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The USCF promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an art and enjoyment, but also as a means for the improvement of society. It informs, educates, and fosters the development of players (professional and amateur) and potential players. It encourages the development of a network of institutions devoted to enhancing the growth of chess, from local clubs to state and regional associations, and it promotes chess in American schools.

To these ends, the USCF offers a monthly magazine, as well as targeted publications to its members and others. It supervises the organization of the U.S. Chess Championship, an open tournament held every summer, and other national events. It offers a wide range of books and services to its members and others at prices consistent with the benefit of its members.

The USCF serves as the governing body for chess in the United States and as a participant in international chess organizations and projects. It is structured to ensure effective democratic procedures in accord with its bylaws and the laws of the state of Illinois.

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A brief History of the U.S. Open



USCF's Grandmaster-on-Call

So the U.S. Open traces its lineage to the first Western Championship in 1900, which makes it the longest running annual tournament in the world. Held under the auspices of the Western Chess Association from 1900 to 1934, these events provided virtually the only arena for rising american

players who lived outside of the New York area. All things considered, the Western Championship was the closest thing to a National title since the Morphy era.

In 1934, the Western Chess Association became the American Chess Federation, claiming to represent the entire nation. Unfortunately, so did the National Chess Federation, which, on the retirement of Frank Marshall, organized an invitational U.S. Championship in 1936. Obviously such a situation was undesirable and after five years of negotiation, the two organizations merged in 1939 to form the USCF —

committed to holding the tournaments of both predecessors. The Western Championships, after an interim as the North American Championships, emerged in 1940 as the U.S. Open, and has been held every year since.

The Pittsburgh event in 1946 saw the innovation of the “Swiss System,” the brainchild of Kenneth Harkness. However, it was only used in the preliminaries; the finals were a round robin. Under the guidance of George Koltanowski, subsequent U.S. Opens were all “Swiss System.” Particularly notable was the 1957 tournament in Cleveland, which saw the emergence of 13-year-old Bobby Fischer, who tied for first with me. I drove home with the trophy, but it was subsequently discovered that the tie-break had been miscalculated and young Bobby was really the winner.

With the growth of chess in the 1980's, the U.S. Opens got larger (the record remains 843, set at Pasadena in 1983) and so did the prize fund and the prize lists.

2002 U.S. Open schedule of workshops, side events and chess-in-education seminar can be found on pages 15, 57, 66, and 67 of this . Past U.S. Open winners are listed below.

1900 Louis Uedemann 1901 N.M. MacLeod 1902 Louis Uedemann 1903 Max Judd 1904 Stasch Mlotkowski 1905 E.F. Schrader 1906 George Wolbrecht 1907 Einar Michelsen 1908 E.P. Elliott 1909 Oscar Chajes 1910 George Wolbrecht 1911 Charles Blake 1912 E.P. Elliott 1913 Bradford Jefferson Sr. 1914 Bradford Jefferson Sr. 1915 Jackson Showalter 1916 Edward Lasker 1917 Edward Lasker 1918 Boris Kostic 1919 Edward Lasker 1920 Edward Lasker 1921 Edward Lasker 1922 Samuel Factor 1923 Stasch Mlotkowski, Norman Whitaker 1924 Carlos Torre 1925 Abraham Kupchik 1926 Leon Stolzenberg 1927 Albert Margolis 1928 Leon Stolzenberg 1929 Herman Hahlbohm 1930 Samuel Factor, Norman Whitaker 1931 Samuel Reshevsky 1932 Reuben Fine 1933 Reuben Fine 1934 Reuben Fine, Samuel Reshevsky 1935 Reuben Fine 1936 I.A. Horowitz 1937 D.S. Polland 1938 I.A. Horowitz, Isaac Kashdan 1939 Reuben Fine 1940 Reuben Fine 1941 Reuben Fine 1942 Herman Steiner, Dan Yanofsky 1943 I.A. Horowitz 1944 Samuel Reshevsky 1945 Anthony Santasiere 1946 Herman Steiner 1947 Isaac Kashdan 1948 Weaver W. Adams 1949 Albert Sandrin Jr. 1950 Arthur Bisguier 1951 Larry Evans 1952 Larry Evans 1953 Donald Byrne 1954 Larry Evans, Arturo Pomar 1955 Nicolas Rossolimo 1956 Arthur Bisguier 1957 Robert Fischer, Arthur Bisguier 1958 E. Cobo-Arteaga 1959 Arthur Bisguier 1960 Robert Byrne 1961 Pal Benko 1962 Antonio Medina 1963 William Lombardy, Robert Byrne 1964 Pal Benko 1965 Pal Benko, William Lombardy 1966 Pal Benko, Robert Byrne 1967 Pal Benko 1968 Bent Larsen 1969 Pal Benko, Arthur Bisguier, Milan Vukcevic 1970 Bent Larsen 1971 Walter Browne, Larry Evans 1972 Walter Browne 1973 Norman Weinstein 1974 Pal Benko, Vlastimil Hort 1975 Pal Benko, William Lombardy 1976 Anatoly Lein, Leonid Shamkovich 1977 Leonid Shamkovich, Andy Soltis, Timothy Taylor 1978 Joseph Bradford 1979 Florin Gheorghiu 1980 John Fedorowicz, Florin Gheorghiu 1981 Florin Gheorghiu, Larry Christiansen, Jeremy Silman, Nick de Firmian, John Meyer 1982 Andrew Soltis, William Martz 1983 Larry Christiansen, Viktor Korchnoi 1984 Roman Dzindzichashvili, Sergey Kudrin 1985 Yasser Seirawan, Boris Spassky, Joel Benjamin 1986 Larry Christiansen 1987 Lev Alburt 1988 Dmitry Gurevich 1989 Lev Alburt 1990 Yasser Seirawan 1991 Michael Rohde, V. Akopyan 1992 Gregory Kaidanov 1993 Alexander Shabalov 1994 Georgi Orlov, Dmitry Gurevich, Ben Finegold, Smbat Lputian, Leo Kaushansky, Albert Chow 1995 Alex Yermolinsky 1996 Gabriel Schwartzman 1997 Alex Yermolinsky 1998 Judit Polgar, Boris Gulko 1999 Alex Yermolinsky, Alexander Goldin, Eduard Rozentalis, Alexander Shabalov, Gabriel Schwartzman, Michael Mulyar 2000 Alex Yermolinsky

2001 **Alek Wojtkiewicz, Joel Benjamin, Alexander Stripunsky, Fabian Doettling**

2001 U.S. OPEN WINNERS



Alek Wojtkiewicz



Joel Benjamin



Alexander Stripunsky



Fabian Doettling

USCF PRESIDENT'S REPORT



by John McCrary

Fellow Leaders of the USCF:

What a difference a year has made! Personally, I feel as though I have lived ten years since becoming President just last August, because of the many challenges we have confronted since that time. Before considering our future, let us look at where we have been:

A FRIGHTENING START:

Shortly after the new Board took office in August 2001, we found over \$600,000 in accounts payable, many of them overdue. We had only about \$100,000 in available cash (dropping as low as \$15,000 at times) with no bank financing, and no way to access or even to borrow against USCF assets of over \$1,000,000 to correct the problems we had inherited. There was no clear method to rebuild one of our major revenue-producing operations, which was near to an irrevocable collapse. That operation usually provided a major cash infusion at Christmas, but with no quick way to restore it, the USCF's Christmas was looking more blue than white. To complicate matters, some businesses were apparently reading wild newsgroup speculations predicting our "collapse." Although those forecasts were unfounded, businesses as a result were either demanding immediate payment, or were afraid to deal with us, complicating our attempts to solve the problems. Where could one start in addressing this ocean of problems?

AN IMPROVED SITUATION:

We found ways. Today our accounts payables have dropped dramatically to just over \$300,000, with none overdue. Our membership is at record levels, well over 90,000 members. We have good reason to anticipate that some revenue declines in certain areas will be reversed. The USCF has operated in the black recently, thanks largely to major expense cuts made by the Board early in our tenure.

Some very hard work by some dedicated people made a difference. Frank Niro, our Interim Executive Director, has been doing an outstanding job. Several of our employees, aided by some expert volunteers, went far beyond the call of duty in helping to solve our problems. All of our current Board members provided key advice in finding answers and making very tough business decisions. A special thanks goes to Frank Camaratta, who worked so hard on financial matters that the staff suggested that we should just go ahead and give him some office space in New Windsor!

WHERE WE ARE GOING:

This is the most difficult problem. While we have driven away the wolves, we still face major strategic challenges. Interim Executive Director Frank Niro will be presenting a comprehensive strategic plan to the Delegates. For now, I will comment on several areas:

Membership: For some time now, Nebraska's Mike Nolan has been providing important demographic analysis on our membership. I graphed some of his data, and saw a disturbing pattern: most of our members were either under 21 or over 40, with few in between. In short, we were not gaining young adult members. I commented on this

in a *Chess Life* article in early 2000. Unfortunately, Mike's continuing analysis shows that nothing has occurred to improve this picture. We are gaining too few new adult members, while our older members are dying or fading away.

Several ideas have been tried to reverse this trend, but nothing has affected it. All this is true despite the fact that there are more casual players in the U.S. than ever before. We must find ways to convert more Youth and Scholastic members into adult members, while improving the retention rate of our adult members. We must bridge the gap between organized chess and the millions of casual players in the U.S. now, to bring in new members.

Future Finances: While we are temporarily operating in the black, we cannot continue to do so at present revenue levels. For one thing, we will be paying a permanent Executive Director's salary soon. The slow summer months will leave us cash-poor again. Thus, the Delegates will be asked to consider dues increases this August. Various proposed increases, probably affecting all categories, will be on the advance agenda.

I believe that it would be desirable to restore some level of affiliate commissions as part of a dues increase. Without regaining the support of our affiliates, we cannot address our overall picture successfully.

FIDE Issues: A number of things are happening at the international level that will affect the USCF. We are attempting to establish a good level of two-way communication with FIDE officers through direct contacts, with the understanding that it is in FIDE's best interests as well as the USCF's to achieve a consensus which both organizations can accept and promote. We will strive to enhance our representation on FIDE commissions and boards. In anticipation of changes that may impact the zonal system of World Championship qualifying, we will sponsor a motion to create a better continental structure that takes into account the many world-class players in the U.S.

The USCF issued a letter of support for GM Seirawan's initiative in trying to reunite the dual (and dueling) World Championship systems. That letter was well grounded in USCF policy, as the Delegates have passed several motions since 1994 supporting reunification of the World Championship.

History in the making: Future historians will little notice our current financial trials. Rather, they will note the things we did at the start of the new millennium that had long-range effects. They will study with interest the first U.S. Championship that had an expanded format, and the first match between the U.S. and China. They will remember the opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum, the first major chess museum in the world to receive thousands of annual visitors. They will note the exponential rise of scholastic and youth chess, and the importance of it as a new cultural phenomenon. They will look with interest at the first chess scholarships to be given by universities. In short, they will see our accomplishments as we cannot presently see them, from the perspective of history.

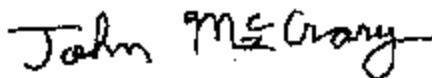
Thanks to our volunteers: We are giving a long list of awards this year, but it is not long enough! The future success of the USCF will be based on the work of volunteers at all levels. Every time I encounter some negative person, I merely start recalling the names of the many positive people who are working together, for no pay and little recognition, for the common good. Thanks to all of you!

And thanks to our staff: If you want to see a busy beehive, go to

our USCF offices in New Windsor. For that matter, go on an evening or a weekend: you will see a number of employees working hard and long, even on Sundays. We are blessed with a dedicated staff. Next time you are inclined to complain, give some thought to these great people. They will help you resolve your complaint, but they would also appreciate a thank you, too, for all they do.

Remember, the USCF starts with "U" and with "Us." To our Delegates, the USCF should never be a "they" or a "them."

Best regards to all,



John McCrary, USCF President



World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum, the first major chess museum in the world to receive thousands of annual visitors, held the Grand Opening in December 2001.

Hall-of-Fame Grandmasters attend the opening, left to right: GM Lev Alburt, GM Arnold Denker, GM Arthur Bisguier, GM Lubomir Kavalek, GM Edmar Mednis and GM Robert Byrne.

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— Become a Hall of Fame Charter Member! —

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As a Charter Member and Friend, you'll receive a whole range of benefits — and you'll know that you're helping one of the most important chess projects ever.

- Your personalized brick will be permanently displayed on the floor of the main entrance to the 45-foot rook-castle tower leading to the main hall of the Museum. The brick will be engraved with your choice of three lines of 12 characters each (spaces count as characters).
- Your name (or the name of your choice) will be permanently inscribed and displayed in the lobby of the museum.
- You'll receive an annual family membership, a \$65 value. You'll be proud to carry your U.S. Chess Hall of Fame Charter Membership card!
- For a full year, you'll receive a 10% discount off merchandise purchased from the museum gift shop or its website shop (soon to come) at www.worldchesshalloffame.org.
- You'll receive, for a full year, the World Chess Hall of Fame



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Display Charter members receive all of the benefits of Friend and Founder levels. In addition, for one year, your name (or the name of your choice) will be attached to a display at the Museum, giving the highest, most visible level of recognition — as a sponsor of one of the historic artifacts inside the Museum.

Sign up as a living part of chess history!

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 Credit Cards are accepted and your membership can be processed over the phone. Just Call: **1-800-59-CHESS**

USCF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



by Frank A. Niro

I am very pleased to present my Executive Director's Report to the Delegates of the United States Chess Federation. I, together with all of the paid staff of the USCF, wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation for your input, guidance and support throughout the past year.

It has been an interesting and challenging year for the USCF, as well as for me personally. I started the year working

on my Ph.D. in Chess and Education at the University of Texas at Dallas and serving the Federation as volunteer Board President of the U.S. Chess Trust. When my predecessor, George DeFeis, left at the end of January, I was asked by the Executive Board to step in and take over the controls of the USCF.

My initial goals at that time were to:

1. Make an assessment of our financial viability and vulnerabilities;
2. Reestablish a profitable Books and Equipment sales effort;
3. Decrease Accounts Payable and Back Orders;
4. Address and resolve outstanding legal and contractual issues;
5. Obtain a line of credit;
6. Heal torn relationships;
7. Retroactively compile meaningful financial reports;
8. Improve internal systems and controls;
9. Reallocate scarce resources;
10. Improve the quality and profitability of national tournaments and concessions;

Once the above tasks were well underway, my attention turned to (and continues to be focused on) the following:

11. Cultivate and communicate a common vision for the organization;
12. Provide staff with opportunities for skill enhancement and professional growth;
13. Initiate a timely and accurate cost accounting system;
14. Improve member satisfaction with office services;
15. Address physical space and safety issues in the New Windsor office;
16. Improve communication at all levels within the organization;
17. Prepare a workable budget for FY 2003; and,
18. Develop a feasible Strategic Plan for the future.

Considering that it has only been a matter of months since I have been given the privilege of serving you, I am happy and proud to report substantial progress on the first ten items, and a running start on the others. I anticipate further progress as we close the current fiscal year and enter the summer months. I will present a thorough and up-to-date report at the Delegates' Meeting in Cherry Hill, NJ on August 3. Meanwhile, please allow me to hit some of the highlights. I will skip over the areas that are more fully described in the V. P. Finance and other reports included elsewhere in the *Delegates' Call*.

Finances

I believe the Executive Board and Management team have dealt appropriately with the serious financial issues that faced the USCF this past fall. The much-needed Line of Credit was executed in January and put to good use beginning in early February. As a result, the outstanding balance in Accounts Payable was cut in half, from \$600,000 to \$300,000, and positive working relationships with each of our primary vendors was re-established. The level of back-orders has decreased from a high of \$149,000 in mid-December to less than \$20,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

Meanwhile, our reserves have been substantially depleted. The deficit in Net Assets as of May 31, 2002 (subject to the results of the year-end audit) is approaching three quarters of a million dollars, and our liquid assets in the LMA account have nearly declined to the \$500,000 threshold at which the account was originally established. Please see the V. P. Finance report and the LMA Committee report elsewhere in the *Delegates' Call* for a more detailed explanation of these two critical areas.

Nevertheless, I firmly believe that with continuing membership growth, particularly in the area of Scholastics, together with a timely increase in dues and a return to a profitable books and equipment sales program, the USCF will be able to maintain financial viability well into the future. Other factors, such as increased sponsorship and an upturn in the stock market to gain back some of the unrealized investment losses of recent years, will serve to make the task that much easier.

Books & Equipment

My assessment of books and equipment includes both good and bad news. In summary, we can't afford the investment necessary to be all things to all people and carry every chess book or chess-related product. But, with some relatively minor and affordable enhancements to our internal systems, we can continue to provide a core of valuable products and services to our members at a profit.

The good news is that the combined sales for April and May, 2002 (\$431,943) were greater than the same period in either 2001 (\$419,220) or 2000 (\$389,253). The current year was bolstered by concession sales in three major scholastic tournaments (note that 2001 included the "Super Nationals" in Kansas City) and the release of the new Summer Catalog in early May.

The range of products in the new Catalog has been re-evaluated and expanded. Strategic partnerships aimed at enhancing our net revenues as well as our services to members have been developed. These strategic partnerships will be explained more fully in my report at the Delegates' meeting. The size of the sales force has been enlarged, the shipping procedures and pricing have been modified, and office hours expanded in anticipation of increases in Catalog sales. Procedures for selecting, controlling and selling items at national tournament concessions have been completely revised. Duties within the office have been reassigned to better align the talents of our valuable staff with the tasks required.

As mentioned above, the backorder problem has been virtually eliminated and we are back on good credit and payment terms with all of our suppliers.

The bad news is that the sales results for first ten months of the fis-

cal year were very poor on a year-to-year comparison basis. To some degree, this was by design. Prior management made a conscious choice to decrease the USCF emphasis on books and equipment as a source of revenue.

Following is a 3-year comparison of Sales by month (*=preliminary un-audited):

	Fiscal 2002	Fiscal 2001	Fiscal 2000
June	\$155,799	\$171,753	\$247,242
July	124,560	144,598	211,411
August	160,226	200,567	228,869
September	106,349	161,853	208,888
October	136,261	226,471	265,582
November	134,102	264,651	370,100
December	150,409	337,444	323,491
January	171,310	179,638	182,359
February	110,898	175,940	290,961
March	173,436	252,202	282,641
April	203,577	269,281	177,769
May	228,366*	149,939	211,484
Annual Totals	1,856,367*	2,534,374	3,000,797

Membership

In FY 2002, the trends noted in previous years have continued. Scholastic memberships continue to climb while regular adult members are declining by approximately 100 members per month.

Overall, total paid memberships as of May 31, 2002 are at 89,282. The total number of members, including affiliates and subscriptions to *Chess Life* and *School Mates*, is 92,662. Both amounts are all-time highs for a fiscal year-end date.

A five-year membership comparison shows the following:

	-----as of May 31-----				
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
TOTAL PAID:	89,282	87,956	86,109	84,160	84,929
TOTAL MEMBERS:	92,662	91,492	89,612	87,853	88,686

A comparison of the largest state affiliates by head count (based on April 30 numbers) is shown below:

	April 30, 2002	April 30, 2001	April 30, 2000
1. New York	8,741	7,994	7,655
2. Texas	7,044	6,111	5,633
3. Illinois	5,652	5,103	5,000
4. Southern California	4,750	3,872 (5th)	3,806 (5th)
5. Northern California	4,687	4,319 (4th)	4,100 (4th)
6. Florida	4,190	3,514	3,304 (7th)
7. Pennsylvania	3,868	3,262	3,343 (6th)
8. New Jersey	3,412	3,117	3,005
9. Arizona	3,295	3,094	2,430 (10th)
10. Ohio	3,278	2,759	2,707 (9th)

Smallest:

1. Wyoming	78	68	80
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Most Scholastic Members

	April 30, 2002	April 30, 2001	April 30, 2000
1. New York	4,225	4,150	3,658
2. Texas	3,987	3,624	3,161
3. Illinois	2,453	2,053 (4th)	1,648 (5th)
4. Arizona	2,296	2,285 (3rd)	1,692
5. Northern California	1,950	2,049	1,794 (3rd)

Most Adult Regular Members:

	April 30, 2002	April 30, 2001	April 30, 2000
1. New York	2,013	2,402	2,546
2. Southern California	1,676	1,808	1,840
3. Texas	1,451	1,508	1,513 (4th)
4. Northern California	1,383	1,495	1,545 (3rd)
5. Pennsylvania	1,301	1,336	1,414
6. Illinois	1,238	1,277	1,354
7. New Jersey	1,108	1,154	1,179 (8th)
8. Florida	1,059	1,137	1,218 (7th)
9. Ohio	1,002	1,067	1,081
10. Massachusetts	903	952	961
Arizona	488 (17th)	490 (20th)	459 (21st)

Dues Structure

The Advanced Delegates' Motions include at least one proposal for a dues increase during FY 2003. Regular adult dues have not been increased since 1996. Scholastic and Youth dues are insufficient, in my opinion, to cover the provision of services to these categories of membership.

Following is a summary of the dues structure as it presently exists:

Category	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
Adult (20 and over)	\$40	\$75	\$109
Senior (65 and over)	\$30	\$56	\$82
Youth (19 and under)	\$20	\$38	\$55
Scholastic	\$13	\$25	\$36
Blind	\$10	\$19	\$27
Family Membership	\$20		

6-Month Trial	\$25		
Sustaining Membership	\$95 per year		
Life Membership	\$850		
Senior Life	\$425		
Blind Life	\$210		
Prison	\$10 per year		

Subscription options:	1 Year	2 Years
<i>Chess Life</i>	\$30	\$55
<i>School Mates</i>	\$12	\$22

I support modest dues increases in all categories, as well as the reinstatement of affiliates' commissions, to be effective in December. An assumption regarding implementation of the proposed dues increases half way through the year has been included in the proposed USCF operating budget for FY 2003.

Yearly Highlights

Another successful Chess-a-thon was held in greater New York City during June 2001. The event was organized in Yonkers, NY by Beatriz Marinello. As in previous years, nearly 1,000 children attended (despite a rainy Saturday morning). Several grandmasters, international masters and national masters gave a massive simultaneous chess exhibition. Among them were Susan Polgar, Arthur Bisguier, John Fedorowicz and many others. GM Maurice Ashley hosted the event and served as the capable and very popular emcee.

The U.S. Open was held in Framingham, MA last August. This year's event will be held a week earlier in Cherry Hill, NJ. While on the subject of the U.S. Open, I can give a brief preview of coming events! The U.S. Open in 2003 has been awarded to Los Angeles, CA. It will be

organized as a partnership between the USCF office and veteran organizer, Jerry Hanken. Randy Hough has been chosen Tournament Director for the 2003 event, which will feature a return to the twelve-round format. Regarding 2004, preliminary proposals have been received from Boca Raton, FL, Seattle, WA and Dayton, OH. Inquiries from Mesa, AZ, Reno, NV, St. Louis, KS, Kansas City, MO, Pittsburgh, PA and Hollywood, FL have been received in connection with the 2005 U.S. Open. We are hopeful that the 2005 Scholastic "Super Nationals" will be held at the beautiful Opryland Hotel in suburban Nashville, TN. Members of the Scholastic Council are presently reviewing the site and will make their recommendations to the office shortly.

The World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum (HoF&M) in Miami opened to the public during December. More than 1,500 guests attended a weekend of events capped by a gala dinner on Monday, December 17. The World Chess Hall of Fame is a cooperative venture between the U.S. Chess Trust and the Samole family. The beautiful 11,500 square foot facility is located in a wing of the Excalibur Electronics corporate headquarters. Among its artifacts, it houses the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame, which was moved from Washington, DC last summer. Former USCF Executive Director, Al Lawrence, serves as the HoF&M's first Executive Director.

Also in December, the George Koltanowski Memorial Conference on Chess and Education was held in Dallas, TX. The idea for such a conference came first in the mid-seventies, when Bud Narveson, a Professor of English at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, held an NEH-sponsored Conference on Chess and Society. Subsequently, an academic conference on Chess and Education was held by Professor Howard Prince at the Borough of Manhattan Community College in 1995. The Koltanowski Conference was sponsored by Dr. Tim Redman and the University of Texas at Dallas and co-sponsored by the U.S. Chess Trust and Jim Eade. It was the first academic conference in the world in at least five years that focused on the game of chess.

A Swiss-system U.S. Championship tournament was held in Seattle, WA in January. It was the first combined men and women's championship event ever held in the United States. Hosted by America's Foundation for Chess (formerly Seattle Chess Foundation), the event featured a total of 56 players. Congratulations to Larry Christiansen, who won the Men's division by virtue of a play-off victory over Nick deFirmian, and to Women's Champion Jennifer Shahade.

The national tournaments organized or co-organized by the USCF office in the winter and spring were all successful, whether measured from a financial or any other point of view. These included the National K-12 Championships in Dallas, TX in December, the U.S. Amateur Team (East) held in Parsippany, NJ in February, the National Open held in Las Vegas, NV, in March the National High School Championship in Louisville, KY in April, the National Elementary Championships in Portland, OR in April (over 2,000 participants!), and the National Junior High Championships in Milwaukee, WI in May. Refer to the report of the V.P. of Finance for financial details regarding these events.

The 2002 U.S. Masters: Eugene Martinovsky Memorial was held, perhaps for the last time, in Chicago, IL in late February and early March. Organized by Helen and Jim Warren, with the help of a generous bequest by the late Dr. Martinovsky, the tournament featured 100 of the country's strongest players. It was won in a five-way tie by Gregory Kaidanov, Alexander Onischuk, Daniel Fridman, Leonid Yudasin and Alek Wojtkiewicz.

As you can see, it was an exciting year for U.S. Chess. The above highlights don't even consider all of the activity going on outside of the

United States, and in Cyberspace!

Senior Staff

I cannot close my report without giving recognition to the talented staff working every day in the office of the U.S. Chess Federation. I was fortunate to inherit the services of an outstanding group of professionals who serve you day in and day out 365 days a year. As mentioned earlier, I have already reorganized some of the Senior Staff responsibilities around the office in order to match up people's talents with the duties required. All of them will be spending at least some time at the U.S. Open workshops and Delegates' meeting in Cherry Hill. I hope you will take the time to congratulate them and get to know them. Their reason for being here is to serve you, the members of the USCF!

Executive Assistant:	Barbara Vandermark
Director of Finance:	Linda Legenos
Managing Director of Operations:	Judy Misner
Editor of <i>Chess Life</i> and <i>School Mates</i> :	Peter Kurzdorfer
Director of Publications & Senior Art Director:	Jami L. Anson
Director of Scholastic Programs and National Events:	Tom Brownscombe
Director of Marketing, Advertising & Outreach:	Anne Ashton
Director of Product Acquisition & Inventory Control:	Joan DuBois
Director of Management Information Systems:	Laura Martz

In addition to the above individuals, there are a few key people who serve the USCF on a part-time basis from remote locations, on a consulting (and often unpaid) basis. These include:

Grandmaster-on-Call	Arthur Bisguier
U. S. Chess Trust	Barbara DeMaro
Information Technology	Alan Losoff
Book Publishing	Glenn Petersen
Website Host	Gary Prince
U.S. Chess Live Support	Amy Sullivan
Library & Research	JoAnne Fatherly

Finally, I am extremely pleased to announce that Diane Reese, Events Manager for our national tournaments, was selected Employee of the Year for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2002 by unanimous vote of the Senior Staff of USCF. Please join me, when you get a chance, in offering Diane congratulations for an outstanding job. Diane succeeds last year's winner, Barbara Vandermark.

The Employee of the Year is selected annually from among the Employee of the Month award winners of the previous twelve months. The recipients of the Employee of the Month award during the past year were as follows:

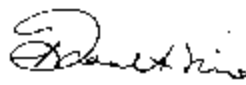
June 2001	Stephanie Colley
July	Krista Soss
August	Diane Reese
September	Joyce Hoffman & Steve Gaa
October	Joy Fairweather
November	Catherine Raymond
December	Claudia Couser
January	Debora Sherry
February	John Dutton
March	Paula Helmeset
April	Timothy Braun
May	Kathleen Merz

I know I was brought in because there was important work to be done. But none of the work would have been possible without the wonderful group of dedicated and enthusiastic employees who greeted me when I arrived in New Windsor. My sincere thanks and appreciation go out to the members of the Executive Board and to the Delegates for granting me the opportunity to serve you.

The USCF is a valuable and viable organization. I say this with complete honesty, not only as the Interim Executive Director, but as a proud Life Member for almost 30 years.

See you in Cherry Hill!

Respectfully submitted,



Frank A. Niro
Interim Executive Director
e-mail: ChessSafari@aol.com



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Above: Diane Reese
2001-2002

Employee of the Year

**For more information
on USCF staff, please see page 31.**



Gary Prince
Website Host



Al Losoff
Information
Technology



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VP FINANCE REPORT



by

Introduction

As in previous years, this report is being prepared prior to the close of the fiscal year in order to meet the required deadline for publication of the *Delegates' Call*. Therefore, the numbers are necessarily tentative. A supplemental report will be issued at the Delegates' meeting containing comments and observations on our full-year audited financial performance.

Some Things Remain the Same

As a result of the most recent Executive Board elections, I am pleased to return to the familiar post of Vice President of Finance of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). In the 1995 Annual Report, I summarized my duties and responsibilities to the organization. I believe it would be helpful to review these once again.

As Vice President for Finance, I am responsible for the financial statements and internal financial controls of the organization. This includes several activities. The V.P. Finance participates with the Executive Director and office staff in preparing the budget for approval, first by the Executive Board and then by the Delegates. This includes the recommendation of a dues increase if the projected financial picture so dictates, as it clearly does for FY 2003.

The V.P. Finance recommends hiring or retention of a qualified firm to audit the financial statements of the USCF in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Our present auditing firm, Nugent and Haeussler, P.C., is wrapping up their second year as our independent auditors. They seem to have gained a thorough understanding of the underlying nature of USCF transactions, and remain helpful to staff and the Executive Board in addressing key financial issues. Our contract with Nugent and Haeussler includes the generation of a Management Letter (Internal Control report) and preparation of the relevant tax returns. I review the audited financial statements and participate with the Executive Director and the auditors in the review of, and appropriate response to, the Management Letter.

The V.P. Finance is responsible, in conjunction with the Life Member Assets Committee, for the Life Member Assets (LMA) Account. The LMA Committee was chaired this year by Stan Booz, a Pennsylvania C.P.A. His full report is presented elsewhere in the *Delegates' Call* (p.47). Additionally, the V.P. Finance provides oversight regarding the Pension Plan, Professional Players' Health and Benefit Plan, Long Term Debt and current credit facilities, including a working capital Line of Credit. At present, the available line of credit is \$300,000, with \$180,000 outstanding as of May 31, 2002. This oversight includes the design of investment strategies consistent with the goals of each individual account.

The V.P. Finance reviews internal procedures for purchasing, payment of vendors, collection of accounts receivable and selection of products for resale on an ongoing basis. In this connection, I also review office expenditures, such as capital equipment, repairs, renovations, major equipment leases, etc., and act as financial advisor to the senior staff on major contract, purchase and lease decisions. Finally, I

routinely review and approve the expenses of the Executive Director and volunteers, including members of the Executive Board.

With this bit of background, I hope the following discussion will make some sense.

Some Things are Different

I started my new term as an Executive Board member in August, already two months into the fiscal year. I am grateful to my predecessor as V.P. Finance, Jim Pechac, for passing on his notes and records, which have proved invaluable in assessing our progress over time as well as our current financial position.

