

MOTIONS OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2006 – 2007

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Motion #	Sponsor	Date and Method	Subject
EB07-001	Channing	08/13/06 M	Chess Coach Certification Program
EB07-002	Goichberg	08/13/06 M	Mikhail Korenman presentation – Chess Convention
EB07-003	Sloan	08/13/06 M	Rating Olympiad (See also EB07-009)
EB07-004	Sloan	08/13/06 M	Sell USCF Rating Services
EB07-005	Hall	08/14/06 M	Signatories on Profit Sharing Account
EB07-006	Sloan	08/14/06 M	Vacate Fischer Expulsion
EB07-007	Channing	08/14/06 M	Internet Liability Insurance
EB07-008	Goichberg	08/14/06 M	Electronic Voting
EB07-009	Sloan	08/14/06 M	Rating Olympiad (See also EB07-003)
EB07-010	Sloan	08/14/06 M	Headphones
EB07-011	Schultz	08/14/06 M	National Scholastic Regulations
EB07-012	Board	08/14/06 M	Committees
EB07-013	Channing	08/14/06 M	Duties of Mike Nolan
EB07-014	Goichberg	08/14/06 M	E-MAIL Voting
EB07-015	Marinello	08/20/06 O	Add Elizabeth Shaughnessy to Scholastic Committee
EB07-016	Goichberg	09/04/06 E	IA and FA changes to TD Certification
EB07-017	Goichberg	09/06/06 E	Promotional Multiyear Membership Dues
EB07-018	Goichberg	09/13/06 E	Local Director Experience Clarification
EB07-019	Goichberg	09/13/06 E	Senior Director, IA, FA Experience Clarification
EB07-020	Goichberg	09/13/06 E	Senior Director Experience Clarification
EB07-021	Goichberg	09/13/06 E	Associate National Director Experience Clarification
EB07-022	Schultz	09/14/06 E	World Youth Team in Batumi
EB07-023	Goichberg	09/26/06 E	Board Resolution re: EB Conduct
EB07-023A	Schultz	09/26/06 E	Board Resolution re: EB Conduct
EB07-024	Goichberg	10/13/06 E	PPHBF Support for John Grefe (See EB07-040)
EB07-025	Goichberg	10/17/06 E	Martinowky Memorial
EB07-026	Goichberg	10/27/06 E	Scanning “Chess Life” Newspapers (See EB07-039)
EB07-027	Channing	10/28/06 E	Berkeley School Agreement
EB07-028	Sloan	11/18/06 M	AV System for EB Meetings
EB07-029	Sloan	11/18/06 M	Online Games at US Championship
EB07-030	Channing	11/18/06 M	Reprimand (See motion EB07-046)
EB07-031	Schultz	11/19/06 M	BINFO Distribution
EB07-032	Hall	11/19/06 M	Voting by E-mail
EB07-033	Hough/Hall	11/19/06 M	Access to Vote Count in Progress
EB07-034	Goichberg	11/19/06 M	USCF Rating of Foreign Tournaments
EB07-035	Marinello	11/19/06 M	Board Members as Directors
EB07-036	Marinello	11/19/06 M	Board Members as Columnists
EB07-037	Board	11/19/06 M	House of Staunton
EB07-038	Board	11/19/06 M	TD/Membership Suspension
EB07-039	Sloan	11/19/06 M	Scanning “Chess Life” Newspapers
EB07-040	Goichberg	11/19/06 M	PPHBF support for John Grefe
EB07-041	Sloan	11/19/06 M	Bobby Fischer
EB07-042	Sloan	11/19/06 M	Rating Olympiad
EB07-043	Sloan	11/19/06 M	MSA Website
EB07-044	Sloan	11/19/06 M	Rating Disclaimer
EB07-045	Sloan	11/19/06 M	Board Member Ratings and Floors
EB07-046	Channing	11/29/06 E	Censure (Substitute for previous motion EB07-030)
EB07-047	Goichberg	12/07/06 E	John Donaldson named Zonal President (for FIDE)
EB07-048	Goichberg	12/07/06 E	Board Liaisons for Robert Tanner's Committees
EB07-049	Goichberg	12/07/06 E	Randy Hough confirmed as Secretary
EB07-050	Goichberg	12/07/06 E	Procedure for filling Robert Tanner's Board Vacancy
EB07-051	Sloan	12/10/06 E	Recommendation to FIDE re: Robert Tanner's posts
EB07-052	Goichberg	12/11/06 E	Refer Robert Tanner's situation to the TDCC
EB07-053	Goichberg	01/09/07 E	Posting of confidential material on the USCF Forum
EB07-054	Marinello	01/13/07 E	Dewain Barber named chair of Denker Committee

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EB07-055	Goichberg	01/23/07 E	Establish Committee to manage the PPHBF
EB07-056	Sloan	02/03/07 M	Deleted posts on the USCF Forum
EB07-057	Schultz	02/03/07 M	USCF Forum Subcommittee
EB07-058	Sloan	02/03/07 M	Abolish Internet Insurance
EB07-059	Goichberg	02/03/07 M	American Classic Tournaments
EB07-060	Sloan	02/03/07 M	Ownership of land and building in Crossville
EB07-061	Sloan	02/03/07 M	Bobby Fischer
EB07-062	Goichberg	02/03/07 M	Bobby Fischer
EB07-063	Board	02/04/07 M	Commend Peggy Stephens for her work as Acting CFO
EB07-064	Board	02/04/07 M	Affirm Joseph Nanna as CFO
EB07-065	Board	02/04/07 M	Extend contract for Executive Director for eight months
EB07-066	Channing	02/04/07 M	US Championship – Awarding bids
EB07-067	Sloan	02/04/07 M	US Championship - Format
EB07-068	Sloan	02/04/07 M	US Women's Championship - Format
EB07-069	Channing	02/04/07 M	Thank Hal Bogner and Marty Hirsch for website work
EB07-070	Board	02/04/07 M	Express sadness for Florencio Campomanes' accident
EB07-071	Board	02/04/07 M	Dues Sale Prices
EB07-072	Sloan	02/04/07 M	Rating Olympiads
EB07-073	Board	02/04/07 M	High School Champion of Champions / Denker Tmt.
EB07-074	Schultz	02/04/07 M	Online Championship
EB07-075	Schultz	02/04/07 M	Awards Committee
EB07-076	Channing	02/04/07 M	Thank Bill Goichberg for ably handling the meeting.
EB07-077	Goichberg	02/28/07 E	Accept Frank Berry's US Championship proposal
EB07-078	Hall	03/09/07 E	Forum Oversight Committee
EB07-079	Goichberg	03/15/07 E	Move PPHB Fund to a Money Market Fund
EB07-080	Schultz	03/21/07 E	Joel Channing named USCF Liaison to AF4C
EB07-081	Marinello	03/31/07 E	Moderators of USCF Forum
EB07-082	Goichberg	04/16/07 E	PPHBF Grant to William Lombardy
EB07-083	Goichberg	04/16/07 E	PPHBF Committee Recommendations
EB07-084	Sloan	04/19/07 E	Appeal of Suspension of Sam Sloan from USCF Forum
EB07-085	Sloan	04/19/07 E	Appeal of Suspension of Sam Sloan from USCF Forum
EB07-086	Channing	04/19/07 E	Censure of Sam Sloan
EB07-087	Goichberg	04/23/07 E	Forum Oversight Committee Appointments
EB07-088	Hall	05/07/07 E	Forum Oversight Committee Disciplinary Procedures
EB07-089	Sloan	05/19/07 M	Contracts for National and International events (Failed)
EB07-090	Hall	05/19/07 M	Commendation for Patricia Knight
EB07-091	Channing	05/19/07 M	Standards of Conduct – Referral to Bylaws Committee
EB07-092	Hall	05/20/07 M	Add Ron Suarez to Forum Oversight Committee (FOC)
EB07-093	Sloan	05/20/07 M	Resignation from committees (Failed)
EB07-094	Sloan	05/20/07 M	Accept resignation from FOC (Failed)
EB07-095	Hall	05/20/07 M	Removal of FOC member (Failed)
EB07-096	Goichberg/Marinello	05/20/07 M	FOC Nondisclosure
EB07-097	Board	05/20/07 M	Awards
EB07-098	Board	05/20/07 M	Review of Editor
EB07-099	Channing	05/20/07 M	Website Design Commendation
EB07-100	Board	05/20/07 M	Thanks to FOC and Moderators
EB07-101	Board	05/20/07 M	Frank Camaratta named chief teller for 2007 Election
EB07-102	Schultz	05/20/07 M	Limitation on awarding of Life memberships
EB07-103	Hall	05/20/07 M	Unsecured line of Credit
EB07-104	Channing	05/20/07 M	Approval of 2007 budget.
EB07-105	Board	05/20/07 M	Restriction on titled players in Pan Am Intercollegiate
EB07-106	Board	05/20/07 M	Chess Club of the Year
EB07-107	Sloan	05/20/07 M	Accept resignation from Audit Committee (Failed)
EB07-108	Goichberg	06/01/07 E	Accept resignation of Steve Owens from FOC
EB07-109	Goichberg	06/01/07 E	Accept resignation of Terry Winchester as FOC chair
EB07-110	Goichberg	06/01/07 E	ED may accept FOC resignations
EB07-111	Sloan	06/12/07 E	Polgar Tournament
EB07-112	Marinello	06/19/07 E	Chess College of the Year
EB07-113	Goichberg, Schultz	06/28/07 E	Thank Texas Tech for Scholarship

EB07-114	Hall	08/02/07 M	Add Wayne Praeder to FOC
EB07-115	Goichberg	08/02/07 M	Junior Tournament Membership
EB07-116	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Censure Bill Hall re: Pension/Profit Sharing Fund
EB07-117	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Assign a USCF ID # for Bobby Fischer
EB07-118	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Reinstate Larry Evans' column in "Chess Life"
EB07-119	Sloan	08/02/07 M	USCF rate all top world events
EB07-120	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Direct office to purchase high end camcorder
EB07-121	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Posting meeting documentation on website
EB07-122	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Establish a new Tournament of Girl Champions
EB07-123	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Censure Bill Hall re: inventory of stored records
EB07-124	Sloan	08/02/07 M	Thank Tim Tobiason for scanning "Chess Life"
EB07-125	Goichberg	08/02/07 M	Rating Fees
EB07-126			

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The following motions were made at the Executive Board Meeting in Oak Brook, IL in Open Session. Please note that any motions that arose from discussions in closed sessions are later made in open session and are included on this list.

EB07-001 – (Channing) The Executive Board approves the Scholastic Council proposal regarding the Chess Coach Certification Program and endorses it in principle. The Executive Board enthusiastically requests that the Scholastic Council comes back with more detail including what costs are involved. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-002 – (Goichberg) The Board has heard a presentation from Mikhail Korenman regarding an international chess convention to be held in the fall of 2007 and strongly supports the convention in Chicago. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-003 – (Sloan) The World Chess Olympiad just completed in Italy shall be rated fully in accordance with the USCF rating system. **FAILED 1-5.** Sloan in favor. See also EB07-009.

