

**UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION, INC.**  
**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**On August 13-14, 2001**

The new Executive Board, after Delegate certification of election results, met and elected the following officers: President, John McCrary; Vice President, Steve Shutt; Vice President for Finance, Frank Camaratta; Secretary, Bob Smith; and Members-at-Large Doris Barry, Helen Warren, and Frank Brady.

President John McCrary convened the first Regular Meeting of the new Executive Board of the U.S. Chess Federation at 9:00 A.M. on August 13, 2001, at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, Framingham, Massachusetts.

Present were John McCrary, Steve Shutt, Frank Camaratta, Frank Brady, Bob Smith, Doris Barry, Helen Warren and George De Feis as a participating, but nonvoting, member. The Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

The meeting then entered closed session in which the Board held discussions with contractors and personnel.

After lunch the meeting reconvened in open session.

**(EB 02-01)** Bob Smith moved that the National Office install a live receptionist to receive telephone calls. This will be accomplished as soon as technical and financial issues are resolved, but no later than 30 days after this date. **PASSED 7-0.**

**(EB 02-02)** John McCrary nominated Steve Shutt, Frank Camaratta, and Frank Brady as a task force to work with the Executive Director to improve the efficiency of the office services, requesting the Internet Committee to assist along with consultation with any helpful volunteers they may wish. **Approved 7-0.**

**(EB 02-03)** John McCrary moved that Doris Barry be added to the task force on office procedure. **Approved 7-0.**

**(EB 02-04)** (Brady) "Moved that the USCF revert to the 1999 fee schedule for TLA's with the exception that those TLA's that are not submitted electronically be charged \$1 per line extra."

Doris Barry moved to amend the motion as follows: "The TLA fee schedule for 4 line TLAs to be reduced to the 1999 rate, with \$1 for paper submission." The amendment FAILED 2-4-1, with Barry and Warren in favor, McCrary, Shutt, Smith, and Brady opposed, and Camaratta abstaining.

George De Feis then moved to amend the main motion as follows: "Add: Implementation will be scheduled for January 1, 2002." The Amendment PASSED 4-3, with Barry, Warren, Camaratta and Shutt in favor and McCrary, Brady and Smith opposed.

The Main motion as amended then read:

**(EB 02-04)** (Brady) "Moved that the USCF revert to the 1999 fee schedule for TLA's with the exception that those TLA's that are not submitted electronically be charged \$1 per line extra. Implementation will be scheduled for January 1, 2002." **PASSED 6-0-1**, with McCrary, Shutt, Smith, Barry, Warren, and Brady in favor, and Camaratta abstaining.

**(EB02-05)** On motion of John McCrary the Board appoints a task force consisting of George De Feis, Helen Warren, Frank Brady, Frank Camaratta and Steve Shutt to make recommendations regarding the Books & Equipment business. **PASSED 7-0**

EB 02-04 was RECONSIDERED on the motion of Shutt.

With the reconsidered motion back on the floor, the following amendment to it was offered by McCrary: "Strike the last sentence, which reads, 'Implementation will be scheduled for January 1, 2002' and replace it with the following sentence: "To be in effect for TLA's appearing in the January 2002 issue of *Chess Life*." This amendment **PASSED 4-2-1**, with McCrary, Smith Brady, and Shutt in favor; Barry and Warren opposed; and Camaratta abstaining.

Then the motion as reconsidered and amended read as follows: **(EB 02-06)** (Brady) "Moved that the USCF revert to the 1999 fee schedule for TLAs, with the exception that those TLAs that are not submitted electronically be charged \$1 per line extra. To be in effect for TLAs appearing in the January issue of *Chess Life*." **PASSED 5-2**, McCrary, Shutt, Camaratta, Smith and Brady in favor; Warren and Barry opposed.

The meeting of the Board was recessed until Tuesday, August 14, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Board reconvened at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 14, 2001. All members were present.

The Board considered the Delegates Motion by Steve Shutt, Pat Hoekstra, and Enrique Rios that the maximum age for USCF Youth membership should be changed from 19 to age 22, effective January 1, 2002.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that it lacked jurisdiction.

**(EB 02-07)** Steve Shutt moved that the Executive Board pass the proposal to expand the certified chess coach program submitted by Brownscombe, Ferguson, Root, and Weeramantry, which is attached and made part of the minutes by reference. **PASSED 7-0.**

Three motions were made regarding the USCF National Scholastic Chess Tournament.

1. **(EB 02-08)** 11.6 Original language: "A half-point bye in the last round must be made before the start of the tournament." Proposed change: "A request for a half-point bye in the last round must be made before the start of the tournament." Brady voted in favor; five against and Shutt abstained. Motion **Failed**

2. **(EB 02-09)** 21.510 Insert: "The Scholastic Director shall have the flexibility to vary the number of trophies to be awarded according to the number of anticipated entries." **PASSED 7-0**

3. **(EB 02-10)** 21.53 "Each grade/age level of the National Youth Action changes." **PASSED 7-0**

**(EB-02-11)** A motion was made that the USCF Executive Board endorse the establishment and development of the U.S. Cultural Trust. **PASSED 7-0**

**(EB 02-12)** On motion of Doris Barry, the Board expresses appreciation to De Knudson for her donation of \$500.00 to be used for the office computer upgrade. **Passed 7-0**

The Board discussed several ADMs referred to the Board and either referred them to the appropriate committees or reserved them for later action.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

**Minutes submitted by Bob Smith, Secretary**