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EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWSLETTER NUMBER 1-3 FOR 2003/2004

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS SPECIAL ELECTION REQUIRED!

Because of the resignations of Executive Board members John McCrary and Frank Camaratta, we must hold a special election, as required by our bylaws. We must elect two people for one-year terms of office.

Any USCF member can be nominated for election to the Executive Board of the USCF. Nominations must be accompanied by a petition containing the signatures of 30 or more Voting Members of the U.S. Chess Federation, and by a filing fee of \$250 payable to the U.S. Chess Federation. Both the petition and the filing fee must be received by either the USCF Secretary or the USCF office by March 31, 2004.

A Voting Member of the USCF for the purpose of the coming election is defined as: Any USCF member who will be at least 16 years of age as of June 1, 2004.

The ballot for this special election will be part of the ballot for the Delegate Election for 2005-2006, to be mailed in the June 2004 issue of *Chess Life*. Each candidate for Executive Board positions may submit a photo and 150-word statement no later than April 1, 2004, for the May 2004 issue of *Chess Life*. Each candidate may submit a half-page statement (approx. 500 words) no later than May 1, 2004 for inclusion in the June 2004 issue of *Chess Life*. There can be **no exceptions to the deadlines listed above. All submissions should be sent to the USCF office to the attention of Barb Vandermark.**

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL OF JUNE 9, 2003

The USCF Executive Board had a conference call on June 9, 2003, upon call of the President in response to suggestions of some other Board members. The participants on the call were as follows:

Dr. John McCrary, President
Steve Shutt, Vice President
Frank Camaratta, Vice President for Finance
Bob Smith, Secretary
Dr. Joe Wagner, Member-at-Large
GM Arnold Denker, Member-at-Large
Dr. Frank Brady, Member-at-Large
Frank Niro, Executive Director

The conference call was convened at 8:00 p.m. EDT. The following motions were considered by the Board during the call:

EB 03-27 (McCrary): The Executive Board authorizes the move of the USCF office to Crossville, Tennessee. The Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary arrangements.

PASSED 5-1-1; Brady opposed and Wagner abstaining.

EB 03-28 (McCrary) Previous Board motions regarding moving the USCF office are rescinded.

PASSED 6-0-1, Denker abstaining

EB 03-29 (Shutt, McCrary): The Executive Board accepts and implements the two recommendations made by the USCF Scholastic Council and submitted to the Board by the Vice President, with changes noted.

PASSED 7-0 (Note: the proposals are as follows)

Proposals Sponsored by the Scholastic Council

Submitted by Stephen Shutt for Executive Board Action

Resolution 1:

The Scholastic Council feels that since the lease is up in August of 2004 for the capital equipment used in National Scholastic Tournaments that this problem needs to be addressed now. We propose a one-time \$5.00 surcharge on the entry fee for the National K-12/Collegiate, National High School, National Middle School/Junior High, National Elementary, and National Youth Action tournaments held from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 for the purchase of new capital equipment. Upon receipt, the amount of \$5.00 per entry is to be deposited in a new bank account. The signatories for this new account are to be the Scholastic Director and a designated Scholastic Council member.

Rationale: The Scholastic Council feels that since the beneficiaries of this capital equipment purchase will be the National Scholastic players then they and they alone should bear the cost of the equipment.

Resolution 2:

The Scholastic Council shall have the authority to revise the Scholastic Regulations as necessary to meet changing situations. Revisions made by the Council will be forwarded to the Executive Board and automatically become official thirty days from that EB submission date unless objected to by one or more Executive Board Members. In case of such objection a vote of the full Board will be required for passage of the changes.

Rationale: Revising Scholastic Regulations is an ongoing process. The purpose of most changes is to clarify ambiguities in wording or to modify phrasing to accommodate new situations. Legitimate complaints are received from TDs, coaches, or parents requesting regulations to prevent negative occurrences not previously anticipated. Rather than requiring EB approval each time a modification is needed, The Council believes a more flexible approach would be for the EB to vote only on modifications of the Regulations deemed unacceptable any member of the EB.

EB 03-30 (Board): The Miami International Chess Academy is granted the "Chess Club of the Year" award

PASSED 7-0

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Smith, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION ON AUGUST 7, 2003

THE Executive Board of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) met at 9:00 a.m. PDT on August 7, 2003, at the site of the 2003 US Open in Los Angeles, California. The following Board members were present:

John McCrary President
Steve Shutt Vice President
Frank Camaratta Vice President for Finance
Arnold Denker Member-At-Large

A quorum was present. The meeting was held in Open session.

The following motions were considered:

03-31 (McCrary): The Minutes of the May 2003 Board meeting and the June 9, 2003 conference call are approved. **PASSED 4-0**

03-32 (McCrary): The limit on the number of Trustees of the US Chess Trust is expanded to either 12 or 13, subject to the concurrence of the Trustees to either of those numbers. **PASSED 3-0-1, DENKER ASBTAINING**

03-33 (McCRARY): Arnold Denker is appointed a Trustee of the US Chess Trust effective the end of the 2003 Delegates' Meeting, subject to the concurrence of the Trustees. **PASSED 3-0-1, DENKER ABSTAINING**

03-34 (McCrary): The Polgar National Championship for Girls is a sanctioned USCF event. **PASSED 4-0**

General discussion occurred regarding various scholastic issues. Ralph Bowman of the USCF Scholastic Council participated in that discussion.

The meeting adjourned before 10:00 a.m. PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

John McCrary, USCF President

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2003 USCF ANNUAL MEETINGS

Introduction:

We have been asked to record and prepare the minutes for the 2003 USCF Membership Meeting (including the Executive Board/Staff Forum) and the USCF Delegates' Meeting.

The Delegates' Meeting minutes will cover all ADMs (Advance Delegate Motions published in the *2003 Delegates' Call*) and all NDMs (New Delegate Motions) that were brought to the floor. NDMs that were withdrawn before being presented may not be included. All Motions are presented in the order in which they were brought to the floor, which may differ from the order in which they were placed on the agenda. They are assigned sequential DM numbers, which are referenced to the corresponding ADM or NDM number. NDM numbers are also listed sequentially. A cross-reference table is provided to allow quick access to disposition of motions. Speakers may be identified from time to time. Usually participants in a discussion, when listed, are in alphabetical order rather than in order of recognition, but there may be exceptions. Speakers who were not recognized by the Chair or who did not approach the microphone and identify themselves are not likely to be mentioned. (Please note: The *Delegates' Call* is now available in its entirety to everyone on the USCF website at www.uschess.org.) Please also note that certified Delegates are presented by state, with EB members and DALs listed first, then Delegates who have been certified from the original published list. Delegates who were certified at the meeting who were not on the original list are listed last. The states indicated for Delegates refer to the state delegation that seated them if different from their home state. The state will be listed for the sponsors of motions and Delegates lists, but not included with lists of speakers and other mentions where the state is not a major consideration. Please refer to the Delegate list to determine

the state for any Delegate. If an organization is mentioned multiple times it will be listed by its full name followed by a shortened name or abbreviation in parentheses. Subsequent mentions will usually be in the shortened form only. There may be some exceptions. Thanks to Diane Reese, Barb Vandermark and Gary Prince for their help in facilitating the documentation of the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Myron and Rachel Lieberman - August 2003

MINUTES OF THE 2003 USCF MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BOARD/STAFF FORUM 08/08/2003 - LOS ANGELES, CA

President John McCrary called the 2003 USCF Board/Staff forum to order at 4:07 PM and introduced those staff members present, which included Jami Anson, Tom Brownscombe, Joan Dubois, Peter Kurzdorfer, Judy Misner, Gary Prince, Diane Reese, and Barbara Vandermark.

Bill Goichberg expressed concern over errors in TLA announcements and lack of responsiveness when trying to correct them. Jami Anson indicated that someone was hired recently to work on TLAs and that Mike Nolan and Gary Prince were helping. Bill Goichberg pointed out that the office should acknowledge any TLA corrections submitted by email.

A quorum was established at 4:15 PM and President John McCrary convened the 2003 USCF Membership meeting. Among those present during the meeting were Jami Anson, Joel Bere z, Jay Blem, Tom Brownscombe, Frank Camaratta, Joan Dubois, Bill Goichberg, Mike Goodall, Roger Gotschall, Tim Hanke, Cindy Hawkinson, Guy Hoffman, Peter Hopkins, Carol Jarecki, Tim Just, Richard Koepcke, Peter Kurzdorfer, Myron and Rachel Lieberman, Beatriz Marinello, Diana McCrary, John McCrary, Judy Misner, Mike Nolan, Gary Prince, Andrew Rea, Diane Reese, Luis Salinas, Harry Sabine, Kenneth Sloan, Harold Stenzel, Robert Tanner, Barbara Vandermark, and Harold Winston.

President John McCrary explained the qualification process for the US Championship in response to a question from Andrew Rea. Bill Goichberg participated in the discussion.

Tom Brownscombe suggested that Delegate Motion 01-68, which strongly encourages a 12 round format for the US Open at least once every three years, be reconsidered. Tim Hanke, Myron Lieberman, John McCrary, Mike Nolan, Diane Reese, Luis Salinas, and Harold Winston participated in the discussion. Tom Brownscombe then offered the following motion with wording perfected by Harold Winston and Mike Nolan:

MEM03 – 01 – Brownscombe - The USCF Membership Meeting recommends that the Delegates pass the following motion: The Delegates repeal a prior motion (DM01-68) that the US Open should be held as a two week event once in three years. **PASSED.** (Please note: This motion was considered by the Delegates and failed at the Delegates' Meeting by a vote of 19 in favor and 32 opposed.)

Bill Goichberg then raised the issue of display ads which do not list the conditions that are in the TLA for the same event (such as not mentioning that a prize fund is based on entries). Tim Just, Myron Lieberman, Gary Prince, and Andrew Rea participated in the discussion. Bill Goichberg offered the following motion:

MEM03 – 02 – Goichberg - The USCF Membership Meeting recommends that the Delegates pass the following motion: *Chess Life* shall print no display ads for "based-on" tournaments which mention the "based-on" prize fund without indicating that this prize fund is based on entries. **PASSED.** (Please note: This motion was considered by the Delegates and passed at the Delegates' Meeting as well.)

Mike Goodall praised Barbara Vandermark and Tim Just praised the entire office staff. Positive comments were also made about Barbara and the staff by John McCrary and Gary Prince. Rachel Lieberman called for a round of applause for the staff, which was given.

Richard Koepcke then asked about TLA problems. Jami Anson replied. She indicated that Gary Prince will provide training for online publication of TLAs. Gary Prince indicated that the TLA person will generate TLAs that will go to both the website and *Chess Life* without a need for a separate procedure. Currently they go from the TLA person to the magazine and then to the website. John McCrary also commented.

Andrew Rea asked whether there can be a contact at the office on Saturday mornings to handle situations that might arise at tournaments. Jami Anson pointed out that Publications is in the office but cannot answer the phone. Joan Dubois suggested leaving a message.

Bill Goichberg noted that someone should put important breaking news (such as cancellation of national tournaments) on the website. There can be serious consequences if someone makes travel arrangements to attend an event and has not been informed as soon as possible that the event has been cancelled. He also mentioned delays in the ratings on the website.

Gary Prince cautioned that too many banners on the home page can also be a problem. He indicated that the ratings are currently on Al Losoff's website but that they will soon be brought in house so that corrections can be made internally. He noted that the "What's New" page on the website is not being maintained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ADVANCE/NEW DELEGATE MOTION?

This chart is the quick and easy way to determine what happened.

Please note: The naming of members of the LMA, Bylaws, and Ethics Committees did not appear in the Advance Agenda as ADMs. They were listed as part of ADM 9, which was unrelated. They therefore appear below as NDMs.

03 ADM#	03 DM #	DISPOSITION OF ADM	DESCRIPTION OF ADM
01	01	PASSED	DAL RE-ELECTION
02	02	PASSED	APPROVE ADVANCE AGENDA
03	03	PASSED	APPOINT PARLIAMENTARIAN
04	04	PASSED	APPROVE STANDING RULES
05	05	PASSED	APPROVE MINUTES
06	06	PASSED	CERTIFY ELECTION
07	07	PASSED	RATIFICATION
08	11	PASSED	OPERATIONAL PLANNING BUDGET
09	19	PASSED	REVIEW PROMOTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS
10	---	WITHDRAWN	ADVERTISEMENTS
11	20	WITHDRAWN AFTER DISCUSSION	ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION
12	21	ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE, REFERRED TO EB/ED	FREE TLAs
13	24	REFERRED TO EB	POST EBNs
14	25A	REFERRED TO EB	POST DELEGATES CALL/ANNUAL REPORT
15	25B	REFERRED TO EB	ARCHIVE EBNs
16	26	REFERRED TO EB	TLAs
17	27	PASSED AS AMENDED	SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE
18	28	REFERRED TO SCHOLASTIC AND FINANCE	ECONOMY SCHOLASTIC MEMBERSHIPS
19	29	REFERRED TO BYLAWS AND FINANCE	ECONOMY REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS
20	30	PASSED	ECONOMY REGULAR (BYLAWS)
21	31	PASSED	CORRECT BYLAWS LANGUAGE
22	32	PASSED	ARTICLE V SECTION 10 (BYLAWS)
23	33	PASSED	SCHOOL MATES IN BYLAWS
24	---	WITHDRAWN	CODE OF ETHICS LANGUAGE
25	---	WITHDRAWN	CODE OF ETHICS LANGUAGE
26	---	WITHDRAWN	CODE OF ETHICS LANGUAGE
27	---	WITHDRAWN	CODE OF ETHICS LANGUAGE
28	---	WITHDRAWN	CODE OF ETHICS LANGUAGE
29	34	REF. TO BYLAWS/MIS/ELECTION PROCEDURES	ELECTRONIC VOTING
30	35	PASSED	VOTING MEMBER (ARTICLE IV) BYLAW
31		DIVIDED INTO A AND B	SPECIAL ELECTIONS
31A	15	PASSED	ELECTION PROCEDURES
31B	16	REF. TO BYLAWS/ELECTION PROCEDURES	ELECTION DATES
32	36	FAILED	ARTICLE IV (VOTING MEMBER)BYLAW
33	37	REFERRED TO BYLAWS AND FINANCE	FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

34	08	PASSED AS AMENDED	AUDIT COMMITTEE
35	---	WITHDRAWN	TREATMENT OF LMA (IN VPF REPORT)

03 NDM#	03 DM#	DISPOSITION OF NDM	DESCRIPTION OF NDM
36	09	PASSED	AUDIT COMMITTEE NAMED
37	10	PASSED	HIRE AUDITING FIRM
38	---	WITHDRAWN	EB AUTHORIZED TO REDUCE DUES
39	12	PASSED AS AMENDED	EB ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR BUDGET
40	13	PASSED	PLANNING BUDGET FOR CROSSVILLE
41	14	PASSED	LMA COMMITTEE NAMED
42	17	PASSED	BYLAWS COMMITTEE NAMED
43	18	PASSED	ETHICS COMMITTEE NAMED
44	22	FAILED 19 - 32	RESCIND 01 - 68 (12 ROUND US OPEN)
45	23	PASSED	ADS FOR BASED-ON EVENTS
46	38	WITHDRAWN	RATING SUPPLEMENT
47	39	PASSED	EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULEBOOK
48	40	WITHDRAWN	COMMITTEE REPORTS
49	41	PASSED	INDEMNIFICATION
50	42	PASSED	DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES
51	43	PASSED BY ACCLAMATION	THANKS TO ORGANIZERS
52	44	PASSED BY ACCLAMATION	OTHER THANKS

MINUTES OF THE 2003 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING AUGUST 09 - 10, 2003 – LOS ANGELES, CA

SATURDAY SESSION

President John McCrary called the 2003 USCF Delegates' Meeting to order at 9:15 AM on Saturday August 9.