EB07-004 – (Sloan) Encourage the Executive Director and FIDE Delegate to negotiate with other countries to sell USCF rating services to other countries. **PASSED 5-0-1.** Tanner abstained.

EB07-005 – (Hall) Moved, that the Executive Board appoint the Vice President of Finance and the President to act as agents and be signatories of the profit sharing pension account managed by Spectrum in the vanguard account. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB07-006 – (Sloan) Moved, that the expulsion of Bobby Fischer in 2002 by objections procedure (EB02-40) is hereby vacated. **PASSED 4-1-2.** Channing opposed, Schultz and Hough abstained.

EB07-007 – (Channing) Moved, (1) That we obtain Internet liability insurance at an estimated cost of \$15,000 per year, such insurance to cover Officers, Directors, Moderators, and paid Consultants, (2) That we enunciate clearly a policy on the website. We will be aggressive in deleting posts the moderators consider objectionable, and (3) From now on we insist that all posters post under their real name. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB07-008 – (Goichberg) Moved, that the Board ask the Elections Committee to study electronic voting. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-009 – (Sloan) The office is asked to rate the Olympiad just completed in Italy in accordance with USCF ratings and all ratings go into the MSA. **FAILED 1-5.** Sloan in favor. See also EB07-003.

EB07-010 – (Sloan) Pending a recommendation of the Rules Committee, headphones and listening devices are prohibited, but that may be waived at the discretion of the Tournament Director. **FAILED 2-4.** Channing and Sloan in favor.

EB07-011 – (Schultz) The Board acknowledges receipt of three pages of adjustments to the National Scholastic Tournament Regulations, and, barring objection in accordance with the 30 day approval rule, accepts them. **PASSED 6-0.** Please note: The revised regulations will be posted on the website.

EB07-012 – (Board) The following Committee Chairs, Board Liaisons, and Committee Members are appointed for 2006-2007. **PASSED 6-0.** Please note. The committee list that is shown as Appendix A includes the current status of committees as of August, 2006. It includes both Board and Delegate appointed committees as well as committees appointed earlier for 2006-7.

EB07-013 – (Channing) A report on the duties of Mike Nolan will be given at the next meeting. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-014 – (Goichberg) If an e-mail vote is proposed and two Board members object, the vote is prevented and requires a conference call or action at the next meeting. A Board member who has participated in the substance of a discussion may no longer object to an e-mail vote. **PASSED 5-1.** Sloan opposed.

The following motion was passed by objections procedure on August 20, 2006:

EB07-015 – (Marinello) Add Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA/N) to the Scholastic Committee. **PASSED** without objection

The following motion, originally DM06-12 from the Delegates' Meeting, which was referred to the Board, was moved by e-mail vote on August 28, 2006, and passed on September 4, 2006.

EB07-016 – (Goichberg) IA and FA changes to TD Certification

Tournament Categories

14. Category I.

A Tournament held in the United States that will be submitted to both FIDE and USCF for rating.

a. FIDE events that award title norms for GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs and will be submitted to FIDE for rating must be directed by an International Arbiter (IA), Federation Arbiter (FA), or a Senior, or higher, certified TD, supervised by an IA.

b. FIDE events that do not award title norms but will be submitted to FIDE for rating must be directed by a TD certified at the Senior level or higher who has the FIDE endorsement and whose level is appropriate for the expected size of the event.

24. Limitations.

A club TD may not be the Chief TD for USCF Grand Prix, Category N or Category I tournaments and should not be the Chief TD of Category A, B, or C tournaments, which includes any tournament, or section of a tournament, expected to draw more than 50 players. Computer assisted club TDs can be the Chief TD of any tournament, or section of a tournament, expected to draw up to 60 players with the aid of one assistant TD. **IA and FA experience credit of any kind is unavailable at Category I tournaments.**

28. Limitations.

A local TD may not be the Chief TD for Category N or Category I tournaments and should not be the Chief TD of Category A or B tournaments, which includes any tournament, or section of a tournament, expected to draw more than 100 players. Computer assisted local TDs can be the Chief TD of any tournament, or section of a tournament, expected to draw up to 120 players with the aid of one assistant TD.

43. Qualifications.

The USCF will submit a title application for the International arbiter and FIDE arbiter titles for current USCF members who are certified at the Senior, ANTD, or NTD level and meet all the following requirements. FIDE requires that an IA applicant must already hold the title of FA. Applicants will pay all fees regarding this process:

- a. Thorough knowledge of the *Laws of Chess* and the FIDE Regulations for chess competitions;
- b. Absolute objectivity, demonstrated at all times during his or her activity as an arbiter;
- c. Sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE language for FA and obligatory knowledge of the English language, minimum at conversation level, and of chess terms in other official FIDE languages, for IA.

- d. Experience: **USCF Senior TD and** chief or deputy arbiter in at least four category I events documented by the appropriate title norm certificate signed by a current IA or FA and governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess and Rules of Play such as the following:

- d1. The final of the National Adult Championship (not more than two);
- d2. All official FIDE tournaments and matches;
- d3. International title tournaments and matches;
- d4. International chess festivals with at least 100 contestants.

PASSED

The following motion was made by e-mail vote on August 28 and passed on September 6:

EB07-017 – (Goichberg) I move that by using promotional membership authority, the Board establish the following mutiyear dues:

Young Adult: 2 years \$44, 3 years \$62 (same as the previous Youth dues, but really more because there is no longer an online discount).

Youth: 2 years \$33, 3 years \$46 (same as the previous Scholastic dues, but really more because there is no longer an online discount).

Scholastic: 2 years \$30, 3 years \$42.

The following motions, originally DM06-20, 21, 22, and 23 from the Delegates' Meeting, which were referred to the Board, were moved by e-mail vote of the EB on September 6, 2006, and passed on September 13, 2006.

EB07-018 – (Goichberg) Closes a loophole in TD Credits that may be claimed.

Add the following to Tournament Director Certification: The Local Director Experience Requirements.

g. Only one experience credit as a section chief is allowed in multiple sectioned tournaments. Multiple tournaments held at the same site on the same day may be defined as sections of the same tournament. **PASSED 7-0**

EB07-019 - (Goichberg) New wording to reflect IA and FA title requirements.

Add the following to The Senior Director 30. Experience Requirements. (page 249-250):

d. A current International arbiter (IA) or FIDE arbiter (FA) meets Senior TD experience requirements if:

- 1. The IA or FA status is verified by FIDE.
- 2. The IA or FA states they are relocating to the United States from a foreign Country.
- 3. The IA or FA is a USCF member.
- 4. The IA or FA is at least certified as a USCF Club TD.
- 5. The IA or FA has satisfactory assisted at a minimum of three USCF Category C tournaments under the supervision of a Senior TD totaling at least 200 players.
- 6. The IA or FA has satisfactorily assisted at least one Category D tournament and satisfactorily submitted the rating report.
- 7. The IA or FA has an established USCF rating. **PASSED 7-0**

EB07-020 - (Goichberg) Closes a loophole in TD Credits that may be claimed. The Senior Director 30.Experience Requirements.

d. Only one experience credit as a section chief is allowed in multiple sectioned tournaments. Multiple tournaments held at the same site on the same day may be defined as sections of the same tournament.

EB07-021 - Goichberg) Closes a loophole in TD Credits that may be claimed. The Associate National Director

34. Experience Requirements

e. Only one experience credit as a section chief is allowed in multiple sectioned tournaments. Multiple tournaments held at the same site on the same day may be defined as sections of the same tournament. **PASSED 7-0**

The following motion was made by e-mail vote on September 07, 2006, and passed on September 14, 2006:

EB07-022 – (Schultz) I move: The USCF budget \$2,500 for jackets/sweat suits etc. These will be given to ALL players, coaches etc who will represent the USCF at the World Youth Championships in Batumi, Georgia (Oct 18). The USCF Logo and the designation "United States" will be prominently displayed. Group pictures of our team should be taken and used to help get a sponsorship of \$10,000 and publicize our participation in the Batumi World Youth Championships. Logos and names of the sponsors would be displayed. Since time is short, the office is instructed to move posthaste in implementing this. The intent is that the above become a policy for future World Youths and Olympiads **PASSED 7-0**.

The following motion was made by e-mail vote on 09/26/06 and passed on 10/03/06. Please note that at the time two different resolutions were presented and considered. The Board was to vote for one or the other, but could not vote for both. The resolution that passed was made by Bill Goichberg, who accepted a wording change by Joel Channing. The resolution that did not pass was proposed by Don Schultz. The wording of and rationale for that motion are documented as EB07-23A. Please note that the resolution had been discussed in closed session earlier than 09/26, however discussion continued in Open session from that point forward.

EB07-023 – (Goichberg) The final wording of the resolution that passed was as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the United States of America Chess Federation ("US Chess Federation") recognizes its obligation to further the mission and goals of the US Chess Federation in all areas in which it is active, including the fields of education and scholastic chess; promoting tournaments and competitions; and expanding public awareness of the world of chess; and reconfirms its commitment to the policies and standards set forth in the US Chess Federation By-Laws, Code of Ethics, and Standards of Conduct for the Executive Board; and disapproves of conduct which is inimical to the said policies and standards or to the organization; its financial and legal affairs, or otherwise harmful or damaging to the good reputation of the US Chess Federation; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Executive Board that an Executive Board Member has posted on the Member's personal web site one or more photographs of a prominent member of the US Chess Federation, contrary to the wishes of said member, which has resulted in threats of legal action against US Chess Federation and has otherwise damaged or risks damaging the relationship between US Chess Federation and such member; and has otherwise publicly disseminated on the Board Member's web site photographs and/or statements which many members of the US Chess Federation, supporters of the US Chess Federation including schools and other educational institutions, and members of the chess playing public generally find objectionable and which, in the opinion of the Executive Board, risk damaging the reputation of the US Chess Federation as well as its business and financial health;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that Executive Board Members shall at all times act in a manner consistent with the US Chess Federation By-Laws, Code of Ethics, and Standards of Conduct and shall not, whether in their official capacity as an Executive Board Member, delegate, general member of the US Chess Federation, or in their personal capacity, engage in any conduct which is inimical to the mission, reputation, or business of the US Chess Federation; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Board deems it to be a violation of the Code of Ethics and the Standards of Conduct for any Executive Board Member to disseminate or publish, whether on the member's personal web site or otherwise, material that demeans women or children; confidential US Chess Federation information, trade secrets or proprietary data; or photographs of US Chess Federation members or supporters who have notified the Executive Board Member that they do not consent to have their photographs published or posted or that they revoke any prior permission or authorization; and it is further

RESOLVED, that no Executive Board Member, in the conduct of the members' personal life, business, or affairs, shall represent, whether expressly or impliedly, to any person or third party that the Member is acting in the Member's official capacity as an Executive Board Member of the US Chess Federation or is otherwise acting under the authority or approval of the US Chess Federation; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any conduct by any Executive Board Member contrary to the within resolution including without limitation the posting of unauthorized photographs or other material damaging to US Chess Federation on the members' personal web site is disavowed by the US Chess Federation as contrary to its policies and standards, and in such cases, the Executive Board may, in its discretion, advise the Board Member in question to comply with the standards and policies of the US Chess Federation, in default of which charges of misconduct may be referred to the Ethics Committee, or the Board of Delegates for further action consistent with the standards, policies, and By-Laws of the US Chess Federation; provided, however, that the Executive Board shall have no obligation to take any affirmative steps to monitor or review Executive Board Members' activities that are outside the scope of the Executive Board Members' duties; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the official web site of the US Chess Federation shall set forth the following disclaimer: "This is the sole and official web site of the United States of America Chess Federation. No other web site is authorized to represent itself or otherwise hold itself out, whether expressly or impliedly, as being an authorized United States of America Chess Federation web site or otherwise as being approved or affiliated with the United States of America Chess Federation. The United States of America Chess Federation disclaims any responsibility or liability for any statements or materials on any web site other than the official United States of America Chess Federation web site.

