
2. An effort will be made to include all relevant documents bearing on the making of USCF policy and other decisions.
3. At the request of any single Executive Board member or the Executive Director, a document will be placed in the system;
4. BINFO documents may be classified as confidential, using strict, documented criteria.

5. Classified BINFO's will be reviewed periodically for declassification. This will include but not be limited to documents now in the system and placed there by previous Boards;
6. Non-classified documents will be supplied to members on request; a reasonable duplication fee may be charged.
7. Binders of non-classified documents will be maintained at the USCF office and will be available on request to visiting adult members to examine while in the office;
8. Updated, descriptive indexes of the BINFO system will be available on the USCF website in the most expeditious manner possible, and available in hard copy on request for a reasonable duplication fee. **PASSED**

ADM 00-59 (Al Lawrence, NY): The USCF Secretary will have published in the Policy Board Newsletter or its equivalent a procedure by which any USCF adult may request and obtain the stenographic record of Executive Board decisions. A reasonable photocopying fee may be charged. **WITHDRAWN** (Note: This matter has been addressed.)

ADM 00-60 (Al Lawrence, NY): The Delegates express their concern that a number of standing Delegate motions and requirements of the Bylaws have apparently been ignored or overlooked during the period since the 1999 Delegates' Meeting.

This ADM was **WITHDRAWN** after discussion of Delegate motion 90-59 which mandated information for USCF Delegate newsletters.

ADM 00-61 (Al Lawrence, NY): Leah Koltanowski is made a life member of the USCF. This ADM was **WITHDRAWN**, with a request that the matter be addressed administratively. (Note: a review of the meeting audio tapes showed that the sponsor said " I can withdraw" the ADM if Ms. Koltanowski receives both *Chess Life* and *School Mates* through administrative action. After he further emphasized this point in concluding his remarks, the Delegates began to applaud. An unidentified speaker (not the Chair) said " It passed by acclamation. "Someone asked for a vote for the record, but received a " No, it passed by acclamation" reply from within the audience. Unfortunately, it was not clear what, if anything, passed: the original ADM for a Life Membership, or the sponsor's request that the magazines be issued administratively (not a motion), in return for his offer to withdraw the ADM. Life Members do not receive *School Mates*. My interpretation is that the ADM was withdrawn and that the Delegates recommend she receive both magazines for the rest of her life through administrative action. The tapes show clearly that the Board of Delegates did not make a clear parliamentary determination.)

DM 00-45/ADM 00-62 (John McCrary, SC); The Delegates express appreciation to Sid Samole, to Excalibur Electronics, and to the US Chess Trust for the establishment of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum in Miami. The Delegates wish success to this project, designed to protect the heritage of chess while educating the general public about chess. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

DM 00-46/ADM 00-63 (Bill Goichberg, NY); All discussion at Executive Board meetings of committee chairman appointments or awards must be conducted in open session. **FAILED 33-45** (Note: the sponsor added the word " chairman" to the original printed version during discussion.)

DM 00-47/ADM 00-64 (Jerry Hanken, Ca-S): Members of USCF Committees shall not be paid for committee work without the authorization of the Delegates. They may continue to receive reimbursement for expenses.

On motion by the sponsor, DM 00-47/ADM 00-64 was **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE**.

DM 00-48/ADM 00-65 (Jerry Hanken, CA-S): The Delegates call upon the Executive Board to appoint an unpaid, volunteer Rulebook Revision Committee.

On motion of the sponsor, DM 00-48/ADM 00-65 was **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE**.

ADM 00-66 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved, USCF shall not act as organizer of any future national scholastic events. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-67: (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved, the organizer of all national Scholastic Championships shall limit the number of entries to one player for every 20 square feet of space in the actual playing room(s). Further the organizer will determine the maximum number possible attendees at least six months prior to the event. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-68: (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved, it is the policy of the USCF that each child will have at least 32 inches of running space along the playing table of all national scholastic championships. (That is to say, no more than 6 players on an eight foot table.) **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-69 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved, it is the policy of the USCF that there be at least five feet between horizontal rows of tables at all national scholastic championships. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-70 (Resolved: It is the policy of the USCF that there be aisles that are at least 8 feet wide. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-71 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved, in the future, USCF will honor its written contracts. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-72 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved: The USCF acknowledges that its financial statements in relation to the 1999 National Elementary were false. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-73 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved: The USCF acknowledges that in two instances, contracts relating to the 1999 National Elementary were forged. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-74 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved: USCF recognizes that one of its employees lied when she reported to the Delegates in 1999 that the contract for the 1999 national Elementary had not been signed. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-75 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved: USCF recognizes that the statement by the former Executive Director that he was ending negotiations for the 2000 National Elementary was knowingly false and that a legal contract was in place. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-76 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved: USCF rebukes the USCF President Robert Smith for negotiating with Richard Peterson in bad faith and without the authority of the Executive Board. **WITHDRAWN**

ADM 00-77 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Resolved: In the case of USCF versus Peterson, USCF agrees to pay legal expenses in the amount of \$15,000 to Peterson. **WITHDRAWN**

DM 00-49/ADM 00-78 (Mike Carr, Ca-S; Jerry Hanken, Ca-S): The Delegates approve the following awards for 2000: Distinguished Service Award, Rachel Lieberman. Frank J. Marshall Award, John Watson. Organizer of the Year, Beatriz Marinello. **FAILED 32-41**

Note: Those voting against this motion did solely because they wished to leave award selection generally to the Executive Board, not because they did not appreciate the outstanding work of those named in the motion. That led to the following motion:

DM 00-50/NDM 00-24 (Richard Peterson, AZ): Moved, the Board of delegates thanks these three people for their services to chess. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

ADM 00-79 was not considered because there was no Delegate sponsor present.

