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# USCF MISSION STATEMENT

The USCF is a not-for-profit membership organization devoted to extending the role of chess in American society.

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

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

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

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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by *Beatriz Marinello*

I would like to begin this report by thanking my fellow Board Members, Committee members and all the Volunteers who contributed to the USCF in this fiscal year.

The best news of the year is that the USCF is a financially viable organization once again. The process of achieving this goal required making very tough decisions and micromanaging the office's operations to influence the necessary steps to make the USCF financially viable. These steps included: reorganizing the office, outsourcing the book and equipment business, and relocating the Headquarters.

My experience as a former employee gave me a very good understanding of the office and its problems. I do not claim that by now all the problems have been solved. Later in this report I will further elaborate on the upcoming challenges.

For the last two years it was necessary to micromanage the office, but I do not believe this is a good government and management practice. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to share my thoughts on this important subject.

## **RETHINKING USCF GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

We need strong boards and we need strong executives as well. Robert Gale made a very interesting observation that fully applies to the current situation of the USCF:

"Many boards are either too weak to accomplish anything or so strong they wind up managing the organization." When increased strength is dysfunctional, the solution is not, of course, to weaken the strong. It's better that the blessing of strong engine be augmented by an improved chassis, not "solved" by shorting a few spark plugs. When their strength causes boards not to do their job better but to intrude into the jobs of others, something is awry in the design. We must take a fresh look at the governance concepts and the board-management partnership. The stark truth of Gale's comment is reason enough for a new model of governance.

When chief executives are increasingly skilled as managers while their boards are not increasingly skilled as governors, leadership becomes a brittle commodity or, at worst, a mockery. Executives may end up patronizing the board in order to manage well. Boards can be led to busy pursuits that interfere as little as possible with management.

The resulting scenario is not unlike that of a very mature child dealing skillfully with an immature parent.

I have been a very strong President. Being President of this organization has cost me years of my life. Many of you have been reading on the Internet all the vicious personal attacks against me. I do not claim to be always right, but I can say that I am a person with vision and love for the USCF.

For many years, the USCF has been undergoing a government and management crisis. Previous boards did the best they could, but they were unable to solve the identity crisis of the organization and recognize the problems. They were reluctant to make the decisions necessary to bring the USCF back on track.

In my opinion, the current USCF's government and management models became dysfunctional for the following reasons:

- 1) Non-existence of a yearly-based business plan, which includes the criteria for assessment and accountability.
- 2) Political powerhouses influencing the policy-making and-shaping process.

3) Leaders who made political decisions which were not the best for the USCF.

4) Lack of appropriate channels of communications with our members and the rest of the chess community.

## **HOW DO I PROPOSE TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS?**

1) The USCF went from a fiscal crisis into a membership crisis. The organization needs to develop a business plan based on addressing membership issues and providing a support system for chess groups across the nation.

2) Leaders of the USCF need to understand the importance of thinking globally and acting globally. This way of thinking made me believe that the USCF should be in the information business.

The USCF should be the national organization which manages information and resources and allows equal opportunities for chess organizations and members.

3) The USCF needs to develop and implement the systems for assessment and accountability starting from the Delegates to the Executive Board, the Executive Board to the Executive Director, the Executive Director to senior staff, and senior staff to other employees in the office.

4) The relocation of the USCF to a more "centralized area in the USA" should be sending a clear message: We are a national organization, not a New York organization.

5) Accepting the fact that our future is in our young players. Scholastic chess is not a second-class citizen anymore; it's the most vibrant component of the organization which allows more exposure to young players to the game. The USCF is a membership organization. The way to build our membership base is by inserting chess as part of American culture, making chess one of the most important hobbies for American society. For this we need role models and incentives to keep our players in the game. The bottom line is that a chess profession is not a suitable choice for our young players. Intelligent and well-educated people can become very successful in other professions with far less effort than is required for a young player to become a grandmaster. However, we cannot dismiss the fact that chess is a fascinating game that could become people's passion and help them to keep their brains active and their spirit motivated. "Chess is the gymnasium of the mind," according to Blaise Pascal.

One of our challenges is to support our young talented players, keeping them motivated. My last statement does not mean that the USCF should be training players and work on a local level. Although this is possible, a more useful way to utilize our resources is to actively engage in partnerships with groups which could provide these services and certify coaches to maintain minimum professional standards. Scholarships for college educations are essential to motivate our young players to continue playing chess.

6) The USCF should not be in the business of competing with tournament organizers. Quite the opposite. We should support their efforts. Having said this, it's quite important to maintain the quality of our national events.

7) What can we offer to our adult players? About a year ago we had a meeting with the owner of Internet Chess Club. Lilya Lorren asked me why people should become members of the USCF. I quickly replied because they can get a national rating, a national publication, and play in events sanctioned by the USCF. Sadly, the truth is people do not have the time

or money to play over-the-board chess in massive numbers. Over-the-board chess has a ceiling determined by time and financial resources. Playing chess over the Internet is more convenient for people, although research made by Internet companies shows that many people are moving from Internet chess to OTB chess. The challenge is to offer enough value so we can keep these players. Internet chess is replacing chess clubs. So what can we do? First of all, find the way to interrelate Internet chess with over-the-board chess or the other way around; secondly, build up a chess community which has strong social elements such as friendly environment, business connections (this is the case of golf) and well coordinated chess structure (for example, chess leagues such as the European Chess League and the Commercial Leagues in Latino-America). Playing chess in the USA is very expensive. If people play in open tournaments, it is sort of like gambling, players trying to see if they can win a cash prize. There's nothing wrong with the concept. It works because people are willing to pay for it, but the problem is that people have only x dollars per year to play in these events. Therefore, the current economic model for chess tournaments in the USA needs to include sponsorships and finding the human resources to allow for these systems to be developed.

8) Political games must stop. It's a shame that some of our leaders validate the attacks of challenged people by leaking information to manipulate information presented to our community through the Internet.

9) The USCF should have channels of communication between our leaders and our membership through our website. I plead guilty for playing the game in the last six months; there was no other way to communicate our side of the story. I was shocked when I saw private e-mail communications between board members posted on the Internet and being used to influence public opinion.

The most important decisions made by the Executive Board in the 2004-5 fiscal year were: Finding a new location for the USCF Headquarters and hiring an Executive Director.

**RELOCATION OF THE USCF HEADQUARTERS TO CROSSVILLE, TN**

Once the decision to relocate the USCF to Crossville, TN was ratified by the Executive Board, it was time to act on the decision.

In this fiscal year, we relocated all the departments of the USCF office, except for the Publications Department that will be moving to Crossville once the building is ready in 2006.

I am attaching the information about the cost of relocation and time table for the construction of the New Headquarters of the USCF in Crossville. The Board worked very hard to keep the costs of the move to Crossville in line and under budget. I even volunteered to serve as the relocation coordinator and Chief Operation Officer for five months. Throughout this process, questions were raised about my motives and expenses. A report on my expenses related to the service in the office can be found at the end of the Executive Board minutes. I have been a full-time president who volunteered thousands of hours of my time for the last two years. If anyone questions my motivations, I have a clear answer for them. I have been serving on the Board only because of my love for chess and my commitment to the well-being of the organization. I made many personal sacrifices. It was my choice to run for the Board, and I appreciate the fact that the membership voted in favor of having me as a Board member.

All Board members deserve tremendous credit for their services as volunteers. Somehow, serving on the Board seems to

entitle some people to abuse us for their personal amusement.

Summarizing, in conjunction with the relocation, we reorganized the office, continued to upgrade technology, and executed a move below the budgeted cost.

**HIRING A PERMANENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Executive Board decided to appoint Bill Hall as USCF Executive Director. Bill Hall is a very bright and energetic person, and the USCF will greatly benefit from his services. The organization needs a period of stability. Bill Hall is the right person for this position, and he has both the intelligence and passion for chess. The Executive Director's position is a very difficult job; it requires vision, good management and people skills, basic financial knowledge, and a tremendous level of commitment and dedication.

**OUR CHALLENGES FOR THE 2005-6 FISCAL YEAR**

- 1) Addressing membership issues by making a comprehensive business plan. This plan should be linked to a proactive and dynamic marketing plan.
- 2) Rethink and redesign the format of *Chess Life*.
- 3) Redesign USCF's website to make it more user-friendly and introduce new marketing and promotional tools.
- 4) Business plan for scholastic and youth chess.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY**

The financial performance of the Executive Board can be assessed by the results of the auditors' report. Financial management of the organization goes far beyond one decision. It's about keeping a sure and steady financial course.

Politically speaking we had a very interesting year. Overall, five members of the Executive Board were mostly willing to compromise and make consensual agreements.

One final comment, I decided to make public the information about the legal fees that the USCF paid in this fiscal year. The message is if you are going to engage in legal action against our organization, you should know that this translates into expenses that are paid by our membership.

Yours for Chess,

Beatriz Marinello  
President, U.S. Chess Federation

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Greetings,

Currently it has been less than two weeks since I embarked on this exciting and challenging journey. As such, rather than inundate you with operational details, I prefer to take a moment to share a little of my vision and goals for the next year. In the short term, my focus is on three major areas:

- Practice sound fiscal management
- Complete the building project and facilitate the move into the new facilities
- Address the decline in membership

First and foremost, the USCF has had a difficult climb out of serious financial trouble. Currently we are in a stable cash position heading into the slower months, and the budget projections portend positive prospects for the future. The key to preserving the healthy financial picture is to maintain tight control on expenses while seeking appropriate areas for generating new revenue. I see the potential for several untapped revenue sources; however, we must maintain a focus on who we are and what we are about. We exist to promote chess. We need to remain focused on this and not venture too far afield.

In order to be successful in our endeavors, we must have a rock solid foundation. This includes completing the construction of our new building, moving in, and addressing our technological and organizational needs. Thanks to Mike Nolan's efforts we have a good start on developing technological solutions, and yet this is only the tip of the iceberg of what we can do.

Members... That is why we exist. My focus here is, again, threefold: **Regain, Obtain, and Retain**. The best opportunity for us to drive adult membership in the short term is to **Regain** the members that we have lost in recent years. Therefore, I am working to continue to enhance outreach efforts to former members. To recapture the trust of these individuals, we must build a reputation as a professional organization. We must win back their trust. An organization's image is analogous to a person's reputation. We must redefine our image to be a professional, member-services-driven organization that is passionate about promoting chess. And once we have built such a reputation, we must defend it with every fiber of our being. That is how we get our members back.

Improving our reputation also is key to **Retaining** members. We must constantly stay focused on the quality of our member services. This includes improvements in communication with our members. We have four main ways that we interface with our members: our member services staff, our tournaments, *Chess Life*, and our website. We have a wonderful staff here in Crossville, and I have already received many compliments from members on the job that they are doing. Many of them are new to the job and are still learning so there will be occasional mistakes. Judge us by how we respond to those mistakes and know that we are constantly

striving to serve you better. Our national tournaments are crucial to establishing our

image and celebrating the culmination of our efforts in chess promotion. *Chess Life* has always been dear to my heart and we have an excellent group of dedicated individuals in New Windsor. Since I was a young scholastic player, it has been like a birthday each month when my magazine arrived. Can *Chess Life* be improved? Certainly. Should it be competition to other magazines, such as NIC? No. It is our membership's newsletter and should provide quality content and instruction; however, we cannot lose sight of the many purposes it must fulfill. For our website, I plan major renovations and service enhancements. Unfortunately, the USCF missed the boat over the last 15 years on the internet revolution, and we are playing catch up. I feel this area is crucial for the future of the USCF and chess in general. If we utilize the potential of the internet, it can be an incredible tool for our goals. If we ignore it, it will kill us.

How do we **Obtain** new members? For adults, we must provide opportunities to learn to play through the internet and other outreach efforts. The most important and most effective methods for obtaining new members are through scholastic outreach and chess as a part of the curriculum efforts. Chess has tremendous benefit for our youth and for our schools, not to mention that this will be our future adult membership market. In order to accomplish serious movement in these areas; we must organize the wonderful efforts that are currently ongoing, develop the infrastructure of teacher education programs and coach/sponsor certification, and establish duplicatable step-by-step procedures for implementing both after school and curriculum-based programs.

All three of the aforementioned areas of focus for membership need a major boost from intense exposure through all forms of media, particularly television and internet. Using the promotion strategies that have been successful for other games recently as a model, we can and will develop a powerful plan to take the exposure of chess to new heights.

This is a very brief synopsis of my vision for the short term efforts of the USCF. I believe my, and my staff's, role is to provide leadership, guidance, organization, and structure for the common goals of the organization. Of course, what really drives our success is the grass-roots efforts of so many clubs, organizers, affiliates, sponsors, and enthusiasts around the country and world. I am excited about this opportunity to serve the chess community and I have no doubt that we can all accomplish incredible things together.

I look forward to seeing you in Phoenix!

Sincerely,

Bill Hall  
USCF Executive Director

# FINANCE REPORT

by *Tim Hanke, Vice President of Finance*  
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*contributed to this report*

## INTRODUCTION

The financial recovery of the USCF continues for a second straight year. The unaudited financial statements show a healthy surplus. Even without the gain from the sale of our office building, we appear to have had another good year.

Two years ago we couldn't pay the U.S. Open prizes in a timely fashion, and we came close to bankruptcy. Now we have so much cash, we have had to open multiple bank accounts so all our funds will be federally insured.

New technology for the online submission of membership dues and tournament rating reports has improved our technical operations. As more Tournament Directors use the online TD/Affiliate areas, we expect to enjoy greater operational efficiency in these key areas.

## BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT OUTSOURCING

The outsourcing of our retail book and equipment operation has turned a money-losing endeavor into a profit center. Unfortunately, the outsourcing agreement negotiated last year by Executive Director Bill Goichberg seems to be in trouble, due to unrealistic financial projections. This is exactly what I told the Executive Board would happen, but Bill's rosy projections dazzled most people's eyes. Despite his oft-repeated assurance that the agreement "guarantees USCF a minimum of \$350,000," in practice this "guaranteed minimum" has turned out to be not so easy to collect. I believe this outsourcing agreement, if it survives, will have to be renegotiated into a form less favorable to USCF. Even after outsourcing, our book and equipment operation continues to be a major source of uncertainty in USCF's budget.

## HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION

The first phase of the office move to Crossville, Tennessee, was near completion by fiscal year end. Total to-date direct cost associated with the move was \$101,000. This figure includes the cost of moving office furniture and equipment and the personal belongings of employees who chose to move with the USCF. Also included are severance pay and accrued vacation pay for the employees not moving. While not necessarily a cost of the move, the purchase of new office computers totaling \$16,000 is also included.

The \$16,000 cost for new computers was capitalized, while the remaining \$85,000 related to the move affects the bottom line for the fiscal year just ended. USCF was able to fund these one-time costs from current-year operations, a good indication of our improving financial health.

The long-term impact of the move will have a positive impact on the bottom line. Lower operating costs in the Crossville, Tennessee, area as compared to New Windsor, New York, will create savings in payroll and employee benefits, and just about every purchased service.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT OF ONLINE SUBMISSIONS

With nearly 75 percent of tournament reports being submitted online by fiscal year-end, the workload within the office was lightened. As a result, the USCF was able to hire fewer employees in Crossville than were employed in New Windsor.

Cash flow is also improved by the use of credit cards to pay for memberships and tournament rating fees when the tournament is uploaded to the USCF. An unanticipated impact is better enforcement of the requirement that players in USCF-rated events be current members.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS

With the sale of the building in New Windsor, the USCF has reestablished cash reserves for the LMA. Approximately \$515,000 has been invested in short-term money market and bank certificates of deposit. The financial obligation to Life Members, which mainly consists of providing them with *Chess Life* magazine, is currently able to be funded from operations without need to draw down the LMA cash reserves. If present trends continue, USCF should be able gradually to rebuild the LMA account, which was wiped out during our catastrophic financial losses of 1996–2003.

## CONCLUSION

The USCF is on the right road leading to financial health. When the move to Crossville is completed, and as we continue to move more services online, the USCF will be in a stronger financial position to fulfill its mission of supporting chess throughout the country.

The danger, especially with the membership of USCF's Executive Board constantly changing, is that we will not stay on the right road. If we are to preserve USCF for those who come after us, we must be good stewards of our financial resources. We must budget conservatively and spend cautiously. Two years ago we almost had to turn out the lights: As we move forward into a brighter future, let's not forget the lessons of the recent past.

# Computerization: Year two, some promises met, some not yet

by Mike Nolan

Last year I outlined the state of the USCF's computer upgrade. This is a somewhat shorter update, what happened during the last 12 months, and what didn't happen.

First the good news. Well over half of the USCF memberships processed in the last year were submitted online, either through the USCF website or through the TD/Affiliate Support Area. The new ratings programming went into production use on Valentine's Day and has generally been well-received. Online submission of rating reports is also a reality, and online submission accounted for over half of the tournaments rated in March-May.

A BIG pat on the back should go to the TDs who have been getting their events submitted online, sometimes the same day their event ended. The online submission process adds to a TD's workload at the end of the event, a time when most TDs are ready for a well-earned rest. I hope players appreciate and continue to appreciate that extra effort and not treat it as a given.

Rerating of events to place them into true chronological order has been a bit more controversial, though the overall impact on the average USCF rating has been negligible, as expected.

We can also correct events after they're rated, though that is not yet something that TDs can do for themselves, so it has increased the workload on the USCF office somewhat. We're concentrating on correcting recent events (those that ended in 2004 or later) rather than ones from several years ago, because those are the ones that are the most likely to have an impact upon someone's current rating.

Now the not-so-good news. The long-needed update to the membership and tournament registration section of the website is still in the development stage. Similarly, online tournament announcements are also in the early beta testing stage. Both of these are areas that I hope to have functional by the time the Delegates meet in August.

Why the delays? A combination of factors. First, those tasks proved far more difficult and time-consuming than I had anticipated, and raised a number of operational issues, some that still need to be solved. For that matter, so did the ratings system rewrite, just getting the new programming to produce the same ratings as the previous system took several months of writing, testing and rewriting.

The move of the USCF offices from New York to Tennessee took a lot of time away from development efforts, too. However, I think it was time well-spent, because the new office organizational structure, along with online membership and ratings submission, has virtually eliminated the backlog that we had in processing both memberships and rating reports. When the new membership website finally gets done, I expect that even more memberships will be entered online rather than mailed to the USCF.

There will be a presentation on the new features during the workshops at the U.S. Open, last year's sessions were well-attended and helpful both to the participants and as feedback to me on what had been done. I expect this year's session will be just as instructional and spirited.



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# U.S. CHESS TRUST REPORT

by Chairman Harold J. Winston

The U.S. Chess Trust is a federally tax exempt 501(c)(3) Massachusetts Trust which supports chess nationwide. Your donations support many worthwhile charitable causes. The Trust continues to benefit from the wise counsel of our Chairman Emeritus, Harold Dondis of Massachusetts. We mourn the passing last January of longtime trustee and former President GM Arnold S. Denker of Florida, who was devoted to encouraging scholastic and junior chess. Arnold's son, Mitchell Denker, shares his father's concerns and has joined us as a Trustee and is supporting the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, held every year in conjunction with the U.S. Open. We also welcome former Trustee Tim Redman back on the Trust; Tim is responsible for the magnificent chess program at the University of Texas at Dallas.

In another transition, Robert Tanner of Utah is now our Scholastic Vice President, replacing Pete Nixon of Michigan who resigned from the Trust. Pete was a very active Scholastic Vice President and had a major impact on Trust policies. We will miss Pete!

I also note with regret the passing of GM Leonid Shamkovich, one of our most recent inductees into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame. Last August many Delegates and players in the U.S. Open enjoyed their visit to the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum, in Miami, Florida. Chess players worldwide have praised this fine museum, maintained by the work of Shane Samole, Al Lawrence, Sharon Samole and others, and supported by the U.S. Chess Trust. I want to thank Trust Treasurer Steve Doyle for his advice and support.

The structural independence of the U.S. Chess Trust has become a full reality this year. The USCF Executive Board gave up their veto power over removal of Trustees and their role in appointing trustees. I commend USCF President Beatriz Marinello and Chess Trust liaison Steve Shutt for their help with the structural changes. Our trustees serve without compensation.

This year the Trust initiated one new program and support for a new event. In cooperation with the New Jersey State Chess Federation, the Trust donated chess sets to Americans serving in our armed forces abroad. Also the Trustees voted to donate \$1000 towards the prize fund of the Susan Polgar Invitational Tournament for Girls, held at the same time and place as the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. The Polgar Invitational had a highly successful inaugural at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida last year due to the fine work of GM Susan Polgar and Paul Truong.

The Trust supports school and junior chess nationwide by donating chess sets and boards to schools, providing some free USCF memberships to needy students, and by backing American participants in recognized international junior and youth competitions. The Trust also supports the U.S. Olympiad teams. We are also proud of the Scholar Chessplayer Program, which gives scholarship awards

to high school seniors based on academic and chess achievement. The Trust also contributed to the Collegiate "Final Four." I note a special contribution by Trustee Joel Channing towards American participants in the World Youth.

Our Managing Director, Barbara DeMaro, an independent contractor, has worked on a number of important projects this year, including designing and obtaining Chess Trust banners, soliciting donations and matching grants, maintaining financial records, and taking over the many duties formerly performed by Barb Vandermark, including administering the Samford Fellowship fund, processing requests for chess sets and free memberships, coordinating with our supplier, Excalibur, and processing donations. At the SuperNationals in Nashville, Tennessee, this past April, Barbara was interviewed by radio and television media and visited with many parents and scholastic coaches to discuss the Trust and its work. She appeared for 30 minutes on WSM, a flagship station of country music, and brought former World Champion Karpov and GM Susan Polgar on the show with her. She also made a presentation to the general manager of the Opryland Hotel. Both Barbara and I spoke at the public opening ceremony of the SuperNationals, attended by about 1000 people, and we, along with Trustees Joel Channing and Robert Tanner, attended a working dinner meeting with the Scholastic Council and USCF President Marinello, Vice President Steve Shutt, and Secretary Don Schultz. Barbara and I also participated with Dewain Barber and Susan Polgar in a fitting moment of silence for Arnold Denker at the SuperNationals.