The Executive Board and Delegates were presented with audited financial statements for 2001 in Framingham, MA, which showed a decrease in net assets for the year of \$144,611 and a cumulative negative balance in Net Assets of \$642,895. This deficit included \$191,722 of unrealized depreciation of LMA investments. The Delegates approved a balanced operating budget for FY 2002 with a razor-thin bottom line.

Obviously, a slight deviation off course would spell disaster.

Sure enough, when the Executive Board met in New Windsor in October, we were presented with a disastrous financial picture. The operating statements showed an un-audited operating loss of more than \$160,000 for the four months ending September 30, 2001. Our Director of Finance, Jeff Loomis, left the organization at the end of October. The Executive Director, George DeFeis followed by announcing his resignation, effective January 31, 2002.

Meanwhile, Management was advocating a complete outsourcing of our long established and financially profitable books and equipment business. Drastic expense cuts were required, including the trimming of *Chess Life* to 52 pages and elimination of two issues of *School Mates*.

The Executive Board called upon the volunteer services of incumbent U.S. Chess Trust President, Frank Niro, to step in and assume the role of Interim USCF Executive Director. In Frank, we were very fortunate to find a competent and experienced manager with a strong financial and accounting background. Fortunately, he also possesses the personality to heal some of the longstanding interpersonal wounds that could have significantly impeded any meaningful progress toward recovery.

A Positive Turn

As of November 30, 2001, the cumulative operating loss for the first six months of the year increased to more than \$235,000. To make matters worse, the LMA investments were suffering the extreme effects of the 9/11 stock market sell-off and were down \$128,863 for the year, as of the most recent date of record at the time (October 31). Financial disaster loomed large.

The expense cuts made earlier in the year by the new Executive Board began impacting the financial statements in a positive way in December. Despite an increase in unfilled backorders to a high of \$149,000 in mid-December, holiday catalog sales and a successful national scholastic tournament in Dallas helped the month of December show a \$47,000 gain, reversing the trend of losses incurred during the first six months of the year. Meanwhile, the stock market bounced back (somewhat) resulting in the year-to-date (six months) unrealized investment loss declining to \$62,835 as of December 31, 2001.

There was still a long way to go but the direction had been reversed.

Line of Credit

One of the essential ingredients to recovery was the re-establishment of a short-term credit facility, or Line of Credit (LOC). The previously existing LOC was 'called' by the bank in June 2001. Without access to working capital, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to free up shipments from vendors to fill customer backorders and purchase inventory for future concession and catalog sales. In January, the Executive Board granted approval for a \$300,000 LOC from KeyBank. Management began utilizing the LOC on February 1.

Unlike the previous Line of Credit, which was effectively collateralized by all of the business assets of the USCF, including the land and building, the new LOC was collateralized by a much narrower range of assets. These included \$120,000 in compensating cash balances to be kept on deposit at KeyBank, plus \$180,000 of net investments (using a 60% ratio) held on our behalf by Oberweis Investments. The investments are unspecified and there is no restriction on the trading of those investments. As a practical matter, they are only pledged to the extent that our LOC balance exceeds \$120,000 at any given point in time. For example, as of 5/31/02, the amount of investments exposed by the LOC is \$60,000 since the outstanding balance in the LOC at that date is \$180,000.

It is important to note that the land and building in New Windsor are not pledged as collateral on any debt. The fair market value of the property, based on the most recent appraisal (July 2001), is approximately \$600,000. Our bank has already acknowledged that a \$450,000 mortgage on the property is financially feasible, if required.

There is a covenant in the LOC agreement that requires a total liquidation for 30 consecutive days in each calendar year. This requirement was met for 2001 (January 1-30) so it will not be necessary to repay the LOC in full again until December 2003.

Books and Equipment Sales

The Executive Board was faced with the major dilemma in October of choosing whether to outsource sales of books and equipment and, if so, to whom. Three potential outsourcing partners were considered. Each option, including staying in the books and equipment business, contained advantages and disadvantages.

In the end, with the creative guidance of our Interim Executive Director, we combined what we felt were the best aspects of all options. We decided to maintain a core group of products, financially feasible in terms of required inventory levels. We entered into strategic partnerships with multiple partners, including ChessCafe.com and its principal, Hanon Russell, and Chess & Bridge of London, Ltd., led by IM Malcolm Pein.

With respect to concession sales, after 'partnering' with Mr. Russell at the USATE in Parsippany, NJ, in February, we achieved record sales at all four Spring events: the National Open in Las Vegas (March), the National High School Championships in Louisville (April), the National Elementary Championships in Portland (April) and the national Junior High School Championships in Milwaukee (May). In these four tournaments, the USCF generated nearly \$200,000 in sales

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u># PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>SALES VOLUME</u>	<u>SALES PER PLAYER</u>
Las Vegas NV	National Open	700	\$50,114	\$71.59
Louisville KY	National HS	1,434	\$40,501	\$28.24
Portland OR	National Elementary	2,138	\$68,093	\$31.85
Milwaukee WI	National Jr. High	1,458	\$39,155	\$26.86
Total - three scholastic tournaments		5,030	\$147,749	\$29.37
Total all four tournaments		5,730	\$197,863	\$34.53

to more than 5,000 participants.

Following is a summary of concession sales at the National Open and three spring scholastic tournaments:

Back orders have been reduced significantly since the beginning of the calendar year. From a high of nearly \$150,000 at Christmas, there remain fewer than \$20,000 of back orders at the end of the fiscal year.

A five-year membership comparison shows the following:

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Life	10,615	10,554	10,482	10,438	10,448
Regular Adult	25,120	26,487	27,593	28,529	29,418
Senior	3,235	3,299	3,349	3,453	3,622
Sustaining	432	513	600	691	757
Youth	11,682	12,040	12,506	12,129	11,330
Scholastic	37,367	33,999	30,541	27,675	28,097
Internet	264	95	0	0	0
Other Individual	567	969	1,038	1,245	1,257
TOTAL PAID	89,282	87,956	86,109	84,160	84,929
Reg. Affiliates	693	758	689	739	782
School Affiliates	1,148	1,340	1,465	1,365	1,475
CL Subscribers	1,093	922	850	884	857
Other Categories	446	516	499	705	643
TOTAL	92,662	91,492	89,612	87,853	88,686

Our new catalog, published as part of the June 2002 issue of *Chess Life*, clearly demonstrates our renewed commitment to a viable and profitable books and equipment effort.

Membership and Dues

Scholastic memberships continue to be the biggest source of new members. Regular adult members continue to decline at the rate of approximately 100 per month. Overall, we achieved new annual highs in both paid members and total memberships.

Nevertheless, it is clear that with increases costs of doing business, especially printing and mailing of *Chess Life* and *School Mates*, a dues increase is imperative at this time. Regular Adult dues have not increased since 1996. We cannot sustain our current level of services without a dues increase. Furthermore, as I have stated many times in the past, we should not be operating with a zero or negative bottom line. It is prudent to set aside at least 2%, in my opinion, from each year's operations, for one of my favorite topics - the Discretionary Budget Line Item. Finally, any dues increase should contemplate the needs, not only in the coming year, but in all future years before it can be reasonably expected to implement another dues increase.

As far back as 1996 (and prior) I advocated for such a discretionary budget line item in the annual budget. It is unreasonable to expect a multi-million dollar operation to manage to complete a fiscal year

within pennies of a break-even budget. As has been seen in recent years, it is too close to the edge. The budget needs to have some built-in slack. The last thing we need is to commit to spending money we don't have. Our reserves have been substantially depleted by such an approach in the past. There are two ways this can be achieved. One is to plan for a year-end surplus and the other is to build in a Discretionary Budget Line Item. The difference, either way, is semantics. The important substantive goal needs to be realized.

The Executive Director and senior staff members, through their budget planning proposals, are recommending a 2% discretionary line item for FY 2003. I fully concur. Basically, it will challenge the professional staff and Executive Board to manage revenues and expenditures within 2% of budget. This will help mitigate shortfalls in revenue projections and will allow the Executive Board some latitude to pursue opportunities that were not apparent when the budget was drafted. Of course, this does not obviate the need for management to provide full explanations for all significant line item variances. But it does make it more difficult for the USCF to continue spending beyond its means.

In addition to the above, I am convinced that it would be beneficial to reinstate commissions to affiliates for collecting and processing of USCF memberships. If this is accomplished, the additional revenue needed will have to be built into the revised dues structure.

I am in agreement with the dues structure proposed by the Executive Director. It is presented in Advanced Delegate Motions ADM 02-10, ADM 02-11 and ADM 02-12 shown elsewhere in the Delegates' Call (pp. 17 & 18).

Advertising

One of the actions taken by the new Executive Board was to roll back advertising fees, including Tournament Life Announcements (TLAs). We are disappointed that advertising revenues have not returned to prior levels.

Following is a comparison of TLAs received for *Chess Life* in the first three calendar months of the last four years:

# of TLAs	January	February	March	Total
1999	436	394	379	1,209
2000	396	400	316	1,112
2001	184*	*	161	345
2001	167	190	197	555

* = The January/February 2001 issue of *Chess Life* was a combined issue.

Life Membership Reporting

Reporting of Life Membership accounting transactions has been a topic of discussion since at least 1986. Significant Delegates' motions on the subject were passed in 1986 and 1994. Our goal has been to report Life Memberships in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles while, at the same time, setting aside sufficient funds to generate a stream of revenues to operations each year in support of life member services.

Our new Executive Director, our legal counsel (Mike Matsler), our accounting firm (led by audit partner, Mark Levy), our bank, and our vendors have individually and collectively challenged us to rethink the way we address our financial reporting for life memberships in future fiscal years. Accordingly, I will be recommending to the Delegates that a special task force, to include myself, the chair of the LMA Committee, the chair of the Finance Committee, the Executive Director, and one or two others be appointed to re-examine current accounting principles

and financial reporting options with the goal of implementing needed changes as soon as practicable.

Cost Accounting

Because of internal systems limitations, there has been a glaring lack of availability of meaningful cost data to assist the Finance Committee, Executive Board and Delegates in determining the true cost of providing services to our members by revenue center and class of membership. A major initiative of the coming year will be to enhance the systems to the extent necessary to provide such information accurately and on a timely basis.

Conclusion

Under the leadership of President John McCrary, we have begun to address the key factors that led to a financially disastrous first part of the fiscal year. We are firmly back in the books and equipment business and our cash flow is under control.

One final area worth noting is Accounts Payable. During the past year, some vendors waited up to six months to collect from USCF. Total Accounts Payable climbed over \$600,000 for several weeks this past fall and winter. I am happy to report that we have ended the year with slightly over \$300,000 in Accounts Payable and no vendor bills older than 60 days outstanding.

Following is a summary of Accounts Payable for the last six months of the fiscal year:

November 30, 2001	\$600,776
Peak - early December 2001	654,000
December 31, 2001	507,051
January 31, 2002	488,062
February 28, 2002	474,423
March 31, 2002	315,795
April 30, 2002	212,516
May 31, 2002 (estimated)	320,000

* = The increase in May recognizes the increase in purchases in anticipation of sales through the new summer catalog.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding dedication and support of the rest of the members of the Executive Board: John McCrary, Frank Brady, Steve Shutt, and Bob Smith; as well as Doris Barry and Helen Warren, who did an outstanding job serving in difficult circumstances through December 31, 2001. The staff at the office in New Windsor, led by Interim Executive Director Frank Niro, Finance Director Linda Legenos, who stepped in ably after the departure of her predecessor, and Managing Director of Operations, Judy Misner, made the required changes happen. Special thanks also go to Steve Doyle and the other members of the Finance Committee, Stan Booz and the LMA Committee stalwarts as well as to our investment advisor, Jim Oberweis.

I look forward to another year working with the Board, the Executive Director and you, the Delegates. We all continue to welcome your ideas and constructive criticism. Feel free to e-mail me or call anytime [fcararatta@mindspring.com; 256-858-8070]. Together we face many new and exciting challenges in the coming year. But none, so far, that can't be overcome with the cooperative efforts of our paid professional staff and our outstanding volunteers.

Frank Camaratta
Vice President, Finance
U.S. Chess Federation



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(NOTE: For tax purposes \$5 will represent the value of the book.) For \$50, you become an Associate; a \$25 contribution makes you a Contributor. Names of Associates and Contributors are published in Chess Life. ***First-time donors will receive an Official Chess Trust Pin upon request.**

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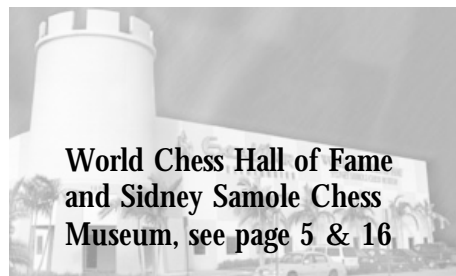
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**World Chess Hall of Fame
and Sidney Samole Chess
Museum, see page 5 & 16**

U.S. CHESS TRUST REPORT



by Chairman Harold J. Winston

The big news this past year was the Grand Opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum in Miami on December 15-17, 2001. Trust VP for the Hall of Fame Shane Samole and Museum Executive Director Al Lawrence organized beautiful events including a live chess game by the Florida Renaissance Society during which each capture led to a mini-battle between the capturing and captured pieces. Trustee Jim Eade helped reenact

the famous Paris Opera House game played by Paul Morphy. Monday night a dinner featured GMs Byrne, Bisguier, Denker, Kavalek, Mednis, and Albur, the Capablanca family, FIDE Treasurer David Jarrett, Honorary FIDE President Florencio Campomanes, and three past USCF Presidents: Don Schultz, Bob Smith, and Harold Winston. I spoke at both the grand opening and the dinner and noted the contributions of current and former Trustees, notably the late Sid Samole, Shane Samole, John McCrary, Frank Niro, and Steve Doyle to making the museum a reality. Five trustees attended the opening in person: Shane Samole, Frank Niro, Arnold Denker, Jim Eade, and myself. More would have been present except for the change of date from October to December as a result of the 9-11 tragedies.

The museum itself is a delight. When I visited it I saw many children enjoying the exhibits and the computers. The opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Museum is truly a grand step forward for chess in this country. Tremendous work by Shane Samole and Al Lawrence has led to the museum raising \$280,000 in its first year. In addition the Samole family had donated about \$300,000 for acquisition of artifacts. Once more credit should be given to David Mehler and the National Chess Center for housing our Hall of Fame for many years before the Museum could become a reality.

Also in December the University of Texas at Dallas held the Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education, co-sponsored by the Trust, concurrent with the National K-12 Championships. This was a quality event with many thoughtful presentations. Besides giving a paper on the Trust, which co-sponsored the event, I had two working lunches with Steve Herx of Chess in the Schools and with John Jacobs of Dallas Chess in the Schools. I also had a breakfast meeting with the Scholastic Council where we discussed how the Trust could best support scholastic chess. One suggestion was continuing to build up the highly successful Denker Tournament of High School Champions, set up by Trustee Arnold Denker. Another was to publish a book with a curriculum for teaching chess in the schools. I am committed to having a close relationship between the Trust and the Scholastic Council. While I was unable to attend the full conference because I had to fly to Miami for the museum opening, I was fascinated by Steve Herx's presentation on using chess problems to illustrate historical events and learned a lot from presentations about scholastic chess development in Portland and Dallas, the great

college chess program of the University of Maryland Baltimore County and from Dr. Robert Ferguson's overview of chess and education research.

One more special project was the Trust's adopting the program conceived and implemented by Richard Jackson of Connecticut for distributing free chess sets and boards to children who lost a parent in the 9-11 disaster. Rich deserves great credit for initiating this project which the Trust supported.

I am glad to report our annual appeal was mailed earlier than last year and was more successful. For the future it remains vital that we receive USCF's annual request for financial support earlier so the Trust can do better financial planning. We appreciate that the Executive Board consulted with the Trust before the appointment of Joe Ippolito and Myron Lieberman as our newest Trustees.

At the suggestion of the Wisconsin Chess Association the Trust set up a moderate program of assistance for state chapters wishing to attend educational conventions in their state.

We continue to support providing chess equipment to schools nationwide.

Working Together For Chess

I want to thank all our Trustees for their help and their work: Harold Dondis (MA), Frank Niro (NY), Pete Nixon (MI), Shane Samole (FL), GM Maurice Ashley (NY), GM Arnold Denker (FL), Steve Doyle (NJ), and Jim Eade (N.CA). We welcome Myron Lieberman (AZ), Joseph Ippolito (NJ) and Dr. Leroy Dubeck (NJ) as our newest Trustees. Frank Niro has been doing double duty this year as both Trust President and as USCF Interim Director. Steve Doyle has served as Trust Treasurer. This has been another tough year in the stock market, and the Trust thanks former trustee Jim Oberweis (IL), who handles our investments. The Trust greatly appreciates the outreach efforts of Rachel and Myron Lieberman, including corporate solicitation mailings. We appreciate the assistance of President Frank Niro and Assistant Secretary Barbara Vandermark. In addition, at the initiative of Frank Niro, former Trust Assistant Secretary Barbara DeMaro was hired as a part time consultant to keep the Trust records up to date and help prepare financial statements. Barbara D. has a long time history helping the Trust and is working on including the Trust in more state charity campaigns.

Former Chairman Harold Dondis continues to provide wise counsel and was elected Chairman Emeritus of the Trust at our 2001 annual meeting in recognition of all he has done for the Trust over many years.

The Trust works in public and everyone is welcome at our annual meeting at the U.S. Open at the Cherry Hill Hilton, in New Jersey, close to Philadelphia, on Thursday August 1, 2002. Feel free to contact me at 904 Royal Blackheath Court, Naperville, IL 60563. Tax-deductible contributions should be made out to U.S. Chess Trust and sent to the USCF office in New Windsor, attention Barbara Vandermark. I thank all our contributors over the last year.

Left: The World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Chess Museum opening was a great success. GM Arthur Bisguier studies a move in front of the museum.



BOARD ACTIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

The following motions were presented through objections procedure:

EB 02-40: (Board): "The US Chess Federation informs Grandmaster Robert J. Fischer that, because of his deplorable public remarks in support of terrorist actions, his right to membership in the United States Chess Federation is cancelled. The Interim Executive Director is asked to write to FIDE and to the US Chess Trust about this action and about the public remarks of Mr. Fischer, with a request that those organizations join the USCF in condemnation of Mr. Fischer's remarks." **PASSED BY THE OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE**

EB 02-41: (McCrary): "The Executive Board rescinds EB 01-123, pertaining to the Alaska matter." **PASSED BY THE OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE**

EB-42: (Board): The Executive Board has approved the following awards for 2002. Where there are multiple winners in a category, names are listed alphabetically.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: Randall Hough and Rachel Lieberman.

OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT: Robert Ferguson, Jerry Hanken, and Carol Jarecki.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE: Joe Ippolito, Ollie LaFreniere, and Beatriz Marinello.

SPECIAL SERVICE: Dewain Barber, Ralph Bowman, Mark Glickman, Al Lawrence, and Mike Nolan.

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR: FIDE Advisory.

GM OF THE YEAR: Larry Christiansen.

FRANK J. MARSHALL AWARD: GM Lev Alburt.

ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR: Yasser Seirawan and the America's Foundation for Chess (Formerly the Seattle Chess Foundation).

KOLTANOWSKI GOLD MEDAL: Floyd and Bernice Sarisohn and Dato' Tan Chin Nam.

COLLEGE OF THE YEAR: University of Maryland at Baltimore County, St. Johns University, and Rhode Island College.

CHESS CITIES OF THE YEAR: Miami, FL; New York City; and Seattle, WA.

HONORARY CHESSMATES: Madge Byrne.

CLUB OF THE YEAR: Metrowest Chess Club (MA).

**PASSED BY THE
OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE**

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2002 CHESS IN EDUCATION SEMINAR

CHERRY HILL HILTON Tuesday, July 30

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Hanon Russell Building and Maintaining a Chess Website
11:00 to noon	Fernando Moreno Teaching Life Skills through Chess
noon to 1 p.m.	LUNCH
1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Cindy Hawkinson Encouraging Girls to Play Chess
1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	Stephen Shutt topic to be determined
2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Javier Pinedo topic to be determined

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

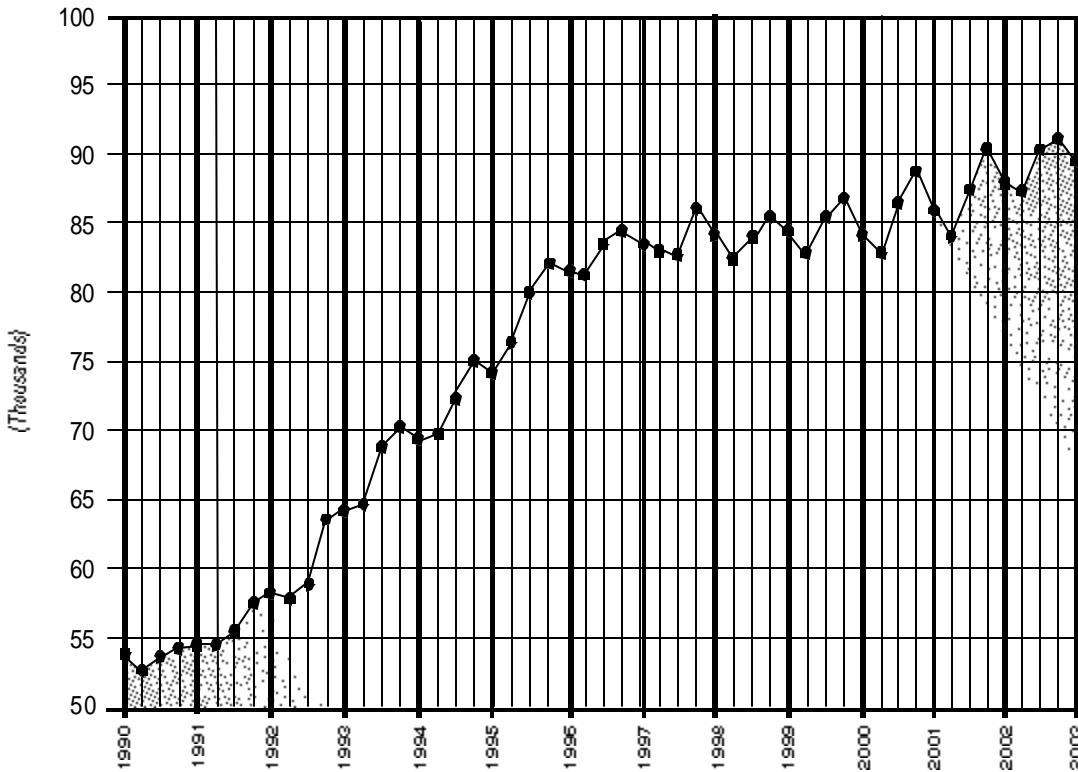
Hanon Russell is the founder and proprietor of Russell Enterprises and the internationally renowned chess website www.chesscafe.com. Fernando Moreno is a counselor for the Montgomery County, Maryland Public School System and the author of Teaching Life Skills through Chess. Senior tournament director Cindy Hawkinson is a professional chess teacher with the Gilbert Public School System. Stephen Shutt is the Vice-President of the United States Chess Federation and the coach of the national champion Julia R. Masterman chess team. Javier Pinedo is a full-time chess teacher at Rowland Hall and the Vice-Chair of the Chess in Education Committee. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING 2002 U.S. OPEN, SEE PAGES 3, 56, 66 AND 67 OF THIS ISSUE OF DELEGATES CALL.

VOLUNTEER EXPENSE REPORTS

Paid during the period (Fiscal year ending 5/31/02)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Tim Redman	Executive Board	\$2,096.95
James Pechac	Executive Board	\$212.35
Doris Barry	Executive Board	\$1,118.94
Joe Ippolito	Executive Board	\$416.99
Helen Warren	Executive Board	\$821.54
Frank Camaratta	Executive Board	\$764.12
Pat Hoekstra	Committee	\$324.17
Beatriz Marinello	Committee	\$392.55
Frank Niro	Chess Trust Board	\$2,309.12

Total Paid Members From 1990 to 2002



89,282

USCF TOTAL PAID MEMBERS

Darkened lines mark the beginning of fiscal years on July 1. The thin lines between the dark lines mark the start of new quarters: October 1, then January 1, then April 1. Beginning Fiscal 1998, darkened lines mark the start of fiscal years on June 1. Subsequent quarters will be September 1, December 1, and March 1. All years exclude tournament members and Junior Tournament Players.

World Chess Hall of Fame & Sidney Samole Museum Members

The contributors listed below made the opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum in Miami possible

Grandmaster Charter Members (top contributors)

Chess Collectors
International
Excalibur Electronics
FIDE (World Chess
Federation)
U. S. Chess Federation
U.S. Chess Trust
Frank Camaratta
John McCrary
Shane Samole & Family
Floyd Sarasohn
Dato Tan

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Asfil Corporation Dewain Barber
Fred Bristol Jonathan B.
Crumiller E. Steven Doyle Jim
Eade Robert J. McCrary John
Mingos R. Palacios & Company
Stan Samole Steigman Family
Warren Family

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Kenneth Carr Dennis M. Doren
Escotet Family Lynne Foster-
Chapman Steven D. Goins Mike
Goodall Robert J. Kolvick Ben-
jamin F. Levene Robert F. Monta-
gue Bernice Newmark Jon
Nicodemus Lawrence G. Percival
Robert B. & Potter Family Norbert I.
Soltisiak Frank Tortorice, M.D.
RW Twombly-Ttee

Friend Charter Members (\$250 or more)

Rodrigo Alhambra Atlas
Packaging Inc. Phyllis Benjamin
Richard Benjamin Cyane Berning
Bowsher Family James Brotsos
Daniel I.A. Cohen Colonial Bank
Gary Colvin David Cook Edward
H. Covello John A. Curdo Mike
Donnelly James M. Donovan
Bobby G. Dudley Anthony D. Eaker
Randy Gertler Paul Goldstein
Daniel Gordon Roger W. Gotschall
Woodrow Harris Frank Harvey
John Henn Randall Hough
Roger Inglis James A. Kappus

Len Karabell William Kelleher
Frank A. Kempe III Michael
Kusen George Laven Michael
M. Leal Vernon Lewallen
Lieberman Family William E.
Lombard III James Matthews
Bruce Matzner Bruce Miller Lt.
Robert Mitchell Montague-
Tessler Family Martin Morrison
Richard Neopolitan Luke
Neyndorff Frank Niro Alan
Pawlow Steven Pawlow Marta
Perez Pine Crest Chess Club
Jon E. Quinn, M.D. Tim Redman
Regabulto Family Rod
Rowland Roger G. Ruckert
Dave Schloss Stephen D. Shutt
Kenneth Sloan Robert B. Tanner
Nathan A. Tarler Jane Taylor
Rodney Thomas Robert Trone
J. Lawton Wiggins Jr. Harold J.
Winston

Members (\$65-\$15)

Jacob Abraham Julio E. Amado
Gerald Aponte Leonard Ask-
owitz Karel Bagar Isaac Brail
Gus Cabrera Capablanca
Family Carter Family Jacob

Chames Cubillos Family
William Dennis Mauritz Dykhoff
Perry & Janet Ecksel Christina
English Carl Fennell James
Ferraiuolo Todd Fisher
Ricardo Garcia Gregory Goellner
Lou Gonzales Ralph Hall
Robert Hupf Jr. Alex Kama-
reddine Maday Kennedy
Gregory Kimmel Diona Lawrence
William Lledo William
Loomis Ray Lopez Angelo
Lopez David Mehler Fred
Miller Manuel Peña Richard
Phillips Ross Pivnik Richard
Prager Pooran Ramdeo Jake
Roberts Raymond Rodriguez
Marvin Rogan Jeffrey Roth
Josh Salter Allan G. Savage
Stacey Schmidt Jonathan Slifka
Robes St. Juste Chris
Stormont Gregory F. Terhune
Jorge Trejo Morgan Villanueva
Alex Carlton Williams Terron
Williams

*For more information
on the Chess Museum,
see page 5.*

ADVANCE AGENDA FOR THE 2002 USCF BOARD OF DELEGATES' MEETING CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY AUGUST 3-4, 2002

from the submissions of individual Delegates. The publication of any motion herein does not constitute an endorsement, agreement, or position of the USCF of anything included or implied in such motion.

CALL TO ORDER BY USCF

PRESIDENT JOHN MCCRARY

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

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. (Names to be filled in.)

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE DELAWARE AFFILIATE MATTER

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND STANDING RULES, AND APPOINT MENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

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

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

ADM 02-04 (*John McCrary, SC*): The Delegates approve the standing rules.

IV. IN MEMORIAM

have passed on.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2001 DELEGATES' MEETING

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

VI. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

ADM 02-06 (*Bob Smith, FL*): The Delegates certify the election of Executive Board members for the two unexpired terms ending in 2003.

ADM 02-07 (*Bob Smith, FL*): The Delegates certify the election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2002-2004 term.

VII. RATIFICATION

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.

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 in 2001-2002 and authorize their continuation.

VIII. REPORTS OF USCF OFFICERS AND STAFF

- A. Report of the President.
- B. Report of the Executive Director.
- C. Report of the Chairman of the US ChessTrust.
- D. Report of FIDE representatives and officers.
- E. Report of the *Chess Life* Editor.
- F. Report of the Vice-President for Finance.
 - 1. Report of the Finance Committee.
 - 2. Presentation of the planning budget for the fiscal year ending in 2003.

ADM 02-10 (*John McCrary, SC; Frank Camaratta, AL; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Brady, NY*): The Bylaws are amended as follows:

In Article III, Section (1), replace the values \$40, \$75, and \$109 with \$50, \$96, and \$136 respectively. Add the following sentences at the end of the section: "A computer may become an Adult Regular Member, but may not play in any event in which the organizer has determined that computers are not allowed. Any human player may legally refuse to be paired against a computer."

Amend Article III, Section (3), by replacing the words "upon payment of 33% of the regular membership rate" with "upon payment of \$18 for one year, \$34 for two years, or \$50 for three years."

The dues amounts specified in Article III, Section (1) shall be referred to as the regular membership rate for the purposes of these Bylaws.

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."

Sponsor's Rationale: The economic impact of this motion will be discussed as part of the budget discussion. There is discussion of possibly replacing *School Mates* with something else. The other provisions are intended to simplify the USCF membership structure by consolidating small categories, for the sake of record-keeping efficiency. The Economy membership (formerly named Internet) will allow members to purchase a membership without publication for a cheaper amount. The rates for these can be set without a Bylaws amendment.

ADM 02-11 (*John McCrary, SC; Steve Shutt, PA; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Brady, NY*): The Bylaws are amended as follows:

In Article III, Section (3), replace the words "upon payment of 33% of the regular membership rate" with the following: "upon payment of \$18 for one year, \$36 for two years, or \$54 for three years."

Sponsors' Rationale: This is an alternate proposal to the other dues ADM, for Delegate evaluation. Please note the ADM's for affiliate commissions given below. An important general issue will concern how to enhance services for scholastic members and the costs of doing so. This will impact which dues plan is selected by the Delegates.

ADM 02-12 (*John McCrary, SC; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Camaratta, AL; Frank Brady, NY*): The Executive Board is authorized to issue affiliate commissions as follows:

\$3, \$4, and \$5 for adult regular memberships of one-year, two-year, and three-year duration respectively.

b) \$3 for new scholastic or youth one-year memberships; \$4 for new two-year scholastic or youth memberships; and \$5 for new three-year scholastic or youth memberships. The affiliate commission for any renewing scholastic or youth membership will be \$2 less than the corresponding commission for each category of new scholastic or youth membership.

ADM 02-13 (*Steve Shutt, PA; John McCrary, SC; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Brady, NY*): The following affiliate commissions will be in effect for scholastic memberships: \$2 for one-year memberships, \$5 for two-year memberships; and \$10 for three-year memberships.