Board members Frank Brady and Bob Smith were not present. President John McCrary called the roll.

Appendix A lists the 72 Delegates who participated. (Please note that not all Delegates were present during roll-call. Some were certified later, but 66 Delegates were present at roll call, which was sufficient for a quorum.)

DM 03-01 - ADM 03-01 (*John McCrary, SC*): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present at this meeting: Jerry Hanken, Rachel Lieberman, and Harold Winston. **PASSED.** .

DM 03-02 - ADM 03-02 (*Bob Smith, FL; John McCrary, SC*): The Delegates approve the advance agenda. **PASSED** (Please note: Two motions from the Membership Meeting were added to the agenda prior to it being adopted).

DM03-03 - ADM 03-03 (*John McCrary, SC*): The appointment of the Parliamentarian for the 2003 Delegates' Meeting is affirmed. **PASSED.** (Please note: Mike Nolan was appointed parliamentarian.)

DM03-04 - ADM 03-04 (*John McCrary, SC*): The Delegates approve the standing rules. **PASSED** (Please note: A copy of the standing rules was provided to all Delegates and they were summarized by Parliamentarian Mike Nolan prior to approval and primarily consisted of guidelines for limitation of debate.)

A moment of silence was then in order for those friends of chess that we lost recently. The names of Jessica Wilder and Conrad Batchelder were added to the list that was published on page 57 in the *Delegates' Call*. Those remembered were Michael D. Barton, Conrad Batchelder, Brian Bugbee, John W. Collins, Eduard Gufeld, Robert W. Hyde, Ollie La Freniere, Norman Lessing, Edmar Mednis, Anthony Miles, Carmine Nigro, Mark Ostreich, Ronald Allan Pease, John (Jack) Pratt, Oscar Shapiro, Richard Verber, Archie Waters, and Jessica Wilder.

DM03-05 - ADM 03-05: (*Bob Smith, FL*): Moved, that the Minutes of the 2002 Delegates' Meeting be accepted as published. **PASSED**

DM03-06 - ADM 03-06 (Bob Smith, FL): The Delegates certify the election of Executive Board members for the 2003-2007 term. **PASSED** The results of the election were as follows:

Those elected (with vote totals): **Beatriz Marinello** (1009), **Tim Hanke** (888), **Don Schultz** (870)

Other candidates on the ballot: Dr. Joseph Wagner (707), Sam Sloan (653), Mikel Peterson (601)

Write – ins: There were a total of 291 write-ins and two ballots that contained comments instead of votes. Those write-ins who received more than one vote were: Steve Doyle (159), Al Lawrence (10), Susan Polgar (6), Kevin Bachler, John Fernandez (4 each), John Donaldson, Bill Goichberg, George John, Tim Just, Boris Spassky, Ed Yetman (3 each), Lev Alburt, Tom Martiniak, Yasser Seirawan, Jennifer Shahade, Hal Terrie, Helen Warren (2 each). There were 78 names that each received one write-in. The list can be found on the USCF website (www.uschess.org) on the Governance page. 1822 ballots were received.

(Please note: The Board has since met and named the following officers: President – Beatriz Marinello, Vice President – Steve Shutt, Secretary – Frank Brady, Vice President of Finance – Tim Hanke. Members-at-Large of the new Board are Frank Camaratta, John McCrary, and Don Schultz.)

Next to be considered was the ratification of the actions of the Executive Board (EB) since the last Delegates' Meeting. Minutes of a conference call held on June 9 were handed out to the Delegates and were added to the actions to be ratified by Harold Winston. President John McCrary read the motions as well. He and Harry Sabine presented information about the planned move to Crossville, TN. Brochures about Crossville and Cumberland County were available to everyone. President McCrary noted that neither the sale of the building in New Windsor nor the move have been finalized as yet. Ralph Bowman and Larry Cohen participated in the discussion after which the motion passed.

DM03-07 - ADM 03-07 (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 2002 Delegates' Meeting and the minutes of the Executive Board conference call of June 9, 2003 that have been distributed to the USCF Delegates at this meeting. **PASSED**

REPORTS OF USCF OFFICERS AND STAFF

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President John McCrary reported on the state of the USCF. He pointed out that two years ago we had payables of \$650,000 and Book and Equipment inventory, a major source of revenue, had been depleted. Vendors were upset because of the lack of timely payment and members were becoming frustrated because of long lead times and poor product selection. The dues increase has had a negative effect on membership. The aftermath of 9/11 adversely affected investment value and fundraising efforts. The LMA fund is now so small that it can no longer support services owed to Life Members.

He indicated that the Board outsourced much of Book and Equipment Sales through strategic partnerships, began to rebuild an inventory, and found savings in other areas as well. We are \$250,000 ahead of where we would have been had those measures not been taken, but the situation is still critical. He believes that we have bought two years in which to plan and move toward the future. Dr. McCrary indicated that the next few months should determine the future for USCF from among three scenarios.

The best scenario is that we complete the sale of the building and the move to Crossville successfully, reduce costs, establish strong partnerships with other groups, complete necessary improvements in office services, and remake the USCF office.

If that cannot be done the second scenario is that the current model of USCF operations would not be able to sustain itself economically and the USCF would become a national coordinating agency and not provide member services.

Without successful fundraising efforts and support from members and organizers chess will fragment and have no national presence. There will be many organizations with rating systems and websites but with no national direction.

He then summarized what needs to be done in the next two years.

1. Sell or mortgage the building and use the proceeds to fund the move and obtain the necessary capital equipment.
2. Use computers to operate more effectively and reduce personnel cost.

3. It is essential that partnerships be established. USCF must continue to be the primary source of chess information. Continuation of the rating system is of paramount importance. USCF must continue to coordinate scholastic chess activities and coordinate competition at all levels through ratings and dissemination of information.

Examples were given of how easily bad information can be obtained and accepted from websites when there is no national organization to be a credible source of information.

Vice President Steve Shutt pointed out that if we didn't have tournaments here the Grandmasters wouldn't be here. They would be in Europe. He also emphasized that a national organization must maintain the "chess culture".

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Frank Niro resigned due to health considerations prior to the meeting. Please refer to the *Delegates' Call* for the Executive Director's report, which was later reviewed in the report of the Vice President of Finance.

CHESS TRUST REPORT – Chairman Harold Winston reported on the US Chess Trust (The Trust). Three Trustees were present in person and seven were connected by conference call to the Trust's annual meeting. Chairman Winston apologized for the technical difficulties in setting up the conference call that delayed the start of the Chess Trust meeting. He then pointed out that it was a rough year financially for the Trust and that the Trust has had difficulty getting regular financial information from the USCF office. He indicated that the Trust addressed that problem and established a procedure whereby USCF requests for money from the Chess Trust must be submitted on invoices to the Treasurer (Steve Doyle) and the Managing Director (Barbara DeMaro). He cautioned that the Patron program needs to be publicized in *Chess Life* every month to have maximum effectiveness.

He then focused on the positive news regarding projects supported by the Trust. First was the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum (Hall of Fame). He urged everyone to try to get to the Hall of Fame next year when the US Open and annual meetings are in Florida. He pointed out that the annual ceremony has been scheduled on an ongoing basis for the first weekend in March each year and urged everyone's attendance. He also pointed out that all of the Grandmasters who have visited the museum have been impressed. (Please note: See also Al Lawrence's additional report on the Hall of Fame.)

The next success he reported was the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Arnold Denker contributes \$5,000 each year to the event, the Chess Trust contributes \$1,000, and the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) provides scholarships to those with the best results who qualify academically. There was an excellent opening ceremony organized by Dewain Barber, where the participants were able to have their pictures taken with GM Arnold Denker and GM Susan Polgar, in addition to an excellent awards ceremony. (Please note: GM Arnold Denker was present this year and participated in the award ceremony as did GM Susan Polgar, USCF President John McCrary, UTD professor and former USCF President Dr. Tim Redman, and USCF Scholastic Director Tom Brownscombe, who was a winner of the first Denker tournament). Harold Winston, as Trust Chairman, also participated in the award ceremony.

The Scholar-Chessplayer program is a successful project supported by the Trust in conjunction with the Scholastic Council. They will work together to promote the program and seek sponsors.

The Trust sent a letter to the IRS to document its intention to support the participation of US teams in the Chess Olympiad and is now supporting the participation in the Olympiad. Susan Polgar, with help from Garry Kasparov, has established a training program for the US Women's Olympiad team. The Trust supports this effort and is accepting donations earmarked for that program. Additionally, the Board of Trustees pledged \$4,300 to the Women's Olympiad as part of a total pledge of \$11,500.

Donations to the US Chess Trust can be unrestricted or they can be earmarked for any of the projects supported by the Trust which include those described above as well as support for the blind, for prison chess, scholastic chess, women's chess and many other charitable chess causes.

Joel Channing and Arnold Denker (after the conclusion of his term on the USCF EB) have been added to the Board of Trustees

Al Lawrence, Executive Director of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum (Hall of Fame), then presented his report. He noted that the Hall of Fame is a high spot of things that go well for chess, and provided details about the induction ceremony that was held this March. He thanked Susan Polgar for her help. He described a tag-team simul that was held. Several chess stars, including Boris Spassky, Susan Polgar, and Alexandra Kosteniuk, alternated moves in the same game. Charter memberships to the Hall of Fame are available for a one-time \$250 fee. Charter members get permanent

recognition at the Hall of Fame with their names inscribed in bricks near the entryway and on a wall plaque inside the building. The success of the Hall of Fame is a direct result of partnership between the USCF, the Chess Trust, Excalibur Electronics and the Samole Family. Sharon Samole is now the museum director and will be there five days per week. USCF has provided a coordinator on site. He is Gil Luna, who was previously the Miami Dade County School Coordinator for Excellence in Academics and a former High School chess champion. He schedules many field trips to the museum, which introduces tens of thousands of kids to chess. Al Lawrence points out that this position should continue as it essentially provides USCF with a branch office at the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame hosts many USCF National Championships, most recently the US Junior and US Cadet. They also hosted the “Final Four of College Chess” again this year (Stanford won). That event gets good media coverage. Someone who learned of the Hall of Fame by reading a newspaper article donated correspondence pertaining to the New York 1924 tournament and personal letters by Emmanuel Lasker to the Hall of Fame. Al Lawrence concluded by saying that we have a lot of good things going and we should concentrate on our commonality and understand that everyone involved wants the best for chess. While we have a difficult job, there are plenty of volunteers and it can be done if we all work together.

Harold Winston then presented the concept of planned giving to the US Chess Trust and thanked Susan Polgar for all that she did at the National Scholastics. A round of applause for Susan Polgar followed.

President John McCrary then commented on his experience at the induction ceremony this year and announced his financial contributions to the Hall of Fame and other Chess Trust programs.

FIDE REPORT – USCF’s FIDE Delegate Bill Kelleher, FIDE Zonal President Robert Tanner, and FIDE General Secretary for the Continental Assembly of the Americas (and USCF President-Elect) Beatriz Marinello presented the report.

Bill Kelleher spoke first and updated the Delegates regarding the issue of drug testing. The Delegates mandated that our FIDE Delegation do what they could to eliminate the FIDE requirement for drug testing. While they were unable to succeed in their attempts to do so, they made significant progress. The new head of the FIDE Medical Commission is a chessplayer and is trying to make the program for chess as unobtrusive as possible. Penalties have been lowered and the variety of drugs to be monitored has been reduced. Events that require drug testing have been restricted to those in the FIDE championship cycles. Drug testing has not been eliminated, however. The apparent reason is that while it is clear that chess will not become an Olympic sport in the near future and the US Olympic Committee does not provide funding for USCF, many national chess federations obtain some degree of financial support from their National Olympic Committees. They would need to follow the guidelines set by the International Olympic Committee (which include drug testing) in order to continue to receive that funding. The other motion supported by the Delegates last year was to break up the continent of the Americas so that the US could be considered a continent on its own (for the purposes of determining Zonal qualifiers). After negotiation with representatives of other countries in the Americas, the US agreed to withdraw the motion in exchange for the other countries to support the US Championship to continue having status as a Zonal qualifier. Zonal status is extremely important in fundraising for the US Championship. Our friends in Latin America will support us regarding breaking up the continent of the Americas if FIDE does not agree to the US Championship being a Zonal. They also support us on keeping the Zonal structure (which FIDE wants to eliminate entirely).