PASSED 4-2-1 with Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, Randy Hough, and Robert Tanner in favor, Beatriz Marinello and Don Schultz voting for EB23A instead, and Sam Sloan abstaining.

EB07-23A – (Schultz)

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the United States of America Chess Federation ("US Chess Federation") recognizes its obligation to further the mission and goals of the US Chess Federation in all areas in which it is active, including the fields of education and scholastic chess; promoting tournaments and competitions; and expanding public awareness of the world of chess; and reconfirms its commitment to the policies and standards set forth in the US Chess Federation By-Laws, Code of Ethics, and Standards of Conduct for the Executive Board; and disapproves of conduct which is inimical to the said policies and standards or to the organization; its financial and legal affairs, or otherwise harmful or damaging to the good reputation of the US Chess Federation; and

RESOLVED, that the official web site of the US Chess Federation shall set forth the following disclaimer: "This is the sole and official web site of the United States of America Chess Federation. No other web site is authorized to represent itself or otherwise hold itself out, whether expressly or impliedly, as being an authorized United States of America Chess Federation web site or otherwise as being approved or affiliated with the United States of America Chess Federation. The United States of America Chess Federation disclaims any responsibility or liability for any statements or materials on any web site other than the official United States of America Chess Federation web site;" and it is further

RESOLVED, that Executive Board Members who have their own web sites are requested to set forth thereon the following disclaimer: "Materials on this web site are put there by (*Board Member's Name*) and in no way should they be interpreted as representing or coming from the USCF."

RATIONALE: The difference between Bill's motion and my substitute is that mine is not aimed directly or implicitly at any one individual. It disassociates the USCF from Board Member web site statements and other independent actions by Board Members.

My motion leaves out condemnation. One reason for this is that there already are Ethics Committee actions and a recall procedure under way. I want to avoid immersing the EB as a group in those debates and I believe Bill's "condemnation motion" would do that.

A second reason is that the condemnation motion is general. To imply or assert condemnation without detail is in my opinion wrong. Just as the Ethics Committee will insist on and debate specifics, IMO we would have to do the same and spell out exactly what we are condemning. It is near impossible for anyone to defend against generalities and regardless how any of us may or may not feel regarding any particular Board member, we must remember they were fairly elected and represent a constituency of voting members. They are entitled to due process if we are to condemn either explicitly or implicitly.

A third reason is that I believe that both Bill G's motion and my alternative will not decrease the likelihood of USCF involvement in legal action though either should help USCF prevail in such actions.

A fourth reason is that some of us like me advocated other choices than Sam in the recent EB elections. It seems to me, "condemnation" would be an action aimed at undoing a fair election because it did not come out as we would have preferred.

The following motion was made by e-mail vote on October 13 and passed on October 20.

EB07-024 – (Goichberg) Regarding the request from John Grefe for assistance from the Professional Players Health and Benefits Fund, we authorize a release of \$5000 now with an option for a second \$5000 if approved by the Board. **PASSED 7-0**.

The following motion was made by e-mail vote on October 17 and passed on October 24.

EB07-025 – (Goichberg) I move in Open Session that the Executive Board accepts the recommendation of the Top Players Committee that no further penalties be imposed by USCF in connection with the Martinovsky Memorial. **PASSED 5 – 0 - 2** with Beatriz Marinello and Robert Tanner abstaining.

The following motion was made by e-mail on 10/27/06 and passed on 11/03/06.

EB07-026 – (Goichberg) The Executive Board approves in principle the idea of having “Chess Life” newspaper from 1946 to 1960 scanned and made available to those who are interested. We ask the Executive Director to investigate whether our copyright has expired, and if so, to renew it if possible. John Donaldson has volunteered to organize the scanning project; we thank John for his offer and ask that he present a detailed proposal for consideration at our November meeting. **PASSED 3-2** with Bill Goichberg, Beatriz Marinello, and Sam Sloan in favor, Don Schultz opposed, and Randy Hough and Joel Channing not voting.

The following motion was made by e-mail on 10/28/06 and passed on 11/04/06

EB07-027 – (Channing) I have attached hereto a proposed agreement with The Berkeley Chess School. In my opinion, Elizabeth Shaughnessey's organization is deserving of our endorsement. This agreement is similar to that which we executed with AF4C in which the other party undertakes to help market memberships to its participants. As with the AF4C agreement, this one provides for termination at will. I move that we enter into this agreement. **PASSED**.

Motions EB07-028 through EB-045 were moved at the Stamford, CT EB Meeting on 11/18-19/2006.

EB07- 028 – (Sloan) USCF will buy a 3 chip camcorder with a built-in audio system, to cost between \$1500 - \$2000, to be loaned to Myron as long as he goes to these meetings. **REFERRED** to the Executive Director 7-0.

EB07- 029 – (Sloan) All games in the US Championship must be played face to face and not online. **FAILED** 1-4-2 with Sam Sloan in favor, Goichber, Hough, Schultz, and Tanner opposed, and Channing and Marinello abstaining.

EB07- 030 – (Channing) The Board reprimands Sam Sloan for reckless conduct for making public charges without proof and further the Board states that it disassociates itself completely from his statements. As far as the Board knows he is speaking strictly for himself. The motion was not voted in order to give Sam Sloan an opportunity to agree to abide by the EB Code of Conduct, which he later did. **NOT VOTED** – See Motion 07-046, which replaced this motion after the meeting.

EB07- 031 – (Schultz) Moved, that the Board refer to the Executive Director the development of an e-mail BINFO distribution system barring unforeseen problems. **FAILED** with Hough, Schultz, and Sloan in favor, Channing, Goichberg, Marinello, Tanner opposed.

EB07- 032 – (Hall) The Board refers the issue of e-mail voting to a subcommittee of Don Schultz, Bill Goichberg, and Mike Nolan. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Channing abstaining.

EB07- 033 – (Hough/Hall) In EB elections, the vote count shall be by Region or State and the results posted online as counted with the Election Committee having the ability to override the procedure under extreme circumstances. **REFERRED** to the Election Committee by request of Election Committee chair Mike Nolan.

EB07-34 – (Goichberg) Moved that motion EB06-019, which was approved in October 2005, regarding USCF rating of foreign tournaments is amended effective March 01, 2007. In its place, the system recommended by the Ratings Committee (and similar to the system that was used in the 1990s) should be used to adjust the USCF ratings of all FIDE representatives in the named tournaments based on the changes in their FIDE ratings. Players who lack FIDE ratings shall not have their USCF ratings adjusted based on foreign play. **PASSED 6-1** with Sloan opposed. Note - The named tournaments are The Olympiad, World Team, World Championship cycle, World Junior, World Youth, World Senior, Pan Am Junior, and Pan Am Youth.

EB07-035 – (Marinello) No member of the Executive Board is allowed to serve as a Director in a Senior role in any USCF National Tournament in a paid or non-paid capacity. **PASSED 6-1** with Schultz opposed. Robert Tanner left during the

discussion but requested that his vote be counted as in favor. Don Schultz stated for the record that he believed that this motion violates Delegate motion(s) regarding people with current contracts.

EB07-036 – (Marinello) No member of the Executive Board will be a regular paid columnist of “Chess Life” magazine and/or “Chess Life for Kids”. If there is any existing contractual obligation, such agreement will be frozen when the member is certified to be a candidate for the Executive Board. FAILED 3-3 with Hough, Marinello and Sloan in favor and Channing, Goichberg, and Schultz against. Please note that Don Schultz stated for the record that he believed that this motion violates Delegate motion(s) regarding people with current contracts.

EB07-037 – (Goichberg) Moved, that the Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to conclude the agreement with House of Staunton. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-038 – (Hough) Move to suspend Rich Jackson’s membership until he pays and submits rating reports and memberships for the Connecticut State Scholastic Championship. Also his TD Certification is suspended for five years. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-039 – (Sloan) Moved, that the Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate the scanning proposal. John Donaldson is given the right to get someone to scan “Chess Life” newspapers from 1947 to 1960 and “Chess Life” magazine from 1961 to 1975. The Executive Director is authorized to work out the details with John Donaldson. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-040 – (Goichberg) The Board authorizes up to \$5,000 for John Grefe subject to approval of receipts by the Executive Director. **PASSED 6-0**

EB07-041 – (Sloan) In view of the fact that Bobby Fischer is listed as a US Grandmaster by FIDE, the office will assign a USCF ID number to Bobby Fischer and list him on the website. FAILED 2-3-1 with Marinello and Sloan in favor, Channing, Goichberg, and Hough opposed , and Schultz abstaining.

EB07-042 – (Sloan) I hereby move that the 2004 and 2006 Olympiads be USCF rated provided that the data for these Olympiads be submitted online with no additional cost to the Federation. REFERRED to the Ratings Committee 5-1 with Sloan opposed.

EB07-043 – (Sloan) The MSA website will, in case of any member whose address is unknown or bouncing, instead of having a two letter alphabetic state code, will indicate ?? which will alert TDs that information is not available. WITHDRAWN after Mike Nolan indicated that he was willing to do it.

EB07-044 – (Sloan) Move to erase the disclaimer regarding official ratings on on the website. WITHDRAWN.

EB07-045 – (Sloan) Moved that floors for all present and former Board members and all present and former employees. All present and former Board members’ ratings will be recalculated without floors to reflect current actual rating strength. FAILED 1-5 with Sloan in favor.

The following motion was made on 11/29/06 and passed by e-mail vote on 12/05/06. Please note that this motion was voted before Robert Tanner’s resignation.

