

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MOTIONS?

The table below is ordered by ADM number or NDM number. The original ADM number as published in the 2005 *Delegates' Call* or sequential NDM number for motions not on the agenda appears in the first column, the final DM number, which identifies the motion permanently is in the second column, and the disposition of the motion is in the third column. If the motion was amended or substituted so that the final wording differed from the original wording, the disposition is noted with the letter A. Please note that the NDM numbers will be different from the temporary tracking numbers assigned for use at the meeting.

ADM / NDM #	DM #	DISPOSITION AND SUBJECT
ADM05-01	DM05-01	A – PASSED – Election of DALs
ADM05-02	DM05-02	PASSED – Acceptance of Minutes of 2004 Delegates' Meeting
ADM05-03	DM05-03	PASSED Mike Nolan Appointed Parliamentarian
ADM05-04	DM05-04	PASSED - Approve Advance Agenda
ADM05-05	DM05-06	PASSED – Certification of Election Results
ADM05-06	DM05-09	A – PASSED - Ratification
ADM05-07	DM05-07	A – PASSED – Adoption of Budget
ADM05-08	DM05-08	A – PASSED – Composition of Delegate Appointed Committees
ADM05-09	DM05-17	PASSED – Shorten term for eligibility of President for DAL vote
ADM05-10	DM05-19	A - REFERRED to EB, Finance, Scholastic, and Survey – Membership Categories
ADM05-11	DM05-20	A - FAILED – Playing Area at National Scholastics
ADM05-12	DM05-21	A – PASSED – Behavior of parents and coaches at national Scholastics
ADM05-13	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN - Appeals
ADM05-14	DM05-22	A – PASSED – California Borders
ADM05-15	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Election of Secretary
ADM05-16	DM05-23	PASSED – Playing Directors
ADM05-17	DM05-24	PASSED – Rating Supplement Cutoff
ADM05-18	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Convicted Felons
ADM05-19	DM05-25	PASSED – Collegiate Final Four scoring
ADM05-20	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Changes in EB Standards of Conduct
ADM05-21	DM05-27	FAILED – Ending time for US Open
ADM05-22	DM05-28	PASSED – Bylaw modification
ADM05-23	DM05-26	REFERRED to EB and Bylaws – EB Members as paid employees
ADM05-24	DM05-29	REFERRED to Bylaws – Recall Provision
ADM05-25	DM05-30	PASSED – Elections Committee
ADM05-26	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Special Delegates' Meetings
ADM05-27	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Internet Voting
ADM05-28	DM05-33	A – PASSED – Club TD Certification
NDM05-29	DM05-05	PASSED - Standing Rules
NDM05-30	DM05-10	PASSED - Ethics Committee named
NDM05-31	DM05-11	PASSED - Audit Committee named
NDM05-32	DM05-12	PASSED - Bylaws Committee named
NDM05-33	DM05-13	PASSED - LMA Committee named
NDM05-34	DM05-14	PASSED - Based-on Prizes

ADM / NDM #	DM #	DISPOSITION AND SUBJECT
NDM05-35	DM05-15	REFERRED to EB, Finance, Scholastic -Membership Dues
NDM05-36	DM05-16	FAILED 26-28-3 - Felons
NDM05-37	DM05-18	PASSED – John McCrary Elected DAL
NDM05-38	DM05-31	PASSED – Election Committee named
NDM05-39	DM05-32	PASSED – Delegate Appointed Committee vacancies
NDM05-40	DM05-34	REFERRED to EB with input from Senior, Women's
NDM05-41	DM05-35	A- PASSED- Mail Ballots
NDM05-42	DM05-36	PASSED – Date for eligibility to vote
NDM05-43	DM05-37	A- PASSED – 2007 US Open
NDM05-44	DM05-38	REFERRED to Bylaws - Resignations
NDM05-45	No Motion	Moot – Special Elections
NDM05-46	No Motion	Moot - Ratification
NDM05-47	DM05-39	PASSED - Scholastic
NDM05-48	DM05-40	PASSED – Promotional Memberships
NDM05-49	DM05-41	A- PASSED - Thanks

MINUTES OF THE 2005 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING - AUGUST 13-14, 2005 – PHOENIX, AZ

SATURDAY SESSION

President **Beatriz Marinello** called the 2005 USCF Delegates' Meeting to order at 9:19 AM on Saturday August 13, 2005. Present at the Dais were Board members Randy Bauer, Beatriz Marinello, Don Schultz, Steve Shutt, and Elizabeth Shaughnessy, and Executive Director Bill Hall. Board member Tim Hanke was not present. He had resigned prior to the meeting.

Beatriz Marinello called for a moment of silence for those in the chess community who have passed away since the last meeting. No names were specified. Please note that among those that will be missed are Frank Creasey (VA), GM Arnold Sheldon Denker (FL), Deborah Theresa Doll (CO), Claude Fillion (Canada), Meyer Fogel (PA), Ursula Foster (CA), Michael Frannett (WA), IM Victor Frias (NY), Charles Krupin (FL), Ferdinand J. Landix (NJ), Richard A. Menuet (VA), John R. Moselle (NY), Paul R. Narveson (UT), John A. Nordin (AZ), Daniel J. Nystrom (CA), Raymond E. Page (OR), Robert L. Polk (MI), Kenneth A. Rivers (IL), Sylvester Robes (NC), Hugh Rose (MD), Al Sandrin (IL), GM Leonid Alexandrovich Shamkovich (NY), Samuel Shapiro (IN), Ralph Sharper (NY), Kenneth Stapley (AZ), Dr. William Henry Tallmadge (KY), Allan Troy (AZ), IM Dr. Michael S. Valvo (MN), William F. Vobejda (CO), Zachary Wells (OH), William G. Wilcox (NY), and Donald E. Yarter (AZ) among many others. More information can be found about these members and those who passed away in previous years at www.uschess.org/ratings/inpassingindex.php.

Roll Call

Executive Assistant **Pat Knight** called the roll, assisted by **Mike Nolan** and **Peggy Stephens**. The 80 Delegates who participated are listed below. (Please note that not all Delegates were present during roll call. Some were certified later.) **Mike Nolan** announced that a quorum was present. Please note that DALs and EB members are listed in boldface. Incoming EB members are shown as EB members and did not count against the state allocation.

STATE	DELEGATES
AK	No Delegates (-1)
AL	Frank Camaratta , Jack Mallory (Full)
AR	Charles Unruh (Full)
AZ	Myron Lieberman , Rachel Lieberman , Robert Tanner , Cynthia Hawkinson, Steven Kamp, Spencer Lower, Gary Moore, Dave Small (Full)
CA-N	Elizabeth Shaughnessy , Mike Goodall, Richard Koepcke, Tony Pabon, Alex Yermolinsky (-2)

<i>STATE</i>	<i>DELEGATES</i>
CA-S	Jerome Hanken, Randy Hough , Dewain Barber, Mike Carr, Michael Nagaran, Jay Stallings, James Berry (-2)
CO	Richard (Buck) Buchanan, Dean Brown (Full)
CT	No Delegates (-1)
DC	No Delegates (-1)
DE	No Delegates (-1)
FL	Beatriz Marinello, Don Schultz, Joel Channing , Susan Channing, Teresa Schultz (-3)
GA	No Delegates (-2)
HI	No Delegates (-1)
IA	Randy Bauer , Roger Gottschall (Full)
ID	No Delegates (-1)
IL	Harold Winston , Larry Cohen, Tim Just, Joel Berez, Jim Egerton, Arlen Walker (-2)
IN	No Delegates (-3)
KS	Mikhail Korenman (-1)
KY	No Delegates (-2)
LA	Anthony Jackson (-1)
MA	Bill Kelleher, John J. Hallahan (-1)
MD	No Delegates (-2)
ME	No Delegates (-1)
MI	No Delegates (-3)
MN	David Kuhns, Phil Smith (Full)
MO	No Delegates (-2)
MS	No Delegates (-1)
MT	No Delegates (-1)
NE	Mike Nolan (Full)
NV	Charles Hatherill (Full)
NH	Hal Terrie (Full)
NJ	Michael Khodarkovsky (-3)
NM	Peter Calhoun (Full)
NY-D	Joel Benjamin, Phyllis Benjamin, Carol Jarecki, Susan Polgar, Sam Sloan, Paul Truong, Sunil Weeramantry (Full)
NY-U	Gerard Dullea, Bill Goichberg , Walter Buehl, Brenda Goichberg, James Menella (Full)
NC	No Delegates (-2)
ND	No Delegates (-1)
OH	No Delegates (-4)
OK	Frank Berry (Full)
OR	Carl Haessler (Full)
PA	Steve Shutt (-5)
RI	No Delegates (-1)
SC	John McCrary (Full) – Please note: Dr. McCrary was voted a DAL later in the meeting.
SD	No Delegates (-1)
TN	Harry Sabine (-2)

<i>STATE</i>	<i>DELEGATES</i>
TX	Tim Redman , George John, Luis Salinas, Stephan Gerzadowicz, Jim Gray, Trevor Jackson, Wayne Sampson (-5)
UT	No Delegates (-1)
VT	No Delegates (-1)
VA	Woodrow Harris , Ernest Schlich (-2)
WA	Fred Kleist, Murlin Varner (Full)
WI	Guy Hoffman, Mike Nietman (Full)
WV	No Delegates (-1)
WY	No Delegates (-1)

DM05-01 - ADM 05-01 (Harold Winston, IL) The delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large Gerard Dullea, Woodrow Harris, Randall Hough, Myron Lieberman, Tim Redman, and Harry Sabine. **PASSED.**

DM05-02 - ADM 05-02 (Harold Winston, IL) Moved, that the Minutes of the 2004 Delegates' meeting be accepted as published. **PASSED**

DM05-03 - ADM 05-03 (Beatriz Marinello, FL) The appointment of Mike Nolan as Parliamentarian for the 2005 Delegates' Meeting is affirmed. **PASSED**

Don Schultz moved the approval of the advance agenda. **Tim Redman** noted that his motion from last year was not listed under old business. **Harold Winston** pointed out that it and other Bylaw items of Old Business were listed with the Bylaws Committee report. He asked that they be moved to Old Business on the agenda. The Chair approved the change in the agenda.

DM05-04 - ADM 05-04 (Don Schultz, FL): The Delegates approve the advance agenda (as amended). **PASSED**

Parliamentarian **Mike Nolan** pointed out that the usual motion to approve the standing rules was inadvertently left out of the *Delegates' Call* and, with the approval of the Chair and no objection, provided wording for the motion. He pointed out that the Standing Rules primarily consisted of guidelines for limitation of debate, the most important of which was that a speaker could not speak to the substance of a motion and call the question at the same turn at the microphone. Please note that the Standing Rules are published at the end of the Guidelines to Robert's Rules on page 45 or the *Delegates' Call*.

DM05-05 - NDM 05-29 (Mike Nolan, NE) The Delegates approve the standing rules. **PASSED**

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Don Schultz asked **Mike Nolan** to report on the Executive Board election and make the certification motion.

Mike Nolan noted that despite a number of problems we actually did have a decent and fair election. He moved the certification of the election. The results are listed below.

DM05-06 - ADM 05-05 (Mike Nolan, NE): Moved that the Executive Board elections for the 2005-2009 term be certified. The new EB members will take office at the conclusion of this meeting. **PASSED**

Two of those elected were not currently Delegates. They were asked to receive their Delegate credentials at this time. There were over 170 write-ins (Note: Those which were fictitious names, plays on names, etc. were not counted. Chief teller **Peter Tamburro** provided a written handout to the Delegates that described the details of the election. It is appended to these minutes as Appendix A. Please note: **Peter Tamburro** also provided a copy of his upcoming election article which will appear in *Chess Life* for the Delegates. **Jerry Hanken** asked about the distribution of ballots between those included with *Chess Life* and those directly mailed. **Mike Nolan** pointed out that the ratio of ballots received was about 6 to 5 in favor of the ballots in *Chess Life* and that the damaged ballots were all from *Chess Life*. He mentioned two motions that he and **Peter Tamburro** recommend for future elections. The first was to change the eligibility date from June 30 to May 31. The second was to give the Executive Board the option (but not mandate) of a first class mailing instead of printing the ballot in in the magazine. Because of the printing error both were done this year and the mailing went smoothly. The motions will be discussed later in the meeting.

The election results were reported and are listed on the USCF website as follows:

6008 ballots were received. 440 were duplicates, 75 were blank, 16 were damaged or spoiled, and three were returned as the member had died. The remaining 5,474 ballots were counted (except for certain write-ins described above).

Candidates Elected		Other Candidates	
Bill Goichberg (NY-U)	3,941	Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA-N)	1,638
Greg Shahade (NY-D)	3,694	Randy Bauer (IA)	1,591

Joel Channing (FL)	3,358	Steve Shutt (PA)	1,194
Robert Tanner (AZ)	3,179	Sam Sloan (NY-D)	1,064
		George John (TX)	1,059

Write-ins included Susan Polgar (10), Jim Berry (8), Frank Berry (7), Beatriz Marinello (6), Maurice Ashley (5), Steve Doyle, Larry Evans (4), Bobby Fischer, Hans Poschmann, Don Schultz (3), Frank Brady, Frank Camaratta, John Donaldson, Ed Frumkin, Pieta Garrett, Fred Gruenberg, Jerry Hanken, Tim Just, Alan Kantor, Daniel Rensch, Yasser Seirawan, Harold Stenzel, Helen Warren (2) and 152 with one vote, not counting 6 clearly frivolous votes. Names spelled incorrectly are included if their true intent was clear. Please note: We did check the USCF membership database to be sure we didn't have current members with names that might be assumed frivolous (such as Mickey Mouse, Alfred E. Newman, etc.)

RATIFICATION

Harold Winston introduced ADM 05-06 (Ratification of Executive Board actions). He mentioned that ratification does not mean endorsement of an action, it only confirms that the Executive Board had the legal right to take the action. He also mentioned that the motion is restricted to actions that have been documented in writing.

The original wording of the motion was “**ADM 05-06** (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board appearing in minutes published in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and the *Delegates Call*, since the conclusion of the 2004 Delegates Meeting.”