Sponsors' Rationale: The plans for affiliate commissions are being presented as companions to the respective dues proposals. The costs of services to be enhanced will be a factor in determining the best overall plan.

ADM 02-14 (*John McCrary, SC; Frank Camaratta, AL*): The Delegates authorize the Executive Board to employ an accounting firm.

ADM 02-15 (*Board*): The Delegates adopt the planning budget for the fiscal year ending in 2003 as presented by the Vice-President For Finance, with any amendments noted.

IX. DISCUSSION OF THE NEEDS OF THE USCF RULES

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws.

Ethics.

LMA Management Committee.

B. COMMITTEES WITH REPORTS PRINTED IN THE DELEGATES' CALL

C. OTHER COMMITTEES

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of members of the Life Member Assets Management Committee.
2. Election of members of the Ethics Committee.
3. Election of members of the Bylaws Committee.

ADM 02-16 (*Anthony Cottell, NJ; Denis Barry, NJ*): There shall be no further borrowing from the LMA assets, nor encumbering of the land and building, without specific approval of the Delegates at an annual or special meeting called for that purpose. (*Referred to the Executive Board, the LMA Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Bylaws Committee in 2001.*)

ADM 02-17/ DM 01-65 (*Denis Barry, NJ/AZ*): Glenn Petersen is named a Life Alternate Delegate. (Note: This passed by more than a 3/4 vote in 2001. It must pass again by at least 3/4 to take effect.)

ADM 02-18/ DM 01-70 (*Lawrence Cohen, IL*): As Article II, Section (1) of the USCF's Bylaws states: "The Federation shall cooperate with schools, colleges, hospitals, military bases, community centers, recreation departments, and other groups and institutions, in teaching chess, conducting tournaments, and other activities." It is proposed that the LMA (starting 01-01-02) contribute \$500 to the running of the U.S. Senior Open. (*This was referred to the LMA and Senior Committees in 2001.*)

ADM 02-19/DM 01-73 (*Bill Goichberg, NY; Myron Lieberman, AZ*): The Bylaws are amended as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members at Large, all elected for staggered terms of three years. Remainder of Section 1 is unchanged. Section 4. Nomination. After "thirty or more Voting Members" insert: "However, no incumbent member of the Executive Board who has served at least half of a three-year term shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, with the exceptions of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, whose occupants are eligible to serve one additional succeeding three-year term. The retiring President may not be elected to any office in the three years following his or her term as President, and no person may serve on the Executive Board more than nine consecutive years." Remainder of Section 4 remains unchanged.

Section 5. Election of Executive Board members. Replace “Each elector may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions.” with “Elections will be held on a three-year cycle: Year 1, President and Vice President. Year 2, Secretary and Treasurer. Year 3, Members at Large. Each Elector may cast one vote for each office, except that in the At-Large election, each Elector may cast up to three votes, and the three persons receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected.” Replace “The election of Executive Board members shall take place in odd-numbered years starting in 1999” with “The election of Executive Board members shall take place in 2003, and annually beginning in 2005.”

Section 6. Deleted.

Section 7. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for three years except as provided in Section 10 of this article.

Section 8. Duties. Replace “Vice President of Finance” with “Treasurer” in two places.

Section 9. Vacancies. If a vacancy shall occur on the Executive Board, it shall be filled by special election as described in Section 5 of this Article, except that a vacancy occurring less than five months before the next regular Annual Meeting shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Delegates at the next regular Annual Meeting. If the position of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President. If the positions of President and Vice President both become vacant, the Board shall elect the President from among its members.

ARTICLE X: TRANSITION FROM BYLAWS IN EFFECT PRIOR TO AUGUST 13, 2001

The Executive Board as described in the Bylaws in effect prior to August 13, 2001, shall continue to exist and function until the end of the Delegates' Meeting in 2003. In 2003, the President shall be elected for a two-year term, and the Secretary and Treasurer for three-year terms. The Vice President shall be elected by the Board from among its members for a two-year term. In 2005, the President shall be elected for a three-year term and the three Members-at-Large for two-year terms. In 2006, a regular cycle of elections for three-year terms shall begin: 2006 Secretary and Treasurer, 2007 Members-at-Large, 2008 President and Vice President, etc. *(This motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

DM 02-20 /DM 01-22: *(Jim Pechac, OH):* BUILDING REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION: The Delegates support a building repair and modernization plan for the New Windsor facility as the most practical means of maintaining the value of this LMA asset. The LMA Committee should actively work with Operations to have this work completed during fiscal 2002. At a minimum the following should be addressed: parking lot, pointing, ceiling tiles, carpeting, painting, lighting. *(This motion was referred to the LMA Committee for immediate action in 2001.)*

ADM 02-21/DM 01-84 *(Harold Winston, IL):* Amend Article VI, section (8) (President) effective the end of the Delegates' Meeting to read: “In case of a tie vote, the President, if he had

already cast his or her vote, may cast an additional tie-breaking vote.” *(This was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-22/ DM 01-85 *(Jerry Hanken, CA/S):* Refer the motion ADM 01-74, which was submitted by Eric Johnson (PA) and reads “The Delegates endorse the nomination and induction of Anthony E. Santasiere into the US Chess Hall of Fame, citing his accomplishments as a player, writer, and overall chess celebrity during the founding years of the U.S. Chess Federation.” to the Hall of Fame Committee. *(This motion was referred to the Hall-of-Fame Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-23/DM 01-87 *(Lawrence Cohen, IL):* Change the second line of Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws to read: “The Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer shall serve as non-voting members of the Executive Board with the right to debate and make motions, but without the right to vote.” *(This motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-24/DM 01-88 *(George John, TX; Myron Lieberman, AZ):* 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. *(This was referred to the Legal Task Force.)*

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. *(This was referred to the Internet Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-26/DM 01-96 *(Larry Cohen, IL):* 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.)*

ADM 02-27/DM 01-97 *(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.)*

XII. NEW BUSINESS

ADM 02-28 *(John McCrary, SC):* The Bylaws are amended by adding to Article V, Section (7), the following paragraph at the end: “Special Delegates' Meetings may be called by the President or by more than half of the members of the Executive Board, whenever an emergency of a fiscal or other nature requires Delegate consideration. Notice of the Meeting and its purposes

must be mailed to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates at least thirty days before the Meeting. The Special Delegates' Meeting has authority to take any action necessary to resolve the emergency circumstances, but does not have authority to take actions that are not pertinent to resolving the emergency. The quorum is the same as for the Annual Meeting. Delegates will be certified for a Special Delegates' Meeting in the same manner as is done for the Annual Delegates' Meeting, including the certification of Alternate Delegates, and the appointment and certification of names added to the list of Alternates, as is done for the Annual Meeting.

Sponsor's Rationale: This ADM and the one following were developed independently to address the same topic. Although similar, each contains distinct points. The Bylaws Committee will thus be asked to consider both ADM's and perhaps suggest a single substitute wording for both.

ADM 02-29 (*Harold Winston, IL, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee*): Amend Article V by adding the following section:

Special Meetings: Special meetings can be called by the President or by any four Executive Board members. The President chairs the meeting. A quorum shall consist of one-third of all Delegates present in person or by television conference at advance designated sites to be announced in the call of the meeting. The Secretary shall send each Delegate 30 days in advance, by e-mail, fax, or mail, a notice of the meeting and an agenda. The notice and agenda shall also be placed on the USCF website 30 days in advance. All Executive Board members shall have 7 days advance notice before the notice of meeting is sent. Items can only be placed on the agenda by the President or by any two other Executive Board members. Only items on the advance agenda can be dealt with at the Special Meeting.

Sponsors' Rationale: The current Bylaws wording about special Delegates' meetings is vague. Since travel may be difficult on such short notice television conferencing should be possible.

ADM 02-30 (*John McCrary, SC*): 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.

ADM 02-31 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): The following replaces USCF Bylaws Article VI, Section 8, Secretary:

Secretary. The Secretary shall approve and have input into the selection and engagement of a stenographic service and/or a stenographer to attend and record each meeting of the Executive Board. Within a week of receipt from the stenographic service of

any Executive Board meeting transcript, including transcripts of "special meetings" such as teleconference and Internet meetings, the Secretary shall forward the complete transcript in its original format to all other Board members. Within two weeks of receipt or eight weeks after the meeting whichever is less the secretary shall review the transcript, and post the original transcript minus "closed session" discussion of each Executive Board meeting on the USCF website. If any member wishes to pay for a hard copy of the transcript minus closed session, he or she may do so for the cost incurred by clerical and mailing. Other methods that produce a real time transcript may also be considered by the Secretary. In the absence of or the inability of the secretary to perform the duties of this office, another board member, other than the President, will perform the duties of preparing and distributing the transcripts and minutes of all forms of Board meetings.

ADM 02-32 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): A copy of the tape and a transcript of all conference calls 9/20/2001, 10/9/2001, 11/13/2001, 12/12/2001, and in 2002 prior to the 2002 Board of Delegates meeting will be prepared and distributed within four weeks after the 2002 Board of Delegates meeting to all Board members who participated in these calls. The transcript of these special meetings, minus "closed session" discussions, shall be posted to the USCF website within four weeks of 2002 Board of Delegates meeting.

ADM 02-33 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): At least once a month the USCF Executive Board Secretary shall review and update as needed the BINFO (US 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 those 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.

ADM 02-34 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): The office shall be responsible for maintaining a current record of all Delegates Actions of Continuing Interest on the USCF website.

ADM 02-35 (*John McCrary, SC*): Amend the USCF Bylaws by deleting Sections (4) and (5) of Article V, and replacing them with the following, numbered as Article, V, Section (4): "Appointment. Delegates and Alternate Delegates for each state shall be appointed by the State Chapter for that state. The Alternate Delegates must be submitted in an ordered list. Delegates and Alternate Delegates must retain their USCF memberships throughout their terms, and the State Chapter must be recognized by the USCF and be in good standing regarding its affiliate dues. Terms of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates begin on January 1 of each year and continue through December 31 of that same year.

Delete Article V, section (6) of the USCF Bylaws, and replace it with the following, to be renumbered as Section (5): "Vacancies. If a delegate dies or resigns during his term of office, or allows his USCF membership to lapse for more than two months, his position shall be vacant and shall be filled for the duration of his term of office by an Alternate Delegate from that state in accordance

with the ordered list. Vacancies in the position of Alternate Delegate for any state, including those resulting from the promotion of Alternate Delegate to Delegate, as well as those resulting from the same causes that produce Delegate vacancies, may be filled by the State Chapter for the remainder of the term for that Alternate Delegate, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate moves from the state which appointed him, he is deemed to have resigned the position unless the State Chapter indicates otherwise. Any Executive Board member who completes his term without re-election to the Executive Board, remains a Delegate until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates in the year following the completion of his Board term, except that if he has Delegate status for that period under another provision of these Bylaws, this provision shall not apply. Any former Executive Board member receiving Delegate status by the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not be a Delegate on the ordered list of any state, and shall not be replaced if his Delegate status becomes vacant. If a Delegate from a state is not present at any Meeting of the Board of Delegates, the ordered list of Alternate Delegates from that state is used to replace the Delegate for the duration of that Meeting. The President of the State Chapter or the senior State Chapter officer present at any Meeting of the Board of Delegates may add names to the end of the ordered list of Alternate Delegates for the purpose of seating Delegates for that Meeting. At the conclusion of the Meeting the regularly-appointed Delegates continue for the remainder of their terms.”

Renumber the remaining Sections of Article V appropriately.

Sponsor's Rationale: The SOMOV election of Delegates will become completely meaningless under OMOV, as Alternate Delegates no longer have special privileges. Virtually anyone who appears at a Delegates' Meeting can secure an appointment from some state, (many states have Delegate vacancies at the Annual Meeting) so there is no incentive to run for election for a position that can be achieved much more easily. In running the 2000 SOMOV election and consulting on the 2002 one, I have found that most states consider it to be a complicated redundancy to what they have done all along, since state nomination is nearly always tantamount to election. Most states have trouble following the SOMOV rules, which have become more complicated and impractical to implement. The election costs the USCF about \$6000. Persons become inactive during two-year terms, but new persons cannot replace them unless they resign formally.

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.”

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.”

ADM 02-38 (*Mike Nolan, NE; Frank Camaratta, AL*): Amend Article III of the Bylaws to add the following section: Section 18: Except for Life and Sustaining Memberships, USCF memberships may not be purchased for more than two years at one time and

USCF memberships may not be extended to expire more than three years from the date of the payment of dues.

ADM 02-39 (*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.

Sponsor's Rationale: These motions have all apparently or arguably been superseded, amended, or replaced by subsequent actions.

ADM 02-40 (*Bill Goichberg, NY*): 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 abandonment of regions. Passage of this motion would not require the re-establishment of Regional Vice Presidents.

ADM 02-41 (*E. Steven Doyle, NJ; Dr. Leroy Dubeck, NJ; James Eade, CA-N*): The Players Health and Welfare Fund shall be transferred immediately to the United States Chess Federation Charitable Trust.

Sponsors' Rationale: Should the USCF run into financial difficulties its creditors could attach all the funds in the Players Health and Welfare Fund.

ADM 02-42 (*Dr. Leroy Dubeck, NJ; James Eade, CA-N*): Replace the final sentence in Section C, Fourth, Namely “The trustees shall have no power to amend this Trust with respect to the procedure or power to fill vacancies in the trustees or to appoint or remove trustees except with the consent of the Policy Board (or its successor) of the United States of America Chess Federation.” By the following: “Additional trustees to the United States Chess Federation Charitable Trust shall be appointed by the Charitable Trust Board members, by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of the Charitable Trust.”

Replace the following portion of Section D, Fifth, Namely “The United States of America Chess Federation (USCF) may fill all vacancies created by the death, resignation, or incapacity of a trustee. The USCF may appoint further trustees in any calendar year equal to one third of the then existing trustees (including vacancies, open for less than one year, to be filled) existing at the commencement of the calendar year. For this purpose any decimal resulting from the calculation of one third of the trustees shall be treated as zero. The USCF may, upon written notice to the trustee, remove any trustee for violation of his duties as a trustee, or for any reason if the USCF gives the trustee two years prior written notice of its intent to remove said trustee and in fact removes such trustee by written instrument addressed to the trustee within six months after said prior written notice expires.” by the following: “The Trustees, by at least a two thirds vote of the entire Board of the Charitable Trust, may remove any trustee for violation of his duties as a trustee, or for any reason if the Board gives the trustee six months prior written notice of its intent to remove the trustee and in fact removes such trustee by written

instrument addressed to the trustee within six months after said prior written notice expires.”

Sponsors' Rationale: Should the USCF run into financial difficulties, creditors may be able to attach the Trust funds by arguing that the Trust is merely a subunit of the USCF since all Trustees are appointed, and may be removed by, the Executive Board. This ADM will make it much harder for creditors of the USCF to attach Trust assets.

ADM 02-43 (Mike Nolan, NE): Committee Chairs and others participating in workshops held in conjunction with the US Open and the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates are strongly encouraged to provide an advance copy of all handouts to the USCF office in electronic form. Such copies are to be made available on the USCF website, before the meeting where possible, along with all material being prepared by the USCF office for distribution at those workshops or for use at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Delegates. The USCF's auditor shall be contractually required to provide a copy of the certified audit, including all footnotes, schedules, supplements and opinions, in electronic form. (Such as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file.) The certified audit shall be made available on the USCF website when it is made available to Delegates. Copies of workshop handouts or other documents not submitted in advance should be gathered by the USCF staff during the workshops and Delegates Meeting and converted into electronic form so that they can be made available on the USCF website soon afterwards.

The above items are to be included in the Delegate Actions of

Continuing Interest.

ADM 02-44 (Mike Nolan, NE; on behalf of Bruce Draney, NE): 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.

ADM 02-45 (Larry Cohen, IL): Propose that all Grand Prix events be charged a flat \$5 fee.

Sponsor's Rationale: Even with a sponsor (corporate or non-corporate) the USCF still bears the costs of running and administering the Grand Prix. This fee would cover some or all of this cost.

ADM 02-46 (Denis Barry, AZ; Doris Barry, AZ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Herman Drenth, NJ; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Tim Redman, TX; Helen Warren, IL; Jim Warren, IL; George John, TX): The Delegates hereby reappoint Bill Kelleher to another term as FIDE Delegate, Jim Eade to another term as FIDE Zonal President, and nominate Steve Doyle to another term as FIDE Vice President.

Sponsors' Rationale: This team has worked effectively together and should continue to work on USCF's behalf in FIDE.

ADM 02-47 (Denis Barry, AZ; Doris Barry, AZ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ): USCF financial reports will be posted on the USCF Website on a quarterly basis.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE USCF MARKETING INITIATIVES CHECK OUT WWW.USCHESS.ORG FOR MORE INFO

- July 13, 2002 Downing Park, Newburgh, New York
- August 10, 2002 Fishkill, New York

- August 17, 2002 Amenia, New York

- September 7-8, 2002 Yonkers, New York
- September 21 Harlem, New York

- September 25-28 New York City, New York

- October 15-22 Long Beach, California

- October 19 Los Angeles, California

Daylong Simul with for a day of fun and festivities. USCF is sponsoring Hudson Valley Renegades Diamond Dig Baseball Game. Check out our web banner at www.hvrenegades.com World Peace Festival. Chess Simul, Music, vendors, food. Representatives from every country around the world come. The Cultural Festival Latino. Music, crafts, vendors, food, and fun. 2002 HEAF Chess Festival with GM Maurice Ashley and other celebrities, such as the NY Knicks, Joe Ausiano (Former NY Yankee), Dustin Diamond, Chris Botti, Michael Gladis and many others. USCF is partnering with USAopoly and the Daily News to produce a tournament for the under-18 crowd in New York. This is the official launch of the Yankees vs. Mets USAopoly Chess Game 49th National Girl Scout Convention. USCF is partnering with GamesParlor and American Chess Foundation. Celebrity Pro-Am Event with American Chess Foundation more details to follow.

Paid Display Ads published for the first four months of 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 in Chess Life Magazine.

Display	January	February	March	April	TOTAL
1999	28	26	26	18	98
2000	22	21	23	22	88
2001	18	0*	22	19**	59
2002	21	21	14	14	70

* combined January/February Issue ** includes ads that were sold in the catalog issue

BYLAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHESS FEDERATION

CURRENT THROUGH THE 2001 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING

New "OMOV" Bylaws scheduled to take effect 1/1/2003 are included as appendix A and are to be incorporated when appropriate.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation shall be the United States Chess Federation (USCF) also known as the United States of America Chess Federation, commonly known as U.S. Chess.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

SECTION 1. The purpose of the Federation shall be educational and instructional, to broaden and develop chess as art and recreation, as a significant element of culture in America. The Federation shall cooperate with schools, colleges, hospitals, military bases, community centers, recreation departments, and other groups and institutions, in teaching chess, conducting tournaments, and other activities. The Federation shall disseminate information through its publications and representatives, and the Federation shall select the official U.S.A. representatives in all international chess affairs. The Federation shall encourage and support chess programs for handicapped individuals and the participation of handicapped in chess activity, including, where feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by handicapped individuals in all chess competition.

SECTION 2. *The Federation is pledged:*

A. to operate exclusively for educational, recreational, and social welfare purposes;

B. that no part of its contributions, dues, or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, except that trophies or prizes awarded in the course of its educational and promotional program shall not be so construed;

C. that the Federation is not operated for profit and that neither principal nor income of any of its funds may be used in any attempt to influence legislation;

D. to promote the study and knowledge of the scientific game of chess;

E. to foster the development of players and to help those who seek to become masters;

F. to encourage the formation of chess groups, clubs, and associations;

G. to hold a tournament no less often than once every two years for the Chess Championship of the United States and to confer upon the winner of such tournament the title "United States Chess Champion"; and

H. to hold an open tournament every summer in the United States.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. *Regular Membership.* Any person may become a Regular Member of the Federation upon payment of \$40 dues for one year, \$75 for two years, or \$109 for three years. This may also be referred to as Full Adult Membership.

SECTION 2. *Youth Membership.* Any person under 20 years of age and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits his or her membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Youth Member of the Federation upon payment of 50% of the regular membership rate.

SECTION 3. *Scholastic Membership.* Any person under 15 years of age and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits his or her membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Scholastic Member of the Federation upon payment of 33% of the regular membership rate.

SECTION 4. *Special Membership.* A blind person may become a Special Member of the Federation upon payment of 25% of the regular membership rate.

SECTION 5. *Senior Membership.* A person who has passed his or her 65th birthday (and who is a resident of the United States or if he or she submits his or her membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Senior Member of the Federation upon payment of 75% of the regular membership rate.

SECTION 6. *Family Membership.* Any person may become a Family Member of the Federation upon payment of 50% of the regular membership rate, provided that a relative in the same household is a Life, Sustaining, Regular, Senior, or Special member. Any person under 20 years of age may become a Family Member of the Federation upon payment of 50% of the regular membership rate, provided that a relative in the same household is a Life, Sustaining, Regular, Senior, Special, Youth, or Scholastic member.

SECTION 7. *Life Membership.* Any person may become a Life Member of the Federation upon payment of \$850 dues. Any person age 65 years or older may become a Life Member by payment of \$425 dues, or one half of the Life Member rate then in effect. Any blind person may become a Life Member upon payment of \$210 dues. The Federation may require reasonable confirmation of eligibility from time to time as a condition to continuation of Life membership.

SECTION 8. *Sustaining Membership.* Any person may become a Sustaining Member of the Federation upon payment of dues equal to twice the current rate for Regular Membership plus a surcharge of \$15. After 10 such timely payments, a Sustaining Member becomes a Life Member, except that the rate for Sustaining Member automatically changes with each dues change for Regular Members.

SECTION 9. *Promotional Memberships.* In order to facilitate the development of membership promotion, the Executive Board may authorize special promotional membership terms and rates for limited periods of time to determine their feasibility by trial; such terms and rates shall be subject to review annually by the Board of Delegates.

SECTION 10. *Trial Memberships.* Any person who has never before been a USCF Member and who is a resident of the U.S. (or if he or she submits his or her membership through a USCF Affiliate) may become a Trial Member of the Federation upon payment of 75% of the regular membership rate for the first six months. A Trial Mem-

bership is renewable only once for an additional six months upon payment of 50% of the regular membership rate for the next six months.

SECTION 11. Prison Memberships. Any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution in the United States may become a Prison member upon payment of 25% of the regular membership rate.

SECTION 12. Rights and Privileges. Each Life, Sustaining, Regular, Senior, Special, Trial, Prison, and Youth member shall be entitled to receive a regular copy of *Chess Life*. Each Scholastic member shall be entitled to receive a regular copy of *School Mates*. Internet memberships' terms and dues shall be set by the Executive Director with the approval of the Executive Board. Each member shall be entitled to have his or her tournament play officially rated, to participate in the Annual Membership meeting, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership not herein enumerated. Members and Affiliates with mailing addresses outside the United States may be charged an additional fee to cover extra costs.

SECTION 13. Revocation of Membership. The Executive Board, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 14, may revoke or suspend the membership of any member for good cause. The USCF Ethics Committee may recommend suspending or revoking the membership of any person by applying the procedures established by the Board of Delegates in the USCF Code of Ethics.

SECTION 14. Revocation of Membership or Affiliation. In the event that the Executive Board shall revoke or suspend the membership of an individual or affiliate pursuant to Article III, Section 13, or Article VIII, Section 5, it shall, prior to taking such action, give to the individual or affiliate 30 days written notice of the proposed action. Within said time said individual or affiliate may submit in writing to the Executive Board reasons why such actions should not be taken. The Executive Board may thereafter, if it sees fit, act upon the written suggestion or set a date for a hearing to be held at or prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Federation, but before the meeting of the Board of Delegates. Any person or affiliate aggrieved by any action of the Executive Board may appeal to the Board of Delegates at the said Annual Meeting if the action is taken at the said meeting, or at the next meeting of the Board of Delegates. The Board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the action of the Executive Board. Only Delegates present in person may vote on any such appeal. If the Ethics Committee recommends the suspension or revocation of a member through application of the USCF Code of Ethics, the appeals procedure established in the Code of Ethics shall be applicable, and the remaining provisions of this section shall not be applicable to that case.

SECTION 15. Annual Membership Meeting. The President shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the membership, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open tournament, for the purpose of hearing reports and making suggestions to the Board of Delegates. Twenty-five members present in person shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary shall publish in *Chess Life* advance notice of the meeting. Participation and voting by members at the Annual Membership Meeting shall be limited to those members physically present. Participation through the use of conference telephone or other communications equipment shall not be permitted.

SECTION 16. Computer Registration. Computer owners may obtain a computer registration upon payment of 100% of the regular membership rate. A computer registration will allow computer own-

ers to enter their chessplaying computer in tournaments specifically designated for computer competition. Computers are not allowed to participate in regular USCF tournaments that contain the designation "NC" in the official announcement. USCF members have the option of refusing to be paired against a computer in any mixed computer-human competition. The registration fee entitles the owner to a subscription to *Chess Life*.

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

Article IV: Voting Members

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

SECTION 2. Definition. Any member residing in the U.S.A. who is 18 years of age or older on May 31 of an election year, is in a membership category that receives *Chess Life* magazine or is a Family Member, and whose membership is current through the end of a month in which an election is held, is a Voting Member. Family Members 18 years of age or older at the time of the election may request a ballot by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the USCF, 3054 US Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553, before May 20th of an election year. Family Members wishing to vote must furnish their date of birth to the USCF office.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DELEGATES

SECTION 1. Responsibility. The Board of Delegates is responsible for the management of the USCF. It shall formulate general policy, adopt the annual budget, and write the Bylaws.

SECTION 2. Number. The Board of Delegates shall be composed of the Executive Board members, the Delegates at Large, and 125 Delegates, apportioned among the states in proportion to their resident USCF membership as of November 1 of the year prior to Delegate elections, except that each state with thirty or more members must have at least one Delegate. Each state with 1000 or more USCF members must have at least two Delegates. In addition, any Executive Board member-elect who is not already a Delegate becomes a Delegate immediately upon certification of the election result.

SECTION 3. Alternate Delegates. There shall be 375 Alternate Delegates apportioned among the states in proportion to their USCF membership as of November 1 of the year prior to the Delegate elections, except that each state with 200 or more USCF members must have at least one Alternate Delegate, and each state with at least 400 USCF members must have at least two Alternate Delegates. All Life Voting Members under previous editions of these Bylaws shall automatically become Additional Alternate Delegates if they are not elected as Delegates.

SECTION 4. Nomination. Members may be nominated for Delegate from the state in which they reside by either submission of a nomination from the official State Chapter to the USCF Secretary postmarked on or before February of an Election Year, and/or by submission of a petition bearing the signatures of 10 USCF members

who are residents of their state postmarked on or before April 1 of an Election Year. State Chapters shall submit an ordered list of nominees and the ballots shall list the State Chapter nominees in that order; State Chapter nominees shall have a special symbol on the ballot and shall appear ahead of other nominees. A candidate petition may nominate only one candidate, who must consent to nomination by either signing the petition or by notifying the Secretary. State Chapters shall obtain the consent of all candidates they nominate.

SECTION 5. Election. Delegates and Alternate Delegates for each state shall be elected by the Voting Members of their state. Ballots for that purpose shall be included in an issue of *Chess Life* to be mailed prior to June 10 with ballots to be returned no later than July 20 of a year in which there is an election so that the ballots can be counted no later than August 1. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. Candidates shall be listed on the ballot with an indication of their willingness to serve as a Delegate if so elected, except that those elected as Delegates in either of the previous two election cycles but who were unable to serve at any of the regular Delegates meetings for which they were elected may not be so indicated. Candidates nominated by their state chapter shall be designated as such on the ballot.

Each State shall elect the designated number of Delegates and Alternates. An ordered list shall be created listing candidates in the order of votes received, highest first. From this ordered list a second list shall be made, consisting of a number of candidates equal to the total designated number of Delegates and Alternates, selected in order of the number of votes received, highest first, and ordered with those candidates who were indicated on the ballot as willing to serve as a Delegate ahead of those who were not so indicated, and then in order of votes received, highest first.

From this second ordered list, the designated number of Delegates shall be elected from the top of the list with the remaining candidates elected as Alternates. Once the list of Delegates and Alternates has been certified by the Board of Delegates (pending the breaking of any ties by the State Chapter as described below), any vacancies resulting from the death or resignation of an elected Delegate or Alternate shall be filled by the State Chapter as specified in Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws.

The ordered list of elected Delegates and Alternates will also serve as the initial ordered list for filling vacancies at the Delegates Meeting as specified in Article V, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

Delegates shall serve a term of two years commencing at the conclusion of the Delegates meeting at which their election is certified. Ties shall be broken by the President of the State Chapter in which the tie occurs. If the President of the State Chapter has not responded by October 1, or if the President is involved in the tie, the other officers in the State Chapter shall be contacted and asked to break the tie. The response received by November 1 from the highest ranking Officer (in order, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, members at large) shall break the tie. If no response is received, any other official contacts for the State Chapter as provided on their latest affiliate renewal shall be contacted and asked to break the tie. If no response is received by December 1, the tie shall be broken by the Executive Board. Candidates who receive no votes are not elected Delegates or Alternate Delegates. Elections for Delegates shall be held every even-numbered year starting in 2000. A member may not cast more than one vote for any person. Upon resolution of the Board of Directors of a State Chapter, communicated in writing to the USCF Secretary

prior to April 1 of an Election Year, a state may be divided into two voting districts for the purpose of ensuring geographic representation. The resolution must specify how the division is to be made and how many Delegates and Alternate Delegates will be allocated to each district. The allocation shall be roughly proportional to the USCF membership in each district. Only voters from a district can vote for the Delegates and Alternate Delegates from that district.

SECTION 6. Vacancies. If one or more Delegates from any state are not present or are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the ordered list of Alternate Delegates for that state is used to fill the Delegate vacancies for that meeting. The regularly elected Delegates continue in office for the remainder of their term. The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list of Alternates for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. If a Delegate dies or resigns during the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled for the duration of the term of office by an Alternate Delegate in accordance with the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate moves from the state of residence, that person shall be deemed to have resigned as Delegate unless the State Chapter indicates otherwise. Vacancies in the position of Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the term for that Alternate Delegate, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter. Any Executive Board member who completes his or her term without reelection to the Executive Board, remains a Delegate until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates in the year following the completion of the Board term, except that if he has Delegate status for that period under another provision of these Bylaws, this provision shall not apply. Any former Executive Board member receiving Delegate status by the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not be a Delegate on the ordered list of any state, and shall not be replaced if he dies or resigns the position. If no one is elected by a State, vacancies exist which can be filled by the State Chapter. To serve as a Delegate, an individual must have a current USCF membership as of the first day of the Delegates' Meeting.

SECTION 7. Annual Meeting. The President shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the Board of Delegates, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open tournament, for the purposes of hearing annual reports, installing officers, and considering other USCF business. A quorum shall consist of one third of the whole Board of Delegates present in person. The Secretary shall publish in *Chess Life* advance notice of the meeting and shall mail to each Delegate, between (30) and (40) days before the Annual Meeting, a notice of the meeting and an agenda. Only those certified as Delegates, including any Alternates who have been elevated to Delegate through the death or resignation of a Delegate, may submit motions for the advance agenda. Motions not having a Delegate present as a sponsor or co-sponsor when reached in the meeting shall be deferred to the end of the meeting. Chairs of Delegate-or Executive Board-appointed committees may submit motions on behalf of their committees. Sponsors are encouraged to add their rationale to Alternate Delegate Motions.

SECTION 8. Delegates at Large. Delegates at Large shall consist of the following:

A. All USCF Presidents who have served at least three consecutive

years, upon completion of their term and are so elected by a majority of the Board of Delegates.