Robert Tanner spoke next. He indicated that there is a strong demand throughout FIDE for the US to take a more active role, especially in hosting events. Sponsorship is needed to do this. Beatriz Marinello agreed that events need to be brought to the US and pointed out that we are not alone. We need to be globally conscious. She is working with other FIDE member nations. Bill Kelleher emphasized the need to negotiate with other nations and reach out.

Dr. Joseph Wagner then revisited the subject of drug testing from a medical perspective. He pointed out that FIDE has used a chiropractor to impose drug testing and labs in third-world countries over which there is no control to administer tests. He asked about the qualifications of the new head of the FIDE Medical Commission. Bill Kelleher responded that they now have a female MD from the UK who is committed to minimize the impact of drug testing on chessplayers within the existing structure. Robert Tanner confirmed that she is an MD and is also a Women’s International Master (WIM)* who has written articles on chess. He agreed to send Dr. Wagner a sample article. John McCrary indicated that he believes she heads a clinic. Andrew Rea asked about Robert Tanner’s chess credentials. Robert Tanner replied with his experience as a player, Tournament Director, state association president, and full time chess coach. Bill Goichberg asked what would happen if the US refused to allow drug testing of its players in the US Championship. Bill Kelleher replied that there would probably be a rebuke, but such a situation is unlikely at least in the short term. Robert Tanner asked that an issue not be made of it. (*Please note: Robert Tanner indicated after the meeting that the new head of the FIDE Medical Commission is Dr. Jana Bellin, who is in fact a WGM. Also, additional coverage of the FIDE Medical Commission meeting can be found in Tim Redman’s Olympic Participation Committee report, which is presented later.)

CHESS LIFE EDITOR'S REPORT

Editor Peter Kurzdorfer indicated that he was looking for diversity and balance. *School Mates* has not been completely destroyed but has been subsumed into *Chess Life*. Balance is necessary to assure that adult and scholastic members both get something. The *School Mates* annual issue is scheduled to come out in November. He is asking for more people to send in material for the "Chess News" column, which covers local and regional news regarding American chess.

Dave Small asked whether *Chess Life* was profitable. His question was referred to the financial people. Frank Camaratta indicated that there were a number of other things such as the catalog, advertising, TLAs, etc. involved. He believes that it is probably close to break-even but did not have exact figures. Ordinarily membership dues are expected to make a profit and the magazine is considered a benefit of membership. Mike Nolan pointed out that *Chess Life* is only a minor revenue producer and is a cost rather than revenue operation. He mentioned that the actual cost of shipping an issue is about \$1.25 without counting editorial costs. We do not have sufficient information to determine costs as if the magazine was a standalone operation. There are advertisements for our book and equipment sales as well as other advertising that produces no direct revenue but utilizes space in the magazine. Some revenue that can be traced to the magazine may show up in other areas, such as book and equipment sales, tournament activity, etc. rather than magazine revenue.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE – VP of Finance Frank Camaratta commented that he thought that Frank Niro was a great talent and presented the organization well. A combination of his health problems, the pressure of his job, the required travel (which was against his doctor's advice), and his spending time and energy trying to respond to attacks on the Internet put him in a position where his health was at risk if he continued in the Executive Director position. He stressed that this body should have more of an appreciation of the difficulty of the Executive Director's job. We need to be responsible and try to help. He expressed the thought that a person in the Executive Director's position does not allow the time to get involved in political discussions in public forums. He understands why Frank Niro left but considers his departure a great loss.

Frank Camaratta mentioned that Frank Niro was the first Executive Director in recent times to establish a strategic plan and the plan was sound. Frank Niro wanted to improve services and evaluate relocation options. He wanted to establish various strategic partnerships with other organizations to help meet our goals. He wanted to re-establish a viable Books and Equipment operation. He was able to get the accounts payable down to below \$200,000 from \$600,000 at one point and was able to negotiate with vendors to get them to work with the USCF during hard financial times. Frank Camaratta then reviewed the Executive Director's report in the *Delegates' Call*. (Please note that the *Delegates' Call* can be found online at www.uschess.org.)

Frank Camaratta noted that some ads and TLAs from the last fiscal year had not been billed and were therefore not listed as accounts receivable. The bottom line will improve when that correction is made. The preliminary year-end financial report appeared to show a modest gain, however the audited report showed a substantial unexpected loss. This was primarily due to multi-year membership income being treated as current revenue rather than deferred income. Adult memberships continue to drop. Scholastic memberships are leveling off. There is a cash flow problem. This is a slow time of the year. The LMA reserves are down to about \$300,000 and our line of credit is also about \$300,000. Essentially the remaining value of the LMA is the building, which is about \$620,000. The operation needs to be modernized and able to function on a reduced payroll while maintaining services. (Please note: Audited yearend financials for fiscal year 2002 – 2003 can be found at www.uschess.org.)

He then explained the financial aspects of the Crossville relocation. The USCF will be receiving three acres of land in Crossville on the condition that the building for the USCF office is to be located on that site. The intent is to use the value of the land as a down payment on a 15 year loan in an amount sufficient to build the new building and make the necessary equipment upgrades. Construction of the building must begin within 12 months from when the USCF receives the deed to the land. Until the new building is completed the USCF has been offered the use of a large building (the Dennison building), including maintenance and utilities, rent free. The cost of the building is estimated at about \$500,000. It is located in an area where the land value is expected to increase.

He reviewed his report in the *Delegates' Call* and focused on the concept of the LMA being treated as a cash reserve rather than a separate account. A motion was printed in the text of his report, numbered ADM 03-35, which was not printed in the advance agenda. The motion was sponsored by Frank Camaratta (AL), Stan Booz (PA), Joe Wagner (CA/S), and Mike Nolan (NE) and read "We propose that the current LMA account be replaced with a cash reserve account (CRA). The purpose of this account would be to fund future long-term and short-term expenditures and emergencies. The account would have a target corpus, a savings and expenditure plan, and access controls. Contributions to the account would be a budgeted line item. A four-person investment advisory committee to the EB, appointed by the Delegates, will be established." While Frank endorsed the concept he did not bring the motion to the floor, but asked everyone to think about it.

Also included in the printed report was ADM 03-34, sponsored by Frank Camaratta (AL), Mike Nolan (NE) and Stan Booz (PA), which would establish an independent audit committee. The sponsors of the motion, Ralph Bowman, Arnold Denker, Roger Gottschall, Myron Lieberman, Ernie Schlich, and Harold Winston participated in the discussion. Harold Winston and the Bylaws Committee and Bylaws Workshop offered a friendly amendment which was accepted by all sponsors of the motion. It added wording to item 5 and added a new item 13 to the wording in *the Delegates' Call*. The motion passed as amendment with the following wording:

DM03-08 - ADM 03-34 (*Frank Camaratta, AL, Mike Nolan, NE; Stan Booz, PA*): The purpose of this motion shall be to establish an audit committee consisting of three persons whose purpose is to advise the Executive Board (EB) on matters dealing with internal control and the Annual Audit.

And, the Delegates shall appoint two committee members from among the delegates and alternate delegates who are knowledgeable and, where possible, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or a Certified Management Accountant (CMA).

And, the EB shall appoint one member from the Executive Board, normally the Vice President for Finance.

And, the duties of the Committee shall be:

- 1) To advise the EB on the appointment of the External Auditors, the audit fee, the provision of any non-audit services by the External Auditors and any questions of resignation or dismissal of the External Auditors.
- 2) To discuss, if necessary, with the External Auditors before the audit commences the nature and scope of the audit.
- 3) To discuss problems and reservations arising from interim and final audits and any questions the External Auditors may wish to discuss (in the absence of management, where necessary.)
- 4) To consider and advise the EB on the establishment of the internal audit service and Head of Internal Audit, if any.
- 5) To review the internal audit plan, to consider major findings of internal audit investigations and management's response and to promote coordination between the Internal and External Auditors and to advise the EB and the Delegates accordingly.
- 6) To keep under review the effectiveness of internal control systems and, in particular, review the External Auditors' Management Letter, the Internal Annual Report and management responses and to advise the EB accordingly.
- 7) To monitor the performance and effectiveness of external and internal audit.
- 8) To consider, if necessary, the draft of the Audited Financial statements.
- 9) To monitor annually or more frequently, if necessary, the implementation of approved recommendations arising from internal audit reports, external audit reports and management letters and to advise the EB accordingly.
- 10) To oversee arrangements made by the Executive Board for the internal audit service and the External Auditors to examine the agency-wide financial statements.
- 11) To advise the Executive Director, as requested.
- 12) To report, as appropriate, to the Executive Board.
- 13) To advise the Delegates as requested and to report, as appropriate, to the Delegates **PASSED AS AMENDED**

DM03-09 - NDM 03-36 - (*Frank Camaratta, AL*): The Delegates appoint Mike Nolan and Stan Booz to the new Audit Committee with another member to be named by the Executive Board. **PASSED**

DM03-10 - NDM 03-37 - (*John McCrary, SC; Mike Nolan, NE; Harold Winston, IL; Frank Camaratta, AL*): The Executive Board is authorized to hire an auditing firm. **PASSED**

(Please note: The financial statements originally received at the Finance workshop were substantially incorrect due to the need for corrections pointed out by the audit. The audit was not completed until the last minute and the audited financials were going to be brought by Frank Niro. The Finance workshop discussed the need for major changes in the proposed budget and named an ad-hoc committee which consisted of Stan Booz, Frank Camaratta, Tim Hanke, Al Lawrence, Beatriz Marinello, Mike Nolan, and Harry Sabine to revise the budget prior to the Delegates' Meeting. They met for 2.5 hours and presented a revised budget to the Delegates. They deserve our thanks.) Mike Nolan then presented the revised planning budget and compared it with the original budget. Delegates were given a printed report that included both as well as a one page summary of the capital planning budget for the move to Crossville, which will be considered separately after the approval of the budget for operations. Dewain Barber, Stan Booz, Frank Camaratta, Mike Carr, Larry Cohen, Arnold Denker, Richard Koepcke, Al Lawrence, John McCrary, Mike Nolan, Steve Shutt, and John Surlow participated in the discussion of the planning budget for operations.

Al Lawrence pointed out the need for all to understand that the implementation of the budget is mandated and that it may be necessary to reduce services to meet the budget. He presented a motion that he and Mike Nolan sponsored, which assigns

responsibility and authority to the EB to do whatever might be necessary to implement the mandated budget, including the modification or elimination of services. During the discussion Al Lawrence and Mike Nolan also submitted a motion (NDM 03-38) that “The Board is authorized to reduce Regular Membership dues to \$39/year.” John McCrary noted that the Board has even broader authority in the Bylaws, and the motion was withdrawn. Although the motion on assigning responsibility and authority was still on the floor it was treated as part of the general budget discussion, which continued. President John McCrary then called for a vote on adoption of the planning budget, which passed.

DM 03-11 - ADM 03-08 (*Frank Camaratta, AL*): The Delegates adopt the Planning Budget for the Fiscal Year ending in 2004. **PASSED**

Discussion then centered on the Lawrence/Nolan motion: “The USCF EB is assigned responsibility and granted all necessary authority for modifying or eliminating services to meet budgeting mandates.” Dewain Barber expressed concern about the shift of authority from the Delegates to the EB and asked that the vote not be taken until after lunch in order to give people time to think about it.

The meeting was recessed at 12:04 PM and reconvened at 2:15 PM, after which discussion continued. (Please note: The awards luncheon was sold out.) Dewain Barber asked how passage of this motion would differ from authority the Board already has. Al Lawrence and Harold Winston replied. In essence the Bylaws probably provide the authority, but the motion emphasizes that the Delegates want it to taken seriously and lets the Board know that they understand that it may be necessary to affect basic services. The EB might have been reluctant to do that even though the Bylaws allow it. Mike Nolan pointed out that in the past the Delegates have made a number of unfunded mandates that couldn't be implemented due to the lack of money. This motion sends the message that the EB must implement this motion regardless of the impact it might have. Guy Hoffman pointed to the need for a time limit as the original wording did not address how long the motion would remain effective. Sentiment was that it may be needed now, but the Delegates probably do not want to give the EB that level of authority indefinitely. Guy Hoffman suggested a friendly amendment to include expiration effective at the start of the 2004 Delegates' Meeting. Dewain Barber suggested that it be expanded to two years (the 2005 meeting). The makers of the motion accepted the one year limitation. Al Lawrence pointed out that if it was needed next year he would be asking that it be renewed next year. The two year suggestion was withdrawn. Mike Nolan pointed out that in times of financial exigency motions such as this may be necessary. Larry Cohen called the question. The motion passed with an expiration of one year.