John McCrary indicated that the Executive Board held a conference call on July 20 that included important motions and that the motions would be available to the Delegates in writing. He asked that the ratification motion be deferred until the Delegates can have access to the minutes of the July 20 EB conference call. **Harold Winston** said that if the minutes would be available later in the day or the first thing in the morning he would accept deferral. The Chair agreed and the motion was deferred. Please note that the final wording, which passed later in the meeting, included the phrase “including the minutes, as amended by Executive Board motion EB05-56 today, of the July 20, 2005 Executive Board conference call” at the end of the motion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President **Beatriz Marinello** thanked the Executive Board for the work that they have done this fiscal year. She summarized her written report in the *Delegates' Call*. Anyone who has not had a chance to read the President's Report is encouraged to do so. President Marinello emphasized that the best news of the year is that the USCF appears to be financially viable again. She pointed out that we were lucky to have the experience of people like **Randy Bauer**, **Steve Doyle**, and **Dr. Leroy Dubeck** to draw upon. At this point, she said, the political problems faced by the organization are greater than the financial problems. Up until now the Board has had to focus on the financial problems and survival. Now we are to a point where we can start growing. We went from a financial crisis to a membership crisis. We need to concentrate on the chess market and review the value of the services that we provide. It will be very important for the new Board to focus on a business plan based on that. USCF leaders need to be thinking and acting globally and provide support for local groups. We are a national organization but we have a very diverse population with different needs that all need support. USCF must be the support system for all. We need to be in the information business. We have a new Executive Director that understands that very well. He will take steps to improve our web services, our magazine, and all of our marketing tools. We also need to create new partnerships with other organizations. There needs to be a system to assess accountability rather than blaming each other when something goes wrong. There should be criteria established that allows performance assessment of the Board, of the Executive Director by the Board, and of the staff by the Executive Director. The most important decisions made by the Executive Board last fiscal year were: (1) Relocation of the business office to Crossville, TN. She explained the challenges and advantages of the move. (2) Hiring new Executive Director **Bill Hall**. She described his background and his love of chess. She mentioned that in the two months that he was on the job he has learned quickly and has worked very hard. She believes that he will do very well. Communication has been a problem that needs to be addressed. We need to establish two way channels of communication with our members so that we can better inform them and have access to their input. She received a round of applause.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director **Bill Hall** welcomed the Delegates and explained “exactly why I am here”. He said that when he was in the first grade someone was kind enough to go to all of the schools in the county and teach chess to the students. He liked the game immediately and asked his mother for a chess set. He taught his mother how to play and they continued playing. When he was in the sixth grade he went to a newly built school that had no chess program. At the same time, he developed a serious hip problem that limited his participation in physical activities. His sixth grade teacher understood his problem, so they played chess matches during recess. That got him more excited and he became involved with a school chess club that evolved. Eventually he started to play in tournaments. He obtained a 1200 rating. In seventh grade someone saw promise in his play and invited him to the National Junior High Championships in Indiana. He won his first three games. As a new player from a small town in Tennessee he wondered why TV cameras were focused on his game against a local talent. He won that game as well. He lost the next game but won the next three and finished in fourth place. He didn't realize at the time the significance of his accomplishment, but he was hooked on chess from that point forward. Chess continued to grow in the community as well, thanks to the efforts of many people. When he was in ninth grade, his team won the ninth grade section of the National Junior

High Championship. They had no masters, just the combined efforts of many people encouraging them to play in adult tournaments, find the best competition, improve their game, be excited about chess, and enjoy themselves. Chess and the experience and maturity that came with the travel and meeting many people helped prepare him for his future. It prepared him to be accepted by every school he applied for, including MIT and Yale. It prepared him to leave Crossville and travel to MIT, where he received his degree in mathematics. One of the things that is not promoted enough is the value of chess in building college resumes and in preparing our kids for college. Chess has done many things for him. Not only the entertainment value, friendships, camaraderie, getting to see new places, getting to stand before the Delegates now, but chess is a fun game, a wonderful game, and a valuable game as well. He feels that he owes chess a tremendous debt. Over the last few years he has worked with scholastic programs and High School and coached at the High School level for a couple of years. When he saw the USCF ad for the Executive Director position in December, he knew this was how he could pay back. He said that his life, through chess has been influenced by many people and he expressed gratitude to them. He then asked for a show of hands by those who have ever organized a tournament, started a club, or volunteered on a scholastic program. He gave special thanks for all who raised their hands as it was people like them who made a major difference in his life. He also thanked everyone in the room, whether or not they raised their hands, for participating in our governance system. That helps bring these delights and opportunities not only to youth but to a wonderful game and sport to help our society grow. He then thanked the Delegates for the warm welcome that he received. The mudslinging and hostility that he was warned might confront him was not there. He mentioned that we have so many talented individuals in this organization and we have so much to offer. If we can focus our efforts and all come together there is so much that we can accomplish.

He then turned to the two months since he has become Executive Director. He was immediately confronted with the ballot printing error, which took place shortly before he arrived. What he saw was many people coming together to find a reasonable solution to a challenging problem. We had an election with a record number of ballots, which also presented challenges. Again, people pitched in and we overcame those challenges. The last few weeks we have been going through an audit process, we have been breaking ground on a new building, we have had a mistake in the August rating supplement. Mistakes are going to happen. Challenges are going to be there. The key is how we respond to them. The rating supplement problem is an example of how the office should be expected to respond. Once the problem was discovered, people worked together to develop a message to notify members of the problem. Within an hour and a half after the problem was discovered, the message was sent by e-mail to all members on the USCF e-mail list. Within two hours it was posted on the website. Ideas must be tossed around on how to solve each problem. Often we buried our head in the sand like an ostrich and hoped problems will go away. We must be open. Problems must be faced head on, tackled, and solved. We must have a plan. It doesn't have to be the best plan but we must have a plan and move forward on that plan in some direction. As long as there is momentum we can steer it into the right direction.

Crossville was his next topic. He pointed out that the move was a three year process, starting with Crossville's leaders, including the Governor of Tennessee courting the organization. In February of this year we started the relocation process. Crossville is providing free rent and utilities in our temporary location during construction of the new headquarters. The city fathers have bent over backwards to make us feel wanted. A detailed account of the relocation can be obtained from Pat Knight. Crossville has also furnished free land, valued at \$264,000, on which to construct the headquarters building. Following the agreement established by the letter of intent by **Frank Niro** and the previous Executive Board and delegates, **Bill Hall** certified the need for encumbrance of the property in order to obtain the loan for the construction of the headquarters building per our contractual obligations. The Executive Board and the LMA Committee both approved. Nearly three weeks ago USCF signed a loan with Progressive Savings Bank of Crossville, TN, for construction of the new USCF headquarters building for a maximum amount of \$561,000 at 5.75% interest. This was based on a bid from Freitag Construction of \$532,000 to build the building. To date we have dispersed around \$20,000 and currently owe interest of about \$10. He has completed the provisions of Article IX Sections 9 and 10 of our Bylaws, which deal with encumbrance of Federation assets. This has been a hotly debated topic and there is much misinformation out there. This should be met head on and the truth should be communicated to the public. He invited the architect of the new building, **Phil Elmore**, to this meeting to make a report and answer questions. **Bill Hall** then asked Mr. Elmore to make a presentation. He noted that Mr. Elmore would be available for the rest of the day to answer questions, receive comments, etc.

Phil Elmore guided the group through a fully detailed presentation and explanation of the building project. He mentioned which city officials need to sign off on building code conformity and recognized a number of other people who are involved with the project, including Roger Spencer of his office, Civil Engineer Terry Miller, Structural Engineer John Grant, and Mechanical / Electrical Engineer Ken Roberts. Drawings of the inside and outside of the building, including floor plans, were projected on screens and explained during the presentation. He also showed photos and the comparison of competitive bids presented for the project.

Harold Winston asked about rumors of bedrock. Mr. Elmore replied that yes there is rock all over the plateau, but that no excavation of rock would be necessary.

George John asked about IT features. **Phil Elmore** mentioned electricity and wiring. He pointed out that **Bill Hall** had requested wireless capability. **Mike Nolan** indicated that we were currently using two DSL Lines (1.5Mb/sec inbound and 3Mb/sec outbound) and that we would probably need something similar in the new building.

Tony Pabon expressed concern about parking. **Bill Hall** indicated that the number of USCF office visitors has historically been low, but could actually increase in Crossville. He said that parking was an area of concern, but that the cost of adding parking spaces, when necessary, would amount to less than \$10,000.

Sam Sloan asked if the new Executive Board wanted to reconsider the building and renegotiate the contract, what costs would not be recoverable. **Bill Hall** mentioned that it was uncertain at this time and would depend on what actions local governments might take. There is a possibility of litigation. Sam Sloan repeated his request. **Joel Channing** raised a point of order that this was not a question for the architect and is out of order. The Chair agreed. **Bill Hall** indicated that he handles the financial details and offered to get with Mr. Sloan at a later time to discuss it.

Rachel Lieberman noted that the plans show the lunch room and the conference room to be the same room, but that they seem to be opposite functions. They require different facilities. She said that you can't negotiate a ten million dollar contract while someone is coming into the room to get their peanut butter sandwich, which they have a right to do. She asked if they could be separated. **Phil Elmore** said that originally they were in separate rooms but had to be combined for total space considerations. He said that a small partition might be possible.

Dewain Barber pointed out that one thing he liked about the chess Hall of Fame building is its chess theme. He asked if it would be possible for the Executive Board in the future adding a chess motif so that people who see the building from the road will think of chess. **Phil Elmore** replied that along with the building program and the building site he was given a budget that did not allow for that to be done. **Elizabeth Shaughnessy** said that originally they wanted a chess theme, but it was not necessary for the completion of the building so they chose to try to find sponsorship for that rather than take it out of the building budget and that they will continue to seek sponsorship.

Larry Cohen asked about the need to get approval from county inspectors as well as the city inspectors regarding conformity with building codes. **Phil Elmore** replied that the building is in the City of Crossville and the city code inspector is the only one with whom he needs to discuss codes. He makes a point of going over each project with the code inspector during the planning with the project. That will save time when the contractor applies for the permit. The inspector will already know the details.

Joel Channing asked that the areas for future expansion be pointed out, which was done. He also asked about the slope of the land, whether or not there was clay in the soil, what areas might be available for additional parking, why there is such a long walk from parking to the back entrance and a number of other questions, mostly technical in nature. **Phil Elmore** replied to each and was very cooperative and helpful. They reviewed the floor plan room by room. **Joel Channing** indicated it was important to separate the lunch room from the conference room and looked for alternative locations. **Joel Channing** joined **Phil Elmore** on stage and the discussion continued. **Carl Haessler** asked if the discussion could be handled privately. The Chair allowed two more minutes for them to finish. **Joel Channing** said that his only comment was that the conference room should be somewhere else. **Bill Hall** reiterated that **Phil Elmore** would be available for the rest of the day to receive questions and comments.

Roger Gottschall said that "After spending a career as a professional engineer in public works and construction my hat is off to the team that designed this project. This presentation is outstanding. " He took off his hat to a round of applause.

Bill Hall announced that extra copies of materials that were in the Delegates' packets are available from **Pat Knight** or **Peggy Stephens** for those who might not have received them. He then called the Delegates' attention to **Judy Misner's** letter regarding her impressions after moving to Crossville, which is appended as Appendix B, and called for an expression of appreciation for the staff. He asked that everyone try to find the time to personally express appreciation to **Pat Knight** and said "None of you have any idea and probably could not imagine how hard this lady works. What she does for USCF she does for you. She really deserves your gratitude." Next he thanked **Diane Reese** "who has put forth tremendous effort in all of the tournaments". They received a round of applause. **Bill Hall** also quickly mentioned Joan DuBois, Gerry Dullea, Rachel and Myron Lieberman, Jerry Nash, Mike Nolan, and Peggy Stephens, who were thanked for their help.

He then mentioned some important statistics. He pointed out that there are 113 years 2 months of USCF office experience in the Crossville office. There are over 300 years of USCF chess playing experience in the Crossville office. There are, among office staff, 2,796 wins in USCF rated events. There are hundreds of tournaments directed among the staff. He read the ratings of people answering the phone, which included three experts. He said "This is the kind of chess experience you have working for you. Never before has USCF had this kind of experience in the office. There are people on the staff who left their jobs, which were higher paying, because they love chess and this is what they want to be doing. They have an incredible level of excitement, passion, and commitment about the job they do." He pointed out that many people have expressed to him the change that they have seen and the sense of excitement, courtesy, and welcome feeling that they get when they call. He said that there will be mistakes as we have a lot of new people and he asked that they not be judged by their mistakes but by how they respond to those mistakes. He asked "Give us time, give us support, and you will see a new and improved federation. I guarantee it. Thank you." Executive Director Bill Hall received a round of applause.

NEW SOFTWARE REPORT

Mike Nolan referred to the workshop that was held earlier and presented a summary of the new software capabilities. He said

that the new ratings software is capable of rating an event and posting it on the web within an hour of when the event ends. We have more improvements to our membership software and improvements to its use. We now update Grand Prix results on a daily basis and are getting caught up with the FIDE rating backlog. He then previewed the new look of the USCF website. He showed the new home page design and indicated that this was just the beginning of the improvements. Next year the Delegates should be able to talk about how nice the website is rather than how poor it is. He received a round of applause. **Beatriz Marinello** pointed out that **Mike Nolan** has been very instrumental to the organization. He has helped us with technology on many different fronts and was invaluable during the relocation.. She pointed out that he is paid as a consultant but that he has really donated hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of services and thanked him. **Mike Nolan** received a standing ovation.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE (VPF)

Beatriz Marinello referred to VPF **Tim Hanke's** financial report in the *Delegates' Call*. She mentioned that because **Tim Hanke's** reserve unit had been called to active duty in Croatia he has decided to resign from the Board. She commented that he was a wonderful addition to the Board and noted that the Executive Board has passed a motion to thank Tim, which is worded as follows: "EB05 – 55 – Board – The Executive Board accepts the resignation of **Tim Hanke** and thanks him for his valuable service, particularly in regard to turning around the financial situation of the USCF. PASSED 4-0".