Barbara also worked with a donor and marketing expert, Mark Fins of Massachusetts, to print and distributed brochures and pledge cards about the Trust as well as some "Say Yes to Chess" T-shirts and buttons which were distributed at the SuperNationals. I thank Mark for the approximate \$8000 he donated to the Trust for this purpose. Additionally, the Will program that Barbara has worked on has resulted in a recent legacy gift of approximately \$50,000 to the Trust.

Our annual meeting is open to the public. Please join us at the annual Trustees meeting on Thursday afternoon August 11, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. To contact the Trust, e-mail our Managing Director Barbara DeMaro at [bduscf@aol.com](mailto:bduscf@aol.com) or e-mail me at [HJWinston@aol.com](mailto:HJWinston@aol.com).

I thank Treasurer Steve Doyle (NJ), Chairman Emeritus Harold Dondis (MA), President Shane Samole (FL) and all the other trustees and officers: new Scholastic Vice President Robert Tanner (AZ), Assistant Treasurer Jim Eade (N.CA), Joel Channing (FL), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Joe Ippolito (NJ), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Dana Belcher (NY), Tim Redman (TX), and Mitchell Denker (FL) for their work in the past year. The Trustees represent all sections of our nation. Donations should be made to U.S. Chess Trust and can be sent to U.S. Chess Trust, PO Box 838, Wallkill, NY 12589, Attention: Barbara DeMaro.



Say "Yes!" to Chess promotion on 650 WSM Radio.  
L-R: Barbara DeMaro, Susan Polgar, and Keith Bilbrey,  
Grand Ole Opry Announcer.



A moment of silence for GM Arnold Denker at the start of the High School section at the SuperNationals. L-R: Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro, Dewain Barber, GM Susan Polgar, and IA Carol Jarecki.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY 2005 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE MOTIONS

## USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION BY OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE

The following motion was passed by the USCF Executive Board through objections procedure between meetings:

**EB 05-37** – Beatriz Marinello – The Executive Board appoints Gerry Dullea as Acting Editor of *Chess Life Magazine*. This appointment is based on the fact that the current Editor, Glenn Petersen, is recovering from a heart attack. Dr. Dullea will be reporting directly to the Executive Board. **PASSED** by objections procedure.

## MINUTES OF THE MAY 2005 USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The May, 2005, USCF Executive Board Meeting was called to order in closed session at 9:15 AM on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The two finalists for the Executive Director position were interviewed during this session. All Board members were present in person except for Tim Hanke who participated via telephone.

**SATURDAY OPEN SESSION** – The open session for Saturday, May 21, 2005 was called to order at 2:37 PM.

Board members present were President Beatriz Marinello, Vice President Steve Shutt, Secretary Don Schultz, and Members at Large Randy Bauer and Elizabeth Shaughnessy.

Also present were Executive Assistant Pat Knight and Myron and Rachel Lieberman as assistants to the Secretary. Visitors included but were not limited to Stan Booz, Joel Channing, Joan DuBois, Frank Dixon, Bill Hall, Mike Nietman, Robert Tanner, and Hal Terrie.

**Nashville SuperNationals:** Mike Nietman provided a report. He indicated that the hotel in Nashville approached USCF and offered \$100,000 to host the tournament, but the proposed room rate was \$139/night. USCF asked for a lower room rate in exchange for foregoing the \$100,000. The \$100,000 was eliminated and the room rate was lowered to \$129/night. The net to USCF was over \$65,000 after a \$90,000 hotel bill. The turnout of over 5,200 was an increase over the combination of the three scholastic nationals last year. Over 800 turned out for the blitz event and over 700 for bughouse, which overflowed the room. Thanks to Mike Nolan for helping with the online registration.

The two award ceremonies went well, but the event was not rated until Wednesday, although they were trying for Monday. The Scholastic Council presented semi-

nars for coaches and parents, which were well received.

Crowding around posted pairings and noise levels (due to uncarpeted floors and low ceilings) were concerns. The point was also made that unrated players should play in their section. There should be FAQ sheets at “Chess Control” to minimize lines there, and those who staff “Chess Control” should have a good general knowledge.

As an action item, Steve Shutt suggested that the Scholastic Council should ask committee members and coaches how they feel about the SuperNationals. They should work with Jerry Nash.

Several motions were then introduced.

**College Chess Committee** – Don Schultz moved the committee chair’s recommendation.

**EB 05-38** – Don Schultz – The Executive Board appoints the following as the 2005 College Chess Committee:

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**Zachary Cohn**, Co-chair

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**PASSED** 5-0 with Tim Hanke not present.

## FIDE Chess Instruction Titles

**EB 05-39** – Don Schultz and Steve Shutt – The Executive Board authorizes the American Chess University to conduct seminars leading to the three FIDE titles of Chess Instructor, Trainer, and Senior Trainer – **PASSED** 4-0-1 Elizabeth

Shaughnessy Abstained, Tim Hanke not present.

## Proposed limits on authority of employees to contractually commit USCF resources

**EB 05-40** – Beatriz Marinello – The Executive Board mandates the following: Employees of the U.S. Chess Federation, including the Executive Director and Director of Publications, cannot enter into contracts that are greater than \$10,000 or obligate either party for more than 12 months without Executive Board approval or written approval of the President.

Voting was deferred until the following day when a substitute motion was presented.

Beatriz Marinello indicated that the contract for the 2009 SuperNationals in Nashville has been signed.

## Communication of volunteer expenses and meeting records

It was reaffirmed that volunteer expenses will be published in the *Delegates Call* and not in each *Executive Board Newsletter* and that audio files of each meeting’s open sessions will be posted on the website.

**Crossville Move** – Beatriz Marinello provided a progress report on the Crossville move. Expenses included \$35,700 for Salary and Training of personnel (plus \$3,570 in payroll taxes and \$2,900 in employee benefits for a total of \$42,170 in personnel expenses) in addition to \$47,200 for relocation of personnel, \$3,500 for travel and administration, \$7,200 for repairs and maintenance, and \$700 in miscellaneous expenses for a total of \$100,770. The office is now operating efficiently in Crossville, except for Publications, which will move when the new building is ready. Publications will not move to the temporary location.

## Planning Budget for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Randy Bauer introduced Beatriz Marinello’s planning budget proposal, which was then reviewed line by line and discussed. It was noted that the first year of outsourcing book and equipment sales resulted in a loss for Chess Café and they still owe USCF over \$170,000. A conference call will be placed to Hanon Russell on Sunday to discuss this. Beatriz Marinello cautioned against USCF spending money it doesn’t have.

No action was taken at this time. The discussion would continue the following day. An updated copy of the budget is appended to these minutes as Appendix A. Don Schultz left the meeting at 4:21 PM due to a medical problem.

Frank Dixon expressed greetings from the Chess Federation of Canada.

The meeting was recessed at 4:51 PM until 9:03 AM on Sunday, May 22, 2005, at which time the meeting was called to order in closed session to call Hanon Russell regarding the Chess Café outsourcing contract and to finalize the Executive Director selection.

**Sunday – Open Session 1** – The meeting went into open session at 10:30 AM at which time the following motion, which arose from closed session, was presented:

**EB 05-41** – Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Bauer, and Shaughnessy – The Executive Board approves the hiring of Bill Hall, Jr. as Executive Director of the USCF for a period of two years pending satisfactory resolution of negotiations on salary and benefits. **PASSED** 5-1 with Don Schultz opposed.

Don Schultz asked each Board member to make a public statement of the rationale for his or her vote and that Mr. Hall's resume be made a public record. It is appended as Appendix B to these minutes.

Randy Bauer indicated that Mr. Hall can grow into the position and that we need to move forward. He has no reservations with Mr. Hall's resume. He felt that Mr. Hall did not have sufficient overall management experience but might turn out to be very good.

Steve Shutt and Elizabeth Shaughnessy expressed strong support as did Beatriz Marinello.

Beatriz Marinello pointed out that USCF is back on track financially and that the hiring of Mr. Hall is one more improvement. She indicated that we should expect good results.

Tim Hanke indicated that he would provide support for Mr. Hall and that the new Executive Director will grow on the job.

Don Schultz said that Mr. Hall is smart and knows chess, but in his opinion Mr. Hall is unqualified at this time. He felt it would be more prudent to wait.

Tim Hanke disconnected at 10:42 AM. After a break, the meeting resumed in closed session at 11:03 AM and an offer was made to Mr. Hall. *Please note:* Mr. Hall has subsequently accepted the position. A final motion was made by Objections Procedure on May 25 which documented that he would start on June 8. The motion follows these minutes.

**Sunday – Open Session 2** – The meeting recessed for lunch at 1:38 PM and resumed in open session at 2:42 PM. Please note that an effort to resume at 2:35 PM failed due to lack of a quorum after Beatriz Marinello made an unsuccessful attempt to reach Tim Hanke by phone and two other Board members were also

absent. Don Schultz arrived but Steve Shutt had not yet returned and Tim Hanke had not yet re-connected by the time the meeting was called to order.

Others present or visiting the open session included but were not limited to: Harold Bogner, Stan Booz, Joel Channing, Anna Maria De Mahy, Frank Dixon, Joan DuBois, Bill Hall, Pat Knight, Stephen Lampkin, Myron and Rachel Lieberman, Thomas Magar, Mike Nietman, Tony Pabon, Eric Schiller, and Hal Terrie.

The following motion arose from closed session:

**EB 05-42** – Board – The Executive Board is pleased to authorize the following awards for 2005:

**Chess City of the Year** –

Minneapolis, MN

**Chess Club of the Year** – Mechanic's Institute and East Bay Chess Club

**Chess College of the Year** –

U Cal at Berkeley

**Committee of the Year** –

Finance Committee

**Distinguished Service Award** –

Shane Samole

**Frank J. Marshall Ambassador Award** –

Igor Ivanov

**Grandmaster of the Year** –

Hikaru Nakamura

**Honorary Chess Mates** – Doris Barry,

Carol Winston, and Phyllis Benjamin

**Gold Koltanowski Medal** –

Al Blowers (from HB Foundation)

**Meritorious Service Award** –

Herman Drenth

**Organizer of the Year** –

Maurice Ashley

**Outstanding Career Achievement**

**Award** - Ralph Bowman

**Scholastic Organizer of the Year** –

Elizabeth Tejada

**Special Services Award** – Neil Falconer

**Tournament Director of the Year** –

Steve Immitt

**PASSED** 4-0 with Tim Hanke and Steve Shutt not present.

Mike Nietman indicated that Cindy Hawkinson and Aviv Friedman continue on the Scholastic Council, but there are three open positions. An election was held to fill these positions. The top five candidates, in order of finish, were Robert Tanner, Michael Nietman, Steve Shutt, Mikhail Korenman, and John Haskell. Two of the top three are also candidates for USCF Executive Board. If either or both are elected to the Executive Board, the Scholastic Council position will be filled by the candidate next in line from the ordered list.

Beatriz Marinello announced that as of May 31 she will step down as COO and remain as USCF President. She thanked the Senior Staff for their assistance during

the period in which she served as COO.

The following revised wording for motion EB 05-40 was then introduced.

**EB 05-40** – Beatriz Marinello – The Executive Board mandates the following: Employees of the U.S. Chess Federation, including the Executive Director and Director of Publications, cannot enter into contracts that are greater than \$10,000 or obligate either party for more than 12 months without Executive Board approval or written approval of the President. If greater than \$30,000, the approval of the Executive Board is required. If this motion is passed, this policy must be printed in *Chess Life* magazine in every issue and on the USCF website.

**PASSED** 3-0-1 with Beatriz Marinello abstaining and Tim Hanke and Steve Shutt not present. Steve Shutt arrived at 2:54 PM.

Beatriz Marinello presented the schedule for workshops at the U.S. Open for discussion. She agreed to publicize it on the website and in *Chess Life*. Such publicity would include a contact number. No motion was necessary.

Elizabeth Shaughnessy then presented a report on the status of the building project in Crossville. She said that the architect was competent and easy to work with, and that the preliminary drawings for the building were complete. The first cost estimate was high due to the discovery of solid rock close to the surface, which will make digging difficult. Changes were made to cut costs, which included reducing the number of parking places to 24. Roughly \$89,000 was saved. She noted that we should anticipate a 5% increase in costs as unforeseen factors almost always arise in building projects of this nature. The final estimate was \$561,000 for building and land work. Three or four bids will be sought for construction of the building. The timetable has been updated as of May 27 and should be included in the *Delegates Call* and on the website. The anticipated groundbreaking date of August, 2005, and the completion date of March, 2006, were reaffirmed. Please note: The floor plan has been published on the website, in *Chess Life* and in the minutes to the previous meeting.

Tim Hanke joined by telephone at 3:05 PM.

**EB 05-43** – Steve Shutt – Elizabeth Shaughnessy is the official Executive Board liaison to the architect for construction of the building in Crossville. **PASSED** 5-0-1 with Elizabeth Shaughnessy abstaining. Please note that Elizabeth Shaughnessy reviewed her architectural qualifications at the meeting. Her statement of qualifications is included as Appendix C.

Randy Bauer described the differences in written proposals regarding loans from Progressive Bank and Cumberland County Bank. Essentially Progressive was willing to cover the full amount of the construction cost while Cumberland County Bank placed a \$500,000 cap on the amount of the loan. The interest rates differed slightly for the first three years, after which time we can decide which way we want to go for a 15-year loan at 7.25% with no points (same for both). He favored the Progressive proposal as being best for USCF. Joel Channing, who has extensive expertise in this area, does not mind the 7.25% but suggested that an attorney is needed to do the title work. He indicated that the permanent loan is the key and offered his help if asked.

Beatriz Marinello indicated that it was the sense of the Board that Randy Bauer will negotiate with the bank and that Joel Channing will assist in the process.

The budget discussion then resumed. Beatriz Marinello indicated that the

auditor would be visiting the office on June 21. There was no vote taken to adopt the budget, which is appended to these minutes as Appendix A. The Board will complete its budget discussion by conference call.

Eric Schiller then addressed the Board. He indicated that he represented a group of authors, including Arnold Denker, Larry Evans, Ray Keene, Danny Kopec, Tigran Petrosian, Eric Schiller, Robert Snyder, John Watson, and others whose books are not available through Chess Café even though Chess Café is the official USCF store. Eric believes that Chess Café is boycotting publishers and thereby is harming those authors who want their works available through USCF. Eric Schiller indicated that this group is ready to boycott USCF concessions at national events unless they are given consideration, such as free advertising in *Chess Life*. Elizabeth Shaughnessy read a segment of the outsourcing contract which indicated that USCF has a say in what materials should be available to its

members. After extensive discussion, the Board agreed that as an action item Steve Shutt will investigate the allegations and report back to the Board. There was no other action on this issue at this time. As the outsourcing contract is due to be renegotiated, the new contract could clarify this if necessary.

Randy Bauer expressed appreciation to Maurice Ashley for organizing the HB Global Challenge tournament, which he described as a first class tournament. The Board unanimously passed the following motion, which included the sponsors as well.

**EB 05-44** – Board – The Executive Board expresses appreciation to the organizers, including Maurice Ashley, the HB Foundation and Al Blowers for their leadership and excellence in hosting the HB Global Challenge, and looks forward to working with them in future events. **PASSED 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

## APPENDIX A – PLANNING BUDGET

### 2005-06 USCF BUDGET PROPOSAL AND COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	2004-05 ANNUALIZED	MOVING EXPENSES	NET OF MOVING EXPENSES	2005-2006 BUDGET
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
REGULAR	981,000		981,000	
SENIOR	106,000		106,000	
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	8,300		8,300	
MISC. MEMBERSHIP	15,400		15,400	
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	271,500		271,500	
SCHOLASTIC MEMBERSHIP	505,300		505,300	
LIFE & SUSTAINING RECOG	70,500		70,500	
AFFILIATION	61,400		61,400	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE-MEMBERS</b>	<b>2,019,400</b>		<b>2,019,400</b>	<b>1,850,000</b>
SALES REVENUE	15,200		15,200	40,000
B&E OUTSOURCING	350,000		350,000	
TOURNAMENT CONCESSIONS				
<b>TOTAL SALES REVENUES</b>	<b>365,200</b>		<b>365,200</b>	<b>40,000</b>
MAGAZINE REVENUE				
<i>CHESS LIFE</i> SUBSCRIPTIONS	33,300		33,300	
<i>CHESS LIFE</i> NEWSSTAND SALES	7,100		7,100	
<i>CHESS LIFE</i> TLAS FEE	61,000		61,000	
<i>CHESS LIFE</i> ADVERTISING & MISC.	169,100		169,100	
<b>TOTAL MAGAZINE REVENUE</b>	<b>270,500</b>		<b>270,500</b>	<b>270,000</b>
OTHER SERVICES				
RATING FEES/CROSSTABLES	119,400		119,400	
MAILING LIST SALES	15,400		15,400	
CERTIFICATION FEES	700		700	
<b>TOTAL OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>135,500</b>		<b>135,500</b>	<b>136,000</b>
TOURNAMENT REVENUE	538,000		538,000	510,000
CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEES	13,700		13,700	0
SPONSORSHIP	10,700		10,700	
<b>TOTAL TOURNAMENT REVENUES</b>	<b>562,400</b>		<b>562,400</b>	<b>510,000</b>

	2004-05 ANNUALIZED	MOVING EXPENSES	NET OF MOVING EXPENSES	2005-2006 BUDGET
OTHER	3,500		3,500	
ROYALTIES	20,500		20,500	20,000
ENDORSEMENTS			0	
TV/NET RIGHTS			0	
GENERAL DONATIONS	3,000		3,000	3,000
EXHIBITIONS	13,100		13,100	
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>40,100</b>		<b>40,100</b>	<b>23,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,393,100</b>		<b>3,393,100</b>	<b>2,829,000</b>
COST OF SALES				
NET PURCHASES	19,300		19,300	40,000
CATALOG PRINTING	4,800		4,800	5,000
CATALOG MAILING	3,100		3,100	3,000
INDIRECT SALES EXPENSES			0	
DELIVERY	9,100		9,100	9,000
<b>TOTAL COST OF SALES</b>	<b>36,300</b>		<b>36,300</b>	<b>57,000</b>
<b>GROSS MARGIN</b>	<b>3,356,800</b>		<b>3,356,800</b>	<b>2,772,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
OPERATING EXPENSES				
MAGAZINE EXPENSES			0	
CHESS LIFE PRINTING	346,300		346,300	346,300
CHESS LIFE MAILING	231,000		231,000	231,000
CL NEWSSTAND SLS CONSULTING	8,400		8,400	8,400
CL CONTRIBUTORS FEES	61,400		61,400	61,400
OTHER EDITORIAL EXP.	2,600		2,600	2,600
RENT OF THE BUILDING			48,000?	24,000
CHESS LIFE DESIGN			0	25,000
<b>TOTAL MAGAZINE EXPENSES</b>	<b>649,700</b>		<b>649,700</b>	<b>698,700</b>
WEB SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES				
WEBSITE DESIGN & MAINT	3,000		3,000	25,000
OTHER TECHNICAL EXPENSES			0	3,000
COMPUTER SOFTWARE & HARDWARE			0	8,000
<b>TOTAL WEB SERVICES &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>3,000</b>		<b>3,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES	3,300		3,300	3,000
CLUB DEVELOPMENT & ORGANIZATION			0	6,500
SCHOLASTIC PROMOTIONS	50		50	13,500
MEMB. FORMS & SUPPLIES	93,200		93,200	100,000
RATING SUPPLEMENTS	19,400		19,400	25,000
MAILING LIST EXPENSES	6,500		6,500	6,500
<b>TOTAL PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>122,450</b>		<b>122,450</b>	<b>149,500</b>
TOURNAMENT EXPENSES	354,100		354,100	
CORRESPONDENCE CHESS EXP.	600		600	0
EXHIBIT EXP.			0	0
WORLD YOUTH EXP.	3,700		3,700	28,000
PAN AMERICAN YOUTH FESTIVAL EXP.			0	15,000
WORLD JUNIOR EXP.			0	2,250
PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR			0	2,250
FIDE OLYMPIAD EXP.	36,000		36,000	50,000
NATIONAL ELEMENTARY			0	61,000
NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH			0	54,000
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL			0	31,000
U.S. JUNIOR OPEN			0	0
U.S. JUNIOR INVITATIONAL			0	5,500
U.S. CADET			0	
NATIONAL YOUTH ACTION			0	26,000
COLLEGIATE FINAL FOUR	8,000		8,000	8,000
NATIONAL K-12/COLLEGIATE			0	58,000
WORLD TEAM INVITATIONAL				25,000
U.S. OPEN & OTHER EVENTS				
AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION		0	76,000	
<b>TOTAL TOURNAMENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>402,400</b>		<b>402,400</b>	<b>418,000</b>

	2004-05 ANNUALIZED	MOVING EXPENSES	NET OF MOVING EXPENSES	2005-2006 BUDGET
<b>PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>				
SALARIES & WAGES	711,900	35,700	676,200	
PAYROLL TAXES	75,900	3,570	72,330	
HEALTH BENEFITS	80,000	2,900	77,100	
EMPLOYEE INCENTIVES	1,000		1,000	
RELOCATION TN	47,200	47,200	0	
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>916,000</b>		<b>826,630</b>	<b>900,000</b>
<b>GEN &amp; ADMIN. EXP.</b>				
TRAVEL & ADMINISTRATION	56,600	3,500	53,100	50,000
POSTAGE	69,100		69,100	70,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	16,000		16,000	16,000
PROF. LEGAL & AUDIT FEES.	161,000		161,000	150,000
INTEREST EXPENSES			0	
BAD DEBT EXPENSES			0	
<b>TOTAL GEN &amp; ADMIN. EXP.</b>	<b>302,700</b>		<b>299,200</b>	<b>286,000</b>
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>				
UTILITIES	13,900		13,900	10,000
TELEPHONE	56,200		56,200	57,000
INSURANCE	86,000		86,000	86,000
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	44,100	7,200	36,900	0
PROPERTY & OTHER TAXES	7,200		7,200	0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION	7,000 25,900		7,000 25,900	5,000 25,900
RENTAL	61,100		61,100	6,600
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	13,800		13,800	13,800
BANK CHARGES	1,000		1,000	500
CREDIT CARD CHARGES EXP.	16,500		16,500	16,500
MISC.	55,700	700	55,000	50,000
<b>TOTAL OVERHEAD EXP.</b>	<b>388,400</b>		<b>380,500</b>	<b>271,300</b>
<b>GOVERNANCE EXPENSES</b>				
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS	27,700		27,700	
FIDE DUES, EF, DELEGATES & ZONAL			0	
<b>TOTAL GOVERNANCE EXP.</b>	<b>27,700</b>		<b>27,700</b>	<b>27,700</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,162,650</b>		<b>2,162,650</b>	<b>2,113,500</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>1,194,150</b>		<b>1,194,150</b>	<b>658,500</b>

In terms of the new building and relocation of the Publications Department, we need to find the best way to project these expenses, which includes:

\* Architect's fee \$40,000 —

\* Moving expenses for the Publications Department into the new building \$10,000 this may be in the next fiscal year.