EB07-046 – (Channing) The Executive Board of the USCF censures Sam Sloan for his failures to adhere to the Standards of Conduct as highlighted and noted in the attached e-mails. **PASSED 3-0** with Marinello, Schultz, Sloan and Tanner abstaining. Please note that the e-mails can be found as Appendix B to this document. Please note that this motion is an outgrowth of and substitute for motion EB-030, which was not voted at the meeting. Don Schultz and Beatriz Marinello asked that their reasons for abstaining be entered into the record. Their comments follow:

Don Schultz reason for abstention

A great many USCF members are frustrated and outraged over the actions of Sam Sloan. As a result, I find myself under a great deal of pressure to vote to censure Sam Sloan and very likely other Board members have experienced similar pressure.

But I wasn’t elected to vote the way others want me to vote.

Censuring a fellow USCF Board member is a big deal. As far as I know, it has never happened before.

IMO, the handling of a motion of this importance should have been done in a way that establishes a model for the future. I don’t believe we have done that.

Voting is taking place by email rather than face to face confrontation. There has been little discussion on the specific motion.

The attachments that were added to the motion to address a lack of specificity demonstrate a mélange of possible reasons for censure. We are free to pick and choose our own reason for censure – not the right way, IMO. You don't convict someone where each member of the jury has a different crime in mind.

Considering that this EB has some very important and pressing items to address; that the repercussions from passage will inevitably cause distractions; that USCF bylaws provide other ways to deal with errant Board members e.g. ethics complaints, recalls and that Sam Sloan's term of office expires in August: I abstain on the motion to censure Sam Sloan.

Beatriz Marinello reason for abstaining

I have been thinking a lot about this motion.

First of all, I am one of the people who have been affected the most by Sam Sloan's comments and legal actions in the past. For years, I was the target of his attacks and I kept a file with documents that I could use either to file an ethics complaint against him or take legal actions.

There was a time, when a friend of mine who is a prominent attorney in NYC offered me to sue Mr. Sloan pro bono. I submitted the issue to the Executive Board which advised against such action. So I did not proceed with such action, although I lost many nights of sleep, time in legal defense and dealing with a tremendous amount of stress because of this issue.

Having said this, because I believe my vote will be prejudice based on my personal history with Mr. Sloan, I will abstain from voting on this motion.

All the best,

Beatriz Marinello

Robert Tanner resigned from the Board and an e-mail discussion took place regarding acceptance of his resignation and who should replace him as Secretary, FIDE Zonal President, and on his committee liaison assignments. Also discussed was the procedure for replacement of Eobert Tanner on the Board. The following motions were proposed on 12/07/06 and passed on 12/09/06:

EB07-047 – (Goichberg) I move that USCF appoint John Donaldson to be Zonal President. **PASSED 6-0**. Please note that two of those voting specified that they feel that as Zonal President he should not also be team captain. That is the understanding.

EB07-048 – (Goichberg) I move that the following committee liaisons be appointed:

Hall of Fame Committee: Schultz

International Affairs Committee: Schultz

Rules Committee: Hough

States Committee: Channing

TDCC Committee: Hough

PASSED 6-0

EB07-049 – (Goichberg) I move that Randy Hough fill the position of USCF Secretary **PASSED 4-1-1** with Randy Hough abstaining and Sam Sloan opposed. Sam Sloan noted that he proposed and voted for himself to fill the position of Secretary.

EB07-050 – (Goichberg) I move that the recommendation of the Election Committee be accepted.

Please note: The recommendations can be found as Appendix C. Bill Goichberg made the motion but voted against it because he preferred to have a separate election for the two year seat.

The following motion was proposed by e-mail on 12/10/06 and passed on 12/22/06

EB07-051 – (Sloan) I move that USCF recommend to FIDE that all posts being given up by Robert Tanner be taken over by John Donaldson. **PASSED 3-0** with Goichberg, Hough, and Sloan in favor and three not voting.

The following motion was proposed by e-mail on 12/11/06 and passed on 12/12/06. Please note that another motion that would refer the rating and title issues to the Executive Director was withdrawn before a vote was taken.

EB07-052 – (Goichberg) Moved, that the board refer the issue of possible TD certification penalties against Robert Tanner to the TDCC. **PASSED 5-1** with Schultz opposed.

Two Board members disclosed information that was mentioned in a closed session EB meeting on the USCF Forum. The moderator of the forum penalized Sam Sloan, who was the first to disclose the information and Beatriz Marinello, who mentioned the same item on the forum. Considerable discussion took place via e-mail regarding confidentiality and whether, after the first disclosure, it should be considered public information. Bill Goichberg then offered the following motion by e-mail on 01/09/07. It passed on 01/10/07

EB07-053 – (Goichberg) We drop the charges of violation of confidentiality against Beatriz, reduce Sam's suspension so that it ends now, wipe the record clean, and work on updating the rules as they refer to confidentiality based on what has occurred. **PASSED 4-1** with Marinello abstaining and Sloan opposed.

Jack Mallory announced that he was stepping down as chair of the Denker Tournament Committee and suggested Dewain Barber as a replacement. Jack deserves our thanks for his dedicated service to the Denker Tournament. Beatriz Marinello moved by e-mail on Jan 13, 2007, to name Dewain Barber as chair, which passed unanimously on the same day.

EB07-054-(Marinello) I am nominating Dewain Barber as chairman of the Denker Committee. **PASSED 6-0**.

Bill Goichberg introduced the following motion to establish a committee to manage the Professional Players Health and Benefit Fund. It was moved via e-mail on January 23, 2007 and was passed 6-0 on January 24, 2007.

EB07-055 – (Goichberg) Moved, the Executive Board appoints the following committee to manage the Professional Players Health and Benefits Fund.

Fred Gruenberg, chair
John Donaldson
Steve Immitt
John McCrary
Dr. Anthony Saidu

The Health and Benefits Fund currently has a balance of over \$100,000, though requests for assistance have been increasing and there is concern that the fund could eventually run out of money if existing policies are maintained.

Existing USCF policies regarding the fund and our intentions for the committee are as follows:

1. Initial policy: Only GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs are eligible to receive funds.
2. Initial policy: There is a lifetime limit of \$10,000 per player.
3. Initial policy: The fund is intended to aid those in need, not those who have adequate resources.
4. The Committee will manage the Fund. The Executive Board will retain overall responsibility for monetary decisions but intends to leave most decisions to the Committee.
5. The Committee will make decisions regarding individual requests. Players may appeal these decisions to the Executive Board.
6. The Committee is encouraged to submit proposals to the Executive Board to establish additional policies or revise existing ones.

Among the subjects the committee may address are standards for assistance, appealing for donations, tax deductibility, publicizing the availability of assistance, investing, etc. It is anticipated that the committee will conduct its discussions by email. **PASSED 6-0**

A meeting was held on February 3-4, 2007, at the Sheraton Four Points in Monrovia, CA. The following motions arose from that meeting:

EB07-056 – (Sloan) – All locked threads (on the USCF Forum) should be unlocked. All deleted posts that can be recovered should be reinstated except those which have no chess content. **FAILED 1-4-1** with Sam Sloan in favor and Beatriz Marinello abstaining.

EB07-057 – (Schultz) – A USCF Forum Issues Committee is established. A subcommittee of Randy Hough, Bill Goichberg, and Bill Hall is appointed to recommend committee members to the Board. **PASSED 5-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

EB07-058 – (Sloan) – The USCF abolishes its Internet forum insurance. **FAILED 1-5** with Sam Sloan in favor.

EB07-059 – (Goichberg) – Moved that the rules for American Classic tournaments be modified so that in addition to getting 400 entries three years in a row, getting 400 entries five times (not in a row) also qualifies a tournament to be considered an American Classic. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-060 – (Sloan) – The USCF shall retain independent legal counsel to determine our rights as to the ownership of the land and building in Crossville and our rights to sell the land and building in Crossville. **TABLED on a 5-1 vote** with Sam Sloan opposed. Please note: After Bill Hall and Beatriz Marinello agreed to look into this issue, Randy Hough moved to table.

Sam Sloan proposed a motion that inasmuch as Bobby Fischer is a USCF member by the Delegate mandate of being named a USA GM on the FIDE website, he is to be given a USCF ID Number. A motion to substitute wording by Bill Goichberg was offered and failed 3-3 with Joel Channing, Beatriz Marinello, and Sam Sloan opposed, after which the original motion failed. The substitute motion was then re-introduced as a separate motion and passed.

EB07-061 – (Sloan) – Inasmuch as Bobby Fischer is a USCF member by the Delegate mandate of being named a USA GM on the FIDE website, he is to be given a USCF ID Number. **FAILED 2-4** with Beatriz Marinello and Sam Sloan in favor.

EB07-062 – (Goichberg) –The Board declares that Bobby Fischer is eligible to become a USCF member. Upon request he will be given a USCF ID number. **PASSED 4-2** with Joel Channing and Beatriz Marinello opposed.

The following motions were voted on Sunday, February 4.

EB07-063 – (Board) – The US Chess Federation Board of Directors would like to commend Peggy Stephens on her many accomplishments as Acting CFO for the US Chess Federation. Thank you for a job well done. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-064 – (Board) – The US Chess Federation Board of Directors hereby affirms Joseph Nanna as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the US Chess Federation. **PASSED 5-0-1** with Beatriz Marinello abstaining.

EB07-065 – (Board) – The Board authorizes the President to finalize an eight month extension for the Executive Director. **PASSED 5-1** with Sam Sloan opposed. Sam Sloan stated for the record that it was premature to consider this issue.

Sam Sloan proposed a motion that no decision on format or selection of bidders shall be made on the US Championship without a vote of the Executive Board. After discussion a substitute by Joel Channing passed.

EB07-066 – (Channing) - The plans for the US Championship shall not be final until they are approved by the Executive Board. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-067 – (Sloan) – Inasmuch as the US Championship does not also have to be the same as a Zonal tournament, this year the Zonal tournament will be a ten or twelve player Round Robin with the qualification being decided entirely by USCF rating, to be played at either the Marshall Ches Club or at St. Johns University. **FAILED 1-5** with Sam Sloan in favor.

EB07-068 – (Sloan) – The US Women's Championship will be a ten player Round Robin with qualification being decided entirely by rating. **FAILED 1-5** with Sam Sloan in favor. Please note: Bill Goichberg pointed out for the record that the Board is not necessarily opposed to this format but feels that this is premature because we do not have a sponsor yet.

EB07-069 – (Channing) – Moved, that we make an expression of thanks to Hal Bogner and Marty Hirsch for their continued assistance with the website. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-070 – (Board) – The USCF expresses its sadness at the unfortunate accident suffered by FIDE Honorary President Campomanes, wishes him a full recovery, and thanks the Honorary President for his many contributions to the world of chess. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-071 – (Board) – Effective April 1, 2007, and for the remainder of 2007, the Dues Sale prices shall be: \$41.00 for one year, \$76 for two years, an \$109 for three years. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-072 – (Sloan) – The 2004 an 2006 Olympiads are rated according to USCF standards and all players shall be given a USCF ID Number. **FAILED 1-5** with Sam Sloan in favor.