Executive Director **Bill Hall** presented the finance report in the absence of VPF **Tim Hanke**. He made some revisions in the previously discussed budget and prepared a detailed handout of the budget worksheet for the Delegates, which he covered later in this report. The final budget is appended as Appendix C. The budget shows a deficit of \$23,700. He noted that it would have been easy to present it as a balanced budget by increasing revenue from sponsors or other sources or by decreasing expenses that were estimated high, but he and the committee that worked on the budget chose not to do so. The Chair asked that the financial statements be considered before the budget. The 18 pages of audited financial statements were made available to the Delegates. The statement of changes in assets (page 5) was presented first. The bottom line was a year end surplus of \$11,412 as compared to a deficit of \$997,656 at the start of the year or a net gain in assets of \$1,009,068. This was not all operational gain. The increase in the value of the building from its depreciated level to its sale proceeds is included. That amounts to a gain of \$375,172. The \$264,000 value of the building that was donated by Crossville is also included. There is \$173,000 still owed by our book and equipment provider based on their guarantee of \$350,000 for the first year. Negotiations are taking place but it is not certain that all of it will be received. The auditors, the Audit Committee, and the Executive Director looked at many alternatives to how this obligation should be booked. It was decided to treat the entire guaranteed amount as a receivable. Any portion of it that is not received would reduce the bottom line. **Tony Pabon** asked for and received verification that the increase in value of the building was included in the million dollar net gain. **Sam Sloan** asked about the \$175,921 in other services under unrestricted revenues. **Beatriz Marinello** indicated that referred to rating fees. **Bill Hall** added that the top two categories were operational. **Frank Camaratta** asked who the auditors were. **Bill Hall** replied Burk, Pearlman, Nebben, and Huggens, PLLC. **David Nebben** was our chief accountant. **George John** asked about the Life Member Asset obligation. **Bill Hall** and **Mike Carr** agreed that it is in essence owed to ourselves, not a third party.

The next topic was the 2005-2006 budget. The incoming Board and office will continue working on monitoring numbers. **Bill Hall** asked that the budget worksheet in the *Delegates' Call* should not be used. The correct version was made available to the Delegates and the differences explained. **Frank Camaratta** asked about the \$974,559 magazine expense. **Beatriz Marinello** pointed out that there has been an accounting change to enable each department to have a better understanding of their cost of operation. **Bill Hall** indicated that the item included salaries.

After that point was clarified, **Tony Pabon** asked who allowed us to pay Dell 23% interest. **Mike Carr** pointed out from his own experience that Dell has a promotion where there is no interest if the entire invoiced amount is paid within 90 days but the 23% rate is charged if the entire amount is not paid within 90 days. **Bill Hall** mentioned that we must pay Dell off very quickly whether it is from Operations or by arranging for a low interest loan elsewhere. He is working on the possibility of a 4% rate.

Mike Nietman asked why the expenses for the US Junior Open and US Cadet were listed as zero. **Beatriz Marinello** replied that those events are bid out and we have little expense associated with them. **Diane Reese** indicated that we have no expense with the US Cadet. The US Junior Open is bid out with the US Junior Invitational and the US Cadet. The same TD covers all three events. The organizer pays a fee of \$3/player over the organizer's break-even point. The organizer runs the event and accepts full financial responsibility for it.

Larry Cohen asked for and received clarification on the magazine advertising expenses.

Randy Bauer indicated that there was discussion among the Board and Finance Committee members regarding revenues. **Mike Nolan** is able to track membership information based on different categories. He and **Grant Perks** analyzed the numbers and everyone felt comfortable with the membership revenue numbers. The budget for revenue from outsourcing Books and Equipment is conservative as well. Ongoing expenses need to continue to be lower than ongoing revenues.

Carl Haessler asked about a further breakdown of revenues. **Beatriz Marinello** indicated that this is the first time that the information has been made available and more details will be available. **Randy Bauer** pointed out that it was wise of Beatriz to want to break out more of these categories but there were time issues, a change of Executive Director and personnel related to Finance, etc., that slowed progress. This is the start of a more detailed framework for putting a budget together. **Carl Haessler**

asked why the legal and professional expenses were raised. **Bill Hall** pointed out that contract employees including an ad person, the acting Editor and others would be in that category but weren't last year. **Beatriz Marinello** added that she also wanted to provide a breakdown of legal expenses. Adoption of the budget was then moved.

DM05-07 – ADM 05-07 - (Board): The 2005-2006 budget as presented by the Executive Director is adopted. **PASSED**

Note: The budget and financial statements can be found at: http://www.uschess.org/org/govern/reports_index.php

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF *CHESS LIFE*

Acting Editor **Gerry Dullea** presented the report in the absence of Editor **Glenn Petersen**. **Dr. Dullea** explained that he came into the *Chess Life* office on April 1, being the third person to sit in the Editor's chair in less than three months. Then the chair was moved into another office and there were two wiring jobs that needed to be done in order to be functional, There was something about ballots that took some of his time, and people were moving out to Crossville. It was a time of change and having to cope with physical issues like that. He then indicated that Editor **Glenn Petersen** dearly wanted to be here but he is currently at home recuperating from his second major surgery in two months. The first was an extensive heart repair job and the one a few weeks ago was a vascular job. His recovery will be slow and painful. We cannot rule out the possibility of more surgery in the not too distant future. **Dr. Dullea** pointed out that he is reluctant to get into long range planning since he is not likely to be in the position long range and doesn't want to tie up anyone else with his concepts. He indicated that we need better coordination between our printed publication, *Chess Life*, and our ethereal publication, our website. He doesn't want them to compete or unnecessarily overlap, but each has its advantage. The printed page can be treasured for years, so perhaps we can put the more important archival stuff in *Chess Life* and put the more newsy, flashy, items on the website to take advantage of its ability to do that within minutes rather than the 8 to 12 week cycle that *Chess Life* must go through. We haven't addressed these issues properly in the past. We were slow to respond to the possibilities of the Internet in the past and we don't want to fall further behind that curve. He intends to spend part of his time on those issues. He will focus on getting out a product in a timely manner. He knows that you can't make all of the people happy all of the time but that you can make most of the people unhappy some of the time. The first rule of Journalism is at least to be on time, and the September issue has gone to press early this week and should have some interesting stuff in it. He then asked for questions:

Scholastic Council Co-Chair **Mike Nietman** asked what safeguards have been put in place to prevent a recurrence of such things as the Tim Taylor article and poker chips on the front cover of the magazine. He pointed out that references to gambling cannot be put in school libraries. **Gerry Dullea** replied that no safeguards are in place other than that we are now aware of that issue and he will pass on the information. **Sam Sloan** asked why the Tim Taylor article was published. **Beatriz Marinello** pointed out that **Glenn Petersen** became Editor again in February of 2005. He showed **Beatriz Marinello** the article at that time. It was much worse than what was published. She advised him to pay the kill fee and not publish the article. **Tim Taylor** told **Glenn Petersen** that he had something in writing from former Editor **Kalev Pehme** that required the article to be published without editing and that if the article was not published he would sue. **Glenn Petersen** negotiated a settlement that allowed the article to be edited. **Gerry Dullea** had nothing to do with it. **Gerry Dullea** added that there were three reasons why the story was allowed to be published. A. It would fill the magazine and there was no replacement copy, B. There was the threat of a lawsuit, but you learn to live with those, and C. It was a matter of honor. He values honor. Two Editors before him made promises to run the article and had instructed him to keep them. He would feel uncomfortable breaking those promises. **Carl Haessler** thanked and commended **Gerry Dullea** for publishing the article. A round of applause was given. **Beatriz Marinello** pointed out that every time we have a crisis **Gerry Dullea** helps us. First, we didn't have an Executive Director. Gerry received a call and came to the office. This time the Editor had a heart attack and was in very serious condition. He couldn't do anything. Again Gerry was called and came to the office. He also did what was necessary to meet with Glenn and exchange information so that the job could get done. Glenn was just as dedicated. The first time that **Beatriz** saw him in the hospital Glenn made sure she knew of the deadline for the rating supplement. **Beatriz Marinello** thanked **Gerry Dullea**, who received a round of applause. The meeting then recessed for lunch at noon.

As the Awards Banquet was being held during the recess, the meeting resumed at 2:30 PM.

Beatriz Marinello mentioned that there needed to be wording changes to a corporate resolution made at the July 20 Executive Board conference call. The Executive Board met at the dais and **Beatriz Marinello** read the resolution and the suggested changes.

Randy Bauer moved Executive Board motion **EB05-56**, which provided that the following changes be made to Executive Board motion EB05-53: *The term "Board of Directors" be replaced with "Executive Board"; "laws of the state of Tennessee" be replaced with "laws of the state of Illinois", and the vote be listed as 3-0-1 instead of 3-1-0 since there was one abstention and no votes against.* Please note that the revised motion EB05-53 can be found in the motions from the July 20 Conference Call.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE US CHESS TRUST

Chairman **Harold Winston** noted that the reason **Al Lawrence** and **Shane Samole** were not here to present the Hall of Fame report was that **Al and Daphne Lawrence** were in a rollover car accident. **Daphne** was in intensive care. She had her spleen

removed and is now recovering. Al's injuries were apparently not as bad. Please note: The Delegates wish them a speedy recovery and many signed a get well card for Daphne.

Chairman Winston appealed for funds not only for the Trust, but asked for additional contributions earmarked for the Olympiad. The next Olympiad, normally played in the October or November, will be played in May and therefore will fall in this fiscal year. The Executive Board has been negotiating with the Kasparov Foundation to help with part of the expenses.

He then referred to his printed report and provided some highlights. The Trust distributed 625 boards and sets to schools around the US. The Trust also inaugurated a new chess for veterans program in cooperation with **Herman Drenth** and the New Jersey State Chess Association. We supported the Susan Polgar Championship tournament with a \$1,000 donation. The Trust continued its support of the Arnold Denker Championship tournament with **Mitchell Denker** taking over from his father as the donor. The prize funds for those two events will increase next year as **Mitchell Denker** wants to extend prizes to ten places in the Denker tournament and **Susan Polgar** matched the increase for the Polgar tournament. The Super Nationals were a success. **Harold Winston and Joel Channing** had a chance to meet with the Scholastic Council there. **Joel Channing** donated an additional \$4,000 to the Trust to help cover the need for additional funds for the World Youth to cover coaches' expenses. The Chess Scholar program, which awards \$5,000 per year to players who excel in chess and school was continued.

Robert Tanner resigned from the Trust as he was elected to the USCF Executive Board. He was replaced as Scholastic VP of the trust by **Sunil Weeramantry**. **Joel Channing** resigned from the Trust for the same reason. **Tim Redman** was named the Trust's first VP for Chess in Education. Trustees have pledged \$4,000 in matching funds so far with **Harold Dondis** and **Steve Doyle** being the major donors and **Tim Redman** and **Harold Winston** the lesser donors. We hope to raise at least that at the meeting and are aiming for at least \$6,000 more. At this time **Harold Winston** yielded the floor while he obtained the Hall of Fame report, which he would present for **Al Lawrence** and **Shane Samole**. The Hall of Fame report was actually presented after the Bylaws Committee report and its reading was documented at that point, but the content is presented here as it was intended to be part of the Chess Trust report.

HALL OF FAME REPORT

The World Chess hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum (Hall of Fame) has hosted 22 field trips with over 500 students, 7 Grand Prix Scholastics, 10 adult open tournaments, the 2005 Amateur Team playoff, Second Sunday tournaments, and summer camps. They also held simulms at the South Miami Arts Festival and at downtown libraries, supplied commemorative boards for the Super Nationals, assisted with the Junior Orange Bowl International competition, worked with Channel 41 on their Spanish documentary on chess and with the History Channel on their documentary on Bobby Fischer. A video has been made of the entire World Chess Hall of fame and Sidney Samole Museum. The Hall of Fame was a sponsor of Kid's Day America, which included **Arthur Bisguier**, and the Imagine Peace Festival with **Maurice Ashley**. **Susan Polgar** and **Paul Truong** filmed a DVD at the Hall of Fame in July. The Hall of Fame also hosted a free open house so that children could learn about chess and play. Chairman Winston expressed thanks to **Shane Samole** and **Al Lawrence** for this. They received a round of applause.

REPORT OF THE FIDE ZONAL PRESIDENT

FIDE Zonal President **Robert Tanner** presented the report in the absence of FIDE Delegate, **Bill Kelleher**, who was at the FIDE Workshop but had to leave earlier for a flight home. He then identified the FIDE team. **Bill Kelleher** is our FIDE Delegate, who has the one US vote that Mr. Tanner likened to the UN General Assembly. Every country, regardless of size, gets one vote. **Steve Doyle**, who was unable to be here, has one year remaining on the FIDE Presidential Board. **Beatriz Marinello** is the General Secretary for the Americas. **Robert Tanner** is the FIDE Zonal President.

He indicated that no American was tested for drugs as of yet or would be in the near future, but pointed out that we are fortunate to have a player like **Hikaru Nakamura**, who may at some point contend for the World Championship, and could be tested at that time. As long as FIDE wants to be recognized by the IOC there will need to be drug tests, but we can expect the very minimum.

The US team finished in fifth place in the World Youth, held in France, and we have a new World Champion, **Alex Linderman**, who received a round of applause. Our coaching team of **Joel Benjamin**, **John Fedorowicz**, **Aviv Friedman**, and **Michael Khodarkovsky** was aided greatly by **Joel Channing's** contribution. The FIDE Congress will be held in Dresden, Germany in a couple of days. Probably the most important issue for the US at that meeting is Zonals. The US is a zone of its own, compared to most other zones which include multiple countries. Europe wants to abandon zones in favor of continents. **Jorge Vega**, President of the American continent, is fighting hard to preserve zones. The US supports his position.

FIDE officers' terms expire next year, so there is likely to be talk of the new election at the Dresden meeting. **Kirsan Ilyumzhinov** is expected to seek re-election. The US would like to see a change in leadership and the US FIDE team is looking at possible alternatives but caution is necessary. If the US ends up on the losing side of an election, our players may be treated poorly. The US has little credibility with many countries because very few official FIDE Championships are held in the US. The rest of the world does not consider the US as a force to be reckoned with although they seek our leadership. Thanks to **Beatriz**, we are gaining influence in the Americas. We need to continue to pursue this and build relationships. There are major

changes coming up in the World Championship. There will still be knockout tournaments, but they will be to seed players into candidates' tournaments, not to determine the champion. There were no questions. **Robert Tanner** received a round of applause.