\* Moving expenses from interim space into new building \$15,000 — this may also be in the next fiscal year.

\* A portion of the payment of the mortgage for two or three months in this fiscal year.

Note this still budgets no revenue for the B&E outsourcing.

## VOLUNTEER EXPENSE REPORT

*Paid during the Fiscal year ending May 31, 2005*

NAME	CAPACITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
Beatriz Marinello	Executive Board	\$13,926
Timothy Hanke	Executive Board	1,586
Don Schultz	Executive Board	3,513
Elizabeth Shaughnessy	Executive Board	1,691
Stephen Shutt	Executive Board	906
Frank Brady	Executive Board	206
William Kelleher	FIDE Representative	740

**APPENDIX B –  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESUME**

**EXPERIENCE**

August, 2002 - Present Cumberland County High School,  
Crossville, TN Teacher  
Summer 2004 - Uplands Retirement Village,  
Pleasant Hill, TN  
Computer Consultant  
Feb. 1995 - Sept. 2001 Nikken Independent Distributor,  
Crossville, TN  
Spring & Summer 2001 Roane State Community College  
Crossville, TN  
MS Access Instructor  
Summer 2001 Staples, Inc., Crossville, TN  
Electronics Lead and  
Computer Technician  
Jan. 1996 - Dec. 1999 Keck Masonry, Alpharetta, GA  
Accounting Consultant  
Feb. 1996 - Dec. 1996 Ted's Country Diner, Crossville, TN  
Accounting Consultant  
Sept. 1993- Jan. 1995 Vector Marketing, Charleston, SC  
District Manager

**EDUCATION**

Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN  
Currently on schedule to receive a Master's in Education in  
December 2005

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, September, 2002  
Cambridge, MA  
Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics  
Cumberland Co. High School, June 1988, Crossville, TN

Salutatorian of a class of 350

**APPENDIX C –**

**ELIZABETH SHAUGHNESSY  
ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS**

I qualified as an architect after finishing the six-year course of study at The National University of Ireland, University College Dublin. I immediately went to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where I worked for a year with other young graduates from around the globe on the design of New Belgrade. Then I worked for a year in London. After that I worked for a year in the U.S. (Oxnard, California). My father became ill and I returned to Dublin where I worked with an architectural firm and after a few years with that firm I became a junior partner. We specialized in schools and hospitals. In 1970 I met my now husband and he invited me to come to Berkeley. I continued to work in the Bay Area as an architect until the birth of our first child. With my husband (an attorney) we bought, refurbished and sold "period" houses. I was the overseer of the refurbishing and did all the drawings, working from home. As our children got older, I became involved in education and chess in schools. During my eight years on the Berkeley School Board, I was liaison with many architects to coordinate the multi-million dollar project to retrofit, upgrade or rebuild Berkeley's schools. As recently as 2002 I designed my daughter's summer house in Bali Indonesia on her husband's family compound. I am quite confident that I can work with the architects in Crossville to produce the best building for the buck.

**USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION PASSED BY  
OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE**

**EB 05-45** – Board: The Executive Board ratifies the appointment of William Hall as the new USCF Executive Director. Mr. Hall is expected to begin working for the U.S. Chess Federation on June 8, 2005. **PASSED** by objections procedure.

**U.S. CHESS FEDERATION REVISED PROJECT TIMELINE**

*May 27, 2005*

<b>DESIGN PHASE</b>	<b>BEGIN</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b>
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS PHASE	05/26/05	06/17/05
PROBABLE OPINION OF CONST. COST	06/20/05	06/27/05
OWNER REVIEW MEETING & APPROVAL	(The Week of 06/27/05)	Exact Day TBD
RELEASE PROJECT FOR BIDDING	07/01/05	
RECEIVE CONSTRUCTION BIDS	07/26/05	
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SIGNED	(The First Week of August)	
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION	(The Second Week of August)	
6 MONTHS — CONSTRUCTION	02/15/06	
MOVE-IN DATE	02/17/06	

# ADVANCE AGENDA FOR THE 2005 USCF BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING PHOENIX, ARIZONA AUGUST 13-14, 2005

*Note: All motions in this advance agenda have been taken verbatim from the submissions of individual Delegates. The publications of any motion herein does not constitute an endorsement, agreement, or position by the USCF of anything included or implied in any such motion.*

## I. CALL TO ORDER BY USCF PRESIDENT – BEATRIZ MARINELLO

Moment of Silence in memory of those of the chess community who have passed on.

## II. ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

**ADM 05-1** (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates-at-Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and who are present at this meeting.

## III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND STANDING RULES, MINUTES OF THE 2004 DELEGATES' MEETING AND APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN.

**ADM 05-2** (Harold Winston, IL): Moved, that the minutes of the 2004 Delegates Meeting be accepted.

**ADM 05-3** (Beatriz Marinello, NY): Moved that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian.

**ADM 05-4** (Don Schultz, FL): The Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2005 Delegates Meeting.

## IV. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

**ADM 05-5** (Don Schultz, FL): 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.

## V. RATIFICATION

**ADM 05-6** (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.

## VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

- A. Report of the President (Beatriz Marinello)
- B. Report of the Executive Director (Bill Hall)
- C. Report of the Vice-President of Finance (Tim Hanke)

**ADM 05-7 (Board)**: The 2005-2006 budget as presented by the Vice-President of Finance is adopted.

- D. Report of the Editor of *Chess Life*
- E. Report of the Chairman of the U.S. Chess Trust

## VII. REPORT OF THE FIDE DELEGATE AND ZONAL PRESIDENT

FIDE Delegate (Bill Kelleher)

FIDE Zonal President (Robert Tanner)

## VIII. REPORT AND ELECTION OF DELEGATE COMMITTEES

**ADM 05-8** (Tony Cottell, FL; Don Schultz, FL; Steve Doyle, NJ): No individual may serve on more than one of the following committees: Finance, Audit, LMA.

**Audit** (Report and Election)

**Bylaws** (Report and Election)

**Ethics** (Report and Election)

**LMA** (Report and Election)

## IX. REPORT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

**Chess in Education**: Tim Redman

**College Chess**: Tim Redman

**Correspondence Chess**: Harold Stenzel

**Cramer Awards**: Pete Tamburro

**Denker**: Jack Mallory

**Polgar**: Paul Truong

**Finance**: Stan Booz and Jon Haskel

**Hall of Fame**:

**International Affairs**: Irina Krush

**Internet**: Phil Smith

**Military Chess**: David Hater

**Outreach**: Myron Lieberman

**Publications**: Randy Hough

**Ratings**: Mark Glickman

**Rules**: David Kuhns

**Senior**: Mike Carr

**States**: Guy Hoffman

**Survey**: Mike Nolan

**Top Players**:

**Tournament Director Certification**: Tim Just

## X. OLD BUSINESS

### Motions Referred to EB, ED

**NDM 04-33 DM 04-29** (Steve Doyle, NJ; Harold Winston, IL; Bill Goichberg) 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. **Action Taken**: None

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

**ADM 05-98** (Don Schultz, FL) Section 9. Delegates at Large Section A is modified to read "two consecutive years."

**Rationale**: 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.

**ADM 05-10** (Bill Goichberg, NY): The following changes be made to USCF's membership categories:

Effective no later than 10/1/05, Regular dues shall be reduced by \$4 and Youth, Scholastic, and Senior dues shall each be reduced by \$2.

Effective no later than 1/1/06, the categories Life, Sustaining, Senior Life, Blind Life, and Economy Scholastic shall no longer be offered.

**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.

**Rationale**: 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.

**ADM 05-12** (Tim Just, IL): 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.

**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.

**ADM 05-14** (Richard Koepcke, N Cal.): 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.

Rationale: 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.

**ADM 05-15** (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.

Rationale: The job of Secretary requires special skills and areas of interest. Recent Board had situations where no one wanted the job.

**ADM 05-16** (Michael Atkins, 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.**"

Rationale: 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.

**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.

**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.

Rationale: We live in an era in which "due diligence" — a scrupulous examination of an organization or individual with which

or whom one proposes some partnership is scrutinized using search engines such as Google — is a normal practice. The Federation cannot be exposed to the potential embarrassment of having a felon on its Executive Board.

**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.

**ADM 05-20** (Bill Goichberg, NY) Moved that the Standards of Conduct for the USCF Executive Board be revised as follows:

1) 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."

2) 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's 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."

Rationale: "tenure" is changed to "scheduled tenure" in order to avoid the possibility of a Board member resigning in order to become eligible for financial gain from USCF actions.

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

**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.

**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 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 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.

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.

**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  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  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  $\frac{2}{3}$  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.

**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, three appointed by the Delegates and the USCF Secretary (or another Board member as noted below).

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.

If the USCF Secretary is a candidate for the Executive Board, the Executive Board shall choose another Board member to serve as its representative to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee shall choose its own chair from among the Delegate-elected members of the Committee.

In the event of a vacancy on the Election Committee, the Committee shall choose a replacement member, subject to approval by the Executive Board.

**ADM 05-26 (Don Schultz, FL):** 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  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the delegates."

**Rationale:** A majority of a Board could make ongoing decisions dramatically affecting the direction of the USCF without the possibility of a Special Delegates Meeting reasserting delegate control.

**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.

**ADM 05-28 (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.

## **XII. INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

# BYLAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHESS FEDERATION

## CURRENT THROUGH THE 2004 USCF DELEGATES MEETING

### ARTICLE I: NAME

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

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

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

**SECTION 2. The Federation is pledged:**

To operate exclusively for educational, recreational, and social welfare purposes;

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

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

To promote the study and knowledge of the scientific game of chess;

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

To encourage the formation of chess groups, clubs, and associations;

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

To hold an open tournament every summer in the United States.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

**SECTION 1. Regular Membership.**

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

**B. Economy Regular Member.** Effective January 1, 2005 the Economy Adult membership will no longer be offered.

**SECTION 2. Youth Membership.** Any person under 20 years of age and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits his or her membership through a USCF affiliate)

may become a Youth Member of the Federation upon payment of \$25 which includes a commission of up to \$2, \$49 for two years which includes a commission of up to \$4, or \$70 for 3 years which includes a commission of up to \$5.

**SECTION 3. Scholastic Membership.**

**A. Scholastic Membership.** Any person under 15 years of age and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits his or her membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Scholastic Member of the Federation upon payment of \$19 which includes a commission of up to \$2, \$35 for two years which includes a commission of up to \$2, or \$52 for 3 years which includes a commission of up to \$3. This membership includes a subscription to an appropriate publication.

**B. Economy Scholastic Membership.** Any person who is under 15 years old and a resident of the United States may become an Economy Scholastic Member of the Federation upon payment of \$13.

**SECTION 4. Special Membership.** A blind person may become a Special Member of the Federation upon payment of 25% of the regular membership rate. Any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution of the United States may become a Special Member upon payment of 25% of the regular membership rate.

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

**SECTION 6. Family Membership Plans.**

Family Plan 1— \$64, includes parents and their children under age 20 in the household (living at one address). Also includes any full-time college students up to age 24.

Family Plan 2—\$35, includes all children under age 20 in the household (living at one address).

Family Plan 1 & 2 includes 12 issues of *Chess Life*.

**SECTION 7. Life Membership.** Any person may become a Life Member of the Federation upon payment of \$1000 dues. Any person age 65 years or older may become a Life Member by payment of \$500 dues, or one half of the Life Member rate then in effect. Any blind person may become a Life Member upon payment of \$250 dues. The Federation may require reasonable confirmation of eligibility from time to time as a condition to continuation of Life membership.

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

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

**SECTION 10. Trial Memberships.** Effective January 1, 2005, the six-month, \$32 Trial Membership will no longer be offered. (Note that the six-month promotional \$27 membership, available through affiliates, would remain.)

**SECTION 11. Rights and Privileges.** Each Life, Sustaining, Regular, Senior, Special, Trial, and Youth member shall be entitled to receive a regular copy of *Chess Life*. Each Scholastic member shall be entitled to receive an appropriate USCF Publication. Economy memberships do not include a subscription to any publication. Each member shall be entitled to have his or her tournament play officially rated, to participate in the Annual Membership meeting, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership not herein enumerated. Members and Affiliates with mailing addresses outside the United States may be charged an additional fee to cover extra costs.

**SECTION 12. Revocation of Membership.** The Executive Board, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 13, may revoke or suspend the membership of any member for good cause. The USCF Ethics Committee may recommend suspending or revoking the membership of any person by applying the procedures established by the Board of Delegates in the USCF Code of Ethics.

**SECTION 13. Revocation of Membership or Affiliation.** In the event that the Executive Board shall revoke or suspend the membership of an individual or affiliate pursuant to Article III, Section 12, or Article VIII, Section 5, it shall, prior to taking such action, give to the individual or affiliate 30 days written notice of the proposed action. Within said time said individual or affiliate may submit in writing to the Executive Board reasons why such actions should not be taken. The Executive Board may thereafter, if it sees fit, act upon the written suggestion or set a date for a hearing to be held at or prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Federation, but before the meeting of the Board of Delegates. Any person or affiliate aggrieved by any action of the Executive Board may appeal to the Board of Delegates at the said Annual Meeting if the action is taken at the said meeting, or at the next meeting of the Board of Delegates. The Board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the action of the Executive Board. Only Delegates present in person may vote on any such appeal. If the Ethics Committee recommends the suspension or revocation of a member through application of the USCF Code of Ethics, the appeals procedure established in the Code of Ethics shall be applicable, and the remaining provisions of this section shall not be applicable to that case.

**SECTION 14. Annual Membership Meeting.** The President shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the membership, held in conjunction with the U.S. Open tournament, for the purpose of hearing reports and making suggestions to the Board of Delegates. Twenty-five members present in person shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary shall publish in *Chess Life* advance notice of the meeting. Participation and voting by members at the Annual Membership Meeting shall be limited to those members physically present. Participation through the use of conference telephone or other communications equipment shall not be permitted.

**SECTION 15.** The actual dollar amount of all other membership dues categories shall be calculated according to the factors indicated in Sections 4, 5, 8, and 10, with the "regular" membership dues as the base amount from which all other dues amounts are determined. All dues amounts shall be rounded to the nearest dollar, with 50 cents being rounded up to the next higher dollar amount.

## ARTICLE IV: VOTING MEMBERS

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

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

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

## ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DELEGATES

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

**SECTION 2. Number.** The Board of Delegates shall be composed of the Executive Board members, the Delegates at Large, and 125 Delegates, apportioned among the states in proportion to their resident USCF membership as of November 1 of the year prior to Delegate elections, except that each state with 30 or more members must have at least one Delegate. Each state with 1000 or more USCF members must have at least two Delegates. In addition, any Executive Board member-elect who is not already a Delegate becomes a Delegate immediately upon certification of the election result.

**SECTION 3. Alternate Delegates.** There shall be 125 Alternate Delegates, with each state having one Alternate Delegate for each Elected Delegate. All Life Voting Members under previous editions of these Bylaws shall automatically become Additional Alternate Delegates if they are not elected as Delegates.

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

**SECTION 4. Nomination.** Members may be nominated for Delegate from the state in which they reside by submission of either a nomination from the official State Chapter to the USCF Secretary postmarked on or before February 1 of an Election Year, or a petition bearing the signatures of 10 USCF members who are residents of their state postmarked on or before April 1 of an Election Year. State Chapters shall submit an ordered list of nominees and the ballots shall list the State Chapter nominees in that order. Ballots shall indicate which candidates were nominated by their state chapter and they shall appear ahead of other nominees. A candidate

petition may nominate only one candidate, who must consent to nomination by either signing the petition or by notifying the Secretary. State Chapters shall obtain the consent of all candidates they nominate.

**SECTION 5. Election.** Delegates and Alternate Delegates for each state shall be elected by the Voting Members of their state. Ballots for that purpose shall be included in an issue of *Chess Life* to be mailed prior to June 10 with ballots to be returned no later than July 20 of a year in which there is an election so that the ballots can be counted no later than August 1. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. Candidates nominated by their state chapter shall be designated as such on the ballot. Electronic voting may be used in addition to the ballot in *Chess Life*.

Voting Members are allowed to vote for up to the designated number of Delegates for their state or voting district. An ordered list shall be created listing candidates in the order of votes received, highest first. A candidate must receive at least one vote to appear on this list. From this list, the designated number of Delegates shall be elected from the top of the list and the designated number of Alternate Delegates elected from the remaining candidates on the list.

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

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

Delegates shall serve a term of two years commencing at the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting at which their election is certified. Ties shall be broken by the President of the State Chapter in which the tie occurs. If the President of the State Chapter has not responded by October 1, or if the President is involved in the tie, the other officers in the State Chapter shall be contacted and asked to break the tie. The response received by November 1 from the highest-ranking Officer (in order, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, members at large) shall break the tie. If no response is received, any other official contacts for the State Chapter as provided on their latest affiliate renewal shall be contacted and asked to break the tie. If no response is received by December 1, the tie shall be broken by the Executive Board. Elections for Delegates shall be held every even-numbered year starting in 2000. A member may not cast more than one vote for any person. Upon resolution of the Board of Directors of a State Chapter, communicated in writing to the USCF Secretary prior to April 1 of an Election Year, a state may be divided into two voting districts for the purpose of ensuring geographic representation. The resolution must specify how the division is to be made and how many Delegates and Alternate Delegates will be allocated to each district. The allocation shall be roughly proportional to the USCF membership in each district. Only voters from a district can vote for the Delegates and Alternate Delegates from that district.

#### **SECTION 6. Miscellaneous**

**A. Vacancies.** If one or more Delegates from any state are not present or are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the ordered list for that state is used to fill the Delegate vacancies for that meeting. The regularly elected Delegates continue in office for the remainder of their term.

The state president or senior state officer present may add

names to the end of the ordered list for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. If a Delegate dies or resigns during the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled for the duration of the term of office in accordance with the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate moves from the state of residence, that person shall be deemed to have resigned as Delegate unless the State Chapter indicates otherwise.

Vacancies in the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the term, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter.

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

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

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

**D. Current USCF employees may not serve as Delegates.** USCF employees are accorded the right to speak at the annual Delegates Meeting.

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

**SECTION 8. Special Delegates Meeting.** Special Delegates Meetings can be called by the President or by more than half the members of the Executive Board. Notice of a meeting and its purposes and an agenda must be sent by mail to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates at least 30 days before the meeting. Additional notification may be provided by e-mail or FAX. The notice and agenda shall also be placed on the USCF website at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The special Delegates Meeting has authority to act upon advance agenda items but does not have the authority to take action unrelated to the advance agenda items.

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

President or any two Executive Board members.

A quorum shall consist of one third of all Delegates, and Delegates will be certified in the same manner as at the Annual Delegates Meeting.

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

**SECTION 9. Delegates at Large.** Delegates at Large shall consist of the following:

**A.** All USCF Presidents who have served at least three consecutive years, upon completion of their term and are so elected by a majority of the Board of Delegates.

**B.** Those individuals who have rendered distinguished service to chess and who are elected by at least a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Board of Delegates at two consecutive Annual Meetings by a motion on the advance agenda for both meetings. The number of individuals in this category shall not exceed 20.

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

## ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

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

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

All meetings of the Executive Board, including conference calls, shall be recorded in their entirety with a clear, permanent record by a means determined by the Executive Board. All Executive Board members shall receive copies of any audio tapes or video tapes of meetings within two weeks of those meetings. Any person wishing to obtain copies of audiotapes may do so at cost. The public portion of the per-

manent record will be available on the website within a month of the meeting record.

**SECTION 4. Nomination.** Any USCF member not a current employee of the USCF is nominated for election to the Executive Board upon submission to the Secretary by the following January 10 of an election year:

**A.** A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of 30 or more Voting Members. A nominating petition listing more than one candidate is not valid.

