

partnership with Malcolm Pein's Chess and Bridge will increase that number. Malcolm Pein will only provide titles that are not sold by USCF or Chess Café. Additional details were provided. Myron Lieberman (AZ) asked about the Chronos clock. It was explained that the clock is produced in too small a volume for us to be able to satisfy demand if we carried it. There were also other issues.

Eric Mark (PA) asked about the cost of living and quality of life in the New Windsor area. Each staff member present was given the opportunity to respond. Mike Goodall (CA/N) and Sam Sloan (NY) participated in the discussion. Frank Niro indicated that a good offer had been received for the building and that it was being evaluated. If the building were to be sold it would necessitate looking at options for a new facility. Thanks to all who participated.

## **MINUTES OF THE 2002 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING AUGUST 03-04, 2002 - CHERRY HILL, NJ SATURDAY SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER** - President John McCrary called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM EDT on Saturday, August 03, 2002.

**ROLL CALL AND DELEGATE CERTIFICATION** - Secretary Bob Smith certified the following Delegates. Please note that this list includes all Delegates certified to participate in the meeting regardless of whether they were certified before, during, or after the roll call. A quorum was present at roll call. A total of 106 Delegates participated.

**STATE DELEGATES:** **Alabama:** Frank Camaratta, Jack Mallory (full); **Alaska:** None (1 vacancy); **Arizona:** Denis Barry, Myron Lieberman, Rachel Lieberman, Robert Tanner, (2 vacancies); **Arkansas:** None (1 vacancy); **N. California:** Richard Koepcke, Mike Goodall, James Eade, Leo Dubler, Peter Tamburro (1 vacancy); **S. California:** Jerome Hanken, Randy Hough, Dewain Barber, Joseph Wagner, Bernadette Doyle, Greg Fink (3 vacancies); **Colorado:** Richard Buchanan (1 vacancy); **Connecticut:** Richard Bauer, Richard Jackson (full); **DC:** Ralph Mikell (full); **Delaware:** None (1 vacancy); **Florida:** Bob Smith, Don Schultz, Shane Samole, Frank Guadalupe, Carol Jarecki, Beatriz Marinello, Barbara De Maro (full); **Georgia:** None (2 vacancies); **Hawaii:** None (1 vacancy); **Idaho:** None (1 vacancy); **Illinois:** Helen Warren, Harold Winston, Tim Just, Jim Warren, Lawrence Cohen, Tom Fineberg, Alan Losoff, Joel Berez, David Kuhns (1 vacancy); **Indiana:** None (3 vacancies); **Iowa:** Roger Gotschall (full); **Kansas:** Ralph Bowman (full); **Kentucky:** None (2 vacancies); **Louisiana:** Richard Crespo (full); **Maine:** None (1 vacancy); **Maryland:** Allen Beadle, Larry Kaufman, Denis Strenziwilk (full); **Massachusetts:** Harold Dondis, William Kelleher, Michelle Ippolito (1 vacancy); **Michigan:** Brad Rogers (2 vacancies); **Minnesota:** Ed Conway, Philip Smith (full) Note: David Kuhns represented IL; **Mississippi:** None (1 vacancy); **Missouri:** David Cole (1 vacancy); **Montana:** None (1 vacancy); **Nebraska:** Mike Nolan (full); **Nevada:** None (1 vacancy); **New Hampshire:** Hal Terrie (full); **New Jersey:** Joe Ippolito, Steve Doyle, Leroy Dubeck, Michael Somers, Roger Inglis, Gary Prince, Hal Sprechman (full); **New Mexico:** None (1 vacancy); **Upstate NY:** Bill Goichberg, Al Lawrence, Brenda Goichberg, Walter Buehl, Gerard Dullea (2 vacancies); **Downstate NY:** Frank Brady, Phyllis Benjamin, Harold Stenzel, Joseph Felber, Jim Mennella, Sam Sloan (1 vacancy); **North Carolina:** Pat Hoekstra (1 vacancy); **North Dakota:** None (1 vacancy); **Ohio:** James Pechac, Ed Sytnik, Amy Sullivan, Joe Yun (1 vacancy); **Oklahoma:** None (1 vacancy); **Oregon:** Paul Shannon (full); **Pennsylvania:** Steve Shutt, Dan Heisman, Eric Johnson, Bob Ferguson, Stan Booz, Greg Vaserstein (full); **Rhode Island:** None (1 vacancy); **South Carolina:** John McCrary, Kay McCrary (full); **South Dakota:** Dave Knudson (full); **Tennessee:** Harry Sabine, Ken Sloan (1 vacancy); **Texas:** Tim Redman, Luis Salinas, George John, Doris Barry, Aviv Friedman, Mikhail Langer, Glenn Petersen, Ernie Schlich, Mike Sulik (full); **Utah:** Glenn Statile (full); **Vermont:** None (1 vacancy); **Virginia:** Woody Harris, Helen Hinshaw, J. Allen Hinshaw, Mike Atkins (full); **Washington:** Murlin Varner, Frederick Kleist (1 vacan-

cy); **West Virginia:** None (1 vacancy); **Wisconsin:** Mike Nietman, Guy Hoffman (full); **Wyoming:** None (1 vacancy)

**DM02-01 - ADM 02-01** - Harold Winston (IL) - The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and who are present at this meeting. **PASSED.** Those re-elected were Denis Barry, Harold Dondis, Bill Goichberg, Woody Harris, Randy Hough, Al Lawrence, Myron Lieberman, Tim Redman, Harry Sabine, Don Schultz, and Helen Warren.

**DM02-02 - ADM 02-02** - John McCrary (SC), Bob Smith (FL) - The Delegates approve the advance agenda. **PASSED.**

**DM02-03 - ADM 02-03** - John McCrary (SC) - The appointment of Mike Nolan as Parliamentarian for the 2002 Delegates' Meeting is affirmed. **PASSED**

**DM02-04 - ADM 02-04** - John McCrary (SC) - The Delegates approve the standing rules. **PASSED.** Note: Parliamentarian Mike Nolan reviewed the standing rules prior to the vote. Three Minutes per speaker and 30 minutes per topic unless extended.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** - The Delegates paused in a moment of silence in memory of those in the chess community who have passed on in the last year. These include, but are not limited to, Michael Barton, Brian Bugbee, John (Jack) Collins, Robert W. Hide, Norman Lessing, Ernest Marx, GM Edmar Mednis, GM Anthony Miles, Bill Moushey, Carmine Nigro, Mark Ostreich, Ronald Pease, Jack Pratt (Piatigorsky), Angelo Sandrin, Claude Shannon, Oscar Shapiro, Richard Verber, Archie Waters, and all chessplayers lost on September 11. Information about those named can be found in the 2002 Delegates' Call, which is posted on the USCF website.

**DM02-05 - ADM 02-05** - Bob Smith (FL) - Moved, that the Minutes of the 2001 Delegates' Meeting be accepted as published. **PASSED.**

**DM02-06 - ADM 02-06** - Bob Smith (FL) - The Delegates certify the election of Executive Board members for the two unexpired terms ending in 2003. **PASSED.** Thanks to Chief Teller Jack Mallory and his team of tellers Randy Hough, Mike Nietman, and Jim Warren for a job well done.

**Candidates elected** were GM Arnold Denker (FL) 198 votes and Dr. Joseph Wagner (CA/S) 185 votes.

**Candidates not elected** finished as follows: Sam Sloan (NY) 71, Larry Cohen (IL) 64, and Enrique Rios (TX) 40. **Write-ins:** There were 44 Write-in votes distributed as follows: John Fernandez (NY) 7, Steve Doyle (NJ) 4, Jim Eade (CA/N) 4, Leroy Dubeck (NJ) 3, five tied with 2 each - They were Tom Dorsch (CA/N), George John (TX), Bill Orgain (TN), Luis Salinas (TX), and Ken Thomas (NJ). There were 16 tied with one vote each. They were Lev Alburt, Doris Barry, Richard Buchanan, Bernadette Doyle, Bruce Draney, Karl Heck, Alan Kantor, Al Lawrence, Ken Lewandowski, Russell Miller, Jim Pechac, Grant Perks, Joseph Riegsecker, Don Schultz, Yasser Seirawan, and Peter Sloan. Chief Teller Jack Mallory posted the complete list in the meeting room.

**Voters from whom ballots were not received:** There were 531 valid ballots mailed. Valid ballots were received from 312 voters. Ballots were not received from the following voters in time for the count. Please note that this does not necessarily mean they didn't vote. Ballots from the 9 voters marked with a \* were received but not in time to be counted. No ballots were received from the 210 voters not so marked. **AK** Colin Sells, **AL** Walter Schaetzle, Roy Stanton, **AR** Bill Beck\*, Stephen Paulson, **AZ** Robby Adamson\*, Kenneth Larsen, Michael Reading, Richard Wagner, William Wharton, Jim Wilson, **CA/N** Michael Aigner, Jim Eade, Frank Elley, Riley Hughes, Elizabeth Karnazes, Tom Maser, Jordy Mont-Reynaud, Ray Orwig, Charles Pigg, Dennis Wajkus, Carolyn Withgitt, **CA/S** David Carl Argall, Gordon Brooks, Sharon Burtman, Steve Hughes, Nshan Keshishian\*, Cyrus

Lakdawala, Al Massip, Ben Nethercot\*, Richard Okubu, Richard Rico, Brian Scanlon, Jay Stallings, Kurt Stenzel, John Surlow, Ed Townsend, CO Daniel Avery, Michael Fuchs, Andrew Rea, CT Mary Conlon\*, Richard Jackson, Dennis Tortora, DC William Barnes, FL Eduardo Celorio, Arden Dilley, Bill Kramer, Marcel Martinez, George Ringel, Diane Schmidt\*, John White, GA Daniel Lucas, Verl Martin, Frank Meyrath, L. Thad Rogers, Steve Schneider, HI Guy Ontai, ID Jeffrey Roland, IL Leslie Bale, Vince Berry, Al Chow, Marvin Dandridge, Josh Flores, Thomas Knoedler, Bill Reed, Murrell Rhodes, Garrett Scott, Frank Skoff, IN Thomas E. Byers, Jay A. Carr, John W. Cole, James H. Dean, Wick Deer, Harold Hendersdon, Steven Steppe, Mike Turner, KS Neil Andrews, Ron Pasik, KY Wayne Bell, Steve Dillard\*, Leo McMannis, James Peden, Billy Woodward, Eric Yussman, LA Robert Ballard, Robert Bistany, Alfred Carlin, Glenn Ruiz, MA Bryan Clark, Stephen Dann, Harold Dondis, Lee Enderlin, Gil Gosselin, Mark Kaprelian, William Kelleher, Harvey Reed, Peter Sherwood, ME Leroy Douchette, Robert Leach, MD Allen Beadle, Robert Bohdaniw, Bernard Davis, Robert Erkes, Kurt Eschbach, Leif Karrell, Sathigh Nath, MI Victor Asbury Jr., Bill Calton, Jay Carr, Mike Duweck, Ray Garrison, Paul Grams, Ed Mandell, Walt Smith, MN Don Aldrich, David Kuhns, Brian Ribnick, Dan Voje, MO Kenneth Fee Jr., Josh Skaggs, MS Jerry Gardner, Leo Wilson, MT Alex Dawson, NE Kevin Fleming, NH Lynn Friedel, Parker Montgomery, NJ Bill Coburn, Bill Cohen, Harrison Coleman, Richard Costigan, Maxim Dlugy, Tim McKeen, Sharon Whitney, NM Scott Kerns, Scott Cole, Randall Edmunds, NV Dan Conner, John Trivett, NY/U Carl Adamec, Peter Aravena, Dana Belcher, David Blaisdell, Jonathan Lack, Al Lawrence, Alan Lecours, Donald Siegel, Bruce Steffek, William Townsend, NY/D William Arluck, Robert Byrne, Leonard Chipkin, Carrie Goldstein, John MacArthur, Beatriz Marinello, Bob Moran, Sam Sloan, Larry Tamarkin, NC Jill Bambara, F. Eugene Davenport, Jeff Jones, Nate Talbert, R.E. Whittington Jr., OH David Aldenderfer, Riley Driver, Paul Gardner, John Hoffman, Don Randolph, Jeff Rosen, Fred Schwan, Earle Wikle, OK Michael Masterson, Alan Ball, John Dunlap, OR Dave Carlson, Michael Morris, Charles Schulien\*, PA Al Breaux Jr., Bob Ferguson, Keith Kuhn, Larry Pugh, Norman Rogers, Robert Ross, Kurt Schneider, George Trent, SC Michael Spohn, Henry White, TN Peter Bereolos, Lee Edwards, Gregory Krog, Joseph Krump, Angela McElrath-Prosser, Brad Watson, TX Selby Anderson, Brad Bradford, Brenda Hardesty, Jason Howell, Bob James, George John, Drew Sarkisian, Michael Simpson, Bill Snead\*, Susan Strahan, William Tompkins, UT John Coffey, David Lither, VA Ann Marie Allen, Rodney Flores, VT Dave Carter, WA Paul Barton, Marvin Hayami, Yasser Seirawan, Murlin Varner, Jay Zettervall, WI Brian Brzezinski, Chris Krumenauer, Mike Selig, WV Markle Butcher, David Saville, WY Richard Cohen