Don Schultz then presented a less restrictive substitute for ADM 05-08. The original motion required that no individual could serve on more than one of the named committees. The substitute allowed that no individual could chair more than one of the committees at the same time and that anyone could serve on two except that the VPF could serve on all three. **Harold Winston** presented the votes of the Bylaws Committee and Bylaws Workshop, which strongly favored the substitute.

COMPOSITION OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

DM05-08 – ADM 05-08 – (Tony Cottell, FL; Steve Doyle, NJ; Don Schultz, FL) - No individual member can chair more than one of the following three committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, or LMA. No individual other than the VP for Finance can serve on more than two of the following committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, LMA. **PASSED**

RATIFICATION REVISITED

Harold Winston noted that the ratification motion had been deferred and that the Delegates now had access to the minutes of the July 20 conference call, so it could be included in the motion. The Chair asked that the ratification motion be considered at this time. **Harold Winston** amended the original motion to include the July 20 conference call minutes and reiterated that a positive vote does not mean agreement with the action, only that the EB had the authority to take the action.

DM05-09 - ADM 05-06 - (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board appearing in minutes published in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and the *Delegates Call*, since the conclusion of the 2004 Delegates Meeting and including the minutes, as amended by Executive Board motion EB05-56 today, of the July 20, 2005, Executive Board conference call. **PASSED**

DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

ETHICS - Richard Buchanan, Chair of the Ethics Committee, did not add to the written report in the *Delegates' Call*. He pointed out that the Ethics Committee discussed the procedure for filing a complaint with the Ethics Committee. He then presented nominations for the Ethics Committee. He mentioned that all were current members of the committee and were willing to continue. There were no nominations from the floor.

DM05-10 – NDM 05-30 – (Richard Buchanan - CO) – The Delegates appoint Richard Buchanan (CO), Michael Carr (CA-S), William Deer (IN), James Menella (MD), Kenneth Sloan (AL), Bill Smythe (IL), Hal Terrie (NH), and Andrew Thall (TX) as members of the Ethics Committee for 2005-6. **PASSED**

AUDIT – Beatriz Marinello referred to the report in the *Delegates' Call* and read the three nominations that were submitted for the Audit Committee. There were no nominations from the floor.

DM05-11 – NDM05-31 – The Delegates appoint Tony Cottell (FL), Jon Haskel (FL), and Grant Perks (OH) as members of the Audit Committee for 2005-6. **PASSED**

BYLAWS – Harold Winston, Co-Chair of the Bylaws Committee, noted that not only has the Bylaws Committee worked by e-mail throughout the year, but during the Delegates' Meeting they have additional meetings besides the workshop and even on the floor they consult regarding wording. He proposed the existing Bylaws Committee with two additions for next year.

DM05-12 – NDM05-32 – (Harold Winston, IL) – The Delegates appoint Guy Hoffman, Randy Hough, George John, Gary Kitts, Richard Koepcke, Myron Lieberman, John McCrary, David Mehler, Mike Nolan, Robert Persante, Ernie Schlich, and Harold Winston as members of the Bylaws Committee. **PASSED** – Please note: **Mike Nolan** and **Harold Winston** were subsequently chosen by the Committee as co-chairs.

Harold Winston asked for and received permission from the Chair to give the Hall of Fame report that had been deferred from the Chess Trust report. Please refer to the Hall of Fame report which is presented with the Chess Trust report above.

LMA

Mike Carr presented the report in the absence of Chairman **Dr. Leroy Dubeck**. He referred to the printed report in the *Delegates' Call* and pointed out that the actual distribution of funds from the sale of the building was \$100,000 in CDs and the balance in money market funds rather than the \$200,000 in CDs stated in the printed report.

Mike Carr indicated that the LMA Committee by a 5-0 vote authorized the Executive Director to make a down payment of \$100,000 on the construction loan. **Carl Haessler** asked about what agreements exist between operations and the LMA and how can what is owed to the LMA be at least tracked. **Mike Carr** explained the history of the LMA account. He noted that the LMA is a separate fund but is not a separate legal entity from USCF and that interest gained on the funds generated by the sale of the building belongs to the LMA. If things continue as they have this year, money can be paid back to the LMA by operations. He noted that there was separate accounting for the LMA and Operations, but that is not done now. **Carl Haessler**

suggested that when times are flush, money be returned to the LMA account. He suggested that \$700,000 should be returned as soon as possible. **Mike Carr** replied that he would love to see that happen, and that funds can be earmarked for the LMA account when appropriate. Their discussion continued briefly. **Sam Sloan** asked if the entire \$500,000 has been paid for the building. **Mike Carr** replied that not even the \$100,000 that was authorized has been paid. There was no mandate to pay the down payment, only an authorization to do so if and when the Executive Director so chooses. He then explained the terms of the construction loan. **Tony Pabon** said he would like to see a separate report that shows transfers of funds between the LMA and Operations. **Mike Carr** explained that currently the life members are being serviced through Operations and summarized the history of how the Life Member Assets were treated. They agreed to continue the discussion privately. **Tony Pabon** expressed shock at the 7.25% interest rate by comparison to home loans which are substantially lower. **Joel Channing** pointed out that the difference between residential loans and loans of this nature. First, a home loan is immediate while this loan is for a date months in the future when the prevailing interest rate will probably be higher. Second, a home loan generally involves an immediate down payment and equity in the home. It is signed by an individual who is personally responsible. Where there is no down payment, and the the borrower is an association instead of an individual the bank takes a much larger risk. He believes that the ability to lock up a loan for the future at a reasonable rate is a good deal. He wants to make an analysis of what the Life Member liability actually is and provide for it as events permit. That is more important than who lends to whom. As we go forward we still need to be able to meet unexpected expenses and do what we can to take advantage of opportunities to promote chess. **George John** asked if the land and building belonged to the LMA. **Mike Carr** replied that they do if you want to look at it that way. They still appear as USCF assets because the LMA is a USCF account. **Beatriz Marinello** thanked **Mike Carr** for the report and LMA Committee member **Dewain Barber** for his service on the committee.

Beatriz Marinello read the nominations for the LMA Committee and moved their election. A round of applause followed.

DM05-13 – NDM 05-33 – The Delegates appoint Dewain Barber (CA-S), Mike Carr (CA-S), Peter Dyson (FL), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), and Fred Townsend (CT) as members of the LMA Management Committee. **PASSED**

BOARD APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Chess in Education – Chairman **Tim Redman** focused on how to bring more resources into chess. He emphasized the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) program of “No child left behind”. Apparently \$2,000 per year is available through this program to teach one child chess. Miami-Dade went from 24 students to 9,000 students through the use of Title I funds. Schools and districts must reach “Adequate Yearly Progress” (AYP) standards each year. Children can transfer from Title I schools that do not meet AYP for two years. Schools that miss for three years must offer free tutoring through SES and chess can be an SES subject. This was discussed at the Chess in Education workshop, **Jim Stallings**, Associate Director of the UT Dallas chess program wrote a document that detailed the application process. It was available at the workshop and at the Delegates' Meeting. Copies are available from **Jim Stallings** at james.stallings@utdallas.edu.

The Select Proceedings of the Koltanowski International Conference on Chess in Education, held in December of 2001, will be published within the next year. **Alexey Root's** [Children in Chess – A Guide for Teachers](#) will be published by Teacher Ideas Press. It ties K-8 lesson plans to state mandated guidelines. It shows that chess has curricular relevance. **Sunil Weeramantry** has prepared a book on the use of chess to teach social sciences. Reference was made to a dissertation that is the first rigorous study that proves that teaching chess leads to increased skills in other domains. It shows that if students become better chessplayers they become better readers of poetry. The author of the dissertation (Purdue University, 1992) is Philip Jerome Rifner. The title is "Playing chess: A study of the transfer of problem-solving skills in students with average and above average intelligence." It can be obtained from UMI Dissertation Services, www.il.proquest.com

Chairman Redman wants a two day Chess in Education workshop at the Chicago US Open next year. The Chess in Education Committee will help with the SES application process and they can help draw your attention to important resources that can help you go to schools and districts and make a case for teaching chess. He received a round of applause. **Tony Pabon** pointed out that he can be used as a resource. He is currently working on a handout on chess and mathematics.

College Chess – Chairman **Tim Redman** emphasized that College Chess is an integral part of Scholastic Chess. He suggested that the Chair of the College Chess Committee be an ex-officio member of the Scholastic Committee and that the Co-Chairs of the Scholastic Council be ex-officio members of the College Chess Committee. He mentioned the “push-pull” model of chess recruitment. The push is that lower grades push chess interest forward. When there is an active Elementary School chess program, surveys show that those entering Junior High School have chess as a second most favorite activity. The pull is that when universities provide chess scholarships it encourages students' to continue chess interest through the transition to college and beyond.

The big news was Miami-Dade Community College. They have arrived. They tied for second in the “Final four”. He thanked **Harold Winston** and the US Chess Trust Board for the \$2,000 grant for the “Final Four”, which allowed Miami-Dade to participate. He also thanked **Beatriz Marinello** and the USCF Executive Board for their \$8,000 grant. All of the rules and regulations for College Chess can be found on the UT Dallas website at <http://chessweb.utdallas.edu>. There is also a page on the UTD website for College Chess community outreach. It includes College Chess news such as College Chess team in Emory

University in Atlanta playing chess matches with prison inmates and the College Chess team at Yale University providing free chess tutoring to inner city kids. He thanked the USCF for adding a College section to the K-12.

The Pan American Intercollegiate Team (Pan-Am) is now scheduled for two years in advance. The 2005 Pan Am will be held in Miami, with Miami-Dade taking the lead. The 2006 Pan Am will be held in Washington DC. There was a question about the increase in entry fee for the DC event, but the organizer, Dr. Alan Sherman, will make it work. We need a west coast venue for the Pan Am. He encouraged west coast organizers to bid for the Pan Am. **Alan Sherman** is working with the ICC to revive the National Intercollegiate Chess League. Team and individual Internet College Chess Championships are planned for the spring.

Tim Redman mentioned that he is now in his tenth year as Director of the UTD Chess program. UTD has a new President and a new Vice President of Development. He will make a presentation to the new administrators in October. The chess program will be reviewed, and hopefully renewed, at that time. He introduced **Luis Salinas**, Assistant Director of the chess program, and **George John**, Chairman of the Parent and Alumni Advisory Board. He mentioned the new brochure for the UTD Chess Program and that he hopes ADM 05-19, which is a technical fix regarding the Final Four will pass. He suggested that *Chess Life* could benefit from a regular monthly column on College Chess. He received a round of applause.

Correspondence Chess – Beatriz Marinello noted that much of the day-to-day operations of Correspondence Chess has been outsourced to **Alex Dunne**, and Chairman **Harold Stenzel** was not present. She asked **Joan DuBois**, who was in charge of Correspondence Chess in the office for a long time, to present the report. **Joan DuBois** pointed out that when she heard it was being outsourced to **Alex Dunne**, she knew it would be in good hands. About 75% of the actual work is now done outside the office. Within the year we expect to have new software, thanks to **Mike Nolan** that will enable **Alex Dunne** to connect with our main member database to do the ratings and game results. Meanwhile we still have **Stephanie Colley** in New Windsor networked on the old Cobol program. We are hopeful that Alex will be dedicated to Correspondence Chess. USCF will still oversee it as well as the money end of it. **Sam Sloan** asked whether **Alex Dunne** was involved in litigation with USCF. It was pointed out that not all attorney's fees involve litigation and not all professional fees are attorney's fees.

Cramer Awards – Don Schultz presented the report in the absence of Chairman **Peter Tamburro**. The Cramer Awards Committee met. There were four awards decided in conjunction with the Chess Journalists of America (CJA). They were Best State Magazine – *Georgia Chess*, Best Editor – **Dan Lucas**, Best Column – **Dan Heisman**, and Best Book – **Chess Exams** by **Igor Khmelnitsky**. The Chess Journalist of the Year Award is determined by the CJA but the Cramer Committee provides the obelisk trophy. The award went to **Frisco De Rosario**, Editor of the *California Chess Bulletin*. The CJA voted on three inductions to the Gallery of Distinguished Chess Journalists out of nine candidates. The winners were: **Andy Soltis**, **Fred Reinfeld**, and **Robert Byrne**. They receive plaques which will be on display at the Gallery of Distinguished Chess Journalists in the Mechanic's Institute in San Francisco, the Marshall Chess Club in New York, hopefully the Chess Hall of Fame, and the new USCF headquarters building in Crossville when it is completed.

Denker and Polgar Tournaments – Denker Committee Chairman Jack Mallory presented the Denker Tournament report. He referred to the printed report and pointed out that despite the fact that inflation is hurting the Denker there were 45 players including the first player from Alaska. **Dewain Barber** pointed out that **Ryan Cassidy**, the Alaskan player, played with a flag of Alaska on his back and said he did so because "I represent my state". The winners were **Trevor Jackson** (LA), **Josh Baker** (MA), and **Zhi-Ya-Hu** (MD). The winners and the report received a round of applause. Chairman Mallory solicited donations to the Chess Trust earmarked for support of the Denker Tournament, which has become too expensive for many players.

Polgar Tournament Chairman **Paul Truong** presented the Polgar Tournament report. He pointed out that the reason the tournament was started is that former Executive Director **Frank Niro** approached **Susan Polgar** and explained that we have a problem. A lot of girls play chess, but when they reach the fourth or fifth grade they stop. **Susan Polgar** talked to many girls, coaches, and organizers across the country and found that a main reason was that there was no motivation or sufficient opportunities to continue. This year about 3,000 girls competed in regional and state tournaments to qualify. Participation this year, only its second year, was 48 girls compared to 34 in its first year. The winners were **Abby Marshal** (OH), **Alisa Melekhina** (PA), and **Anya Corke** (CA). Usually the winner gets a scholarship to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). This year **Tim Redman**, when made aware of the tie, offered to give each a full scholarship, and UTD awarded three scholarships. **Paul Truong** thanked Dr. Redman and UTD. A round of applause was given. Chairman Truong then thanked Executive Director **Bill Hall**, Scholastic Coordinator **Jerry Nash**, Chief Organizer **Diane Reese**, **Alan Kantor**, Chief TD **Robert Tanner**, Head TD of the Denker and Polgar events **Charles Hatherill**, Assistants **Stephan Gerzadowicz**, **Frank Berry**, and **Cindy Hawkinson**. They received a round of applause. He then recognized the sponsors including **Susan Polgar** and the Susan Polgar Foundation, the US Chess Trust, Shane and Al from Excalibur and the World Chess Hall of Fame, **Dewain Barber** and American Chess Equipment, Chess 4 Less, Rochester Chess, Everyman Chess, USCF and International Marketing. He noted that \$155,000 was awarded in scholarships and stipends. A round of applause was given.