**B.** A filing fee of \$250 made payable to the USCF.

**C.** A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and that they will serve if elected.

An employee of the USCF may not be nominated for election to the Executive Board.

The Secretary shall have advertised a call for nominations in the issue of *Chess Life* published no later than November 20 of the year prior to an election year and shall publish a list of all duly-submitted nominations in the issue published not later than April 10 of an election year.

Once a candidate is certified, the candidate may purchase labels of Voting Members at the same rate as affiliates. These labels may only be used for campaign purposes.

### SECTION 5. Elections

**A. Regular Elections.** Executive Board members shall be elected by the Voting Members. Ballots for that purpose shall be included in an issue of *Chess Life* to be mailed prior to June 10 with ballots to be returned no later than July 5 of a year in which there is an election so that the ballots can be counted no later than July 20. Electronic voting may be used in addition to the ballot in *Chess Life*. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. The ballot shall list all duly submitted nominations. Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. The ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent agency and counted by an independent agency or by the Secretary or his or her designee and by tellers appointed by the Executive Board prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. Ties, if any, shall be broken by a secret ballot vote of the Delegates present in person at that year's Delegates meeting, taken at the time that election results are certified. The election of Executive Board members shall take place in odd-numbered years starting in 2003.

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

**C. The Executive Board,** shall by January 15 of an election year for a regular Executive Board election, choose a date on which ballot counting shall be performed, which date is to be no earlier than July 20 and no later than the Wednesday prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Delegates. For a special election, the Executive Board shall choose a date for ballot counting no later than 90 days prior to that date. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of voting member information to be provided with or printed on the

ballots. All properly authenticated ballots that have been received by the date designated for counting the ballots shall be counted. The Executive Board shall designate an address for the return of ballots at the time the date of counting ballots is set.

**SECTION 6. Election of Executive Board Officers.** At an organizational meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting at which regularly scheduled Executive Board election results are certified, the Executive Board shall elect among itself the following officers: President, Vice President, Vice President for Finance, and Secretary. The term of each officer shall be for two years, except that upon a vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its membership, the Executive Board may at any time meet in person or by teleconference and elect new officers. A vacancy in the office of President shall be immediately filled by the Vice President. A vacancy in another office elected by the Executive Board shall be filled by majority vote either temporarily until the Executive Board meeting following the next Delegates Meeting or for the full unexpired portion of the office's term as the Executive Board shall choose.

**SECTION 7. Terms of Office.** The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for four years, except as provided in Section 9 of this article. The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for two years. No individual shall serve more than eight consecutive years on the Executive Board. No person shall serve as USCF President more than four consecutive years.

**SECTION 8. Duties.**

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

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

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

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall review Minutes of all Executive Board meetings, Delegates meetings, and membership meetings. The Secretary shall post these minutes, after Executive Board review, on the USCF website and shall mail the Minutes to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates within six weeks of the meetings. The Executive Board shall determine a means of recording all meetings. The Secretary shall act as the custodian of the corporate seal, preside over Federation elections, ensure that the annual report is filed with the Secretary of State of the state of Illinois, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws.

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

**SECTION 9. Vacancies.** The Executive Board, or the Office if the Executive Board is unable, may decide the schedule for a Special Election for the Executive Board, using the deadlines and dates for a regular election as a guide for scheduling reasonable intervals for announcing the special election and calling for nominations, the date for candidate petition filings and the issue of *Chess Life* which will contain the ballots. The requirement for candidate statements and election supplements may be reduced to having this information in a single issue of *Chess Life*.

The Board may choose to waive any filing fees for a Special Election.

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

**SECTION 11. Effective Date.** Revisions to the bylaws relating to the election of the Executive Board shall take effect on January 1, 2003

## **ARTICLE VII: OTHER OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND COMMITTEES**

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

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

**SECTION 3. Committees.**

**A.** The Board of Delegates shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

**1) Audit Committee.** The Audit committee shall consist of four persons; one Executive Board member, normally the Vice President for Finance appointed by the Executive Board, and two members elected by the Delegates from among the Delegates and Alternate Delegates who are knowledgeable and, where possible, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or a Certified Management Accountant (CMA). The duties of the Committee shall be:

**a)** To advise the EB on the appointment of the External Auditors, the audit fee, the provision of any non-audit services by the External Auditors and any questions of resignation or dismissal of the External Auditors.

**b)** To discuss, if necessary, with the External Auditors before the audit commences the nature and scope of the audit.

**c)** To discuss problems and reservations arising from interim and final audits and any questions the External Auditors may wish to discuss (in the absence of management, where necessary).

**d)** To consider and advise the EB on the establishment of the internal audit service and Head of Internal Audit, if any.

e) To review the internal audit plan, to consider major findings of internal audit investigations and management's response and to promote coordination between the Internal and External Auditors and to advise the EB and the Delegates accordingly.

f) To keep under review the effectiveness of internal control systems and, in particular, review the External Auditors' Management Letter, the Internal Annual Report and management responses and to advise the EB accordingly.

g) To monitor the performance and effectiveness of external and internal audits.

h) To consider, if necessary, the draft of the Audited Financial statements.

i) To monitor annually or more frequently, if necessary, the implementation of approved recommendations arising from internal audit reports, external audit reports and management letters and to advise the EB accordingly.

j) To oversee arrangements made by the Executive Board for the internal audit service and the External Auditors to examine the agency-wide financial statements.

k) To advise the Executive Director, as requested.

l) To report, as appropriate, to the Executive Board.

m) To advise the Delegates as requested and to report, as appropriate, to the Delegates.

**2) Bylaws Committee.** The Bylaws Committee shall choose its own chair.

**3) Ethics Committee.** The Ethics Committee shall choose its own chair.

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

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

**C.** In the event of a vacancy on a Delegate-appointed Committee, the Committee and Executive Board may appoint a replacement. Such appointment requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of both the remaining committee members and the Executive Board.

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

**SECTION 5. Eligibility.** None of the National Officers (including members of the Executive Board and Executive Director) shall be officers of other sports organizations recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as a national governing body.

## ARTICLE VIII: ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS

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

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

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

**SECTION 4. Rights and privileges.** Each affiliate shall:

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

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

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

**SECTION 5. Revocation.** The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 13, revoke or suspend the affiliation of any affiliate for good cause shown.

## ARTICLE IX: SUNDRY BYLAWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 7. Fund Depositories and Disbursements.** All funds, other than Life Member Assets, shall be deposited in one or more federally insured depositories, or other vehicles approved by the Executive Board, disbursable only by withdrawal authorized by two or more of the following: President, Vice President for Finance, Executive Director, and such senior staff as the Executive Board shall designate. The Executive Board may authorize petty cash accounts, whose amounts may not exceed \$500.00, and disbursable only by check signed by one of the above, or any two employees approved by the Executive Board.

**SECTION 8. Accountants.** Early in each fiscal year the Executive Board shall engage properly qualified independent certified public accountants to review the Federation's accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting



principles. The choice of accountants shall be subject to ratification by the Board of Delegates.

**SECTION 9. Encumbrance.**

A. No asset of the Federation may be encumbered without the approval of the Executive Board or Board of Delegates, except as provided in Section 10 below, and any mortgage, loan, or borrowing agreement must be signed by at least two of the following: President, Vice President for Finance, Executive Director.

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

**SECTION 10. Life Member Assets Management.**

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

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

B. The Executive Board approves of the borrowing.

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

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

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

**SECTION 12. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

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

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

Any indemnification against any and all claims (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, or employee, is

proper in the circumstances because he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Such determination shall be made (A) by the Board of Delegates by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit, proceeding, or claim, or (B) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

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

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

**SECTION 13. Ratification of Voidable Acts.** Any transaction questioned in any suit brought by any member on the grounds of lack of authority, defective or irregular execution, adverse interest of any director, officer, employee, or member, nondisclosure, miscomputation, or the application of improper principles or practices of accounting may be ratified before or after judgment by the Board of Delegates and, if so ratified, shall have the same force and effect as if the questioned transaction had been originally duly authorized, and said ratification shall be binding upon the Corporation and its members and shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned transaction.

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

**SECTION 15. Parliamentary Authority.** The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be used at all meetings of the membership, Board of Delegates, Executive Board, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules which have been adopted.

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

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

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# DELEGATE ACTIONS OF CONTINUING INTEREST

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1. **SITES OF USCF-SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS.** Since the U.S. Chess Federation is open to all players, regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, or national origin, and is interested in promoting chess among all groups, all tournaments sponsored by USCF are to be conducted at sites accommodating the right to play of all USCF members. (1960)
2. **TOURNAMENT COORDINATION.** The USCF shall exert its influence through its Regional Vice Presidents and Officers to coordinate and schedule sanctioned tournaments sponsored by regional or state chess organizations (without conflict of time and place). (1964)
3. **SPEED OF RATED GAMES.** Any change in the speed of rated games requires approval by the Board of Delegates. (1971)
4. **MEETING INFORMATION.** USCF Delegates shall be informed well in advance of the Annual Meeting of Board of Delegates of any substantive matters known to be on the advance agenda for the Delegates Meeting.
5. **MONTHLY RATING SUPPLEMENTS.** The Executive Board is authorized by the Delegates to publish annually the ratings in *Chess Life* and to publish monthly [later changed to bi-monthly] a supplement (with the biannual issue to be cumulative) to be sent to every affiliate, and to any other member who wishes to pay the cost of reproduction. (1972) (2002)
6. **ANNUAL U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP.** It is the intent of the Board of Delegates that a U.S. Championship be held annually. (1972) (1982) (1983 — with \$25,000 budgeted each year)
7. **ADJOURNMENTS AT U.S. OPENS.** In the U.S. Open, the players shall not be compelled to adjourn if both players and the tournament director agree to play on for one more time-control period.
8. **EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES.** Approximately four times per year, the Secretary shall mail to the Delegates copies of the minutes and records of all votes of the Executive Board held during the period. (1973)
9. **UNFINISHED DELEGATE BUSINESS.** All motions not acted on by the Delegates at the Annual Meeting that deal with matters which the Executive Board can act on under the Bylaws, shall be acted upon by the Board. These actions shall be reported in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and at the next year's Delegates Meeting. (1978) Motions limiting the Executive Board or disagreeing with the decisions made by the Executive Board shall automatically retain their place on next year's Delegates Agenda. (1980)
10. **SMOKING.** Tournaments which prohibit smoking in the playing room of a USCF-rated tournament shall be so indicated in the Tournament Life Announcement in *Chess Life*. Smoking is prohibited at the following National Tournaments: U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior Open, U.S. Class. There shall be no smoking permitted in any contract areas of all national scholastic tournaments. (1998)
11. **STATE CHAPTER RECOMMENDATIONS.** For the text of these recommendations on State Chapters, see *Policy Board Newsletter #4* of 1980-81.
12. **USCF REGIONS AND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT RECOMMENDATIONS.** For the text of these recommendations, see *Policy Board Newsletter #4* of 1980-81.
13. **PAID TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.** No Executive Board member shall serve as the paid TD of more than one USCF National Tournament or International Tournament during a calendar year unless the same opportunity has been declined by all non-members of the Executive Board who are qualified to direct the tournament. (1975) No Executive Board member shall be awarded a paid directorship or concession at a National Tournament on which he/she participated in the award vote, except in the case of an uncontested bid. An Executive Board will not be restricted in the number of awarded paid directorships or concessions received at any National Tournament when the award vote and the acceptance of a paid directorship or concession for the National Tournament occurred before the Executive Board member was elected to office. (1984, 1993, 1994)
14. **TELLER'S PROCEDURES.** Unless some independent agency handles the election, provision shall be made to allow the tellers to properly fulfill their duties unencumbered by the burdens of a large-scale public meeting.
15. **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION.** Tournaments announced in *Chess Life* may not be cancelled unless the cancellation notice appears in *Chess Life*. Cancellations which occur too late to appear in *Chess Life* are permitted only if it is physically impossible to hold the tournament (for example, in the case of extreme weather conditions). Cancellations for any other reasons without notice are not permitted. Disappointing advance entries do not constitute a valid reason for cancellation. Organizers violating this rule shall be prohibited from listing their tournaments in "Tournament Life" or advertising in *Chess Life* for 3 years. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. (1979) (2002)
16. **CHESS LIFE.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**YEARBOOK (ANNUAL YEARBOOK IN *CHESS LIFE*).** The Annual Yearbook be restored to either March, April, or May issue of *Chess Life*. (2001)

**DELEGATE INFO (*CHESS LIFE* PUBLICATION).** The issue of *Chess Life* that appears in the March, April, or May shall contain the names and contact information of current USCF Delegates and Alternate Delegates. (2001)

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

al Delegates' meeting to make certain those resolutions are being enforced. (1993)

- 21. SUPPLEMENTAL MOTIONS.** All supplemental motions presented to the Delegates that are printed and received before the Delegates meeting contain a rationale or discussion by the sponsor, limited to 50 words. (1993)
- 22. CHOOSING COMMITTEES.** It is the sense of the Delegates that committee chairmen shall be fully consulted prior to selection of committees and there shall be continuing consultation concerning committee membership and work through the liaison. (1994)
- 23. PRESENTING COMMITTEE REPORTS.** All annual committee reports not published in the annual report will be presented to the Delegates after the published committee reports have been presented to the Delegates and will be limited to a ten-minute presentation. (1994)
- 24. DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE REPORTS.** All printed committee reports distributed at the Delegates meeting shall be offered to all Delegates who express an interest in the reports before copies are left unattended for general pickup. No reports may be left unattended until after the committee presentation to the Delegates has been completed. The presentation is to include mention that the printed reports are available and copies are to be handed to any Delegate that asks for them. (1994)
- 25. INVESTMENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS.** The LMA Committee shall establish an investment policy that is expected to produce an aggregate return equaling or exceeding 6% on its invested assets (excluding the USCF office building). (2002)
- 26. PERSONNEL.** All Board-approved changes to employee compensation will be subject to a vote of the full Board and the vote will be recorded in open session. The text of any Board-approved change to employee compensation will be recorded as a confidential BINFO item.  
  
Any Board-approved change to an employee incentive plan must be finalized no later than 90 days after the plan has been approved. Any Board-approved employee contract must have the signature of no fewer than one officer and one other Board member. Board-conducted employee reviews must be discussed and written before presented. (1997)
- 27. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD.** The USCF Board of Delegates establishes the following standards of conduct for Executive Board members in the performance of their duties:  
  
**GENERAL PRINCIPLES.** Members of the USCF Executive Board have responsibilities of the highest order for the promotion of chess and for stewardship of the resources of the USCF. In the execution of these responsibilities, they are expected to act lawfully and in accordance with USCF policy, and to adhere consistently to the principles of fairness, honesty, and respect for the rights of others. They are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the performance of all duties, contributing thereby to maximum effectiveness in the achievement of the goals of the USCF.  
  
**(1) Executive Board members are expected to contribute to the functioning of the Board as a cohesive unit, with information flowing comfortably among all its members. Actions that interfere with comfortable and open communication among all Board members should be avoided.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) No Board member may participate in consideration of bids for any event or for any expenditure of USCF funds if he or his immediate family member has any office or other interest in any entity offering a bid. He is required to inform the Board whenever there is a conflict of interest. However, the Board member may provide information on behalf of such a bid, provided that his opportunity to provide information is the same as for those involved in other bids. The

Board member with a potential conflict of interest may not make or second motions, enter into debate or discussion in the capacity of a Board member, or vote on the bids or on any issue reasonably related to the bid consideration. If consideration of the bid involves sensitive matters that require a closed session, a Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may not attend the portion of the closed session involving that bid, unless all parties representing competing bids are permitted to attend.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) When appointed by the Delegates, the USCF Ethics Committee may consider an allegation by any USCF member that an Executive Board member has committed significant violations of this code of

conduct. The Ethics Committee may, if it determines that such violations have occurred, either warn the Board member or recommend actions, such as recall of the member, to the Board of Delegates in accordance with the Bylaws of the USCF. (1997)

## **28. THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION.**

### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

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

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

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

### **THE USCF ETHICS COMMITTEE**

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

### **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) Participating in a tournament while under suspension.

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

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

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

### **PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

(c) Except as specified in 6(e) recommended sanctions shall be deemed final unless appealed to the Executive Board by the person or persons upon whom the sanctions have been imposed, or upon the initiative of any member of the Executive Board. Such an appeal must be made within 30 days of the date that notification of recommended sanctions occurred, except that the Executive Board may extend the deadline for appeal if in its judgment an unavoidable

delay in communications or other valid cause prevented a timely appeal. If an appeal has not been filed by the deadline the recommended sanctions shall be placed into effect.

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

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

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

## **Sanctions**

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

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

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

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

(d) Suspension. Suspension is a determination that the member has committed an offense warranting abrogation, for a specified period of time, of all membership rights and privileges.

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

(f) Exclusion from events. This is a more selective determination that

a member has committed an offense warranting abrogation of the right to participate in certain specified events or activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The USCF considers that conflict-of-interest issues must be satisfactorily addressed in any plan to grant economic interest in any venture to any person or organization within FIDE, or any organization affiliated with FIDE, or to give voting rights to any individual or organization whose financial gain would be affected by the exercise of such voting rights.

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

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

- 30. DELEGATE MEETING DATES.** The Delegates meeting will be held no later than the first full weekend of August. This requirement is in effect for all U.S. Opens for which dates had not been set as of August 2000. (2000)
- No round of the U.S. Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. (2001)
- 31. EB TRANSCRIPTS AND MINUTES.** The following procedure was adopted for the documentation of the proceedings of Executive Board meetings:
- 1.** The Secretary or his or her designee shall prepare Minutes based upon the documentation of motions in the transcripts of the meeting and submit them to the Executive Board for comments, corrections, and/or suggestions.
  - 2.** The Secretary or his or her designee shall consider the comments made by the Executive Board and may revise the Minutes where appropriate. Any deviation from the transcript must be indicated with an explanation and a reference to the transcript. The transcript must be available concurrently.
  - 3.** The transcript of all Open session meetings are to be posted on the USCF website as soon as practical, so that anyone who has any questions can access the basic documentation for all motions and can access Open session discussions that are not likely to be in the published Minutes. Since any motions made in Closed session must be voted in Open session as well, the Open session transcripts will be sufficient to document all motions.
  - 4.** The transcripts are to include all Open session activity. The stenographer must record everything until the meeting is actually adjourned. No motions are to be voted on the absence of the stenographer. If it is not on the Open session transcripts it did not happen! (2000)
- 32. BINFO SYSTEM.** In the interest of both history and accountability, the Board information (BINFO) system should be maintained and used in the following manner:
- 1.** The Executive Board and Executive Director will place documents relating to their decisions and discussions in this record system.
  - 2.** An effort will be made to include all relevant documents bearing on the making of USCF policy and other decisions.
  - 3.** At the request of any single Executive Board member or the Executive Director, a document will be placed in the system.
  - 4.** BINFO documents may be classified as confidential, using strict, documented criteria.
  - 5.** Classified BINFO's will be reviewed periodically for declassification. This will include but not be limited to documents now in the system and placed there by previous Boards.
  - 6.** Non-classified documents will be supplied to members on request; a reasonable duplication fee may be charged.
  - 7.** Binders of non-classified documents will be maintained at the USCF office and will be available on request to visiting adult members to examine while in the office.
  - 8.** Updated, descriptive indexes of the BINFO system will be available on the USCF website in the most expeditious manner possible, and available in hard copy on request for a reasonable duplication fee. (2000)
- 9.** Non-confidential BINFOs are to be made available electronically without cost to any Delegate or Alternate Delegate that asks to receive them. This is to be done by making them available on the USCF website in a public area and/or setting up a read-only mailing list and adding to the list anyone who wants to receive the BINFO's via e-mail. (2001)
- 33. U.S. OPEN SCHEDULING.** The U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>. (1999)
- 34. SCHOLASTIC CHESS.** The USCF shall have a full-time Scholastic Director, working in consultation with the Scholastic Committee. The job description and workload priorities of the Scholastic Director will be developed jointly by the Scholastic Committee and the Executive Director.
- The Finance Committee shall include at least one member recommended by the Scholastic Committee.
- The USCF shall implement an income and expense system, which separately identifies scholastic chess activities. (1999)
- 35. ADM VOTES ON THE WEBSITE.** The final decision of the Board of Delegates on ADMs shall be recorded and published on the USCF website. All available information regarding the vote shall be included. (1999)
- 36. BALLOTS.** Ballots shall contain only a candidate's name and state. No titles, credentials or other honors shall appear on ballots. (1999)
- 37. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.** The U. S. Chess Federation officially recognizes the following principles regarding the World Championship of Chess:
- 1.** The title of World Champion is a symbol of the recognition given by the chessplayers of the world to the most skilled chess competitor at any point in time. As such it cannot logically be an object of property subject to ownership.
  - 2.** It follows from point one that the title of World Champion, to be valid, must be conferred by an organization representing the world's chessplayers. The Championship must be awarded as the result of a system of competition, which is fairly and objectively organized to determine the strongest competitor at that point in time. Such a competition must eliminate, to the extent possible, the effects of luck or other factors irrelevant to skill.
  - 3.** The U.S. Chess Federation directs its leadership and its representatives to strive to help create a unified system of competition for the World Championship that is fully consistent with principles one and two. (1998)
- 38. COMMITTEE ACTIONS.** USCF Committees, excepting those appointed by the Delegates, exist to advise and recommend, but may not make any ruling that affects the status of any member without ratification by the Executive Board, Office or Delegates. (1998)
- 39. DELEGATE COMMITTEES.** All newly-created Delegates Committees must have a statement of purpose defining their function. (1998)
- 40. LMA ANNUAL REPORT.** The LMA Management Committee shall publish an annual report showing the performance of the fund's investments, the investments owned, the investment strategy, and an assessment of investment risks. (1998)
- 41. BASED ON PRIZES.** Effective January 1, 1999, all tournaments without exception advertised in *Chess Life*, Tournament