At this point FIDE President Kirsan Iljumzhinov, FIDE Honorary President Florencio Campomanes, and Vice Prime Minister of the Government, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kalmykia to the President of Russian Federation Alexei Orlov, were introduced. Kirsan Iljumzhinov spoke to the group. He pointed out that this was a critical time for world chess and referred to the reunification of the World Championship and FIDE's involvement. He thanked Yasser Seirawan and USCF President John McCrary for the "bold actions taken in Prague." He congratulated all who were involved in the development of the World Chess Hall of Fame. He discussed chess in the Olympics and pointed out that chess will be played in the All Africa Games and the Southeast Asia Games in 2003 and in the Asian Games in 2006. These are IOC (International Olympic Committee) "official competitions." He has met with the President of the IOC and was encouraged to believe that chess may become a part of the Summer Olympic Games in the future. He will be making a presentation to the IOC in Lausanne. He asked that we try to get chess into the U.S. Olympic program. He pledged to maintain an "open administration" in FIDE asked the Delegates for feedback as to how to work for "better chess in the new millennium." He indicated a willingness to speak privately with anyone interested. President McCrary indicated that in view of the agenda it would be better to handle questions one-on-one than as part of the meeting.

**DM02-07 - ADM 02-07 - Bob Smith (FL) -** The Delegates certify the election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2002-2004 term. **PASSED.** Results for each state in vote count order were posted in the meeting room and are available on the USCF website. Most states will need to break ties when deciding the final Delegate or Alternate position and for order of succession where candidates are tied with the same vote count. Thanks to Glenn Petersen for counting the SOMOV ballots.

**DM02-08 - ADM 02-08 - Harold Winston (IL) -** The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board appearing in minutes published in *Executive Board Newsletters* and the *Delegates' Call*, since the conclusion of the 2001 Delegates' Meeting. Note: Prior to the vote Sam Sloan (NY) questioned the propriety of the motion. The motion then **PASSED.**

**DM02-09 - ADM 02-09 - 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 2201-2002 and authorize their continuation. Note: Executive Director Frank Niro indicated that he had not implemented any promotional memberships to date and was not aware of any that his predecessor may have implemented. The motion then **PASSED.** Note: He later indicated that he would be developing promotional memberships in the future.

The President reported on progress that USCF has made during the year, emphasizing improvement in financial position. He commended Interim Executive Director Frank Niro and said that Frank Niro has been offered the Executive Director position. This was met with a round of applause. President McCrary asked everyone to put aside politics and work together. He thanked everyone for the support already provided.

The report of the Executive Director was deferred so that it could be combined with the report of the VP of Finance.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. CHESS TRUST**

Chairman Harold Winston gave the report. He focused on four areas. The first was the opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum (HOF). Through the efforts of Shane Samole and Al Lawrence, the Grand Opening of the HOF was very successful and featured a number of events, including simultaneous exhibitions and living chess games.

The U.S. Chess Trust co-sponsored the successful Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education in Dallas. The conference was held in conjunction with the National K-12 Championships and provided an opportunity for the Trust to meet with the Scholastic Council to discuss ways in which the Trust could better help scholastic chess.

The Trust doubled its support of the Scholar Chessplayer Program from \$2500 to \$5000. Both the Trust and the Scholastic Council are looking for a corporate sponsor that would be able to greatly expand this worthwhile program.

The Trust increased its contribution to the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, which has become a prestigious, valuable, and well-established event primarily through the generosity of GM Arnold Denker. This is another event for which corporate sponsorship is being sought. Harold Winston indicated that Arnold Denker was sorry that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Harold Winston mentioned that Harold Dondis and Steve Doyle pledged \$1000 each to the U.S. Chess Trust if it could be matched by the Delegates. John McCrary pledged \$1000 during the report. Harold Winston pointed out that donations could be earmarked for any of the U.S. Chess Trust's projects and emphasized those listed above. He also pointed out that donations made to the Trust can be earmarked to help defray the costs of transportation of the U.S. teams to the Chess Olympiad.

The Chess Trust and the USCF Executive Board have come to an agreement that future appointments to the Trust's Board of Trustees shall be made by a majority vote of both Boards. The ADM that addresses trustee appointments will be withdrawn when it comes to the floor.

Al Lawrence, Executive Director of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum (HOF), then presented a report on the HOF. He mentioned the history leading up to the HOF and acknowledged the support of Steve Doyle, Gerry Dullea, Frank Camaratta, John McCrary, and Frank Niro. Al Lawrence pointed out that the events of 9/11 coupled with the stock market decline made fund-raising for non-9/11 causes challenging. The Samole family not only donated a million dollar building, but \$400,000 additional to the development of the HOF, which features museum quality displays and hosts an increasing number of chess activities. Al Lawrence noted that 1500 people were on hand for the Grand Opening and 200 people attended the opening dinner. He pointed out that the museum has been an "easy sell" to the media. He presented three video clips taken from media coverage. The first was about the "Fountain of Youth" tournament, which included the U.S. Over 80 Chess Championship. Organized in conjunction with USCF and with the help of Frank Niro, the tournament was well covered by the media. The news coverage in the clip, which was from WPLG-TV, made references to the possibility of chess being a tool against Alzheimer's Disease. The second clip was CBS Sports coverage of "The Final Four of College Chess," another event put together with the help of Frank Niro, which was a playoff between the top four collegiate chess teams and was promoted through analogy to college basketball's "Final Four." It was covered by *USA Today*, CNN, AP, NPR, and network sports shows, among others. The third clip was a "News Florida" feature on the World Chess Hall of Fame and its history, which aired on WPBT-TV. Al Lawrence invited everyone to visit the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum. Special thanks to Al Lawrence, Shane Samole, and everyone else who helped create this major breakthrough in the promotion of chess.

#### REPORT OF THE FIDE REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS

FIDE Vice President Steve Doyle was called upon to conduct this part of the meeting. He started with a report on the recent meeting in Greece. He expressed that the U.S. FIDE delegation was focused on talking to FIDE regarding drug testing, obtaining clarification on what FIDE planned going forward, and expressing the position that drug testing not be continued. The U.S. introduced a motion on behalf of the Delegates that it would be the intention of FIDE to not drug test until further clarification around drug testing and our acceptance into the Olympic movement. He was happy to note that the motion was passed by the FIDE Delegates. FIDE VP Steve Doyle then reported that drug testing has been done at the World Championship level, but not at the scholastic level since the motion passed. We have not yet been accepted into the world Olympic movement and our status for eventual acceptance has not yet been clarified. He reported that we had very good relations with all of the Americas and that our relations with FIDE were at one of the best levels that he has seen in the last 20 years. He praised our FIDE team of Bill Kelleher and Jim Eade and gave the floor to FIDE Delegate Bill Kelleher.

Bill Kelleher indicated that Steve Doyle is one of the most influential people in FIDE. He then commended Don Schultz and the FIDE advisory Committee and mentioned that the FIDE Advisory Committee supports the proposal made by FIDE Deputy President Makropoulos that all Chess Olympiad teams be assessed a \$30 per player per day fee to attend a Chess Olympiad. This would make it much costlier to send a team to the Chess Olympiad, but the committee supports this proposal because it could make it easier for the U.S. to host a Chess Olympiad. The FIDE Advisory Committee recommends that FIDE adopt a five continent structure instead of the current four continent structure. Currently "the Americas" is considered a single continent. The committee would like to see North America separated out as its own continent. Bill Kelleher pointed out that while that would help the North

American countries, there are probably too many votes in the FIDE General Assembly against a fifth continent for the proposal to pass at this time. He concluded by congratulating Kirsan Ilyumzhinov for brokering the compromise in Prague that led to reunification of the World Championship, and GM Yasser Seirawan, who was very helpful in getting the compromise through. He considers unification to be a major step toward the possibility of getting accepted into the Olympics.

FIDE Zonal President Jim Eade was then given the floor and said that he was proud to serve with Bill Kelleher and Steve Doyle. He commended them for working hard for U.S. interests in FIDE.

President John McCrary indicated that the Executive Board had productive discussions with FIDE leadership and discussed many of the concerns that have been raised. He believes that there is a good opportunity for enhanced communication with FIDE.

#### REPORT OF THE CHESS LIFE EDITOR

Editor Peter Kurzdorfer kept his report short because "... the magazine should speak for itself." He is willing to publish negative as well as positive letters to the Editor. He pointed out that he has been getting letters that say "don't change" and others that ask for changes that run the spectrum from becoming another "People" to another "New in Chess." He assured the Delegates that the magazine will evolve but not to either of those extremes. It will continue to serve a very diverse readership. Two recent changes that he has instituted are Book Reviews, which have been very well received and will continue, and a new column by Women's World Champion Susan Polgar.

President John McCrary asked for and received unanimous consent to defer the report of the Executive Director and VP of Finance until later and called for the rulebook to be the next item to be considered.

#### NEW EDITION OF USCF RULES

Rulebook Editor Tim Just presented a status report on the new rulebook and provided a printed summary of those major changes that are likely to directly affect players and TDs. His objectives were to make the rulebook user-friendly and to reflect practice. He wanted it to be useful as a guide and cover general situations. He thanked Peter Sherwood for language changes. The new rulebook will include "TD Tips," which provide practical interpretations of rules, and cross-referencing of rules by rule number and name. A special effort was made to "over-index" the book. Among the rule changes he specifically mentioned were:

- (1) Draw claims are now also draw offers
- (2) Color history now takes precedence over higher rank in allocation of due colors
- (3) Players must now wait until they have only two minutes left on their clock before making an Insufficient Losing Chances claim. It is strongly urged that the TD put a time delay clock on a game rather than apply the insufficient losing chances rule when a claim is made
- (4) A new rule documents a player's right to request not to be paired with a specific opponent and points out that the TD may not be able to honor such a request
- (5) New procedures are documented for the TD to deal with players who cannot keep score
- (6) There are new rules for notifying players about the use of variations, whether or not they are in the rulebook. He encouraged everyone to use the rulebook as a guide, but to feel free to use other variations as long as they are posted
- (7) The use of a Special Referee is preferred over the use of an on-site Appeals Committee
- (8) There is now a standard penalty for any infraction of two minutes added to the opponent's clock
- (9) Procedures for the last five minutes of all time controls, both conventional and sudden-death, are now standardized as a single procedure
- (10) A table of contents has been added to the beginning of each chapter to make referencing easier
- (11) Quick chess can be used for some TD experience requirements
- (12) The player is responsible for setting his or her own clock, not the TD, and

(13) If Black is late, White now can choose equipment and clock placement.