This year a Blitz championship and a puzzle solving contest were added. They were open to all of the participants in the Polgar Tournament this year and last year. The winner of the Blitz Championship was **Abby Marshal** with a perfect 6-0 score. and the winner of the puzzle solving contest was **Alisa Melekhina**.

Susan Polgar visited Mexico City for a promotional event. Over a 3 day period about 30,000 people showed up. The organizer

of the event agreed that, in the spirit of the matches between Icelandic kids and the Collins kids, starting in 2006 with the help of the Polgar Committee and the Susan Polgar Foundation, there will be an annual match between kids in Mexico and the Polgar Kids. A round of applause was given.

Election Committees – **Mike Nolan**, Chairman of the Election Procedures Committee and the Electronic Voting Committee referred to the election report and added nothing further. He mentioned that several vendors who were interested in assisting USCF with electronic voting contacted him. The cost turned out to be an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000. Last year he believed electronic voting to be cost effective, but he doesn't think so now. He is still interested in the concept once a cost effective method can be found. **Elizabeth Shaughnessy** asked if we know specifically who received blank ballots in *Chess Life*. **Mike Nolan** replied that there is a list of the first 5,000 copies. We know that by that point the problem was discovered and fixed, but we don't know exactly at what point the problem was corrected so we don't know for sure. **Peter Tamburro** would have any list that might exist. Please note that this report was presented later in the meeting but is shown here in its usual order.

Finance Committee – **Randy Bauer** gave the report in the absence of the Co-Chairs. He indicated that the Finance Committee was involved in reviewing the rationale for the numbers that went into the budget and the financial arrangements offered by cities who wanted to host our headquarters. He hoped that when our finances stabilize we could use some of the technology that **Mike Nolan** has developed to improve financial reporting and at least have monthly cash flow projections, financial statements, and balance sheet projections. We could then use that information to improve our processes. The other area in which the Finance Committee wants to continue to work is cost accounting, so that we will have a better idea of the costs of the services that USCF provides. That will enable us to better evaluate possible future investments in each area.

Hall of Fame – **Harold Winston** gave the report for the Hall of Fame Committee. He indicated that the new committee will include historians, which the Chess Trust wants. He said that the interim Committee has recommended, and the Trust approved, that **Yasser Seirawan** be the next inductee into the US Chess Hall of Fame. There is a possibility that the induction ceremony may take place at the 2006 US Amateur Team East (USATE) in NJ. Please note: Subsequently it was learned that **Yasser Seirawan** would be unable to attend the USATE. Also, If FIDE nominates Garry Kasparov to the World Chess hall of Fame, that induction may take place at the USATE.

International Affairs – The Chair was not present. No report was given. The committee has taken no action this year.

Internet and MIS - Chairman **Phil Smith** referred to his printed report and indicated he had nothing to add.

Military Chess – **Cindy Hawkinson** gave the report in the absence of Chairman **David Hater**, who is now stationed in Baghdad. She said that she is in almost daily contact with **David Hater** on the Internet and she conveyed his thanks for the support that you have given him and asked for continued support. She forwarded his comment that chess is one of the many ways that the military uses to keep home part of their activities. A round of applause ensued.

Outreach - Chairman **Myron Lieberman** referred to the written report. He emphasized that this year chess has been more in the public eye than ever before and that needs to be continued and improved upon. To do that requires getting visibility and credibility for chess, not only with the media but in the eyes of anyone whom we might want to interest (such as potential sponsors, etc.). He expressed appreciation for **Paul Truong** and **Susan Polgar** as well as a number of other people who have really helped this year. He believes that we are on the verge of a very substantial improvement. He also expressed appreciation for **Rachel Lieberman's** work with health and social agencies (to use chess as a tool for prevention of undesirable behavior). A round of applause ensued.

Publications – Please note that this report was actually given later in the meeting but is listed here in its normal order. Chairman **Randy Hough** presented the report. He referred to the printed report and singled out **Ryan Ko** and **Benjamin Marmont**, the two junior members of the Publications Committee, for special recognition. He pointed out that most of the entries in the CJA competition were on display and gave the URL for the CJA website, www.chessjournalism.org.

Ratings – **David Kuhns** gave the report in the absence of Chairman **Mark Glickman**. He referred to the written report and emphasized that the most important development was the implementation of the new rating system program developed by **Mike Nolan**, whom he thanked heartily. He pointed out that we now have the capability to have a rating online one hour after the event. A round of applause was given. **Sam Sloan** asked about whether anything is being done about rating deflation. **David Kuhns** said that they are making the appropriate adjustments now. He also described the history and indicated that we are about halfway there. **Sam Sloan** asked why no information can be found about deceased players, especially those who played in tournaments of historical significance. **Mike Nolan** indicated that under the old system the only way to remove a deceased person from the system was to remove him or her from the database. Under the new system when a player dies, the player is flagged as deceased but not removed from the system. Anyone who died after March of 2004 is under the new system. **Tony Pabon** asked if information can be reentered on the database for players who have been removed. **Mike Nolan** replied that it is possible if he has the information. **Mike Carr** asked if anything can be done to correct the 1999 Special Services Award list, which has every year listed his award as posthumous. Note: It was **Alice Loranth**, who shared the award with **Mike Carr** and **Tim Just**, that received the award posthumously but the typo keeps reappearing. At the conclusion of the report **David Kuhns** received a round of applause.

Rules – Chairman **David Kuhns** presented the report. There was only one appeal received by the Rules Committee this year. He referred to Page 38 of the *Delegates' Call* and read the wording of a motion sponsored by the Rules Committee. Please note that the motion carries an NDM number since it was not given an ADM number in the *Delegates' Call*. **David Kuhns** confirmed that the Rules Committee unanimously approved this change. **Larry Cohen** asked about situations where a class prize is offered but no players in that class enter. **David Kuhns** indicated that this is covered elsewhere in the rules and this motion does not say anything about that situation. **Spencer Lower** asked what happens if only one player in the class shows up. **David Kuhns** replied that that is also covered elsewhere, but that the player would qualify for the prize subject to the 50% limitation.

DM05-14 – NDM 05-34 - (Rules Committee) To alter the order and the wording of Rules 32C4 and 32D as follows:

The current rule is: 32C4. Minimum prizes in based-on-entries tournaments. In all tournaments in which prizes are based on entries, if the actual turnout is smaller than the based-on turnout, prizes must be paid at least in proportion to the turnout. In addition, if the advertised prize fund is more than \$500 (e.g., prize funds of \$500.01 and greater), at least 50% of advertised prizes must be paid. Both requirements apply to each individual prize. Minimum penalty for violation of this rule shall be disqualification from advertising in *Chess Life* for one year. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Director. If a tournament is affected by an act of God, then the organizer may appeal to the USCF. See also 21L, Appeal to USCF. Organizers are expected to base their prize funds on estimates of player attendance that can be reasonably achieved. An organizer who repeatedly overestimates tournament attendance may be subject to penalties at the discretion of the USCF.

32D. Based-on options. If separate based-on goals are announced for different sections of an event, then each section is treated separately. If the based on goal is announced for any combination of sections, then the sections involved are considered as a group.

THE PROPOSED RULE:

32C4. Based-on prizes. In tournaments in which prizes are based on entries, if the actual turnout is smaller than the based on turnout, the following rules apply:

32C4a. Proportional payout. Each prize must be paid at least in proportion to the turnout.

32C4b. 50% minimum. If the total advertised prize fund is greater than \$500 (all sections combined), at least 50% of each advertised prize must be paid.

32C4c. Multiple-section tournaments. If separate based-on goals are announced for different sections, then the proportion paid in each section (32C4a) is treated separately. If a common based-on goal is announced for multiple sections, then the proportion paid in these sections is considered together. In either case, 32C4b also applies.

32D. Minimum penalty for violation of 32C4 shall be disqualification from advertising in *Chess Life* for one year. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Director. If a tournament is affected with extreme adverse events, then the organizer may appeal to the USCF. See also 21L, Appeal to USCF.

Organizers are expected to base their prize funds on estimates of player attendance that can be reasonably achieved. An organizer who repeatedly overestimates tournament attendance may be subject to penalties, at the discretion of the USCF.

PASSED

Scholastic Council/Committee – Co-Chair Mike Nietman referred to the printed report and described the Book Grading Program whereby about 20 master level chess teachers volunteer as book reviewers. The book publishers would provide three or four copies for the program. The USCF office will randomly select three or four reviewers, who would grade the book only for age appropriateness and rating appropriateness. They would not provide full reviews. The grades would be combined into a single USCF grade, which would be posted on the USCF website where players, parents, coaches, etc. could search for a book and see for what age and rating it is appropriate. A special page will be placed on the website with a biography of each reviewer so that it can be used by the reviewer for soliciting business from parents and coaches in their own area. **Phil Smith** asked if we had considered linking this to Amazon.com's review page or similar sites, where it might provide exposure for the review program and USCF. **Mike Nietman** replied that they hadn't thought about it but it was an excellent idea. He called it to **Jerry Nash's** attention.

He next mentioned the Chess Coach Certification Program. There is currently a subcommittee working on it. There are a number of teachers around the country who need something to take to their Principal to indicate they are certified and qualified to coach chess. The Scholastic Committee urges the Executive Board to reinstate *School Mates* magazine in some form as soon as possible and as soon as finances allow.

The Super Nationals in Nashville attracted 5,320 players. The number one issue that needs to be resolved soon is online submission of entries. **Mike Nolan** will work on it soon and the Scholastic Committee will beta test it. **Mike Nietman** thanked TD **Robert Singletary** and his staff. He called for a round of applause for **Diane Reese** who has been invaluable in organizing the National Scholastics every year. He then invited everyone to the 2005 national Youth Action Championships in Atlanta, GA; 2005 National School Grades Championship in Houston, TX; the 2006 National Junior High School Championships in

Louisville, KY; the 2006 National High School Championships in Milwaukee, WI; and the 2006 National Elementary School Championships in Denver, CO. **Steve Shutt** mentioned the Seminars on how tournaments are run. **Mike Nietman** described the educational program for new players, parents, coaches, and spectators, which covers the very basic ideas of what to expect, such as how to operate a clock, how to keep score, how to find your board, etc. **Mike Nietman** has a Powerpoint presentation of this seminar which he has offered to let others use. They should contact him if interested.

Senior - Chairman **Mike Carr** asked **Charles Hatherill** to talk about the US Senior Championship and the Senior workshop. **Charles Hatherill** indicated that the US Senior, which had 64 players, was won by GM **Walter Browne**, who was seeded into the US Championship in San Diego. There was discussion of the time control, number of rounds per day, and whether to alternate between east coast and west coast sites. **Elizabeth Shaughnessy** asked about next year. **Charles Hatherill** indicated that he had two bids. One is from Florida and the other was a cruise. **Mike Carr** pointed out that the Plaza in Las Vegas was interested in hosting the Senior long term but he feels that it should rotate around the country. He would love to see the Senior Committee as well as the Executive Board have input in the bidding process. **Elizabeth Shaughnessy** indicated that one consideration should be cost. Many seniors are on fixed income and cost is a factor. The tournament in Las Vegas was relatively low in cost (to the player) while the tournament in Florida was higher and a cruise "isn't exactly cheap". **Joel Channing** recommended a one round per day event. **Mike Carr** pointed out that in a previous US Senior there was the option of one round per day and an alternate schedule that involved two rounds per day. There were an approximately equal number of players that chose each. **Larry Cohen** suggested that bids be sought for two years out. **Tony Pabon** agreed and explained that top players might add the US Senior to their schedule if they knew when and where it was in advance. **Beatriz Marinello** agreed with two years so people know where it will be. **Bill Hall** said that it would be good from a planning point of view but it would only work if there were a sufficient interest in the event to where enough bidders would commit to a bid two years in advance. **Tony Pabon** was particularly impressed with the Florida US Senior organized by **Don Schultz**. He also suggested that the tournament could be played on land and a cruise could be taken afterwards by participants in the tournament. **Diane Reese** indicated that she has received expressions of interest for 2006 but she has not received any bids. **Don Schultz** confirmed that he is waiting for September to submit his bid. **Bill Hall** suggested several categories, such as over 50, over 60, over 70, etc.

States – Chairman **Guy Hoffman** presented the report. He said that unlike last year it was a peaceful year although **Tim Just** might disagree. The ongoing civil war in Oklahoma did not reach the Committee. The Bylaws Committee asked for a clarification on credentials which we did not provide other than a referral to DM91-27. Recall provisions were discussed, but what happens if an election is not held or not announced was not addressed. He thanked the members of the States Committee, Frank Berry, Walter Buehl, Larry Cohen, Ed Conway, Roger Gottschall, Jim Gray, Richard Koepcke, Harvey Lerman, and Tony Pabon for their input. There was a discussion of voting procedures within the states. How they elect their own Boards, etc. They will form a small committee to get information and asked for state officials to provide information on how their state holds elections. **Elizabeth Shaughnessy** expressed interest.

Survey - Chairman **Mike Nolan** indicated that nothing was done on the survey this year but that a survey is very important. He suggests finding a more active chairman as has a few other things going.

Top Players – **Beatriz Marinello** indicated that this committee was not active this year.

Tournament Director Certification - Chairman **Tim Just** referred to the printed report. He mentioned that the workshop discussed the new FIDE Arbiter (FA) title and indicated that the committee would get all of the regulations and information. They will ask the Board for an extra Committee member to do that. A round of applause ensued.