Life, or elsewhere shall be required to pay at least 50% of any based-on prize advertised if the prize fund is over \$500. Based-on prizes in tournaments with an advertised total prize fund of \$500 or less must be paid in proportion to turnout. Minimum penalty for violation of this rule shall be disqualification from advertising in *Chess Life* for one year. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Director. If a tournament is affected by an act of God, then the organizer may appeal to the Executive Board. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. *Chess Life* shall print no display ads for “based-on” tournaments which mention the “based-on” prize fund without indicating that this prize fund is based on entries. (1998) (2002)(2004)

- 42. VOLUNTEER EXPENSES.** A summary of all reimbursements to each member of the Executive Board, International Delegations, and all other volunteers shall be published in the Executive Board Newsletters and on the USCF website. (1990, 1998)
- 43. EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWSLETTER.** The EBN shall include prompt reports of actions taken by the membership, quarterly state-by-state membership statistics, quarterly USCF financial information, financial outlines of national tournaments completed each quarter, notice of major changes in staffing assignments, prompt reports of actions proposed or taken by FIDE that directly affect the USCF or its members, and USCF committee reports when available. A five-year graph charting USCF membership statistics in all categories shall appear annually in the EBN. (1990)
- 44. MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNTING.** 90% of the income from life memberships and 50% from sustaining memberships shall be deposited directly in to the LMA. Services provided to life and sustaining members shall be funded quarterly. (1996, 1999)
- 45. BYLAWS COMMITTEE.** To aid the Delegates and the Executive Board in informed decision making, the Bylaws Committee shall advise the Executive Board and the Delegates concerning both the substance and the wording of proposed bylaws changes. (1987)
- 46. DRUG TESTING.** The Delegates believe that drug testing is unnecessary in chess and urge FIDE to limit testing only to events where it is absolutely essential for qualification into the Olympic Games. (2001)
- 47. CANDIDATE DISCLOSURE (EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE DISCLOSURE).** Executive Board candidates are asked to disclose if they are employed full time or are a candidate for full-time employment with any organization that is a vendor for the USCF, a competitor to USCF in any area, or has any significant other business interest (including substantial ownership of a business) that could be affected by decisions made by the USCF. Failure to disclose these interests would not disqualify a candidate from running, but could affect the voters' evaluation of the candidate. (2001)
- 48. DELEGATES CALL (REPORT IN DELEGATES CALL).** A report on compliance or noncompliance with the previous year's Delegate Motions will be provided in the Delegates Call each year. (2001)
- 49. DELEGATE ELECTIONS (BALLOTS AND STATE ELECTIONS).** Ballots should indicate that voters may vote for up to

as many persons as there are positions to fill. To minimize ties, State Chapters are encouraged to nominate more persons than there are positions to be filled. Each ballot will specify the number of Delegate positions for each state. (2001)

- 50. COMMITTEES (NO PAY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS).** Members of USCF Committees shall not be paid for committee work without authorization of the Delegates. They may continue to receive reimbursement for expenses. (2001)
- 51. RATING LISTS (VIA HARD COPY OR ELECTRONIC).** Rating Lists (annual lists and supplements) can be received via hard copy or electronic media at the discretion of the affiliate or subscriber at no additional cost. (2001)
- 52. USCF REGIONS.** Executive Board election results shall once again be tabulated by region, beginning in 2003. There shall be twelve regions, each consisting of the same states that the region included before the discontinuation of regions. (2002)
- 53. FINANCIAL REPORTS ON WEBSITE.** Comprehensive USCF financial reports including at least a balance sheet and statement of all activities will be posted on the USCF website on at least a quarterly basis. (2002)

The United States Federation found its own voice on September 5, 1946, when Volume 1, issue 1 of *Chess Life* was published as a semi-monthly newspaper. In January of 1961, *Chess Life* became a monthly magazine. In 1969, the USCF purchased *Chess Review* from I.A. Horowitz, and from November of that year through December of 1979, the official publication of the USCF was known as *Chess Life & Review*. *Chess Life* once again became the official title starting with the January 1980 issue.

EDITOR	FIRST ISSUE	LAST ISSUE	# of ISSUES
Montgomery Major	September 5, 1946	December 20, 1957	147
Fred Wren	January 5, 1958	December 20, 1960	47
Frank Brady	January 1961	December 1961	11
J.F. Reinhardt	January 1962	May 1966	65
E.B. Edmondson, Bill Goichberg	June 1966	November 1966	6
E.B. Edmondson, Burt Hochberg	December 1966	December 1966	1
Burt Hochberg	January 1967	October 1979	165
Fairfield Hoban	November 1979	January 1982	38
Frank Elley	February 1982	December 1984	34
Larry Parr	January 1985	March 1988	51
Fairfield Hoban	April 1988	April 1988	1
Don Maddox	May 1988	July 1989	14
Boris Baczynskyj	August 1989	August 1989	1
Julie Ann Desch	September 1989	October 1990	13
Glenn Petersen	November 1990	October 2000	120
Peter Kurzdorfer	November 2000	August 2003	31
Glenn Petersen	November 2003	December 2003	2
Kalev Pehme	January 2004	March 2005	16
Glenn Petersen	April 2005		

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## HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH

USCF members are part of a nationwide network. To find other chess players in your area, send us a stamped, self-addressed envelope and request any of these special lists:

- **STATE ORGANIZATIONS:** Contacting your state organization is the best way to find chess competition in your area. Many states have active organizations sponsoring official championships and publish newsletters and magazines for members.
- **CHESS MAGAZINES:** Everything from local club newsletters to general-interest magazines regularly published in the United States.
- **CHESS CLUBS:** The addresses of chess clubs in your area.
- **TOURNAMENT CLEARINGHOUSES:** If you direct tournaments, you should check your tournament dates with the clearinghouse in your area. This list is in every USCF Rating List sent to all of USCF's affiliated clubs.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

*submitted by Harold J. Winton, Co-Chair*

The Bylaws Committee is charged by the Delegates with reporting on both the substance and form of proposed Bylaws changes (DM 87-21). Mike Nolan (NE) and I serve as co-chairs. I thank Mike and our former co-chair, Ernie Schlich (VA), for their work this year, including revising the Bylaws to incorporate changes made at the 2004 Delegate meetings.

This year the Delegates referred four items to our committee. As they are not listed in the Delegates agenda under Old Business, as was customary, I am including the full texts of the proposals.

1) DM 04-20 (Myron and Rachel Lieberman AZ): Any former member of the USCF Executive Board (or its predecessor, the USCF Policy Board) who is not already a Delegate (State Delegate, current Board member, DAL, or LAD credentialed as a Delegate at the meeting) is entitled to participate but not vote in any USCF Delegates Meeting. This would include sponsorship of any motions (including ADMs) and participating in discussions. Please note that this is intended to include any former Board member, including those elected for one-year (special elections) term or two-year (transitional) term.

Our committee favors deleting the right to sponsor motions by a vote of 7-3. We also favor deleting the last sentence as unnecessary by 8 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions. We are closely divided on shortening the motion to just one sentence only authorizing participation in discussions: 5 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions. On the merits, as a whole, the committee voted 2 in favor, 5 against, 3 for the right to participate in discussion only. One comment made was that this change does not appear to be needed as past Board members have generally obtained Delegate slots without a problem.

2) DM 04-26 (Executive Board) The Bylaws will be amended as follows: Effective January 1, 2005 [2006], the Economy Scholastic membership will be offered only to the following students:

a. Students age 14/below within a subsidized lunch program or attending a Title 1 school, on the condition that the membership is purchased their school affiliate.

b. Students age 14/below living in the same household with a relative who is currently receiving *Chess Life*.

This proposal was referred to both the Scholastic and Bylaws committees. Our committee favored deferring to the Scholastic Committee on substance by a vote of 8-1-1. Three of our committee members also indicated they favored this proposal in principle. We have a wording suggestion that "purchased their school affiliate" instead read "purchased through their school affiliate."

(3) DM 04-32 (7 co-sponsors): A convicted felon cannot serve on the USCF Executive Board.

**SUBSTITUTE:** Any candidate for USCF Executive Board who has been convicted of a felony must disclose that fact to the electorate in their *Chess Life* statement.

Our committee strongly opposed this concept, voting 0 yes, 7 no, 3 abstentions. Our concerns include the fact that states can vary widely on how they define felonies and most criminal cases are state cases. For an example drug possession can be a misdemeanor in one state and a felony in another state. One member believes this would open "an unnecessary can of worms." Also, while most felonies lead to prison sentence, probation is also possible for a number of felonies. Turning to the actual wording proposed, two of our members preferred the original wording, 5 preferred the substitute, and 3 had no preference. If the Delegates

wish to pass one of these motions despite our committee's opposition, we recommend the resolution specify "adult felony conviction" to make it clear we are not barring persons with juvenile felony convictions. Our vote was 6-2-2 in favor of that recommendation.

(4) DM 04-36 (Tony Pabon, N. Ca.): Change the wording in the Bylaws from "citizen" only or from "resident" only to "citizen or resident."

Our committee sees no need for this change, as using just one of these words appears appropriate in certain sections of the Bylaws. We voted against this proposal by 0-8-2. Instead, the Bylaws Committee suggests that the Delegates make any changes they desire on a section by section basis. Our vote recommending that approach was 7 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions.

Also, the Bylaws Committee discussed the issue of who should resolve questions that come up concerning USCF elections. Article VI, Section 8, under Secretary, states the Secretary shall "preside over Federation elections." This year a question arose over when a candidate had missed his deadline for a *Chess Life* statement. Further we have had persons serving as Secretary who ran as candidates in elections or served as campaign managers for candidates, or endorsed candidates. Similarly, Executive Board members have run as candidates, served as campaign managers, and endorsed candidates. A straw vote was taken on various methods of resolving any election related disputes. The choices were: Secretary decides, Secretary decides subject to appeal to Executive Board, Executive Board decides, a special Elections Committee decides. The results were Secretary only 0, Executive Board only 0, Secretary with an appeal to the Executive Board 6, Secretary with an appeal to the Executive Board or an independent Elections Committee 3. I now understand that Mike Nolan has a motion on the Delegate agenda for an independent Elections Committee. In my opinion, if the Delegates take that route, it will be important that the committee be a Delegate Committee, with its members pledged not to be candidates, not be campaign managers, and not to endorse candidates.

Co-chair Mike Nolan and I also responded to various inquiries from the USCF Executive Board and USCF members.

Our committee will try to review any Delegate Bylaws proposals for the 2005 Delegates agenda. Please join us at the Bylaws workshop on Friday morning, August 12, 2005, at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. To contact the committee, please e-mail me at [HJWinston@aol.com](mailto:HJWinston@aol.com)

I thank Mike Nolan and all our other committee members for their participation: Ernie Schlich (VA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Richard Koepcke (N.CA), Randy Hough (S.CA), David Mahler (D.C.), Guy Hoffman (WI), Gary Kitts (MI), and Robert Persante (FL).

## CHESS AND EDUCATION

*submitted by Tim Redman and Alexey Root*

The Chess and Education Committee was relatively inactive this year. I've been at work finishing editing the book of Select Proceedings from the Conference on Chess and Education. Cynthia Hawkinson has found her work for the Scholastic Board very demanding and has not made progress on her web project. Perhaps the best news is that reported by Dr. Alexey Root below. The Press is a prestigious one and the book, based on her work for her Chess and Education I course, is, I believe, unique. The Committee Workshop will explore the funding possibilities for chess instruction through the Federal SES program, part of the No Child Left Behind bill.

“Children and Chess: A guide for teachers” by Dr. Alexey Root will be published by Teacher Ideas Press <www.lu.com> in the second half of 2006. In addition to chess lesson plans for grades K-8, the book gives academic and humanistic theories about why chess should have a place in schools. Reading and math standards from each of the 50 states are cited. For more information, or to request a pre-order form, please contact Dr. Alexey Root, <aroot@utdallas.edu>.

## COLLEGE CHESS COMMITTEE

*submitted by Jim Stallings, Co-Chair*

The rules to college chess have stabilized. One small change made in the EB December 2004 meeting: Appendix B of the Minutes of the 2003 USCF Delegates Meeting regarding College Chess Eligibility Requirements is hereby corrected to include the words “these titled” before the word “players” in the second line of the second paragraph of Rule 1.

In order to allow for greater access for viewing of the College Chess rules (a student complaint heard at this year’s 2004 Pan Am), the University of Texas at Dallas has allocated space on their Chess Education webpage for these rules. These various rules and changes have been scanned in from several Executive Board meetings over different years. Now anyone in the U.S. or world, for that matter, can view the rules.

We are moving to have other items posted there as well. A new initiative is the College Chess Community Outreach webpage which is under construction. It will feature the collective efforts of various programs throughout the year — such as Emory’s chess club match with a prison team and the Yale Chess Club’s volunteer work with inner-city youth in the New Haven community. We believe that recognition of these efforts will give the public a different view of college chess versus the more commonly and regularly reported tournaments. These diverse collegiate chess efforts can also inspire other programs in other regions of the country to plan their own projects suitable for their communities. Our collegiate players have many creative ideas that take advantage of their chess skills in assisting others.

The President’s Cup – the “Final Four” Championship continues to be an event that quickly and easily captures the imagination of the public. They automatically “get it” with no great explanation. We need more advance planning to have the event at a larger site. Again, Dr. Mikhail Korenman kindly hosted this event in Lindsborg. If we are to take advantage of the greatest media coverage, we need to be in a larger city. We also need to have the date established in advance. This last point we have actually done. The 2006 Final Four will take place the weekend of April 1-2. There are two factors that drive the timing of this date: Foxwoods and semester finals. Many collegiate players participate in Foxwoods; and it is now a qualifier for the U.S. Chess Championship. Secondly, we cannot go later than the second weekend of April, because spring exams soon begin thereafter. From now on we set the date according to these criteria.

This last year’s collegiate tournament results seem similar to the prior year. The University of Texas at Dallas took first place in the 2004 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Championship held in Wichita, Kansas, last December while the University of Maryland Baltimore County took first in the “Final Four” held in Lindsborg, KS. Miami Dade County drew with UTD in their match at both events. They are certainly now a very strong team. I would also thank the USCF and the U.S. Chess Trust for sponsoring the Final Four this year; and request that this support — \$8,000 from the Federation and \$2,000 from the Trust — be ongoing.

The new Individual College Chess Championship was held for the second year in conjunction with the National K-12; this time it was in Orlando. The co-champs were William Aramil and

Andrei Zaremba, both of UTD.

The bid for the 2005 Pan American is for Miami; and the 2006 Pan American has already gone to Washington, D.C. We still need bids for the President’s Cup for both years.

Dr. Alan Sherman has been spearheading a drive with ICC and USCF to coordinate the resurrection of the National College Chess League (NCCL) to allow for an Internet individual college chess tournament the fall semester; and Internet college chess team championship the spring semester.

Finally, I would suggest that *Chess Life* run a regular college chess column each month to help with the retention of scholastic members in the Federation when they go on to college.

## CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

*submitted by Harold G. Stenzel, Chair*

The committee had no work this year. Alex Dunne has taken over many of the duties in correspondence chess previously performed by the office.

## CRAMER COMMITTEE

*submitted by Peter J. Tamburro, Jr., Chair*

The committee will hold its annual meeting to determine awards in New York City on July 23, 2005 at noon. A portion of the meeting is open to interested parties. For future reference, please contact the chairman if you wish to attend in the future.

## DENKER/POLGAR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

**DENKER** *submitted by Jack C. Mallory, Chair*

The 20<sup>th</sup> Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions was contested by 46 players, five of whom were masters and 19 of whom were experts!

Mackenzie Molner of New Jersey and Pieta Garrett of Arizona tied for first and became co-champions. In addition, Molner earned a four-year scholarship from the University of Texas at Dallas. The November 2004 issue of *Chess Life* contains a more complete account of the tournament written by NM Alan Kantor.

The pre-tournament reception sponsored by Dewain Barber and American Chess Equipment was extra special, since it was attended by GM Arnold Denker.

**POLGAR** *submitted by FM Paul Truong, Chair*

In only its second year, the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls has grown and excelled beyond all expectations. Three-thousand young girls from across the country are expected to compete in regional and state qualifying events to earn one of the prestigious 50 spots in the 2005 tournament.

Some important new rules have been added to further enhance the event. Winners of the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls will now get an automatic spot in the play-off to determine a spot in the U.S. Championship.

Beside the main invitational tournament, there will also be three additional events open to all participants and alumni of the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls:

Susan Polgar National Invitational Blitz Championship for Girls, Susan Polgar National Invitational Puzzle Solving Contest for Girls, and the Susan Polgar National Invitational Chess Training Program for Girls

The Susan Polgar Committee awarded three automatic qualifying spots to the top finishing girls of the Elementary (K-6), Junior High (K-9) and the High School (K-12) Championship sections (top girl of each section) at the 2005 SuperNationals Chess Championship. The Susan Polgar Committee will also award three automatic qualifying spots to the top finishing girls of the Elementary (K-6), Junior High (K-9) and the High School

(K-12) Championship sections (top girl of each section) at the 2009 SuperNationals Chess Championship.

The time control of the event has changed from G/120 to G/90 with a 30-second increment added on per move. The idea for this is to allow our players to get used to the same FIDE time control to enhance their chances in International competition. It is our goal to improve this event every year and to attract more young ladies to participate in chess throughout the United States.

On behalf of the Susan Polgar Committee, I would like to thank Mr. Dewain Barber and his company American Chess Equipment for sponsoring the reception breakfast and providing the Polgar Medallions, GM Susan Polgar and the Susan Polgar Foundation for sponsoring the event, Dr. Tim Redman and the University of Texas at Dallas for donating the \$40,000 scholarship, the U.S. Chess Trust and Mr. Frank Berry for generous financial assistance and Mr. Ralph Bowman and Mr. Jack Mallory for support.

## **ETHICS COMMITTEE**

*submitted by Richard Buchanan, Chair*

The USCF Ethics Committee has the job of seeing that the game is played fairly and performs its duties in memory and honor of Honorary Chair Emeritus Jim Rachels. It hears complaints about allegations of unethical behavior and makes recommendations to the Executive Board of actions that they feel should be taken. As of early June, the committee has four cases in various stages of consideration and information gathering.

The procedure for filing a complaint is to send a written statement, with as much specific information as possible, to Pat Knight at the USCF office, along with a \$25 check. The information is sent to the accused party, who has an opportunity to answer the charges. The accuser then gets a chance to reply, and after the defendant's final statement, the Ethics Committee gets a packet with all the correspondence and makes its decision. Cases usually take several months to complete, and the \$25 fee can be refunded if the committee feels the complaint is not a frivolous one. The USCF's Code of Ethics can be read at [www.uschess.org/org/govern/codeofethics.php](http://www.uschess.org/org/govern/codeofethics.php).

Members of the committee are appointed by the Delegates at each annual meeting. If players wish to become members of the committee, they can be nominated at the meeting. For more information on this, you may contact me at [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net).

## **LIFE MEMBER ASSETS (LMA)**

*submitted by Dr. Leroy W. Dubeck, Chair*

First I would like to thank the other members of the LMA Committee for their contributions this past year. They are: Dewain Barber, Stan Booz, Mike Carr and E. Steven Doyle. The Life Member Assets are funds set aside to pay for the Life Member services (such as *Chess Life*). These funds were reported by our auditors to be \$1,324,187 as of June 30, 1996. By the summer of 2003 these funds were all gone to pay for the accumulated losses of USCF Operations (\$1,705,649) during the period fiscal 1997 to fiscal 2003. The detailed losses each year have been reported in the May 2005 *Chess Life* article by Stan Booz and myself.

The only Life Member asset remaining by summer 2003 was an old headquarters building in a dilapidated state that needed major renovations which could not be justified by our requirement for less space after books and equipment had been outsourced. This building was carried on our books at the depreciated value of \$132,800 as of May 31, 2004. The building was sold in September 2004 for \$513,000. After paying attorney fees, transfer taxes, etc., the net receipts from the sale of the building

was \$503,878.

The LMA Committee decided to place \$200,000 in CDs and the remainder in money market funds. This very conservative distribution of funds was designed to protect principal. In the future some of these assets will be invested in broad equity funds.

## **MILITARY CHESS COMMITTEE**

*submitted by David Hater, Chair*

The Military Chess Committee had another successful year in 2004-2005. Our primary goal is to ensure the continued success of the Armed Forces Open, but this year we had several other objectives on which we were able to make progress.

The 2004 Armed Forces Open was the best attended ever with 83 players. This year's tournament also had the largest prize fund ever, thanks to a very successful fundraising program. Particular noteworthy was the support of Booz Allen Hamilton Corporation as one of the tournament's primary sponsors. The lion's share of the credit for the successful tournament go to U.S. Navy Reserve Captain Thomas Belke. Captain Belke had a stellar supporting cast including U.S. Navy Commander Jay Gutzler who hosted the tournament at the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Army Sergeant First Class (retired) David Gavin who served as the prize coordinator, U.S. Air Force Captain (retired) Paul Waldowski who assisted with the site setup, U.S. Army Major David Hater (National Tournament Director) served as the playing tournament director, and U.S. Marine Corps Civilian employee Sara Walsh who served as the non-playing tournament director. There were also several other volunteers including U.S. Navy Petty Officer (retired) Ernie Schlich and his wife Joan, Diana Waldowski, U.S. Navy Reserve Petty Officer Pete Andraes, U.S. Marine Corps (retired) Staff Sergeant John Farrell, and USCF master Mike Fletcher who judged the best game prize. The success of the tournament truly was an inter-service venture!