He pointed out that that he expects to get the material to the office within a week, but that the publication date is likely to be several months away. The publication schedule is between the office and the publisher. President John McCrary then asked for discussion. David Kuhns (IL) then offered DM02-10, which was sponsored by the Ratings Committee and Workshop. After a round of applause, the motion passed unanimously.

**DM02-10 - NDM 02-49** (Ratings Committee and Workshop) - Moved, that the Delegates commend Tim Just, Dan Burg, and the Advisory Committee for an outstanding job in preparing "The Official Rules of Chess, Revision V," and recommend the publication and implementation by 1 January, 2003. **PASSED**.

Gary Prince (NJ) asked about plans to make the rules available on CD and on the website. Executive Director Frank Niro indicated that Burt Hochberg is working as a liaison between USCF and the Publisher and the goal is to have the rulebook out by Christmas. He also indicated that it would be available in electronic form, but doesn't know the exact format yet.

Sam Sloan (NY) asked about copyright status and royalty issues. President John McCrary indicated that control and copyright remain with the USCF. Executive Director Frank Niro indicated that any Delegate who wants a copy of the contract can get one, and that rumors and accusations that were made regarding the contract were without merit.

Larry Cohen (IL) asked if there was still a fee for Appeals to USCF. Frank Niro answered that there was.

President McCrary then called for reports from the Delegate Appointed Committees.

**BYLAWS** - Co-chairman Harold Winston mentioned that \$7000 has been raised so far for the U.S. Chess Trust. He referred to the printed Bylaws report and indicated that he would comment on Bylaw related motions when they come up.

**ETHICS** - In the absence of Chairman Wick Deer, Hal Terrie indicated that there were two cases being considered and 2 more in process. He then nominated Richard Buchanan, Mike Carr, William Deer, Joe Ippolito, Al Losoff, Kenneth Sloan, Bill Smythe, Hal Terrie, and Andrew Thall to continue on the Ethics Committee. The committee will choose its own chair.

**DM02-11 - NDM 02-50** - Hal Terrie (NH) - Richard Buchanan (CO), Mike Carr (CA/S), William Deer (IN), Joe Ippolito (NJ), Al Losoff (IL), Kenneth Sloan (AL), Bill Smythe (IL), Hal Terrie (NH), and Andrew Thall (TX) are named to the USCF Ethics Committee. **PASSED**. Please note that James Mennella (NY/D) was added through a separate motion later in the meeting.

**LMA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LMAC)** - President John McCrary indicated that there would not be a verbal report and referred to the printed report. He then read the names of those nominated to serve on the LMAC. They were Stan Booz, Frank Camaratta, Steve Doyle, Dave Knudson, Al Lawrence, Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine, and Fred Townsend. Parliamentarian Mike Nolan (NE) pointed out that the Bylaws specify that the committee is limited to six members plus the VP of Finance, but the list included seven members. John McCrary (SC) moved that the Bylaws be amended to include seven members plus the VP of Finance. Gerry Dullea (NY/U) suggested an amendment, which was accepted, that the LMA Management Committee consist of 6 to 8 members plus the VP of Finance.

**DM02-12 - NDM 02-51** - John McCrary (SC) - Amend the Bylaws (currently Article IX Section 10A) to read "... The LMAC shall consist

of the Vice President of Finance and six to eight others elected by the Delegates. ..." **PASSED** by more than the required 2/3 majority. Note: This can be accomplished by adding the words "to eight" after "six" in the current Bylaw wording.

**DM02-13 - NDM 02-52** - Frank Camaratta (AL), Steve Doyle (NJ), John McCrary (SC) - VP of Finance Frank Camaratta (AL), Stan Booz (PA), Steve Doyle (NJ), Dave Knudson (SD), Al Lawrence (NY/U), Mike Nolan (NE), Harry Sabine (TN), and Fred Townsend (CT) are named to the LMA Management Committee. **PASSED**. Note: The LMAC subsequently elected Al Lawrence as chairman.

**CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** - Chairman Leo Dubler (CA/N) referred to the written report and invited anyone with suggestions or ideas to contact him during the meeting.

**CRAMER AWARDS COMMITTEE** - Chairman Don Schultz (FL) reported that the Cramer Awards were announced at the CJA meeting and that the Cramer Awards Committee and the CJA have reached an agreement with the staff that the photo of the Chess Journalist of the Year will appear on the cover of "Chess Life." The CJA and Cramer Chess Journalist of the Year was Yasser Seirawan. Other Cramer award winners were Dan Lucas for Best State magazine (Georgia), GM Andy Soltis for Best Chess Column, and John Hilbert for the Best Chess Book *Essays on American Chess*. Don Schultz mentioned that there were no cash awards this year because the funding from Chess-in-the-Schools was suspended, but that they are working with Chess-in-the-Schools to try to transfer \$75,000 to the U.S. Chess Trust to continue funding Cramer Awards program in the future.

**FIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - A printed report was distributed to the Delegates, which described the FIDE Advisory Committee's recommendations on a range of FIDE related issues. Chairman Don Schulz described the advisory nature of the committee and its diverse composition. He spoke to the recommendation for the establishment of North America as a separate continent in FIDE. The details of where and how the continent is split is left to the FIDE Presidential Board. He indicated that it won't be easy and is likely to take time and compromises, but debate will begin in Bled.

In response to a question from Peter Tamburro (CA/N), Don Schulz discussed the split in more detail. He invited suggestions for other issues to address. Note: The FIDE Advisory Committee was named the USCF Committee of the Year. Congratulations.

**DENKER CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE** - Chairman Jack Mallory referred to the written report and also mentioned that a three inch medallion was given to participants through the generosity of Dewain Barber and American Chess Equipment. The winner, Bruci Lopez of Florida also received a plaque. President McCrary commended the organization of the tournament and pointed out that the Denker tournament had its largest attendance ever with 43 states participating. Jack Mallory noted that the Denker Champion was on Board 1 in the U.S. Open on Friday night.

**INTERNET CHESS COMMITTEE** - Chairman Myron Lieberman referred to the published report and thanked the committee members. He brought up the issue of compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), which was discussed at the workshops. He mentioned that a privacy policy must be posted on the website and that USCF has agreed to designate a compliance officer to handle COPPA related questions and suggested that when the compliance officer is named, the name should be listed with other liaisons and on the web. He offered to provide anyone who wanted it with the URLs for documentation of the full legislation and an FTC summary of the legislation. He asked for time and volunteers to create an "Introduction to Online Chess" so that people can learn terms that are common in online chess that aren't found in OTB chess, differences between issues or problems in online chess and OTB chess, and online chess rules (which do not appear in the new rulebook). Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact Myron Lieberman.

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH COMMITTEE** - Chairman Bill Goichberg referred to the written report. President John McCrary noted that Mike Nolan (NE) was receiving an award partly for the statistical analysis that he did on membership.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE** - Chairman Myron Lieberman referred to the published report and thanked the committee members. He provided an update on the Connect America program. Anne Ashton has obtained details on their latest project, "Make a Difference Day." Any chess activity held on October 26, 2002, should be made known to Anne Ashton at the office so that she can inform the other partner organizations as to what we are doing. Any volunteers willing to do anything with chess on October 26, regardless of how much or how little, please let her know. Myron Lieberman then expanded on the Benjamin Franklin stamp project and is looking for volunteers to help with the drive to get a stamp with a chess theme as part of a set to be issued in 2006 in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of Franklin's birth. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact Myron Lieberman.

**RATINGS COMMITTEE** - In the absence of the chair, Kenneth Sloan (AL) referred to the published report and had nothing to add.

**RULES COMMITTEE** - David Kuhns (IL) mentioned that two appeals were received after the written report was published. One was denied and one upheld.

**SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE** - Co-Chair Pat Hoekstra referred to the published report and had nothing to add.

**SENIOR COMMITTEE** - Chairman Dr. Joseph Wagner was introduced as a new member of the Board, having taken office upon certification of the election. He mentioned the USCF exhibits at the AARP meetings in Orlando and Dallas and indicated that next AARP meeting will be held in San Diego. He noted that at the USCF exhibits there was a substantial interest in USCF and many were interested for their grandchildren, but that there was very little interest in Internet Chess. He expressed hope that more studies would be done on the effect of chess on Alzheimer's Disease, and mentioned that the U.S. Senior this year would be in Ventura, CA, on November 6-11, 2002.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE** - Chairman Tim Just indicated that a TD had applied for recertification, but was turned down. For the future, Gary Prince (NJ) expressed an interest in joining the TDCC to help develop online TD requirements, hopefully this year. Sam Sloan (NY/D) raised an issue about the propriety of chess events on the Internet, but that was not a TDCC issue.

At 12:02 PM the meeting recessed until 2PM for lunch. President McCrary strongly encouraged everyone to attend the Awards Luncheon. The meeting resumed at 2:20 PM with the report of the Chess in Education Committee.

**CHESS IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE** - Chairman Tim Redman reported on the Koltanowski Memorial Conference on Chess in Education, which was jointly sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), the U.S. Chess Trust, and an anonymous donor. Additionally Jim Eade provided a dissemination grant that will enable publication of the proceedings. The ISOA Corporation funded the participation of 15 inner-city teachers. He expressed thanks for their generosity. An international society for the study of chess in education was founded at the Koltanowski conference. He recommended that the next task of the Chess in Education Committee should be to achieve provider status from the International Association for Continuing Education and Training for USCF. This would allow workshop participants to obtain Continuing Education Credits (CEUs). The goal is to have a two-day Chess in Education Workshop at the U.S. Open in Los Angeles that will offer CEUs to teachers. The workshop is intended to be a beta test for a nationwide program. He thanked the U.S. Chess Trust, mentioning in particular Harold Winston and Steve Doyle, for

agreeing to sponsor part of the cost. He credited Robert Ferguson with the recommendation that we need to offer teachers courses for credit. He obtained funding of \$50,000 from the UT Telecampus and another \$50,000 from UTD. Such courses were taught last fall and this spring. They will continue this fall and Dr. Gerry Dullea has agreed to teach two courses. Dr. Redman pointed out, however, that if the Chess In The Classroom I and II courses do not get sufficient registration they will not be continued. Participation is important. He announced that an inner city grant from "Teacher" magazine was increased from \$10,000 to \$40,000 and called attention to the Inner City Games Foundation. They give money to put chess after school in the inner city. They are currently in fifteen cities and should be considered as a source of funding for that purpose.

**OLYMPIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE** - Chairman Tim Redman, with the help of Dr. Ron Yasbin, did a literature search on the effects of drugs on cognition and memory. His conclusion was that the scientific community is actively seeking drugs to improve cognition and memory and that some companies are trying to develop such drugs. He mentioned that FIDE President Iljuzhnikov is continuing his efforts to make chess an Olympic sport. Dr. Redman thanked Luis Salinas (TX) for calling his attention to a "Wall Street Journal" article about the efforts of Bridge to become an Olympic sport and handed out a reprint. He pointed out that Dr. Henry Kissinger is a new member of the U.S. Olympic Committee and is a friend of chess. The Alcohol and Drug Testing Industry Association indicates that future drug testing may be possible by less invasive techniques, such as analysis of a hair.

Sam Sloan (NY/D) asked whether the committee has looked at the U.S. hosting a chess Olympiad. Tim Redman referred to Don Schultz and the FIDE Advisory Committee and mentioned the participation fee proposal described earlier.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** - Executive Director Frank Niro introduced Mark Levy, USCF's auditor. The financial statements, which included an income statement with a year-to-year comparison, the proposed FY 2003 budget for Operations, and a consolidated balance sheet, were handed out to the Delegates. Finance Committee Chair Steve Doyle reviewed the year-to-year income statement and balance sheet in detail. He noted that there was a decrease in net worth of \$733,000 due to a loss this year and a number of one-time adjustments to financial reports for several prior years. Auditor Mark Levy was asked why the need for adjustments was not recognized last year, a question that arose from the Finance Workshop. He indicated that last year was the first year in which his firm did the audit and there was a limited amount of time between the close of the fiscal year (May 31) and the start of the Delegates' meeting. There is only about a 2 month period in which to match disbursements with payables and payments with receivables. If the disbursement or payment is not made within that period, it wouldn't be known at the time the audit report is finalized. He also pointed out that some of the adjustments needed for prior years were not caught by the previous auditors, so they faced similar problems.