ADM 00-80 was addressed earlier in the meeting with the report of the Scholastic Committee.

DM 00-51/NDM 00-25 (Jim Pechac, OH): Revise Article IX: Sundry Bylaws by adding the statement: The Federation will publish an annual report subsequent to each fiscal year end. The report will contain, among other things, a complete presentation of the audited financial statements.

The sponsor suggested referral of this motion. On motion of Harold Winston (IL) the Delegates then **REFERRED DM 00-51/NDM 00-25 TO THE FINANCE AND BYLAWS COMMITTEES**

DM 00-52/NDM 00-26 (Jim Pechac, OH): Revise Article VI: Executive Board duties to include that the Vice President for Finance will review and approve all financial reports, including all financial information presented in interim and annual reports, prior to publication and release.

The sponsor suggested referral of the motion. On motion of Harold Winston (IL) the Delegates then **REFERRED DM 00-52/NDM 00-26 TO THE BYLAWS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES.**

DM 00-53/NDM 00-27 (Harry Sabine, TN): Moved, that all remaining motions submitted to the Acting Secretary be referred to the Executive Board, except for motions of thanks.

After these motions were reviewed briefly with the Delegates, the motion **PASSED**

Note: NDM's that had been withdrawn by the sponsors prior to being brought to the floor are not included in these Minutes, except those referred by DM 00-53.)

The motions referred to the Executive Board by DM 00-53 are as follows:

DM 00-54/NDM 00-28 (Jay Blem, CA-S): Moved that US Invitational Championships should not be held so as to conflict with the ten days of the Jewish High Holy Days, beginning with Rosh Hashanah and ending on Yom Kippur, with at least a two day buffer on both sides. **REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

DM 00-55/NDM 00-29 (Robert Tanner, UT):

- 1) Resolved that the USCF reinstate its previous floors of 100 points and truncating the last two digits.
- 2) Resolved that the Ratings Committee be instructed to investigate the fluctuations of the rating system by conducting a comparison of known computer ratings.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DM 00-56/NDM 00-30 (George John, TX; and Myron Lieberman, AZ): If the Rating list and/or the Yearbook are left out of *Chess Life*, they must be published in their entirety. This would require that the annual rating list be provided on the web in a format that can be browsed instead of only searched if it is not in *Chess Life*.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DM 00-57/NDM 00-31: (Joe Ippolito, NJ): In view of the time-consuming aspect of "The Roll Call of Delegates"- The Executive Board is authorized to institute a new method to accomplish a more expedient "Roll Call of Delegates" for the 2001 Delegates' Meeting.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DM 00-58/NDM 00-08 (Steve Doyle, NJ): Moved, a committee be formed to investigate \$150K expenditure and report back to the Delegates.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (Note: this had been introduced the previous day in an unsuccessful attempt to suspend the rules to consider it early. That is why it has a low NDM number but a high DM number.)

DM 00-59/NDM 00-32 (Lawrence Cohen, representing Florida): That the Executive Board is instructed to consider allowing a \$5.00 promotional one-time reduction for new scholastic members.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DM 00-60/NDM 00-33 (Frank Camaratta, AL): Move that a Tournament Standards Committee be established and ADM-00-66 through ADM-00-70 be referred to that committee for study. The committee will report its findings to the Executive Board for action as necessary before the next Annual Delegates' Meeting.

The Board will report to the Delegates the committee findings and recommendations and the subsequent Executive Board actions.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

DM 00-61/NDM 00-34 (Frank Camaratta, AL): The Executive Board shall appoint a legal committee to advise the Executive Board on matters of a potentially legal nature. Recommend the following: Harry Sabine, Hanon Russell, and Gary Sperling.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following motions were passed by acclamation:

DM 00-62/NDM 00-35: (David Kuhns, MN): Appoint George Van Dyke Tiers National Tournament Director Emeritus. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

DM 00-63/NDM 00-36: (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates give a vote of thanks to Mike Nolan for his services as parliamentarian.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

DM 00-64/NDM 00-37 (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates give a vote of thanks to David Kuhns and the Minnesota Chess Association for organizing this highly successful US Open.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

DM 00-65/NDM 00-38 (Several Delegates): Moved to adjourn the 2000 USCF Delegates' Meeting.

PASSED AND MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted: John McCrary, USCF Vice President and Acting Secretary through the Delegates' Meeting.