B. Those individuals who have rendered distinguished service to chess and who are elected by at least a 3/4 vote of the Board of Delegates at two consecutive Annual Meetings by a motion on the advance agenda at both meetings. The number of individuals in this category shall not exceed twenty.

The term of the Delegates at Large shall commence at the Annual Meeting at which they achieve Delegate at Large status and continue for three more Annual Meetings. A Delegate at Large whose term is expiring or has expired may be elected to a new term.

1. SECTION 9. Electors The Electors consist of the Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Delegates at Large, and the elected Executive Board Members. The Electors are responsible for electing the Executive Board and for the removal and recall of the Executive Board members as specified in Article VI, Section 10.

Article VI: Executive Board

SECTION 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of seven members elected for staggered terms of four years. The Executive Director serves as a non-voting member of the Executive Board, with the right to debate and make motions, but without the right to vote. All Executive Board members are national officers of the USCF.

SECTION 2. Functions. The Executive Board shall manage the affairs of the Federation, including employment and other contracts, between meetings of the Board of Delegates and shall perform other duties as specified in these Bylaws. The Executive Board shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Delegates, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Board of Delegates. The Executive Board's direction to the staff shall generally be given by the USCF President.

SECTION 3. Meetings. The Executive Board shall meet at least twice per year, the day and place to be fixed by vote of that Executive Board. Special meetings, including telephone conference or Internet conference meetings, may be called by the President or upon the written request of any three members of the Executive Board. Reasonable efforts to notify all Executive Board members of the meeting shall be made by mail, fax, telephone, e-mail, or other means approved by the Executive Board. The minutes of the Executive Board shall be sent to all USCF Delegates and Alternate Delegates, and posted on the USCF's Internet web-site, within six weeks of each meeting. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the elected members of the Executive Board present in person or participating in a telephone conference call or Internet conference meeting. The affirmative votes of at least three different Executive Board members will be required to approve any action, as long as there are at least four members on the Executive Board.

SECTION 4. A USCF member shall be eligible for nomination to an elected office of the Executive Board upon submitting to the secretary by April 1, of an election year, his or her own valid petition containing the signatures of 100 or more voting members. Each candidate will submit his or her petition with no more than one candidate per petition. Candidates are required to make a statement of intent to serve, if elected by signing their own petition or submitting a statement of intent and willingness to serve if elected. No employee of the USCF is eligible to serve on the Executive Board. In contested elec-

tions for the Executive Board, a campaign statement of up to 110 words for each candidate will appear in the *Chess Life* issue published not later than June 15.

SECTION 5. Election of Executive Board Members. Between thirty and forty days before the announced Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates in each year in which a Executive Board election is to take place (referred to as an election year) the Secretary shall mail to every Elector a ballot for a secret mail vote, listing all duly submitted nominations. Each elector may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. These ballots shall be returned by mail to a post office box in the locality of the U.S. Open and must be received by the day on which the official vote count is held. The ballots shall be opened and counted by the Secretary and by tellers appointed by the Executive Board prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. Ties, if any, will be broken by a secret ballot vote at that years Delegates Meeting, taken at the time that election results are to be certified. The election of Executive Board members shall take place in odd numbered years starting in 1999.

SECTION 6. Election of Executive Board Officers. At an organizational meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Delegates' Meeting at which Executive Board election results are certified, the Executive Board shall elect among itself the following officers: President, Vice President, Vice President for Finance, and Secretary. The term of each officer shall be for two years, except that upon a vote of 2/3 of its membership, the Executive Board may at any time meet in person or by teleconference and elect new officers.

SECTION 7. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for four years except as provided in Section 10 of this article. The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for two years except as provided in Sections 6 and 10 of this Article. No individual shall serve more than eight consecutive years on the Executive Board. No person shall serve as USCF President more than four consecutive years.

SECTION 8. Duties

President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, Board of Delegates, and Executive Board carry out all requirements of these Bylaws, represent the Federation officially on occasion, and report annually to the Board of Delegates.

Vice President. The Vice President shall execute the duties of the President when the President is unable to serve and perform such other duties as are assigned by the Executive Board or the President on its behalf.

Vice President for Finance. The Vice President for Finance shall obtain records of the financial affairs of the Federation, report to the Board of Delegates, and counsel and assist the Executive Board on financial affairs. The Vice President for Finance shall review and have the right to comment on all financial reports, including all financial information presented in interim and annual reports, prior to publication and release.

Secretary. The Secretary shall approve and have input into the selection and engagement of a stenographic service and/or a stenographer to attend and record each meeting of the Executive Board. The

secretary shall review the transcript of each Executive Board meeting and post the transcript minus "closed session" discussion of each Executive Board meeting on the USCF website. If any member wishes to pay for a hard copy of the transcript minus closed session, he or she may do so for the cost incurred by clerical and mailing. Other methods that produce a real time transcript may also be considered by the Secretary.

Members at Large. Members-at-Large of the Executive Board shall have such other duties as are assigned by the Executive Board or by the President on behalf of the Executive Board or as prescribed by these Bylaws.

SECTION 9. Vacancies. If a vacancy shall occur on the Executive Board it shall be filled by special election as described in Section 5 of this Article, except that a vacancy occurring within five months before the next regular Annual Meeting shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Delegates at the next regular Annual Meeting.

SECTION 10. Removal and Recall. Elected members of the Executive Board are subject to removal through recall by Petition for Recall.

Petition for Recall. A Petition for Recall bearing the signatures of at least seventy five (75) of the electors may be filed with the USCF Secretary, except that a Petition to Recall the USCF Secretary shall be filed with the USCF President. Upon certification of the petition, timely notice of the recall shall be provided to the Electors by mail and the Executive Board Member who is subject to recall shall have no less than thirty days to communicate his or her views to the Electors. At the end of that period a recall ballot shall be mailed to the Electors providing for its return within 21 days to the Business Office. At the end of that period the ballots shall be opened and tabulated in the presence of three tellers, one appointed by the Executive Board member who is subject to recall, one appointed by the first available signer of a recall question, and one appointed by the other two tellers. If at least 250 ballots are received and at least 2/3 of those voting support recall, the Executive Board Member is recalled.

Article VII: Other Officers, Appointees, and Committees

SECTION 1. Officers appointed by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall appoint an Executive Director and a Publications Director. The Executive Board shall also give approval to the hiring of a chief financial officer (CFO) by the Executive Director.

SECTION 2. Duties of Appointees. The duties of Officers appointed by the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and other Executive Board appointees shall be set forth in written memoranda by the Executive Board. Copies of said memoranda shall be added to the minutes for dissemination to the Delegates.

SECTION 3. Committees The Board of Delegates shall appoint the following Standing Committees: 1.) Life Member Assets Management; 2.) Bylaws; 3.) Ethics.

The Delegates may appoint any other committees as needed. The Executive Board may appoint such subcommittees of the Board or committees as it deems appropriate.

SECTION 4. Counsel. Legal Counsel shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. Eligibility. None of the National Officers (including members of the Executive Board and Executive Director) shall be

officers of other sports organizations recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as a national governing body.

Article VIII: Organizational Units

SECTION 1. State Chapters. Every state (the District of Columbia being treated as a state for all Federation purposes and Northern and Southern California being treated as separate states for all Federation purposes) shall be entitled to have an affiliate designated as the State Chapter, provided that any state having more than 5000 members may have two state chapters divided along geographical lines. Credentials of affiliates applying for designation as State Chapters submitted before June 1 shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates with recommendations, if any, one month before the next Annual Meeting. Credentials submitted after June 1 shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates one month before the Annual Meeting of the following year.

SECTION 2. Functions. Each State shall guide the chess activity within the state in a manner that provides representation to all groups of chessplayers within its state. Each State Chapter shall nominate Delegates and Alternate Delegates as provided in Article V Section 4 of these Bylaws. Each State Chapter shall fulfill other responsibilities as the Board of Delegates may from time to time designate.

SECTION 3. Affiliates. Any organization of chessplayers may affiliate with the Federation upon payment of the fee of \$40 per year. Any organization of chessplayers who are exclusively scholastic players may affiliate with the Federation as a Scholastic Affiliate upon payment of the fee of \$40 per year. Any organization of chessplayers who are incarcerated in a penal institution may affiliate with the Federation as a Prison Affiliate upon the payment of the fee of \$15 per year. Affiliation does not constitute the affiliate as an agent of the USCF for any purpose.

SECTION 4. Rights and privileges. Each affiliate shall:

(a) receive a subscription to *Chess Life* except that scholastic affiliates shall receive a subscription to *School Mates*;

(b) be entitled to conduct USCF-rated tournaments in accordance with USCF tournament rules;

(c) be privileged to issue Federation memberships per Article III above, and to collect and forward to the USCF headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom.

SECTION 5. Revocation. The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 14, revoke or suspend the affiliation of any affiliate for good cause shown.

ARTICLE IX: SUNDRY BYLAWS

SECTION 1. Authority. These Bylaws have been adopted by the Delegates under the authority of the charter issued to the United States of America Chess Federation by the State of Illinois.

SECTION 2. Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates present at an Annual or a Special Delegates' meeting except that any proposal not specifically included in the Delegates' advance agenda shall require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

SECTION 3. Office. The registered office of the Federation shall be at such address in the State of Illinois as is designated by the

Executive Board.

SECTION 4. *International Affairs.* The Federation is the official U.S.A. unit of FIDE and shall be represented officially in all FIDE affairs by a Permanent Delegate appointed by the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. *Publications. Chess Life,* a periodical, or its successor publication, is designated an official publication.

SECTION 6. *Fiscal period.* The Fiscal period shall be the year ended May 31.

SECTION 7. *Fund Depositories and Disbursements.* All funds, other than Life Member Assets, shall be deposited in one or more federally insured depositories, or other vehicles approved by the Executive Board, disbursable only by withdrawal authorized by two or more of the following: President, Vice President for Finance, Executive Director, and such senior staff as the Executive Board shall designate. The Executive Board may authorize petty cash accounts, whose amounts may not exceed \$500 and disbursable only by check signed by one of the above, or any two employees approved by the Executive Board.

SECTION 8. *Accountants.* Early in each fiscal year the Executive Board shall engage properly qualified independent certified public accountants to review the Federation's accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The choice of accountants shall be subject to ratification by the Board of Delegates.

SECTION 9. *Encumbrance.*

A. No asset of the Federation may be encumbered without the approval of the Executive Board or Board of Delegates, except as provided in Section 10 below, and any mortgage, loan, or borrowing agreement must be signed by at least two of the following: President, Vice President for Finance, Executive Director. The Life Membership Assets funds may not be used to purchase real estate without approval of the Board of Delegates.

B. The building and land cannot be encumbered, liened, or mortgaged in any fashion without action by the Delegates at a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, except as provided in Section 10 below.

SECTION 10. *Life Member Assets Management.*

A. The Life Member Assets Management Committee (LMAC). The LMAC is responsible for managing the Life Member Assets. The LMAC shall consist of the Vice President for Finance and six others elected by the Delegates. The LMAC shall choose its own Chair and may appoint other committees to assist it in its work.

B. Borrowing of an aggregate of more than \$200,000 is possible only when:

1. The Executive Director certifies that there is a need for such borrowing.

2. The Executive Board approves of the borrowing.

3. The Life Member Assets Management Committee approves of such borrowing.

4. The total amount of borrowing above \$200,000 shall be limited to 40% of the current market values of the Life Member Assets.

5. A report shall be made to the Delegates in the Annual Report describing the funds borrowed and repaid during the past year.

SECTION 11. The Federation will publish an annual report within four months of the end of the fiscal year. The report will contain, among other things, a complete presentation of the audited financial statements.

SECTION 12. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers.* Each member of the Board of Delegates, national officer (hereinafter "officer"), and employee of the corporation now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all claims and liabilities to which he or she has or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such director, officer, or employee or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken, omitted, or neglected by him or her as such a director, officer, or employee; and the corporation shall reimburse each such person for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any such liability, provided, however, that indemnification shall be limited to cases in which such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal act or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; and provided further, however, that as a member of the Board of Delegates such a person shall only be indemnified for his or her acts or omissions at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Board of Delegates and not for any local or other activities.

To the extent that a director, officer, or employee of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

Any indemnification against any and all claims (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, or employee, is proper in the circumstances because he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Such determination shall be made (A) by the Board of Delegates by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit, proceeding, or claim, or (B) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

The right of indemnification herein above provided for shall not be exclusive of any rights to which any director, officer, or employee of the corporation may otherwise be entitled by law, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, or employee, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

The corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, or employee, or agent of the corporation, against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 13. *Ratification of Voidable Acts.* Any transaction questioned in any suit brought by any member on the grounds of lack of authority, defective or irregular execution, adverse interest of any director, officer, employee, or member, nondisclosure, miscomputation, or the application of improper principles or practices of accounting may be ratified before or after judgment by the Board of Delegates and, if so ratified, shall have the same force and effect as if

the questioned transaction had been originally duly authorized, and said ratification shall be binding upon the corporation and its members and shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned transaction.

SECTION 14. *Reliance on Records.* Each officer, member of the Board of Delegates, or employee shall in the performance of his or her duties be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or reports made to the corporation by any of its officials, or by an independent certified public accountant, or by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board of Delegates, or in relying in good faith upon other records of the corporation.

SECTION 15. *Parliamentary Authority.* The rules contained in

APPENDIX A - BYLAW CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT OMOV - TO GO INTO EFFECT 1/1/2003

DM01-11 ADM01-106 - Bill Goichberg (NY), Mike Nolan (NE) - The Bylaws are changed as follows:

ARTICLE IV: Voting Members

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

Section 2. *Definition.* Any member residing in the U.S.A. who is 16 years of age or older at the time of the election, and whose membership is current through the end of a month in which an election is held, is a Voting Member. Any member of any age who is a full adult, Sustaining or Life Member is also a Voting Member. Members not receiving *Chess Life* who are 16 years of age or older at the time of the election may request a ballot by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the USCF, 3054 U.S. Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553, before May 20 of an election year. Members not receiving *Chess Life* who wish to vote must furnish their date of birth to the USCF office. The ballot shall contain the signature of the voter certifying that the voter is eligible to vote.

ARTICLE V Section 9. Deleted

ARTICLE VI: Executive Board.

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

1. A valid petition containing the signatures of thirty or more Voting Members.
2. A filing fee of \$250 made payable to USCF.

No full-time employee of the USCF is eligible to serve on the Executive Board. The Secretary shall have advertised a call for nominations in the issue of *Chess Life* published no later than November 20 of the year prior to an election year and shall publish a list of all duly-submitted nominations in the issue published not later than April 10 of an election year.

Section 5. *Delegates' Meeting* Delete and Replace with: Election. Executive Board members shall be elected by the Voting Members. Ballots for that purpose shall be included in an issue of *Chess Life* to be mailed prior to June 10 with ballots to be returned no later than July 5 of a year in which there is an election so that the ballots can be counted no later than July 20. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. The ballot shall list all duly submitted nominations. Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. The ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent agency and counted by an independent agency or

the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be used at all meetings of the membership, Board of Delegates, Executive Board, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules which have been adopted.

SECTION 16. *Eligibility for International Competition.* Eligibility criteria for international competition may not be more restrictive than the eligibility criteria established by the internationally recognized Chess Federation.

SECTION 17. *Non-Discrimination.* Participation in chess shall be open to athletes, coaches, trainers, team captains, managers, seconds, and analysts without discrimination.

by the Secretary or his or her designee and by tellers appointed by the Executive Board prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. Ties, if any, shall be broken by a secret ballot vote of the Delegates present in person at that year's Delegates meeting, taken at the time that election results are certified. The election of Executive Board members shall take place in odd-numbered years starting in 2003.

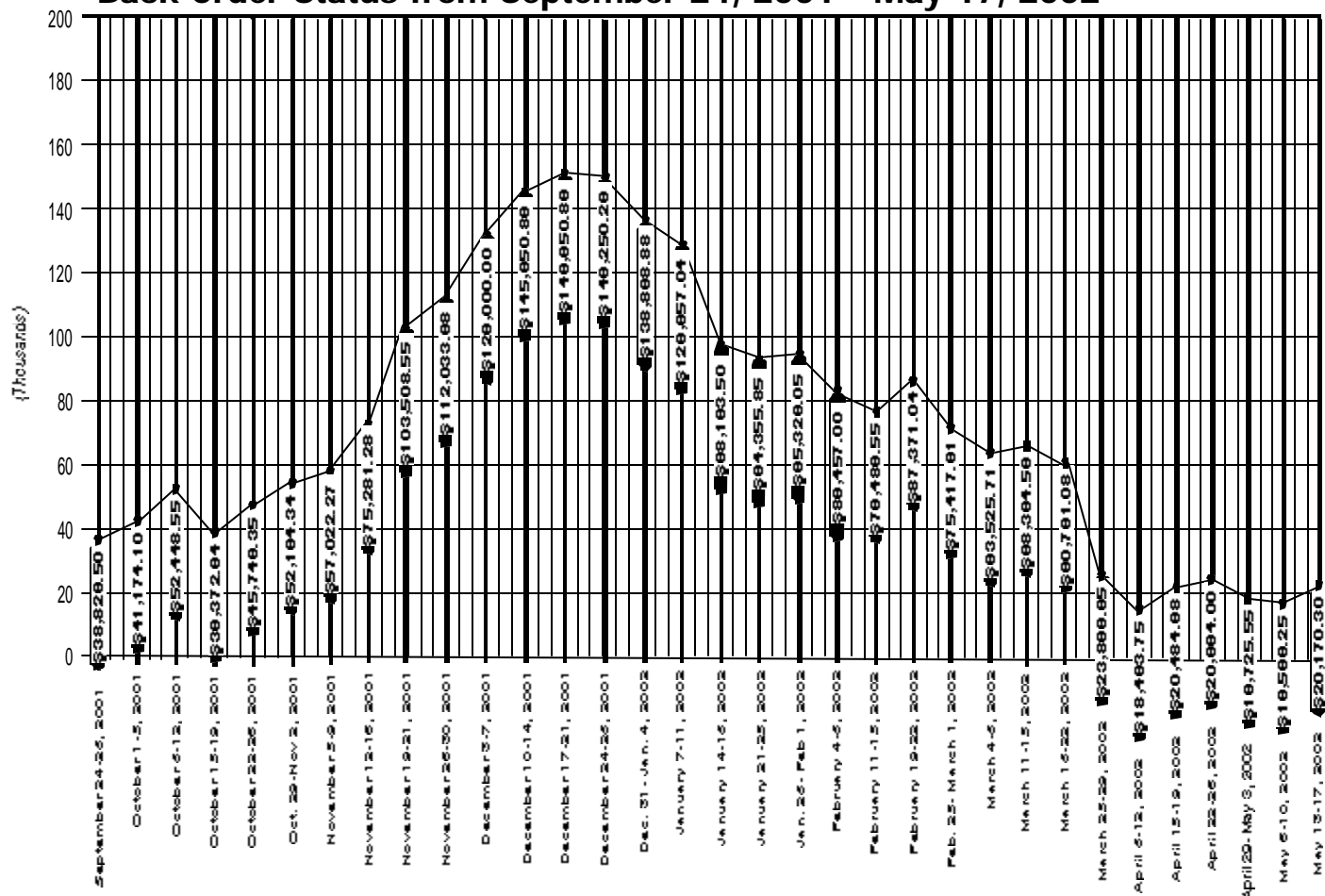
ARTICLE VI Section 8 Duties.

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

ARTICLE VI Section 11. Candidate statements and advertising. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to a 150-word statement plus photo in the issue of *Chess Life* published no later than April 10 of the election year, plus reasonable and equitable space on the USCF website. Election supplements shall accompany or be inserted in issues of *Chess Life* published no later than May 10 and June 10 of the election year. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to one-half page of space in each election supplement. The purchase of additional campaign space in the election supplements or other USCF publications is prohibited.

ARTICLE VI Section 12. Effective date. Revisions to the bylaws relating to the election of the Executive Board take effect on January 1, 2003.

Back Order Status from September 24, 2001 - May 17, 2002



USCF Staff Notes

We're pleased to announce the following promotions, hirings, and news about your USCF staff.

Senior Staff:

Jami L. Anson to Director of Publications/Senior Art Director in March 2002. Since her start in July 1987, Senior Art Director, Jami has earned the distinction of having designed over 180 issues of Chess Life, over 80 issues of School Mates and more than 45 catalogs, and countless other projects including this Delegates Call issue. Having worked for seven Chess Life editors and seven executive directors, Jami has designed more issues of our magazines than any other single editor. She is now streamlining production systems and deadlines to create timely and quality projects to better serve members.

Anne Ashton Director of Marketing, Advertising and Outreach in June of 2001. An outstanding addition to the USCF team. Anne has the rare combination of marketing savvy, non-profit management/fundraising experience, and verve we need to get the word out about the USCF. She has worked diligently to revamp and revise advertising sales, and to give the USCF the "branding" image we need.

Joan DuBois: With the USCF since November 1969, Joan DuBois, in April 2002, became Director of Purchasing Acquisition & Inventory Control. Look for her when you make your purchases at the bookstore. Revamping and restocking our inventory has been a mammoth job, and Joan has handled it with ease. Under her direction, the bookstore concessions as the last several scholastic tournaments have seen record increases in revenue and inventory. She and her assistant, Shawn, are working diligently to increase our inventory and to offer quality the products members told us they want.

Linda Legenos was promoted to Director of Finance in November 2001. A dedicated member of the Senior Staff team, Linda originally worked with the USCF from 1978-1985, and then came back in February 2000. Linda has been the catalyst for overhauling our financial and reporting systems, and ensuring that the USCF runs as the great business it is. She works closely with the auditors to ensure that our financial statements are sound and conform to generally accepted accounting principles.

Manager Promotions: **Nancy Evans** to Ratings Manager in March 2002.

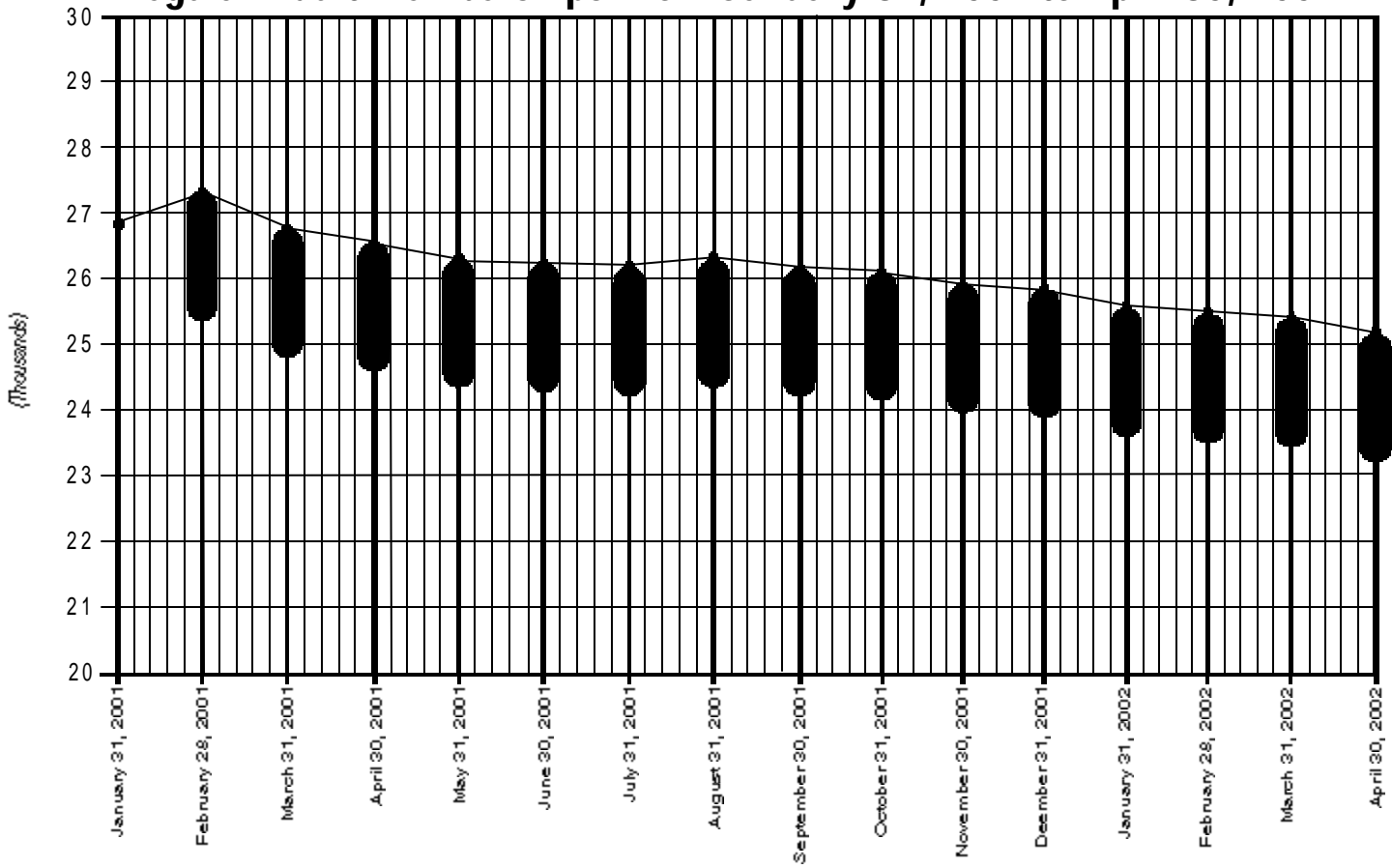
Other USCF Promotions: **Jean Bernice** Jean Bernice, to Executive Editorial Assistant. **Stephanie Colley** to Correspondence Chess Director in January 2002. **Kathleen Dantico** to Memberships Supervisor in March 2002. **Joy Fairweather**, to Publications Assistant in March 2002, previously a member of our sales team since September 1995 was promoted. **Kathleen Merz** to Art Director in March 2002. Look for her outstanding designs in issues of Chess Life and School Mates.

Mercedes Parker, to Scholastic and Events Assistant in February 2002. **Catherine Raymond** to Marketing and Media Associate in March 2002. **Debi Sherry** Debi Sherry, to Advertising Associate in April 2002. Previously served as Publications Clerk and then TLA Administrator.

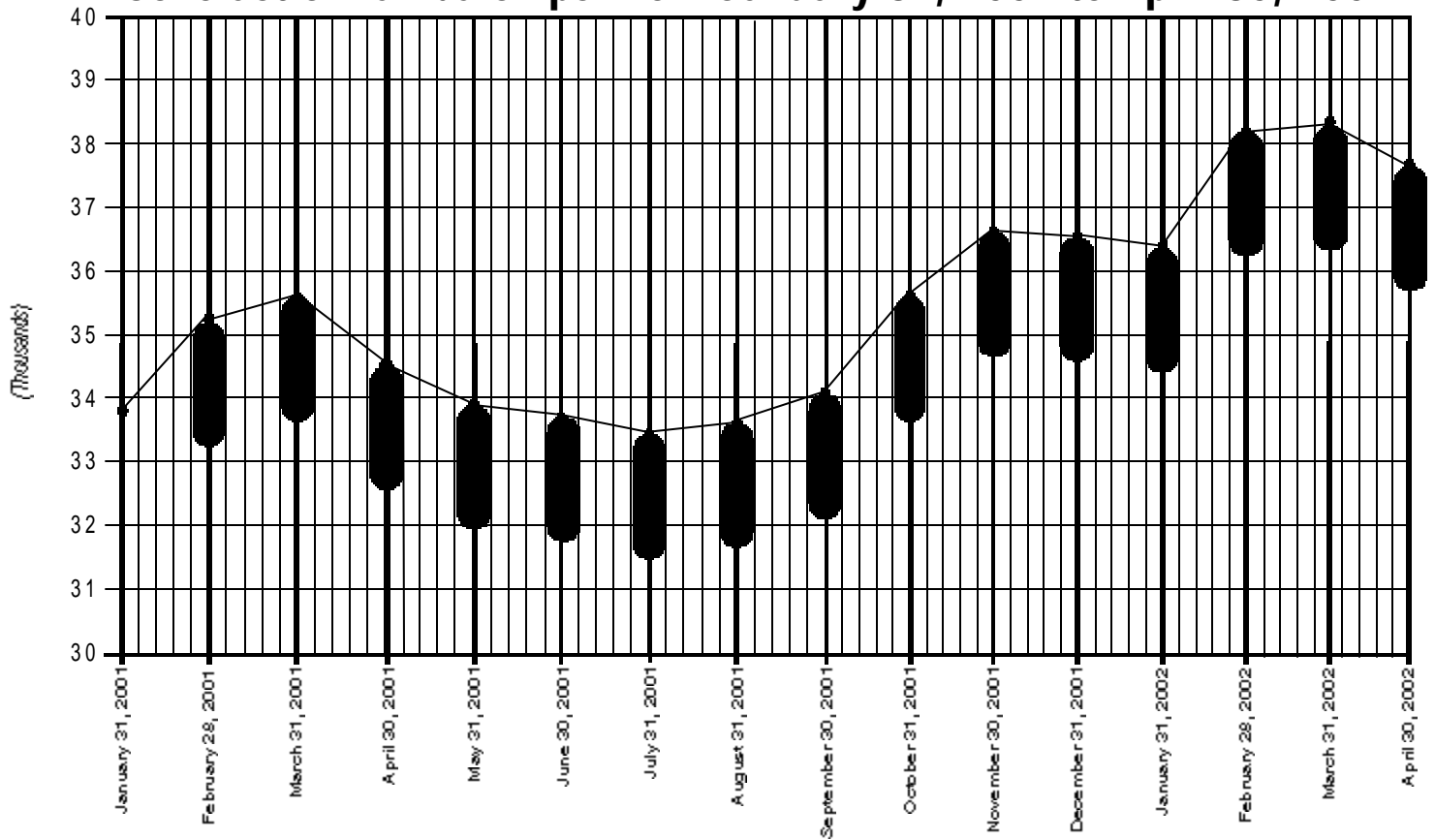
New Employees: **Shawn Pealer** Purchasing Assistant. **Jim Johanson**, Sales Supervisor. **Kris Weiss** Sales Associate **David Joselyn**, Sales Associate **Charles Shaw**, Sales Associate **Kathleen Trapini**, Accounts Receivable Assistant.

Other Staff Notes: **JoAnne FATHERLY** JoAnne FATHERLY moved on to be a full-time librarian after working for USCF 22 years. She still supports our efforts by working part-time as our Library & Research Assistant. **John Dutton**, not only was employee of the month for February 2002, but received recognition for extending additional effort to track down a new vendor for our USCF totes found in our Summer 2002 catalog. **Krista Soss** continues to work for us on a part-time basis so she can also be a stay-at-home mom. **Diane Reese** When you see Diane Reese, Manager of Events, make sure to offer your congratulations Diane was recently selected the 2002 USCF Employee of the Year. She was recognized for her outstanding efforts in producing quality, successful, and profit-making scholastic tournaments and other events. (See page 8 for a complete listing of employee recognitions).