Women's Chess Committee – **Beatriz Marinello** congratulated the US Women's Olympic team for winning the silver medal at the Olympiad. **Susan Polgar** and the team received a standing ovation for finishing in second place in the world. **Beatriz Marinello** apologized for any offense and told **Susan Polgar** she is a great asset for US chess. She noted that **Paul Truong** and **Susan Polgar** have done fantastic work for American Chess and wants them to continue. She apologized to **Susan Polgar** for any previous offense and said that hopefully things can get better from here on the basis of fairness and not offending people personally. **Susan Polgar** replied that it is a very good idea to make peace and move forward. They both were met with applause from the Delegates.

Susan Polgar then reviewed the accomplishments of the US Women's Olympiad team and recognized the members **Anna Zatonskih**, **Jennifer Shahade**, **Irina Krush**, and herself. The team received a round of applause. She thanked team captain **Paul Truong**, head coach **Michael Khodarkovsky**, Chief Theoretician **Alexander Chernin**, all supporters and sponsors, and the main sponsor, the **Kasparov Chess Foundation**. Each received individual rounds of applause. The training program was very successful. Only the top four could make the team, but the fifth member, **Rusa Goletiani**, had very good results in other competitions, including winning the US Women's Championship. She was the first woman to win the Samford Fellowship and received a round of applause. **Susan Polgar** participated in three Battle of the Gender matches against **Anatoly Karpov**, **Lev Albur**, and **Hikaru Nakamura**. Each mention received a separate round of applause.

Susan Polgar pointed out that to promote chess she was involved in several special events as shown below and two Broadway shows, "Fit to Kill" and "Little Women". She mentioned two open tournaments for girls with 90 players in each. One was

played in Corpus Christi, TX, and the other in Salt Lake City, UT. She received a round of applause.

She thanked her sisters for joining her in Las Vegas for a three player simultaneous exhibition at the National Open.

The first "Chess Masterminds" TV event was played on July 10, 2005, and featured a match between teams from the US and Russia. It was seen by 500 million people worldwide on July 24, 2005. The next "Chess Masterminds" chess for TV event will take place on October 29, 2005, and include Mikhail Gorbachev, US dignitaries, and a match between **Susan Polgar** and **Anatoly Karpov**. This is part of the Chess For Peace program, details and a schedule of which can be found in the press release at www.uschess.org/news/press/chessforpeace.php.

She thanked Palm Beach Gardens, FL for the opportunity to break a simultaneous exhibition world record by playing 326 opponents simultaneously (1,131 games total). She thanked **Don Schultz**, **Joel Channing**, **Barbara DeMaro**, **Jon Haskel** and **Paul Truong** for making it possible. Over 500 newspapers covered the event.

Susan Polgar's reasons for accepting the Chair of the Women's Committee was threefold. She wanted to get more girls involved in chess, help top women players, and get more media coverage. She wants girls to stay with chess through High School and beyond. She looks forward to continuing toward her three goals.

Beatriz Marinello asked **Don Schultz** to present the Governance plaques to the outgoing Board members at this time. Plaques were presented to **Randy Bauer**, **Elizabeth Shaughnessy**, **Frank Brady**, and **Steve Shutt**. **Don Schultz** accepted the plaque for **Frank Brady**, who was not present.

The meeting recessed at 5:09 PM

MINUTES OF THE 2005 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING - AUGUST 13-14, 2005 – PHOENIX, AZ

SUNDAY SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

President **Beatriz Marinello** called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM. **Randy Bauer** was not present as he was unable to attend the Sunday session.

Michael Khodarkovsky thanked **Beatriz Marinello** for her comments regarding **Susan Polgar** and asked that the Executive Board consider involvement in the "Chess For Kids" program.

Please note that four items of old business were printed in the *Delegates' Call* under the Bylaws Committee report and did not appear under old business in the agenda. They can be found on page 33 of the 2005 *Delegates' Call*.

Bill Goichberg (NY-U) presented his recommendation of a membership structure which lowers dues and eliminates new Life, Blind Life, and Senior Life Memberships. He asked that the motion be referred to the Executive Board for implementation as promotional memberships. **Steve Shutt** asked that the Finance Committee be added to the referral and **Beatriz Marinello** asked that the Scholastic Committee be added as well. **Harold Winston** pointed out that only the Delegates could eliminate membership categories. **Mike Nietman** presented input from the Scholastic Workshop. **Mike Nolan** provided membership information and input from the Finance Workshop. Discussion ensued. **Tony Pabon**, **Tim Redman**, **Sam Sloan** and **Harold Winston** participated. **Harold Winston** clarified that the motion is to refer to the Executive Board, the Finance Committee, and the Scholastic Committee, without the power to eliminate membership categories. The motion to refer passed.

DM05-15 – NDM 05-35 re: NDM 04-33 DM 04-29 (Steve Doyle, NJ; Harold Winston, IL; Bill Goichberg, NY)

Individual Member Plans : Adult: 1 Year: \$45; 2 Years: \$82; 3 Years: \$117
 Youth: 1 Year: \$23 2 Years: \$41 3 Years: \$59 (Under 20 years old.)
 Scholastic: 1 Year: \$19; 2 Years: \$32; 3 Years: \$44 (Under 15 years old).

Affiliate Commissions \$2 per membership. Online discounts \$2 per membership. \$10 discount for those over the age of 65.

Please note: The proposal has the effect of ending the offering of new Life, Senior Life and Blind Life memberships. Adults and Youth Members get 12 issues of *Chess Life*. Scholastic Members get 6 issues. **REFERRED** to Board, Finance, Scholastic. Please also note that only passage by the Delegates can eliminate any membership category specified in the Bylaws. This motion was referred, it did not pass.

Bylaws Committee Co-Chair **Harold Winston** pointed out that sponsor **Myron Lieberman** has withdrawn DM04-20 re: input from former EB members (See page 33 of the 2005 *Delegates' Call* for wording). 2004 motion DM04-20 **WITHDRAWN**

Beatriz Marinello addressed motion DM04-26 re: Economy Scholastic Memberships, which was sponsored by the EB. After receiving Scholastic Council input from Co-Chair **Mike Nietman**, she withdrew the motion (See page 33 of the 2005 *Delegates' Call* for wording). 2004 motion 04-26 **WITHDRAWN**

Tim Redman (TX) addressed DM04-32, which was co-sponsored by Dewain Barber (CA-S), Ralph Bowman (KS), Steve

Doyle (NJ), Tim Hanke (MA), Jerry Hanken (CA-S), Tim Redman (TX), and Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA-N). The original wording was "A convicted felon cannot serve on the USCF Executive Board." Dr. Redman presented a substitute, which read "Any candidate for the USCF Executive Board who has been convicted of an adult felony must disclose that fact to the electorate in their *Chess Life* statement." He then presented his rationale. Co-Chairman **Harold Winston** presented the Bylaws Committee and Bylaws Workshop input. Both opposed the motion. He pointed out that the substitute was preferable to the original and raised the question of International jurisdiction. He also mentioned that what is a felony in some states may be a misdemeanor in others, among other points. Dr. Redman then added "in the United States" after "felony". Discussion ensued. Among those who participated were Frank Camaratta, Joel Channing, Larry Cohen, Jim Gray, Jerry Hanken, Michael Khodarkowski, Tim Just, Myron Lieberman, Rachel Lieberman, Spencer Lower, Mike Nolan, Tony Pabon, Tim Redman, Harry Sabine, Don Schultz, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Steve Shutt, Sam Sloan, Dave Small, Hal Terrie, and Harold Winston.

Procedural comments: **Larry Cohen** (IL) moved and **Steve Shutt** (PA) seconded a motion to refer the matter to the Bylaws Committee for a clarification of classes of felonies. After further discussion the motion to refer was withdrawn. **Tim Just** called the question. The vote failed and discussion continued. **Hal Terrie** moved and **Michael Khodarkovsky** seconded a motion to postpone indefinitely. Parliamentarian **Mike Nolan** pointed out that if the motion were to pass, further discussion on this topic could not take place at this Delegates' Meeting but could be brought up at a future meeting. The motion failed after which **Larry Cohen** immediately called the question. There was no objection.

DM05-16 NDM 05 36 - DM 04-32 (Dewain Barber, CA-S; Ralph Bowman, KS; Steve Doyle, NJ; Tim Hanke, MA; Jerry Hanken, CA-S; Tim Redman, TX; and Elizabeth Shaughnessy, CA-N) - Any candidate for the USCF Executive Board who has been convicted of an adult felony in the United States must disclose that fact to the electorate in their *Chess Life* statement. **FAILED 26-28-3**

Next was DM 04-36 re: changing references to "citizen" and "resident" to "citizen or resident" in the Bylaws. Bylaws Co-Chair **Harold Winston** presented the input of the Bylaws Committee and Workshop. Both opposed the motion. The major point was that those words appear in various places in the Bylaws and one mention may apply to citizens and another to residents. Sponsor **Tony Pabon** withdrew the motion. 2004 motion DM04-36 **WITHDRAWN**.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Schultz presented ADM05-09 regarding eligibility of past Presidents for election as DALs and its rationale, which was that the term of President has been reduced from three years to two years and this motion simply brings the recognition of the President's service in line with the shortened term. **Harold Winston** presented the input of the Bylaws Workshop, which was strongly in favor.

DM05—17 - ADM 05-09 - (Don Schultz, FL) Modify Article V Section 9. Delegates at Large Section A is modified to read "two consecutive years." **PASSED**

Frank Camaratta (AL) then introduced a motion to elect former President **John McCrary** as a Delegate at Large.

DM05—18 - NDM 05-37- Frank Camaratta (AL) - **John McCrary** is elected a Delegate at Large. **PASSED**

Congratulations to **Dr. John McCrary**, our newest Delegate at Large.

Bill Goichberg then presented ADM 05-10. All portions of the motion that affected anything other than Economy Scholastic memberships were withdrawn. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were Dewain Barber, Phyllis Benjamin, Larry Cohen, Bill Goichberg, Charles Hatherill, Mike Nietman, Mike Nolan, Tony Pabon, Tim Redman, Luis Salinas, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Sam Sloan, and Steve Shutt. **Mike Nolan** provided membership information.

Tony Pabon moved to refer to the EB, the Finance Committee, the Chess in Education Committee, the College Chess Committee, the Scholastic Committee, and the Survey Committee. **Tim Redman** offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted by **Tony Pabon**, to refer to The Executive Board, the Scholastic Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Survey Committee.

Procedural comments: **Dewain Barber** called the question on referral to all committees mentioned except College. The vote to call the question failed. **Larry Cohen** called the question at a later time. There was objection but no vote at that time because the Chair ruled that the person at the microphone should be allowed to speak first. Discussion continued briefly, a vote was taken and the question was called.

DM05—19 - ADM 05-10 - (Bill Goichberg, NY-U) - Effective no later than 1/1/06, the category of Economy Scholastic shall no longer be offered. **REFERRED to the Executive Board, the Scholastic Committee, the Finance Committee and the Survey Committee.**

The rationale for ADM05-11 was: **Tim Just** was attacked by a coach at a national scholastic tournament for trying to prevent that coach from hovering over a game. The USCF has no mechanism for screening such violent behavior. While the vast majority of parents and coaches are great people there is no way to filter out only the emotionally challenged parent or coach.

For the safety of the players and staff, coaches and parents should not be allowed in the playing area. **Spencer Lower** (AZ) offered a substitute motion for ADM 05-11 which was not accepted by sponsor **Tim Just**, after which **Tim Just** (IL) presented ADM 05-11. Scholastic Co-Chair **Mike Nietman** read the existing applicable scholastic regulation. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were Dewain Barber, Mike Carr, Larry Cohen, Cindy Hawkinson, George John, Tim Just, Mike Nietman, Ernie Schlich, Don Schultz, Steve Shutt, Sam Sloan, and Robert Tanner.

Don Schultz offered a friendly amendment to the original wording to allow exceptions to be made for VIPs or potential sponsors. Exceptions could be made by the Chief TD. Tim Just indicated that he would accept it as a friendly amendment as long as that exceptions can be made by the Chief TD. George John called the question. There was no objection.

DM05-20 - ADM 05-11 (Tim Just, IL) - The chess playing area at national scholastics will be closed to all people except active participants, staff and volunteers. Exceptions can be made by the Chief TD. **FAILED**

Beatriz Marinello read a substitute for ADM05-12, which **Tim Just** and **Mike Nietman** jointly sponsored. It was then presented by **Mike Nietman**. It replaced the original wording of "Any parent or coach at a national scholastic tournament that attacks a player or staff member will have their USCF membership revoked and be barred from all future USCF national scholastic events." to the wording below. The substitute refers to any person rather than restricting the motion to parents and coaches. It changes "will" to "may", expands coverage to all events rather than just scholastics, restricts coverage to contracted areas, and includes due process. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were George John, John McCrary, and Harold Winston.

DM05-21 - ADM 05-12 - (Tim Just, IL; Mike Nietman, WI) - Any person at a National Tournament that attacks a player or staff member may have their USCF Membership revoked and be barred from all contracted areas of future USCF National Events after due process. **PASSED**

Sponsor Tim Just (IL) then withdrew ADM 05-13.

No Action - ADM 05-13 - (Tim Just, IL): Properly filed complaints or appeals filed with the USCF office in compliance with rules 21L and 24B must be forwarded to the appropriate committee(s) within 90 days of being received by the USCF office or the complaint and/or appeal will automatically be found in favor of the submitting party. **WITHDRAWN**

Randy Hough (CA-S) and **Richard Koepcke** (CA-N) agreed to a substitute for ADM 05-14, the original wording of which was "The border between Northern and Southern California shall be set along California County lines. Where the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern and Inyo Counties form the northernmost boundary of Southern California. And, the southern boundaries of Monterey, Kings, Tulare, Fresno and Mono counties form the southernmost boundary of Northern California. For the purposes of Delegate apportionment, Clearing House Calendars and State elections, the USCF may continue to use ZIP code ranges to approximate these borders. The rationale indicated that "The purpose of this ADM is to identify the border in exact terms so that there will be no further disputes as to what it is". **Richard Koepcke** (CA-N) presented the substitute motion (See below). **Sam Sloan** took the floor in order to speculate on the origin of the motion. As his comments involved personal allegations about a USCF member, Parliamentarian **Mike Nolan** objected and the chair ruled Mr. Sloan out of order. **Don Schultz** called the question. There was no objection. The substitute passed. Please note: This is to be a Delegate Action of Continuing Interest.

