

## 2006 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING, OAK BROOK, IL 08/12-13/2006

### INTRODUCTION:

We have been asked to record and prepare the minutes for the 2006 USCF Membership Meeting, Delegates' Meeting, and August, 2006, USCF Executive Board Meetings. The Executive Board meetings and the Board-Staff Forum /Membership Meeting are now documented separately both online and in the *Executive News Quarterly* and will not be in this document, which will cover only the Delegates' Meeting. Also, a complete list of the motions passed by the 2005-2006 Executive Board from their first meeting in August, 2005, to their last meeting in August, 2006, can be found at in the *ENQ* and at [www.uschess.org/org/govern/2006USCFEBMotionsComplete.pdf](http://www.uschess.org/org/govern/2006USCFEBMotionsComplete.pdf). It includes all motions made, whether at meetings, by conference call, or by e-mail.

The Delegates' Meeting minutes covers all ADMs (Advance Delegate Motions published in the *2006 Delegates' Call*) and all NDMs (New Delegate Motions) that were brought to the floor. NDMs that were withdrawn before being presented may not be included. All Motions are presented in the order in which they were brought to the floor, which may differ from the order in which they were placed on the agenda. They are assigned sequential DM numbers, which are referenced to the corresponding ADM or NDM number. NDM numbers are also listed sequentially. A cross-reference table is provided to allow quick access to disposition of motions. Speakers may be identified from time to time. Usually participants in a discussion, when listed, are in alphabetical order rather than in order of recognition, but there may be exceptions. Speakers who were not recognized by the Chair or who did not approach the microphone and identify themselves are not likely to be mentioned. (Please note: The *Delegates' Call* is available in its entirety to everyone on the USCF website in the Governance area at [www.uschess.org/org/govern/](http://www.uschess.org/org/govern/). Please note that this year it is presented in two parts (The inside and outside covers, which include the Delegate list and schedule, are in a separate .pdf file from pages 1-48). Please note that when the new site is completely online and all files have been transferred, the URL may change. You can currently access it from the new site by clicking "About the USCF", then "Governance", then "Annual Meetings".

Please also note that certified Delegates are presented by state, with EB members and DALs listed first, then Delegates who have been certified from the original published list. Delegates who were certified at the meeting who were not on the original list are listed last. The states indicated for Delegates refer to the state delegation that seated them if different from their home state. The state will be listed for the sponsors of motions and Delegates lists, but not included with lists of speakers and other mentions where the state is not a major consideration. Please refer to the Delegate list to determine the state for any Delegate. If an organization is mentioned multiple times it will be listed by its full name followed by a shortened name or abbreviation in parentheses. Subsequent mentions will usually be in the shortened form only. There may be some exceptions. Thanks to Joan DuBois, Bill and Brenda Goichberg, Pat Knight, Mike Nolan, Peter Tamburro and everyone else who helped in facilitating the meetings and their documentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron and Rachel Lieberman – August, 2006

### WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR MOTIONS? - CROSS REFERENCE

The table below is ordered by ADM number or NDM number. The original ADM number as published in the 2006 *Delegates' Call* or sequential NDM number for motions not on the agenda appears in the first column, the final DM number, which identifies the motion permanently is in the second column, and the disposition of the motion is in the third column. If the motion was amended or substituted so that the final wording differed from the original wording, the disposition may be noted with the letter A. Please note that the NDM numbers will be different from the temporary tracking numbers assigned for use at the meeting.

ADM / NDM #	DM #	DISPOSITION AND SUBJECT
Old ADM05-23	DM06-13	PASSED – Paid Employee and Consultant Eligibility for EB - Old Business
Old ADM05-24	DM06-05	A – PASSED – Recall Provision - Old Business
Old NDM05-35	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN - Dues
Old NDM05-40	DM06-14	FAILED – Seeding of Senior into US Women's Championship – Old Business
Old NDM05-44	DM06-15	FAILED – Replacement of EB Members – Old Business
ADM06-01	DM06-01	A – PASSED – Election of DALs
ADM06-02	DM06-02	PASSED – Acceptance of Minutes of 2005 Delegates' Meeting
ADM06-03	DM06-03	PASSED Mike Nolan Appointed Parliamentarian
ADM06-04	DM06-04	A - PASSED - Approve Advance Agenda and Standing Rules