Regular Adult Memberships From January 31, 2001 to April 30, 2002



Scholastic Memberships From January 31, 2001 to April 30, 2002



DELEGATE ACTIONS OF CONTINUING INTEREST

1. **SITES OF USCF-SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS.** Since the U.S. Chess Federation is open to all players, regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, or national origin, and is interested in promoting chess among all groups, all tournaments sponsored by USCF are to be conducted at sites accommodating the right to play of all USCF members. (1960)
2. **TOURNAMENT COORDINATION.** The USCF shall exert its influence through its Regional Vice Presidents and Officers to coordinate and schedule sanctioned tournaments sponsored by regional or state chess organizations (without conflict of time and place). (1964)
3. **SPEED OF RATED GAMES.** Any change in the speed of rated games requires approval by the Board of Delegates. (1971)
4. **MEETING INFORMATION.** USCF Delegates shall be informed well in advance of the Annual Meeting of Board of Delegates of any substantive matters known to be on the advance agenda for the Delegates' Meeting.
5. **MONTHLY RATING SUPPLEMENTS.** The Executive Board is authorized by the Delegates to publish annually the ratings in *Chess Life* and to publish monthly [later changed to bi-monthly] a supplement (with the biannual issue to be cumulative) to be sent to every certified tournament director and affiliate, and to any other member who wishes to pay the cost of reproduction. (1972)
6. **ANNUAL U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP.** It is the intent of the Board of Delegates that a U.S. Championship be held annually. (1972) (1982) (1983 — with \$25,000 budgeted each year)
7. **ADJOURNMENTS AT U.S. OPENS.** In the U.S. Open, the players shall not be compelled to adjourn if both players and the tournament director agree to play on for one more time-control period.
8. **EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES.** Approximately four times per year, the Secretary shall mail to the Delegates copies of the minutes and records of all votes of the Executive Board held during the period. (1973)
9. **UNFINISHED DELEGATE BUSINESS.** All motions not acted on by the Delegates at the Annual Meeting that deal with matters which the Executive Board can act on under the Bylaws, shall be acted upon by the Board. These actions shall be reported in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and at the next year's Delegates' Meeting. (1978) Motions limiting the Executive Board or disagreeing with the decisions made by the Executive Board shall automatically retain their place on next year's Delegates' agenda. (1980)
10. **SMOKING.** Tournaments which prohibit smoking in the playing room of a USCF-rated tournament shall be so indicated in the Tournament Life Announcement in *Chess Life*. Smoking is prohibited at the following National Tournaments: U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior Open, U.S. Class. There shall be no smoking permitted in any contract areas of all national scholastic tournaments. (1998)
11. **STATE CHAPTER RECOMMENDATIONS.** For the text of these recommendations on State Chapters, see *Policy Board Newsletter #4* of 1980-81.
12. **USCF REGIONS AND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT RECOMMENDATIONS** For the text of these recommendations, see *Policy Board Newsletter #4* of 1980-81.
13. **PAID TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.** No Executive Board member shall serve as the paid TD of more than one USCF National Tournament or International Tournament during a calendar year unless the same opportunity has been declined by all non-members of the Executive Board who are qualified to direct the tournament. (1975) No Executive Board member shall be awarded a paid directorship or concession at a National Tournament on which he/she participated in the award vote, except in the case of an uncontested bid. An Executive Board will not be restricted in the number of awarded paid directorships or concessions received at any National Tournament when the award vote and the acceptance of a paid directorship or concession for the National Tournament occurred before the Executive Board member was elected to office. (1984, 1993, 1994)
14. **TELLER'S PROCEDURES.** Unless some independent agency handles the election, provision shall be made to allow the tellers to properly fulfill their duties unencumbered by the burdens of a large-scale public meeting.
15. **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION.** Tournaments announced in *Chess Life* may not be cancelled unless the cancellation notice appears in *Chess Life*. Cancellations which occur too late to appear in *Chess Life* are permitted only if it is physically impossible to hold the tournament (for example, in the case of extreme weather conditions). Cancellations for any other reasons without notice are not permitted. Disappointing advance entries do not constitute a valid reason for cancellation. Organizers violating this rule shall be prohibited from listing their tournaments in "Tournament Life" or advertising in *Chess Life* for 3 years. (1979)
16. **CHESS LIFE.**

GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION. The goal of *Chess Life* shall be to promote the United States Chess Federation and chess in the United States and the world. *Chess Life* shall be the journal of record of chess play in the U.S.

As the Federation's most important means of communication to its members, and as the Federation's most visible service, the magazine should be as attractively and professionally produced as resources allow, making use of photography, artwork, cartoons, and other graphic devices, as warranted.

Mindful of our members and potential members, the wide range of playing strengths and interests represented therein, and our overall goal, *Chess Life* should present a comparable range of subject matter. Instructional analysis (aimed at a variety of skill levels), correspondence chess, reader opinion, non-technical (i.e., historical articles, fiction) and human-interest material (i.e., interviews), rules changes, national and international news, and providing coverage of international, national, and regional events, are suggested, but do not delimit areas of concentration.

Consistent with our stated goal, advertising in *Chess Life* is a service to readers as well as a significant source of revenue. The editor and publisher (Executive Director) will be responsible for ensuring that the overall advertising content in *Chess Life* and subject matter are appropriate. The editor and publisher, in their best judgment, have

discretion to refuse any advertisement.

COMPOSITION OF CHESS LIFE. The following items shall be required *Chess Life* content:

Chess Life should provide a regular section for announcements of upcoming tournaments. This Tournament Life section should be well-organized, informative, and as helpful as possible in order to encourage participation in USCF-rated events, particularly USCF titled events, Grand Prix events, and American Classic events.

In contested elections to the Executive Board, *Chess Life* shall publish a campaign statement of up to 110 words for each candidate in the July issue.

The January issue of *Chess Life* shall contain an annual rating list for over-the-board players.

The April issue of *Chess Life* shall be the yearbook issue, containing general information about the USCF and about chess governance and activity in the U.S. Suggested content includes, but is not limited to, such things as names and addresses of significant individuals and organizations, top and busiest lists, and historical data.

RESPONSIBILITY. Journalism is a public trust which is best served by the protection of the public interest and the preservation of the credibility of the publication. The reader's right to know is best served when given accurate and complete, unbiased, and factual reporting. Opinion must never be confused with fact.

Criticism must be supportable by factual evidence. The purpose and nature of such criticism must be demonstrably in the public interest and not serve merely to harass or discredit. Fairness dictates that a person whose actions are criticized must be given the timely opportunity to explain those actions or reply to the criticism, although practical considerations may not permit concurrent response.

The editor is hired by the USCF Executive Board. The editor will be accountable to the publisher for the performance of his duties in a timely, responsible, and professional manner. The performance of the editor, with respect to the stated goal of *Chess Life*, will be subject to periodic review by the Executive Board. (1991)

- 17. FREE MEMBERSHIP TO GRANDMASTERS AND WOMAN GRANDMASTERS.** USCF membership shall be awarded to International Grandmasters, including Women Grandmasters, when it is determined by the Executive Director that a player is registering with FIDE as an American player; or when an American player is awarded the title by FIDE. (1980, 1991)
- 18. PROFITS FROM SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENTS.** Any profits generated by National Scholastic Tournaments that are earned by USCF will be retained by USCF and earmarked for Scholastic Chess. (1998)
- 19. CALLING THE QUESTION.** At USCF Delegates' meetings, the practice of a speaker calling the question immediately after speaking to the merits of a motion shall not be permitted. (1993)
- 20. REVIEW OF DMS.** At every Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board shall review the resolutions passed by the last annual Delegates' meeting to make certain those resolutions are being enforced. (1993)
- 21. SUPPLEMENTAL MOTIONS.** All supplemental motions presented to the Delegates that are printed and received before the Delegates' meeting contain a rationale or discussion by the sponsor, limited to

50 words. (1993)

- 22. CHOOSING COMMITTEES.** It is the sense of the Delegates that committee chairmen shall be fully consulted prior to selection of committees and there shall be continuing consultation concerning committee membership and work through the liaison. (1994)
- 23. PRESENTING COMMITTEE REPORTS.** All annual committee reports not published in the annual report will be presented to the Delegates after the published committee reports have been presented to the Delegates and will be limited to a ten-minute presentation. (1994)
- 24. DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE REPORTS.** All printed committee reports distributed at the Delegates' meeting shall be offered to all Delegates who express an interest in the reports before copies are left unattended for general pickup. No reports may be left unattended until after the committee presentation to the Delegates has been completed. The presentation is to include mention that the printed reports are available and copies are to be handed to any Delegate that asks for them. (1994)
- 25. INVESTMENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS.** The Delegates adopt as policy the following recommended investment ranges as presented and approved by the LMA Liquid Asset Group for the Life Membership Assets Account:

Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds, and	
Top-Rated Money Market Securities	30%-70%
Blue Chip Stocks	10%-30%
Growth Stocks	10%-30%
International Stocks	0%-20%

No other investments are permitted unless recommended by the Treasurer and the Liquid Asset Group, and subsequently approved by the Delegates. Implementation of these ranges should be completed by December 31, 1995. (1995)
- 26. PERSONNEL.** All Board-approved changes to employee compensation will be subject to a vote of the full Board and the vote will be recorded in open session. The text of any Board-approved change to employee compensation will be recorded as a confidential BINFO item.

Any Board-approved change to an employee incentive plan must be finalized no later than 90 days after the plan has been approved. Any Board-approved employee contract must have the signature of no fewer than one officer and one other Board member. Board-conducted employee reviews must be discussed and written before presented. (1997)
- 27. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD.** The USCF Board of Delegates establishes the following standards of conduct for Executive Board members in the performance of their duties:

GENERAL PRINCIPLES. Members of the USCF Executive Board have responsibilities of the highest order for the promotion of chess and for stewardship of the resources of the USCF. In the execution of these responsibilities, they are expected to act lawfully and in accordance with USCF policy, and to adhere consistently to the principles of fairness, honesty, and respect for the rights of others. They are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the performance of all duties, contributing thereby to maximum effectiveness in the achievement of the goals of the USCF.

(1) Executive Board members are expected to contribute to the functioning of the Board as a cohesive unit, with information flowing comfortably among all its members. Actions that interfere with comfortable and open communication among all Board members should be avoided.

(a) All Board members have the right to receive all information pertinent to the making, monitoring, and implementation of USCF policy. Board member(s) should not withhold full and accurate information from other Board members, when that information is relevant to Board decisions or potential decisions. Where decision-making authority has been given to a specific officer by the Board or the Bylaws, that officer must keep all Board members fully and accurately informed of all decisions made and factors influencing those decisions.

(b) All Board members have the right to be involved in the determination of all Board decisions. A Board majority has no authority except as a majority vote within the context of a properly called Board meeting. Board decisions must result from discussions in which all Board members have had the opportunity to participate.

(c) Board members are responsible for contributing to constructive communication within the Board. Board members are responsible to communicate directly with each other whenever there is misunderstanding or ill will, making strenuous efforts to resolve the issue amicably through such communication, before making the dispute public.

(2) Executive Board members must be motivated solely by the best interests of the USCF in exercising their duties. Any potential conflict of interest, whether due to financial, political, personal, geographical, organizational, familial, or other considerations, must be prevented from affecting any Board member in the discharge of his or her duties.

(a) Except where noted below, no Executive Board member or a member of his immediate family may receive financial compensation from the USCF for any reason, except for standard reimbursement of expenses, during his tenure on the Board, or for two years after completing his tenure if such compensation results from bids accepted or agreements made by the Board during his tenure. In claiming expense reimbursement, a Board member must claim only that portion of expenses that were incurred in non-political activities that were a legitimate exercise of the Board member's duties. Any unusual expenses for which reimbursement is questionable must be referred to the full Board for consideration. Board members are expected to exercise all reasonable frugality in incurring expenses to be reimbursed.

(b) No Executive Board member, or a member of his immediate family, may profit financially from organizing or directing a national tournament or activity organized or co-organized by the USCF, or from any business activity of the USCF, if the Executive Board or the USCF business office is involved in determining the arrangements; such restriction applies during the Board member's tenure and for two years thereafter, with respect to actions taken during his or her tenure on the Board. This provision does not apply if the bid, and all relevant financial arrangements, were finalized before the member was elected to the Board, and are not changed to his advantage during his tenure.

(c) No Board member may participate in consideration of bids for any event or for any expenditure of USCF funds if he or his immediate family member has any office or other interest in any entity offering a bid. He is required to inform the Board whenever there is a conflict of interest. However, the Board member may provide information on behalf of such a bid, provided that his opportunity to provide information is the same as for those involved in other bids. The Board member with a potential conflict of interest may not make or second motions, enter into debate or discussion in the capacity of a Board member, or vote on the bids or on any issue reasonably related to the bid consideration. If consideration of the bid involves sensitive matters that require a closed session, a Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may not attend the portion of the closed session involving that bid, unless all parties representing competing bids are permitted to attend.

(d) Any Board member who believes that he or another Board member may have a conflict of interest on any matter is expected to inform immediately all members of the Board.

(e) A Board member should not pressure any USCF employee by means of stated or implied threats to employment. Specific criticism of other USCF employees should be conveyed discreetly to the Executive Director.

(3) The Executive Board is responsible for conducting business in an efficient, constructive, and open manner.

(a) All actions taken by the Executive Board must be consistent with the Bylaws of the USCF, and with all policy established by the USCF Board of Delegates.

(b) Executive Board members must respect the dignity of all persons in all statements and actions. Any derogatory and/or sarcastic statements attacking an individual in a personal manner, or intended to bring scorn or ridicule on an individual, shall be considered out of order at any and all times in an Executive Board meeting, whether in open or closed session. Any angry and heated exchanges in a Board meeting should be considered out of order. The Chair of the meeting shall be responsible for promptly ruling such utterances out of order, or any member may raise a point of order to that effect. Personal differences must be privately resolved without disturbing the efficient conduct of USCF business in a Board meeting.

(c) A closed session should be held only when the best interests of the USCF are definitely served by doing so. Examples of when closed sessions are proper would include the discussion of matters that are legally sensitive, issues involving sensitive negotiations, or matters in which the privacy rights of any individual may be at risk. Closed sessions should not be scheduled to permit the airing of heated or derogatory comments, which should be out of order in any meeting discussion, or to avoid the necessity of Board members' dealing with unpopular issues publicly. The Board may invite other persons into the closed session if such persons possess special information or expertise needed by the Board, but a certified Executive Board candidate who is not currently on the Board should not be included in a closed session unless all Board candidates present at the meeting are also invited.

(d) Board members should be sensitive to the feelings of volunteers and staff members whose names may be mentioned, or whose work may be criticized, during Board discussion.

(e) All Board members must strictly observe confidentiality of closed sessions. In the case of a conference call, the Board members must clearly understand what portions of the call are considered open or closed, for the purpose of determining what information in the call must be considered confidential.

(4) When appointed by the Delegates, the USCF Ethics Committee may consider an allegation by any USCF member that an Executive Board member has committed significant violations of this code of conduct. The Ethics Committee may, if it determines that such violations have occurred, either warn the Board member or recommend actions, such as recall of the member, to the Board of Delegates in accordance with the Bylaws of the USCF. (1997)

28. The Code of Ethics of the United States Chess Federation.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. The purpose of this code of ethics is to set forth standards to which the conduct of players, tournament directors, sponsors, and other individuals and entities participating in the affairs of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), including tournaments and other activities sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF, should conform; to specify sanctions for conduct that does not conform to such standards; and to specify the procedures by which alleged violations are to be investigated and, if necessary, the appropriate sanctions imposed.

2. The standards, procedures, and sanctions set forth in this code of ethics are not equivalent to criminal laws and procedures. Rather, they concern the rights and privileges of USCF membership, including, but not limited to, the privilege of participating in tournaments, events, or other activities as a member of the USCF.

3. The standards, procedures, and sanctions set forth in this code of ethics shall apply only to: (a) actions and behavior by members of the USCF that occur in connection with tournaments or other activities sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF; and (b) individuals and entities acting in an official capacity as officers or representatives of the USCF. Each member of the USCF and each participant in a USCF activity shall be bound by this code of ethics.

THE USCF ETHICS COMMITTEE

4. The USCF Ethics Committee is appointed in accordance with procedures consistent with the Bylaws of the USCF. The committee exists to consider allegations of unethical conduct at or in connection with events sanctioned by the USCF, and allegations of unethical conduct involving the USCF and its activities, in accordance with the standards and procedures contained in this code. The committee will exercise all other duties as may be assigned by the Bylaws or by action of the USCF Board of Delegates.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

5. The actions and behavior of individuals participating in USCF activities, or in events sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF, shall be lawful and in accordance with all USCF rules and regulations, and consistent with the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for the rights of others. The following is a list of examples of actions and behavior that are considered unethical. The list is not intended to be exhaustive, and any action or behavior that is unlawful or violates USCF rules and regulations, or is inconsistent with the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for the rights of others, may be considered to fall within the scope of this code of ethics.

(a) Intentional violations of tournament regulations, or of any other regulations pertaining to USCF activities and goals, particularly after being warned.

(b) Cheating in a game of chess by illegally giving, receiving, offering, or soliciting advice; or by consulting written sources; or by tampering with clocks; or in any other manner.

(c) Deliberately losing a game for payment, or to lower one's rating, or for any other reason; or attempting to induce another player to do so. Deliberately failing to play at one's best in a game, in any manner inconsistent with the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, or fair play.

(d) Deliberately misrepresenting one's playing ability in order to compete in a tournament or division of a tournament intended for players of lesser ability; players with foreign ratings are expected to disclose those ratings.

(e) Participating in a tournament under a false name or submitting a falsified rating report.

(f) Participating in a tournament while under suspension.

(g) Purposely giving false information in order to circumvent or violate any rule or regulation or goal recognized by the USCF.

(h) Attempting to interfere with the rights of any USCF member, such as by barring someone from entering a USCF-sanctioned event for personal reasons. Generally, no individual should be barred from a USCF-sanctioned event for which he or she meets the advertised qualifications, without appropriate due process, and for behavior inconsistent with the principles of this code and/or the rules of chess. If a ban on future participation is imposed, the individual should be notified of the ban prior to his attempting to appear at future events.

(i) Violating federal, state, or local laws while participating in activities that are associated with the USCF.

PROCEDURES

6. Any USCF member may initiate procedures under this code of ethics by filing a complaint in a timely manner with the USCF Ethics Committee. In the case of any accusation that does not fall clearly under the "Standards of Conduct" above, the Ethics Committee shall have the authority to decide whether the alleged conduct is within the scope of the code of ethics. In the case of each alleged violation that is within the scope of the code of ethics, the following steps shall occur in a timely manner:

(a) A factual inquiry shall be made by the Ethics Committee, assisted as necessary by the USCF staff. Previous findings of the Ethics Committee or other USCF entities may be included among the evidence considered by the Ethics Committee, if relevant to the circumstances of the present case. As a part of such an inquiry, any person accused of unethical conduct shall have the right to examine the evidence against him or her, the right to respond to the accusation, and the right to produce written evidence in his or her behalf.

(b) Appropriate sanctions, if any, shall be recommended by the Ethics Committee. In recommending sanctions, the Ethics Committee may consider any previous ruling or finding of the Ethics Committee, or other USCF entity, pertaining to the past conduct of the person being sanctioned. In recommending sanctions, the person being recommended for sanctions must be informed. Any person against whom sanctions have been recommended shall be promptly notified.

(c) Except as specified in 6(e) recommended sanctions shall be deemed final unless appealed to the Executive Board by the person or persons upon whom the sanctions have been imposed, or upon the initiative of any member of the Executive Board. Such an appeal must be made within 30 days of the date that notification of recommended sanctions occurred, except that the Executive Board may extend the deadline for appeal if in its judgment an unavoidable delay in communications or other valid cause prevented a timely appeal. If an appeal has not been filed by the deadline the recommended sanctions shall be placed into effect.

(d) Upon appeal, a review of the facts and the appropriateness of the recommended sanction shall be undertaken by the Executive Board. The person against whom the sanction has been recommended, as well as the person filing the initial complaint, shall be given notice of the time and place the Executive Board will review the case. The person against whom sanctions have been recommended shall have the right to appear before the Board and present evidence. In all appeals the recommended sanctions imposed by the Ethics Committee shall not be in effect until the appeal hearing is completed. The recommended sanctions shall be either confirmed, modified, or revoked by the Executive Board.

(e) If the person against whom sanctions have been recommended is a member of the USCF Executive Board, he or she may not appeal the sanctions to the Executive Board, but may appeal to the USCF Board of Delegates at its next scheduled meeting.

(f) If any member of the Ethics Committee or of the USCF Executive Board has a conflict of interest of any kind that might preclude objective participation in the consideration of any case, that person may not act in the capacity of a committee or board member on the case.

SANCTIONS

7. The following are some of the sanctions that may be imposed as a result of the procedures specified above. In unusual cases, other appropriate sanctions may be imposed, or these sanctions may be varied or combined.

(a) Reprimand. A determination that a member has committed an offense warranting discipline becomes a matter of record, but no further sanction is imposed at the time. A reprimand automatically carries a probation of at least three months, or longer if so specified. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during the probation, he or she is then liable to further sanctions for both offenses.

(b) Censure. A determination that a member has committed a serious offense warranting discipline becomes a matter of record, but no further sanction is imposed at the time. Censure automatically carries a probation of at least one year, or longer if so specified. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during the probationary period, he or she is then liable to further sanctions for both offenses.

(c) Suspended sentence with probation. A determination is made that the member has committed an offense warranting discipline. When the discipline is imposed and execution thereof suspended, such suspension shall include probation for at least six months longer than the discipline imposed. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during this period, unless otherwise decreed, the original discipline shall be added to such new discipline as may be imposed for the new offense.

(d) Suspension. Suspension is a determination that the member has

committed an offense warranting abrogation, for a specified period of time, of all membership rights and privileges.

(e) Expulsion. Expulsion is a determination that a member has committed an offense warranting permanent abrogation of all membership rights and privileges. An expelled member may be readmitted to membership only by the USCF Executive Board or by the USCF Board of Delegates.

(f) Exclusion from events. This is a more selective determination that a member has committed an offense warranting abrogation of the right to participate in certain specified events or activities.

8 If the person being sanctioned is a member of the USCF Executive Board, the Ethics Committee may recommend no sanctions other than censure or reprimand, but may also recommend to the Board of Delegates other actions.

9 In the case of every sanction that involves suspension or expulsion, a member may not hold any office in the USCF or participate in any capacity in any event or activity sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF.

10 The USCF Business Office shall be informed in writing of all official recommendations by the Ethics Committee, and shall record any recommendations. The USCF Business Office shall inform the Executive Board of any sanctions recommended.

29. FIDE POLICY. The U.S. Chess Federation adopts the following position:

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

1. The USCF cannot accept any regulation that limits journalistic freedom or freedom of expression for any individual, or interferes with the efforts of free enterprise to promote chess. The USCF cannot recognize a censure, boycott, sanction, or other restrictive or punitive action that contradicts our principles of freedom of action, speech, or the press, or that is imposed for behavior that does not violate the USCF's Code of Ethics.

2. The USCF must reserve the right to recognize or withhold recognition of any world championship event or title, in accordance with the principles established by our Board of Delegates regarding the validity of the world championship title. The USCF endorses the principle of compromise in helping to bring about a universally accepted world championship.

3. The USCF endorses working toward a more logical program of high-profile tournaments and toward cooperative Internet ventures, and might be willing to consider entering contractual arrangements toward those ends. Questions of open accounting and of legitimacy of funding must be addressed prior to any such arrangement and as part of any such arrangement.

4. The USCF considers that conflict-of-interest issues must be satisfactorily addressed in any plan to grant economic interest in

any venture to any person or organization within FIDE, or any organization affiliated with FIDE, or to give voting rights to any individual or organization whose financial gain would be affected by the exercise of such voting rights.

5. The USCF considers that any plan to be put into effect must have the approval of the FIDE General Assembly and must not be inconsistent with the principles in this position statement.

6. The USCF Delegate or representative to FIDE is instructed to act in accordance with this motion.

30. DELEGATE MEETING DATES. The Delegates' meeting will be held no later than the first full weekend of August. This requirement is in effect for all U.S. Opens for which dates had not been set as of August 2000. (2000)

1. No round of the U.S. Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. (2001)

31. EB TRANSCRIPTS AND MINUTES. The following procedure was adopted for the documentation of the proceedings of Executive Board meetings:

1. The Secretary or his or her designee shall prepare Minutes based upon the documentation of motions in the transcripts of the meeting and submit them to the Executive Board for comments, corrections, and/or suggestions.

2. The Secretary or his or her designee shall consider the comments made by the Executive Board and may revise the Minutes where appropriate. Any deviation from the transcript must be indicated with an explanation and a reference to the transcript. The transcript must be available concurrently.

3. The transcript of all Open session meetings are to be posted on the USCF website as soon as practical, so that anyone who has any questions can access the basic documentation for all motions and can access Open session discussions that are not likely to be in the published Minutes. Since any motions made in Closed session must be voted in Open session as well, the Open session transcripts will be sufficient to document all motions.

4. The transcripts are to include all Open session activity. The stenographer must record everything until the meeting is actually adjourned. No motions are to be voted on the absence of the stenographer. If it is not on the Open session transcripts it did not happen! (2000)

32. BINFO SYSTEM. In the interest of both history and accountability, the Board information (BINFO) system should be maintained and used in the following manner:

1. The Executive Board and Executive Director will place documents relating to their decisions and discussions in this record system.

2. An effort will be made to include all relevant documents bearing on the making of USCF policy and other decisions.

3. At the request of any single Executive Board member or the Executive Director, a document will be placed in the system.

4. BINFO documents may be classified as confidential, using strict, documented criteria.

5. Classified BINFO's will be reviewed periodically for declassification. This will include but not be limited to documents now in the system and placed there by previous Boards.

6. Non-classified documents will be supplied to members on request; a reasonable duplication fee may be charged.

7. Binders of non-classified documents will be maintained at the USCF office and will be available on request to visiting adult members to examine while in the office.

8. Updated, descriptive indexes of the BINFO system will be available on the USCF website in the most expeditious manner possible, and available in hard copy on request for a reasonable duplication fee. (2000)

9. Non-confidential BINFOs are to be made available electronically without cost to any Delegate or Alternate Delegate that asks to receive them. This is to be done by making them available on the USCF website in a public area and/or setting up a read-only mailing list and adding to the list anyone who wants to receive the BINFO's via e-mail. (2001)

33. U.S. OPEN SCHEDULING. The U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15th. (1999)

34. SCHOLASTIC CHESS. The USCF shall have a full-time Scholastic Director, working in consultation with the Scholastic Committee. The job description and workload priorities of the Scholastic Director will be developed jointly by the Scholastic Committee and the Executive Director.

The Finance Committee shall include at least one member recommended by the Scholastic Committee.

The USCF shall implement an income and expense system, which separately identifies scholastic chess activities. (1999)

35. ADM VOTES ON THE WEBSITE. The final decision of the Board of Delegates on ADMs shall be recorded and published on the USCF website. All available information regarding the vote shall be included. (1999)

36. BALLOTS. Ballots shall contain only a candidate's name and state. No titles, credentials or other honors shall appear on ballots. (1999)

37. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. The U. S. Chess Federation officially recognizes the following principles regarding the World Championship of Chess:

1. The title of World Champion is a symbol of the recognition given by the chessplayers of the world to the most skilled chess competitor at any point in time. As such it cannot logically be an object of property subject to ownership.

2. It follows from point one that the title of World Champion, to be valid, must be conferred by an organization representing the world's chessplayers. The Championship must be awarded as the result of a system of competition, which is fairly and objectively organized to determine the strongest competitor at that point in time. Such a competition must eliminate, to the extent possible, the effects of luck or other factors irrelevant to skill.

3. The U.S. Chess Federation directs its leadership and its representatives to strive to help create a unified system of competition for the World Championship that is fully consistent with principles one and two. (1998)

38. COMMITTEE ACTIONS. USCF Committees, excepting those appointed by the Delegates, exist to advise and recommend, but may not make any ruling that affects the status of any member without ratification by the Executive Board, Office or Delegates.

(1998)

- 39. DELEGATE COMMITTEES.** All newly-created Delegates' Committees must have a statement of purpose defining their function. (1998)
- 40. LMA ANNUAL REPORT.** The LMA Management Committee shall publish an annual report showing the performance of the fund's investments, the investments owned, the investment strategy, and an assessment of investment risks. (1998)
- 41. BASED ON PRIZES.** Effective January 1, 1999, all tournaments without exception advertised in *Chess Life*, Tournament Life, or elsewhere shall be required to pay at least 50% of any based-on prize advertised if the prize fund is over \$500. Based-on prizes in tournaments with an advertised total prize fund of \$500 or less must be paid in proportion to turnout. Minimum penalty for violation of this rule shall be disqualification from advertising in *Chess Life* for one year. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Director. If a tournament is affected by an act of God, then the organizer may appeal to the Executive Board. (1998)
- 42. VOLUNTEER EXPENSES.** A summary of all reimbursements to each member of the Executive Board, International Delegations, and all other volunteers shall be published in the Executive Board Newsletters and on the USCF website. (1990, 1998)
- 43. EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWSLETTER.** The EBN shall include prompt reports of actions taken by the membership, quarterly state-by-state membership statistics, quarterly USCF financial information, financial outlines of national tournaments completed each quarter, notice of major changes in staffing assignments, prompt reports of actions proposed or taken by FIDE that directly affect the USCF or its members, and USCF committee reports when available. A five-year graph charting USCF membership statistics in all categories shall appear annually in the EBN. (1990)
- 44. MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNTING.** 90% of the income from life memberships and 50% from sustaining memberships shall be deposited directly in to the LMA. Services provided to life and sustaining members shall be funded quarterly. (1996, 1999)
- 45. BYLAWS COMMITTEE.** To aid the Delegates and the Executive Board in informed decision making, the Bylaws Committee shall advise the Executive Board and the Delegates concerning both the substance and the wording of proposed bylaws changes. (1987)
- 46. DRUG TESTING.** The Delegates believe that drug testing is unnecessary in chess and urge FIDE to limit testing only to events where it is absolutely essential for qualification into the Olympic Games. (2001)
- 47. YEARBOOK (ANNUAL YEARBOOK IN CHESS LIFE).** The Annual Yearbook be restored to either March, April, or May issue of *Chess Life*. (2001)
- 48. DELEGATE INFO (CHESS LIFE PUBLICATION).** The issue of *Chess Life* that appears in the March, April, or May shall contain the names and contact information of current USCF Delegates and Alternate Delegates. (2001)

- 49. CANDIDATE DISCLOSURE (EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE DISCLOSURE).** Executive Board candidates are asked to disclose if they are employed full time or are a candidate for full-time employment with any organization that is a vendor for the USCF, a competitor to USCF in any area, or has any significant other business interest (including substantial ownership of a business) that could be affected by decisions made by the USCF. Failure to disclose these interests would not disqualify a candidate from running, but could effect the voter's evaluation of the candidate.
- 50. DELEGATES CALL (REPORT IN DELEGATES CALL).** A report on compliance or noncompliance with the previous year's Delegate Motions will be provided in the Delegates Call each year. (2001)
- 51. DELEGATE ELECTIONS (BALLOTS AND STATE ELECTIONS).** Ballots should indicate that voters may vote for up to as many persons as there are positions to fill. To minimize ties, State Chapters are encouraged to nominate more persons than there are positions to be filled. Each ballot will specify the number of Delegate positions for each state. (2001)
- 52. COMMITTEES (NO PAY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS).** Members of USCF Committees shall not be paid for committee work without authorization of the Delegates. They may continue to receive reimbursement for expenses. (2001)
- 53. RATING LISTS (VIA HARD COPY OR ELECTRONIC).** Rating Lists (annual lists and supplements) can be received via hard copy or electronic media at the discretion of the affiliate or subscriber at no additional cost. (2001)

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EDITOR	FIRST ISSUE	LAST ISSUE	#of issues
Montgomery Major	September 5, 1946	December 20, 1957	147
Fred Wren	January 5, 1958	December 20, 1960	47
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E.B. Edmondson, Bill Goichberg	June 1966	November 1966	6
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Burt Hochberg	January 1967	October 1979	165
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Frank Elley	February 1982	December 1984	34
Larry Parr	January 1985	March 1988	51
Fairfield Hoban	April 1988	April 1988	1
Don Maddox	May 1988	July 1989	14
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Julie Ann Desch	September 1989	October 1990	13
Glenn Petersen	November 1990	October 2000	120
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** Delegate at Large or Life Alternate Delegate, **Current EB Members, *** Immediate Past EB Members
(have Delegate status for one year after the end of their terms). (None of these count toward state allocation.)*

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ARKANSAS	Bill Beck		Stephen J. Paulson	John J. Purtle			
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IOWA	Roger Gotschall		John Nash	Mark Capron	Craig Brophy		
KANSAS	Ralph Bowman		Neil Andrews	Ron J. Pasik	Tom Moloney		
KENTUCKY	Steve Miller	Steve Dillard	Eric Yussman Billy Woodward	Wayne Bell Ben Benstrup	Leo McMannis James Peden		
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

submitted by Harold J. Winston, Co-Chair



Harold Winston
Co-Chair
Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee is charged by the Delegates with reporting on both the substance and form of proposed Bylaws changes. (DM 87-21). We thank the Delegates for adopting many of our proposals at the 2001 meeting, particularly proposals to refine the election process for USCF Delegates and Alternates. Mike Nolan (NE) and I serve as co-chairs.