The committee had two other significant goals this year to formalize how the committee operates. In the past, the committee had a very loose structure. With the growth of Military Chess, the committee needs more formal rules to guide its processes. The committee decided that guidelines for the Armed Forces Open and guidelines for committee operations were needed. This year, the committee passed a Charter on how the committee expects to operate in the future. The Charter specifies a mission statement, objectives, and rules of governance and should serve as a model for committee operations for many years to come. The rules for the conduct of the Armed Forces Open are about 95% complete at this time. The committee expects to continue work on these rules and complete the project late in this term or early next term.

Besides these formal goals of the committee, each individual member took on projects that were important to him and benefited the military population as a whole.

One of the most important of these projects was liaison with the U.S. Navy Chess Program. The U.S. Navy announced that they would not have a chess program in 2005 due to funding constraints. Committee member U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Mark Butler worked very hard with the Navy to reverse this decision. While the Navy did not fully fund the tournament this year, the available funding still enabled the Navy to have a team in the Armed Forces Championship and two members of the Navy qualified for the inter-service team that will represent the United States at the 2005 NATO Championship in Poland. Congratulations are in order to Master Chief Butler for his diligence and refusal to accept the status quo.

Committee member U.S. Air Force (retired) Major Zachary Kinney has been working very hard to document the over 45-year history of military chess. He has compiled an impressive

array of games, crosstables, photos and history dating back to the first tournament in 1960. Major Kinney expects to have a book which will document this history and will be published in 2006. Future generations are very much indebted to Major Kinney for documenting our rich heritage.

Committee member U.S. Marine Corps Master Sergeant Steven Rollins took the lead on the goals of governance for the committee. He was particularly instrumental in development of the mission statement. Master Sergeant Rollins also extensively participated in the development of the rules for the Armed Forces Championship. As usual, Master Sergeant Rollins serves as the webmaster for the military chess yahoo group. This group connects hundreds of military chess players online and serves as a forum for military chess and the exchange of ideas, games, etc. Finally, Master Sergeant Rollins is working with Chess Afloat to provide opportunities for deployed Sailors and Marines the opportunity to enjoy our great game.

Committee Chair U.S. Army Major David Hater was deployed to Iraq for most of this term, but worked with Chess For Vets and the New Jersey State Chess Federation to donate hundreds of sets to deployed service members in Iraq and Afghanistan and to Veterans Hospitals. Major Hater also did extensive work on the Committee Charter and Rules for the Armed Forces Championship. Major Hater also supported Major Kinney's research with game scores and crosstables and prior to deployment conducted research for military chess at the John G. White Chess Collection at the Cleveland Public library. Finally Major Hater contributed several articles to *Chess Life* which share the Military Chess Story.

The committee held several telephonic meeting this year. We also extensively used the yahoo website to exchange ideas and collaborate on the rules for the Armed Forces Open and the charter.

The committee looks to build upon these successes in 2005-2006!

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

*submitted by Myron Lieberman, Chair*

Please remember to notify local media whenever you, a friend, or a family member plans to participate in a national tournament or wins any significant tournament or title. It can result in coverage of the event as well as the people.

**Media** – There has been good media coverage for chess this year. Thanks to all who have helped improve the public visibility of chess through their efforts. Thanks in particular to Paul Truong and Susan Polgar, whose press releases, media events, and understanding of media needs have created opportunities to promote chess to the public. Susan Polgar has released two books (*World Champion's Guide to Chess* and *Breaking Through*) published by Random House. She has also been active within the chess community with articles and online blogs and comments as well as five instructional DVDs.

**"The Game of Kings for Kids."** – Thanks to Barbara DeMaro and Mark Fins for producing an excellent fundraising brochure entitled "The Game of Kings for Kids" for the U.S. Chess Trust. It was distributed at the SuperNationals. T-Shirts and buttons with a "Say Yes to Chess" theme were also distributed.

**Chess for Success** – Thanks to Fernando Moreno for presenting "Developing Social and Language Skills Through Chess" to the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) conference. The presentation described his "Chess for Success" program and included his analogies of life situations to chess positions, and the use of this concept in individual and group counseling.

**"Why Chess?"** – Thanks to Jim Celone for writing and dis-

tributing "Why Chess?" Jim Celone is a teacher of math and chess and also the President of the Connecticut State Chess Association. While this article was actually written earlier, it gained wider distribution and recognition in 2005. Anyone who plans to try to get school administrators to consider chess may find it very helpful. The text can be found at the Connecticut State Chess Federation's site [www.CTChess.com](http://www.CTChess.com).

**Psychological Science** (American Psychological Society publication) – Bruce D. Burns of Michigan State University published an article in the July 2004 issue of *Psychological Science* that described a study of players of both OTB and Blitz chess. The study found that highly rated players have similar ratings for both.

**Stamps** – Tony Saidy mentioned the possibility of a family relationship between Harry N. Pillsbury and George H.W. Bush. He suggested that we seek GHW Bush's assistance in authorizing a stamp issue with a chess theme in honor of Pillsbury, which was done. Efforts also continued to have a chess-themed stamp as part of a set to honor Benjamin Franklin on the occasion of his Tercentenary in 2006. Thanks to John McCrary for writing an essay on Franklin and chess for the Franklin Tercentenary Commission.

**Foundation mailing** – Thanks to Rachel Lieberman, who mailed packets of information with appeals for grants, donations, and sponsorship on behalf of the U.S. Chess Trust and USCF to 269 foundations.

**Imaginary Lines** – Imaginary Lines, Inc. is Sally Ride's organization dedicated to provide support for girls who might become interested in math, science, and technology. They provide science festivals, design competitions, educator workshops, and networking among other programs. They also produce *New Moon*, a magazine edited by and for girls 8-14 years of age. There are many analogies between chess and science in terms of girls' involvement and USCF should be in much closer contact with Imaginary Lines than it is today. We share the same problems and closely related goals. Those interested in increasing girls' participation in chess may want to look at their website, [www.imaginarylinesinc.com](http://www.imaginarylinesinc.com), in detail. It is also worthwhile for girls age 8-14 who feel so inclined to consider writing a chess article for *New Moon*.

**Information Packets** – The Outreach Committee continued its program of providing appropriate chess information to schools, individual chess promoters, and the media. Thanks to Rachel Lieberman for preparing and distributing the packets. If anyone needs materials for presentations regarding chess, please feel free to contact the Outreach Committee.

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

*submitted by Randy Hough, Chair*

The committee members continued to fruitfully exchange their views and concepts, with junior members Ryan Ko and Ben Marmont providing particularly conscientious service.

It was a tumultuous year for *Chess Life*, with the firing of Editor Kalev Pehme after 16 issues, his replacement by the highly experienced Glenn Petersen, who promptly experienced major health problems, and the publication in Glenn's absence of a May issue that violated the magazine's guidelines in several respects. Applications for editor were solicited; three candidates remain uninformed at this writing about whether a vacancy exists. The committee has not been consulted throughout.

The problems with *Chess Life* that then-Chair Herman Chiu enumerated at some length in last year's report diminished in some respects, but hardly vanished. The onsite presence of Glenn Petersen or a new editor is/will be helpful in reducing the number of "chess errors"; despite Jean Bernice's valiant efforts,

the presence of an assistant editor who knows chess would help yet more.

There continues to be insufficient material written specifically for the lower-rated scholastic members, who constitute a large proportion of our membership. Style, especially in chess terminology, remains inconsistent. Fractured English written by non-native speakers continues to appear, going well beyond the noble goal of letting writers “find their own voice.” Editors must edit!

Two articles in the May *Chess Life* exemplify the problems caused by reliance on an editor when that person takes ill. IM Tim Taylor’s account of his experiences in Hungary contained material of, shall we say, an “adult” nature that all but one committee member found inappropriate. At nine pages, it was also excessively long, given that *Chess Life* has limited space and a number of missions, above all to be “the journal of record of chess play in the U.S.” (This report is written without reference to the June follow-up, not available at this writing.)

The magazine also included a “Report on the Finances of the U.S. Chess Federation” that was in part a thinly-veiled attack on one of the candidates in the upcoming Executive Board election and an endorsement of the incumbent Board members. This violates guidelines (Item 16, *Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest*):

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

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

In this case, the person being criticized had limited opportunity to respond before the election, though he was able to get a letter to the editor in the June issue. The circumstances surrounding the article’s publication remain murky.

In closing, let me again thank colleagues Herman Chiu, Jerry Hanken, Ryan Ko, Harvey Lerman, Ben Marmont, and Ira Lee Riddle for their service on the committee.

## RATINGS COMMITTEE

*submitted by Prof. Mark E. Glickman, Chair*

The most significant ratings-related event this past year was the recoding and implementation of the rating system program by Mike Nolan. Mike and several members of the Ratings Committee worked closely together to facilitate the process of moving the rating system to the new computing environment.

One of the important features of the new system is that large blocks of tournaments can be rerated if mistakes were discovered. In the past, errors in individual rating computations were addressed by focusing on that individual’s rating, ignoring that the effect of the error had influence on other players’ ratings. Similarly, events rated out of chronological order could have an impact on the resulting ratings. But with the ability to carry out periodic rerates of events (e.g., rerating them in chronological order), some of these problems can be solved in a principled manner.

In the course of implementing the new ratings program, a few issues were raised and addressed. For example, we provided Mike Nolan recommendations for handling situations where duplicate IDs are in the database corresponding to different ratings. We also had an extensive discussion about how to rate events with multiple time controls within the same event (a rare

occurrence, but one that needed to be addressed). The method to which we agreed was to have a TD divide rounds into two groups; those that were slower than G/30 and those faster. The former would be rated under the standard system (only), and the latter would be rated under the quick chess system. We also made a minor change to the method of assigning an initial rating to unrated players. When an unrated player is in an adult membership category but for whom the USCF does not have a birthdate, then the ratings program will now use 1000 as the starting rating rather than 750 (which is what the system had been using). Finally, the discussions surrounding the new ratings program led to clarifications and corrections in the ratings systems specifications, which are posted online at <http://math.bu.edu/people/mg/ratings/rating.system.pdf>.

The office and the board charged the committee with a few tasks this year. One of the tasks was to evaluate whether the USCF can eliminate the half-K rating option. Members of the committee who responded unanimously agreed that it would be fine to abolish the half-K option, reasoning that the rating system formulas should not depend on choices made by a tournament organizer. The committee was also asked about updating USCF ratings for USCF-rated players competing in FIDE events. The committee reminded the office that a method had been proposed and implemented in 1994, but had only been used sporadically since then. The committee updated the document explaining the methodology, and presented it to the USCF office. The document can be accessed online at <http://math.bu.edu/people/mg/ratings/fideuscf.pdf>. The committee was also asked to provide input on a method of rating blitz games, i.e., games with time controls of G/3 through G/9. The options were either to construct a new and separate blitz rating system, or to extend the quick chess rating system to include time controls down to G/3. While the majority of committee members who responded thought that a separate system was more principled, extending the quick chess rating system to include blitz time controls was deemed the simplest to implement and manage. A couple of the members suggested that the value of K in the ratings formulas for blitz games should be lower than for quick chess games, but the arguments against fractional-K included increasing the complexity of the algorithm, and the uncertainty of how to choose the value of K without extensive analysis.

Each year, the committee performs data analyses to monitor changes in the rating system and rating pool. One of our key analyses is to examine the distribution of ratings of established players that have played in USCF-rated events each of the last three years and are between 35-45 years of age at the start of January 2005, and compare the distribution to the corresponding distribution based on previous years’ analyses. We focus on this group in particular because, accordingly to gerontology studies on cognitive learning, we expect them to have relatively stable abilities. What we found is that the average rating for this group is around 1770, and that it is 10 points higher than last year’s average. This suggests that the bonus and feedback mechanism in the rating formulas continues to inflate players’ ratings, as we hoped. It is worth noting, however, that our goal is to reinflate ratings back to levels in the year 1997, where the average rating for this cohort was close to 1820. A more complete statistical summary of our analyses can be found online at <http://math.bu.edu/people/mg/ratings/monitor2005.txt>.

We also examined the percentage of established players with ratings between 1400-2299 in the December 2004 Annual Rating List with ratings having last digits of 00. This analysis is to obtain some understanding of the frequency of players on their rating floor (such players would have a rating ending in 00). We discovered that over 6% of these players had ratings ending in 00. If approximately 1% of established players have ratings end-

ing in 00 (which is what one might expect if there were no rating floors), then about 6%-1%=5% of players are on their rating floor. While the percentage of players on their floor has been declining since the year 2000, this figure is a slight increase from that of last year. A graph of the statistical summaries over the past twelve years can be found online at <http://math.bu.edu/people/mg/ratings/digits00.pdf>. We will continue to monitor the percent of players on their rating floor and propose rating formula adjustments if the problem persists.

## RULES COMMITTEE

*submitted by David Kuhns, Chair*

The Rating Committee received one appeal, found in favor for the appellant. One rule change is proposed:

### MOTION (Rules Committee)

To alter the order and the wording of Rules 32C4 and 32D as follows:

#### THE CURRENT RULE:

**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 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 organ-

izer who repeatedly overestimates tournament attendance may be subject to penalties, at the discretion of the USCF.

## SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE

*submitted by Mike Nietman, Co-Chairs*

The year was a very busy year for the scholastic community highlighted by a significant event and an important decision.

The Music City of Nashville, TN hosted SuperNationals III and the crowd came! 5320 players participated in one of the 19 sections of the event. Thanks to all of the participants including players, parents and coaches for making the event so great!

A crowd of that size does create its problems. While most were quickly handled by the tournament directors, volunteers and chess control, the largest problems were superbly handled by USCF Events Director Diane Reese who seemed to be everywhere at all times. Thanks to her the event reported a good profit. Thanks also to the Gaylord Opryland staff for being flexible with our ever-changing demands, and we look forward to working with them again in 2007 for the National Elementary Championships and in 2009 for SuperNationals IV.

While most problems were handled on-site, one that remains is the need for an on-line registration system. Kudos to Al and Janelle Losoff for spearheading the entry process. They worked long days to get the entries in and posted on-line. But, with a late start to round one, it only proved the need for a direct on-line entry system. The committee will work with Mike Nolan before the fall events to introduce an on-line registration system. Thanks also to Alan Kantor in the office for his dedication and hard work for scholastic chess and for handling the SuperNational entries in the office.

Supernationals has also identified several holes and inefficiencies in the Scholastic Regulations. The committee will work on those over the next several months and have several recommendations for the Executive Board for its August meeting.

At a January work session the Council and a sub-committee of the Executive Board interviewed candidates for the Scholastic Director position. The Council was pleased to recommend that the Executive Board hire Jerry Nash for the position. Jerry hit the ground running and dove into the various invitational event selections. He is especially interested in curriculum development and will be working on that platform as soon as he is more entrenched in his new position. Welcome aboard Jerry!

Last year the Council and Executive Board standardized the qualifications for the World Youth. Next year we will have to standardize the qualifications for the other invitational events including the Pan Am Youth, U.S. Junior Invitational and U.S. Cadet.

A sub-committee of the Scholastic Committee has re-started the Chess Coach Certification discussion. With an outline already in place that loosely follows the Tournament Director Certification levels, they hope to have a working model by August.

We thank the editor of *Chess Life* for the bimonthly inclusion of *School Mates* for our younger members. Players, coaches and parents are encouraged to write articles for the magazine. In addition to all Regular and Youth members, magazines with the inclusion go to the Scholastic members. We encourage everyone to share those issues with our younger players.

Lastly, the entire scholastic chess community owes Ralph Bowman a huge debt of gratitude as he retires this year from the Council. Ralph has worked tirelessly for decades as a scholastic chess coach, tournament director and organizer and will be sorely missed. The rest of us hope to live up to the high standards Ralph has set.



## TDC COMMITTEE

*submitted by Tim Just*

The TDCC performed its normal duties of evaluating requests for variances on TD certifications. In the course of those responsibilities, the committee revisited the idea of extending the Club TD Certificate. The TDCC overwhelmingly supported the current practice of requiring Club TDs, after three years, to take an exam and upgrade to a Local TD certificate. The Federation has an obligation to its members to guarantee that long-term TDs have essential problem-solving skills and rulebook knowledge. Since Club TDs are not required to take exams, extending their certification would permanently exclude them from the opportunity to confirm essential proficiencies required of all TDs.

It is time to revise some of our exams. Carol Jarecki is revising the IA exam while Joe Lux is revising the NTD and ANTD exams.

## Women's Chess Committee

*submitted by GM Susan Polgar, Chair  
FM Paul Truong, Assistant Chair*

Women's Chess in America has had a historic 12 months. The U.S. Women's Olympiad Program which officially started in early 2003 (by former Executive Director Frank Niro, FM Paul Truong and I) yielded unprecedented results in the past year. Unfortunately, the program was abruptly canceled after the 2004 Women's Olympiad.

The 2004 U.S. Women's Olympiad team (IM Irina Krush, WGM Anna Zatonskih, WIM Jennifer Shahade and me) won the first-ever Women's Olympiad medals for the United States, a total of four medals (1 team Silver, 1 individual Silver and 2 individual Gold medals).

We defeated the Gold medalist Chinese team in our individual match and our team even had the best match record with only one loss in 14 rounds. The fifth member of the U.S. Women's

Olympiad Training program (WGM Rusa Goletiani) became the first woman to win the Samford Fellowship. She also won the 2005 U.S. Women's Championship.

Other notable activities to promote Women's Chess include:

I participated in three battle-of-the-gender exhibition matches against 7-time World Champion Anatoly Karpov (3-3 tie), 3-time U.S. Champion Lev Alburt (draw) and reigning U.S. Champion Hikaru Nakamura (draw).

Promoting chess on Broadway in the off-Broadway show "Fit to Kill" and the Broadway hit "Little Women." A *Chess Life* issue featuring Women's Chess was used in the play.

Promotion of chess and women's chess through major articles in the *The Wall Street Journal*, *NY Daily News*, *Lifestyles Magazine*, *Washington Times*, *The New York Times*, *Broadway PlayBill.com*, *Entertainment News*, *The Gothamist*, *Psychology Today*, *Elle*, and countless other publications.

Opening of the Susan Polgar South Texas Chess Center in Corpus Christi, Texas on May 28, 2005 (the building, supplies, materials, and other items totaling approximately \$200,000 were donated by the parents in Corpus following my visit there in April 2005 to promote chess for girls).

The appearance of the Polgar sisters in the United States for the first time in over 10 years to promote chess (at the National Open between June 9-10, 2005).

Special historic long distance chess match between Russia (St. Petersburg and New York – Polgar Chess Center). Potential line up at the time of this report includes GMs Svidler, Sakaevev, Alekseev and Khalifman versus GMs Onischuk, Gulko, Stripunsky and me. The expected broadcast number for this match is over 200 million people across the United States and worldwide.

Guinness Book of World Records Simultaneous Exhibition on August 1-2, 2005 in Palm Beach Gardens to promote U.S. Chess.

There are many more planned activities to promote Women's Chess in the works for the next 12 months.