Joel Channing offered revised wording to motion EB07-060, which was tabled earlier. His wording would have authorized up to \$500 to retain counsel to determine ownership of the land and building. As Bill Hall indicated he would talk to the Crossville Mayor and Joel Channing authorized the \$500 expenditure, the revised motion was not needed and was not brought to a vote.

EB07-073 – (Board) – The designation of “High School Champion of Champions” is reserved for the Denker tournament. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-074 – (Schultz) – The Board establishes the US Online Championship and directs the Executive Director to work out the details. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-075 – (Schultz) – Moved, that the Board authorize President Bill Goichberg to appoint an awards committee to report back by the next meeting with recommendations on the awards. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-076 – (Channing) – Moved, that the Board expresses its thank to President Bill Goichberg for his able handling of the meeting. **PASSED 5-0** with Bill Goichberg not voting.

A motion was made via e-mail on 02/28/07 to accept the proposal submitted by Frank Berry to hold the US Championship.

EB07-077 – Goichberg - I move that we accept the bid by Frank Berry to hold the 2007 Frank K. Berry US Championship as a 9-round Swiss May 15-23 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. **PASSED 3-1-1** with Sam Sloan opposed and Joel Channing abstaining

Bill Hall made an e-mail motion on 03/09/07 to implement the recommendation of the Forums Subcommittee to name the Forums Oversight Committee. The motion passed on 03/14/07.

EB07-078 – Hall - I hereby move that the USCF Executive Board establishes the USCF Forums Oversight Committee to be comprised of a minimum of seven members. It will be the responsibility of the Committee to evaluate the fitness of questionable posts in the USCF Forums, to rule on sanctions relating to violations by posters within the USCF Forums, and to advise the Executive Board and Executive Director on policy regulating the USCF Forums. Inaugural members for the Committee are as follows: Jerry MacDonald, Joshua Snyder, Bill Smythe, Louis Blair, Polly Wright, Thomas Langland, Terry Vibbert, Terry Winchester. **PASSED 5-0** with Sam Sloan abstaining.

Bill Goichberg followed up on Joe Nanna's observation that the Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund should be moved from a bank account to a money market fund to increase the yield. The PPHBF Committee agreed. Bill Goichberg moved the following by e-mail on 03/15/06. It passed on 03/16/07.

EB07-079 – Goichberg - Move the Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund to Vanguard Money Market Prime or a similar money fund **PASSED 6-0**.

Don Schultz moved on 03/21/07 by e-mail to name Joel Channing as the USCF Liaison to America's Foundation for Chess.

EB07-080 – Schultz - I hereby move that USCF Vice President of Finance Joel Channing be appointed to represent the USCF to AF4C on all future contacts and discussions with them. **PASSED 3-0** with Joel Channing, Beatriz Marinello, and Sam Sloan abstaining.

After extensive discussion regarding the moderators of the USCF Forums, the following motion was made by Beatriz Marinello on March 17 for e-mail vote. Discussion continued. The vote took place on 03/30/07 and the motion failed.

EB07-081 – Marinello - The moderators of the USCF forums should be properly identified with their names and ID numbers. The process to determine the suspension of a poster should be made public through the USCF BINFO system. This includes discussions and votes on the issues. **FAILED** on a 3-3 vote with Beatriz Marinello, Don Schultz, and Sam Sloan in favor and Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, and Randy Hough opposed.

The Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund (PPHBF) Committee recommended that GM William Lombardy request for a grant from the PPHBF. Bill Goichberg proposed two motions on April 03, 2007 after a lengthy discussion.. The motions passed on April 16, 2007. They were:

EB07-082 – Goichberg – The Board approves the recommendation of the Health and Benefits Fund Committee to grant \$5,000 to GM William Lombardy. **PASSED 5-0** with Beatriz Marinello abstaining.

EB07-083 – Future grant recommendations by the Health and Benefits Fund Committee shall go into effect after five days if no action is taken on them by the Executive Board. **PASSED 4-1** with Joel Channing opposed and Beatriz Marinello abstaining.

Sam Sloan appealed his suspension by the Forum Oversight Committee. While he didn't specifically make a motion, the issue needed to be decided by the Board. Bill Goichberg translated Sam Sloan's appeal into two motions. They were made by E-mail on April 07, 2007 and were voted on April 19, 2007. They were:

EB07-084 – Sloan - Overrule the Forum Oversight Committee regarding the most recent suspension for comments about Bill Hall. **FAILED 0-4** with Beatriz Marinello and Sam Sloan abstaining.

EB07-085 – Sloan - Overrule the Forum Oversight Committee regarding the previous suspension for posting the link to pornographic material. **FAILED 0-3** with Beatriz Marinello, Don Schultz, and Sam Sloan abstaining.

Joel Channing moved by e-mail on April 13, 2007, to censure Sam Sloan for the comments referred to in motion 07-084. The motion was voted on April 19, 2007.

EB07-086 – Channing – Censure Sam Sloan for his unwarranted and unsubstantiated statements about the health and attendance of Bill Hall. **PASSED 3-0** with Beatriz Marinello, Don Schultz, and Sam Sloan abstaining.

Jerry MacDonald, Bill Smythe, and JediJoshua have resigned from the Forum Oversight Committee (FOC). Terry Winchester, chair of the FOC suggests that we name the following to replace them: David Quinn, Stephen Owens, and Gregory Alexander. Bill Gochberg, on behalf of the board's FOC subcommittee, moved that we approve these appointments. The motion was made by e-mail on April 18 and passed on April 23.

EB07-087 – Goichberg – We approve the appointments of David Quinn, Stephen Owens, and Gregory Alexander to fill the three vacancies in the Forum Oversight Committee. **PASSED 4-0** with Beatriz Marinello and Sam Sloan abstaining.

The Forum Oversight Committee suggested the adoption of disciplinary procedures for the USCF forum. After consultation with the Board Bill Hall moved the following by e-mail on April 29. It passed on May 07.:

EB07-088 – Hall – The USCF Executive Board approves the attached Forum Disciplinary Procedure as recommended by the Forum Sub-Committee revised April 29, 2007. **PASSED 3-0** with Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, and Randy Hough in favor and Beatriz Marinello, Don Schultz, Schultz, and Sam Sloan abstaining. Please see Appendix D for the disciplinary procedures that passed.

The following motions were voted at the Executive Board meeting held in Stillwater, OK, on May 19-20, 2007.

EB07-089 - Sloan – Effective immediately, the Executive Director will provide the Board with a statement of the financial impact of any proposal and the Board will have the opportunity to pass or object to the proposal prior to any contract being signed. This shall be effective for the US Championship, the US Women's Championship, the US Open, the national High School, Junior High School, Elementary, and K-12, and International events. **FAILED 2-4** with Sam Sloan and Beatriz Marinello in favor. Please note: Joel Channing pointed out that the reason he opposed the motion was that he had just asked the Executive Director to give a comprehensive report on the subject at the next meeting (August 2007).

EB07-090 – Hall – The Executive Board would like to commend Patricia Knight for her efforts above and beyond the call of duty in organizing the very successful spring National Scholastic events. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-091 – Channing – The Executive Board refers to the Bylaws Committee the subject of how to strengthen the Standards of Conduct for Executive Board members of the US Chess Federation in a way to make them effective. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed and Beatriz Marinello not present.

EB07-092 – Hall – Moved, that the Board add Ron Suarez to the Forum Oversight Committee. **PASSED 5-1** with Don Schultz opposed. Don Schultz stated for the record that he does not object to the individual but he feels that there are already too many people on the committee.

EB07-093 – Sloan – Anybody who resigns from any committee has their resignation accepted effective immediately. **FAILED 2-4** with Sam Sloan and Beatriz Marinello in favor.

EB07-094 – Sloan – The Board accepts with thanks the resignation of Terry Winchester from the Forum Oversight Committee. **FAILED 1-5** with Sam Sloan in favor.

EB07-095 - Hall – The Executive Board removes David Quinn from the Forum Oversight Committee. **FAILED 0-6.**

Bill Goichberg offered the following motion: The Board recognizes the need for non-disclosure of some Forum Oversight Committee deliberations and requests the FOC to develop appropriate guidelines. This was not voted. Schultz offered substitute which was not accepted and failed to pass. Substitute – The Forum Oversight Committee is free to have confidential discussions among themselves. Bill Goichberg accepted the following substitute offered by Beatriz Marinello with the final sentence added by Joel Channing.

EB07-096 – Goichberg/Marinello - The Board recognizes the need for non-disclosure of some Forum Oversight Committee deliberations and suggests that the FOC develop appropriate guidelines. All committee votes should be made public. **PASSED 5-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

EB07-097 – Board – The Executive Board gives the following awards for 2007. **PASSED 6-0.** Please note: The Chess Club of the Year and Chess College of the Year awards were not made under this motion. They have been added to the award list below so that all awards can be found in one place.

Chess City of the Year – Stillwater, OK
Chess Club of the Year - Atlanta Chess Center (Motion EB 07-106)
Chess College of the Year – University of Texas at Brownsville. (Motion EB07-112)
Committee of the Year – 2007 Financial Review Committee
Distinguished Service Award – Fred Gruenberg
Friend of the USCF – Garry Kasparov
Gold Koltanowski Medal – Frank K. Berry
Grandmaster of the Year – Gata Kamsky
Frank J. Marshall Ambassador Award – Gregory Kaidanov
Meritorious Service Award – Richard Shorman, John Hilbert, Dan Heisman, Grant Perks
Organizer of the Year – Sevan Muradian
Outstanding Career Achievement – Fred and Carol Kleist, Gordon Barrett, Stephen Dann
Scholastic Services Award – Susan Polgar, Brownsville, TX School District
Society of Chess Mates – Donna Gruenberg, Jan Rogers
Special Services Award – Steve Doyle, Ernie Schlich
Tournament Director of the Year – Mike Atkins

EB07-098 – Board – The Executive Board has reviewed the performance of Editor Daniel Lucas, Commends him on his performance, and asks the Executive Director to determine appropriate compensation consistent with the approved budget. **PASSED 5-0-1** with Beatriz Marinello abstaining.

EB07-099 – Channing – The Executive Board commends Hal Bogner, Jennifer Shahade, Mike Nolan, Marty Hirsch, Francesca Butler, and Arlan Robins for outstanding work on the website. **PASSED 5-0** with Beatriz Marinello not present.

EB07-100 – Board – The Board recognizes the effort of the members of the Forum Oversight Committee and the Forum moderators. We thank you for your tireless work in a difficult task. **PASSED 5-0** with Beatriz Marinello not present.