DM05-22 - ADM 05-14 (Randy Hough, CA-S, Richard Koepcke, CA-N.): The border between Northern and Southern California shall be set along county lines. Where San Luis Obispo, Kern and Inyo are the northern most counties of Southern California, and Monterey, Kings, Tulare, Fresno and Mono are the southern most counties of Northern California. The USCF may use zip codes to approximate this border. The two California State affiliates are responsible for maintaining the zip code mapping used for this border approximation. **PASSED**

Sponsor **Don Schultz** withdrew ADM 05-15.

No Action – ADM05-15 (Don Schultz, FL) - The position of Secretary shall be separately elected by the delegates starting at the 2007 Annual Delegate Meeting. The other six EB positions and elections for other EB officers remain unchanged. **WITHDRAWN**

Ernie Schlich (VA) asked to be made a co-sponsor of ADM 05-16 since **Michael Atkins** was not present and Mr. Schlich wanted the motion to be heard. He then presented the motion, which passed. The rationale was: In recognition of the fact that USCF National Events are the most prestigious events run by the USCF; In recognition of the fact that USCF National Events involve National Titles; In recognition of the fact that USCF National Events require 100% absolute impartiality by directors, a state that cannot be maintained by a playing director.

DM05-23 - ADM 05-16 (Michael Atkins, VA; Ernie Schlich, VA) - Moved that the wording in Rule 21E be changed to "...for this reason, a director, on principle, should not direct and play in the same tournament. In USCF National Events, the director cannot be a playing director." **PASSED**

Mike Nolan (NE) then presented ADM05-17, which passed.

DM05-24 - ADM 05-17 (Mike Nolan, NE): Effective with the December 2005 Rating List, all events that have been rated as of the cutoff date for a ratings supplement will be included in that supplement, regardless of the ending date of the event.

Rationale: Historically the USCF has not included events from the current month when preparing a rating supplement, i.e., the June 2005 Supplement did not include any events that ended in May, though about 25 of them had been rated when the June supplement was prepared on May 6. That's because there was generally a 2-3 week lag between when events ended and when they were rated. With the new on-line ratings submission process and the new ratings programming, it is now possible to rate events within hours of when they end. Under this motion, each ratings supplement would include all events that had been rated as of the cutoff date for that supplement. This means that events held in the first week or so of a month during which a rating supplement is being prepared may or may not make the supplement, depending upon how quickly the TD prepares the rating report and how it is submitted for processing. **PASSED**

Beatriz Marinello indicated that ADM05-18 has been withdrawn.

No Action - ADM 05-18 (Tim Redman, TX) - A convicted felon may not serve on the Executive Board of the U.S. Chess Federation. If an individual is elected to the Board and it is later found that he or she is a convicted felon, that person shall be removed from the Board and the person achieving the highest number of votes but not elected in the election in which the felon was chosen for the Board shall become a Board member in his/her place. **WITHDRAWN**

Tim Redman then presented ADM 05-19. The motion passed without discussion.

DM05-25 - ADM 05-19 (Tim Redman, TX): The "President's Cup" College Team Championship, the "Final Four" of U.S. College Team Chess, will be scored by the FIDE Olympiad game points system, instead of the usual match point system. Rationale. This system allows for a finer gradation of scoring and thus makes a clear winner more likely. This scoring system was employed in the first three "Final Four" events, but the standard USCF system became the default scoring method for the last two Final Four events. Both the motion sponsor, **Tim Redman** of the University of Texas Dallas, and Professor **Alan Sherman** of the University of Maryland Baltimore County support a return to the original scoring system. **PASSED**

Bill Goichberg indicated that he withdrew motion ADM05-20 in favor of Mike Nolan's motion, ADM 05-23, and called **Mike Nolan** to the microphone. **Mike Nolan** presented ADM 05-23. **Harold Winston** provided input from the Bylaws Workshop. The workshop considered ADMs 05-20 and 23 together and based on straw polls preferred actual tenure plus one year as opposed to just scheduled tenure or scheduled tenure plus two years. The Workshop also strongly preferred "May not profit from" to "may not organize". Discussion ensued. Among the participants were George John, Beatriz Marinello, Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine, Steve Shutt, Sam Sloan, and Harold Winston. **Harry Sabine** moved to refer to the Executive Director and the Bylaws Committee to review and come up with wording. **Beatriz Marinello** explained her situation with regard to the office and received a round of applause.

No Action - ADM 05-20 (Bill Goichberg, NY-U) Moved that the Standards of Conduct for the USCF Executive Board be revised as follows:

Change the first sentence of 2(a) to read: "Except where noted below, no Executive Board member or a member of his immediate family may receive financial compensation from the USCF for any reason, except for standard reimbursement of expenses, during his or her scheduled tenure on the Board, or for two years after completing this scheduled tenure if such compensation results from bids accepted or agreements made by the Board during this scheduled tenure.

Change the first two sentences of 2 (b) to read: "No Executive Board member, or a member of his immediate family, may profit financially from organizing or directing a national tournament or activity organized or co-organized by the USCF, or from any business activity of the USCF, if the Executive Board or the USCF business office is involved in determining the arrangements; such restriction applies during the Board members' scheduled tenure and for two years thereafter, with respect to actions taken during his or her scheduled tenure on the Board. This provision does not apply if the bid, and all relevant financial arrangements, were finalized before the member was elected to the Board, and are not changed to his advantage during this scheduled tenure." **WITHDRAWN**

DM05- 26 - ADM 05-23 (Mike Nolan, NE): Modify Article VI of the Bylaws to add the following section to the Bylaws:

Section __:

Restrictions. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as paid USCF employees, paid consultants or as vendors of goods or services to the USCF during their actual tenure on the Executive Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends. Except as noted below, this shall not affect a board member's ability to organize or direct USCF-rated events or to serve as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as the chief TD for USCF national events during their tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends.

Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as the organizer of a USCF national event (or as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate serving as the organizer of a USCF national event) during their actual tenure on the Board and for a period of three years after their board service ends unless the agreement to serve as the organizer of that national event was signed prior to that person's becoming a candidate for election to the Executive Board. State chapter and not-for-profit Affiliates with Board

members who are also on their board are exempt from this restriction. In unusual circumstances, elected Executive Board members may be assigned tasks dealing with day-to-day operations of the USCF. No compensation for these tasks beyond the reimbursement of direct out-of-pocket expenses may be paid. **REFERRED to the Executive Board and the Bylaws Committee.** The current Board is urged to adopt this code for its members.

Bill Goichberg (NY-U) then presented ADM05-21. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were Larry Cohen, Randy Hough, Dave Kuhns, Tim Redman, Ernie Schlich, Hal Terrie (NH), and Harold Winston. **Tim Just** called the question. There was no objection. The motion failed.

DM05-27 ADM 05-21 (Bill Goichberg, NY-U) Moved, that when the U.S. Open ends on a Sunday, the final round shall begin no later than 3 PM., and the Delegates Meeting shall conclude in time to avoid conflict with this schedule. **FAILED**

Mike Nolan (NE) presented ADM 05-22, which passed without discussion.

DM05-28 - ADM 05-22 (Mike Nolan, NE): Modify Article VI of the Bylaws to remove Section 11 (dealing with the effective date of the last revision to this section) as this section is now moot. **PASSED**

The meeting recessed at 11:58 AM for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1:14 PM. **Mike Nolan** (NE) presented ADM 05-24, re: recall, and moved to refer it to the Bylaws Committee. **Sam Sloan** made the point that we need a recall provision of some kind. **Harold Winston** provided Bylaws Workshop information and **Joel Channing** said a few words before **Gerry Dullea** called the question on referral. The motion was referred.

DM05-29 - ADM 05-24 (Nolan, NE): Modify Article VI of the Bylaws to add the following section to the Bylaws: Section __: Recalls. The Delegates may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by a 2/3 majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a 3/4 majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by 3/4 of the Delegates in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Delegates.

The Voting Members may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by petitions signed by 15% of the voting membership based on the membership numbers at the end of the most recent fiscal year, i.e., May 31. The USCF Secretary shall have two weeks from the date the petition is received by the USCF office to determine if a recall petition is valid. A recall may not be initiated on a Board member during the first six months or the last six months of that member's term of office. Once a recall motion has been passed or a recall petition certified as valid, a recalled Executive Board member shall be given 15 days to decide whether to resign or to be the subject of a recall election. If the recalled Executive Board member resigns, the recall motion or petition becomes moot upon the resignation of the board member.

The recall motion must give the reasons for the recall, for which reasons will be published in *Chess Life* exactly once, along with an optional statement of no more than 500 words from the board member being recalled. These statements shall appear in the issue of *Chess Life* closest to when the voting in the recall election begins.

To be affirmed, the recall shall require a 2/3 majority vote of Voting Members participating in a recall election, such election to be held under conditions similar to those for regular or special Executive Board elections. At least 1500 Voting Members must participate in the recall election in order for the results to be valid. If the Board member being recalled is serving as the USCF Secretary, the Executive Board shall appoint another Board member to serve as the Secretary for the purposes of conducting the recall election.

If the motion or petition recalling the Board member does not specify a date for the recall election voting to begin, the Executive Board shall schedule such an election to commence no more than 120 days after the recall motion is passed by the Delegates or the recall petitions are certified. The date for counting the votes in the recall election shall be no more than 52 days after the day that voting begins.

Until the votes in the recall election are counted, the recalled Executive Board member retains all rights and privileges of a Board member. Once the recall votes are counted, if the recall is affirmed the Board member is immediately removed from the Executive Board and a vacancy exists on the Executive Board. **REFERRED to the Bylaws Committee**

Mike Nolan presented ADM 05-25 re: a new Election Committee. **Harold Winston** provided the Bylaws Workshop input. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were Rachel Lieberman, Mike Nolan, Tim Redman, Don Schultz, Steve Shutt, Sam Sloan, and Harold Winston. **Don Schultz** proposed a substitute which would create a committee with **Mike Nolan** as Chair and **Myron** and **Rachel Lieberman** on the committee for next year's election. If **Mike Nolan** does not want to chair the committee, **Myron** and **Rachel Lieberman** would be the Committee. **Mike Nolan** did not accept the Chairmanship or the substitute. **Don Schultz** then offered a substitute where **Rachel Lieberman** chaired the committee. She also declined. **Mike Nolan** suggested that the names be kept out and that if you want a three member committee just move to change the committee from four to three members, which Mr. Schultz did. Mr. Nolan accepted that change. After further discussion the substitute was withdrawn. **Larry Cohen** moved to postpone indefinitely.

DM05-30 - ADM 05-25 (Mike Nolan, NE) - Effective with the conclusion of the 2005 Delegates Meeting, all duties regarding the conduct of USCF elections that are assigned to the Secretary under the Bylaws are assigned to a Delegate-appointed

Election Committee.

This committee shall consist of four members appointed by the Delegates, except that members of the Executive Board may not be appointed to the committee. The Delegates may name alternates who would replace any member of the committee who resigns or otherwise leaves the committee.

No member of the Election Committee may be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board during his or her service on the Election Committee or may campaign on behalf of or make an endorsement for or against any candidate for the Executive Board. The committee shall choose its own Chair. **PASSED**

Nominations were then made for the new four member Delegate appointed Election Committee. Among those participating in the discussion were Mike Carr, Joel Channing, Beatriz Marinello, James Mennella, Mike Nolan, Tony Pabon, Tim Redman, Don Schultz, Steve Shutt, Sam Sloan, and Harold Winston.

Harold Winston nominated Mike Nolan (NE), Woody Harris (VA), Harry Sabine (TN), and Roger Gottschall (IA) as members, Myron Lieberman (AZ) as First Alternate, and Ernie Schlich (VA) as Second Alternate.

Sam Sloan nominated Peter Tamburro (NJ) and Ken Thomas (NJ) **Mike Carr** asked whether those names were to replace the committee or the alternates. **Sam Sloan** replied that there are now eight nominees. Let the Delegates vote on all eight. The top four are the committee and the fifth and sixth are the first and second alternates.

Don Schultz nominated **Mike Nolan** and **Rachel Lieberman** and that they name the rest of the committee.

Mike Nolan presented a revised version of Harold Winston's slate, with the difference being the order of Alternates.

Beatriz Marinello indicated that the vote would be on the slate presented to her by Mike Nolan. That slate passed.

DM05-31 – NDM 05-38 – (Mike Nolan, NE) The following people are appointed as members of the Election Committee: Roger Gottschall (IA), Woody Harris (VA), Mike Nolan (NE), and Harry Sabine (TN). Ernie Schlich is appointed First Alternate and Myron Lieberman (AZ) as Second Alternate. **PASSED**

Note: Mike Nolan was subsequently elected chair by the committee.

Mike Nolan presented NDM 05-39, a motion that arose from the Bylaws Workshop re: vacancies in Delegate Appointed Committees.

DM05-32 – NDM 05-39 (Bylaws Workshop) Amend Article VII, Section 3C to read: Except as provided elsewhere, in the event of a vacancy on a Delegate appointed committee, the committee and the Executive Board may appoint a replacement. Such appointment requires a 2/3 majority of each of the remaining committee members and the Executive Board. **PASSED**

Don Schultz withdrew ADMs 05-26 re: Special Delegates' Meetings and 05-27 re: Internet Voting.

No Action - ADM 05-26 (Don Schultz, FL): Article V Section 8. Special Delegates Meeting is modified to include starting on the third line after "... by more than half the members of the Executive Board" the following: "or by a signed petition of 1/3 of the delegates." **WITHDRAWN**

No Action - ADM 05-27 (Don Schultz, FL): The delegates instruct the Executive Board to study Internet Voting and develop a procedure that will result in Internet voting for EB members commencing with the 2007 elections. **WITHDRAWN**

Mike Nolan presented a substitute for ADM 05-28. The original motion was worded as follows:

“ADM05-28 - (Mike Nolan, NE) - TD certification at the club level may be renewed providing:

1. The certification has been lapsed for at least two years.
2. The individual has not served as the chief TD, assistant chief TD or as a section chief during the last four years.”