*The following committees have not submitted a written report as of deadline:  
An Oral report may be given.*

– Audit – Election Procedures – Electronic Voting – Finance – Hall of Fame – International Affairs  
– Internet/MIS/Website – Senior – States – Survey – Top Players

## DELEGATES AT LARGE

### *Delegates at Large (DAL)*

(\* = *Past President*)

Frank Camaratta  
Harold Dondis  
Steve Doyle\*  
Bill Goichberg  
Jerome Hanken  
F. Woodrow Harris  
Randy Hough  
Al Lawrence  
Myron Lieberman  
Rachel Lieberman

Glenn Petersen  
Timothy Redman\*  
Harry Sabine  
Donald Schultz\*  
Helen Warren  
Harold Winston\*

### *Additional Alternate Delegates (AAD)*

(\* = *Past President*)

Anthony P. Cottell  
Gerry Dullea  
Maxim Dlugy\*  
Frank Elley  
Robert Erkes  
Burt Hochberg  
Frank Skoff\*  
Gary Sperling\*  
Leroy Dubeck\*

# 1979–2005 AWARD RECIPIENTS

## CHESS CITY OF THE YEAR

1983	Pasadena, California
1984	New York, New York
1985	Foxboro, Massachusetts
1986	Charlotte, North Carolina
	Somerset, New Jersey
1987	Pulaski, Virginia
	Terre Haute, Indiana
1988	Albuquerque, New Mexico
	Memphis, Tennessee;
	Southfield, Michigan
1989	Knoxville, Tennessee
	Peoria, Illinois
	Seattle, Washington
	Tempe, Arizona
	Lexington, Kentucky
1993	Durango, Colorado
	Reno, Nevada
1994	Bloomington, Illinois
	New York, New York
1995	Chicago, Illinois
	Key West, Florida
1996	Tucson, Arizona
	New York, New York
1997	Knoxville, Tennessee
	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1998	Peoria, Arizona
1999	San Francisco, California
	Gilbert, Arizona
2000	Louisville, Kentucky
	Dallas, Texas
2001	Kansas City, Missouri
2002	Miami, Florida
	New York City
	Seattle, Washington
2003	Nashville, Tennessee
2004	Lindsborg, Kansas
2005	<i>Minneapolis, Minnesota</i>

## CHESS CLUB OF THE YEAR

1999	Pittsburgh Chess Club
2001	Rochester Chess Club
	Dumont Chess Mates
2002	Metrowest Chess Club (MA)
2003	Rochester Chess Club
	Miami International Chess Academy
2004	Marshall Chess Club
2005	<i>Mechanic's Institute</i>
	<i>East Bay Chess Club</i>

## CHESS COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

2000	University of Maryland
	Baltimore County (UMBC)
2001	University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
2002	University of Maryland
	Baltimore County (UMBC)
	Rhode Island College
	St. Johns University
2003	Stanford University
2004	Miami Dade Community College
2005	<i>U Cal at Berkeley</i>

## COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

1982	Computer Committee
1988	Hall of Fame Committee
1989	Scholastic Committee
1990	Tournament Direction Certification
1993	Special Committee on Rulebook
1994	Ratings Committee
1995	Computer Communications
1996	Chess in Education Committee
1997	Finance Committee
1998	Internet Committee
1999	Finance Task Force
	Rules Committee
2000	Scholastic Committee
2001	Internet/Computer Committee
	Outreach Committee
2002	FIDE Advisory
2003	Women's Chess Committee
2004	College Chess Committee
2005	<i>Finance Committee</i>

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1979	George Cunningham, Arpad Elo, Burt Hochberg, George Koltanowski
1980	Ed Edmondson, Isaac Kashdan, Paul Webb
1981	John Collins, Marshall Rohland, Frank Skoff
1982	Fred Cramer, Lina Grumette, Gary Sperling
1983	Arnold Denker, Bill Goichberg, Van Vandenburg
1984	Lynne Babcock, Pearle Mann, George Tiers
1985	Denis Barry, Harold Dondis, Tim Redman
1987	Leroy Dubeck
1988	Gerard Dullea
1989	Myron Lieberman, Don Schultz
1990	Steve Doyle
1991	Harry Sabine, Yasser Seirawan
1992	Harold Winston
1993	Robert Erkes, Carol Jarecki, Helen Warren
1994	C. Norman Peacor, Fred Townsend
1995	Jerry Hanken, Martin Morrison
1996	Woodrow Harris
1997	Anthony Cottell, Frank Camaratta
1998	Glenn Petersen, Faneuil Adams
1999	Jerry Spann (posthumously)
2001	Sid Samole (posthumously)
2002	Randall Hough, Rachel Lieberman
2003	Dr. Lee Hyder
2004	Dr. Joseph Wagner
2005	<i>Shane Samole</i>

## FRANK J. MARSHALL

1994	Albert Sandrin
1995	GM Arthur Dake
1996	GM Arnold Denker
1997	IM Maurice Ashley, IM John Donaldson
1998	GM Arthur Bisguier

1999	Faneuil Adams (posthumously)
2001	GM Pal Benko
2002	GM Lev Alburt
2003	GM Sam Palatnik
	GM Yasser Seirawan
2004	John Curdo
2005	<i>IM Igor Ivanov</i>

## GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR

1997	Alexander Yermolinsky
1998	Joel Benjamin
1999	Nick de Firmian
2001	Yasser Seirawan
2002	Larry Christiansen
2003	Maurice Ashley
	Susan Polgar
2004	Alexander Shabalov
2005	<i>Hikaru Nakamura</i>

## HONORARY CHESS MATES

1998	Ethel Collins, Nina Denker, Nancy Edmondson, Leah Koltanowski, Carrie Marshall
2001	Norma Reshevsky
2002	Madge Byrne
2003	Baiba Mednis
2004	Bernadette Doyle, Brenda Goichberg, Teresa Schultz
2005	<i>Doris Barry</i>
	<i>Phyllis Benjamin</i>
	<i>Carol Winston</i>

## KOLTANOWSKI MEDAL

1979	<i>Gold:</i> Bill Church, Jacqueline Piatigorsky, Louis Statham
1980	<i>Gold:</i> Thomas Emery, Lessing Rosenwald
1981	<i>Gold:</i> Fred Cramer;
	<i>Silver:</i> Howard Gaba, Fred Gruenberg, Al Hansen
1982	<i>Gold:</i> Rea Hayes;
	<i>Silver:</i> Nobert Leopoldi
1983	<i>Silver:</i> Stephen Jones, Don Richardson, John Rylowski, Ralph Slottow
1984	<i>Gold:</i> Jose Cuchi;
	<i>Silver:</i> M. Vacheron
1985	<i>Gold:</i> Frank Normali;
	<i>Silver:</i> R. W. Twombly
1986	<i>Gold:</i> Shelby Lyman, NCR Corp.;
	<i>Silver:</i> Faneuil Adams, Jr., Paul Arnold Associates, Equitable Life Assurance, Prudential Insurance
1987	<i>Gold:</i> Frank Samford
1988	<i>Gold:</i> Sid Samole
1989	<i>Gold:</i> Novag Industries
1990	<i>Gold:</i> Arnold Denker, Helen Warren

1991	<i>Gold:</i>	Ted Field;
	<i>Silver:</i>	Neil Falconer
1992	<i>Gold:</i>	Banker's Trust;
1994	<i>Silver:</i>	Dr. Martin Katahn
1996	<i>Gold:</i>	Saitek Industries, Ltd.;
	<i>Silver:</i>	Zamagias Properties
1997	<i>Gold:</i>	Interplay Productions;
	<i>Silver:</i>	Wizards of the Coast, Novag Industries
1998	<i>Gold:</i>	Chess in the Schools;
	<i>Silver:</i>	Internet Chess Club (ICC)
2000	<i>Gold:</i>	The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD);
	<i>Silver:</i>	The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
2001	<i>Gold:</i>	Seattle Chess Foundation
2002	<i>Gold:</i>	Floyd and Bernice Sarisohn,
2003	<i>Gold:</i>	Dato' Tan Chin Nam
	<i>Gold:</i>	Dr. Martin (Dick) Katahn
	<i>Gold:</i>	Tennessee Tech University
2004	<i>Gold:</i>	Kasparov Chess Foundation
2005	<i>Gold:</i>	<i>Al Blowers (from HB Foundation)</i>

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE

1980	Robert Tanner
1985	Joseph Wagner
1986	Lincoln Chess Foundation, Glenn Meachum, Ben Munson, Sunil Weeramantry
1987	Don Maddox, Charles Pashayan, Jules Stein
1988	Harry Lyman
1991	Imre Konig, George Leighton
1992	David Mehler
1993	Dale Brandreth, Allen Kaufman
1994	Randall Hough, Paul Shannon
1995	Frank Brady, Billy Colias, Ernest Marx
1996	Paul Gold, Myron Lieberman
1997	Alan Sherman, Randall Swanson, Jim Warren
1998	James Bolton, Richard Verber
1999	Selby Anderson, Erv Sedlock, Ken Smith (posthumously)
2000	Randy Hough
2001	Gary Prince
2002	Joe Ippolito, Ollie LaFreniere, Beatriz Marinello
2003	Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine
2004	Sunil Weeramantry
2005	<i>Herman Drenth</i>

## ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR

1994	Bill Goichberg
1995	Al Losoff
1996	Nick Conticello, Manhattan Chess Club
1997	Jose Cuchi, E. Steven Doyle
1998	Robert Tanner
1999	John Donaldson, De Knudson
2002	Yasser Seirawan and America's Foundation for Chess (formerly the Seattle Chess Foundation)
2003	Arden Dilley, Phillip Simpkins
2004	Michael Korenman
2005	<i>Maurice Ashley</i>

## OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

1986	Allen Hinshaw, Helen Hinshaw, Bob Dudley, Robert Erkes, George Mirijanian
1987	Alan Benjamin, Phyllis Benjamin
1989	Peter Lahde, Alina Markowski, Larry Paxton, Glenn Petersen
1990	Roger Blaine, Lee Hyder, Russell Miller
1991	Mike Goodall, Ira Lee Riddle, Fjola Vandenburg
1993	Robert Karch, Robert P. Smith
1994	Clarence Callaway
1995	Pete Nixon, Warren Pinches
1996	Burt Hochberg
1997	Leroy Dubeck, Bill Snead, J.C. Thompson
1998	Steve Frymer
1999	Robert Fischer, James Hurt, Stuart Laughlin,
2000	Harold Dondis
2001	John Collins
2002	Robert Ferguson, Jerry Hanken, Carol Jarecki
2003	John Donaldson, Thad Rogers
2004	Jay Bonin
2005	<i>Ralph Bowman</i>

## SCHOLASTIC SERVICE

1994	Harry Sabine
1995	Ron Lohrman
1996	Lee LaFrese
1997	Robert Ferguson
1998	Sunil Weeramantry
1999	Faneuil Adams (posthumously)
2001	Beatriz Marinello
2003	Ralph Bowman
2004	GM Arnold Denker Gilbert Unified School District #41, Gilbert, Arizona
2005	<i>Elizabeth Tejada</i>

## SPECIAL SERVICES

1983	Hal Bogner, Arnold Denker, Thad Rogers, Hyman Rogosin, Eric Schiller, Don Schultz
1985	Lackland Bloom, Martin Morrison
1986	Fred Gruenberg, Richard O'Keefe, C. Norman Peacor, Ron Warnicki
1988	Fred Townsend, David Welsh
1991	Lev Alburt, Larry Evans
1992	Ron Lohrman, Les Leroy Smith
1993	Jeremy Gaige, John Varis
1994	John McCrary, Warren Pinches, Garrett Scott
1995	Jo Eglen, Doris Thackrey
1996	Herb Hickman, Hanon Russell, Helen Warren
1997	Denis Barry, Robert John McCrary, Jim Pechac
1998	Harold Stenzel, Gary and Addie Prince
1999	Tim Just, Mike Carr (posthumously) Alice Loranth
2000	Ken Horne (posthumously), Rachel Lieberman, Sid Samole

2001	Tom Doan, Pat Hoekstra, Myron Lieberman
2002	Dewain Barber, Ralph Bowman, Mark Glickman, Al Lawrence, Mike Nolan
2003	Lynne Chapman, Kelly Jacobs, Ken Sloan
2004	Don Mihokovich, Bob Persante
2005	<i>Neil Falconer</i>

## SPECIAL TASK FORCE

2000	President's Special Committee on Finances, Computer Evaluation Task Force
2003	Rulebook Revision Task Force

## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

2004	Carol Jarecki
2005	<i>Steve Immitt</i>

## U.S. CHESS HALL OF FAME

1986	Reuben Fine, Robert Fischer, Isaac Kashdan, George Koltanowski, Frank Marshall, Paul Morphy, Harry Pillsbury, Sammy Reshevsky
1987	Sam Loyd, Wilhelm Steinitz
1988	Arpad Elo, Hermann Helms
1989	I.A. Horowitz
1990	Hans Berliner
1991	John Collins, Arthur Dake
1992	Arnold Denker, Gisela Gresser, George MacKenzie
1993	Pal Benko, Victor Palciauskas
1994	Arthur Bisguier, Robert Byrne, Larry Evans
1995	Ed Edmondson
1996	Fred Reinfeld
1997	Kenneth Harkness
1998	Dr. Milan Vukcevic
1999	Benjamin Franklin
2000	Edmar Mednis
2001	Lubomir Kavalek
2002	Donald Byrne
2003	Lev Alburt, Walter Browne
2004	Anatoly Lein, Leonid Shamkovich

# USCF NATIONAL EVENTS 2005-2009

FUTURE NATIONAL CHESS EVENTS AS OF 6/1/05

## 2005

### U.S. Open

8/6 – 8/14 2005  
Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa  
24th Street and Missouri  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

### Denker & Polgar Invitationals

8/7 – 8/12 2005  
602-954-2571, chess rate \$99

### U.S. Class Championships

8/26 – 8/28 2005  
Doubletree Hotel & Conference Ctr.  
16625 Swingley Ridge Road  
St. Louis, MO  
636-532-5000, chess rate \$79-84

### National Youth Action

11/18 – 11/20 2005  
Hyatt Regency Atlanta  
265 Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303-1294  
404-577-1234, chess rate \$115

### National Scholastic K-12/ Collegiate Championship

12/2 – 12/4 2005  
Hilton Americas-Houston &  
George E. Brown Convention Ctr.  
1001 Avenida de las Americas  
Houston, TX 77010  
800-236-2905, chess rate \$112

### Pan-Am Intercollegiate

12/27 – 12/30 2005  
Wolfson Campus  
Chapman Conference Center  
Miami Dade College  
300 NE 2nd Avenue  
Miami, FL 33132-2297  
Holiday Inn  
340 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, FL 33132  
800-526-5655,  
chess rate \$97 (incl b'fast)

## 2006

### U.S. Amateur Team South

2/17 – 2/19 2006  
Travelodge Hotel Main Gate East  
5711 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy.  
Kissimmee, FL  
800-327-1128, chess rate \$65

### U.S. Masters

3/11 – 3/19 2006  
Hendersonville, NC

### National Junior High (K-9) Championship

4/7 – 4/9 2006  
Galt House Hotel  
140 North Fourth Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
502-589-5200, chess rate \$114

### National High School (K-12) Championship

4/21 - 4/23 2006  
Wisconsin Center District  
Hilton Milwaukee  
509 W. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
414-271-7250, chess rate \$115

### National Elementary (K-6) Championship

5/12 - 5/14 2006  
Hyatt Denver Convention Center  
15th and California Streets  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone available soon  
chess rate \$115

### U.S. Junior Open & Invitational

July 2006 (date to be determined  
when World Youth dates announced)  
Dallas, TX

### U.S. Open

8/5 - 8/13 2006  
Doubletree Hotel Oakbrook  
1909 Spring Road  
Oak Brook, IL 60523  
**Denker and Polgar Invitationals**  
630-573-1234, chess rate \$89

### National Youth Action

11/17– 11/19 2006  
Hyatt Regency Atlanta  
265 Peachtree Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303-1294  
404-577-1234, chess rate \$115

### National Scholastic K-12/ Collegiate Championship

12/8 – 12/10 2006  
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort  
1000 W Buena Vista Drive  
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000  
407-939-1000  
Group Reservations at:  
407-939-1020, chess rate \$120

### Pam-Am Intercollegiate

12/27 – 12/30 2006  
Renaissance Washington DC Hotel  
999 9th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
800-468-3571, 202-898-9000  
chess rate, \$138, s/d (incl breakfast)

## 2007

### National Elementary (K-6) Championship

5/11 – 5/13 2007  
Gaylord Opryland Resort  
& Convention Center  
2802 Opryland Drive  
Nashville, TN 37214  
615-883-2211, chess rate \$124

### U.S. Open

7/28 – 8/5 2005  
Hilton Cherry Hill  
2349 West Marlton Pike  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
**Denker & Polgar Invitationals**  
7/29 – 8/3 2007  
800-Hiltons, chess rate \$114

### National Scholastic K-12/ Collegiate Championship

12/7 – 12/9 2007  
Hilton Americas-Houston &  
George E. Brown Convention Ctr.  
1001 Avenida de las Americas  
Houston, TX 77010  
800-236-2905  
chess rate \$115

## 2008

### National Scholastic K-12/ Collegiate Championship

12/12 - 12/14 2008  
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort  
1000 W Buena Vista Drive  
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000  
407-939-1000  
Group Reservations at:  
407-939-1020, chess rate \$120

## 2009

### SuperNationals IV

4/3 - 4/5 2009  
Gaylord Opryland Resort  
and Convention Center  
2802 Opryland Drive  
Nashville, TN 37214  
615-883-2211

# A Guide to Robert's Rules of Order for USCF Delegates

by Mike Nolan, USCF Parliamentarian

(Revised June 2001)

Reference: *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th Edition (published in 2000), edited by Robert, Evans, Honemann and Balch, Perseus Publishing, 0-7382-0307-6. (List price \$17 in paperback.)

This is a simplified selection of some key points from *Robert's Rules of Order*, with a few explanatory remarks and examples and some exceptions and extensions that have come into general use by the Delegates.

## DEFINITIONS

**Parliamentarian:** The Parliamentarian serves as a resource to the chair, offering advice on rulings and other matters to assist the chair in keeping the meeting orderly and productive. The Parliamentarian never 'rules' on a question, the chair has that privilege and may ignore or not solicit the advice of the Parliamentarian before making any ruling. The Parliamentarian also serves as a resource to Delegates, to advise them on proper parliamentary procedure.

**2nd:** Indicates a willingness to have the Delegates consider the motion, not any support for it. Except for motions on the advance agenda, motions arising from a committee and motions arising from the Membership Meeting, all main and subsidiary motions and most privileged or incidental motions require a 2nd in order to be considered by the Delegates further. While the maker of a motion is expected to argue in favor of it during debate, the second order is under no such requirement.

**Debatable:** Discussion of the merits of the motion is permitted. An undebatable motion must be voted upon immediately *without discussion* unless an amendment or higher-ranking motion is in order and offered.

**Majority:** A simple majority means that more people vote 'yes' than 'no.' A  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority means that at least twice as many people vote 'yes' as 'no.' To abstain from voting means to yield to the will of the majority that does vote, whatever that majority is. It does not matter whether the number of 'yes' and 'no' votes adds up to a quorum or not, as long as a quorum is present. Although a count of abstaining Delegates is sometimes requested of the chair, it is not mandatory under *Robert's Rules*.

**Reconsider:** A motion to reverse an earlier vote. A motion to reconsider may only be offered by someone who voted on the prevailing side on the earlier vote. A motion to reconsider always requires a simple majority, even if the motion being reconsidered required a larger majority to succeed. When a motion to reconsider is successful, the matter becomes active again, although it might not be the current order of business if some other business is also pending. Some motions may not be reconsidered, such as a failed motion to postpone indefinitely.

**Chair:** The person running the meeting. The chair assigns the floor during debate and recognizes members, including responding to points of order or privilege (and making rulings as required), parliamentary inquiries, and to request whether a speaker will yield to a point of information. All questions should be addressed to the chair, not to other members, including the member who currently has the floor. The chair is expected to remain impartial and must refrain from debate on the merits of any issue. A chair who wishes to speak to the merits should yield the chair by passing the gavel to another person for the duration of the debate on that issue.

**Agenda:** The agenda is the order in which business is to be conducted. Many organizations have adopted a standard agenda for meetings, indicating in which order officer and committee

reports are to be given, etc. It is also common for organizations to prepare an advance agenda of matters likely to come before the body. Sometimes the Bylaws specify that certain matters cannot be enacted unless pre-announced in the advance agenda, or require a different majority to pass if not pre-announced, such as amendments to the Bylaws. But the advance agenda is an informational document only until such time as it is adopted by the body during the meeting once a quorum is established.

**The 13 ranking motions:** (Larger numbers indicate motions that take precedence over lower-ranking ones.) Except where indicated, none of these motions are in order when someone else has the floor:

1. **Main motion.** Requires a 2nd (except for motions on the advance agenda or arising from a committee), debatable, amendable, may be reconsidered, passes by a simple majority unless the subject matter requires a higher majority, such as Bylaws changes which were not in the advance agenda. A main motion may not be made when some other motion is pending. The chair will call up as main motions items printed in the advance agenda in the order in which they appear, though motions may be called up by a committee out of the preprinted order if the motion was sponsored by or referred to the committee. Motions may be brought up in any order either by unanimous consent of the Delegates or by suspension of the rules, which requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority.

The following are subsidiary motions, and generally apply only to a main motion or a motion relating to a main motion. These motions are in order of increasing priority. For example, a motion to commit takes precedence over a motion to amend, and a motion to table takes precedence over all other subsidiary motions.

2. **Postpone indefinitely.** Requires a 2nd, debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may only be reconsidered in the affirmative. If successful, the main motion to which it applies is killed for the duration of the meeting and may not be reintroduced. Because of its low ranking, this motion may only be made when the main motion is under discussion, not when any amendments or other motions are pending.

3. **Amend.** Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is debatable, amendable (but an amendment to an amendment is not further amendable, because it gets too confusing to keep track of things), may be reconsidered, requires a simple majority. (See below on the 'friendly amendment'.)

4. **Commit** (refer). Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may be reconsidered. If successful, the current main motion including all pending motions such as amendments, is referred to the designated committee(s) and the order of business is now the next item on the agenda. With some exceptions, such as a motion to amend the Bylaws, the Delegates may refer a matter to the Executive Board or to a committee with the power to implement it. Motions may also be referred to the Executive Board or to a committee with instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting. By convention, unless otherwise indicated a referral to a committee includes instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting, but referrals to the Board do not include instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting, unless the Board does not have the authority to implement and that power is not attached in the motion to refer.

5. **Postpone to a definite time.** Requires a 2nd, debatable, amendable, generally requires a simple majority, may be reconsidered. (If made a special order, requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. See 'call for the orders of the day'.)

6. **Limit debate.** Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a  $2/3$  majority to pass, may be reconsidered if still possible. Used to limit the rights of the Delegates to debate an issue, such as placing a time limit on an item of business, limiting the length of individual speeches, or the number of times a Delegate can speak on any one issue during debate on a motion.

7. **Previous question** (call the question). Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a  $2/3$  majority to pass, may be reconsidered. Used to end debate on a motion and proceed to an immediate vote on it. In its basic form it applies only to the current pending motion (such as an amendment), but may also be applied to motions below that one in order, all the way back to the current main motion.

8. **Lay on the table.** Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority to pass, may not be reconsidered. Often used improperly to kill a motion, but more properly used to permit the Delegates to set aside a subject in order to move on to a more pressing one, since the tabled matter may be brought back to the floor by a simple majority vote later on, whereas one that is postponed indefinitely may not be brought to the floor later in the meeting. Tabled matters that are still tabled at the end of the meeting are automatically referred to the Executive Board, which may act upon a motion, refer it to appropriate committees, or place it on the agenda for the next year's meeting, although the EB is not required to take any of these actions. Motions for which the Executive Board does not have the authority to take final action, such as a Bylaws change, may still be referred by the Executive Board to committees or placed on next year's agenda, but unlike motions specifically referred to the Board this is not mandatory.

The following motions are privileged, may be made at any time, and do not refer to a pending main or subsidiary motion.