EB07-101 – Board - Frank Camaratta is named chief teller for the 2007 USCF Election. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

Sam Sloan offered a motion to award a life membership to Derek O'Dell for his heroism at Virginia Tech. The chair ruled the motion moot as the Executive Director had already awarded the life membership to him and Board action was not needed.

EB07-102 – Schultz – The Executive Director is authorized to give no more than two life memberships in any calendar year outside of existing provisions consistent with the budget. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

EB07-103 – Hall – Effective immediately the Executive Board of the United States of America Chess Federation authorizes the Executive Director to establish an unsecured Line of Credit with Cumberland County Bank in Crossville, TN, in the amount of \$150,000. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

EB07-104 – Channing – The 2007-8 USCF Budget is approved. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

EB07-105 – Board on behalf of College Chess Committee – Rule 1 of the Pan American Intercollegiate rules is amended to read as follows:

International Masters, International Grandmasters, International Woman Masters, and International Woman Grandmasters will be eligible to play for college and university teams only if they are less than 26 years old as undergraduate students, or under 30 years old as graduate students, as of September 1 of the academic year in which the tournament is taking place. This age restriction does not apply to these titled players who, prior to 2004, were enrolled in colleges and universities and who met the other eligibility requirements in effect then, and who also maintained their eligibility status with not more than one semester break in such status. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB07-106 – Board – The Chess Club of the Year is the Atlanta Chess Center. **PASSED 5-0.** Please note that this award has been added to the list of awards authorized in motion 07-097.

EB07-107 – Sloan – Moved, that the resignation of Grant Perks from the Audit Committee is accepted. **FAILED 1-4** with Sam Sloan in favor.

Steve Owens has resigned from the FOC. Terry Winchester has resigned as FOC Chair but not from the committee. Bill Goichberg proposed three motions for e-mail vote on May 31, 2007. They passed 6-0 on June 1, 2007.

EB07-108 – Goichberg – The Board accepts the resignation of Steve Owens from the FOC and thanks him for his service. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-109 – Goichberg – The Board accepts the resignation of Terry Winchester as chairman of the FOC and thanks him for his efforts to help establish this new committee as a service to the USCF membership. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB07-110 – Goichberg – Future resignations from the FOC may be accepted by the Executive Director and will not require Executive Board approval. **PASSED 6-0.**

Sam Sloan introduced a motion by e-mail on May 28, 2007, which read “Resolved that the "Polgar" tournament is no longer a USCF National event and that the Polgar Committee is hereby disbanded.” After discussion via e-mail Sam Sloan withdrew the original wording on May 31, 2007, and replaced it with the wording of motion EB07-111. Voting was completed on June 12.

EB07-111 – Sloan - Resolved the name of the Girls Tournament Held at the US Open is hereby changed to the "Irina Krush Tournament of Champions" . **FAILED 1-5** with Sam Sloan in favor.

The College Chess Committee recommended that the University of Texas at Brownsville be named Chess College of the Year, but that award was not made by the EB at the May meeting. Beatriz Marinello made a motion by e-mail on June 13, which passed on June 18.

EB07-112 – Marinello – The Executive Board recognizes the University of Texas at Brownsville as the College of the Year 2006-07. The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) should be recognized this year. For the first time, they entered teams in both the K-12/Collegiate and the Pan-Am. They are giving out scholarships for chess and in general doing the sort of activity

we would like to see more colleges doing." **PASSED 6-0**. Please note: This award will be added to the award list documented under motion EB07-97.

After an e-mail discussion regarding scholarships for the Denker and Polgar tournaments, Don Schultz and Bill Goichberg moved the following on June 16. The vote was concluded on June 28, 2007.

EB07-113 – Goichberg, Schultz -The EB thanks Texas Tech for its generous scholarship offer, and Jerry Nash, Dewain Barber, GM Susan Polgar, Paul Truong, Bill Hall and all other USCF volunteers and staff who helped finalize the commitment by Texas Tech to offer scholarship prizes for the winners of the 2007 Denker Tournament of High School Champions and the 2007 Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls. **PASSED 5-0** with Sam Sloan not voting.

The following motions were voted at the EB meeting on August 02, 2007:

EB07 – 114 – Hall - The Executive Board adds Wayne Praeder to the Forum Oversight committee. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

Bill Hall went offline at 11:16 AM. The “Junior Tournament Membership” was then discussed. Bill Goichberg offered the following motion:

EB07 – 115 – Goichberg – Tournament Memberships (TMs) will be revised as follows: All adult TMs will cost \$12, of which \$10 can be applied to a regular adult membership. Junior TMs will cost \$7, of which \$5 may be applied to a Young Adult, Youth, or Scholastic Membership. **PASSED 4-1** with Sam Sloan opposed.

Sam Sloan presented a number of motions for consideration

EB07 – 116 – Sloan – Resolved: Executive Director Bil Hall is hereby censured and reprimanded for failing to provide documents to the Board pertaining to the Pension / Profit Sharing Plan. **TABLED 5-1** with Sam Sloan opposed. on a motion by Don Schultz.

EB07 – 117 – Sloan – Inasmuch as Bobby Fischer is a USCF member by Delegate mandate and a 1992 resolution submitted by Joe Lux, he is to be assigned a USCF ID number and his name and last rating is to be posted on the MSA section of the website as a USCF member. **REFERRED to the Top Players Committee 5-1** with Sam Sloan opposed on a motion by Don Schultz.

EB07 – 118 – Sloan – Grandmaster Larry Evans is hereby reinstated as a regular monthly columnist in “Chess Life” magazine. His regular monthly question and answer column is hereby restored. The Editor of “Chess Life” is hereby specifically ordered and directed to publish said monthly column. **FAILED 1-4-1** with Sam Sloan in favor and Beatriz Marinello abstaining.

EB07 – 119 – Sloan – Resolved: It shall be the policy of the USCF to rate (all players in) all World Championship events and all top level super-Grandmaster events. The Ratings Department is hereby directed to rate the 2004 and 2006 World Chess Olympiads in accordance with the regular USCF rating system. **FAILED 2-4** with Beatriz Marinello and Sam Sloan in favor.

EB07-120 - Sloan – The office is hereby directed to purchase a three-chip camcorder for use by the Publications Department to make videos of events such as the National Elementary Championship for broadcast on the USCF website, on You Tube and other media for promotional purposes, and also to make and record videos of the USCF Delegates meetings and Executive Board meetings. A SONY 2100 camcorder or equivalent at an estimated cost of \$2,300 is recommended for tis purpose. **REFERRED** to the Executive Director 5-1 with Sam Sloan opposed on a motion by Don Schultz.

EB07-121 – Sloan – Inasmuch as Myron and Rachel Lieberman have provided the tapes of the August and November, 2006, meetings of the USCF Executive Board to the USCF Executive Director, and inasmuch as the Executive Director has failed and refused to provide these tapes to Terry Vibbert for uploading to the USCF website (Please note: The recordings are sent to the USCF office, not specifically to the Executive Director.), and inasmuch as this is in violation of the Bylaws and a Delegate mandate requiring that either a tape or a transcript of all USCF Executive Board meetings be posted on the website, the Executive Director is hereby censured for failing to provide those tapes and the office is hereby directed to provide those tapes to Terry Vibbert or such other person for uploading onto the website. The Board also thanks Terry Vibbert for the great work he did in uploading the tapes of the May meeting and most of the February meeting onto the website. **FAILED 1-4** with Sam Sloan in favor and Don Schultz not present. Please note: Don Schultz did not return to the meeting.

EB07-122 – Sloan – Resolved, the USCF hereby establishes the Irina Krush Tournament of Girl Champions, which is to be held annually at the same time and place as the US Open Chess Championship. **FAILED 1-4** with Sam Sloan in favor.

EB07-123 – Sloan – Inasmuch as at the meeting of the Board held on August 14, 2006, it was reported by the Executive Director that all or almost all of the financial records have been lost or destroyed, and inasmuch as the Executive Director subsequently reported that some records have been found in 125 storage boxes in a storage bin in Crossville, TN, and inasmuch as the Executive Director was thereupon ordered by the VP of Finance to conduct an inventory of these storage boxes and

inasmuch as to this day the Executive Director has failed and refused to even begin to conduct said inventory, the Executive Director is hereby censured. **FAILED 1-4** with Sam Sloan in favor.

EB07-124 – Sloan – The Board hereby thanks Tim Tobiason for competing or nearly completing the difficult task of scanning and making available on DVD all back issues of “Chess Life” newspaper from 1946 through 1960. **PASSED 5-0**.

EB07-125 – Goichberg – Rating Fees are increased as follows:

\$.18 becomes \$.25

\$.20 becomes \$.40

\$.40 becomes \$.60

PASSED 4-0 with Joel Channing not present.

APPENDIX A

Delegate Appointed Committees

Audit Committee - Tony Cottell (FL), Jon Haskel (FL), Grant Perks (OH) Chair Grant Perks. Liaison Joel Channing

Bylaws Committee - Jerry Hanken (CA/S), Guy Hoffman (WI), George John (TX), Gary Kitts (MI), Richard Koepcke CA/N), Myron Lieberman (AZ), John McCrary (SC), David Mehler (MD), Mike Nolan (NE), Robert Persante (FL), Ernie Schlich (VA), Harold Winston. Mike Nolan and Harold Winston remain co-chairs. Liaison Bill Goichberg

Election Committee - Roger Gottschall (IA), Woody Harris (VA), Mike Nolan (NE), Harry Sabine (TN). Alternates Myron Lieberman (AZ), Ernie Schlich (VA) Chair Mike Nolan, Vice Chair Harry Sabine. Liaison Don Schultz.

Ethics Committee - Ethics Committee: Richard Buchanan (CO), Mike Carr (CA/S), William Deer (IL), Jim Gray (OK), Jim Mennella (NJ), Kenneth Sloan (AL), Bill Smythe (IL), Hall Terrie (NH), Andrew Thall (TX) Chair Andrew Thall. Liaison Joel Channing

LMA Management Committee - Frank Camaratta (AL), Mike Carr (CA/S), Peter Dyson (FL), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Tim Redman (TX), Fred Townsend (CT), Chuck Unruh (OK) Chair TBD, Liaison Joel Channing.