DM03-12 – NDM 03-39 – (Al Lawrence, NY, Mike Nolan, NE): The USCF EB is assigned responsibility and granted all necessary authority for modifying or eliminating services to meet budgeting mandates, expiration to be effective at the beginning of the 2004 USCF Delegates' Meeting. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

Mike Nolan pointed out that we are already nearly three months in to this fiscal year and we have already incurred significant expenses. He and Frank Camaratta then talked about the capital budget for the possible move to Crossville, which was distributed to the Delegates. Frank pointed out that if the move does not take place there will be an expense of over \$30,000 for capital equipment already purchased. Since the likely source of funds will be the LMA, Al Lawrence addressed the LMA fund status. He acknowledged the other LMA Committee members Stan Booz, Frank Camaratta, Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine, and Fred Townsend. He referred to the LMA report in the *Delegates' Call*. In essence the LMA would be capitalizing the move and the upgrading of equipment. The largest LMA asset is the building in New Windsor, which would generate about \$500,000 net after expenses for repairs needed prior to sale, with the remainder being about \$300,000 in investments. The line of credit has been “maxed out” and payment is due in December. Unless cash becomes available through other means, the LMA investments will probably be the primary source for payment of the line of credit. There is about \$400,000 in capitalization expenses for relocation and system replacement. That leaves about \$100,000 in the LMA fund, assuming that it is not depleted to support operations. Since the LMA has funded operations, the relocation and systems replacement, the LMA would be the owner of the new property in Crossville as well as the growing equity in the building. Arnold Denker suggested that \$105,000 can be saved by not replacing the Executive Director. Al Lawrence pointed out that that is beyond the scope of Al's report, but that he opposes that idea and believes that those are false savings.

DM03-13 - NDM 03-40 - (*Frank Camaratta, AL*): Moved, that the planning budget for the Crossville move be adopted. **PASSED**

DM03 - 14 – NDM 03-41 - (*LMA Committee*): The LMA Committee for 2003 - 04 shall be made up as follows: Stan Booz; Tim Hanke (VP of Finance); Al Lawrence; Mike Nolan; Harry Sabine; and Fred Townsend. **PASSED**
(Please note: Al Lawrence continues as chair. Tim Hanke replaced Frank Camaratta when he took office as VP of Finance.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BYLAWS – Co-chairman Harold Winston referred to the written report. He indicated that the only motion to be considered with the committee report was ADM 03-31 on special elections, which was allowed without objection. Mike Nolan then explained that the motion was a result of a recent situation when two EB members resigned shortly after the Delegates' Meeting, but the Bylaws did not provide adequate procedures to conduct a special election. The motion allows the EB to determine the details based on the specific situation. Harold Winston mentioned that there were two parts. The first paragraph, which deals only with special elections, was favored by the Bylaws Committee 10-2 with 1 abstention and by the Bylaws Workshop 10-0 with 2 abstentions. The sponsors accepted amendments (proposed by the Bylaws workshop) to change "shall" to "may" so the EB had flexibility to not schedule an election specifically if only one vacancy existed or if the timing of a special election made it impracticable to hold one, and to add " , or the Office if the Executive Board is unable" after "Board" in the first sentence. The revised wording was:

Modify the Bylaws to include the following in Article VI: (Please note it is a replacement of Article VI section 9 on Vacancies)

“Special Elections. The Executive Board, or the Office if the Executive Board is unable, may decide the schedule for a Special Election for the Executive Board, using the deadlines and dates for a regular election as a guide for scheduling reasonable intervals for announcing the special election and calling for nominations, the date for candidate petition filings and the issue of *Chess Life* which will contain the ballots. The requirement for candidate statements and election supplements may be reduced to having this information in a single issue of *Chess Life*. The Board may choose to waive any filing fees for a Special Election.”

Harold Winston moved to divide the first paragraph from the balance of the motion. This was accepted by the sponsors. The first paragraph passed.

Harold Winston reported that the Bylaws Committee and the Bylaws workshop opposed the remainder of the motion (3-7 on the Committee and 0-12 at the workshop). Mike Nolan indicated that at the time the motion was prepared the number of ballots that would be cast was unknown. He suggested referral to the Bylaws and Election Procedures Committee, which was done.

DM03-15 - ADM 03-31A - *Mike Nolan, NE; and Bill Goichberg, NY; on behalf of the Election Procedures Committee*): Modify the Bylaws to include the following in Article VI:

“Special Elections - The Executive Board, or the Office if the Executive Board is unable, may decide the schedule for a Special Election for the Executive Board, using the deadlines and dates for a regular election as a guide for scheduling reasonable intervals for announcing the special election and calling for nominations, the date for candidate petition filings and the issue of *Chess Life* which will contain the ballots. The requirement for candidate statements and election supplements may be reduced to having this information in a single issue of *Chess Life*. The Board may choose to waive any filing fees for a Special Election.” **PASSED**

DM03-16 - ADM 03-31B - *Mike Nolan, NE; and Bill Goichberg, NY; on behalf of the Election Procedures Committee*): Modify the Bylaws to include the following in Article VI:

The Executive Board shall, by January 15th of an election year for a regular Executive Board election, choose a date on which ballot counting shall be performed, which date is to be no earlier than the 20th of July and no later than the Wednesday prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Delegates. For a special election, the Executive Board shall choose a date for ballot counting no later than 90 days prior to that date. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of voting member information to be provided with or printed on the ballots. All properly authenticated ballots that have been received by the date designated for counting the ballots shall be counted. The Executive Board shall designate an address for the return of ballots at the time the date of counting the ballots is set. **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES COMMITTEES**

Harold Winston then proposed the members of the Bylaws Committee for 2003 – 2004.

DM03-17 – NDM 03-42 - *(Bylaws Committee)*: The Bylaws Committee for 2003 - 04 shall be made up as follows: Steve Doyle; Bill Goichberg; Guy Hoffman; Randy Hough; Gary Kitts; Richard Koepcke; Myron Lieberman; Al Losoff; David Mehler; Mike Nolan; Robert Persante; Ernie Schlich; and Harold Winston. **PASSED**

ETHICS – Chairman Dr. Kenneth Sloan referred to the printed report and proposed the members of the Ethics Committee for 2003 – 2004. All are re-elections of current members. .

DM03-18 - NDM 03-43 - (Ethics Committee): The Ethics Committee for 2003 - 04 shall be made up as follows: Richard Buchanan; Michael Carr; Wick Deer; Al Losoff; James Mennella; Kenneth Sloan; Bill Smythe; Hal Terrie, and Andrew Thall. **PASSED**

CHESS IN EDUCATION – Chairman Tim Redman gave the report. He pointed out that the committee was not very active. Freezes on travel and budget cuts in a number of states caused problems. In particular, the devastating effect of severe budget cuts in California on the California school system made it necessary to postpone the two-day teacher’s workshop (for continuing education credits) scheduled to be held at the US Open. Dewain Barber indicated that teachers in California wouldn’t have funding to attend. The intent is to try again at the next US Open. He pointed out that Gary Prince was planning to set aside space on the website for special purposes. The chess in Education Committee intends to take advantage of this and collect chess curricula from around the country to make available on the website. The idea is to enable people to get ideas from what other people are doing.

COLLEGE CHESS – Tim Redman presented the report in the absence of Chairman Alan Sherman. He referred everyone to Alan Sherman’s detailed report in the *Delegates’ Call* and mentioned that an ad-hoc committee (chaired by Tim Redman) was appointed by the EB to look into college eligibility requirements. This was an outgrowth of a widely publicized case which gained national exposure. Chess has gained media recognition as a college sport, but with the increased visibility comes increased media scrutiny. Questions arose regarding college team eligibility which were addressed by the committee. (Please note: The committee recommendations were subsequently accepted by the EB and can be found in Appendix B.)

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS – The report was presented by Chairman Harold Stenzel. He discussed the workshop. There was one major issue, which was the participation of prisoners in correspondence tournaments. Some prisoners are not allowed to play others. Some prisoners are not allowed to play children. How can we accommodate more prisoners than we have sections? There was a temporary ban on prisoners competing, but that was rescinded. The help of Joan and others in the office in compiling a collection of games from the absolute correspondence championship was appreciated. The intent is to post the collection on the USCF website.

CRAMER AWARDS – Chairman Don Schultz presented the report. He reviewed the history of the Cramer Awards from Fred Cramer’s original bequest until now. He noted that the Cramer Awards Committee and the Chess Journalists of America (CJA) are working closely together. Winners of the Cramer Awards for 2003 are listed in Appendix C. He highly recommended Susan Polgar’s interview with Paul Truong on the Chess Café website and noted that the new President of the CJA is Dan Lucas.

DENKER TOURNAMENT – Chairman Jack Mallory commended Diane Reese for doing a wonderful job. Attendance was down to 36 from 44 last year, but the field was strong. It was special this year because Arnold Denker was present. Congratulations to the winners, William Aramil of IL and Ryan Milisits of PA, who scored 5 points each.

ELECTION PROCEDURES – Co-Chairman Mike Nolan mentioned that there were 1822 ballots received out of about 40,000. Around 60 of them were disqualified. There was no indication of a single case of a ballot being returned for insufficient postage. Mike Nolan said that he will introduce motions designed to improve the election procedures for later in the agenda, but not as part of the report. He considers the election to have been “not bad for a first time”. The estimated cost of the election was probably around \$15,000. He expressed appreciation to Barb Vandermark and the office staff and to Chief Teller Glenn Petersen for their help. Glenn Petersen’s report was made available to those who were interested. Glenn received a round of applause.

FIDE ADVISORY – Chairman Don Schultz reported that the committee recommendations, which can be found in the printed committee report in the *Delegates’ Call*, will be put on the agenda for the Executive Board.

FINANCE – The printed report is in the *Delegates’ Call*. Chairman Mike Nolan mentioned that even though five members of the Finance Committee resigned during the year, all nine made positive contributions and he thanked all.

HALL OF FAME – No oral report was presented. Please refer to the published report in the *Delegates’ Call*.

INTERNET CHESS – Chairman Myron Lieberman referred to the report in the *Delegate’s Call* and emphasized the critical need for standards, rules, and an FAQ that will enable Over-the-Board players to know what to expect with online chess. People who are new to Internet chess need to know what to expect, new terminology, different problems and situations that

they might not encounter over the board, and standards for servers. What should an online player expect? What should a server be expected to provide? He had hoped to have an Internet Chess chapter available for the new rulebook, but could not get sufficient volunteer help to do it. He asked that anyone with significant experience in online chess and a willingness to help on this project contact him or the EB liaison. (Please note: Subsequently Tim Hanke was named liaison to the Internet Chess Committee, so he would be the appropriate EB member to contact.)

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS) – Mike Nolan, who chaired the workshop, presented the report in the absence of Chairman George John. He indicated that some very noticeable improvements will be seen in the very near future.

OLYMPIC PARTICIPATION – Tim Redman presented the report. He referred to his published report in the *Delegates' Call* and summarized it. In particular, he described the FIDE Medical Commission meeting in Bled. He described Dr. Jana Bellin as an intelligent, fair minded and tough individual with both medical and chess experience. The World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) does not consider chess as a high risk area for drugs. When asked about what would happen if a player refused to be tested, Dr. Bellin reacted strongly. She pointed out it would not be tolerated. The player attended an event where it was known that there will be drug testing. She indicated that as members of the Olympic community, our top players must adhere to Olympic ideals and be proper role models. No US players were tested as part of their random sample last year, however all winners are sure to be tested. Tim Redman pointed out that our Women's Olympic team has been playing well, and with the training program in place is likely to do even better in the future. The EB and the team need to be aware that if a team with a significant chance of winning is sent, drug testing is likely and that a refusal to be tested would seriously damage the reputation of US Chess and the individual(s) involved. Dr. Bellin indicated that the penalties are being reduced as they are far too draconian, and substantial tolerance and forgiveness is built into the program. She emphasized, however, that a refusal to be tested would be considered a slap in the face to the International Olympic movement and would have serious consequences. This differs somewhat from the views expressed by Bill Kelleher in his report. Tim Redman mentioned that John Fernandez did a good job of gathering data and would be a good person to chair this committee. He also commended Bill Kelleher, Robert Tanner, and Beatriz Marinello for their work. John McCrary also attended a meeting with Dr. Jana Bellin and was appointed as a lay member of the FIDE Medical Commission.

OUTREACH – Chairman Myron Lieberman referred to the report published in the *Delegates' Call* and asked that everyone read it as he was going to bring up three new items rather than review the report at the microphone (except to answer questions from the published report if any). He noted that a good news-bad news situation developed at the office. The Marketing and Outreach department was dropped at the senior staff level, however Paul Truong, a professional marketer, presented an opportunity for the USCF to use his services for that function as an unpaid volunteer with the title of Director of Marketing. That will be considered by the EB. The Outreach Workshop unanimously endorsed and supports this concept. In the event that the EB continues the Outreach Committee (which the workshop also supports), Paul Truong would work closely with the Outreach Committee.

Not only has fundraising for the USCF and US Chess Trust been hurt, but fundraising has been very challenging for most organizations in the aftermath of 9/11/01 and with severe budget cuts most companies and organizations are experiencing. He urged everyone to make an effort to be aware of possible sources of funding and opportunities for outreach and fundraising. Everyone is urged to let the Outreach Committee know of these opportunities and to make the US Chess Trust aware of the opportunities. It is necessary that we all do what we can to recognize potential opportunities and to act on them. When someone wants to contribute to chess they should be made aware that the US Chess Trust is a 501c3 charitable trust and as such donations are tax deductible. They should also know that their donations can either be for all areas supported by the Chess Trust or they can be earmarked for any specific area supported by the Chess Trust. Please contact Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro, or any Trustee for more information, to pledge a contribution, or as a contact reference for others. (Please note: This is very important because many foundations and corporate community service departments will only consider 501c3 organizations.)