<b>ADM / NDM #</b>	<b>DM #</b>	<b>DISPOSITION AND SUBJECT</b>
ADM06-05	DM06-06	PASSED – Certification of Board Election Results
ADM06-06	DM06-07	PASSED – Certification of Delegate Election Results
ADM06-07	DM06-08	PASSED - Ratification
ADM06-08	DM06-09	PASSED – Adoption of Budget
ADM06-09	DM06-16	PASSED – Promotional Memberships
ADM06-10	DM06-19	PASSED by $\frac{3}{4}$ + – Name Mike Nolan a Delegate at Large (First of Two votes)
ADM06-11	DM06-12	REFER TO EB - Changes to TD Certification (See also DM06-40)
ADM06-12	DM06-20	REFER TO EB – TD Credits (See also DM06-40)
ADM06-13	DM06-21	REFER TO EB – Title Requirements (See also DM06-40)
ADM06-14	DM06-22	REFER TO EB – TD Credits (See also DM06-40)
ADM06-15	DM06-23	REFER TO EB – TD Credits (See also DM06-40)
ADM06-16	NO MOTION	SPONSOR NOT PRESENT – Byes
ADM06-17	NO MOTION	SPONSOR NOT PRESENT – Byes
ADM06-18	NO MOTION	SPONSOR NOT PRESENT - TLAs
ADM06-19	DM06-24	PASSED – TD Not a USCF Employee
ADM06-20	DM06-25	A-PASSED – E-Mail votes by EB
ADM06-21	DM06-26	PASSED – Immediate Family Member
ADM06-22	DM06-27	PASSED – Immediate Family Member
ADM06-23	DM06-28	PASSED – Employment of EB Members
ADM06-24	DM06-29	REFERRED TO EB – FIDE Title Fees
ADM06-25	DM06-30	FAILED – State Chapters that do not submit Delegate Nominees
ADM06-26	DM06-31	REFER TO EB – Submission of unregistered FIDE Events
ADM06-27	DM06-32	REFER TO EB – Late Submission of FIDE Events
ADM06-28	DM06-33	FAILED – Additional Alternate Delegates
ADM06-29	DM06-34	A- PASSED – Rescind Free Delegate TLA Mandates
ADM06-30	DM06-35	REFER TO EB and COMMITTEES – Rescind Delegate Chess Life Mandates
ADM06-31	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Name US Masters in honor of Helen Warren
ADM06-32	DM06-39	PASSED – Rating Lists and Supplements
ADM06-33	DM06-36	PASSED – EB Vacancies
ADM06-34	DM06-37	SUBSTITUTE AND AMENDMENT PASSED – LMA Bylaw Changes
ADM06-35	DM06-10	PASSED – Player must make move first, then record it.
ADM06-36	DM06-11	PASSED – Scoresheets
ADM06-37	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Restrictions for tournament room in National Scholastics
ADM06-38	DM06-38	SUBSTITUTE PASSED – Membership Classes
NDM06-39	DM06-17	PASSED – Beatriz Marinello Support from PPHBF
NDM06-40	DM06-18	PASSED – Disclosure of Felony Convictions
NDM06-41	DM06-40	PASSED – EB Approval of changes in certification
NDM06-42	DM06-41	FAILED – Contact Committee Chair if Report not Received on Time
NDM06-43	DM06-42	WITHDRAWN – Include Dates and exact location of Meeting in “Delegates’ Call”
NDM06-44	NO MOTION	WITHDRAWN – Disclosure of Felony Convictions –

ADM / NDM #	DM #	DISPOSITION AND SUBJECT
NDM06-45	DM06-43	PASSED – Eligibility of contractors for EB Candidacy
NDM06-46	DM06-44	REFER TO RULES – Headphones
NDM06-47	DM06-45	REFER TO EB – Olympiad Committee
NDM06-48	DM06-46	A-PASSED – Add Ken Thomas to Ethics Committee
NDM06-49	DM06-47	REFER TO BYLAWS - Censure
NDM06-50	DM06-48	PASSED – The Age Cutoff For Birthdates is June 30.
NDM06-51	DM06-49	PASSED – Motion of Thanks

## MINUTES OF THE 2006 USCF DELEGATES' MEETING - AUGUST 12-13, 2006 – OAK BROOK, IL

### SATURDAY SESSION

President **Bill Goichberg** called the 2006 USCF Delegates' Meeting to order at 8:58 AM on Friday, August 12. He welcomed the Delegates and reviewed the procedures and limitations on debate.