Board Appointed Committees

Chess in Education Committee - Co-chairs Dr. Joseph Eberhard (TX), John Buky (IL) Liaison - Beatriz Marinello

Chess Variants Committee - Chair Ed Frumkin (NY), Liaison - Bill Goichberg

Clubs Committee - Chair TBD, Liaison Randy Hough

College Chess Committee - Chair Jim Stallings (TX), Members Gregory Alexander (WA), Scott Charles Caplan (CT), Ana DeMahy (FL), Renier Gonzalez (FL), Russell Harwood (TX), Korey Kormick (TN), Rade Milanovic (TX), Tim Redman (TX), Alan T. Sherman (MD), Sara Walsh (NC), Stephen Weinstein (DC), David Woolf (GA) - Liaison Beatriz Marinello

Correspondence Chess Committee - Chair Harold Stenzel (NY), Liaison - Randy Hough

Cramer Awards Committee - Chair Frank Brady (NY), Liaison Don Schultz

Denker Tournament Committee - Chair Jack Mallory (AL), Liaison originally Robert Tanner

Polgar Tournament Committee - Chair Paul Truong (NY), Liaison originally Robert Tanner

Finance Committee - Chair TBD, Liaison Joel Channing

Hall of Fame Committee - Chair Harold Winston (IL), Liaison Don Schultz (as modified by motion 07-48)

International Affairs Committee - Chair Michael Khodarkovsky (NJ), Liaison Don Schultz

Military Chess Committee - Chair TBD, Liaison Joel Channing

Olympiad Host Committee (new) - Chairs TBD, Liaison Don Schultz (originally Robert Tanner was a co-liaison)

Outreach Committee - Chair Myron Lieberman (AZ) Members Rachel Lieberman (AZ), Fernando Moreno (MD), Susan Polgar (NY), Paul Truong (NY), Liaison Joel Channing

Publications Committee - Chair Arlen Walker (WI), Members Herman Chiu (OR), Jerry Hanken (CA/S), Paul Hoffman (NY), Ryan Ko (CA/N), Harvey Lerman (FL), Ben Marmont (AZ) (Liaison Randy Hough (CA/S)

Ratings Committee - Chair Mark Glickman (MA), Liaison Bill Goichberg

Rules Committee - Chair David Kuhns (MN), Liaison Randy Hough (as modified by motion EB07-48)

Scholastic Council and Committee - Co-Chairs Steve Shutt (PA), Mike Nietman (WI). Council Members - Dewain Barber (CA/S), Aviv Friedman (NJ), Mikhail Korenman (IL) Scholastic Committee Members - Ralph Bowman (KS), Jim Celone (CT), Kim Cramer (AZ), Jim Dean (IN), Tobert Ferguson (PA), Roger Gottschall (IA), Frank Guadalupe(TX), Jon Haskel (FL), Cindy Hawkinson (AZ), Joe Ippolito (NJ), Steven Kamp (AZ), Brian Karen (NY), Michael Khodarkovsky, Jack Mallory (AL), David Mehler (MD), Bob Milisits (PA), Tony Pabon (CA/N), Javier Pinedo (UT), Luis Salinas (TX), Diane Schmidt (FL), Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA/N), Jay Stallings (TX), Elizabeth Vicary (NY), Sunil Weeramantry (NY)

Senior Chess Committee - Chair Charles Hatherill (NV), Liaison Don Schultz

States Committee - Chair Guy Hoffman (WI), Liaison Joel Channing

Survey Committee - Chair Tony Pabon (CA/N), Liaison Bill Goichberg

TDCC (Tournament Director Certification) - Chair Tim Just (IL), Liaison Randy Hough (as modified by motion 07-48)

Top Players Committee - Chair Greg Shahade (PA), Liaison Bill Goichberg

US Open Committee - Jerry Hanken (CA/S), Liaison Bill Goichberg

Women's Chess - Chair - Susan Polgar (NY), Liaison Robert Tanner (originally)

Special Assignments

Chess Trust Liaison - Joel Channing

Director of Prevention Programs - Rachel Lieberman

APPENDIX B

Attachments to motion 07-046

Example 1 - 10/12/06 e-mail re: Seattle Chess Foundation

Violations of (1c), (2e), (3), (3b) & (3d)

From: Sam Sloan [samsloan@samsloan.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 4:59 AM

To: Chessoffice@aol.com; joel@channingcorporation.com;
randallhough@yahoo.com; Rtannerae@aol.com; Chessdon@aol.com;
bhall@uschess.org; HJWinston@aol.com; mikenolan@uschess.org;
queencapa@cox.net; pknight@uschess.org; dlucas@uschess.org;
daniel.d.lucas@gmail.com; ChessLies@aol.com; binfo@uschess.org;
Beatchess@aol.com

Subject: Letter Agreement with the Seattle Chess Foundation

Letter Agreement with the Seattle Chess Foundation

I wish that everybody here would get my email address straight.

My email address for all official USCF Business including the business of the Executive Board is samsloan@samsloan.com

Let's try that again. My address is samsloan@samsloan.com

Let's try that again. My address is samsloan@samsloan.com

Now that I have explained this three more times, I hope that you will remember it this time. This is not the first time that you have made this mistake. Let us try to make it the last.

I do have an old address, which is sloan@ishipress.com . That address is still working and I use it for newsgroup postings, but I rarely check it, because I receive more than one thousand spam emails per day at that address.

However, I did happen to check it this morning, for the first time in more than a week, and I discovered an email from Bill Hall containing as attachments the June 2006 contract with AF4C and the May 18, 2000 Letter Agreement with Seattle Chess Foundation.

I cannot understand why Bill Hall did not send those important documents to my actual working address, which is samsloan@samsloan.com

Is this part of the conspiracy?

Kindly tell Bill Hall that my address is samsloan@samsloan.com

Should I say it again? Try to remember this and repeat after me. Sam Sloan's address is samsloan@samsloan.com

Now, turning to the actual document dated May 18, 2000, in no way could this be considered to be a legally enforceable contract. It is simply a letter, endorsed by George DeFeis. It states that Seattle Chess Foundation promises to incorporate by June 15, 2000, so it was not even a corporation at the time of this letter. In addition, I have no way of knowing whether the American Foundation for Chess is the same legal entity as the Seattle Chess Foundation.

However, assuming for the sake of argument that it is a legal contract, the key paragraph is the following:

"The format of the SCF/USCF Championships will be set by SCF after prior consultation with USCF, but shall be in a manner generally consistent with past US Championships and with other events of this caliber or type. SCF contemplates that for the year 2000 US Championships the format will be either a 10 player or 12 player round robin event for each of the overall or women's categories."

It also states that after 2005 the SCF agrees to pay to the USCF an annual fee of \$10,000.

On page 5 of this document are hand written entries: "\$100,000 prize fund". "\$100K was the agreed upon prize fund".

So, the purported agreement between Bill Goichberg and AF4C (which the board has never voted on or even known about before it was posted on the USCF website) fails to adhere to this agreement in at least the following respects.

1. It fails to guarantee a \$100,000 prize fund or indeed any prize fund at all. It seems obvious that AF4C plans to run an El Cheapo event this year with many or most of the games played online and a nominal prize fund.

2. The format of a knock-out event involving two-game matches is not "a manner generally consistent with past US Championships and with other events of this caliber or type". No US Championship or any other event of this caliber or type has ever been conducted in this format.

3. The AF4C has not paid nor has it promised to pay the annual agreed upon fee of \$10,000. I would be interested in knowing whether the AF4C ever paid the required annual fees for the years 2000-2005. If they have not paid, they should now pay the back money they owe us, before there are any further discussions.

4. The agreement states that the SCF will be holding the US Woman's Championship, but this year AF4C states that it will not be holding the US Woman's Championship.

I am extremely disappointed in Bill Goichberg for directing that this announcement of the US Championship be posted on the uschess.org website, without addressing these concerns and without even informing the rest of the board or consulting with the board or taking a vote by the board on these issues prior to making the announcement.

Sam Sloan

Example 2 - 10/12/06 re: US Championship

Violations of (1), (1c), (3) & (3b).

From: Sam Sloan [samsloan@samsloan.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 5:47 AM
To: Chessoffice@aol.com; Chessdon@aol.com; bhall@uschess.org;
randallhough@yahoo.com; pknight@uschess.org; azchess@cox.net;
queencapa@cox.net; Beatchess@aol.com; Rtannerae@aol.com;
binfo@uschess.org; CHESSJOEL@aol.com; Joel@channingcorporation.com
Cc: eanderson@westrivercap.com
Subject: Re: US Championship

At 01:02 PM 10/11/2006 EDT, Chessoffice@aol.com wrote:

> In a message dated 10/11/2006 10:48:46 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
>Chessdon writes:

> Dear EB:

> I hereby submit the following motion to you for email vote. I discussed this with Bill Goichberg and he favors it. I have also talked to Erik Anderson and he likes it as well.

> Moved: The winner of the 2007 US Championship would defend his titled title in a match against the winner of the 2008 US Championship Tournament. The process of a defending champion would continue through time.

> I vote yes.

> Don Schultz

> I vote yes. Also, I like the concept of the champion holding the >title, which can only be taken away from him in a match of substantial >length. Bill Goichberg

As usual, you have not thought clearly about this and considered the consequences.

If this motion passes, that will mean that there will no longer be a tournament for the US Championship, thus ending a tradition that began in 1940.

Instead, there will merely be a series of qualifying tournaments the ultimate winner of which will get to play a match for the US Championship.

Who will pay for this? Surely not the AF4C, who only wants the prestige associaed with the US Championship, not just some preliminary event.

Don likes the old FIDE System, where there were first zonal tournaments, then the interzonal, then candidates matches and finally a match for the World Championship.

However, that system worked because they did not have to pay the players. Almost all of the top players were from the Soviet Union. Players like Botvinnik, Keres, Geller, Petrosian and Smyslov were supported by the state and played free of charge.

Since the break-up of the Soviet Union, the players started demanding to be paid, and the Interzonal System collapsed.

In 1987, after no country in the world had submitted a bid to hold the Interzonal, I submitted a bid to hold the event in the US Virgin Islands and paid the required fee. Since the local country gets to designate two of its own players to play in the Interzonal, I designated Anand and Zsuzsa Polgar as my representatives.

In response to my bid, Dr. Lim Kok Ann, General Secretary of FIDE, responded that the Hungarians were objecting to allowing Zsuzsa Polgar to play in the Interzonal. Also, the regulations state that the two players

must be from the host country. Anand and Zsuzsa Polgar were not from the host country.

I replied that unless Zsuzsa Polgar and Anand were allowed to play, I was not willing to organize the event.

Incidentally, Anand was at the time just a little known young grandmaster, but I realized that he was a future world champion, years before anybody else did.

The matter ended there. Dr. Lim refused to agree to allow Anand and Polgar to play in the Interzonal and I would not organize the event otherwise.

The result was that the interzonal was never held. Not only did I not hold the Interzonal, but nobody did. Since then, there has never been another Interzonal.

Now, the current situation is that Don Schultz has made a motion and Bill Goichberg has vote yes. With only two more votes, it will have been decided that there will never again be a tournament for the US Championship, without even consulting the delegates or the membership.

Frankly, I think that you guys are really stupid.

Sam Sloan

Example 3 - 11/13/06 public posting re: Filing Fees

From 11/13/06 USCF Forum posting: Violations of (1c) and (3b).

Even Bigger Scandal: Some Insider Candidates Did Not Pay Filing Fees

Looking at the list of Candidates for the 2005 elections, it seems that several approved candidates did not pay the required \$250 filing fee.