Myron Lieberman then read portions of a letter that he received from a hospitalized elderly man who was told by his physician that he might want to consider learning chess. One of the most important but least visible achievements of the Chess as a Positive Alternative (CAPA) project of the Outreach Committee is that chess has gained a great deal of credibility in the health and social service industry. Chess as a tool for prevention is discussed at medical, youth, and social service meetings and conventions. (Please note: The basic achievement is that a doctor or social worker will be more likely to give serious thought to recommendations from colleagues than from any chess-related organization. They talk to each other and often they exchange stories about their successes. We receive many letters, but we emphasize this one because it clearly expresses what you can do to help spread the joy of chess without spending a penny.) Rachel, in her unpaid volunteer capacity of Director of Prevention Programs, sent a packet of beginner's information that included the usual brochures available from USCF, some newspaper articles, and selected old issues of both *Chess Life* and *School Mates*. Why children's

magazines? They contain information that is very helpful to beginners of all ages. It is very important for everyone to understand the value of often neglected items such as old issues of magazines. The letter referred to how he learned chess notation from a 1999 issue of *School Mates* and was particularly helped by the article “How to Study and Improve Your Chess Game” in a 1994 issue. He talked about taking pride in reading *Chess Life* and the joy of setting up positions and playing over the games. He referred to the brochure *Ten Tips to Winning Chess* as a “jewel”. He pointed out that the packet changed his entire mindset and that his joy and excitement spread interest throughout the ward, including the other patients, nurses, and even the cleaning crew. A few patients knew how to play chess and many did not, but they crowded around him discussing each move as it was played. The letter contained much more and was made available for those who wanted to read it, but the point has already been made. Myron Lieberman urged that you please do not throw out old issues of *Chess Life*, *School Mates*, or other chess materials. Donate them to a hospital or senior center or community center, or anywhere else that can use them to “open a new world” to other people. Please do not tell USCF that you do not need another magazine. You do need another magazine so you can donate it and have the satisfaction that in your own way you have helped others enjoy the world of chess. He then pointed out that much of the material included in the packets is provided by the office and he thanked Barb Vandermark, Jami Anson, and everyone in the office who provided materials to make this program possible.

(Please note that subsequently Paul Truong’s offer was accepted by the EB and he is USCF’s new Director of Marketing, working as an unpaid volunteer. The Outreach Committee has been continued with Myron Lieberman as the chair. Paul Truong and Rachel Lieberman have been appointed project leaders on the 2003-2004 Outreach Committee.)

PUBLICATIONS – Chairman Herman Chiu gave the report and referred to the report that was published in the *Delegates’ Call*. He read an additional statement and asked that it be included in the minutes. That statement follows:

“The Publications Committee opposes any further fragmentation of the *Chess Life* staff. Such moves would do nothing but increase disorganization at the magazine and decrease its quality. There would be even less accountability than there is now, and it would make it impossible to train new people. In summary, we think that the *Chess Life* office should either be kept intact in New Windsor or moved as a whole to Crossville.

In addition, as we mentioned in our annual report, we suggest in the strongest possible terms that a full-time assistant editor who is both a chess player and a trained journalist be hired to work on-site in the USCF office. This person should work and take instructions directly from Peter, and together they should be the ultimate authority for all editorial copy at *Chess Life*.”

Al Lawrence asked who should be in charge of the magazine from cover to cover. Herman Chiu responded that editorial copy can be interpreted as written material other than ads, and that the editor should ultimately be responsible for the magazine. Jay Stallings asked for clarification about scholastic material in *Chess Life*. Editor Peter Kurzdorfer mentioned that a scholastic section appears every other month in *Chess Life* and gave some examples of what he considered to be appropriate content.

Spencer Lower replied to a point in the published report and pointed out that brief news items of local interest do belong in a national magazine since, for example, students of local chess coaches may be located anywhere after a few years and would still have an interest. John McCrary pointed out that the Editor is looking for brief local news items, but can only consider printing what he has received. People who want their local news covered should submit it to *Chess Life*. Andrew Rea asked about consultant Ron Burnett’s responsibilities. Peter Kurzdorfer indicated that he was essentially a part time assistant editor. Bill Goichberg asked if *Chess Life* can be produced in a more economical manner and referred to magazines that were produced manually in the seventies. The reply was that it could, but it would not be as attractive and that it is possible that appearance may be more important now than in the seventies. John Surlow asked about the timing of the magazine. Peter Kurzdorfer replied that the intent was to get the magazine out by the first of the month. Occasionally that date is missed due to problems at the printer’s or at the office. Publications is trying to improve on-time performance.

RATINGS – No oral report was presented. Please refer to the published report in the *Delegates’ Call*.

RULES – Chairman Dave Kuhns held up a copy of the new rulebook and indicated that it will be available from USCF by the end of September. He indicated that advance orders can be taken at \$9.95 but once the catalog is out it will be \$14.95. Rule changes will be printed in *Chess Life* and posted on the website at www.uschess.org. The committee received and acted upon five appeals. They received a sixth appeal that they did not consider since it was not within their jurisdiction. (Please note: There was no printed report from the Rules Committee, so the oral report summarized here for your convenience was actually presented at a later time.)

SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE – Steve Shutt suggested that we should get more kids interested in college chess and create an adult section open to relatives of participants in the national scholastics. College activity might help retain some members that drop out after high school. An adult section would help the kids to encourage parents to get involved. It would give the parents of scholastic members a reason to join. Hans Poschmann asked whether family tournaments could be established. Steve Shutt indicated he would refer the idea to the Scholastic Committee.

SENIOR – Chairman Mike Carr presented the report. He announced that Boris Gulko won the US Senior Open Championship this year. He also described the successful 2002 event in Ventura, in which IM Anthony Saily and FM Stephen Jones tied for first. Next year the US Senior Open will be held in Florida either on 7/31 – 8/7 or 9/20 – 9/27. The senior workshop endorsed the idea of seeding the winner of the US Senior Open into the US Championship. Don Schultz described plans for the Orlando event. Among the extras he listed were a bus trip to the hall of Fame and a boat trip chartered for the group. Bill Goichberg expressed his concerns about the organization and promotion for the 2003 US Senior. The organizer did not consult the Senior Committee.

STATES – Guy Hoffman presented the report. He indicated that the committee will be looking at conflicts between affiliates that are seeking to be the state affiliate for some states.

SURVEY – Mike Nolan gave the report. He indicated that there is no survey currently, but we will be piggybacking with a survey being prepared by a graduate student at Florida State University and should have a survey within a year.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (TDC) – Chairman Tim Just indicated that they will consider providing the correct answers to questions that were missed on TD exams taken by people who pass the exams. Previously this was not done.

WOMEN'S CHESS – John McCrary pointed out that the Women's Chess Committee was Committee of the Year. A round of applause followed. Committee chair GM Susan Polgar referred to the published report and mentioned the Olympiad training program, the Polgar tournament for girls, modeled after the Denker tournament, and a proposed open tournament for girls. She called on Paul Truong to summarize what is being done. He indicated that there are three main things that they are trying to accomplish. The first is to retain scholastic players, especially girls. The second is to improve membership to build for future generations. The third is to provide a substantial incentive to build participation by seeking sponsorship. Most people don't know that a national federation, or even organized chess, exists and there is nobody that they can relate to. There is a problem with marketing and branding. We want to capture the attention of a more general audience and focus on our top women players. A calendar has been produced with 120 photos of the players on the US Women's Chess Olympiad training team, which will be used to promote both the players and the event. On September 20, 2003, GM Susan Polgar will play a two game match on USCL against the Grand Prix leader, GM Alexander Stripunsky. She will also play a two game match against GM Boris Gulko, the 2003 US Senior Champion on September 21. The idea is to gain general media attention and promote USCL as well as the players. Other ideas include a Susan Polgar vs. a computer match, a Kasparov vs. Polgar match, The Kasparov-Deep Junior match coverage on ESPN reached 400,000 households and ESPN was pleased with the ratings. That could increase media interest in a woman vs. machine match. Susan Polgar has volunteered to hold an online question and answer session with parents and coaches monthly as well as a session for young girls. These should not only help women's chess but scholastic chess and chess in general as well. Spencer Lower asked if to maintain our relationship with FIDE and improve publicity we should support FIDE and promote a match between the FIDE World Champion and FIDE Women's World Champion instead. Paul Truong didn't think so. He also pointed out that the winner of Kasparov – Ponomarev will probably be the FIDE World Champion and that Susan Polgar was the first woman ever to earn the GM title and is a pioneer of Women's chess. (Please note: FIDE has since cancelled the Kasparov-Ponomarev match. Garry Kasparov will play against the winner of a FIDE knockout tournament for the world championship.) Phyllis Benjamin congratulated Susan Polgar on her ambitious program She also pointed out that although there is media attendance at chess events, coverage is still poor. We need to bombard the media with information and try to get chess columns everywhere we can. Myron Lieberman suggested that press releases are needed first. The more chess news items that appear, the more likely an editor is going to be willing to consider a chess column. Everyone should let the media know at all levels, and especially locally, if a local player is going to participate in a significant event. It publicizes the player and the event and has a high probability of being covered. Mike Carr then introduced Tatev Abrahamyan, the top US Player under age 16 (who had a perfect 3-0 score so far in the US Open). She received a round of applause. Paul Truong then mentioned that the Polgar Foundation intends to support a training program for our top level women players. He also mentioned that the Kasparov-Deep Junior match was mentioned over 2.5 million times in the news. They will attempt to use ESPN's success as an example for other networks. Potential sponsors are not going to provide large amounts of money for sponsorship unless they can see what's in it for them. ESPN's experience can serve as an example to sponsors as well. Andrew Rea asked about funding for these projects. Paul Truong indicated that Susan Polgar will be funding the Polgar tournament in a similar way as the Denker tournament is funded. Garry Kasparov and others are donating their time to help with the training of the US

Women's Olympiad team. He thanked Barbara DeMaro, Frank Niro, Beatriz Marinello, the USCF Executive Board, and the US Chess Trust for their help. Additional funding is also expected. He predicted that in the next 12-15 months we will see drastic changes in American chess.

The Rules Committee report was then given (see above) after which President McCrary introduced the staff present at the time, which included Tom Brownscombe, Joan DuBois, Peter Kurzdorfer, Judy Misner, and Barb Vandermark. (Please note: Gary Prince and Diane Reese were also present throughout the meeting but apparently not at the time that the introduction was made.)

At 4:42 PM the meeting recessed until 9:00 AM.

SUNDAY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM on Sunday, August 10, 2003. Old business was next on the agenda. The review of promotional memberships was the first item. The only promotional membership described was the college membership. Robert Tanner asked whether Junior Tournament Players (JTPs) aren't promotional memberships. Tom Brownscombe pointed out JTPs aren't members at all. The program is an exception to membership requirements for participation in certain scholastic events.

DM03-19 – ADM 03-09 – (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 2002-2003 and authorize their continuation. **PASSED**

ADM 03-10 was withdrawn. Larry Cohen then brought up ADM 03-11 Myron Lieberman indicated that the motion is essentially moot since much of it has already been completed. He asked Gary Prince for a status report. Gary Prince confirmed that what hasn't already been done is high priority. He also pointed out that anyone can already download crosstables and get rating and tournament history from msa.uschess.org. The sponsor then withdrew the motion.

DM03-20 – ADM 03-11 - (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, TDs, and organizers via electronic media, and is given power to enact such a crosstable electronic media system if feasible. (This was referred to the MIS Committee in 2002.). **WITHDRAWN AFTER DISCUSSION**

A substitute motion was presented for ADM 03-12 by its sponsor, Larry Cohen. The original wording was "All new affiliates receive one free TLA in either *Chess Life* or *School Mates*. Larry Cohen, Bill Goichberg, Guy Hoffman, Tim Just, Mike Nolan participated in the discussion. Tim Just moved to refer to the EB with the power to implement, and accepted an amendment by Bill Goichberg to endorse in principle. The sponsor accepted referral

DM03-21 – ADM 03-12 - (Larry Cohen, IL): The Delegates authorize the Executive Board or Executive Director to provide a promotional rate (up to free) on one Tournament Life Announcement to new affiliates. This would be available for one year after the initial affiliate dues fees have been paid. Length should not exceed six lines. **ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE AND REFERRED TO THE EB/ED WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT**

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was Tom Brownscombe's motion regarding the US Open format that was passed at the Membership Meeting. President John McCrary read the motion. Tom Brownscombe, Arnold Denker, Jerry Hanken, Myron Lieberman, John McCrary, Hal Terrie, and Harold Winston participated in the discussion. Ernie Schlich called the question. A vote count was taken. The motion failed 19-32

DM03-22 – NDM 03-44 – Membership/Brownscombe - The USCF Membership Meeting recommends that the Delegates pass the following motion: The Delegates repeal a prior motion (DM01-68) that the US Open should be held as a two week event once in three years. **FAILED 19 in favor, 32 opposed.**

President McCrary then read Bill Goichberg's motion regarding advertising of based-on prize funds (which passed at the Membership Meeting). Bill Goichberg spoke to the motion after which it passed without further discussion.

DM03-23 – NDM 03-45 – Membership/Goichberg - The USCF Membership Meeting recommends that the Delegates pass the following motion: *Chess Life* shall print no display ads for “based-on” tournaments which mention the “based-on” prize fund without indicating that this prize fund is based on entries. **PASSED**

Ernie Schlich presented ADM03-13 in an amended form that changed the deadline from February to September of 2004. Myron Lieberman volunteered to create a website specifically for posting the documents covered in ADMs 13, 14, and 15 if for any reason the USCF could not post them at www.uschess.org. All that would be needed is for the USCF website to provide a link. Harold Winston mentioned the Bylaws Committee favored the motion 7-3-2 and the Bylaws workshop favored it 12-0. Mike Nolan moved to refer the motion to the EB, which was done.