The 2002 Delegates meeting referred six motions to our committee dealing with LMA borrowing, Executive Board structure, and agenda items. The committee is currently discussing these motions but here are some preliminary thoughts.

DM 01-24 Exec. Bd. Newsletter #1, 2001-2002 (cited as EBN), P12, proposed by Anthony Cottell (NJ) and Denis Barry (AZ), would bar further LMA borrowing or encumbering of the land or building without specific Delegates approval. Mike Nolan and I favor deferring to the LMAC, the Finance Committee and the Executive Board on substance and reviewing the wording of any alternatives they put forward. This as a joint referral to all 3 committees and to the EB.

DM 01-137, proposed by Larry Cohen (IL), EBN pp. 20-21, seeks to bar any editorial comment or notations to ADMs. The co-chairs agree with the purpose, but will suggest alternative wording. This was probably suggested by the confusing wording of ADM 01-24 in the 2001 Delegate's Call (pp. 20-21), that mixed a proposal with a committee report and a rationale.

Executive Board Structure

Turning to Executive Board structure there are four referred Bylaws changes proposals. DM 01-87, EBN pp. 20, proposed by Larry Cohen (IL) would add the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as a non-voting member of the Executive Board. This was originally discussed during the debates on the Blue Ribbon Committee proposal and rejected. The co-chairs believe this could be a mistake and weaken the Executive Director who already has this status. Since the Executive Director hires the CFO it seems unwise to us to give the CFO Exec. Board status.

The major structural proposal is from Bill Goichberg (NY) and Myron Lieberman (AZ), DM 01-73, EBN pp. 18, and would blend elements of the new and old EB structures. The basics would be to make the following changes: (1) replace four-year terms by three-year terms; (2) specifically elect a president, vice president, treasurer (instead of VP for Finance) and secretary by the USCF members instead of having the Board choose its own officers; (3) return to barring the President from holding an EB office in the three-years following term; (4) return to the nine-year consecutive limit on EB service (instead of eight years); (5) return to providing that the Vice President takes over as President if the Presidency is vacated; (6) having a three-year election cycle with President and VP elected in one year, secretary and treasurer the next year, and the three at-large members the following year. For the at-large members the proposal would retain the BRC idea of voting for three candidates and the three highest being elected. The rationale, given in the 2001 Annual Report, pp. 27, includes strengthening the President position and four-year terms being too long. I personally like these thoughtful ideas. Our recent experience with two EB members having resigned after having served only two-and-one-third years of their four-year terms and with having three different Presidents in three years was not anticipated when BRC was adopted. I am concerned the Presidency has been weakened too much. We will have a fuller report in August.

DM 01-97, EBN pp. 21, proposed by Frank Camaratta (AL), advances a

new idea of electing an Alternate Executive Board Member, the person with the next highest vote total, who would be an alternate for two years and fill a Board vacancy. This is an intriguing concept. If the previous proposal to return to electing persons to specific offices is adopted it might need rewording.

DM 01-84, EBN pp. 19, proposed by Harold Winston (IL), would restore the President's tiebreak vote. I continue to favor this to strengthen the presidency and prevent inaction on tie votes. Last year one committee member suggested it would make most sense if we restored direct election of the President. Mike Nolan opposes the tiebreak vote.

Special Delegate Meetings

One other subject that a Bylaws change may be offered on concerns specifying rules for special Board of Delegates meetings. The current Bylaws wording is unclear except that Article IX, sec. 9 refers to a special meeting and Art. VI sec. 8 states the President presides at all Board of Delegates meetings. A section could be added to Art. V (Board of Delegates) called "Special Meetings," specifying that i) the President calls such meetings, (2) a quorum consists of one third of the Delegates, (3) advance notice and an agenda must be sent all Delegates 30 days prior to the meeting, (4) the meeting is limited to items on the advance agenda, and (5) the President must give all Exec. Board members 7 days to propose agenda items. Further, the possibility of allowing a special meeting to have 4-5 teleconferenced sites should be explored, the sites to be in major metropolitan areas or at national tournaments in different parts of the country (east, midwest, south, west).

In addition, the committee responded to Executive Board inquiries through co-chair Mike Nolan (NE) and myself. I thank Mike and all the other committee members for their participation: Myron Lieberman (AZ), David Mehler (MD), Gary Kitts (MI), Randy Hough (SCA), Bill Goichberg (NY), Guy Hoffman (WI), Richard Costigan (NJ), Richard Koepcke (NCA), Steve Doyle (NJ), Robert Persante (FL), Ernie Schlich (VA) Wick Deer (IN) and Don Randolph (OH).

Please join us at the Bylaws workshop, scheduled for Friday morning August 2, 2001 at Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

CHESS-IN-EDUCATION COMMITTEE

submitted by Tim Redman, Chair



Tim Redman
Chair
Chess-in-Education
Committee

This past year has been a banner year for chess and education in this country. The New York Chess-in-the-Schools Foundation continues to mount the most extensive program for in-school and after-school chess in the country. They have moved into larger headquarters; reportedly, they have an annual budget of 3.7 millions dollars. The America's Foundation for Chess (formerly the Seattle Chess Foundation) is gathering information about how chess is taught in schools in this country, with a view towards recommending a curriculum. And the Koltanowski Memorial Conference on Chess and Education was held in Dallas last December. Since that international conference brought together most of the leading experts in the field of chess and education, it is appropriate to focus on its results.

I have reported on the Conference in the pages of *Chess Life*, and we mailed a copy of the Conference Program to nearly all USCF Delegates and Alternate Delegates, so I won't go into detail about the sessions or presenters. If you have not received a copy of the program, it can be downloaded from the UTD Chess Program website. The url is <http://chessweb.utdallas.edu/>. — click on Chess in Education on the top right (thanks to Michael

Ferguson for a great site, and to Clemente Rendon for help keeping it up-to-date). Forty papers were presented. The Conference was sponsored by the University of Texas at Dallas, which provided \$10,000, and an anonymous donor which matched that amount. It was co-sponsored by the U.S. Chess Trust, which provided \$7,500, and Jim Eade, who donated \$5,000. Additional help was received from the ISOA Corporation, located in the Telecommunications Corridor in Richardson. The USCF and numerous volunteers provided lots of help. All have my thanks.

To progress with our goal of having chess as part of the elementary curriculum in every school district in the country, we need to have independent studies on the effects of chess on learning. These studies must be methodologically rigorous, following recognized standards for proving skill transfer in the field of psychology. Although many preliminary studies have given us promising results, few have been done according to recognized academic standards. The goal of the Conference was to see what we know and where we need to go in the field of chess and education. To make further progress, we need the help of university researchers.

Selected papers from the Koltanowski Conference will be published in a book by an academic press next year. To fill what I believed to be gaps in the program, I have commissioned several additional articles by recognized scholars for inclusion. My intent in this effort is to take work on chess and education out of its current grounding in faith, and move it to a grounding in science. I believe that chess benefits youngsters, particularly in grades 3-6, but I have very little to show to a skeptical school administrator. We need more evidence.

It is vital that the evidence comes from groups that are independent from USCF and FIDE. Chessplayers say that chess makes kid smart, but bridge-players say the same thing about bridge, etc. Sunday afternoon after the Conference was formally over, we held a meeting for all interested parties, to discuss the foundation of an International Society for the Study of Chess and Education. The general organizational principles of the Society were approved, and the meeting entrusted Uvencio Blanco and me to work out the details. I hope to have that work completed in time for an announcement at the FIDE Congress in Bled this Fall.

Further, we have begun to discuss the publication of a yearbook on chess and education, reporting each year's work. Such a publication will give a peer-reviewed venue for serious efforts in the field, thus giving younger researchers motivation for doing that work as part of their quest for tenure and promotion. Finally, the Society will be involved with helping to organize the next international conference on chess and education. We have a lot to do.

The second meeting Sunday afternoon was of the Chess in Education Committee. We discussed various matters, including holding a Chess in Education Workshop in Cherry Hill. My own belief is that it is futile to hold such workshops if we are just preaching to the converted. An important feature of the Koltanowski Conference was the Friday sessions designed (and approved) to award five hours of continuing education units to Texas teachers. Dr. Alexey Root <aroot@utdallas.edu>, Senior Lecturer in Education in the School of General Studies at UTD, and David Hare, a school teacher and the Mayor of Mansfield, Texas, worked to make that happen. It was nice to meet the dozen or so classroom teachers who attended, and a pleasure for Alexey and me to sign their certificates of participation afterwards.

Committee members were charged with determining how such CEU's could be awarded in Cherry Hill, and we have yet to see if they were successful. USCF Scholastic Director Tom Brownscombe has scheduled the Workshop for Tuesday during the U.S. Open, and I have agreed to try to put it together. However, unless the USCF makes a serious effort to publicize these sessions outside of the chess-playing community, and until we can plan well in advance to award ceu's for this workshop, we won't have very much more than an annual reunion of the same group of people. I see this as

the next task for the Scholastic Committee.

Back in May of 1998, when I gave the report of the College Chess Committee to the Policy Board, Member-at-Large Dr. Robert Ferguson told me that the most important thing that colleges could do for chess was to offer for-credit courses, aimed at teachers, in chess and education. I took his advice to heart, wrote and received a \$50,000 grant from UT TeleCampus, and Dr. Root and I prepared Chess in the Classroom I and II, which were offered over the Internet last Fall and this recent Spring semesters. The grant will be completed this summer as we work to revise those courses, which will be offered again this Fall semester, which starts mid-August. Dean George Fair has revised the pricing structure (tuition is now \$400 for each undergraduate course and \$525 for each graduate course). Those interested can get more information from Michele Dunavin, <dunavin@utdallas.edu>. The purpose of the two courses which, when completed, lead to the award of a Certificate in Chess and Education, is to empower classroom teachers, even those with no knowledge of chess, to put chess into their lesson plans and start a chess program and a chess team at their schools.

And it works! The current issue of *Teacher* magazine (May/June) featured a pilot program at two inner-city Dallas schools, Chappie James and Charles Rice. Funded by the Foundation for Community Empowerment and Dallas Inner-City Games, each of which contributed \$5,000, the program put two UTD students, Jim Stallings and Katya Ushakova, into the schools for a total of nine hours a week, teaching chess to fifth- and sixth-graders in class and running a chess program after school. I am sure there are other such success stories about chess in the schools from all over the country, and I would enjoy hearing about them.

Thanks to Vice Chair Javier Pinedo and members Bill Bart, Lynn Chapman, Arden Dilley, Robert Ferguson, Roger Gottschall, Beatriz Marinello, Fernando Moreno, Mike Nietman and Sunil Weeramantry for their work on the committee this year.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

submitted by Leo B. Dubler, III, Chair

The Club Development Committee has the goal of establishing 100 new chess clubs around the United States this year. The Committee is going to accomplish this goal through a "Grass Roots" effort, and try to work through existing companies or organizations where people are currently coming together for other purposes. For example, a number of informal chess clubs have been started in bookstores. At a couple of local stores near where I live, a few people playing chess in the café section of the store quickly mushroomed into 20 or more people meeting regularly once a week to play chess. Literally, two or three people, with a chess set and board exploded into a vibrant chess club within three weeks time.

Most of the people who show up are not USCF members. These "new-comers" are then told about existing area chess clubs and tournaments where USCF membership is required. At tournaments I run, I have personally signed up many new people to the USCF this way. Another Committee member has had great success establishing a club in a YMCA.

The above ideas are not an exclusive list. The Committee is going to reach out to the leaders of local chess associations to recruit people to start new chess clubs. The Committee is going to provide concepts and encouragement to regional chess leaders, but leave the means of accomplishing the goal up to them.

As soon as possible, I would like to expand the Committee. Currently, there are members from New Jersey, Nebraska, and Texas. I would like to add Committee members from Southern California, Northern California, Florida, and Illinois. After this is accomplished, the Committee members are then going to be responsible to develop club activity in assigned geographical areas centered generally around where they live. For example, the Committee members from Southern California would have Southern

California and the adjacent states as their 'territory'. The Committee members are going to be responsible for coordinating the club development efforts in their territory with local leaders and organizers.

The potential is tremendous. There are thousands of people who would love to play in clubs and tournaments, but do not know where to look. The Club Development Committee is going to try to bring chess to these people.

I welcome ideas and, more importantly, offers of help!

Thank you, Leo B. Dubler, III, Chairperson
Club Development Committee

COLLEGE CHESS COMMITTEE

submitted by Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Chair

The following points summarize the activities and actions of the College Chess Committee (CCC).

1. The CCC met at the 2001 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship (Pan-Am) in Providence. Among the issues discussed were eligibility rules for the Pan-Am. The Committee agreed to continue discussion and vote by e-mail.

2. The CCC approved each of the following three resolutions, as voted by e-mail in May. At the meeting in Providence, the CCC also endorsed each of these resolutions in an informal straw vote.

I. For the first round of the Pan-Am only, players may arrive up to 120 mins. late without forfeit. Late players would not have extra time added to their clocks. [Approved by vote of Yea-5, Nay-2, Abstain-0. Relaxes current rule of 60 mins. to accommodate travel delays.]

II. To be eligible for the Pan-Am in a semester, a player must earn at least six credit hours at grade of C or higher towards his or her degree in the semester of eligibility (or equivalent for schools not on semester system). [Approved by vote of Yea-6, Nay-0, Abstain-1. Tightens current rule of one credit at grade of D or higher. Matches current requirements for Pell grants (student loans).]

III. Modify the first tie-breaking rule at Pan-Am to: sum over rounds of individual points per round times opponent's final team score. [Approved by vote of Yea-6, Nay-0, Abstain-1. Michael Aigner's suggestion to change current rule of total individual points.]

3. April 5-7, The President's Cup, also was held for the second time, this year at the World Chess Hall of Fame in Miami. Generous support for this invitational team round-robin event was provided by the USCF and the world Chess Hall of Fame. The top four schools from the Pan-Am competed. Final standings by individual points and tie-breaks were University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)-9.5, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)-9.5, Stanford-4.5, Harvard-0.5. The event attracted significant media attention, including articles by USA Today, Associated Press, and CNN.

4. The National Collegiate Chess League (NCCL) was held this year on the new USCF on-line site U.S. Chess Live. Thirteen teams from ten universities participated. UTD and Duke tied for first place with 3.5 points out of four.

5. The CCC nominates Rhode Island College (RIC) for Chess College of the Year. RIC hosted the 2001 Pan-Am, raised \$10,000 in support for this event, offered chess scholarships, and hired GM Larry Christiansen as chess coach. Special recognition is given to Chess Club President Seneca Nowland for his leadership role.



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CORRESPONDENCE CHESS COMMITTEE

submitted by Harold Stenzel, Chair



Harold Stenzel
Chair
Correspondence Chess
Committee

The committee had no work this year. It did however come to my attention that a member of the USCF objected to color assignments in a round-robin event. This had been discussed in the past and it was agreed that the old practice of giving white to the highest rated player against the second-ranked player be done away with and replaced with random pairing numbers to even up the color assignments. It just so happened that in the one case raised that the member was assigned white against the bottom and black against the top by random chance.

CRAMER AWARD COMMITTEE

submitted by Don Schultz, Chair



Don Schultz
Chair, Cramer Award
Committee

A formal working relationship with the Chess Journalists of America was established. The Cramer Awards will now concentrate on: Best Book, Best Regular Newspaper Column, Best State Publication and together with the CJA the Chess Journalist of the Year. Winners for 2001 were announced:

Chess Journalist of the Year - Hanon Russell

Best Chess Column - Harold Dondis

Best State Publication - Illinois Chess Bulletin

Best Book - *Instructional Modern Chess* by Igor Stohl

Winners for 2002 will be announced at the 2002 Chess Journalists of America Meeting.

The Cramer Committee has still been unable to get Chess-in-the-Schools to respond to a letter from over a hundred leading chess journalists, players and officials requesting resumption of the award funding stemming from former USCF President Fred Cramer's quarter-million-dollar bequest to them. Efforts will continue.

DENKER TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

submitted by Jack C. Mallory, Chair



Jack C. Mallory
Chair, Denker
Tournament Committee

We continued our efforts to increase the recognition and prestige of the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Due to the support of Grandmaster Denker, Dewain Barber, the USCF staff, and the University of Texas at Dallas we were able to set a new record by having 40 state high school champions play in the 2001 tournament. We are still working toward our goal of having every state and U.S. Territory represented.

At its August meeting in Framingham, the committee approve revisions to the rules for participation in the tournament. The changes were an attempt to remove conflicts in the rules and to make the rules more understandable.

FIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

submitted by Don Schultz, Chair

A comprehensive report on the drug testing was submitted to the Executive Board. The committee recommended:

- 1) That the USCF Policy should be to endorse and work towards a limited form of drug testing.
- 2) That the USCF Executive Board state FIDE's anti-doping regulations

issued on July 1, 2001 are fatally flawed, and a circular letter be sent to all FIDE nations stating our opposition to the regulations and our intention not to implement them.

3) That the USCF dispatch a circular letter to FIDE and all its member nations announcing its intention to campaign actively at all FIDE meetings against drug testing.

4) That the EB state that the USCF values reason, privacy and its own financial health more highly than potential inclusion in the Olympics at some undefined point in the future.

5) That the EB state that the USCF regards healthy relations with America's tournament organizers as more important than the prospect of chess being included in the Olympic Games.

A comprehensive report on USCF representation in FIDE was prepared and forwarded to the EB. In it:

1) Formal job descriptions for the USCF FIDE Delegate, Zonal President and FIDE Vice President were prepared.

2) Key FIDE commissions for which USCF should participate were identified. For each of these commissions policy objectives of the USCF representative were set. For example, on the Rating Commission, the report specified that the USCF rating system is vital to USCF interests and the USCF Committee representative should make sure there is no competition between FIDE and USCF ratings.

3) The committee sought out and prepared a list of qualified candidates to serve on the USCF FIDE Team.

The committee prepared a formal proposal to separate the FIDE- defined Continent of Americas into two continents, North and South, thus easing U.S. participation in continental events, gaining a portion of FIDE's Continental feedback funds, creating more opportunities for titling our players and giving USCF greater opportunity to participate on FIDE's Presidential Board.

The Committee prepared the following recommendation regarding Bobby Fischer: "The Executive Board should stay away from this matter. If the USCF is asked for its views on his comments, the simplest possible response should be given: A great chessplayer who, as a U.S. citizen, has a right to his political opinions, which are purely his own."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

submitted by Steve Doyle, Chair



Steve Doyle
Chair, Finance
Committee

On the USCF financial front, I think it has been one of the most challenging since 1978. Incredible changes in the office, financials from last year that were seriously understated, and the constant tidal change in the B&E business all combined to make this year quite challenging.

The turmoil in the office and the changing of senior personnel created the need for very high level strategic thinking. This need has not given the FC a major role in shaping policy as in past years.

The board and ED have decided to re-enter the B&E business. They secured a loan from the bank using the LMA as collateral. This decision, if properly executed in our opinion will help the federation.

The federation finances appear to have stabilized based on our review. January results forward seem quite positive. Strong financial results from the scholastic events have helped improve the picture while very preliminary sales results are helping to build a very positive turn around.

As of the date of the publication deadline we have not reviewed a 2002-2003 budget, therefore comments will be made at the annual meeting on this issue.

The committee has suggested to management that they reestablish the Monthly Data Report (MDR) as a means to measure the business on a more timely basis

Special thanks go to the committee for their time and effort as volunteers

and to the Board and ED for working hard at building a strong turn around.

INTERNET COMMITTEE

submitted by Myron Lieberman, Chair



Myron Lieberman
Chair, Internet
Committee

The Internet Chess Committee provided a detailed report to the office regarding three concerns expressed regarding recent developments at US Chess Live. A summary of the substance follows:

1. The apparent elimination of free online chess as a benefit of USCF membership.

The primary reason why Games Parlor was awarded a contract renewal in April 2001 is because they offered free online play exclusively to USCF members. This allowed USCF to offer their service as an additional benefit of membership. However, the USCF was still required to make substantial payments to

GamesParlor. In October, the Executive Board encouraged GamesParlor to shift towards a member-paid service in exchange for eliminating the USCF payments. Since then several issues were raised that have been addressed.

A. EXPANSION TO OTHER FEDERATIONS - Games Parlor later made similar services available to members of the Federations of Great Britain, Germany, and Australia and moved all to a "Global Chess Server".

Conclusion: Since national federation membership was still a requirement, it is a similar situation to states honoring reciprocal memberships between state federations. USCL could still be considered a benefit of USCF membership, in fact an improved benefit. It made it easier for USCF members to find games on a 24-hour basis since it increased the number of opponents in a wide range of time zones.

B. ADVERTISING AND A PAID MEMBERSHIP CLASS - In order for the benefit to be free to USCF members, someone has to pay for it. Games Parlor relied on online advertising to help defray the cost in the past. Many people object to advertisements on USCL because of distraction, privacy concerns, or both.

As was the case with other servers, Games Parlor implemented a second level of membership. There would be a membership fee, but there would be improved client software, no advertisements, and enhanced benefits. Members of USCF and other Federations would get significant discounts in the cost of membership. Anyone could still obtain a free membership, but ads would remain and a number of the features formerly included with membership would only be available on the fee based "Royal" membership.

Conclusion: The need for players to have a choice as to whether or not to accept advertising was clear, but a paid membership would be needed for those who did not want advertising. This structure would be workable as long as USCF members still clearly had significant benefits beyond those available to non-members regardless of which membership level they chose (not just a discount on the paid membership). This condition needs to be met. Currently free memberships and Royal Memberships are available to Federation members and non-members alike.

C. ELIMINATION OF GUEST MEMBERSHIPS - Everyone, including those with free memberships, need to register. Guest memberships would no longer be accepted.

Conclusion: - A significant problem with the service originally was that unregistered players could sign on as guests and play unrated games without a history being maintained. Players could sign on as guests, be abusive or obnoxious, and could not be penalized because they had no continuing record. Furthermore, those members who are penalized for abuse or cheating could sign on as a guest and continue to abuse the service. By disallowing guest logins and requiring even free memberships to register, thereby maintaining a history, this problem is effectively resolved. That was a good move.

2. The sales of books and equipment in competition with USCF.

Conclusion: - Currently book and equipment sales on USCL are not

directly through USCF's sales operation, thereby technically being in competition with USCF. We understand that the ED is aware of this and working with GamesParlor to develop a cooperative sales effort in the near future.

3. Anti-cheating measures on USCL. - Concern has been expressed about the nature of USCL's anti-cheating measures.

The report originally pointed out that preliminary indications were that the anti-cheating measures appeared to be more invasive than necessary and that they could be easily defeated by someone who really wanted to cheat. The office requested that a professional evaluation be made by Gary Prince, an advisor to the Internet Chess Committee and the office. He has completed his evaluation and has released a complete report to the office and a public report on privacy issues on USCL. The committee requests that the public report be posted on the USCF web site and made available to anyone who is interested.

LMA COMMITTEE

submitted by Stan Booz C.P.A, Chair



Stan Booz
Chair, LMA Committee

Members of the LMA Management Committee this year included Michael Cavallo (MA), Anthony Cottell (FL), Steve Doyle (NJ), Dave Knudson (SD), Al Lawrence (FL), Fred Townsend (CT) and me. I am pleased to have served as the Chairperson of the LMA Committee during this difficult period for the USCF.

FY 2001-02 was another rocky year for the USCF. As a consequence, the LMA assets balance has continued to erode. During November, members of the LMA Committee participated in a conference call involving the Executive Board members and legal counsel. The Committee chose not to object to the Executive Board request to utilize assets from the LMA account to address the cash flow crisis facing the USCF at that time.

In this connection, the following motion was passed on November 13, 2001:

EB 02-30 (Warren) "The Executive Board approves borrowing from the LMA to the legal limit as defined by the LMA Committee". The determination of the legal limit under this motion was deferred to USCF legal counsel. A written legal opinion followed and funds were released from the LMA account as described more fully below.

LEGAL OPINION RE: Use of LMA

Mr. John McCrary
564 Rainbow Circle, West Columbia, SC 29170

Re: General Corporate matters, Our File No. 1554.2

Dear John:

You have asked us to advise you regarding rights and obligation of the Life Member Asset Management Committee with respect to certain funds on deposit and investments managed by such Committee.

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the USCF, the LMA Committee was established as a standing committee. Historically, the LMA Committee has been charged to manage funds given by members in the amount of approximately \$850 per member. In return for this amount, such members became Life Members of the USCF. Life members are entitled to certain benefits, most notably Chess Life magazine, waiver of annual dues and discounts on purchase from USCF.

The Life Member Assets (LM Assets) are not held by a separate legal entity, despite the USCF policy of maintaining distinct

records regarding the LMA Committee management activities and return on investment. It is our understanding, confirmed by the auditors, that no formal endowment fund or legally recognized trust exists for the LM Assets. LM Assets, which are substantial balance sheet assets of the organization, are therefore subject to the claims of general creditors of USCF and are reported as fungible on its financial statements.

Presently, USCF is seeking to obtain certain bank financing. In anticipation of the financing, the Delegates took action to approve the encumbrance of the land and buildings as necessary, with the agreement of the LMA Committee. See DM 01-35. We are told the bank has made it a condition of the financing, that the assets managed by the LMA Committee be used to collateralize the loan, which requires these assets be encumbered by a lien. The LMA Committee is seeking clarification of its authority to permit the encumbrance.

It should be noted that the Bylaws, Article IX, Section 10, does not speak to authority of the LMA Committee with respect to encumbrances, only as to borrowing of an aggregate of more than \$200,000. As a basic premise, we point out that borrowing is not legally equivalent to granting an encumbrance and it would appear that the restrictions of Section 10 are inapplicable. There is also certain ambiguity in the language of Sections 9 and 10. However, since the Delegates Motion 01-35 mentions the approval of LMA Committee, that approval should be considered.

As a principal of Illinois not-for-profit corporate law, not-for-profit corporations are not to be operated to provide a private benefit to specific individuals, but rather are to be operated to perform the public mission for which the organization was formed - in this case, the promotion of chess. The duties of the LMA Committee are described in Section 10 as managing the Life Member Assets. It should be clearly understood that the management duty to the Committee under the law is to provide its management duty of the corporation, and not the individual Life Members. Although the Life Members have expectations of continued waivers of dues, Chess Life and discounts on purchases, those benefits are not guaranteed by USCF and will cease if the corporation ceases.

It follows from this basic tenet, that in the event that the creditors of the USCF seek payment, the LM Assets (again, which are legally indistinguishable from the general funds of USCF) must be made available to satisfy creditors. It would be a violation by the LMA Committee members of their fiduciary duty to the corporation if they failed to take action for the benefit of the corporation in order to protect the individual Life Members rights.

In summary, the Bylaws of the USCF provide for the management of the LM Assets by the Committee, and Illinois not-for-profit corporation law requires that management to be for the benefit of the organization, not for the private benefit of individuals. The LM Assets are part of the general assets of the organization, despite the historical accounting for them in separate books. The LM Assets, in the event of a creditor judgement or bankruptcy are available to the general creditors of the organization without restrictions. The encumbrance of the assets was approved by the Delegates to enable the loan to be obtained. The LMA Committee has a fiduciary duty to the organization to act in its interest. If the LMA Committee believes encumbrance of the LM Assets would be in the interest of the organization as a whole, the LMA Committee approval of such encumbrance would be within its authority and duty.

Sincerely,

Maureen Crush,
Rider, Weiner, Frankel & Calhelha, PC
Newburgh, NY, November 12, 2001

At the beginning of the year, liquid assets in the fund totaled \$1,210,781 at fair market value. As of May 31, 2002, that number declined to \$516,368 representing a reduction of nearly \$700,000 for the year. The changes can be summarized into three major components:

Pay down of Line of Credit (June 2001)	\$375,000
Transfers to Operations	\$250,000
Unrealized Losses in Investments	\$80,000

A more detailed analysis is presented below showing the aggregate Life Member Asset changes for the fiscal year. The New Windsor land & buildings is shown both at cost and fair market value for information purposes:

Beginning Balance, May 31, 2001 -

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$275,345
Equities	70,140
Fixed Income CDs	200,000
Mutual Funds	<u>665,296</u>
Sub-total	1,210,781(a)

New Windsor Property:	
Historical Cost less Depreciation	168,582 (b)
Fair Market Value	585,000 (c)

Total Beginning Balance:

Consisting of -	
(1) Fixed Assets at Cost (a+b)	1,379,363
(2) All Assets at Current Market Value (a+c)	1,795,781

Additions in 2001-02:

Interest & Dividends	18,734
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Reductions in 2001-02:

Repayment of original Line of Credit	(375,000)
Transfers to USCF -	
November 2001	(94,000)
February 2002	(116,039)
April 2002	(43,505)
Wire Transfer Fees	<u>(60)</u>
	(628,604)

Unrealized Losses on Investments (see cumulative schedule by month below)	(79,495)
Depreciation	<u>(11,833)</u>

Ending Balance, May 31, 2002-

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$19,860
Equities	62,958
Fixed Income CDs	50,919
Mutual Funds	<u>382,631</u>
Sub-total	516,368 (d)
Accrued interest	5,048 (e)

New Windsor Property:	
Historical Cost less Depreciation	156,749 (f)
Fair Market Value	600,000 (g)

Total Ending Balance:

Consisting of -	
(1) Fixed Assets at Cost (d+e+f)	678,165
(2) All Assets at Current Market Value (d+g)	1,116,368
"Due to LMA" account on USCF books	<u>731,680</u>
Fair Market Value of LMA Account, May 31, 2002	<u>\$1,848,048</u>

The Unrealized Losses on Investments in the LMA account totaled \$79,495 for FY 2002. This compares to \$191,722 of unrealized losses in FY 2001. Following is a summary, by month, of the unrealized losses during the past year. The volatility of the market is obvious from the data. Worthy of note is that there has been a \$66,000 rebound since the low point of

September 30, 2001, following the 9/11 disaster.