The substitute wording, which passed without discussion, is shown below.

DM05-33 - ADM 05-28

TD certification at the Club level may be renewed for three years providing that the TD takes and passes an exam approved by TDCC. (There is no experience or rating requirement, Club TDs meeting the rating and directing experience requirements are encouraged to take the Local TD exam.) **PASSED** Please note: The actual vote took place after the vote on the next motion.

Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA-N) presented her motion to seed the highest finishing female in the US Senior Open into the US Women's Championship. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were Larry Cohen, Carol Jarecki, George John, Beatriz Marinello, Tony Pabon, Don Schultz, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Steve Shutt, and Sam Sloan. **George John** moved to refer the motion to the Executive Board with input from the Women's Chess and Senior Chess committees.

DM05-34 – NDM05-40 - Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA-N) - The highest finishing female in the Senior Open is seeded into the U.S. Women's Championship. **REFERRED to the Executive Board with input from the Women's Chess and Senior Chess Committees.**

Steve Shutt then read a motion made by **Mike Nolan** on behalf of the Election Procedures Committee, which would give the Board the option to use a mail ballot instead of ballots in *Chess Life*, but not mandate their use. **Harold Winston** indicated that the Bylaws Workshop favored it 18-0. Gerry Dullea offered a friendly amendment to remove the requirement for a first class mailing in the original wording, after which the motion passed.

DM05-35 – NDM 05-41 – Mike Nolan/ Election Procedures Committee - Revise Bylaws to permit the use of a separate mailing of ballots in lieu of having the ballot in *Chess Life*. The Executive Board shall select the ballot distribution method to be used. This will affect Article VI Sections 5A & 5B and Section 9 plus Article V Section 5. **PASSED**

Beatriz Marinello read a motion made by **Mike Nolan** on behalf of the Election Procedures Committee, which would require USCF membership to be current as of May 31 of the election year. Harold Winston indicated that at the Bylaws Workshop the vote was 17 -0-1 in favor. The motion passed with no further discussion.

DM05-36 – NDM 05-42 - Mike Nolan/ Election Procedures Committee - Revise Article IV Section 2: Replace "By the last day of the month in which balloting is to begin" to May 31st of the year in which the election is being held. **PASSED**

Beatriz Marinello read a motion co-sponsored by 17 Delegates regarding the 2007 US Open. **Jerry Hanken** presented the motion. **Tim Redman** offered a friendly amendment to the original wording, which would replace "direct" with "request" and add "if appropriate", before "renegotiate". This was accepted by all co-sponsors present. Discussion ensued. Larry Cohen, Jerry Hanken, Cindy Hawkinson, George John, Myron Lieberman, Tony Pabon, Tim Redman, and Harold Winston were among the participants. **Larry Cohen** called the question. **George John** seconded. **Cindy Hawkinson** objected. A vote was taken and the question was called.

DM05-37 – NDM 05-43 - Jerry Hanken (CA) for 17 co-sponsors listed below - The Delegates request the Executive Board to review and, if appropriate, renegotiate the 2007 U.S. Open contract (Cherry Hill, New Jersey). The Board will have the power to act. **PASSED**

Co-Sponsors were:

Phyllis Benjamin (NY)	Guy Hoffman (WI)
James Berry (S.Cal)	Randall Hough (S.Cal)
Frank Berry (OK)	Mikhail Korenman (KS)
Walter Buehl (NY)	M.A. Lieberman (AZ)
Michael Carr (S.Cal)	Rachel Lieberman (AZ)
Larry Cohen (IL)	Jim Mennella (NY)
Carl Haessler (OR)	Michael Nagaran (S.Cal)
Jerry Hanken (S.Cal)	Tony Pabon (N.Cal)
	Arlen Walker (IL)

Sam Sloan (NY-D) presented a motion re: resignations that take place close to or during a Delegates' Meeting. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were George John, Beatriz Marinello, Steve Shutt, Sam Sloan, and Harold Winston. **Sam Sloan** pointed out that only one person elected to a four year term has completed their four year term (Steve Shutt, who received a round of applause). It was called out from the floor that **Bob Smith** had also completed a four year term. Please note that former President **Bob Smith** also completed a four year term without resigning, but did not attend his last Delegates' Meeting. **George John** moved to refer the motion to the Bylaws Committee. The motion was referred.

DM05-38 – NDM 05-44 – Sam Sloan (NY-D) - If an Executive Board member resigns within five months before a Delegates Meeting or during the Delegates Meeting, then the Delegates at this meeting will elect a board member to fulfill the empty spot until the following year by which time a new election can be held. **REFERRED to the Bylaws Committee.**

Sam Sloan provided another motion, NDM05-45, which would have the Delegates at this meeting name a replacement for a Board member who has resigned within the last five months. The motion was moot but should be included with the previous referral to the Bylaws Committee.

Moot– NDM 05-45 – Sam Sloan (NY-D) - Effective immediately, the Delegates will conduct an election to determine the replacement for one year of the unexpired term of any member of the Executive Board who has resigned during the Delegates Meeting or within five months before the Delegates Meeting. **Moot**

Beatriz Marinello introduced a motion re: ratification sponsored by **Sam Sloan**. **Harold Winston** explained that his ratification motion, DM05-09, had been deferred until the Delegates could receive the minutes of the July 20, 2005, EB conference call. Those minutes subsequently had been distributed on Saturday prior to final consideration of DM05-09. DM05-09 was later brought up for discussion and passed. The Chair ruled that the motion was moot as the ratification motion had already passed. **Sam Sloan** appealed the ruling of the Chair. The ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Moot – NDM 05-46 – Sam Sloan (NY-D) - Until such time as the minutes and the transcripts of any meetings of the Executive Board between August 2004 and August 2005 are posted on the website or are made available to the Delegates, the

Delegates decline to ratify the decisions made by the Executive Board at those meetings. **MOOT**

Beatriz Marinello read a motion co-sponsored by seven Delegates to implement four items listed below. Sponsor **Bill Goichberg** presented the motion. **Larry Cohen** moved to refer to the Executive Board, the Finance Committee, and the Scholastic Committee for review. There was no second. Discussion ensued. Among the participants were Larry Cohen, Bill Goichberg, George John, Tim Just, Mike Nietman, Tony Pabon, Luis Salinas, Steve Shutt, and Harold Winston. **Tim Just** called the question. There was a vote and the question was called and subsequently passed.

DM05-39 – NDM 05-47 - Bill Goichberg, Robert Tanner, Sunil Weermantry, Mike Nietman, Dewain R. Barber (S.CA), Mikhail Korenman, Steve Shutt.

1. The Economy Scholastic Membership for \$13 is removed from the Bylaws, but is retained as a promotional membership.
2. The Executive Board is instructed to continue offering the above Economy Scholastic promotional membership for the next year as long as USCF offers no separate scholastic publication.
3. If USCF begins to offer a separate scholastic publication at least bimonthly, then the Executive Board is authorized to discontinue offering the Economy Scholastic promotional membership, except as indicated in #4 below.
4. If the free memberships provided by the US Chess Trust are exhausted, the Economy Scholastic rate shall be available to students meeting the Trust's criteria. **PASSED**

The annual motion to continue promotional memberships was inadvertently left out of the advance agenda published in the *Delegates' Call*. **Harold Winston** presented it at this time. Mike Nolan summarized current promotional memberships. He mentioned a \$38 promotional rate, a \$44 rate for early renewals, a \$44 for continuing membership, a Young Adult plan, and a college plan. George John, Mike Nolan, Tony Pabon, Ernie Schlich, Sam Sloan, and Harold Winston participated in the discussion. George John called the question after which the motion passed.

DM05-40 – NDM 05-48 – (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 2004-05 and authorize their continuance. **PASSED**

The new officers were then installed. Steve Shutt and Elizabeth Shaughnessy left the dais to a round of applause. Bill Goichberg, Joel Channing, Robert Tanner, and Greg Shahade were called to the dais and received a round of applause and were individually introduced. Another round of applause was given.

Harold Winston then thanked those people listed below. Please note: **Larry Cohen** offered the last line, which **Harold Winston** accepted.

DM05-41 – NDM 05-49 – (Harold Winston, IL) The Delegates give a vote of thanks to:

1. Beatriz Marinello for ably presiding over the USCF Delegate's Meeting;
2. Michael Nolan for his service as Parliamentarian;
3. Myron and Rachel Lieberman and Pat Knight for their services as Secretary for the Meeting (Please note: Joan Dubois also helped get motions typed and Peggy Stephens and Mike Nolan helped with registration. They are also thanked.)
4. Mike Nolan and Peter Tamburro for supervising the USCF elections vote count; and
5. Diane Reese for organizing this successful US Open at Phoenix Arizona.
6. Bill Goichberg and Beatriz Marinello for their help running the USCF office during the past year.

PASSED with a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM. It was announced that the new Executive Board would hold an open forum at 4:10 PM.

APPENDIX A – 2005 ELECTION REPORT TO THE DELEGATES BY CHIEF TELLER PETER TAMBURRO

Background: Originally, Glenn Petersen and Pete Tamburro were appointed to supervise the 2005 ballot counting process. Due to Glenn Petersen's ill health, he was unable to attend the ballot count. He did, however, communicate via email and phone his thoughts on what to do. Mike Nolan was asked to come in and assist Pete Tamburro.

Counting Eve Meeting: Pete Tamburro held a pre-counting meeting on Tuesday evening with staff and any interested candidates or parties. Decisions were made by the chief teller based on input from those attending. The ballots were to be divided into A, B and C categories for, respectively, Chess Life mailing, new member (May and June) mailing and the second mailing because of the 5,000 ballots that went out with no inked address label. We had been informed to count the first Chess Life ballot if two were sent in. We were told to be as inclusive as possible. As a result, the chief teller decided, based on the discussion and the apparent circumstances, that the following decisions would be best: if we could determine that it was the ballot of an eligible USCF member and they had voted, we would count the vote. The bylaws merely state that you should

authenticate by the label, but at that point we were looking at the possibility of hundreds even thousands of ballots without machine labels. To disenfranchise eligible members voting in good faith who had done nothing wrong but fill in a blank would not be proper. As it turned out there would be only 269 such ballots, so it has become a moot point. The chief teller also recommended, based on a spread sheet provided by the E.D., that we would use the computer program to enter every voter and thereby check for duplicates. We later found 440 duplicates. The chief teller also recommended that a report of all voters' names be listed on line so as to keep the process as open as possible. It was also decided, as a result of the meeting (no votes were taken; full responsibility goes to chief teller) to not separate the ballots voting portion from the name because at the time it was believed that the election would be close and any charges of election fraud in the counting or voting could be better checked if everything stayed as intact as practicable.

Counting Day, Wednesday: Ballots were sorted according to region and type of ballot: A, B, C; as noted above. This validation process, which determined eligibility and duplication took a day and a half. The end of the day brought the storage and sealing of all materials into boxes for overnight storage with the chief teller. Several candidates and interested parties viewed the procedures.

Counting Day, Thursday: We finished the validation process and started the tallies. We used three person teams: one to read each vote count and write-ins. Two to tally and then double check each other. As we finished each region, results were posted in the room and available for public view.

Counting Day, Friday: We finished the tallies and had complete regional totals by 8 p.m. The sealed results and ballots were sent with the chief teller. The write-ins were to be typed by the USCF office staff.

The chief teller would like to recommend to the delegates that the following people receive the thanks of the delegates:

Executive Director Bill Hall for providing critical technical assistance.

Mike Nolan for being a last minute and invaluable addition to the team.

The tellers, Claudia Couser, Nancy Evans, Dale Lein, Roger Inglis, Ken Thomas, Joan Dubois, Pat Knight, John Dutton, Mike Somers, Stephanie Colley and Diana Krautter, for performing a prodigious task in just three days, most working from 9 a.m. in the morning until 10 p.m. at night.

Statistical Review:

Received Ballots by the deadline: 6,008

Duplicates: 440

Non-inked ballots from Chess Life: 265

Invalid ballots: 104

Breakdown of "non-inked" ballots by region:

1: 44 2: 50 3: 28 4: 4 5: 1 6: 0 7: 12

8: 0 9: 11 10: 1 11: 96 12: 19

Non-regional: 3 Total: 269

APPENDIX B – JUDY MISNER'S LETTER TO DELEGATES REGARDING CROSSVILLE

I have been employed with US Chess since October 12, 1970, just shy of 35 years. I first started under the Executive Director, Ed Edmondson, and continued on after many others.

In July 2002 at Cherry Hill, it was made public that the US Chess would be relocating. Talk of Miami, Palm Beach Gardens, and the list went on from there as to the new location filled the air.

When I first heard about Crossville, my thoughts were, "What do they have in Crossville, except Harry Sabine, and where is it?" After my first trip to Crossville, I fell in love with the area, the people and was totally blown away by all the Chess activity, as well as the economy.

Before my husband and I decided to make the move, we did some checking about Crossville and the surrounding areas. We were and still are, extremely delighted.

It was very hard decision to make as we had always lived in the New Windsor/Newburgh area all of our lives. If you want a place that is beautiful, where people still wave and say Hello, and where family values are held in a high regard, Crossville is the place. The other relocated employees feel the same way. The economy here is fantastic compared to New York and some of the other places that I have researched.

The employees that we have been fortunate enough to have hired are just fabulous and there Chess experience is tremendous! Their hearts are filled with Chess, and their love and dedication to the Federation shows in their work performance and their overall well-being. I could not be happier with our decisions.

I see all the comments people make on the web about Crossville and what to expect here but my advice is please do not judge a town that you have not seen. I would not be very surprised, if you all would take the time to visit Crossville, that you also would see and appreciate all it has to offer, not only to individuals and families, but to US Chess.

As I close this letter, let me just express the hope that all of you realize the changes that US Chess has experienced over the years. Let's all take any negative energy, and turn it into possible energy and put it into promoting Chess all across the Country. Let's accept the fact that there is nothing wrong with the US Chess Federation National Headquarters being located in Crossville, Tennessee!!!!

Sincerely,

Judy Misner, Chief Business Officer & Personnel Director

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