DM03-24 - ADM 03-13 (*Ernest Schlich, VA*): The USCF shall post all past *Executive Board Newsletters* (EBNs) currently available in the office as an electronic file in a suitable electronic format in an archive on the USCF website. This should start as soon as possible and be completed not later than 1 Sept 2004. As each new EBN is posted, the previous EBN shall be placed in the historical archive. **REFERRED TO THE EB**

Ernie Schlich requested and received consent to bring up ADMs 03-14 and 03-15 together. Harold Winston indicated the Bylaws Committee favored both 8-2-2 and the Bylaws Workshop favored both 12-0. Tim Just moved to refer both motions to the Board. Spencer Lower wanted them to be decided now. Tim Just, Spencer Lower, Myron Lieberman, Mike Nolan, and Ernie Schlich participated in the discussion. The motions were referred. (Please note: Mike Nolan pointed out that the Board has the power to implement for ADMs 13, 14, and 15, so adding that phrase to the wording of the motions is not necessary)

DM03-25A - ADM 03-14 (*Ernest Schlich, VA*): The USCF shall post each *Delegates' Call* and *Annual Report* in a suitable electronic format in an appropriate area of the USCF website. These documents shall be posted on the website within the same timeframe requirements established for distribution of the hardcopy version. As each new document is posted, the previously posted document will be stored in an archive on the website. This motion to take effect immediately and shall apply to the 2003 *Annual Report* and all subsequent *Delegates' Calls* and Reports. **REFERRED TO THE EB**

DM03-25B - ADM 03-15 (*Ernest Schlich, VA*): The USCF shall post all *Executive Board Newsletters* (EBNs) starting with issue #1 of 2003-2004 in a suitable electronic format in an appropriate area of the USCF website. Each new EBN shall be posted on the website within the current 6 week requirement for hardcopy EBNs. **REFERRED TO THE EB**

Mike Goodall presented ADM 03-16. Bill Goichberg offered a substitute, which was worded “(*Bill Goichberg, NY*): The Delegates strongly urge that *Chess Life* return to its prior schedule under which most members receive the issue during the first ten days of the month. If this cannot be done, the Delegates recommend that the date of the earliest tournaments listed, now the 15th, be pushed back appropriately”. The sponsors did not accept the substitute. The entire matter was referred to the EB on a motion by Mike Nolan. Ernie Schlich acted as Parliamentarian during the discussion of the motion to refer.

DM03-26 - ADM 03-16 (*Richard Koepcke, NCA; Mike Goodall, NCA*): Moved: TLA’s will only appear in *Chess Life* for tournaments starting from the first of the cover month on.

Substitute: “(*Bill Goichberg, NY*): The Delegates strongly urge that *Chess Life* return to its prior schedule under which most members receive the issue during the first ten days of the month. If this cannot be done, the Delegates recommend that the date of the earliest tournaments listed, now the 15th, be pushed back appropriately”
MOTION AND SUBSTITUTE REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ralph Bowman indicated the sponsors of ADM 03-17 have accepted two friendly amendments. One, by Harold Winston on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, added the words “the Delegates” after “the Executive Board” to the motion as published in the *Delegates' Call*. The other, by Al Lawrence, removed mention of the LMA Committee from the motion. The final wording was:

DM03-27 - ADM 03-17 (*Rich Jackson, CT; Robert Ferguson, PA; Robert Milardo, CT; Ralph Bowman, KS; John McCrary, SC*): It is hereby proposed that the USCF Scholastic Committee be made a permanent committee which has only an advisory role to the Executive Board, the Executive Director, the Delegates, and the USCF Scholastic Director just like the Bylaws, and Finance Committees are in their own respective ways. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

Bill Goichberg presented ADM03-18. John McCrary removed his name as a co-sponsor. Harold Winston indicated the Bylaws Committee vote was 1yes, 3 no, and 7 for referral to the Scholastic Committee. He indicated the Bylaws Workshop voted 5 yes, 2 no and 5 in favor of referral to the Scholastic and Finance Committees. Larry Cohen offered an amendment, which was not accepted, to enable a six month membership to be converted to a full membership with an additional payment

of \$6 within the six month period. Discussion continued on both the amendment and the main motion. Dewain Barber, Phyllis Benjamin, Ralph Bowman, Tom Brownscombe, Mike Carr, Bill Goichberg, Tim Just, Myron Lieberman, John McCrary, Mike Nietman, Mike Nolan, Luis Salinas, Ernie Schlich, Steve Shutt, Robert Tanner, and Harold Winston participated in the discussion. Myron Lieberman moved to refer the matter to the Scholastic and Finance Committees. He accepted a friendly amendment by Bill Goichberg to provide power to act. The motion and the amendment were referred.

DM03-28 - ADM 03-18 (*Bill Goichberg, NY*): Effective January 1, 2004, USCF shall no longer offer “economy scholastic” memberships. Replacing this category shall be a six month scholastic membership with bimonthly publication (three issues of *Chess Life* or two issues of *Chess Life* and one issue of another publication.) The six month scholastic membership shall be priced at \$13 with a \$1 affiliate commission. **REFERRED TO SCHOLASTIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

Bill Goichberg presented ADM 03-19. Harold Winston pointed out that the Bylaws Committee voted 1 yes, 3 no, and 7 to refer to the Finance Committee. The Bylaws Workshop voted 0 yes 1 no and 10 to refer to the Finance Committee. Bill Goichberg, Jerry Hanken, Mike Nolan, and Harold Winston participated in the discussion. Mike Nolan moved to refer to the Bylaws and Finance Committees with power to act. Tim Just called the question and the motion was referred. Mike Nolan indicated that he would accept referral for ADM 03-33 if Bill Goichberg would agree to refer ADM 03-19. Mike Nolan moved to refer to the Bylaws and Finance Committees with power to act. Tim Just called the question and the motion was referred.

DM03-29 - ADM 03-19 (*Bill Goichberg, NY*): Effective January 1, 2004, USCF shall no longer offer “economy regular” memberships. **REFERRED TO BYLAWS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

Ernie Schlich then introduced ADMs 03-20, 21, 22, and 23 which all passed without discussion on separate votes.

DM03-30 - ADM 03-20 (*Ernest Schlich, VA; Harold Winston, IL*): Amend the Bylaws concerning economy regular memberships by making the following changes:

Change 1. Amend Article III, Section 11 Rights and Privileges by changing the sentence “Economy memberships’ terms and dues shall be set by the Executive Director with approval of the Executive Board” to “Economy memberships do not include a subscription to any publication.”

Change 2. Replace all of Article III, Section 1 Regular Membership with the following language.

Section 1. Regular Membership.

A. Regular Member. Any person may become a Regular Member of the Federation upon payment of \$49 which includes a commission of up to \$4, \$90 for two years which includes a commission of up to \$5, or \$130 for 3 years which includes a commission of up to \$5. This may also be referred to as Full Adult Membership.

B. Economy Regular Member. Any person may become an Economy Regular Member of the Federation upon payment of \$39 which includes a commission of up to \$3, \$73 for two years which includes a commission of up to \$4, or \$107 for 3 years which includes a commission of up to \$5.

Change 3. Amend Article III Section 3B Economy Scholastic Membership by deleting the final sentence that states “Economy memberships do not include a subscription to any publication.” **PASSED**

DM03-31 - ADM 03-21 (*Ernest Schlich, VA, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee*): Correct the Bylaws language to properly document the changes passed in 2002 reducing the number of Alternate Delegates.

Change 1. Replace the 2^{cd}, 3rd, and 4th paragraphs of Article V, Section 5 Election with the following language.

Each State shall elect the designated number of Delegates. An ordered list shall be created listing candidates in the order of votes received, highest first. A candidate must receive at least one vote to appear on this list. From this list, the designated number of Delegates shall be elected from the top of the list and the designated number of Alternate Delegates elected from the remaining candidates on the list.

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 6A of the Bylaws.

The ordered list of candidates shall also serve as the initial ordered list for filling vacancies at any meeting of the Board of Delegates’ Meeting as specified in Article V, Section 6A.

Change 2. Delete the sentence “candidates who receive no votes are not elected Delegates or Alternate Delegates” from the 5th paragraph of Article V, Section 5.

Change 3. Rename and break Article V, Section 6 Vacancies into subsections to make it easier to read and make changes needed to implement the changes made to the number of and procedures for the election of Alternate Delegates by replacing it with the following language.

Section 6. Miscellaneous.

A. Vacancies. If one or more Delegates from any state are not present or are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the ordered list 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 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 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 Delegate or 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, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter.

If no Delegates or Alternate Delegates are elected by a state, vacancies exist which can be filled by the State Chapter.

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

C. USCF Membership requirement. To serve as a Delegate, an individual must have a current membership as of the first day of the Delegates’ Meeting. **PASSED**

Sponsor’s note: Please note that change one has two references to section 6. If change one passes and change 3 does not, these references have to be changed to section 6 vice section 6A.

DM03-32 - ADM 03-22 (*Ernest Schlich, VA, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee*): Delete Article V, Section 10 Electors. **PASSED**

DM03-33 - ADM 03-23 (*Ernest Schlich, VA, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee*): Revise Article VIII, Section 4a to reflect the discontinuation of *School Mates* by replacing it with the following language:

Section 4. Rights and Privileges.

Each affiliate shall:

(a) Receive a subscription to *Chess Life*. **PASSED**

John McCrary withdrew ADMs 03-24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in his capacity as co-sponsor and indicated that he would request that the Ethics Committee consider the suggestions. Mike Nolan then introduced ADM03-29 and recommended that it be referred to the Bylaws, Election Procedures, and MIS Committees.

DM03-34 - ADM 03-29 (*Mike Nolan, NE; Bill Goichberg, NY; on behalf of the Election Procedures Committee*): The Executive Board is authorized to implement electronic voting via the Internet. In all cases where the use of *Chess Life* for distributing ballots is referenced, the Bylaws are modified to permit the use of such a designated electronic voting method in place of distributing the ballots in *Chess Life* and with an equivalent voting period. Mail ballots shall continue to be available to those members who cannot or choose not to use electronic voting. **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS, ELECTION PROCEDURES, AND MIS COMMITTEES.**

Mike Nolan introduced ADM 03-30 and compared it to ADM 03-32, which would be discussed next. He indicated that ADM 30 was purely a technical motion while 32 will have a substantive impact. After ADM 03-30 passed he introduced ADM 03-32, which would change voter eligibility. Harold Winston mentioned that the Bylaws Committee and Workshop found seven

different changes, some of which were favored and others were not. Both the Bylaws Committee and Workshop were opposed to the motion. Jim Mennella, Robert Tanner, and Harold Winston participated in the discussion. Larry Cohen called the question.

DM03-35 - ADM 03-30 (*Mike Nolan, NE; Bill Goichberg, NY on behalf of the Election Procedures Committee*): Modify the Bylaws to replace Article IV, (Voting Members), Section 2 (Definition) with the following:

Section 2. Definition. Any current member residing in the USA who is 16 years of age or older as of the time of an election is a Voting Member. For a regular or special election, the membership must be current through the last day of the month in which balloting is to begin and the member must have reached 16 years of age by the last day of the month in which balloting is to begin.

Members not receiving *Chess Life* who are 16 years of age or older at the time of a regular or special election may request a ballot by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the current USCF office address before the 15th day of the month in which balloting is to begin. Members not receiving *Chess Life* who wish to vote must furnish their date of birth to the USCF office. **PASSED**

DM03-36 - ADM 03-32 (*Mike Nolan, NE*): Modify the Bylaws to replace Article IV, (Voting Members), Section 2 (Definition) with the following:

Section 2. Definition. Any current member residing in the USA who is an adult, economy adult, senior, sustaining, or life member is a Voting Member. For a regular or special election, the membership must be current through the last day of the month in which balloting is to begin.

Economy Adult members may request a ballot by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the current USCF office address before the 15th day of the month prior to the month in which balloting is to begin. **FAILED**

Mike Nolan, per earlier agreement, moved to refer ADM03-33 to the Bylaws and Finance Committees.

DM03-37 - ADM 03-33 (*Mike Nolan NE*): Modify the Bylaws to delete all references to the Family Membership.”
REFERRED TO BYLAWS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

President McCrary called a brief recess while copies of the new motions that were submitted on Saturday could be distributed to the Delegates. The meeting reconvened at 11:21 AM to consider new business that was not on the advance agenda. John McCrary read NDM03-46. Gary Prince pointed out that soon we will have the capability to access and print rating supplements state by state from the web. After extensive discussion, which included the possibility of referral, the motion was withdrawn with the understanding that the Board can consider it as an option. Tom Brownscombe, Larry Cohen, Arnold Denker, Tom Fineberg, Bill Goichberg, Guy Hoffman, Tim Just, Richard Koepcke, Al Lawrence, Myron Lieberman, John McCrary, Mike Nolan, Gary Prince, Andrew Rea, and John Surlow participated in the discussion.

DM03-38 - NDM03-46 (*Andrew Rea, CO*): Given the necessity of reducing current debt, it is requested that USCF desist immediately from printing and distributing the bi-monthly USCF Rating List, and limit this to ONLY the Annual Rating List. Said list being available on-line consistently makes this cost saving hardly noticeable as a loss of service for USCF membership, while providing 83% savings in printing/distribution cost of hard-copy Rating Lists. **WITHDRAWN**

John McCrary then read NDM 03-47. Chairman David Kuhns spoke to it for the Rules Committee and Workshop, after which it passed. Some discussion followed afterward regarding publication of changes.

DM03-39 - NDM 03-47 (*Rules Committee/Workshop*): Rules: Edition 5 of the “U.S. Chess Federation’s Official Rules of Chess” shall be effective 1 January 2004. Edition 5 may be used prior to 1 January if posted at the site. **PASSED**

John McCrary read NDM 03-48 and Larry Cohen spoke to it. The sense of the group was that this is essentially current practice and the motion was withdrawn.

DM03-40 - NDM 03-48 (*Larry Cohen, IL*): Committee reports printed in the *Delegates’ Call* may be considered the full report. If so, the committee may notify the (President) Delegate Meeting Chairperson of this fact. The Chairperson can then state that the committee report is as stated and Delegates may still direct questions about a report to the committee. Otherwise the Chairperson will move on to the next report. **WITHDRAWN**

President John McCrary asked Parliamentarian Mike Nolan to take the chair during the discussion of NDM 03-49 on indemnification, which was sponsored by Harry Sabine and Harold Winston and was worded “The Board of Delegates finds that indemnification of all USCF employees and present and past members of the USCF Executive Board is proper under the circumstances in the lawsuit filed against them and the USCF by Richard Peterson in the Superior Court of Kern County,

California, Case No. 250896 AEW.” It was pointed out that there are former employees named in the suit. A friendly amendment was accepted to change the wording of the motion to include all present and past USCF employees. The entire Board left the dais while Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine and Harold Winston answered questions from the floor. Among those who raised questions were Andrew Rea, Ernie Schlich, Dave Small, and John Surlow. Board members did not participate in the vote. The motion passed. No count was taken since the vote appeared to be unanimous.