**Q & A:** Stan Booz (PA), chair of the LMA Management Committee, asked whether the obligation to Life Members is really a liability or is it deferred revenue. Mark Levy indicated that the "liability" calculation, per se, is probably accurate, but does not necessarily agree that it belongs in the Financial Statements, nor that it represents the TRUE liability — if any. Instead, a Deferred Revenue Account, which recognized this income over a period of 20 years (perhaps 25), needs to be created and past periods adjusted, as necessary, for past contributions. This might not be as bad as it seems, since most of our Life Members have been Life Members for over 20 years, and no adjustments for them would be required. There should be a deferred revenue account and it isn't there. As a result, changes in LMA liability affect the bottom line when really they shouldn't. Helen Warren (IL) then asked what mechanisms have been put in place to prevent reoccurrence of the need for large one-time adjustments. Mark Levy explained the procedure that his firm followed when asked by management to reconcile

accounts. They went through a confirmation process that should provide better information for the future. James Mennella (NY/D) asked whether an invoice shouldn't be sufficient evidence of money owed for a service. VP of Finance Frank Camaratta (AL) replied that if invoices aren't found, there is no way of knowing they exist. Larry Cohen (IL) asked whether it would be better if the Fiscal Year ended April 30. Mark Levy indicated that any extra time, such as an earlier year-end or a later Delegates' Meeting would help. Frank Camaratta pointed out that the year-end had already been moved back once (from June to May) for that reason. Sam Sloan (NY/D) asked if there was a breakdown of how much of the loss was due to the old management and how much was due to the new management. Mark Levy said he only deals with unadjusted year-end numbers and doesn't do an analysis. Sam Sloan then asked about the LMA problem. Mark Levy again suggested setting up a deferred revenue account. Steve Doyle asked if the revenue has already been received and spent, what would be the point of a deferred revenue account. Mark Levy responded that it would require prior year adjustments. Mike Nolan (NE) asked how the LMA and Operations results can best be accounted for and reported to break them out to the management of the Federation. Mark Levy pointed out that USCF is only one organization and while it maintains separate accounting for the LMA, it needs to be reported as one organization. It is not really correct to have separate Operations, LMA, and consolidated reports. The LMA information can be separated and tracked within the single report. Myron Lieberman (AZ) asked if it would require an exception under GAAP if there was only a single report. Mark Levy indicated that there would need to be some form of disclosure. Larry Cohen asked about why there was a negative adjustment for sponsorship. Steve Doyle explained that the adjustment was due to two situations where sponsorship was overstated previously. Steve Doyle then thanked Mark Levy, who received a round of applause.

**USCF STRATEGIC VISION PRESENTATION** - Executive Director Frank Niro then presented his plan for the future. He pointed out that he has been a Life Member and tournament player since 1971, and has been involved in scholastic chess, chess in education, and journalism, but his concern is what's best for USCF, not any subgroup. His comments were accompanied by an AV presentation and a printed outline that was distributed to the Delegates. The plan is attached to the minutes of the meeting. Please refer to the attached outline for the points that he made during the presentation. A few comments follow. He indicated that he spent about six months attempting to understand where we are and where we will be going. He utilized the input of committees and other interested volunteers in formulating the plan. He described our current position as having a clean slate. We should be able to move forward without additional surprises, but we are at a critical time. In view of rumors about bankruptcy, he asked the auditor if there were any concerns about USCF being able to continue operations and was assured that this was not a problem. However, we are "closer to the edge" than we have been in the past. We have six consecutive years of consolidated losses. If we continue recent trends there could be a solvency problem sooner or later. He then focused on the mission statement and asked that everyone keep the points on the mission presentation on file for reference. He then presented his vision statement, which emphasized the importance of member/customer service. He pointed out that he has implemented a member advocacy program. His assistant, Barbara Vandermark, will log member complaints and see that the complaints get to the right people to get resolved. This program will be expanded in the future. Members must perceive that the value of the services they receive are worth the dues or they will not join or remain members. He then turned to our potential market. He pointed out that just because chess is currently dominated by males, it is wrong to assume that it always will be. He related a story that showed how running used to have the same problem until Frank Shorter won the Olympic Marathon in 1972, which inspired participation by a large number of casual runners. Since Joan Benoit won the Olympic Marathon in 1984 there have been as many or more female runners than male runners. There is no reason this can't happen with chess. We should do everything we can to encourage girls and women to play chess. Copies of the August issue of *"Chess Life"* with Jennifer

Shahade on the cover were sent to every Girl Scout council in America. He pointed out that our primary market will always be the tournament player, but there is a large and growing potential market among casual players that must be tapped as well.

Executive Director Frank Niro pointed out that we will not be able to become profitable by simply making additional cuts to services. The only way that we can become profitable is by obtaining new sources of revenue. He also reiterated Al Lawrence's comment that fundraising is very difficult at this time due to the stock market drop, the lack of need for tax deductions this year, a preference for 9/11 causes, and other factors. He described ideas for membership retention and recruitment and presented a case for a dues increase in all membership categories. He proposed two options for scholastic dues and increases in adult and youth dues (see the attached outline). He proposed six issues of a modified *"Chess Life"* instead of four issues of *"School Mates"* with a scholastic membership because not needing to publish two separate magazines routinely will reduce and level out the workload, which would result in higher efficiency and lower cost of production. Catalogs and possibly an annual *"School Mates"* would still be included. He proposed a second option that includes no magazines other than a possible annual *"School Mates"* and catalog for those for whom cost is a concern. He also advocated the return of affiliate commissions. Based on a straw poll that came out of the Finance Workshop he proposed a \$45 plus a commission of up to \$4 for adult dues. He then presented the status of Book and Equipment Sales, including strategic partnerships that allow us to expand the range of items that can be offered in our catalog. He pointed out that the Holiday catalog issue of *"Chess Life"* will be in all Barnes and Noble and Borders bookstores. They will include a U.S. Chess Live CD. The idea is that even if someone doesn't buy the magazine, they can read it there and learn about USCF. He indicated that we are up-to-date on ratings and are working on online submission of rating reports. We are also up to date on FIDE rating reports and title submissions. He expressed concern that the rating system may have lost usability for some members because of the difficulty in immediately estimating new ratings after a game. As part of the marketing coverage he asked Frank Camaratta to talk about the concept of branding.

Frank Camaratta noted the value of the USCF name and of a note like "The official — of the U.S. Chess Federation" on a chess-related product sold by mass market retailers. Frank Camaratta has contacted a person who has extensive experience and corporate contacts in this area who has offered his services to get this done on a contingency basis for a variety of products. The idea is to use our name as a brand to get into the major retailers to generate revenue.

Frank Niro resumed his presentation and mentioned that Shane Samole has arranged for the regional traffic cam for the Florida Turnpike to be on the roof of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum (HOF), so that the HOF will be visible on TV and web traffic reports. He mentioned that messages about chess in education, college chess scholarships, and the effect of chess on susceptibility to Alzheimer's are of interest to the media. He announced that there are now 15 colleges and universities that offer scholarships for chess. He encouraged alumni from any college or university to suggest that the school offer chess scholarships.

He emphasized that he has a very talented staff working with the limitation of inefficient workflow and automated systems. He then addressed facilities. The building that currently houses the *"Chess Life"* operation and surrounding land has been purchased by someone who wants to expand the building. That would eliminate our parking. The buyer has offered \$600,000 for our building. The need for improvements to the building and the capital needed for improvement of infrastructure require a significant expense. Frank Niro therefore recommends selling the building and moving elsewhere. Several alternatives for a new location were given, including local locations, NYC, the central US, and Miami, next to the HOF. The Samole family will be adding a new wing to their building and an offer has been made for USCF to lease space there for a low price. It would eliminate many building and infrastruc-

ture expenses as well. There would also be a synergy with the HOF. His recommendation is to give serious consideration to relocation to Miami and offer key employees a chance to move with the office. He concluded the presentation with a summary and thanked everyone for listening.

Myron Lieberman (AZ) asked whether or not the Barnes and Noble and Borders arrangement gets our catalogs into their subsidiaries (B. Dalton and Waldenbooks respectively) and their online subsidiaries. The reply was that there is a cost for placement and, depending on results, the program may or may not be expanded.

VP of Finance Frank Camaratta then asked Steve Doyle to present two Delegate motions. Steve Doyle (NJ) then presented a motion to endorse the strategic plan with a comment that endorsement does not preclude discussion of various parts of the plan at appropriate times during the meeting. When discussion was called for he added "God bless you, Frank Niro, you're great for this organization." which was followed by a round of applause. The motion then passed without further discussion.

**DM02-14 - NDM 02-53** - Frank Camaratta (AL); Steve Doyle (NJ); Denis Barry (AZ); Leroy Dubeck (NJ); Tim Redman (TX) - The Delegates endorse the strategic plan presented by the Executive Director. **PASSED**

Next to be considered was a motion by the same sponsors, which would direct the Executive Director to sell the USCF building in New Windsor, NY, and move the USCF office to Miami, FL. John McCrary (SC) suggested amending the wording from "direct" to "authorize." This was accepted. Steve Doyle (NJ) spoke for the motion. Harold Winston (IL) asked that the motion be amended to strike "to move the office to Miami, Florida" and add, "to authorize the Executive Board to consider alternate facilities including the Hall of Fame location in Miami, Florida." Other amendments were presented and withdrawn. A compromise substitute motion was offered by the original sponsors.

Frank Camaratta (AL), David Cole (MO), Ed Conway (MN), Steve Doyle (NJ), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Jerry Hanken (CA/S), Eric Johnson (PA), Tim Just (IL), Al Lawrence (NY/U), Rachel Lieberman (AZ), Frank Niro (NY/U), Mike Nolan (NE), Don Schultz (FL), Sam Sloan (NY/D), Dr. Joseph Wagner (CA/S), and Harold Winston (IL) participated in the discussion. During the discussion Larry Cohen (IL) called the question. Tim Just (IL) objected and the vote failed. After the substitute motion was introduced, Helen Hinshaw (VA) called the question. Tim Just again objected, but the necessary 2/3 vote was achieved.

**DM02-15 - NDM 02-54** - Frank Camaratta (AL); Steve Doyle (NJ); Denis Barry (AZ); Leroy Dubeck (NJ); Tim Redman (TX) - The Delegates authorize the Executive Board and the Executive Director to sell the building in New Windsor, NY, and to obtain alternative facilities, including co-locating the USCF Headquarters with the Hall of Fame facilities in Miami, FL. **PASSED**.  
The meeting was recessed at 5:00 PM.

### **SUNDAY SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM. Additional committee reports were heard first as some of the co-sponsors of ADM 02-10 were not yet present.

**STATES COMMITTEE** - Chairman Guy Hoffman (WI) commented on the 2002 SOMOV Delegate election results. He pointed out that no ballots were received from DE, HI, or MT (not even from the candidates). One ballot each was received from six states. Two ballots were received from KY, but one was disqualified. Two ballots each were received from five other states. Less than ten ballots each were received from 39 states. By contrast, New York (combined) cast 97 ballots. An alternative motion to simplify the election process will be offered when the motion to eliminate SOMOV is considered.

**MIS COMMITTEE** - Chairman George John (TX) mentioned that the MIS Committee as a whole was inactive due to its late formation, but

individual members were active on their own. He commended Mike Nolan for the information that he has provided for the office. He also pointed out that the office needs help to improve its information systems and that it is an urgent need to provide the hard working staff with the tools they need to operate efficiently. He indicated that additional revenue is needed in order to give management the tools they need. There is no money in the budget for a badly needed MIS upgrade.

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE** - In the absence of chairman Herman Chiu, Frank Brady distributed a printed report for the Publications Committee and identified the committee members.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE** - Co-chair Harold Winston then moved the election of the Bylaws Committee members.