9. **All for the orders of the day.** *Does not require a 2nd, may be made when someone else has the floor;* not debatable, not amendable, does not require a vote, may not be reconsidered. The orders of the day are any motions that have been passed calling for consideration of a particular subject at a particular time as a special order. When the appointed time arises, any member may call the chair's attention to the matter by calling for the orders of the day, and the current pending matter must be set aside and the subject of the special order brought to the floor immediately.

10. **Raise a question of privilege.** *Does not require a 2nd, may be made when someone else has the floor;* not debatable, not amendable, is acted upon by the chair without a vote, and may not be reconsidered. A question of privilege deals with the rights of the Delegates or an individual Delegate to participate in the business at hand or correct the record on previous business. For example, if the speaker system isn't working and a Delegate can't hear the debate, that would be a question of privilege. Similarly, a loud disturbance from elsewhere would be a question of privilege. A question of personal privilege is often invoked when a member's name is mentioned in debate, but this is not proper unless this has been done in such a fashion as to incorrectly place into the record the member's participation or lack of participation in matters previously dealt with or to circulate a charge against that member's character. (The more proper motion to deal with an imprudent remark about you made by the speaker during debate is to raise a point of order to 'call the member to order,' that is to have the chair request that the speaker refrain from making further improper personal comments about other members.)

11. **Recess.** Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. Once a motion to recess is passed, the Delegates are in recess until the time specified for the meeting to resume, at which time the chair may resume the meeting as soon as a quorum is present.

12. **Adjourn.** Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. Properly used as it applies to the Delegates meeting, this motion is only used to end the meeting. A motion to adjourn to 9 AM tomorrow morning should actually be made as a motion to recess until 9 AM, and the chair should rephrase it as such.

13. **Fix the time to which to adjourn.** This motion has no practical application to the Delegates meeting, since the meeting is short and of a fixed duration and except in special circumstances would not continue beyond that time frame.

#### **Other motions:**

The following motions are restorative, they bring a matter back before the Delegates that had previously been tabled or voted upon:

A. **Take from the table:** Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. (But a new motion to take the matter from the table may be offered later on.) This motion is only in order when there is no main motion pending, and it brings a matter before the Delegates that had been tabled earlier in the meeting, in the exact form it was in at the point at which it was tabled. See discussion above as to the disposition of motions left on the table at the end of the meeting.

B. **Reconsider:** Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is also debatable, may not be amended, requires a simple majority, may not be made a 2nd time if unsuccessful. If a vote is reconsidered, any earlier disposition is reversed and whatever action is taken on the motion after reconsideration overrides any earlier action. If an action is irreversible, the matter cannot be reconsidered. This motion must be made by someone who voted on the prevailing side of the motion being reconsidered.

The following are some incidental motions that may arise, there is no order to these motions.

A. **Suspend the rules.** Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a  $2/3$  majority, may not be reconsidered. This is a motion to suspend *Robert's Rules* or any standing rules or customs. The Bylaws may not be suspended, they must be amended. Suspending the rules is often requested to change the order of business to consider something ahead of its place in the agenda. Although not debatable, the maker of the motion generally offers a short explanation as to why the rules should be suspended or what action will be taken once the rules are suspended. If a motion to suspend the rules for a particular purpose is unsuccessful, it may not be renewed without unanimous consent of the Delegates.

B. **Point of Order.** *May be made when someone else has the floor; does not require a 2nd,* is not debatable, is not amendable, may not be reconsidered, and is ruled upon by the chair rather than voted upon by the Delegates. A point of order is a request for the chair to enforce the rules under which the Delegates operate, such as dealing with a motion or member being out of order. For example, if an amendment to an amendment to an amendment is offered, it would be out of order and if the chair doesn't rule it out of order, a Delegate should raise a point of order to have the chair enforce the rules and declare the amendment out of order. A ruling by the chair is made, possibly after consulting with the Secretary or Parliamentarian, and once made the ruling may be appealed by any two Delegates (an appeal requires a 2nd), a simple majority being needed to reverse the ruling of the chair. A point of order can also be made to enforce the rules on decorum in debate, to enforce a time limit on debate or the number of times a speaker is recognized, or to clarify the status of the motion(s) currently before the Delegates.

C. **Parliamentary Inquiry.** *May be made when someone else*

*has the floor, does not require a 2nd*, is not debatable. Similar to a point of order, but generally limited to inquiring as to the proper motion to make under some circumstance or to ascertain the effect of such a motion or any pending motion. The chair answers the inquiry and may consult with others, such as the Parliamentarian or Secretary, for advice before answering. Since this is not (yet) a ruling, it may not be appealed.

**D. Point of Information.** *May be made when someone else has the floor.* This is not a motion, per se, but a request for permission to seek further information about the pending matter from the current speaker or for a brief answer from someone else with expertise in the subject, generally another Delegate or a USCF staff member. The speaker is not obliged to yield the floor to hear the question. This motion is often improperly used to interrupt a speaker just to rebut the speaker's debate, and in proper usage the interrupter should not make the rebuttal argument immediately but limit the interruption to a request that the speaker yield for a question, since the proper means for rebuttal in debate is to gain the floor through the usual means.

**E. Object to the consideration of a question.** *May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd*, is not debatable, is not amendable, requires a 2/3 majority, may not be reconsidered. This motion may only be applied to a main motion when it is first introduced, its purpose is to prevent any discussion or debate on the motion, including any discussion as to why the question should not be considered. Another way to think of it is as the opposite of a 2nd, it indicates a lack of willingness to have the motion considered by the Delegates. An immediate vote on the objection should be taken and, if successful, the motion is killed and may not be reintroduced during the remainder of the meeting.

**F. Division of a question.** Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. This is a request to split a motion into several parts, and is only in order when the motion is easily severable.

**Division of the assembly.** *May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd*, is not debatable, is not amendable, may not be reconsidered, does not require a vote. Used to request a tabulated vote when the vote announced by the chair is disputed by the Delegates. A first request for a division should almost always be granted, as should a second request for a very close vote, but repeated requests for recounts of a close vote are a stalling tactic and after a vote has been carefully tabulated twice unless there is still a reasonable doubt as to the outcome the chair may ignore further requests for a division of the assembly and declare the vote concluded. Though it has been done on occasion, there is no specific provision in Robert's Rules or in the USCF Bylaws for ordering a roll call vote, and due to the time involved such an order should be used sparingly.

**Appeal.** *May be made when someone else has the floor*, requires a 2nd, is debatable if applied to a question which was debatable, requires a simple majority. Decisions of the chair regarding points of order, points of privilege, or assignment of the floor during debate may be appealed. Such an appeal must occur immediately after the ruling to which it applies, and the motion to appeal takes precedence over the motion which was pending at the time the decision was made. Rulings regarding decorum in debate or the priority of business are not debatable, and a ruling made while a nondebatable motion is pending is also nondebatable. However, the chair is entitled to explain the ruling even if an appeal is nondebatable.

Standing rules or customary rules used by the USCF Delegates at past meetings, including procedural rules initially developed by the USCF President for use at the 1998 Delegates meeting:

A. A speaker may not move the previous question (call the

question) after speaking to the merits of a question in that turn at the microphone. [Passed by the Delegates as a standing rule.]

B. Except for motions arising from the USCF Membership Meeting, if the sponsor or co-sponsor of a motion is not present at the time it is reached in the agenda, it goes to the end of the agenda, after all other advance motions and motions filed with the Secretary before or during the meeting but not included in the advance agenda. A request for unanimous consent or a motion to suspend the rules may be offered to bring the motion back to the floor ahead of then. (Congratulatory motions generally made at the end of the meeting are usually deferred until all other Delegate motions are dealt with, including those moved to the end of the agenda.) Motions on the advance agenda do not require a second, a Delegate who objects to such a motion should raise an objection to consideration of the question, either during adoption of the advance agenda or when the motion is reached in the meeting. Delegate motions not printed in the advance agenda do require a second.

C. A Delegate may withdraw a motion as long as it is still in its original form, even during debate, but once a motion has been revised from its initial form it may only be withdrawn by unanimous consent. All co-signers to the original motion must also consent to its withdrawal. (The person who seconded the motion does not need to consent to its withdrawal, since seconding a motion does not express an opinion on the merits of the motion, and the seconder is always free to attempt to gain the floor to make the motion again, at which time it requires another Delegate to second it.) When a motion is divided into multiple questions, each of the parts is now a separate motion and such a separated motion may be withdrawn if it is still in its original form.

D. The maker of a motion may accept as an improved version a 'friendly amendment' from another Delegate. Such a motion is still considered to be in its original form. The seconder does not have to consent to the friendly amendment, since the person offering the improvement is obviously willing to have the motion considered, which is the point of requiring a second. [This is a deviation from *Robert's Rules*, which now has a reference to the friendly amendment in the 10th edition, but in a much more restricted sense than found in common practice, including at USCF Delegates Meetings.]

E. Committee chairs may only bring to the floor during their reports motions that were referred to them by the previous or current Delegates meeting, motions referred to them by the Executive Board and printed in the Executive Board Newsletter or (preferably) placed on the advance agenda, or motions that the committee, or the committee chair on the committee's behalf, placed on the advance agenda. In specific, motions from workshops have no special standing with the Delegates, though they may be brought to the floor as main motions later in the meeting in the usual manner or offered as amendments during debate.

F. Straw polls may be made at the sole discretion of the chair, although the speaker may request them of the chair. The chair will conduct all straw polls and votes. [Because they neither advance nor defeat the issue, the use of straw polls is not sanctioned by *Robert's Rules*, which suggests that a form of 'committee of the whole' be used instead.]

G. All main motions and amendments not appearing in the advance agenda should be submitted to the Secretary in written format, to assist the chair in the orderly conduct of the meeting and the Secretary in preparing an accurate set of minutes.

Pro and Con microphones will be placed on the floor. All Delegates wishing to debate a motion should stand in line at the appropriate microphone and wait to be assigned the floor by the chair. If an amendment or other debatable motion is offered, the Pro and Con microphones will now refer to that motion, and

Delegates wishing to speak on that subject should move to the appropriate microphone, others should stand aside or sit down.

A podium may be provided for committee chairs to make their committee reports from. A committee chair or other Delegate at the podium is not entitled to any preference in debate but may be called upon to answer points of information regarding a committee's views on motions referred to it, in the advance agenda, or arising from the committee workshop. Makers of main motions may also be requested to present their motions from the podium and to remain at the podium to answer points of information.

Motions introduced and passed at the USCF Membership Meeting for consideration by the Delegates are entered on the agenda as the first items under New Business, and are brought to the floor in order at that point in the agenda. These motions do not require a second. The maker of the motion during the Membership Meeting, if not a Delegate, is not entitled to speak at the Delegates meeting without the unanimous consent of the Delegates.

Delegates who have already spoken to the merits of a pending question are requested to defer to Delegates who have not yet spoken to the merit of that question. The chair may recognize

Delegates who have not yet spoken to the merits of a pending question ahead of those who have already spoken on it. Where possible the chair will alternate between speakers for and speakers against the pending question. The maker of a motion is always entitled to the first opportunity in debate to speak to the merits of that motion. The chair assigns the floor, a Delegate may not yield the floor to another Delegate without the unanimous consent of the Delegates. Except for committee chairs giving their report, the Parliamentarian (if not a Delegate) and USCF staff members presenting a staff report or answering a point of information, non-Delegates are not entitled to speak to the Delegates without unanimous consent.

As indicated above, motions not reached by the Delegates or motions tabled by the Delegates are automatically referred to the Executive Board at the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting, but without the power to implement (where applicable) and without instructions to report back to the Delegates, so they will not appear on the advance agenda of the next Delegates Meeting except by specific action of the Executive Board, nor does progress on these motions need to be reported upon in the *Executive Board Newsletter*.

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# 2005 U.S. OPEN SCHEDULE

## August 6 – August 14

### Saturday, August 6

7:00 PM Traditional Schedule  
10:00 AM Side Event: U.S. Open Scholastics

### Sunday, August 7

9:00 AM Denker & Polgar Reception  
11:00 AM Denker & Polgar Tournaments  
1:00 PM Side Event: US Open Blitz Championship  
7:00 PM Traditional Schedule

### Monday, August 8

11:00 AM Denker & Polgar Tournaments  
1:00 PM Side Event: U.S. Open Bughouse Champs  
7:00 PM Traditional Schedule

### Tuesday, August 9

To be announced U.S. Open Golf Tournament  
11:00 AM Denker & Polgar Tournaments  
11:30 AM Side Events: Biltmore Quads #1  
Noon 6-Day Schedule  
7:00 PM 6-Day Schedule  
7:00 PM Traditional Schedule

### Wednesday, August 10

9:00 AM See Committee Meeting Schedule  
11:00 AM Denker & Polgar Tournaments  
Noon / 7 PM 6-Day Schedule  
11:30 AM Side Event: U.S. Open Action Swiss  
6:00 PM / 8:30 PM 5-Day Schedule  
7:00 PM Traditional Schedule

### Thursday, August 11

9:00 AM See Committee Meeting Schedule  
10 / 1 / 3:30 / 7 5-Day Schedule  
11:00 AM Denker & Polgar Tournaments  
10:30 AM Side Event: Politicians and Directors Open  
Noon / 7 6-Day Schedule  
5:00 PM Lecture: Michael Khordokovsky  
"Working with Champions"  
7:00 PM All Schedules Merge

### Friday, August 12

9:00 AM See Committee Meeting Schedule  
11:00 AM Denker & Polgar Tournament  
11:30 AM Side Event: Biltmore Quads #2  
1:00 PM Simul with WGM Anjelina Belakovskaia  
5:00 PM Lecture: WGM Anjelina Belakovskaia  
"Understanding the Endgame"  
5:00 PM (Approx.) Denker & Polgar Awards Ceremony  
7:00 PM All Schedules  
8:00 PM President's Reception

### Saturday, August 13

9:00 AM Delegates Meeting  
10 / 2 / 6 Side Event: Sonoran Desert Swiss  
12:30 PM USCF Awards Luncheon  
7:00 PM All Schedules

### Sunday, August 14

9:00 AM Delegates Meeting  
10 AM / 2 PM Side Event: Sonoran Desert Swiss  
7:00 PM All Schedules

## 2005 U.S. OPEN SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS

**August 6 (Saturday) U.S. Open Scholastics** — 4SS G/40. Reg: 8:30-9:30 am. Games start at 10 am. EF: \$15 (if rec'd by 8/4) \$20 onsite. Three sections: K-3, 4-6, 7-12. Trophies to top 5, top 2 upsets and top 2 unrated in each section.

**August 7 (Sunday) U.S. Open Blitz Championship** — 7SS, G/5 (two games per opponent – one as black one as white). Reg: 11-12. Start time: 1 pm. Prizes b/entries, return 80% of entries as prizes. 1st receives 25%, 2nd receives 15%, four class prizes receive 10% each. Classes U2200, U1900, U1600, U1300. Trophies to first under ages 16, 13, 10. EF: \$25 adults, \$15 under 16. On-site entries only.

**August 8 (Monday) U.S. Open Bughouse Champs** — 3RR, G/5. Reg: 11-12. Start Time: 1 pm. Prizes b/entries. Return 80% of total entries as prizes; 1st Team 40%, 2nd Team 25%, 3rd Team 15%. Trophy top team with both players under age 16. EF: \$25/team. On-site entries only.

**August 9 (Tuesday) Biltmore Quads #1** — 3RR, G/60. Reg: 10-11 am. Rounds: 11:30, 2, 4. Prizes: \$30 first-place winner in each quad. EF \$15. On-site entries only.

**August 10: (early morning) Ninth Annual Golf Tournament for U.S. Open players** — You must be playing in the U.S. Open to play in the Golf

Tournament. For details about cost, golf course, rules, prizes, etc., please e-mail Michael Wojcio chessgolfmarathons@prodigy.net.

**August 10 (Wednesday) U.S. Open Action Swiss** — 4SS, G/30. Reg: 9:30-10:30 am. Rounds: 11:30, 1:30, 3, 4:30. Prizes b/entries. Return 80% of entries as prizes. 1st receives 25%, 2nd receives 15%, four class prizes receive 10% each. Classes U2200, U1900, U1600, U1300. EF: \$20. On-site entries only.

**August 11 (Thursday) Politicians and Directors Open** — 4SS, G/15. Players must be certified TDs or chess politicians (delegates, committee members, etc.). Reg: 9:30-10 am. Rounds 10:30, 11:15, 12:45, 1:30. Trophies top: ANTD/NTD, STD, LTD, CTD, Non-Director. EF: \$15. On-site entries only.

**August 12 (Friday) Biltmore Quads #2** — 3RR, G/60. Reg: 10-11 am. Rounds: 11:30, 2, 4. Prizes: \$30 first-place winner in each quad. EF \$15. On-site entries only.

**August 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Sonoran Desert Swiss** — 5SS, G/90. Reg: 8-9 am. Rounds: Sat. 10-2-6; Sun. 10-2 (½-pt bye available for any one round). 80% entries returned in prizes; 1st 25%, 2nd 15%, four class prizes 10% each. Classes U2100, U1800, U1500, U1200. EF \$30 adults, \$20 juniors under age 18. On-site entries only.

# SCHEDULE FOR 2005 U.S. OPEN WORKSHOPS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00
WEDNESDAY August 10	States	Chess Journalists	College Chess	Lunch	TDCC	TDCC/Problem Solving	Senior Chess	Correspondence Chess
	Polgar	Denker	Publications				Outreach	
THURSDAY August 11	Executive Board (closed)	Executive Board (open)		Lunch	Ethics Committee	MIS Updates Demonstration	Chess Trust	Chess in Ed
	Rules Workshop	Ratings						
FRIDAY August 12	MIS	Bylaws		Lunch	Finance/LMA	International Affairs	Staff Forum/ General Membership Meeting	
	Women's Chess	Internet Chess						
SATURDAY August 13	Delegates Meeting			Lunch	Delegates Meeting			
SUNDAY August 14	Delegates Meeting			Lunch	Delegates Meeting			

The Committee Meetings will be held in the Prescott and Sedona Rooms.  
The Delegates Meetings will be in the Grand Ballroom

Executive Board Meeting Sunday Evening

## **Sunday, August 7: Denker Tournament of High School Champions and Polgar Invitational for Girls Reception, 9 AM**

*Thank you American Chess Equipment for sponsoring the Denker and Polgar Invitational Reception!*

## **Friday, August 12: President's Reception, Gold Room**

## **Saturday, August 13: Hall of Fame Induction and USCF Awards Luncheon, 12:30 PM**

Invited guests will receive formal invitations. Please note: ALL other attendees are expected to purchase their own tickets no later than Wednesday, August 10th. Tickets will not be available after August 10.

A luncheon ticket is \$50 and may be purchased at the bookstore.

Luncheon will include Caesar salad, herb-crusted chicken breast with pasta, tomatoes and mushrooms, coffee or tea, and dessert.

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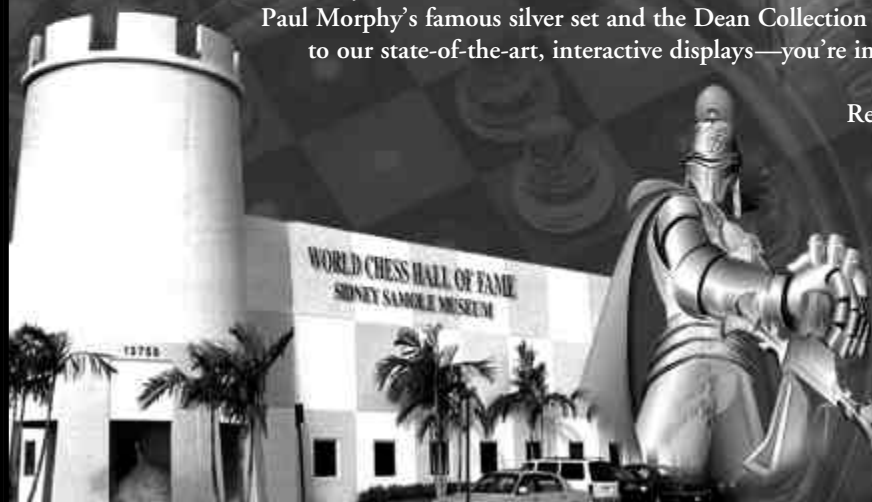
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## DECEMBER 2 - 4

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800-236-2905 \$112 Chess rate single through quad! <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2005/k12/>

### 7SS, G/90, 14 SECTIONS

Play only in your grade or college section.  
December rating supplement used.

½-point bye available any round if requested in advance (except Rd 7).

Team score = total of top 3 (min. 2) finishers from each school per grade.  
1<sup>st</sup> place individual & team will be National Champion for their grade.

### TROPHIES

Top 10 individuals & top 5 teams in each grade (minimum).  
Many other class prizes.  
Everyone gets a commemorative item!

### FEES

\$32 /participant (postmarked by 11/7)  
\$52 /participant (postmarked by 11/21)  
\$70 after 11/21 or at site  
\$5 extra for registrations placed by phone

### SCHEDULE

Opening Ceremony Fri. 12:30 pm.  
Rounds: Fri. 1-6pm, Sat. 10 am-2-6 pm, Sun. 9 am-1 pm.  
Awards Ceremony Sun. 4:30-6 pm.  
Awards Ceremony for Bughouse & Blitz: Saturday at 8 am.

### SIDE EVENTS

Registration for side events is on site only!

Bughouse: Thursday, 1 pm.  
On-site entry Thurs. 9 am until noon, \$20 per team.  
Blitz: Thursday 6 pm. On-site entry until 5 pm, \$15 each.  
Simul Friday 9 am. Register on site.

On-site registration 12/1, 9 am-9 pm & 12/2, 9-11 am.

Team Rooms are limited, contact Diane Reese [events@uschess.org](mailto:events@uschess.org).



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