DM03-41 - NDM 03-49 (*Harry Sabine, TN; Harold Winston, IL*): The Board of Delegates finds that indemnification of all present and past USCF employees and present and past members of the USCF Executive Board is proper under the circumstances in the lawsuit filed against them and the USCF by Richard Peterson in the Superior Court of Kern County, California, Case No. 250896 AEW. **PASSED** (Please note: All members of the EB left the dais during discussion of this motion and recused themselves from the vote. Parliamentarian Mike Nolan served as Chair).

Harold Winston announced that the Chess Trust achieved its donation goal. A round of applause followed. John McCrary pointed out that this was encouraging as it indicated people were willing to work together. Ernie Schlich asked for and received a round of applause for Guy Hoffman and Harold Winston, who he described as “...the last two people in the US to get an email address”.

John McCrary then read NDM 03-50. Ernie Schlich spoke to it. Ralph Bowman offered an amendment to remove a sentence in the original wording that would require the replacement to be a Delegate. Ernie Schlich agreed it would be best to introduce that requirement as a separate motion if desired. The amended motion passed.

DM03-42 - NDM 03-50 (*Ernest Schlich, VA; Harold Winston, IL*): In the event of a vacancy on a Delegate - appointed Committee, the committee and Executive Board may appoint a replacement. Such appointment requires a 2/3 majority of both the remaining committee members and the Executive Board. **PASSED** (Please note: Passage of this motion could require a Bylaws change to Article VII, Section 3).

Harold Winston was then recognized to introduce two congratulatory motions, NDMs 03-51 and 52 passed by acclamation.

DM03-43 - NDM 03 - 51 (*Harold Winston, IL*): The Delegates give a vote of thanks to the co-organizers of the 2003 US Open for their fine work: Jerry Hanken and the Southern California Chess Federation, and Diane Reese of USCF. The Delegates recognize that holding this US Open in the 12-round format was in keeping with DM 01 - 68. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

DM03-44 - NDM 03 – 52 (*Harold Winston, IL*): The Delegates give votes of thanks to (1) USCF President John McCrary for his able chairing of the meeting; (2) Rachel and Myron Lieberman for acting as Secretary of the meeting; and (3) Mike Nolan and Ernie Schlich for serving as Parliamentarians of the meeting. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

John McCrary then presented Certificates of Governance to Dr. Joseph Wagner and GM Arnold Denker. He read the wording of each plaque and each was greeted with a round of applause. It was noted that Bob Smith’s certificate will be sent to him. President McCrary then called the new Executive Board to the dais and welcomed each member to the Board.

President John McCrary adjourned the meeting at 12:12 PM on Sunday, August 10.

APPENDIX A
DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE 2003 USCF DELEGATES’ MEETING

State	Delegates
Alabama	Frank Camaratta*, Jack C. Mallory (full)
Alaska	None (-1)
Arizona	Myron Lieberman*, Rachel Lieberman*, Cindy Hawkinson, Spencer Lower, Martin Schneider, Dave Small, Robert B. Tanner (full)
Arkansas	None (-1)
California (N)	Mike Goodall, Richard Koepcke, Hans Poschmann (-3)
California (S)	Jerome B. Hanken*, Randall Hough*, Dr. Joseph Wagner*, Dewain Barber, Gerald Blem, Michael R. Carr, Michael Nagaran, Ron Rezendes, John Surlow (full)
Colorado	Richard Buchanan, Andrew Rea (full)
Connecticut	None (-2)
Delaware	None (-1)
DC	None (-1)
Florida	Arnold Denker*, Don Schultz* (-5)
Georgia	None (-2)

Hawaii	None (-1)
Iowa	Roger Gottschall (full)
Idaho	None (-1)
Illinois	Harold Winston*, Walter Brown, Larry Cohen, Thomas A. Fineberg, Tim Just, Joel Berez** (-2)
Indiana	None (-3)
Kansas	Ralph E. Bowman (full)
Kentucky	None (-2)
Louisiana	None (-1)
Maine	None (-1)
Maryland	James Mennella, Ed Westing (-1)
Massachusetts	Tim Hanke**, William Kelleher** (-1)
Michigan	None (-3)
Minnesota	David Kuhns, Phillip R. Smith (full)
Missouri	William H. Wright (-1)
Mississippi	None (-1)
Montana	None (-1)
Nebraska	Michael Nolan (full)
Nevada	Charles Hatherill (full)
New Hampshire	Henry Terrie (full)
New Jersey	None (-5)
New Mexico	Arthur Glassman (full)
New York (D)	Phyllis Benjamin, Carol Jarecki, Beatriz Marinello, Harold Stenzel, Susan Polgar**, Paul Truong** (-1)
New York (U)	Bill Goichberg*, Al Lawrence*, Walter Buehl (-3)
North Carolina	None (-2)
North Dakota	None (-1)
Ohio	None (-4)
Oklahoma	Frank Berry (full)
Oregon	Carl A. Haessler (full)
Pennsylvania	Stephen Shutt*, Stan Booz (-4)
Rhode Island	None (-1)
South Carolina	John McCrary* (-1)
South Dakota	None (-1)
Tennessee	Harry Sabine*, Martin Ratahn**, Kenneth Sloan** (full)
Texas	Tim Redman*, Clarence Calloway, Luis Salinas (-7)
Utah	Grant Hodson (full)
Vermont	None (-1)
Virginia	Peter H. Hopkins, Ernest W. Schlich, Jay Stallings** (full)
Washington	Frederick K. Kleist, Murlin Varner (full)
West Virginia	None (-1)
Wisconsin	Guy Hoffman, Mike Nietman (full)
Wyoming	None (-1)

* = EB or DAL (Don't count in total - listed first) ** = Certified at meeting (not on printed list – listed last)

APPENDIX B

College Chess Eligibility Requirements

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For individual college events, such as the College Championship that will be held in conjunction with the National Grade K-12 each year, and for international individual or team events, players are eligible to participate only if they are less than 26 years old as of September 1 of the academic year in which the tournament is taking place.

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The following are suggestions offered for guidance:

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- 3) To not recruit players from other chess programs.
- 4) To scrutinize carefully undergraduate students applying for a second baccalaureate.

Non-compliance.

Winning teams should file a report to document compliance with these regulations with the USCF.

Any team's standing may be challenged for non-compliance by a competing team through a written complaint sent within thirty days to the Executive Director or the Scholastic Director of the U.S. Chess Federation. That official shall gather the relevant documentation of the complaint, make a recommendation as to disposition, and send it to the USCF Executive Board for resolution.

APPENDIX C

CRAMER AWARD WINNERS

Best Book	<i>Young Marshall – The Early Chess Career of Frank James Marshall with collected games 1893 – 1900</i> by John S. Hilbert – 282 pages – Moravian Chess Press
Best State Magazine	<i>Chess Horizons</i> – Massachusetts Chess Association – Mark C. Donlan, Editor
Best Column	<i>Opening Secrets – (Chess Life)</i> – GM Susan Polgar
Chess Journalist of the Year	(As determined by a vote of all members of the CJA) – Fred Wilson

APPENDIX D

2003 – 2004 USCF COMMITTEES AS OF 09/06/03)

COMMITTEE	BOARD LIAISON	OFFICE LIAISON	CHAIR
Audit	Tim Hanke	Linda Legenos	Stan Booz
Bylaws	Tim Hanke	Executive Director	Ernie Schlich and Harold Winston
Chess in Education	Steve Shutt	Joan Dubois	Tim Redman and Cindy Hawkinson
Club Development	Tim Hanke	Judy Misner	To be determined
College Chess	Frank Brady	Judy Misner	To be determined
Correspondence	Frank Camaratta	Joan Dubois	To be determined
Cramer Awards	Don Schultz	Glenn Petersen	Peter Tamburro
Denker Championship	Beatriz Marinello	Joan Dubois	To be determined
Election Procedures	Frank Brady	Barb Vandermark	To be determined
Ethics	Beatriz Marinello	Barb Vandermark	Hal Terrie
FIDE Advisory	Don Schultz	Glenn Petersen	Eric Johnson
Finance	Tim Hanke	Linda Legenos	Stan Booz
Hall of Fame	Beatriz Marinello	Executive Director	To be determined
Internet	Tim Hanke	Gary Prince	To be determined
LMA Management	Tim Hanke	Linda Legenos	Al Lawrence
Master Affairs	Beatriz Marinello	Glenn Petersen	To be determined
Membership Growth	Tim Hanke	Judy Misner	To be determined
Military	Tim Hanke	Joan Dubois	To be determined
MIS	Tim Hanke	Gary Prince	To be determined
Olympic Participation	Beatriz Marinello	Executive Director	To be determined
Organizers	Tim Hanke	Gary Prince	To be determined
Outreach	Steve Shutt	Joan Dubois	Myron Lieberman
Polgar Championship	Beatriz Marinello	Joan Dubois	Susan Polgar
Prison	Frank Brady	Barb Vandermark	To be determined
Publications	Frank Brady, Tim Hanke	Glenn Petersen	To be determined
Ratings	Frank Camaratta	Glenn Petersen	To be determined
Rules	Frank Camaratta	Executive Director	To be determined
Scholastic	Steve Shutt	Joan Dubois	Ralph Bowman, Sunil Weeramantry
Senior	Don Schultz	Judy Misner	Mike Carr
States	Steve Shutt	Barb Vandermark	Guy Hoffman
Survey	Beatriz Marinello	Judy Misner	To be determined
TDCC	Frank Camaratta	Gary Prince	To be determined
Website	Tim Hanke	Joan Dubois	To be determined
Women's Chess	Beatriz Marinello		
<u>Other Liaisons Appointed</u>			
Chess Trust	Steve Shutt		
FIDE Team	Don Schultz		
<u>Continuing Liaisons</u>			
Health and Social Agencies	Rachel Lieberman (Director of Prevention Programs)		

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE AUGUST 11, 2003, MEETING OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board met in closed session on previous days and from 9 AM until 5 PM on 8/11, then met in open session after a short break. President Beatriz Marinello called the open session to order at 5:13 PM and welcomed those in attendance (which included Jami Anson, Dewain Barber, Tom Brownscombe, Barbara De Maro, Joan Dubois, Tom and Maxine Fineberg, Bill Goichberg, Roger Gottschall, Myron and Rachel Lieberman, Judy Misner, Mike Nietman, Mike Nolan, Dr. Tim Redman, Diane Reese, Ernie Schlich, Dr. Kenneth Sloan, Paul Truong, and Barb Vandermark). Board members present included President Beatriz Marinello, Vice President Steve Shutt, VP of Finance Tim Hanke, Frank Camaratta, Dr. John McCrary, and Don Schultz. Secretary Dr. Frank Brady was unable to attend.

The first motion to arise from closed session named Paul Truong as Director of Marketing and Public Relations and Mike Nolan as Chief Operating Officer (COO). Please note: Subsequently Grant Perks replaced Mike Nolan as Interim COO.

EB 04 – 01 – Board – The Executive Board appoints Paul Truong as USCF Director of Marketing and Public Relations and Mike Nolan as USCF Chief Operating Officer. **PASSED** 6-0.

The second motion named committee liaisons. The list was announced and made available at several locations at the US Open on August 10. Most committee chairs have not yet been named. Those that have are noted on the list below.

EB 04 - 02 – Board – The Executive Board appoints the following liaisons: **PASSED** 6-0.

COMMITTEE	BOARD LIAISON
Bylaws	Tim Hanke
Chess in Education	Steve Shutt (Tim Redman and Cindy Hawkinson were named co-chairs)
Club Development	Tim Hanke
College Chess	Frank Brady
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Other Liaisons Appointed

Chess Trust Tim Hanke
FIDE Team Don Schultz

Continuing Liaisons

Health and Social Agencies Rachel Lieberman (Director of Prevention Programs)

Dr. Tim Redman addressed the Board regarding college chess. He referred to an article in the July 10, 2003, issue of the "Wall Street Journal" which focused on the UT Dallas and UMBC college programs and brought up the issue of eligibility for college teams. Substantial discussion followed. An ad-hoc committee had been created to consider eligibility and made its recommendations, which were adopted by the Board.

EB 04 – 03 – Board – The Executive Board adopts the recommendations of the College Chess "ad-hoc" committee regarding eligibility as presented by Dr. Redman to the Board on August 11, 2003. **PASSED** 5-0-1 with Tim Hanke abstaining. Please note: See Appendix A for the recommendations.

Next to be considered were the motions referred to the Board by the Delegates.

ADM 03-12 (*Larry Cohen, IL*): All new affiliates receive one free TLA in either "*Chess Life*" or "*School Mates*." Larry Cohen presented a substitute for the motion to the Delegates, which read "The Delegates authorize the EB or ED to provide a promotional rate (up to free) on one TLA to new affiliates. This would be available for one year after the initial affiliate dues have been paid. Length should not exceed six lines."

The Delegates referred the entire matter to the Board without voting on the substitute. The referral was with endorsement in principle and power to implement. The Board referred the matter to the COO.

EB 04 – 04 – McCrary – The Board refers the motion (ADM 03-12 or its substitute) to the COO with endorsement in principle and power to implement. **PASSED** 6-0.

ADM 03-13 (*Ernest Schlich, VA*): "The USCF shall post all past Executive Board Newsletters (EBNs) currently available in the office as an electronic file in a suitable electronic format in an archive on the USCF website. This should start as soon as possible and be completed not later than 1 Feb 2004. As each new EBN is posted, the previous EBN shall be placed in the historical archive." The date was amended to 1 Sept 2004 and the motion was referred to the Board.