Month	Monthly Change	Cumulative Change
June 2001	< 8,057>	< 8,057>
July	<26,945>	<35,002>
August	<42,944>	<77,946>
September	<67,537>	<145,483>
October	16,620	<128,863>
November	55,407	<73,456>
December	10,621	<62,835>
January 2002	< 7,340>	<70,175>
February	< 5,835>	<76,010>
March	18,210	<57,800>
April	<15,439>	<73,239>
May	< 6,256>	<79,495>

Last year's reported amount for the Life and Sustaining Membership Liability in the audited financial statements was \$2,000,512. At the suggestion of Helen Warren, the office sent out two first class mailings to all Life Members in the database in order to verify the accuracy of the list. As expected, many of the letters were returned noting that the member was either deceased or that the contact address was incorrect. The office staff has subsequently performed a thorough follow-up analysis and determined that the number of Life Members actually receiving services is overstated by between 7% and 8% from the amount used historically to determine the calculation of the Life and Sustaining Membership Liability. Keeping all of the other assumptions related to this calculation constant, a 7% reduction in this number will be \$1,860,476. Obviously, any other changes in key actuarial or investment assumptions will affect this calculation. The auditors will review this information as part of their year-end field work.

During May, the Interim Executive Director issued his quarterly report to the Executive Board which included the following excerpt:
Referring the Life and Sustaining Membership Liability, he said:

"I have confirmed with both our auditors and legal counsel that this is not a true liability. I understand that there are political ramifications to this statement but my job is to describe things as I see them. Nevertheless, I do believe it is prudent to continue to set aside funds in anticipation of future needs including services to life members and modernization of the building and internal systems. I would recommend, however, that such a fund be called an Asset Reserve Fund, which can be temporarily restricted as to use by the Executive Board and/or the Delegates, with no offsetting liability shown anywhere but in a footnote to the audited financial statements. This is a very significant issue which I will discuss more fully in my report at the annual Delegates' meeting."

After discussing this matter with him, I understand his suggestion is that the correct accounting related to the obligation for future services is to show the unearned portion of life member payments as Deferred Revenue. This is not the method that the USCF has used in the past. The LMA Committee has not discussed the merits of his suggestion and, therefore, we have no opinion at this time.

Frank Camaratta, Vice President for Finance, has suggested a method for addressing this issue in his report elsewhere in the Delegates' Call.

"Reporting of Life Membership accounting transactions has been a topic of discussion since at least 1986. Significant Delegates' motions on the subject were passed in 1986 and 1994. Our goal has been to report Life Memberships in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles while, at the same time, setting aside sufficient funds to generate a stream of revenues to operations each year in support of life member services."

"Our new Executive Director, our legal counsel (Mike Matsler), our accounting firm (led by audit partner, Mark Levy), our bank,

and our vendors have individually and collectively challenged us to rethink the way we address our financial reporting for life memberships in future fiscal years. Accordingly, I will be recommending to the Delegates that a special task force, to include myself, the chair of the LMA Committee, the chair of the Finance Committee, the Executive Director, and one or two others be appointed to re-examine current accounting principles and financial reporting options with the goal of implementing needed changes as soon as practicable.”

As a final thought, I would like to share the current distribution of Life and Sustaining members by age as of May 31, 2002:

Age	Life Members on File	Deceased or Not Receiving Benefits	Net Life Members	Sustaining Members	Total
98	3	0	3	0	3
96	1	0	1	0	1
94	1	0	1	0	1
93	1	0	1	0	1
92	3	0	3	0	3
91	1	0	1	0	1
90	1	0	1	0	1
89	5	0	5	0	5
88	4	1	3	0	3
87	5	0	5	0	5
86	16	0	16	0	16
85	11	0	11	0	11
84	14	1	13	0	13
83	12	3	9	0	9
82	18	0	18	0	18
81	28	3	25	0	25
80	28	4	24	0	24
79	38	4	34	0	34
78	23	2	21	0	21
77	40	2	38	0	38
76	56	5	51	0	51
75	58	5	53	0	53
74	58	5	53	0	53
73	80	1	79	0	79
72	88	8	80	0	80
71	100	5	95	0	95
70	90	9	81	0	81
69	83	4	79	0	79
68	115	9	106	0	106
67	101	7	94	0	94
66	136	2	124	0	124
65	115	5	110	0	110
64	144	6	138	0	138
63	145	5	140	0	140
62	172	13	59	0	159
61	173	8	165	0	165
60	221	12	209	0	209
59	297	23	274	2	276
58	264	19	245	4	249
57	280	15	265	5	270
56	276	14	262	3	265
55	404	26	378	2	380
54	398	25	373	3	376
53	342	15	327	3	330
52	325	16	309	5	314
51	336	26	310	5	315

Age	Life Members on File	Deceased or Not Receiving Benefits	Net Life Members	Sustaining Members	Total
50	351	20	331	7	338
49	352	17	335	8	343
48	296	14	282	14	296
47	352	22	330	11	341
46	360	22	338	13	351
45	366	22	344	19	363
44	338	13	325	27	352
43	260	11	249	26	275
42	188	9	179	13	192
41	153	2	151	18	169
40	132	7	125	19	144
39	107	4	103	18	121
38	99	2	97	17	114
37	97	4	93	13	106
36	84	3	81	23	104
35	78	3	75	19	94
34	64	3	61	14	75
33	56	0	56	15	71
32	57	4	53	16	69
31	52	5	47	14	61
30	30	2	28	11	39
29	34	1	33	11	44
28	26	1	25	11	36
27	27	2	25	9	34
26	10	0	10	5	15
25	12	0	12	4	16
24	13	0	13	3	16
23	8	0	8	1	9
22	11	1	10	4	14
21	6	0	6	2	8
20	8	0	8	1	9
19	5	0	5	2	7
18	4	0	4	1	5
17	4	0	4	1	5
16	5	0	5	2	7
15	2	0	2	1	3
14	2	0	2	1	3
13	1	0	1	0	1
12	2	0	2	1	3
10	3	0	3	1	4
8	1	0	1	0	1
7	1	0	1	0	1
5	2	0	2	0	2
Age unknown	1878	348	1530	4	1534
Total	11047	857	10190	432	10622

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH COMMITTEE

submitted by Bill Goichberg, Chair



Bill Goichberg
Chair, Membership Growth Committee

The Membership Growth Committee was not as active as last year, largely because we are anticipating the implementation of many of our past suggestions. The Committee discussed and supported the new USCF Booster Program.

A debate regarding dues and/or rating fee increases was in progress at the submission deadline date for this report. No vote had yet been taken, but the majority appeared to feel that a dues increase for all membership

classes was an acceptable way to improve USCF's financial situation. A proposal to endorse a rating fee increase instead seemed to have no support, with several members expressing concern that this would produce a negative affiliate reaction similar to that following the 2001 TLA fee increase.

Committee member Mike Nolan has conducted extensive research on USCF membership and rating data. By the time you read this, his "USCF Data Analysis Project" studies, hopefully, will be posted at uschess.org. Following is a summary of some of Mike's findings regarding membership retention.

In the 12 months between March 2001 to February 2002, only 433 current or former Youth members moved up to Adult membership, just 36/month. By comparison, USCF averaged 386 new Adult members during this period. Another 88 current or former Scholastic members moved up to Adult memberships, only 7 per month.

The following renewal percentages that I calculated from Mike's data are not precise, because the data is based on comparing the number of players in the membership class and age at the end of each year 1998-2001 with the number of lapsed (non-renewing) members throughout that year, but they nevertheless tell an interesting story.

SCHOLASTIC MEMBERS

Age	Total	Lapsed	Renewal rate
9	16156	6064	.625
10	18566	7887	.575
11	18637	9310	.500
12	15623	9142	.415
13	11616	6681	.425
14	8605	5475	.364
15	4061	3780	.069

YOUTH/ADULT MEMBERS

9	854	294	.656
10	1415	469	.669
11	1907	743	.610
12	2492	1010	.595
13	2991	1338	.553
14	3938	1579	.599
15	6495	2060	.683
16	8243	3388	.589
17	7582	3592	.526
18	6002	4021	.330
19	3045	2349	.229
20	1878	1186	.368
21	1436	742	.483
22	1358	672	.505
23	1310	593	.547

To sum up:

AGE	SCHOL	ADULT	COMBINED
9	.625	.656	.626
10	.575	.669	.582
11	.500	.610	.511
12	.415	.595	.440
13	.425	.553	.451
14	.364	.599	.438
15	.069	.683	.447
16		.589	
17		.526	
18		.330	
19		.229	
20		.368	
21		.483	
22		.505	
23		.547	

These figures became available at the deadline for submitting this report, so I have not yet heard reaction to them from the committee, or even from Mike. The interpretation that follows is only my opinion.

Age 9: Very high renewal rate, because few kids graduate to a new school at this age, so those in a chess program tend to stay there, and Elementary School chess is more popular than JHS or HS.

Age 10: Lower scholastic rate, perhaps because some kids enter middle school at this age, and any change of school is likely to end or decrease their involvement in a chess program. Youth renewal rate remains very high.

Age 11, Age 12: The renewal rates keeps dropping, as most kids switch from elementary to middle school or JHS at one of these ages.

Age 13: Similar scholastic rate to age 12. Youth rate drops quite a bit, but is still way above scholastic rate. Most 13-year olds are in 8th grade, and not many schools begin with that grade. We might expect renewals to improve over age 12, but another factor is at work in many of these figures, that chess is more popular in elementary school than in middle/JHS.

Age 14: Corresponds to 9th grade, a point when most students switch schools, and the scholastic renewal rate shows a further decline. However, the youth renewal rate goes back up and is vastly better, .599 to .364. At this point, most serious players have graduated from *School Mates* to *Chess Life*.

Age 15: Last year for scholastic membership — they must move to youth or lapse. Those who didn't switch to youth earlier are apparently very poor prospects for the future, with an anemic .069 renewal rate. The worst renewal rate on the chart for Scholastic members corresponds to the best rate for youth members of the same age, .683. It certainly seems as though when a kid switches from *School Mates* to *Chess Life*, the chances he/she will renew increase considerably.

Age 16: With everyone getting *Chess Life*, and little school switching, the overall renewal rate booms from .447 to .589. The youth renewal rate declines from .683, though, as those with marginal interest have been forced into this category.

Age 17: A further decline from .589 to .526, but still better than the overall rate for ages 11-15. The decline may be connected to the fact that some 17-year-olds have graduated from high school.

Age 18: A tremendous drop to .330. Most 18-year-olds are no longer in high school, and few colleges have chess programs. Those who are not in college are probably even less likely to remain active.

Age 19: Most who survived the damage at age 18 are eliminated in this bloodbath. Everyone is out of high school now, and there is a further drop to a horrible .229 renewal rate. The combined effect of age 18 and 19 is that very few who were members at age 17 remain.

Age 20: Interesting that the year that dues leap from \$20 to \$40, the renewal rate actually increases back to .368, highest since age 17. Apparently the cost of renewing is only a minor factor, vastly less important than whether or not the player goes to a school that has a chess club.

Age 21 to 23: The renewal rate keeps improving. By age 23, it is above the age 11-15 level. However, the damage has been done. USCF has only about one-sixteenth as many 23-year-olds as members as it does 11-year-olds, the peak age.

OLYMPIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE

submitted by Tim Redman, Chair

The application of the USCF for recognition by the U.S. Olympic Committee was declined by the USOC Membership Committee, despite a strong application written by George DeFeis and reviewed by the previous Board's FIDE subcommittee (John McCrary and me), and a good presentation by DeFeis and Grandmasters Maurice Ashley and Joel Benjamin. But our failure to reach this longtime goal (this Committee has been in existence for a long time) was overshadowed since last year's Delegates' Meeting by a lively debate about the drug testing that participation in the Olympic Games would entail. Passing two different motions last year, the

Delegates seemed to say that the USCF opposed drug testing, but that it would accept limited drug testing for those with the opportunity and desire to play for the United States in the Olympic Games, should chess be admitted to the Winter Games as a sport.

FIDE is recognized by the International Olympic Committee, and chess was a demonstration sport at the Sydney Games. But the new IOC President has declared that he wishes to cut back on the number of sports in at least the Summer Games, and the rules for participation in the Winter Games requires that the game be played on snow or ice. So there is some question about whether or not chess will ever be a part of the Olympic Games. The current FIDE President, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, has stated quite clearly that participation of chess in the Olympic Games is one of his goals, but he is up for reelection this Fall in Bled. Chess is recognized as a sport by about fifty nations including Canada, leading to the interesting anomaly that if you live in northern Maine and step over the border, chess is a sport, but if you step back into this country, it is not a sport. While considering chess as a sport may be counterintuitive, The Wall Street Journal reported a few months ago in a front-page story that the U.S. Contract Bridge League was pursuing recognition of bridge as an Olympic Sport. So the possibility that there may be an Olympic category for "mind sports" remains.

The fundamental question that the Delegates must decide upon is whether or not the USCF still wants to pursue membership with our national olympic committee. I believe that we should, but it is a question for the Delegates. My own belief is based on my experience in approaching corporations for support for chess: Many respond that they only provide funds for Olympic training. If chess became an Olympic sport, I think our chances for corporate funding for chess competition would increase. My belief is also based upon what I witnessed in Istanbul at the FIDE Congress in 2000: A brand-new Philippine Chess Federation replaced a fifty-year-old PCF because the national olympic committee had recognized the former. If we decide not to pursue olympic status, it is at least possible that another national chess federation will be established that would achieve that recognition, that the other group would be recognized by FIDE, and we would lose our authority as the sanctioning body for chess in this country. For that reason, in my one telephone call to George DeFeis from Istanbul, I directed him to speed up work on our application (which he had already been pursuing).

The question of whether or not the USCF should pursue olympic status for chess has been muddied considerably by several other considerations: opposition to USCF participation in FIDE in any manner, opposition to the current FIDE President, opposition to drug testing, and belief that we will never achieve such status in any event. All of these factors relate to the principal question. The first two are, in my view, concerns properly addressed by the FIDE Advisory Committee, of which I am a member. The last factor is, to my way of thinking, merely speculative and thus not conducive to deliberation and decision. The third consideration, drug testing, seems to be the most contentious, and it is therefore the question that this Committee has addressed. I should add, however, that the conclusions that follow are my own. Dr. Steve Press is no longer active in chess, but he was able to provide me with the white paper on the question of drug testing in chess prepared at the request of the Dutch Chess Federation. The Netherlands is not exactly known for being tough on drug use, but their report acknowledges the need for drug testing. Grandmaster Benjamin has written to *Chess Life* on the subject — he is vehemently opposed to drug testing — and believes that the decision of the USOC makes the question moot. The decision was made, however, by the USOC Membership Committee, not their Executive Committee, and can, I believe, be appealed. Recently Dr. Henry Kissinger, a friend of chess, became a member of that Board. Should the Delegates so decide, I believe that we can continue to pursue membership with some expectation of success.

Therefore I decided that this Committee could be of most use to the Delegates in their deliberations by gathering information about drug testing

and chess. The FIDE Advisory Committee has also discussed the question; its often colorful exchanges can be found at Don Schultz's website, chessdon. However, I thought it appropriate for this committee to look into it further, and I myself was curious about the answer to the question: Do or will drugs exist that improve memory and cognition? I assume that if such drugs do or will exist, they will improve a person's ability to play chess, and that access to and use of such drugs would be disallowed in Olympic competition because they provide an unfair advantage to the user.

Personally, having grown up in the late '60s, I have a fairly liberal attitude about the use of recreational drugs, and I probably agree with Uncle Milty that they should be decriminalized. My own drugs of choice are C8H10N4O2 and sauvignon blanc. The former would be tested for because it is thought to help you play chess, the latter would not be because it does not. Most drug testing in this country is meant to indicate the use of various categories of illegal drugs, all of which are thought to be detrimental to one's chess. Except for the aforementioned alkaloid, drug testing for chess-players is not concerned with these drugs.

The question has a scientific aspect, a business aspect, and a social aspect. To look into the scientific aspect, I sought the help of a friend and colleague, Dr. Ron Yasbin, a Professor of Biology at the University of Texas at Dallas. He did a literature search for me and printed out the abstracts of scientific studies that have been done on drugs and cognition. I read those abstracts and sent a report of them to the FIDE Advisory Committee (it can be found at chessdon). My reading showed that the international scientific community is engaged in research to find drugs that aid cognition and memory, and they are making progress. I have just learned the name of a colleague in neuropharmacology and will consult with him as well.

My consideration of the opinion of the business community was rather fortuitous. At my barber, I read an issue of *Forbes* from February 2002 which had a cover story about two pharmacological research firms that are doing cutting-edge research in the development of drugs that will help memory and cognition. The writer of the *Forbes* article is convinced that such drugs will be developed and recommended investing in companies doing research and development in that area. Commercial drug testing also has a trade association, the Alcohol and Drug Testing Industry Association.

The social aspect of the question is a bit more complicated, and requires a bit of history. It can be framed as follows: What is the status of drug testing in this country? I found an article on the subject in the June 6, 2002 issue of *Rolling Stone*, from which I am borrowing. In the early '80s only soldiers were tested for drugs. "By 1987, twenty percent of businesses in the American Management Association tested their employees. . . . now . . . testing is the norm in seventy-one percent of its members."

The Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision this June in favor of an Oklahoma school with an aggressive drug-testing program. The school conducts random drug tests on students who participate in clubs. The ACLU challenged the school's authority to do so, and the case ended up in the Supreme Court. Drug testing, now standard in corporate American, will soon become standard in American high schools. The only encouraging news is that new methods of testing are being developed that require only a hair sample. Whether we like it or not, drug testing has become increasingly common in the United States, and our decision will not affect its widespread use.

Thanks to members GM Joel Benjamin and Dr. Stephen Press for their work on the committee this year.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

submitted by Myron Lieberman, Chair

CAPA (Chess As A Positive Alternative) Projects and related items:

1. **G-CAPP** - Jane Fonda's G-CAPP chess program is ongoing and has been very successful to date. Orrin C. Hudson and his "Be Someone" organization now handles the chess instruction for G-CAPP. The program currently includes over 113 students in Atlanta's inner-city. "Be Someone" has

a good track record of using chess to improve children's lives, and their partnership with G-CAPP has enabled both programs to gain visibility and effectiveness. Orrin Hudson's combination of chess instruction, motivation, and application of chess principles to life skills has produced impressive results for G-CAPP's targeted schools in Thomasville Heights. Among the notable results were Benteen Elementary School's twelve trophies in a recent Georgia Chess Association tournament. Grant applications have been submitted to expand the G-CAPP program. The Thomasville Heights district was chosen by G-CAPP because of a high incidence of teen pregnancy and any positive effects on teen pregnancy that may arise from the program will be made known to the CDC. Thanks to Jane Fonda for establishing and supporting G-CAPP's chess program, Orrin C. Hudson, for taking it to the next level, and Rachel Lieberman and Joan DuBois for connecting Jane Fonda with Orrin C. Hudson.

2. **Connect America** - The Connect America project has been turned over to the office and USCF is now a partner with Connect America. Connect America, a project of the Points of Light Foundation, networks many of America's top corporations and organizations in an effort to work together to improve our society. USCF is proud to be involved. A current joint project of Connect America and the America's Fraternal Benefits Societies is Join Hands Day, scheduled for June 15, 2002. Join Hands Day seeks to bring youth and adults together to plan and implement volunteering activities in their communities, while building relationships with each other. Chess events fit well into the program as do clubs and leagues. Any school, club, or chess organization who officially participates in Join Hands Day will have their efforts publicized on the website. It might be a good way to start getting community and corporate support for a local club or league, a parent-child team tournament, a mixed-doubles event, a city championship event, a chess booth at a city youth festival, etc. Thanks to Joan Dubois, Anne Ashton, and everyone else who was involved, for following up on this partnership. It will open lines of communication with all of Connect America's partners.

3. **Teaching Life Skills Through Chess** - Fernando Moreno's book *Teaching Life Skills Through Chess* has been published and is currently available. It is aimed at counselors as well as educators and shows how chess positions can be used to represent situations in life. He has received a grant from the American Counseling Association Foundation for his application of this principle in his "It's Your Move. Do the Right Thing" counseling program. Thanks, Fernando.

4. **Foundations and Fundraising** - A Chess Trust mailing to private foundations is underway to obtain funding for chess for prevention on a local and national level as well as to find possible donors to the U.S. Blind Championship. The foundations in this mailing are health oriented and can be found in Volume 1 of the reference "Medical and Health Information Directory", 2001 edition.

The Alabama Public Library Service has published a foundation guide that is helpful for those who would like to seek grants. It is two years old but still serves its purpose. It can be found at <http://www.apls.state.al.us/webpages/pubs/foundationguide.pdf>.

These references do not replace indispensable traditional sources such as "Journal of Philanthropy" and the Foundation Center (www.fdncenter.org), but they provide good additional information.

5. **AARP** - Joan Dubois' participation at the AARP convention was productive. Contact was made with Elderhostel, an organization that offers classes and activities for seniors. They will be considering adding chess. USCF's involvement with the National Retired Teacher's Association, an AARP affiliate, is continuing.

6. **Girls and Chess** - Contact has been made with Sally Ride's Imaginary Lines organization and materials have been sent to them. Imaginary Lines has a goal of teaching girls logic and critical thinking. Previous communication with Girls, Inc. has been turned over to the office. Interest has been shown by several chapters. Their goal is to make girls strong, smart, and

bold. Chess is a natural tool for both organizations. Networking with Imaginary Lines, Girls Inc., and other similar organizations can increase girls' participation in chess as well as math, science, and engineering, while helping make girls strong, smart, and bold. We should pursue mutual web links with both organizations at the very least.

7. **The Imus Ranch** - There has been continuing communication with Don Imus regarding establishing a chess program at his Imus Ranch, which attempts to provide normal life experiences for children with cancer.

8. **Chess Booths at Local Events** - Chess has become a successful part of science fiction/gaming conventions and city-sponsored youth festivals. Efforts in these areas are continuing.

9. **Materials** - Many routine outreach projects are ongoing. The Outreach Committee is willing to help provide materials to anyone who would like to get chess into a school, community center, special event, etc.

Media and Promotion Related Items

Media recognition of chess has improved this year. There are many reasons. Among them are:

1. The Chess for Prevention idea has been taken seriously by enough agencies that networking between organizations has resulted in publicized reports of success. The success of the partnership of Orrin C. Hudson's "Be Someone" program with Jane Fonda's G-CAPP organization has drawn media attention to what chess can do for kids. Many articles have been written in Georgia and Alabama about the "Be Someone" / G-CAPP chess programs. Many articles have been written about other local situations, such as an April 27 Associated Press article that featured the impact chess has had on Morningside Elementary School, an inner-city school in Brownsville, TX, and articles about Maurice Ashley's HEAP program in Harlem. Thanks to JJ Guajardo, Orrin C. Hudson, Maurice Ashley, and others who have demonstrated the value of chess for prevention to the public.

2. The opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum. Not only is this a world-class museum, but it is far more. It will also be the site of chess events and chess instruction on a continuing basis. It is truly a world chess center and a focal point for chess outreach to the community, the nation, and the world. It will continue to generate media interest. Thanks to the Chess Trust, the USCF, the Samole family, Al Lawrence, and everyone else that helped make it happen.

3. The exposure of chess in popular culture through motion pictures like "Harry Potter..." and television productions like "The West Wing" makes it easier for reporters to talk about chess or cover chess events while considering it an interesting and timely assignment.

4. The expansion of the number of colleges offering scholarships has led to an April 30 Associated Press article which documented the growing interest and participation of colleges, pointed out the value of recruiting chessplayers to a college's reputation, and provided visibility to both USCF and the World Chess Hall of Fame. Thanks to the programs at the University of Texas at Dallas and the University of Maryland at Baltimore County for their pioneering work in this area. Other colleges and universities have offered chess scholarships in the past, but UTD and UMBC were primarily responsible for popularizing the idea and gaining media attention. Thanks to Alan Sherman, Tim Redman and everyone involved.

5. The press, including many talk shows as well as news programs and printed media, became infatuated with the FIDE drug-testing issue. A press conference after the 2001 Delegates' Meeting would have been very well attended. As it was, most chess organizers that were present at Framingham had many questions to answer from the media at home, virtually all of them dealing with drug testing.

6. A sharp increase in the number of people who notify their local media when they play in a National Tournament has helped keep chess on reporters' minds. The local media are very receptive and usually publicize both the players and the event.

7. The U.S. Championship in its new format and emphasis on promo-

tion. Thanks to Yasser Seirawan and the America's Foundation for Chess (formerly the Seattle Chess Foundation).

8. The nationwide expansion of Scholastic Chess has attracted attention — and an audience.

Unfortunately, there has been no progress this year toward the goal of a chess stamp as part of a Benjamin Franklin set for 2006 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Franklin's birth. This needs increased emphasis for next year.

PRISON CHESS COMMITTEE

submitted by Dave LeClair, Co-chair

On the civilian side of the committee the following things have been accomplished:

1. Through the generosity of the Chess Trust and with the most appreciated help of Barbara Vandermark, about 50 basic tournament chess sets (vinyl boards and light plastic pieces) were sent to various individual inmates and prison chess clubs. I don't have a record of the exact number sent, but I believe Barbara probably does.

2. Another 20 or 30 less expensive sets were also sent out to a prison chess club at a Youth Facility in California. These were small basic sets with cardboard boards and small light plastic pieces. These had apparently been collecting dust in some area of the USCF warehouse. Again these were provided through the assistance of Barbara Vandermark.

3. On behalf of the U.S. Chess Prison Chess Committee over 100 used chess books were donated to various inmates, prison chess clubs, and prison libraries. This is an ongoing process. As I write this report I have letters from 10 more inmates requesting books.

4. Again, on behalf of the U.S. Chess Prison Chess Committee, a number of inmate memberships to U.S. Chess have been purchased by members of the committee for inmates who could not afford even the token cost of membership.

5. Also, on behalf of the U.S. Chess Prison Chess Committee, a number of memberships to the All Service Postal Chess Club were purchased for inmates interested in rated Postal play. The advantage of the All Service Postal Chess Club especially for inmates, is that there is no entry fee for any matches or tournaments.

6. The committee has responded to over 150 letters from inmates. In some cases their requests for books or chess sets completed the correspondence. In other cases they were paired up with civilian volunteers, both from the U.S. Chess Prison Chess Committee and also from the chessplaying civilian population at large, to play postal chess. I found that a relatively easy way of getting volunteers to play postal chess was to post the request on one or more of the chess newsgroups on the Internet. The results were not overwhelming, but usually every time I posted a request for civilians to play unrated snailmail postal vs. inmates I would receive 2 to 5 responses. In total about 25 inmates have been paired up with civilian opponents during the past year.

7. Members of the U.S. Chess Committee have themselves played postal chess with various inmates and corresponded with them in general.

8. Of great use to a number of postal-playing inmates is research committee members have performed on their behalf. Some of us have ChessBase and Fritz, and other programs. We will provide databases (say 100 master level games) of a certain opening or a specific position to give them assistance in playing their games. This information is printed and in the public domain but otherwise unavailable to them because they are in prison. (Needless to say we do not provide any move generated help.)

During the past year, most of the activities performed by civilian members of the Prison Committee fall into the category of things that could be achieved by individual effort. Dealing with prisons is often frustrating and we are dealing with a moving target. The rules regarding correspondence and the sending of books and chess sets vary from institution to institution — and they can even vary within a given prison as the staff and adminis-

tration changes there.

There were a number of requests to have experts or masters come in to play simultaneous exhibitions against inmates. The committee was unable to respond to these requests affirmatively basically because we lacked the time to put such an event together.

The inmate members of the U.S. Prison Chess Committee — and I might add, some inmates with whom we correspond regularly and who act on behalf of the committee even though they are not official members of the Committee have accomplished the following on behalf of the U.S. Prison Chess Committee.

1. They have, in general, promoted chess within their institution. This includes teaching chess, referring interested inmates to the civilian part of our committee to get sets, books, or memberships.

2. They have organized tournaments in coordination with the prison recreation department. They have also organized and supervised match play within the prison.

3. Several inmate committee members (and inmates who are de-facto members by their active participation in the affairs of the U.S. Chess Prison Committee) have produced regular chess newsletters. At least one of these, by Monte Mounts, is of a very high quality.

4. They have helped other inmates get involved in Postal Chess, both rated through either U.S. Chess or the All Service Postal Chess Club, or unrated play against opponents that the civilian portion of the committee can find.

5. They have organized approved Chess Clubs within their prison in coordination with the Recreation or Activities Officer.

The U.S. Chess Prison Chess Committee does not have any extensive recommendations. We do believe that the \$10 inmate membership is tremendously valuable in terms of helping inmates get involved with 'real' chess as opposed to various hybrid versions of chess because of confusion over some of the more arcane rules, ie. *en passant*, the repetition of position rule, the 50-move rule, etc.

Several inmate members of the committee have suggested that a very simplified version of the rules be published for the use of prisoners - something that could be done on a page or two, but that would have the official stamp of the U.S. Chess federation. Inmates tend to be wary and they won't believe another inmate about the nature of the rules unless it is official and in print.

Personally I would like to see the U.S. Chess Federation offer postal play for free to inmates with the understanding that if they took the option of playing in a match or tournament without paying the normal entry fee, they would not be eligible for the prize if they won.

Also, in regards to postal chess, one of the problems that inmates have run into and mentioned to me, is that they wind up paired against another inmate - and this is against prison rules 99.999% of the time. Almost universally prisons will not allow correspondence between inmates. I don't know how to solve this problem. Perhaps the use of creative pairing would be helpful?

One possibility would be to offer inmates the option of playing rated matches against civilians who are willing to play a match vs an inmate. I would suggest that this service be offered free of charge to both the inmate and the civilian volunteer. If U.S. Chess is willing to do this, I think a statement to that effect in the pertinent section of *Chess Life* along with a suggestion that this is the preferred mode of play for inmates because of the pairing problems that happen frequently in tournament play would a most excellent way of further promoting chess in the prisons. The U.S. Chess Committee for its part of the process could develop a list of volunteers who are members of U.S. Chess that would be willing to play rated matches against inmates.

Well, that's my story and I am sticking to it:

Report submitted by Dave LeClair, Co-Chair of the U.S. Chess Prison Chess Committee on behalf of the Committee.

RATINGS COMMITTEE

submitted by Mark E. Glickman, Chair

This past year has been relatively quiet for the Ratings Committee. The new rating system is now in its second year, along with a separate adjustment to the bonus point thresholding that is intended to have an inflationary effect on ratings. This adjustment to the bonus point threshold, which was set to reinflate ratings, after a two-year period roughly to rating levels in December 1995 before the 100-point rating floors became 200-point floors, is in effect until January 2003. After this time, the threshold reverts back to its normal value.

The Committee is currently in discussions about monitoring the rating system. The goal of the monitoring system is to ensure that significant rating deflation or inflation can be identified and corrected in a natural and transparent manner as it occurs. The specifics of the monitoring method are still under discussion. One method under consideration involves monitoring the rating pool on an annual basis, examining changes in average rating by age group and by region. The basic principle of the monitoring system is that statistically significant changes in the average rating from one year to the next within an age group or large geographical region would lead to an adjustment to correct the discrepancy. The averages would be computed based on active players only with established ratings. For example, if such a system were adopted, then if the average rating of active established players between, say, 25 and 35 years old in a current year were statistically significantly lower than in the previous year, this group would be targeted as needing an average rating increase.

The method currently being considered for making adjustments within age group or geographical region is to change the bonus point threshold parameter for these players. For example, if the monitoring system determines that an average increase for a particular region is required, then the bonus point threshold will be lowered by an amount that would correspond to an anticipated average increase of the amount needed to correct the ratings. Because the approach of adjusting the bonus point threshold to inflate ratings is already in use, and it appears to be a satisfactory method to control the gain and loss of ratings into the rating pool, its adoption as a potential approach to making corrective adjustments seems worthy of serious consideration.

Our goal is to have the specifics of the monitoring system developed in time for a Delegate motion in 2003. Until then, proposed systems will be tested based on differences between recent rating lists and the upcoming annual rating list. The system will not be used to make corrections based on changes from 2001, as the current system is still calibrated to produce rating increases. Instead, we intend to produce a monitoring system that, with its adoption by the Delegates next year, will likely be used to adjust ratings starting in calendar year 2004.