**DM02-16 - NDM 02-55** - Harold Winston (IL) - The following persons are elected to the Bylaws Committee: Wick Deer (IN), Steve Doyle (NJ), Bill Goichberg (NY/U), Guy Hoffman (WI), Randy Hough (CA/S), Gary Kitts (MI), Richard Koepcke (CA/N), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Alan Losoff (IL), David Mehler (DC), Mike Nolan (NE), Robert Persante (FL), Ernie Schlich (NY/U), and Harold Winston (IL). **PASSED**. Note: The committee members elected Harold Winston and Ernie Schlich as Co-chairs.

Hal Terrie (NH), speaking for the Ethics Committee, moved to add another member to those previously elected.

**DM02-17 - NDM 02-56** - Hal Terrie (NH) - James Mennella (NY/D) is added to the Ethics Committee roster. **PASSED**.

Discussion then turned to ADM 02-10, which proposed a dues increase. Please see the 2002 "Delegates' Call," which is available online on the USCF website, for the original wording of ADM 02-10. Harold Winston (IL) was recognized to present a proposed substitute motion for ADM 02-10 which was formulated and sponsored by seven Presidents (John McCrary, SC; Steve Doyle, NJ; Harold Winston, IL; Tim Redman, TX; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Bob Smith, FL; Don Schultz, FL) at a dinner for Past Presidents after reviewing the Executive Director's proposals. The primary differences between this substitute and the structure proposed by Frank Niro in the Strategic Vision Presentation are the commission structure and the number of publications. The dues structure is the same. The sponsors of ADM 02-10 accepted the substitute. Frank Niro indicated that he would support the substitute.

### **DUES PROPOSAL FROM PAST PRESIDENTS (CHANGE BYLAWS APPROPRIATELY):**

**Scholastic Dues** - Note: Commissions are deducted from, not added to, the base given

**A:** With four issues of "Chess Life" plus annual "School Mates":  
1 year \$19 - \$2 commission (\$17), 2 years \$35 - \$2 commission (\$33),  
3 years \$52 - \$3 commission (\$49)  
**B:** With only annual "School Mates":  
1 year \$13 - \$1 commission (\$12), 2 years \$23 - \$2 commission (\$21),  
3 years \$37 - \$3 commission (\$34)

**Youth Dues** - No Commission - 1 year \$23; 2 years \$43; 3 years \$63

**Regular Dues** - No Commission - 1 year \$45; 2 years \$85; 3 years \$125

Other categories automatically adjusted.

Ralph Bowman (KS), Frank Camaratta (AL), Larry Cohen (IL), Steve Doyle (NJ), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Bill Goichberg (NY/U), Rich Jackson (CT), George John (TX), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Alan Losoff (IL), John McCrary (SC), James Mennella (NY/D), Frank Niro (NY/U), Mike Nolan (NE), Gary Prince (NJ), Tim Redman (TX), Luis Salinas (TX), Steve Shutt (PA), Sam Sloan (NY/D), Robert Tanner (AZ), Hal Terrie (NH), and Harold Winston (IL) participated in the discussion that followed.

Bill Goichberg (NY/U) proposed the following amendment in order to avoid membership categories that would not receive a publication and to allow commissions on all memberships.

**Scholastic** – \$14 - \$1 commission (\$13), 3 issues of publication, or \$19 - \$2 commission (\$17), 6 issues  
**Youth** – \$25 - \$2 commission (\$23), and **Adult** – \$49 - \$4 commission (\$45) The amendment failed.

Sam Sloan proposed an amendment to make Scholastic dues \$20 for one year, \$30 for two years, and \$40 for three years; Youth \$25 per year, and Adult \$40 per year. George John called the question. There was no objection. The amendment failed.

President McCrary extended the time for discussion when the original 30 minutes expired.

After further discussion the Delegates formed a Quasi Committee of the Whole to discuss dues and commission structure at the suggestion of Alan Losoff.

Frank Niro indicated that he would like to have the flexibility to implement commissions over the range from \$1 to \$4 as deemed appropriate. He pointed out that organizers can always pass the commission on to the member and charge only the base rate.

Harold Winston (IL) proposed a motion that would add the following to the Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest: Affiliate Commissions: The Executive Director is authorized to establish affiliate commissions of \$1 to \$4 on membership dues. He was assured that this would be included in the final motion, and this specific motion did not come to a vote. The effect is that the Executive Director has been given this authority on this proposal, but it would not be added to the Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest.

A straw poll was taken on Frank Niro's proposal, which was very positively received. President McCrary then suggested that the group come out of Quasi Committee of the Whole and submit a new substitute based on Frank Niro's proposal.

Debate was extended for seven minutes so that new motions could be received. Bill Goichberg's amendment (see above) came to a vote and was defeated.

Frank Camaratta then proposed the following structure for non-scholastic dues. The amendment was not accepted by Frank Niro.

The Delegates approve the following dues structure for Adult dues: \$49.95 single year \$3 commission, \$96 two year \$4 commission, \$145 three year + \$5 commission; Youth – 50% of Adult dues \$1 commission, Senior – 75% of Adult dues \$1.50 commission, Family – 50% of Adult dues for additional members, Life – \$1060 + \$30 commission, Sustaining – 5 payments of \$250 + \$25 commission. The amendment failed.

Tim Redman indicated that the Past Presidents have accepted the changes requested by Frank Niro to be incorporated into the final substitute.

A straw poll was taken regarding adult dues, as to whether the rate should be \$45 with no commission or \$49 with the Executive Director being authorized to implement a commission of up to \$4. The straw poll indicated a preference for the latter by a 18-27 vote.

Gary Prince (NJ) called the question on the substitute. There was objection. A vote was taken and the question was called. The substitute passed and became the main motion.

President John McCrary noted that the remaining part of ADM 02-10 (after the first three paragraphs) was not addressed by the substitute and suggested that the main motion be amended to allow the inclusion of

the balance of ADM 02-10. The sponsors accepted the amendment.

Dr. Leroy Dubeck (NJ) suggested an amendment to lower the cost of family membership. Frank Niro indicated he could accept including family membership at \$23 with up to a \$2 commission. This was accepted by the sponsors.

Hal Terrie (NH) moved to divide the question so that a separate vote could be taken on the adult dues rate. The motion to divide failed on a vote of 24-38.

Harold Winston (IL) asked that the motion include an implementation date of January 1, 2003, which was accepted. The motion then passed.

#### Final version of substitute for ADM 02-10

**DM02-18 - ADM 02-10** - Frank Niro (NY/U), John McCrary (SC); Steve Doyle (NJ), Harold Winston (IL); Tim Redman (TX); Leroy Dubeck (NJ); Bob Smith (FL); Don Schultz (FL)

Institute a new dues structure including two components for scholastics. Please note that all commissions are authorized at the discretion of the Executive Director

**Scholastic Dues** – With a publication – 1 year \$19 with up to a \$2 commission\* (base \$17), 2 years \$35 with up to a \$2 commission\* (base \$33), 3 years \$52 with up to a \$3 commission\* (base \$49)

**Scholastic Dues** – Without a publication – 1 year \$13 with a \$1 commission\* (base \$12), 2 years \$25 with up to a \$2 commission\* (base \$23), 3 years \$37 with up to a \$3 commission\* (base \$34)

**Youth Dues** – 1 year \$25 with up to a \$2 commission\* (base \$23)

**Family (Adult) Dues** – 1 year \$49 with a commission of up to \$4\*.

**Family Membership Dues** – 1 year \$23 with a commission of up to \$2\*

\*Please note: that all commissions are authorized but are to be implemented within the authorized range at the discretion of the Executive Director. Please also note that the scholastic membership with a publication is intended to include six copies of "Chess Life," catalogs, and a possible "School Mates" yearbook. The scholastic membership without a publication includes just the catalogs and possible yearbook. Other categories change proportionally.

Modify Article III to deduct percentages for scholastic dues. Modify benefits for scholastic dues.

In Article III, Section (4), add this sentence at the end: "Any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution in the United States may become a Special member upon payment of 25% of the regular membership rate."

Delete Article III, Sections 11 and 16, and renumber the remaining sections as indicated. In Article III, Section 17 (as it is numbered as of the beginning of the 2002 Delegates' Meeting), change the last period to a comma, and add these words: "with fifty cents being rounded to the next higher dollar amount."

In Article III, Section (12), (as it is numbered at the beginning of the 2002 Delegates' Meeting): delete the word "prison" in the first sentence. Delete the second sentence and replace it with the following: "Each Scholastic member shall be entitled to receive an appropriate USCF publication." In third sentence, change the word "Internet" to Economy."

This new system is to go into effect on January 1, 2003.

#### **SUBSTITUTE PASSED**

Harold Winston (IL) introduced a motion to change Life Membership rates, which are not automatically adjusted based on annual rates. Frank Camaratta (AL) proposed an amendment that would have Sustaining Memberships convert to Life Memberships in five years. It was not accepted and discussion returned to the main motion. Stan Booz (PA), Larry Cohen (IL), and Don Schultz (FL) participated in the discussion.



Frank Camaratta then proposed an amendment to change \$1000 to \$995. A straw poll was taken and the number remained \$1000. The motion then passed.

**DM02-19 - NDM 02-57 - Harold Winston (IL) - Amend Article III Section 7 to change the dues amounts as follows:**  
Life Members from \$850 to \$1000, Senior Life Members from \$425 to \$500, Blind Life Members from \$210 to \$250. **PASSED.**

ADMs 02-11, 02-12, and 02-13 became moot due to previous action.

**DM02-20 - ADM 02-14 - John McCrary (SC), Frank Camaratta (AL) - The Delegates authorize the Executive Board to hire an accounting firm. PASSED.**  
Consideration of the budget (ADM 02-15) was deferred until after lunch.

Dr. Leroy Dubeck (NJ) presented a substitute motion for ADM 02-16, sponsored by himself and Denis Barry (AZ). Please see the 2002 "Delegates' Call," which is available online on the USCF website, for the original wording of ADM 02-16. The substitute was worded: "Strike Article IX, Section 10, B4 "The Total amount of borrowing above \$200,000 shall be limited to 40% of the current market values of the Life Member Assets." Stan Booz (PA) John McCrary (SC), and Sam Sloan (NY/D) participated in the discussion. The motion passed.

**DM02-21 - ADM 02-16 - Denis Barry (AZ); Leroy Dubeck (NJ) - Strike Article IX, Section 10, B4 "The Total amount of borrowing above \$200,000 shall be limited to 40% of the current market values of the Life Member Assets." SUBSTITUTE PASSED.**  
At 11:57 AM the meeting was recessed for lunch until 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 01:15 PM. Steve Doyle (NJ) asked for clarification on what the "without publication" membership included. Executive Director Frank Niro indicated that it would not include any issues of "Chess Life," but that it would probably include a "School Mates" yearbook wrapped around a catalog and possibly up to two other catalogs throughout the year. He indicated that he did not want to encourage the membership without the magazine. He suggested that only the scholastic membership with the publication be on the standard membership form, but that the existence of the other membership be made known to scholastic organizers as an available exception, which could be on a separate form. After comments by Stan Booz (PA), Bill Goichberg, (NY/D), and Al Lawrence (NY/U), President McCrary indicated that this would be covered in more detail in the budget discussion.

Next to be considered was the reaffirmation of Glenn Petersen (NJ) as a Delegate-at-Large. He was elected by the necessary 3/4 vote last year, but to be elected it requires a 3/4 vote in two successive years. The motion was incorrectly worded, however, and Harold Winston (IL) presented a motion sponsored by himself and Myron Lieberman (AZ) to correct the wording. It passed, after which ADM 02-17 passed by the necessary 3/4 vote and a round of applause. Congratulations, Glenn.