The following candidates DID pay the \$250 fee:

Joel Channing
Greg Shahade
William Goichberg
Sam Sloan
Randy Bauer
Elizabeth Shaughnessy

However, the following candidates appear not to have paid the required \$250 fee:

Robert Tanner
George John
Steve Shutt

Of particular interest to me is the case of George John. I have long suspected that George John does not exist. By that I mean that although I have met several times a person who calls himself George John, I suspect that this is not his real name.

Therefore, I have searched for payments of exactly \$250.00 by anybody, thinking that in this way I might be able to find out the real name of George John.

Looking for payments of exactly \$250, I find that this amount was paid by St. Benilde Chess on January 28, 2005. I suspect that this was the payment for Steve Shutt.

I find a payment in the amount of \$250 by Vela Middle School on 12/1/04. I suspect that this was unrelated to the election.

There are no other payments of \$250 by anybody during the relevant time period.

Therefore, at least one and possibly as many as three candidates did not pay the required \$250 filing fee, one of whom was elected.

Kindly investigate this.

Sam Sloan

APPENDIX C – Election Procedure Committee recommendations

Under the Bylaws, the Executive Board has the option to decide whether and how to fill a single vacancy on the Board.

The Election Committee has discussed what to do about the vacancy created by the Tanner resignation, our recommendation is as follows:

1. Amend the Call for Nominations for the 2007 EB Election as follows:

The top 3 vote-getters in the election will be elected to four year terms on the Board, effective at the conclusion of the 2007 Delegates Meeting, as previously announced in the November Chess Life.

The 4th place finisher will be elected to complete the final two years of Tanner's term, effective with the certification of the election results by the Delegates. (If the 4th place finisher is already a sitting member of the

Board whose term expires at that meeting and is running for reelection, then that individual remains in office for an additional two years.)

2. If possible, we place a short notice in the January Chess Life amending the Call for Nominations. (The on-press date for that issue is coming up very soon, so the editorial department would need to be advised of this and given appropriate wording ASAP.)

3. The USCF website should carry an announcement of this, along with an updated Call for Nominations.

4. We should email all current Delegates, Alternate Delegates and USCF Affiliates for whom we have email addresses, to notify them of this vacancy.

Except for the notice in Chess Life, the Elections Committee is unanimous in this recommendation. (Harry Sabine has some reservations about the Chess Life update, since the deadline for Nominations is January 10th and not all members may have received their January Chess Life by then.)

I have also consulted with Harold Winston, who is my co-chair on Bylaws, and he agrees that amending the Call for Nominations to have the 4th place finisher in the balloting complete the balance of Tanner's term of office is reasonable and proper under our Bylaws.

--Mike Nolan, Chair, USCF Election Committee

APPENDIX D – Forum Disciplinary Procedures

Forum Disciplinary Procedures Revised: April 29, 2007

1. For Forum Oversight Committee (FOC) actions indicated in sections 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 23, motions shall be considered to have passed if the number of votes in favor of the motion is at least:

(A) 5 if none of the eight FOC members have written that they are inactive.

(B) 4 if one or two of the eight FOC members have written that they are inactive.

(C) 3 if more than two of the eight FOC members have written that they are inactive.

2. Forum content will be monitored by the Moderators and the FOC. If, after examining a note, the FOC decides that a sanction is a serious possibility, the note will be moved to the Review Area before further consideration is given.

USCF Issues Forum members will help maintain the forums as well. The complaints inbox has been created so that forum users can post their concerns about a post that they deem to be a violation of the Acceptable Usage Guidelines (AUG). All communications with this private message system should be in the following format:

A. [the name of the thread in which the note appeared]

B. [the author of the note (including the member number)]

C. [the post number (This appears a little to the right of the member number.)]

D. [the date and time of the note (This appears a little to the right of the post number.)]

E. [a quote of the part (or parts) of the note to which you object (It is not necessary to provide the whole note. We will be looking it up anyway. Use this part of your complaint to indicate, as specifically as possible, the part (or parts) of the note that you wish to draw to our attention.)]

[additional comments or information]

Abuse of the complaints inbox will not be tolerated. Flooding of the complaints inbox with frivolous posts may result in a FOC sanction at a level consistent with the abuse.

3. Any Moderator may move a thread (or portions of a thread) into the review area for review by the FOC. A moderator does not need a request from the FOC to do this. Anyone may request that a thread (or portions of it) be reviewed. Three FOC members can require that a post or posts be removed for review.

4. When a thread is placed under review, the Moderator moving the thread shall place a note at the end of the thread citing the reasons the thread is being reviewed. The moderator shall not change the title of the thread that is being moved for review. Modifications of this thread title policy (for the Review area) may be passed by the FOC.

5. Comments by the FOC (including any votes on whether to restore the thread) will be done by posting to the thread in question in the Review Area.

6. If the FOC has 7 or 8 members voting on a thread, restoration of a post or posts will take place if and only if there are votes in favor of that action by at least half (at least four) of the voting members. If there are fewer than 7 committee members voting on the thread, restoration will take place if and only if there are votes in favor of that action by at least three of the voting members. In the case of three votes in favor of restoration (with less than 7 voting), there must be a two-day wait for additional votes before the restoration can take place.

7. The FOC may vote to restore only certain posts from a thread.

8. When a post or a thread is restored, only the restored posts will be returned to the public areas of the Forums, the comments and votes by the Moderator and the FOC will remain on file in the Review Area or moved to the graveyard. The FOC may vote to change the title of the thread.

9. If the FOC decides a post is unacceptable, the author may be encouraged or permitted to post an appropriately edited or reworded version of the post. In order to bring notes into compliance with the AUG, the FOC, Moderators and Administrators may replace inappropriate content by ##### or similar symbols. Such replacement may also be done in order to eliminate references to notes that have been deleted. (This can be done in order to make it possible for the committee to be able to restore threads from which some notes have been removed.) The FOC will not reword any post.

10. The FOC may also impose, lift or abate sanctions on the authors of posts in a thread under review.

11. By a "super-majority" vote of at least 5 affirmative votes and no more than 1 negative vote, the FOC may order, for a given violation, an "accelerated sanction" one level higher than the highest appropriate penalty

indicated by sections, 17, 21, 22, and 23.

12. The FOC may not order a sanction above Level 2 (one week) for a candidate for the USCF Executive Board (EB). These limitations apply only during the time period between the filing deadline for an EB election and the date that the results are announced. However, the FOC may recommend a higher sanction level to the EB.

13. All sanctions will be imposed by a Forum Administrator or a Moderator with access to the Sanctions interface. (A Level 4 Sanction must be handled by a Forum Administrator.)

14. All First Level or higher Sanctions called for under these procedures will last for the designated time period from the point at which the suspension has been imposed. (The Sanctions interface should automatically lift the sanction within an hour of the designated ending time.)

15. All Sanctions below level 4 will be announced in a public area of the Forums. The sanctioned individual will be notified via a forum Private Message (PM). That PM will give details about the reason for the sanction, including quotes of the inappropriate material. (The Sanctions Interface also notifies the individual via email of any sanctions imposed or lifted.)

16. Time Out Sanction: Because the Forums deal with topics on which people have widely varying opinions, discussions can sometimes get out of hand. The Moderators or FOC may publicly request individuals participating in a 'flame fest' or rapid-fire posting feud to take a voluntary 24 hour time out, during which time they are asked not to post to the thread mentioned in the time out sanction. Moderators may temporarily or indefinitely lock the thread. A sanction may be imposed by the FOC on someone who attempts to resume a discussion from a thread that is locked at the time.

17. First Level Sanction: The first time someone posts something that is a violation of the Forum AUG, the individual MAY be suspended from posting for a period of 24 hours. The FOC has the discretion to impose a level one sanction or give a warning.

18. Exception to the above: Blatantly commercial posts, e.g., advertisements for things other than chess events, solicitations of funds, 'spam', links to pornography sites, etc. will not be edited but will always be deleted. The poster will be treated as if this was a Second Level Sanction.

19. Solicitations of funds for worthy charitable causes may be permitted by the Executive Director (ED). Posters will be expected to clear any such solicitations in advance of their being posted on the Forums.

20. Posts that are made to the wrong forum may be moved to a more appropriate forum by the Moderators, and posts made to multiple forums may be deleted. The Moderators may ask the FOC to impose a First Level Sanction on the poster. (Posts that are, in the opinion of the Moderators, unintentionally made in the wrong Forum will be moved with no warnings or sanctions, but perhaps with a caution.)

21. Second Level Sanction: The second time someone posts something that violates the Forum AUG, the individual may be suspended from posting for a period of one week. The FOC has the discretion to impose a level two sanction, impose a level one sanction, or give a warning. This will be announced in the Forums and the member will be notified via Forum PM and email.

22. Third Level Sanction: The third time someone posts something that violates the Forum AUG, the individual may be suspended from posting for a period of four weeks. The FOC has the discretion to impose a level three sanction, impose a lower sanction, or give a warning. This will be announced in the Forums and the member will be notified by Forum PM and email.

23. Fourth Level Sanction: The fourth time someone posts something that violates the Forum AUG, the individual may be banned from the Forums, i.e. not permitted to log into member-restricted areas of the USCF Forums. The FOC has the discretion to impose a level four sanction, impose a lower sanction, or give a warning. This will not be announced in the Forums if it is the maximum sanction, but the member will be notified by email.

24. A banned individual may reapply in writing for access to the Forums after a period of six months. The ED will decide whether or not the individual should be reinstated, and what limitations or conditions will apply. A banned individual who has been reinstated shall be considered henceforth to be in (at least) First Level Sanction mode, as decided by the ED under the terms of reinstatement.

25. A First Level Sanction remains active on a member's record for a period of one year. A Second or Third Level Sanction, once imposed, remains active on the member's record for six months, and afterwards it remains active on the member's record as a first level sanction for an additional year. (Exception: A banned individual who is reinstated always remains in at least the sanction level mode imposed by the ED under the terms of reinstatement.)

26. Past sanctions that are no longer active for sanction elevation purposes may be used as evidence of behavior patterns in an appeal of current sanctions.

27. The decision of the FOC to impose sanctions may be appealed to the ED, who may decrease or increase the sanctions imposed. The ED's decision may be appealed to the EB in accordance with USCF procedures for disciplinary actions. Board members and candidates for the Board should appeal directly to the Executive Board. Sanctions will be implemented after a 48 hour waiting period in order to provide an opportunity to appeal. Copies of the notice of appeal should be copied to the ED, the FOC Chairperson, and the President.

28. Members are held responsible for all posts under their user name. Claims that a user name was hijacked or used without permission will not be considered as mitigating circumstances regarding the initial imposition of sanctions, but may be used as the basis for an appeal of those sanctions, e.g., to the ED, with adequate proof.

29. Policy changes may take place. Forum users should be alert for announcements of such changes that may appear in the announcements area.