EB 04 – 05 - Schultz – The Board refers the motion (ADM 03-13) to the COO with endorsement in principle and power to implement ASAP - . **PASSED** 5-1 with Tim Hanke opposed.

ADM 03-14 (*Ernest Schlich, VA*): The USCF shall post each *Delegates' Call* and *Annual Report* in a suitable electronic format in an appropriate area of the USCF website. These documents shall be posted on the website within the same timeframe requirements established for distribution of the hardcopy version. As each new document is posted, the previously posted document will be stored in an archive on the website. This motion to take effect immediately and shall apply to the 2003 *Annual Report* and all subsequent Calls and Reports.

EB 04 – 06 – Shutt - The Board refers the motion (ADM 03-14) to the COO with endorsement in principle and power to implement as soon as practical - . **PASSED** 4-2 with Tim Hanke and Frank Camaratta opposed.

ADM 03-15 (*Ernest Schlich, VA*): "The USCF shall post all *Executive Board Newsletters* (EBNs) starting with issue #1 of 2003-2004 in a suitable electronic format in an appropriate area of the USCF website. Each new EBN shall be posted on the website within the current 6 week requirement for hardcopy EBNs."

EB 04 – 07 – Schultz - The Board refers the motion (ADM 03-16) to the COO for consideration. **PASSED** 6-0.

ADM 03-16 (*Richard Koepcke, NCA; Mike Goodall, NCA*): "Moved: TLAs will only appear in *Chess Life* for tournaments starting from the first of the cover month on." Bill Goichberg offered a substitute which was worded "The Delegates strongly urge that *Chess Life* return to its prior schedule under which most members receive the issue during the first ten days of the month. If this cannot be done, the Delegates recommend that the date of the earliest tournaments listed, now the 15th, be pushed back appropriately.

The Delegates referred the entire matter to the Executive Board.

EB 04 – 08 – McCrary – Refer to the COO for study. **PASSED** 6-0.

John McCrary reported that in an earlier vote of the previous Board by objections procedure Joel Channing was named as a trustee of the US Chess Trust (subject to approval by the Trust). Note: The Trust subsequently approved Joel Channing as a trustee.

John McCrary reported that the Bylaws Committee has elected Ernie Schlich and Harold Winston as co-chairs.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

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CONFERENCE CALLS

The Executive Board Meeting held a conference call on August 22, 2003 at 7 PM EDT

Executive Board members present were:

Beatriz Marinello, President
Stephen Shutt, Vice President
Timothy Hanke, Vice President of Finance
Dr. Frank Brady, Secretary
Donald Schultz, Member-At-Large
Frank Camaratta, Member-At-Large

The following motions were considered:

EB 04-08A (Schultz): The Executive Board authorizes the President of USCF to make emergency personnel decisions for the next two months during the current financial emergency. **PASSED 3 -2-1** In favor Hanke, Brady and Schultz- Opposed- Shutt and Camaratta-Abstained-Marinello

EB 04-08B (Schultz): The Executive Board approves the acceptance of personnel actions taken on August 20, 2003. **PASSED 4 -2** In favor- Marinello, Hanke, Brady and Schultz-Opposed Camaratta and Shutt

EB 04-08C (Schultz) The USCF accepts with regret the resignation of Dr. John McCrary from the Executive Board, and thanks him for his service. **PASSED 6-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Shultz and Camaratta

The Office Committee of the Executive Board held a conference call on September 4, 2003 at 3:30 PM EDT

Executive Board members present were:

Beatriz Marinello, President
Timothy Hanke, Vice President of Finance
Donald Schultz, Member-At-Large
Also present was Erik Anderson of America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C) located in Seattle, Washington

This conference call took place between the Office Committee of the Board and Mr. Erik Anderson for the purpose of conducting a preliminary discussion of Mr. Anderson's proposal.

As a result of this conference call President Marinello invited Mr. Anderson to give a presentation to the full Board at the next Executive Board meeting in September. A more extensive report will be provided to the Delegates once we receive a written proposal from Mr. Anderson.

The Executive Board Meeting held a conference call on September 20, 2003 at 8 AM EDT.

Executive Board members present were:

Beatriz Marinello, President
Stephen Shutt, Vice President
Timothy Hanke, Vice President of Finance
Dr. Frank Brady, Secretary
Donald Schultz, Member-At-Large
Frank Camaratta, Member-At-Large
Grant Perks, Acting Office Manager

The conference call was called by USCF President, Beatriz Marinello to discuss a proposal received from Excalibur Electronics to transfer the administration of the Book and Equipment business over to them in exchange for a commission from gross sales.

Also discussed was the opening of a bidding process for the purpose of outsourcing the B&E.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTIONS SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2003

The following motions were considered at the September 28-29, 2003 Executive Board Meeting held in New Windsor, New York:

EB 04-09 (Board) The Executive Board authorizes the Interim COO, Grant Perks, to proceed with the hiring of Kalev Pehme for the position of Interim *Chess Life* Editor for a period of three months. **PASSED 5-0** In Favor: Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Camaratta and Schultz- Brady Absent

EB 04-10 (Board) The Board authorizes the President to work with the Organizers, Scholastic Council, Internet and Rules Committees to look into the matter of sanctioning National Internet Events. **PASSED 5-0** In Favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Camaratta and Schultz- Brady Absent

Based on a proposal of the U.S. Chess Trust the EB has made the following motion:

EB 04-11 (Shutt) Any Chess Trust Trustee can be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Trust Directors and a majority vote of the USCF Executive Board. **PASSED**

5-0 In Favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Camaratta and Schultz- Brady Absent

EB 04-12 (Board) For purposes of the 2003-2004 US Championship the reigning champion will be the winner of the 2004 US Championship even if it comes within a short period of the US Championship. **PASSED 5-0** In Favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Camaratta and Schultz- Brady Absent

EB 04-13 (Board) We authorized the VP of Finance to begin negotiations, to have the B&E business outsourced, starting at the conclusion of the 2003/2004 Christmas holiday season. It is not our intention to limit negotiations to any one potential partner. **PASSED 5-0** In Favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Camaratta and Schultz- Brady Absent

EB 04-14 (Schultz) To invite the US Senior Champion to participate in the US Championship. **PASSED 4-0** In Favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, and Schultz-Brady and Camaratta Absent

EB 04-15 (Schultz) To remove Phil Simpkins as Organizer of the Year for 2002/2003. **FAILED 2-2** In Favor Schultz and Hanke; Opposed Marinello and Shutt; Brady and Camaratta Absent

EB 04-16 (Marinello) To refer the issue of the membership fees structure to our VP of Finance and Chess Trust liaison for further review. They will report back to the Executive Board at the next meeting. **PASSED 4-0** In Favor: Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, and Schultz; Brady and Camaratta Absent

EB 04-17 (Board) The Executive Board recognizes the outstanding help that Glen Petersen has given to the USCF in their very difficult transition period. **PASSED 4-0** In Favor: Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, and Schultz; Brady and Camaratta Absent

OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE

The following Motions were sent out for passage by Objections Procedure:

October 10, 2003: EB 04-18 (Schultz): The name of the FIDE Advisory Committee is changed to the International Affairs Committee. **PASSED Without Objection**

October 13, 2003: EB 04-19 (Brady, Camaratta, Schultz): Resolved Professor Jim Rachels shall be awarded the title of Chairman Emeritus of the USCF Ethics Committee. Professor Rachels' name shall be included on all-official Ethics Committee letterhead and official USCF committee listings. **PASSED Without Objection**

October 23, 2003: EB 04-20 (Board): The USCF Chief Operating Officer is authorized to offer for a limited time, a reduced rate membership to former members. Membership rates under this promotion shall be 1 year \$36, 2 year \$65, 3 year \$93. This promotion will expire on December 31, 2003. **WITHDRAWN**

October 26, 2003: EB 04-21 (Board): ANY transfers from Dato Tan Chin Nam's Loan Fund must be approved by a majority of the members of the Executive Board. **PASSED Without Objection**

November 12, 2003: EB 04-22 (Board): USCF adopts a \$29 six month membership promotion and this promotion will be available for six months starting February 1, 2004. The two-week period for approval without objection now begins today November 12. This motion replaces previous objection motions on the same subject. **PASSED Without Objection**

CONFERENCE CALLS

The Office Committee of the Executive Board held a conference call on November 1, 2003 at 9 AM EST

Executive Board members present were:
Beatriz Marinello, President
Timothy Hanke, Vice President of Finance
Donald Schultz, Member-At-Large
Also present was Mr. Malcom Pein of Classic Games

This conference call took place between the Office Committee of the Board and Mr. Malcom Pein to address issues resulting from the bid submitted by Mr. Pein's company, Classic Games, with regard to B & E outsourcing.

The Executive Board Meeting held a conference call on November 12, 2003 at 8 PM EST

Executive Board members present were:
Beatriz Marinello, President
Stephen Shutt, Vice President
Timothy Hanke, Vice President of Finance
Dr. Frank Brady, Secretary
Donald Schultz, Member-At-Large
Frank Camaratta, Member-At-Large

This was a closed session meeting in which financial issues were addressed and the decision of removing the Acting Office Manager based on financial issues was decided. It was determined that without the salary and expenses of the Acting Office Manager the office would be able to hire some employees to handle the Holiday sales and processing.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, JANUARY 10 & 11, 2004

EB 04-23 (Shutt): The Executive Board accepts proposal two of the U.S. Chess Trust to replace the new removal clause in Section Fifth of the U.S. Chess Trust Charter by the wording "Any Trustee may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the current Trustees with the understanding that the two year notification period remain intact. **PASSED 5-1** In Favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Camaratta and Schultz. Opposed Brady

EB 04-24 (Board): Moved that the EB appoint a special task force to develop a specific proposal, based on the Anderson/McCrary proposal. The report of the task force is to be completed and presented to the EB within six weeks. Further move that said task force should consist of the USCF President, Vice President, Executive Director and the President of America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C). **PASSED 6-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz.

EB 04-25 (Hanke): The Executive Board moves to commend Mr. Mikhail Korenman for his outstanding development and promotion of chess in Lindsborg, Kansas. **PASSED 6-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz.

EB 04-26 (Board): Per the recommendation of the Acting Executive Director, the Executive Board moves that the remaining LMA funds be used, with the permission of the LMA committee, to pay down the Key Bank Line of Credit. **PASSED 6-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz.

EB 04-27 (Board): The Executive Board authorizes Dr. Brady to negotiate contractual publishing issues with Susan Polgar. **PASSED 6-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz.

EB 04-28 (Board): The Executive Board authorizes Dr. Brady to write instructions to the Editor of *Chess Life* regarding Board policy. **PASSED 6-0**
In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz.

EB 04-29 (Board): Regarding the participation by prominent players/celebrities in National Scholastic events and USCF events, this will be done at the discretion and with the remuneration recommended by the USCF office in consultation with the Scholastic Council. **PASSED 6-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz.

EB 04-30 (Board): Upon submission of receipts/documents of legitimate 2003 expenses and based upon a moral commitment by the previous Executive Board, the EB authorizes the office to pay up to \$20,000 to the Women's Olympiad Training Program. **PASSED 4-0-2** In favor- Shutt, Schultz, Brady and Camaratta- Abstained Marinello and Hanke

EB 04-31 (Board): The EB declines to continue funding the Women's Olympiad Training Program in 2004, however, it authorizes a reasonable amount of space in *Chess Life* for usage to raise funds for the Women's Olympiad Team. **PASSED 3-1-2** In favor Shutt, Schultz and Brady- Opposed Camaratta-Abstained Marinello and Hanke

EB 04-32 (Board): The Executive Board accepts Bill Goichberg's generous offer and appoints him Executive Director, at no pay, through December 31, 2004.
PASSED 5-0 In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady and Schultz- Camaratta Recused

EB 04-33 (Board): The Executive Board accepts the College Chess Committee's recommendations for naming the 2004 Committee. **PASSED 5-1-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz -Opposed Hanke

EB 04-34 (Board): Motion to approve \$15,000 for sponsorship of the President's Cup, the "Final Four" of United States college chess. **FAILED 0-5-1** Opposed Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Camaratta and Brady- Abstained Schultz

EB 04-35 (Hanke): The Executive Board votes no confidence in FIDE's recent policies and leadership, specifically the fast-play knockout World Championship, drug testing in chess, and the Presidency of Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. The USCF Executive Board and its FIDE representatives will work with other FIDE members to replace the current FIDE President and reverse his mistaken policies. **PASSED 6-0** In favor Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady, Camaratta and Schultz.

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CALL FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS SPECIAL ELECTION REQUIRED!

Because of the resignations of Executive Board members John McCrary and Frank Camaratta, we must hold a special election, as required by our bylaws. We must elect two people for one-year terms of office.

Any USCF member can be nominated for election to the Executive Board of the USCF. Nominations must be accompanied by a petition containing the signatures of 30 or more Voting Members of the U.S. Chess Federation, and by a filing fee of \$250 payable to the U.S. Chess Federation. Both the petition and the filing fee must be received by either the USCF Secretary or the USCF office by March 31, 2004.

A Voting Member of the USCF for the purpose of the coming election is defined as: Any USCF member who will be at least 16 years of age as of June 1, 2004.

The ballot for this special election will be part of the ballot for the Delegate Election for 2005-2006, to be mailed in the June 2004 issue of *Chess Life*. Each candidate for Executive Board positions may submit a photo and 150-word statement no later than April 1, 2004, for the May 2004 issue of *Chess Life*. Each candidate may submit a half-page statement (approx. 500 words) no later than May 1, 2004 for inclusion in the June 2004 issue of *Chess Life*. There can be **no exceptions to the deadlines listed above. All submissions should be sent to the USCF office to the attention of Barb Vandermark.**