**DM02-22 - NDM 02-58 - Harold Winston (IL), Myron Lieberman (AZ) - Change "Life Alternate Delegate" to "Delegate At Large" on ADM 02-17. PASSED**

**DM02-23 - ADM 02-17 - Denis Barry (AZ) - Glenn Petersen (NJ) is named a Delegate At Large. PASSED.**

Glenn Petersen, who conducted the SOMOV ballot count, pointed out that the results had been posted in the room.

Steve Doyle (NJ) rose to reconsider the scholastic membership without a publication, but was asked to review the details with Executive Director Frank Niro before moving to reconsider. He agreed to do that.

ADM 02-18 and ADM 02-23 were withdrawn by their sponsor, Larry Cohen (IL).

ADM 02-19 was withdrawn by its sponsors, Bill Goichberg (NY/U), and Myron Lieberman (AZ).

ADM 02-20 was withdrawn by its sponsor, Jim Pechac (OH).

ADM 02-21 was withdrawn by its sponsor, Harold Winston (IL)

ADM 02-22 was considered moot.

Next to be considered was ADM 02-24, re: advertisements for possibly illegal sites, which had been referred to the Legal Task Force last year. Co-sponsor George John (TX) asked what the response of the legal task force was. They apparently hadn't considered it. Co-sponsor Myron Lieberman (AZ) moved to refer the issue again to the Legal Task Force for report back no later than the 2003 Delegates' Meeting. Referral passed after which Larry Cohen (IL) asked what constituted the Legal Task Force. President McCrary indicated it was a Board appointed committee.

**DM02-24 - ADM 02-24/DM01-88 - Myron Lieberman (AZ), George John (TX) - Advertisements for any organization, event, or activity that can be viewed as illegal in one or more states in the U.S. can be accepted only upon receipt of a legal opinion as to the liability of the USCF for accepting and distributing that advertisement, approval by the Marketing Manager, the Executive Director, and the Executive Board. REFERRED TO LEGAL TASK FORCE.**

Larry Cohen (IL) brought up ADM 02-25 regarding online rating report submission, which had been referred to the Internet Committee last year. George John (TX) mentioned that he saw a plan to do this that looked excellent and thanked the Delegates for providing the resources to make it happen. He expects to see it available before the next Delegates' Meeting. Myron Lieberman (AZ) pointed out that it was done successfully on a small-scale trial basis and agreed that the plan presented at the workshop was excellent. He said that he was satisfied that the Board and the Executive Director understood the needs and urgency of providing for online rating report submission. Larry Cohen moved referral to committee, which passed. Note: It was deemed, that under the new structure, the appropriate committee is the MIS Committee.

**DM02-25 - ADM 02-25/DM 01-94 - Larry Cohen (IL) - The Executive Board shall make certain that a system for electronic media submission of rating reports is available and publicized by February 1, 2002. All effort is to be made to have this system in place as soon as possible. Furthermore, the Executive Board (along with the ED and Ratings Manager) should study the concept of sending crosstables back to affiliates, TD's, and organizers via electronic media, and is given power to enact such a crosstable electronic media system if feasible. REFERRED TO MIS COMMITTEE.**

Larry Cohen (IL) then brought up ADM 02-26, which read "Amend Article V, Section 7 of the Bylaws to add the following: Except for the sponsor's rationale, request for clarification, or statement of exact wording, no comments and/or notations are to be added to any ADM. (This was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.) Bylaws Committee co-chair Harold Winston (IL) pointed out that it was the view of the Bylaws workshop by a vote of 15-0 that no resolution is needed since the motion reflects current practice and it would be sufficient to read three pertinent points in current practice into the record. They are: No substantive comments may be inserted into an ADM by a person other than the maker of the motion, committee reports are not to be contained within an ADM, and no motion on the advance agenda can be changed without the sponsor's consent. After these points were read, the motion was withdrawn.

Next to be considered was ADM 02-27 re: Alternate Board Members. Frank Camaratta asked Bylaws Committee Co-chair Harold Winston (IL) to comment. Harold Winston indicated that the committee was split, but the workshop was against the motion by a 0-17 vote. Tom

Fineberg (IL), Richard Koepcke (CA/N), and Sam Sloan (NY/D), among others, participated in the discussion after which it was postponed indefinitely on a motion by Hal Terrie (NH).

**DM02-26 - ADM02 27/DM01-97** - Postpone indefinitely the following motion: Frank Camaratta (AL) - Refer the following NDM to Bylaws: Amend Article VI, Section 5 to add: "In addition, an alternate will be elected. The alternate will be the person with the highest vote count of the non-successful candidate(s). The sole function of the alternate shall be to fill any Executive Board vacancy caused by death, resignation, or refusal to serve of an incumbent or newly elected Executive Board member. The term of the alternate will expire on June 1 of the following election year." (This was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.) **PASSED.**

Harold Winston (IL), Co-chair of the Bylaws Committee introduced a substitute for ADMs 02-28 and 02-29, which was sponsored by John McCrary, Harold Winston, the Bylaws Committee, and the Bylaws Workshop (where the vote was 18-0 in favor of the substitute). Please refer to the "2002 Delegates' Call," which is available online at the USCF website, for the original wording of ADMs 02-28 and 02-29. After minor wording changes suggested by Gerry Dullea (NY/U) and Myron Lieberman (AZ) were accepted, the motion passed. The final wording follows.

**DM02-27 - Substitute for ADMs 02-28, 02-29** - John McCrary (SC); Harold Winston (IL), Bylaws Committee and Bylaws Workshop - Amend Article V by adding the following section as Section 8 and renumbering the current sec. 8-9 as 8-10:

**Special Delegates Meeting:** Special Delegate meetings can be called by the President or by more than half of the members of the Executive Board. Notice of a meeting and its purposes and an agenda must be sent by mail to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates at least 30 days before the meeting. Additional notification may be provided by e-mail or fax. The notice and agenda shall also be placed on the USCF website at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The special Delegates meeting has authority to act upon advance agenda items but does not have authority to take action unrelated to the advance agenda items.

All Executive Board members shall have at least 7 days advance notice before the notice of the meeting is sent. Items can only be placed on the advance agenda by the President or any two Executive Board members.

A quorum shall consist of one third of all Delegates and Delegates will be certified in the same manner as for the Annual Delegate's Meeting.

If the meeting notice so provides, the meeting can take place by teleconference at advance designated sites announced in the call of the meeting. Delegates must be present in person at a meeting site. **PASSED.**

Harold Winston (IL) then proposed that a paragraph that was recommended by the Bylaws Workshop be added to ADM 02-30. It was distributed in writing and accepted by sponsor John McCrary (SC). Doris Barry (TX), Ralph Bowman (KS), Larry Cohen (IL), George John (TX), John McCrary (SC), Gary Prince (NJ), Sam Sloan (NY/D), and Harold Winston (IL) participated in the discussion that followed, which included a review of how the Board currently documents conference calls. Wording changes suggested by Al Lawrence (NY/U) and Gary Prince (NJ) were accepted. Larry Cohen (IL) called the question after which the motion passed.

**DM02-28 - ADM 02-30** - John McCrary (SC) as amended by Harold Winston (IL) and the Bylaws Workshop, Harold Winston (IL) - Article VI, Section (8) of the USCF Bylaws is amended as follows: Delete the entire subsection dealing with the Secretary's duties, and replace it with the following: "The Secretary shall review Minutes of all Executive Board meetings, Delegates' Meetings, and Membership Meetings. The Secretary shall post these Minutes, after Executive Board review, on

the USCF website and shall mail the Minutes to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates within six weeks of the meetings. The Executive Board shall determine a means of recording all meetings. The Secretary shall act as custodian of the corporate seal, preside over Federation elections, ensure that the annual report is filed with the Secretary of State of the state of Illinois, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws." Standing Delegate Motion #31 as it is numbered in the 2001 *Delegates' Call* is rescinded.

Add to Article VI Section 3 (Meetings): All meetings of the Executive Board, including conference calls, shall be recorded in their entirety with a clear, permanent record by a means determined by the Executive Board. All Executive Board members shall receive copies of any audio tapes or video tapes of meetings within two weeks of those meetings. Any person wishing to obtain copies of audiotapes may do so at cost. The public portion of the permanent record will be available on the website within a month of the meeting record. **PASSED AS AMENDED.**

ADMs 02-31 and 02-32 were found to be moot.

George John (TX) brought up the subject of BINFO distribution and ADM 02-33, which was sponsored by George John, Doris Barry, and Denis Barry. It was worded "At least once a month the USCF Executive Board Secretary shall review and update as needed the BINFO (U.S. Chess Federation Executive Board Information System) index on the USCF website. Confidential BINFO's and BINFO's that contain copyrighted information for which USCF does not have general distribution rights will be excluded. Any individual may purchase printed copies of these BINFO's listed on the index. The office will set reasonable fees which will cover the cost of copying and postage. The office may also use other distribution means such as e-mail or the website." Doris Barry (TX), Kenneth Sloan (AL), and Sam Sloan (NY/D) commented. President John McCrary pointed out a Delegate Motion of Continuing Interest that already is in effect, after which the motion was withdrawn.

Copies of the budget, as amended by the dues increase were distributed to the Delegates. Executive Director Frank Niro described the effect of the dues increase on the budget. Tim Redman (TX) moved the adoption of the planning budget as amended. Stan Booz (PA), Ralph Bowman (KS), Larry Cohen (IL), Steve Doyle (NJ), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Bill Goichberg (NY/U), Jerry Hanken (CA/S), Guy Hoffman (WI), Rachel Lieberman (AZ), Al Losoff (IL), John McCrary (SC), Frank Niro (NY/U), Mike Nolan (NE), Tim Redman (TX), Steve Shutt (PA), and Sam Sloan (NY/D) participated in the discussion, which primarily focused on the level of promotion given to the scholastic motion without a publication. Steve Doyle presented an amendment to the budget that the Scholastic Membership without a publication not be mentioned in "Chess Life" or on the standard USCF Membership Form. Leroy Dubeck (NJ), pointed out for the record that the budget does not include funding for the move, so there may well be a one-time deficit. A vote to suspend the rules to immediately reconsider Scholastic dues failed, after which the amendment failed 19-35. After the budget was approved Jerry Hanken (CA/S) moved to reconsider Scholastic dues. After Jerry Hanken spoke to the motion Tim Just (IL) called the question and reconsideration failed 27-38.

**DM02-29 - ADM 02-15** - Executive Board, Tim Redman (TX) - The Delegates adopt the planning budget for the fiscal year ending in 2003 as amended. **PASSED.** See pages 28, 29 and 30.

**DM02-30 NDM 02-59** - Jerry Hanken (CA/S) - Move to reconsider the Scholastic Dues portion of DM18. **FAILED**

George John (TX) introduced ADM 02-34, re: posting Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest on the USCF website. After Executive Director Frank Niro acknowledged that the office would do that, the motion was withdrawn.

**DM02-31 - ADM 02-34** - George John (TX), Doris Barry (TX), Denis

Barry (AZ) - The office shall be responsible for maintaining a current record of all Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest on the USCF website. **WITHDRAWN.**

Guy Hoffman (WI) distributed a substitute for ADM 02-35 that was supported by the Bylaws and States Committees. The substitute would have the effect of retaining SOMOV while decreasing the number of Alternates, voting for Delegates only, eliminating the need to specify whether a candidate commits to attending the Delegates' meeting, thereby simplifying the election. Please see the 2002 "Delegates' Call," which is posted on the USCF website, for the ADM 02-35 wording. John McCrary, sponsor of the original motion, did not accept the substitute. Frank Camaratta chaired the discussion. Harold Winston (IL) presented the results of straw votes taken at the Bylaws Workshop and indicated the Bylaws workshop favored the substitute 17-0 over the present system and ADM 02-35 over the present system 9-7. The States workshop endorsed the substitute 7-0. Bill Goichberg (NY/U), Woody Harris (VA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), John McCrary (SC), James Mennella (NY/D), and Sam Sloan (NY/D) participated in the discussion. Sam Sloan moved referral to the States Committee, which failed. Substitution passed after which the motion passed.