RULES COMMITTEE

submitted by David Kuhns, Chair

The rules committee hears and interprets the laws of chess as they are applied within the game itself, and in the conducting of U.S. Chess Federation-sanctioned events. In particular, the Rules Committee hears and administers application of the rules in cases of dispute within those events. All players have the right to appeal a ruling of a tournament director or a ruling of an appeals committee. The rules committee then assesses the evidence and weighs its judgement with regard to rules interpretation and violations.

During the past year, no appeal was forwarded to the rules committee by the U.S. Chess Federation office.

Other actions of the Rules Committee:

The rules committee is charged with the review and approval of the **U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess, 5th Edition**

An editorial staff headed by Tim Just and an advisory board was

appointed. Many members of the Rules Committee were on this advisory board.

The chairman of the Rules Committee wishes to thank the editorial staff and advisory board for its efforts to revise and update the Laws of Chess. The book is in its final form, and is currently under final review by the Committee. The task was enormous, and Tim did a spectacular job in keeping the discussions lively and active when appropriate, and in obtaining a consensus or compromise when needed.

Details and discussion of the changes to appear will be presented in a workshop scheduled in August.

A summary of the changes, as they now appear, is attached. The Committee has been directed to review the final draft for clarity and content. I expect the changes will be few (if any) from this draft.

The following is a direct extract from the introduction of the 5th Edition: (Introduction, pp v - viii)

Changes in this edition.

In addition to elaboration on both new and old topics, this book has many rules changes and matters addressed for the first time. We believe that Tim Redman in the 3rd edition and Bill Goichberg in the 4th edition were right to devote more of their rulebooks to explanation and discussion than past rulebooks, and our edition continues this trend with the use of TD TIPS that provide insight to the use and meaning of a rule by experienced directors.

We realize that there are those that might prefer a shorter book with rules only; however, the majority of players and directors will welcome the expanded explanations, TD TIPS, and cross-references. We also believe that the discussion of a rule is most comprehensible when it appears together with the rule and its cross-references.

A rulebook is not only for directors. Many players, including beginners, will read this book, and they, too, can learn from the rule explanations and TD TIPS.

Philosophy.

We intend for this edition to guide directors and players in their pursuit of seeking fair and equitable solutions to the challenges that naturally arise from a competitive sport like chess. We intend for this work to be a source for solving general problems and a model for the thinking skills used in dealing with unique and rare situations. Detailed solutions to obscure circumstances will be left for the discussion groups that deal with those uncommon topics.

Improvements.

First, we instituted an extensive cross-referencing system. "See Also" will be the words at the end of many rules that indicate a list of related rules to follow.

Second, we added TD TIPS after many rules to further explain how experienced directors and players have effectively applied the concepts of the relevant rule.

Major Changes in Chapters 1 and 2

All relevant changes made by the delegates to the first two chapters of the 4th edition are reflected in this 5th edition.

There were a lot of minor changes in the wording of rules in the first two chapters that make them easier to understand and administer. Those changes will not be listed here; therefore it is advisable to completely review all of the rules, not just the ones with major changes.

To become a tournament director or simply upgrade a current directing certificate check out the new regulations in chapter 9. Sections of large tournaments and Quick Chess events now qualify as experience requirements.

1 vs 2 pairings: A new variation on the standard pairing method (29L1).

175- move rule: This rule has been removed.

Added language: Language was added in the appropriate places to reflect the use of time-delay, move counters, Quick Chess, sudden-death time controls, and non-sudden-death time controls.

Allegro clock: This term has been changed to Delay clock.

Allegro time control: This term has been changed to sudden death.

Appeals to USCF: The procedures for appealing a decision by a TD, Appeals Committee, or Special Referee is clarified. (24B).

Blind rules: This term has been changed to "disabled and assisted players." Wording has also been added to reflect the use of modern equipment available to handicapped players (35); furthermore, updated procedures for reconciling positions that are different on each board have been added. Non-disabled players are responsible for obtaining any assistance that they are entitled to (35F10).

Class Pairings: The options are clarified for making class pairings (29I).

Computer participation: A new rule regarding computer participation in a tournament reflects their pre-event advertised participation and the rights players have in being paired with a computer (36C).

Divisible and indivisible prizes: A new major variation with examples for dealing with monetary and non-monetary prizes (33D2, 33D2a).

Draw claims as draw offers: All claims of a draw are now also considered draw offers (14).

Due Colors: The rules for assigning color have been clarified, and color history now takes precedence over higher rank in deciding which player receives due color (29E3a, 29E4).

House players: More options for a TD dealing with house players (28M1) have been added.

Incorrectly reported results: This new rule gives the director guidance on available procedures when a game result is reported incorrectly or not at all (15I).

Insufficient losing chances: The procedures for making and dealing with this claim have been revised. Now players must wait until there are only two minutes left on their clock before making this claim (14H1). The procedures available to the TD and the order that they should be applied has been revised (14H2).

Intervening in games: TDs are now allowed to intervene in games in order to collect fees (21D6).

Non-Pairing request: A new rule addressing the issue of players requesting that they not be paired against each other (28U) has been added.

Not able to keep score: The new procedures for dealing with players who cannot keep score (TD TIP to 15A1).

Notification: There are new modified regulations for notifying players about rules variations and posting rules variations for a particular tournament (1B1, 1B2).

Punched the clock: This term has been changed to press the clock.

Re-entry tiebreaks: A new rule dealing with the procedures for calculating re-entry tiebreaks (34H).

Renumbered rules: Due to reorganizing the rules, additions, and deletions, 15D-15L becomes 15D-15I (scoresheets), 29E-29T becomes 29E-29M (pairings), and 34E4-34E12 becomes 34E4-34E13 (tiebreak).

See also: A list of related cross-referenced rules placed after the main rule or variation.

Special referee preferred: If at all possible, the use of a Special Referee is preferred over the use of an on-site appeals committee (21J, 21I1).

Standard penalties: The new rule regarding the standard penalty for any infraction will be to have two unused minutes added to the clock of the opponent of the offending player (1C2a).

Standard procedures for the last five minutes of all time controls: In the past the procedures were different for the last five minutes of a non-sudden death time control and a sudden-death time control. Now those procedures are exactly the same in the last five minutes of ALL time control periods: no TD intervention (11H, 11D1), no scorekeeping (15B, 15C), pressing the clock with the same hand that touched the piece (16C1), picking up the clock (16C2), and two-minute illegal move penalty (16D1).

Starting the clock: The procedures for starting the clock in general plus starting the clock when Black is not present are outlined (16I, 16J).

Stopping the clock: A clarification on making a claim and stopping the

clock was added (13C6).

Table of contents: An additional table of contents was added at the beginning of each chapter.

TD TIP: Notes, advice, and observations (not formal rules) from experienced directors and the editors follow the appropriate rule in italics.

Team chess: TD TIPs regarding how to deal with late team players for round one (31B) plus several methods of scoring team match points (31E) have been added.

Tournament director certification: Quick Chess events and sections of tournaments may now be used for some TD experience requirements (Chapter 7).

Transpositions and interchanges: Another example of transpositions and interchanges was added (29E7).

Who sets the clock: Players are responsible for setting their own clock (5F).

Who chooses the clock placement: Unless the director has stated otherwise, Black chooses which side of the board to place the clock except if Black is late to the board (39A1).

SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE

submitted by Pat Hoekstra, Chair

Greetings from the wonderful world of scholastic chess!



Pat Hoekstra
Chair, Scholastic
Committee

In 2000 a plan to form a group of five people known as the Scholastic Council was approved by the Executive Board. The Scholastic Council functions as the head of the Scholastic Committee and directly represents the scholastic chess community to the Executive Board. The Scholastic Committee elects the scholastic Council members.

The Scholastic Council/Committee members have been communicating with one another via e-mail, telephone, and meetings at tournaments. We have had Council representation at each national tournament and scholastic meeting held at these tournaments.

Parents/coaches have offered various suggestions for tournament changes which Council members have noted and reported to the office.

As a result of countless dedicated hours from volunteers in the scholastic chess community, there has been a huge surge of interest in scholastic chess this year. Three national scholastic tournaments set new attendance records this spring: Elementary Tournament in Portland, Or. (2138), Jr. High Tournament in Milwaukee, Wi. (1458), and High School Tournament in Louisville, Ky. (1434). As most of us know, it takes a tremendous amount of effort to organize and have a successful tournament. The three mentioned tournaments were well run and enjoyed by all. Thanks to each person who helped make the tournaments successful and to everyone who has given their time to the promotion of scholastic chess.

COMPLETED PROJECTS BY THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

1. Creation of a Website

To help the scholastic council/committee become unified and organized, Bob Ferguson graciously donated, created, and has maintained a website for us. This information will be transferred to the USCF web-site eventually. This website is used to provide information regarding the purpose of the council, names of council/committee members, projects, news events, and council meeting minutes/reports. Bob has created a GREAT website. Please visit at the following address: www.chess.isgenius.com

2. Development of a National Network System

Beatriz Marinello with teammates De Knudson, Jay Stallings, and Ralph Bowman have developed an extensive plan designed to support the entire chess community. Please refer to www.chess.isgenius.com. Actions to implement this plan include establishing communication with each state scholastic coordinator, to support existing chess programs, assist in the

development of new clubs, and support existing chess clubs.

3. Completion of a Tournament Check List

Ralph Bowman, who organized a successful SuperNationals II in Kansas City, Mo. last year, has written a tournament checklist which provides helpful information to folks planning to organize a tournament. The check list is not available through USCF yet but anyone wanting a copy, please visit the Scholastic Council website: www.chess.isgenius.com

4. Listing of Colleges Offering Chess Scholarships

Kelly Jacobs compiled a list of colleges currently offering chess scholarships. The list is available on USCF's website or on the Scholastic Council's website.

5. Evaluation of Scholar Chessplayer Applicants

Each year USCF in partnership with the Chess Trust gives Scholar Chessplayer awards. The availability of these scholarships is advertised in *Chess Life* and *School Mates* with high school students who are either juniors or seniors eligible to apply. These Awards are based on particular criteria including chess rating, SAT/ACT scores, GPA, chess achievements, academic achievements, chess service, essay, and references. Bob Ferguson formulated a rating system that is used to evaluate each applicant. This year Jack Mallory, Steve Shutt and Pat Hoekstra evaluated applicants with 7 awards being given. The names of the recipients were announced at the National High School Tournament in Louisville, Ky. in March 2002.

Scholastic Council/Committee members would like to give a huge sincere "THANKS" to all members of the Chess Trust who unanimously voted at the U.S. Open August, 2001 to increase the monetary amount of each Scholar Chessplayer award as well as provision for an additional award.

6. Review of Scholastic Tournament Bids

The scholastic council reviews all scholastic tournament bids/contracts and provides feedback/suggestions to Tom Brownscombe and Diane Reese.

PROJECTS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

1. Writing a Coaching Manual designed for the "entry-level" coach.
2. Visiting colleges to meet with administrators to present information that will demonstrate the valuable contributions that an outstanding chessplayer can bring to their academic arena. Hopefully, we can solicit additional chess scholarships from various colleges.
3. Continuing to work with the Chess Trust to identify sponsors and funds in order to increase the monetary amounts given for Scholar Chessplayer Awards.

DELEGATES AT LARGE

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SENIOR COMMITTEE

submitted by Dr. Joseph Wagner, Chair



Dr. Joseph Wagner
Chair,
Senior Committee

In 2001 we were again ably represented July 2-3 at the Dallas convention of the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) by Joan Dubois of the USCF office. Interim ED Frank Niro demonstrated on-line Internet chess and visitors played OTB against Stephan Gerzadowicz and IM Blas Szuk (of Hungary). The next AARP convention will be held in San Diego September 12-14 when we will ask local club volunteers to participate.

The 2001 Senior Open was held on a cruise from the West coast visiting Acapulco and other ports of call in Mexico. The 2002 Senior Open will be in Ventura, California November 6-11 (or November 8-11 for the accelerated schedule). The Holiday Inn facilities are excellent with an oceanside location on the boardwalk at ocean's edge and a 5-minute walk from downtown are ideal. Every guest room in the hotel has an ocean view. Plan on joining us!

Dr. Joe Wagner
Chairman, USCF Senior Committee

TDC COMMITTEE

submitted by Tim Just, Chair



Tim Just
Chair, TD Committee

One suspended TD was given a probationary reinstatement. When a final draft of the rulebook is available the committee looks forward to revising the TD exams. No TD complaints were processed.

The following committees have not submitted a written report as of deadline: An Oral report may be given. • Affiliate Affairs • Election Procedures • Ethics • Hall of Fame • Master Affairs • Military Chess • MIS • Organizers • Publications • States • Website.



*It's
the 103rd
U.S. Open!*

by Glenn A. Petersen

With each passing year, we add to a rich tradition that started in September of 1900. The brainchild of George Spencer and the Northwestern Chess Association, the U.S. Open has survived many incarnations and formats, and the merger of various national organizations (Northwestern Chess, Western Chess, American Chess, and National Chess Association), to become the annual showcase event for the U.S. Chess Federation.

And the U.S. Chess Federation wants you to be part of this year's Open Championship.

We say it, but do we mean it?

For the top 2% of our membership: \$16,500 in guaranteed prizes and six qualifying spots for the U.S. Championship (five males, one female).

For the rest of us: \$22,500 in guaranteed class prizes.

For all of us: \$1,000 in upset prizes.

For the dreamers among us: All of the above!

Plus: Susan Polgar for book signing (Saturday morning, Aug. 3) and simul held (Saturday at 2 p.m.)

Photo opportunities with Hollywood personality Dustin Diamond, GM Lev Alburt and others!

Watch the U.S. Blind Championship!

Cheer on your state's representative in the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions!

YOUR CHOICE

Play in the traditional one game per night schedule.

Play in the matinee schedule and keep your evenings free.

Take a few vacation days and play in the five- or six-day schedule.

Not enough vacation days and you don't like the faster time controls? Play in the weekend special

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schedule. Play the first four rounds on July 27-28, and come back and join the main schedule on Thursday, August 1. Your choice, for your convenience.

PLENTY TO DO

Depending on your wants and wonts, there is plenty to do during this nine-day event.

If your wont is simply to play as much chess as possible, the day-time schedule of side events includes quads on July 28, 31, and August 4, a Quick Swiss on August 2, a G/30 Action event on August 3, a G/60 event on July 29, a Scholastic Swiss on August 3, the traditional U.S. Open Blitz Championship (five-minute chess) on July 30, and the U.S. Open Bughouse Championship on August 1.

Play at night and visit Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House, and Philadelphia's Fairmount Park.

GOLF?

The Pennsauken Country Club is nearby, and there is a pitch-and-putt miniature golf course right across the highway from the hotel.

Are you the outdoorsy type? The Cooper River complex (home for the Olympic crew trials) is just down the road and it includes a beautiful four-and-a-half mile jogging/walking trail.

The Camden Waterfront is about four miles away and a world unto itself:

The *USS New Jersey* is permanently docked there and open for tours.

the first enclosed malls in the country); in Haddonfield, where downtown Main Street has been returned to a turn-of-the-(last)-century trove of shops and antique stores; at the outlet centers in Franklin Mills (25 minutes away); at the Peddler's Village in New Hope, Pennsylvania (45 minutes away).

Something more **eclectic**? Trenton is nearby and you can try:

The historic Hessian Barracks (Revolutionary War); the East State Penitentiary (Al Capone slept there); the Grounds for Sculpture Museum; any of the fabulous restaurants (don't call 'em pizzas, they're *tomato pies*); and Princeton is 10 miles north of Trenton.

NIGHT LIFE

After the evening round? You can try the Top Dog Cafe and Sports Bar, across from the hotel.

DINING IN?

Cooper's Bar and Bistro offers a breakfast buffet for \$9.99; lunches are in the \$11-15 range, and entree dinners (depending on your wont) range from \$19 to \$30. Special-priced sandwich and beverage stands will be set up in the hotel at various times throughout the day.

Are you an organizer? Someone interested in rules or dues? The U.S. Open workshops begin on Wednesday, followed by the Delegates Meeting on the last weekend (*see page 66-67*).

And if all of that is not enough to keep you busy — I'll put you to work in the tournament director's room. I promise!

Good luck, good chess, and we hope to see you in Cherry Hill!



For complete details, turn to *Tournament Life*.

If your want is otherwise:

The Speedline train (\$7) leaves every hour for Atlantic City (A.C.) and downtown historic Philadelphia.

If you have a car, Philly is only six miles away (10 minutes), A.C., about an hour.

Visit the still spectacular boardwalk, or take in the JFK Presidential Exhibition (over 400 items on display) at the Tropicana.

Play in the matinee schedule and take in the casino shows at night. Comedian **Dom Irrera** headlines at the Sands on 7/27. **Legends in Sou** is the main show at the Tropicana. And at the Claridge ... **Elvis!**, **Marilyn Monroe**, **Stevie Wonder**, **Little Richard**, **Jackie Wilson**, **Roy Orbison** ... impersonators ... all week long.

The River Shark **baseball** team has home games on July 27, 28, and 29. Minor league baseball is way different from the Majors — and cheaper. A game the way it used to be played, a chance to win whatever freebies are being offered on those nights, and \$7 gets you a seat.

The New Jersey **Aquariumis** also located on the waterfront. It has been and remains a major tourist attraction in the Garden State.

The Tweeter Entertainment Center has two **concerts** scheduled during our stay. On July 27, **The Who** with Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin) will perform (lawn seats only, \$35). And on July 30, you can see Moby, **David Bowie**, the Bluetman Group and Busta Rhymes.

Not enough? You can **shop** 'til you drop:

At the Cherry Hill Mall (one of

**see pages
3, 15, 66, & 67
of this Delegates Call.**

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MOTIONS THAT WERE PUBLISHED IN THE 2001 DELEGATES' CALL?

Please note: Published ADMs can be found in the 2001 Delegates call. Sequential DMs can be found in EBN#1 for 2001/2002

Published ADM #	Sequential DM #	Disposition and Subject	STATUS
01-01	01-01	PASSED — Re-election of Delegates-At-Large	
01-02	none	Withdrawn — Alaska State Affiliate	
01-03	01-02	PASSED — Approval of Agenda	
01-04	01-03	PASSED — Approval of Standing Rules	
01-05	01-04	PASSED — Appoint Mike Nolan Parliamentarian	
01-06	01-43	PASSED — Ratification	
01-07	01-42	SUBSTITUTE PASSED (NDM01-123) — Games Parlor Contract	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-08	none	Withdrawn — Games Parlor Contract	
01-09	01-05	PASSED — Acceptance of 2000 Minutes	
01-10	01-06	PASSED — Certification of Executive Board Election	
01-11	01-12	Failed — Restore Rating List to <i>Chess Life</i>	
01-12	01-13	PASSED AS AMENDED — Restore Yearbook to <i>Chess Life</i>	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-13	none	Withdrawn — Restore Rating List and Yearbook to <i>Chess Life</i>	
01-14	01-14	PASSED AS AMENDED — Restore Delegates' contact info to <i>Chess Life</i>	<i>Pending</i>
01-15	01-15	PASSED — Volunteer Lists	<i>Pending</i>
01-16	01-16	Referred to Executive Board and Marketing Department — Volunteer Lists	
01-17	01-18	PASSED — Stenographer	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-18	01-19	PASSED AS AMENDED — Stenographer	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-19	01-17	Failed — Stenographer	
01-20	01-23	Referred to Executive Board with ADM21, 23 through 27 — TLAs	
01-21	01-23	Referred to Executive Board with ADM20, 23 through 27 — TLAs	
01-22	01-49	PASSED — Promotional Memberships	
01-23	01-23	Referred to Executive Board with ADM20, 21, 24 through 27 — TLAs	
Published ADM #	Sequential DM #	Disposition and Subject	
01-24	01-23	Referred to Executive Board with ADM20, 21, 23, 25 through 27 — TLAs	
01-25	01-23	Referred to Executive Board with ADM20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27 — TLAs	
01-26	01-23	Referred to Executive Board with ADM20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27 — TLAs	
01-27	01-23	Referred to Executive Board with ADM20, 21, 23 through 26 — TLAs	
01-28	01-21	PASSED AS AMENDED — Debt Repayment	<i>Pending</i>
01-29	01-22	Referred to LMA Management Committee — Building Repair and Maintenance	<i>Pending</i>
01-30	none	Withdrawn	
01-31	01-25	Referred to Executive Board — Line of Credit	
01-32	01-26	PASSED — Financial Reporting	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-33	01-27	PASSED — LMA Investments	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-34	01-28	PASSED — Invitational Event Budget	<i>Pending</i>
01-35	none	Withdrawn	
01-36	none	Withdrawn	
01-37	01-24	SUBSTITUTE (NDM01-119) Referred to LMA, Finance, Bylaws, and Executive Board — LMA	
01-38	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-39	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-40	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-41	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-42	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-43	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-44	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-45	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-46	none	Not considered individually — LMA	
01-47	none	Not considered individually — LMA	

Published ADM #	Sequential DM #	Disposition and Subject	STATUS
01-48	01-29	PASSED AS AMENDED — BINFO Distribution	<i>Board is rarely using this</i>
01-49	01-32	Failed — Scholastic Dues Increase	
01-50	01-33	SUBSTITUTE PASSED (NDM01-121) — Affiliate Commission	
01-51	none	Withdrawn — Affiliate Commission	
01-52	01-34	Referred to Executive Board — Affiliate Commission	
01-53	01-35	SUBSTITUTE PASSED (NDM01-122) - Encumbrance of Building and Land.	<i>No longer applicable</i>
01-54	none	Withdrawn — LMA Borrowing	
1-55	None	Withdrawn — Financial Reports	
01-56	01-36	PASSED — Financial Reports	
01-57	none	Withdrawn — Financial Reports	
01-58	01-37	PASSED — Financial Reports	
01-59	01-38	PASSED — Hire an Accounting Firm	
01-60	01-39	PASSED — Budget	
01-61	01-07	SUBSTITUTE (NDM01-117) PASSED — Drug Testing	
01-62	01-08	Failed — Drug Testing	
01-63	01-09	Failed — Drug Testing	
01-64	01-10	PASSED — Drug Testing	
01-65	01-40	PASSED AS AMENDED — FIDE Time Control	<i>FIDE Reports to Follow</i>
01-66	01-41	PASSED AS AMENDED — U.S. Championship Time Control	<i>FIDE Reports to Follow</i>
01-67	01-44	PASSED — Campaign Statements for Executive Board Elections	<i>FIDE Reports to Follow</i>
01-68	01-45	PASSED — Nominees for Delegate Elections	
01-69	01-46	PASSED — Candidates who Receive No Votes in Delegate Elections	
01-70	01-47	PASSED — State Appointment of Delegates When None are Elected	
01-71	01-48	PASSED AS AMENDED — State Election Procedures	
01-72	01-50	Failed — Financial Accountability	
01-73	01-51	PASSED — Compensation for Committee Work	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-74	01-85	Referred to the Hall of Fame Comm. — Endorse Anthony Santasiere for the Chess Hall of Fame	
01-75	None	Withdrawn — "Spyware" on USCL	
01-76	01-55	MOOT — Rating System	
01-77	01-56	Failed — Abolish Rating Floors	
01-78	01-57	Withdrawn after introduction — Abolish Bonus and Feedback Points	
01-79	01-54	PASSED — Changes in Rating System	
01-80	01-58, 01-86	Referred to Executive Board — Rename Rating Classes	
01-81	01-59	Referred to Executive Board — Publish Processing Time for Memberships and Rating Reports	
01-82	None	Withdrawn — Unpaid Rulebook Committee	
01-83	01-61	Failed — Name Each Member of a Delegate Appointed Committee Individually	
01-84	01-62	PASSED — Name Bylaws Committee	
01-85	01-63	PASSED — Name Ethics Committee	
01-86	01-31	PASSED — Name LMA Committee	
01-87	01-64	PASSED AS AMENDED — Requirements for Nomination to Elected Office	
01-88	01-65	PASSED by 3/4 Margin with Applause — Name Glenn Peterson a Life Alternate Delegate	
01-89	01-66	PASSED — No Round of the U.S. Open may Conflict with Delegates' Meeting	
01-90	01-67	PASSED — U.S. Open bids must Include Traditional Schedule	
01-91	01-68	PASSED — 12-Round U.S. Open Format	
01-92	01-69	Referred to Executive Board — Winners of Sections in a National Championship	
01-93	none	Withdrawn — USCF Membership Receipts	
01-94	none	Withdrawn — USCF Membership Forms and Receipts	
01-95	01-71	Referred to Executive Board — USCF Membership Documentation at Tournaments	
01-96	01-72	PASSED — Candidate Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-97	01-73	Referred to the Bylaws Committee — Restructuring of Executive Board	

Published ADM #	Sequential DM #	Disposition and Subject	<u>STATUS</u>
01-98	01-74	Referred to Executive Board — Office to Avoid Appearance of Bias in Elections	
01-99	none	Withdrawn — Political Mailing from Office	
01-100	01-75	Referred to Executive Board — Suggestions for Distinguished Service Awards	
01-101	01-76	PASSED — Rescind Executive Board Censure of Bob Smith	
01-102	none	Withdrawn — Move USCF Headquarters to Hall of Fame Building in Miami	
01-103	none	Withdrawn — Elect Officers Annually	
01-104	01-77	PASSED AS AMENDED — Compliance Report	<i>This is it!</i>
01-105	01-78	MOOT — 2000-2001 Executive Board Decisions	
01-106	01-11	PASSED AS AMENDED — OMOV	
01-107	none	Withdrawn — OMOV	
01-108	01-79	PASSED — Who may Submit ADMs for Publication	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-109	none	Withdrawn — Who may Submit ADMs for Publication	
01-110	01-80	PASSED — Include Willingness to Serve as a Factor in Listing Delegate Candidates	
01-111	01-81	PASSED — Eliminate Signature Requirement for Delegate Election Ballots	
01-112	01-82	PASSED — Clean up Existing Bylaw Wording	
01-113	01-83	PASSED — Bylaw Wording Clarification re: Delegate At Large Election	
01-114	none	Withdrawn — Encumbrance on Building	
01-115	01-84	Referred to the Bylaws Committee — Tiebreaker Vote for President	
01-116	none	Withdrawn — Many Subjects	

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

Reference NDM #	Sequential DM #	Disposition and Description	<u>STATUS</u>
01-117	01-07	PASSED — Substitute for ADM01-61 — Drug Testing	
01-118	01-20	Failed — TLA	
01-119	01-24	Referred to EB, LMA, Finance, Bylaws — Substitute for ADM 01-37 — Borrowing from LMA	
01-120	01-30	PASSED — Expand LMA Committee to 7 members	
01-121	01-33	PASSED — Substitute for ADM01-50 — Affiliate Commission	
01-122	01-35	PASSED — Substitute for ADM01-53 — Encumbrance of Building and Land	
01-123	01-42	PASSED — Substitute for ADM01-07	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-124	01-52	PASSED — USCF Membership Requirement for Delegates	<i>Enforced best we can</i>
01-125	01-53	Withdrawn after discussion — USCF Membership Requirement for Voters	
01-126	01-60	PASSED AS AMENDED — New TD Certification Rules	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-127	01-70	Referred to LMA and Senior Committees — LMA to contribute to Senior Open	
01-128	01-87	Referred to the Bylaws Committee — ED and CFO to be Non-voting Members of Board	
01-129	01-88	Referred to Legal Task Force — Ads for Products or Services Illegal in Some States	
01-130	01-89	Referred to Executive Board — TLA Fees	
01-131	01-90	Referred to Executive Board — Five Free TLAs for Affiliates	
01-132	01-91	PASSED AS AMENDED — Distribution of Rating Lists	<i>In Compliance</i>
01-133	01-92	Failed — Censure the Executive Board	
01-134	01-93	Referred to Executive Board — Regionalize TLAs	
01-135	01-94	Referred to Internet Committee — Electronic Submission of Rating Reports	
01-136	01-95	PASSED — Rationales Encouraged for ADMs	
01-137	01-96	Referred to Bylaws Committee — Comments with ADMs	
01-138	01-97	Referred to Bylaws Committee — Alternate Executive Board Member	
01-139	01-98	Referred to Executive Board — Redefine age for Scholastic Membership	
01-140	01-99	PASSED — Seek sponsorship for U.S. Opens	
01-141	01-100	ACCLAMATION — Thank Parliamentarian	
01-142	01-101	ACCLAMATION — Thank Chairman	
01-143	01-102	ACCLAMATION — Thank Secretary and Tellers	
01-144	01-103	PASSED — Adjourn in Memory of Alan Benjamin	

USCF NATIONAL EVENTS 2002-2003

2002 U.S. Over-80 Match Play Championship

July 12-17 • Palm Beach Gardens & Miami, Florida

2002 U.S. Cadet Championship

July 16-19 • Cleveland, Ohio

2002 U.S. Junior Open & Closed

July 19-21 • Dallas, Texas

2002 U.S. Open

July 27-August 4 • Cherry Hill, New Jersey

2002 Denker Tournament of High School Champions

July 28-August 2 • Cherry Hill, New Jersey

2002 U.S. Blind Championship

July 27-29 • Cherry Hill, New Jersey

2002 U.S. Senior Open

November 6-11 • Ventura, California

2002 U.S. G/60 Championship

November 8-10 • Moab, Utah

2002 National Youth Action Championship

November 15-17 • Rockford, Illinois

2002 National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championship

December 13-15 • Atlanta, Georgia

2003 National High School Championship

March 20-23 • Columbus, Ohio

2003 National Jr. High School Championship

April 24-27 • Orlando, Florida

2003 National Elementary Championship

May 8-11 • Nashville, Tennessee

2003 National Open

June 13-15 • Las Vegas, Nevada

2003 Denker Tournament of High School Champions

August 3-8 • Los Angeles, California

2003 U.S. Open

August 3-15 • Los Angeles, California

2003 U.S. Blind

2003 National Youth Action Championship

November 14-16 • Rockford, Illinois

2003 National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championship

December 12-14 • Chicago, Illinois

2002 U.S. Open in Cherry Hill, N.J.

see pages 3, 15, 57, 66, and 67.

OPTIONS AWARDED

AS OF MARCH 2002

(DETAILS NOT YET FINALIZED)

Note

National Events must still submit proposals (including sample budgets) for their events.

2003 Amateur Championship West • Tucson, AZ

2003 U.S. Team East • New Jersey

2004 U.S. Team East • New Jersey

2004 Amateur Championship West • Tucson, AZ

OVERDUE BIDS

Bids on these tournaments are past deadline and will be considered immediately:

2002 U.S. Action (G/30) Championship

2002 Pan-American
Intercollegiate Team Championships

2003 U.S. Junior Open

2003 U.S. Team Championship (West, Midwest)

2003 U.S. Junior Chess Congress

2003 U.S. Masters

BIDDING DEADLINES

Please contact the National Office if you are interested in bidding for a National Event. The USCF recommends that bids be submitted according to the following schedule. However, bids may be considered prior to these dates.

2003 U.S. Junior Championship

2003 U.S. Class Championship

2003 U.S. Action (G/30) Championship

2003 U.S. G/60 Championship

2003 U.S. G/10 (QC) Championship

2003 U.S. G/15 (QC) Championship

2003 U.S. Cadet Championship

2003 U.S. Senior Open

2003 U.S. Amateur (North, South, East, West)

November 1, 2002

2003 Pan-American Intercollegiate
Team Championships

June 15, 2003

2004 U.S. Masters

2004 U.S. Junior Open

2004 U.S. Junior Chess Congress

2004 U.S. Team Championship (West, South, Midwest)