**DM02-32 - ADM 02-35 - Guy Hoffman (WI) from the Bylaws and States Committees - Amend Article V Section 3 of the Bylaws to replace the first sentence with: There shall be 125 Delegates, with each state having one Alternate Delegate for each elected Delegate.**

Amend Article V Section 5 of the Bylaws by deleting the following portions:

First paragraph, fourth sentence "Candidates shall be listed ... may not be so indicated"

Second paragraph, first sentence "...and Alternates."

Second paragraph, third sentence "...and ordered with those candidates ... order of votes received, highest first."

**PASSED.** Note: This goes into effect with the next SOMOV election.

Harold Winston (IL) introduced ADM 02-36, which passed without discussion.

**DM02-33 - ADM 02-36 - Harold Winston (IL) - Amend Article VI, Section 6 of the Bylaws (technical amendment) to insert the words "regularly scheduled" before "Executive Board election results." PASSED**

Mike Nolan (NE) introduced ADM 02-37. Harold Winston (IL) offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted, to add the sentence "These labels may only be used for campaign purposes." Gary Prince (NJ) offered a friendly amendment to make them available at a nominal cost if they are requested in electronic form. The co-sponsors did not accept the amendment and discussion followed. Barb Vandermark explained that people can currently obtain mailing lists of USCF members on request as long as they pay the charge and indicate how the labels will be used and sign a disclaimer. Note: The office can refuse the request if it deems the use to be inappropriate. The amendment was withdrawn. Myron Lieberman (AZ), Al Losoff (IL), Mike Nolan (NE), Gary Prince (NJ), and Ernie Schlich (TX) participated in the discussion. Harold Winston called the question and the motion passed.

**DM02-34 - ADM 02-37 - Mike Nolan (NE); Myron Lieberman (AZ) - Amend the post-OMOV Bylaws to include the following text in Article VI (Section 4 Nomination of Executive Board members): "Once a candidate is certified, the candidate may purchase labels of Voting Members at the same rate as affiliates." These labels may only be used for campaign purposes. PASSED.**

Mike Nolan (NE) withdrew ADM 02-38 re: Multi-year memberships after expressing his concern about membership expiration dates substantially in the future.

Harold Winston (IL) presented a substitute for ADM 02-39, which consisted of a series of amendments (see below), which updates the

Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest. The original wording of ADM 02-39 is as follows: "(John McCrary, SC): Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest # 15, 25, and 41, as numbered in the 2001 *Delegates' Call*, are rescinded. The section labeled "Composition of *Chess Life* in Delegate Action of Continuing Interest # 16, as numbered in the 2001 *Delegates' Call*, is rescinded." Vice-President Steve Shutt (PA) took the chair. The substitute, sponsored by Harold Winston and the Bylaws Workshop, changes rather than rescinds certain Actions of Continuing Interest. The chair accepted the division of ADM 02-39. Jerry Hanken (CA/S) mentioned that the Southern California state chapter was strongly opposed to rescinding ACI 15 and 41. Substitution of the extra sentence for ACI 15 and 41 then passed. Harold Winston then explained the substitution for ACI 16, which passed without discussion. Stan Booz (PA) then introduced an amendment proposed by Fred Townsend (CT), which would modify, rather than rescind, ACI 25 (see below). After a comment by Sam Sloan (NY/D) the amendment passed. Mike Nolan (NE) then moved to amend ADM 02-39 to remove the words "Certified Tournament Director and" from ACI #5 Line 5. The amendment passed as did the motion.

**Substitute for ADM 02-39 - (Harold Winston (IL) and Bylaws Workshop)**

1. Move to divide ADM 02-39 into three motions

(a) ACI 15 and 41

(b) ACI 16

(c) ACI 25

2. Move to substitute for deleting items 15 and 41, adding the following sentence to items 15 and 41:

Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances.

3. Move to substitute for deleting item 16 by incorporating ACI 47 and 48 into item 16 (re Yearbook and Delegate information).

**DM02-35 - ADM 02-39 - John McCrary (SC) as amended by Harold Winston (IL), Fred Townsend (CT), Mike Nolan (NE) - Add "Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances." to Delegate Action of Continuing Interest (ACI) 15 and ACI 41. Incorporate ACI 47 and ACI 48 into ACI 16 (re Yearbook and Delegate information).**

Recognizing that current investment yields on short term treasury bills, certificates, of deposit, and money market funds are less than half of the 6% interest rates at which the LMA liabilities are discounted, the Board of Delegates authorizes the LMA Committee replace Delegate Action of Continuing Interest #25 with an investment policy that is expected to produce an aggregate return equaling or exceeding 6% on its invested assets (excluding the USCF office building).

Remove the words "Certified Tournament Director and" from ACI #5 Line 5. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

Leroy Dubeck (NJ) presented a motion which would make it possible for the USCF, if it sells the building and moves, to purchase a new building without waiting for approval by the Delegates. After comments from co-sponsor Stan Booz (PA), chair of the LMA Committee, it passed by more than the required 2/3 majority.

**DM02-36 - NDM 02-60 - Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Stan Booz (PA) - Eliminate Article IX, Section 9A "The Life Membership Assets funds may not be used to purchase real estate without approval of the Board of Delegates." PASSED**

Bill Goichberg (NY/U) introduced ADM 02-40 which would re-establish regions (but not RVPs). An amendment offered by Richard Jackson (CT) to replace "abandonment" with "discontinuation" was accepted. Myron Lieberman (AZ) moved referral to the States and Election Procedures committees to consider whether the old regions or a different regional breakdown is preferable. After Jerry Hanken (CA/S) commented, referral failed. Larry Cohen (IL) called the question and the motion passed.

**DM02-37 - ADM 02-40** - Bill Goichberg (NY/U) - Moved, that USCF regions be re-established. The Delegates commend those who continue to hold regional tournaments, and hope to encourage more such events by approving this motion. Executive Board election results shall once again be tabulated by region, beginning in 2003. There shall be twelve regions, each consisting of the same states that the region included before the discontinuation of regions. Passage of this motion would not require the re-establishment of Regional Vice Presidents. **PASSED**.

The co-sponsors of ADM 02-41 offered substitute wording, which corrects the name of the fund and allows it to be placed in any trust, not restricted to the U.S. Chess Trust. Leroy Dubeck (NJ) introduced the substitute. Harold Winston added his name as a co-sponsor. Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Frank Niro (NY/U), Helen Warren (IL), and Harold Winston (IL) participated in the discussion. The motion passed.

**DM02-38 - ADM 02-41** - Steve Doyle (NJ); Leroy Dubeck (NJ); Jim Eade (CA/N), Harold Winston (IL) - The Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund shall be placed in a Trust by the U.S. Chess Federation prior to the end of the current fiscal year. **SUBSTITUTE PASSED**.

Leroy Dubeck (NJ) announced that ADM 02-42 was withdrawn as a compromise had been reached.

Mike Nolan (NE) withdrew ADM 02-43 re: committee chairs and others sending reports electronically to the office in advance of the meeting. He noted that that the office considers it doable and encouraged committee chairs to send reports to the office electronically. The idea is for the office to have the reports as a resource, post them on the website in advance of the meeting, and be able to make hard copy available at the meeting. Hard copy distributed at the meeting can be converted to machine readable form and made available on the website shortly after the meeting.

Mike Nolan (NE) brought ADM 02-44 (re: TLA schedule) to the floor on behalf of Bruce Draney but did not speak to the substance. Larry Cohen (IL), Bill Goichberg (NY/U), Al Losoff (IL), Frank Niro (NY/U), Mike Nolan (NE) and Harold Stenzel (NY/D), participated in the discussion. The motion failed.

**DM02-39 - ADM 02-44** - Mike Nolan (NE) on behalf of Bruce Draney - Tournament Life announcements (TLA's) may not be for events that begin prior to the 22nd day of the month in which that issue of "Chess Life" is expected to be delivered except by specific request of the tournament organizer submitting the TLA. **FAILED**.

Larry Cohen (IL) introduced ADM 02-45, which read "Propose that all Grand Prix events be charged a flat \$5 fee." He made it clear that the intent was that it was in addition to all other fees for the event. Bill Goichberg (NY/U), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Gary Prince (NJ), Harold Stenzel (NY/D) participated in the discussion. Bill Goichberg offered this substitute "Moved, that the Delegates endorse the idea that all Grand Prix events be charged an additional fee if, in the Executive Director's judgment, this is necessary to continue the Grand Prix." The substitute passed.

**DM02-40 - ADM 02-45** - Bill Goichberg (NY/U) - Moved, that the Delegates endorse the idea that all Grand Prix events be charged an additional fee if, in the Executive Director's judgment, this is necessary to continue the Grand Prix. **SUBSTITUTE PASSED**.

President McCrary then read a substitute for ADM 02-46. It passed with a round of applause.

**DM02-41 - ADM 02-46** - Leroy Dubeck (NJ); Tim Redman (TX); John McCrary (SC), Frank Brady (NY/D), Frank Camaratta (AL), Harold Winston (IL) - The Delegates commend Jim Eade, Steve Doyle, and Bill Kelleher for their work as the FIDE team from the USCF. The Delegates regret any unfounded allegations of improper or unethical

conduct made against any member of this team. **PASSED**

Leroy Dubeck (NJ) introduced ADM 02-47, which simply asked that USCF financial reports be posted on the USCF website quarterly. After Stan Booz (PA), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), and Frank Niro (NY/U) commented, Frank Niro offered a more detailed wording, which was accepted by the sponsors.

**DM02-42 - ADM 02-47** - Denis Barry (AZ), Doris Barry (TX), Leroy Dubeck (NJ) - Comprehensive USCF financial reports including at least a balance sheet and statement of all activities will be posted on the USCF website on at least a quarterly basis. **PASSED**

Frank Camaratta presented ADM 02-48, which was submitted as an ADM but was not published in the "Delegates' Call." It creates a system of titles and norms. Larry Kaufman (MD) offered an amendment to specify that this system would replace the existing system. The amendment was not accepted and no vote was taken. Ralph Bowman (KS), Frank Camaratta (AL), Bill Goichberg (NY/U), Jerry Hanken (CA/S), Larry Kaufman (MD), Al Lawrence (NY/U), Alan Losoff (IL), James Mennella (NY/D), Frank Niro (NY/U), Gary Prince (NJ), and Harold Stenzel (NY/D), participated in the discussion. Tim Just (IL) called the question but there was objection. After further discussion Larry Cohen (IL) called the question and the motion passed 37-23.

**DM02-43 - ADM 02-48** - Frank Camaratta, (AL) - The USCF will adopt a Norms/Titles system to supplement the current Rating system. The system will be similar in concept to the current FIDE Title system and is designed to permanently recognize member lifetime achievement, while also retaining the current Rating System, which is a point-in-time measure of current performance.

Norms will be developed by the Ratings Committee and will be tied to rating as well as expected performance in a given event. Titles can be set at either Class Intervals (200 point spread) or half-Class Intervals (100 point spread). A Class Norm will be based on the expected score of a theoretical player having a rating equal to the midpoint of that class.

Aside from Standard Norms, there shall be Bronze, Silver and Gold Norms, hereafter referred to as Special Norms. Expert, Master and Senior Master Class titles shall require earning one or more Special Norms, depending on the specific Class Title.

The following Class Titles and requirements are currently envisioned.  
National Titles (Five Norms)

Advanced Senior Master: 2600 Rating, One Bronze, Two Silver, Two Gold Norms

Senior Master: 2400 Rating, One Standard, Two Bronze, One Silver and One Gold Norms

Master: 2200 Rating, Three Standard, One Bronze and One Silver Norm

Expert: 2200 Rating, Four Standard, One Bronze Norms

Tournament Titles (Three/Four Norms)

Tournament Class A: 1800, Four Standard Norms

Tournament Class B: 1600, Four Standard Norms

Tournament Class C: 1400, Three Standard Norms

Tournament Class D: 1200, Three Standard Norms

Novice Titles (Three Norms)

Novice Category I: 1000, Three Standard Norms

Novice Category II: 800, Three Standard Norms

Novice Category III: 600, Three Standard Norms

Novice Category IV: 400, Three Standard Norms

Novice Category V: 0, Three Standard Norms

The Delegates are being asked to approve the concept in principle and give the Board and the Ratings Committee, in consultation with the Office and other committees as deemed appropriate, authority to work out the details and implement. **PASSED**

President McCrary read a motion submitted by Mike Goodall (CA/N), which was withdrawn by the sponsor after it was read.

**DM02-44 - NDM 02-61 - Mike Goodall (CA/N) - Move to censure "Chess in the Schools" for the deliberate destruction of the Manhattan Chess Club, which was one of the oldest and most venerable institutions in American chess - WITHDRAWN.**

Larry Cohen (IL) then presented a motion regarding notice of changes in any USCF fees. Upon assurance that the current dues changes, which go into effect on January 1, 2003, can be announced in the November issue of "Chess Life," the motion passed.

**DM02-45 - NDM 02-62 - Larry Cohen (IL) - Any change made in USCF fees (i.e. membership dues, TLA rates, rating fees, etc) structure require an announcement of change(s) two months prior to going into effect. Announcements are to be prominently made in "Chess Life" and "School Mates." Also, notice of the change(s) should be on the USCF website and on ChessLive. PASSED.**

David Kuhns (IL) offered a motion of thanks for the very first Delegates' motion. It passed without discussion.

**DM02-46 - NDM 02-63 - David Kuhns (IL) - I would like to thank the World Chess Hall of Fame and the U.S. Chess Trust, along with the New Jersey Chess Association, for the implementation of the very first delegate's motion of this organization (the Northwestern Chess Association, later to become the U.S. Chess Federation).**

That motion was "To provide a suitable memorial to the memory of William Steinitz."

New Jersey previously provided a headstone for his grave and there is a display at the Hall of Fame.

This was the first and only motion made by the delegates at its first meeting in 1900. **PASSED.**

Sam Sloan (NY/D) introduced a motion to lower the residency requirement for players under age 21 to play in the U.S. Championship to one year. Harold Stenzel (NY/D) asked about the possibility of someone qualifying for the World Championship cycle from the U.S. Championship but not meeting the FIDE residency requirement. Tom Brownscombe did not see a problem with someone playing in the U.S. Championship without meeting the FIDE residency requirement. They simply wouldn't qualify for the World Championship cycle. Tim Redman (TX) moved to refer the motion to the Executive Board in consultation with the American Foundation for Chess. Referral passed.

**DM02-47 - NDM 02-64 - Sam Sloan (NY/D) - The residence requirement for a player under the age of 21 to play in the U.S. Championships shall be one year. REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR CHESS**

Larry Cohen (IL) then moved that all new affiliates receive one free TLA. It was referred to the Affiliate Affairs Committee on a motion by Gary Prince (NJ).

**DM02-48 - NDM 02-65 - Larry Cohen (IL) - All new affiliates receive one free TLA in either "Chess Life" or "School Mates." REFERRED TO AFFILIATE AFFAIRS**

Ernie Schlich (TX) introduced a motion to allow players who reach a rating of 2200 or higher to request a National Master certificate. After Frank Camaratta (AL) pointed out that a title system passed earlier, the motion passed by a vote of 30-21. Jerry Hanken (CA/S) asked if that wasn't the status quo. Tom Brownscombe indicated that it was.

**DM02-49 - NDM 02-66 Ernest Schlich (TX) - Any USCF member who has had a regular post tournament rating of 2200 or higher (published or not) has demonstrated a significant level of chess ability and is recognized by being automatically awarded the lifetime title of National Master. Any member achieving this title may request a certificate from the office. PASSED**

Mike Nolan (NE) asked for clarification as to whether or not affiliate dues were increased. Frank Niro indicated that they were as the motion indicated other categories would be changed proportionately.

Harold Stenzel then moved for an increase in the minimum rating fee for reports submitted in hard copy only. Tim Just (IL) asked about ongoing tournaments that are reported at the end of the event. Tom Brownscombe indicated that it is incorrect to do so. Steve Shutt (PA) asked whether a separate minimum would be charged for each partial submission for an ongoing event. Tom Brownscombe indicated that it would. Mike Nolan (NE). The motion was referred to the USCF Office for report next year on a motion by Harold Winston (IL).

**DM02-50 - NDM 02-67 - Harold Stenzel (NY) - Minimum rating fees for tournaments submitted on paper only be increased from \$5 to \$10. To be implemented for tournaments starting after 12/31/02. REFERRED TO THE USCF OFFICE**

Larry Cohen (IL) then moved that the Executive Director consider a 2-year affiliate dues rate. The motion was referred to the USCF Executive Director for report next year on a motion by Harold Winston (IL).

**DM02-51 - NDM 02-68 - Larry Cohen (IL) - Delegates suggest the ED to look into two years Affiliate Dues rate, and have power to implement. REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

Next were congratulatory motions submitted by Harold Winston (IL). DM02-52 and DM02-54 were read by President John McCrary. DM02-53 was read by Secretary Bob Smith.

**DM02-52 - NDM 02-69 - Harold Winston (IL) - Resolved, the Delegates give Mike Nolan a vote of thanks for his able work as Parliamentarian. PASSED with a round of applause.**

**DM02-53 - NDM 02-70 - Harold Winston (IL) - The Delegates give a vote of thanks to President John McCrary for his able chairing of the annual Delegates meeting. PASSED with a round of applause.**

**DM02-54 - NDM 02-71 - Harold Winston (IL) - Resolved, the Delegates give a vote of thanks to Steve Doyle and the New Jersey State Chess Federation for their fine work in organizing the successful 2002 U.S. Open. PASSED with a round of applause.**

Jerry Hanken (CA/S) invited everyone to the 2003 U.S. Open in Los Angeles.

Executive Director Frank Niro announced that Shane Samole has donated \$5000 to the Membership Appreciation Program. He also announced the publication of Volume 1 of the Hall of Fame Legends of Chess, which was "100 Columns of Harold Dondis," which will be available for a contribution to the U.S. Chess Trust. He recognized the contributions of Gary Prince and Al Losoff to the website and noted that Al Losoff was the new webmaster. He also thanked Linda Legenos and Barb Vandermark for their work. In conclusion he thanked all of the Delegates for their support.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MOTIONS  
THAT WERE PUBLISHED IN THE  
2002 DELEGATES' CALL?**

Please note: The original wording of all published motions can be found in the *2002 Delegates' Call*, which is available online at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org). The DM with the final wording (if any) and the disposition can be found in the table below.

Published ADM #	Sequential DM #	Subject and Disposition
02-01	02-01	Re-elect Delegates at Large - PASSED
02-02	02-02	Approve Advance Agenda - PASSED
02-03	02-03	Appoint Mike Nolan Parliamentarian - PASSED
02-04	02-04	Approve Standing Rules - PASSED
02-05	02-05	Accept Minutes of 2001 meeting - PASSED
02-06	02-06	Certify Executive Board Election - PASSED
02-07	02-07	Certify SOMOV Election - PASSED
02-08	02-08	Ratify Executive Board Actions - PASSED
02-09	02-09	Review Promotional Memberships - PASSED
02-10	02-18	Change Bylaws to restructure memberships and dues - SUBSTITUTE PASSED
02-11	_____	Adult Dues - MOOT
02-12	_____	Commissions - MOOT
02-13	_____	Commissions - MOOT
02-14	02-20	Hire an accounting firm - PASSED
02-15	02-29	Adopt the Planning Budget - PASSED AS AMENDED
02-16	02-21	Change Bylaws to remove LMA Borrowing restriction - PASSED
02-17	02-23	Name Glenn Petersen a Delegate-At-Large - PASSED by more than 3/4 for 2nd year, Final.
02-18	_____	Cooperate with institutions - WITHDRAWN
02-19	_____	Restructure Executive Board - WITHDRAWN
02-20	_____	Building Repair - WITHDRAWN
02-21	_____	Breaking ties in voting - WITHDRAWN
02-22	_____	Santasiere nomination to the Hall of Fame - MOOT
02-23	_____	Executive Director and CFO as Ex-Officio Executive Board members - WITHDRAWN
02-24	02-24	Ads for illegal activities - REFER TO LEGAL TASK FORCE
02-25	02-25	Electronic Submission of rating reports - REFER TO MIS COMMITTEE
02-26	_____	Wording of ADMs - WITHDRAWN
02-27	02-26	Change Bylaws to establish an Alternate Board member - POSTPONED INDEFINITELY
02-28	02-27	Change Bylaws re: Special Meetings (02-28 and 02-29) - SUBSTITUTE PASSED
02-29	02-27	Change Bylaws re: Special Meetings (02-28 and 02-29) - SUBSTITUTE PASSED
02-30	02-28	Change Bylaws re: Secretary's duties/recording of meetings - PASSED AS AMENDED
02-31	_____	Transcripts - MOOT
02-32	_____	Transcripts - MOOT
02-33	_____	BINFOS - WITHDRAWN
02-34	02-31	Post Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest on Website - WITHDRAWN
02-35	02-32	Change Bylaws to simplify Delegate/Alternate elections - SUBSTITUTE PASSED

Published ADM #	Sequential DM #	Subject and Disposition
02-36	02-33	Perfecting wording for Bylaw Article VI Section 6 - PASSED
02-37	02-34	Change Bylaws to specify a charge for candidates' mailing lists under OMOV - PASSED
02-38	_____	Multi-year memberships - WITHDRAWN
02-39	02-35	Update Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest - PASSED AS AMENDED
02-40	02-37	Re-establish regions - PASSED
02-41	02-38	Authorize PPHB fund to be put into a trust - SUBSTITUTE PASSED
02-42	_____	Vacancies on the U.S. Chess Trust Board of Trustees - WITHDRAWN
02-43	_____	Electronic reporting by committee chairs - WITHDRAWN
02-44	02-39	TLA Schedule - FAILED
02-45	02-40	Additional fee for Grand Prix events - SUBSTITUTE PASSED
02-46	02-41	FIDE Team - SUBSTITUTE PASSED
02-47	02-42	Post financial reports - PASSED
02-48	02-43	Norm/Title System - PASSED (Note: This was submitted as an ADM but was not published)

**WHAT NEW MOTIONS, NOT IN THE  
PUBLISHED AGENDA, WERE CONSIDERED?**

Reference NDM #	Sequential DM #	Disposition and Description
02-49	02-10	Commend Rulebook Advisory Committee - PASSED
02-50	02-11	Name Ethics Committee - PASSED
02-51	02-12	Change Bylaws to expand LMA Management Committee - PASSED
02-52	02-13	Name LMA management Committee - PASSED
02-53	02-14	Endorse Strategic Plan - PASSED
02-54	02-15	Authorize sale of building and relocation - PASSED
02-55	02-16	Name Bylaws Committee - PASSED
02-56	02-17	Add James Mennella to Ethics Committee - PASSED
02-57	02-19	Change Bylaws to change dues for Life Members - PASSED
02-58	02-22	Change wording to ADM 02-17 - PASSED
02-59	02-30	Reconsider Scholastic dues - FAILED
02-60	02-36	Change Bylaws to allow LMA funds to be used to purchase building - PASSED
02-61	02-44	Manhattan Chess Club - WITHDRAWN
02-62	02-45	Notice of fee increases - PASSED
02-63	02-46	First USCF Delegates' Motion - PASSED
02-64	02-47	Residency requirement for youth in U.S. Championship - REFERRED TO EB AND AFC
02-65	02-48	Free TLA for new affiliates - REFERRED TO AFFILIATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
02-66	02-49	Master Certificates - PASSED
02-67	02-50	Rating Fees for reports submitted in hard copy - REFERRED TO OFFICE
02-68	02-51	Two-year Affiliate dues - REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
02-69	02-52	Thank Parliamentarian - PASSED
02-70	02-53	Thank President - PASSED
02-71	02-54	Thank organizers of U.S. Open - PASSED