He then called for 30 seconds of silence in honor of Burt Hochberg, Igor Ivanov, Ray Satterlee, Aleksander Wojtkiewicz, and other members of the chess community who passed away since the last meeting. More information can be found about these members and others, including those who passed away in previous years at [www.uschess.org/ratings/inpassingindex.php](http://www.uschess.org/ratings/inpassingindex.php).

**ROLL CALL** - Executive Assistant **Pat Knight** called the roll, assisted by **Mike Nolan** and **Joan DuBois**. The 82 Delegates who participated are listed below. (Please note that not all Delegates were present during roll call. Some were certified later.) **Mike Nolan** announced that a quorum was present at roll call. Please note that DALs and EB members are listed in boldface. Incoming EB members are shown as EB members and did not count against the state allocation. USCF state of record is shown for out-of-state appointees who are certified as Delegates.

STATE	DELEGATES
<b>AK (1)</b>	None
<b>AL (1)</b>	<b>Frank Camaratta</b> , Kenneth Sloan - Full
<b>AR (1)</b>	Stephen Paulson - Full
<b>AZ (4)</b>	<b>Myron Lieberman, Rachel Lieberman, Robert Tanner</b>
<b>CA-N (6)</b>	Richard Koepcke, John Donaldson, Tony Pabon
<b>CA-S (7)</b>	<b>Jerome Hanken, Randy Hough</b> , Dewain Barber, Mike Carr, Bill Kelleher (MA), Arlen Walker (WI), Jim Berry (OK)
<b>CO (2)</b>	Dean Brown, Andrew Rea - Full
<b>CT (2)</b>	None
<b>DC (1)</b>	None
<b>DE (1)</b>	None
<b>FL (6)</b>	<b>Joel Channing, Don Schultz</b> , Paul Truong (NY), Mikhail Korenman (IL)
<b>GA (2)</b>	None. Please note that Daniel Lucas was present but as a USCF contractor could not be seated.
<b>HI (1)</b>	None
<b>IA (1)</b>	Roger Gottschall - Full
<b>ID (1)</b>	None
<b>IL (7)</b>	<b>Helen Warren, Harold Winston</b> , Larry Cohen, Carl Dolson, Jim Egerton, Tom Fineberg, Fred Gruenberg, Tim Just, Jim Warren - Full
<b>IN (3)</b>	Gary Fox, Tom Byers, Terry Vibbert - Full
<b>KS (1)</b>	Duane Johnson - Full
<b>KY (2)</b>	None
<b>LA (1)</b>	Anthony Jackson - Full
<b>MA (3)</b>	John Hallahan (NH), John Elmore(NH)

<i>STATE</i>	<i>DELEGATES</i>
<b>MD (2)</b>	Edward R. Westing
<b>ME (1)</b>	None
<b>MI (3)</b>	Stan Beckwith, Bradley Rogers, Jennifer Skidmore - Full
<b>MN (2)</b>	David Kuhns, Phil Smith - Full
<b>MO (2)</b>	Selden Trimble
<b>MS (1)</b>	None
<b>MT (1)</b>	None
<b>NE (1)</b>	Mike Nolan - Full
<b>NV (1)</b>	None
<b>NH (1)</b>	Hal Terrie - Full
<b>NJ (4)</b>	Michael Khodarkovsky, Joe Lux
<b>NM (1)</b>	None
<b>NY-D (7)</b>	<b>Sam Sloan</b> , Carol Jarecki, Susan Polgar, Harold Stenzel, Sunil Weeramantry, Polly Wright, James Mennella (NJ)
<b>NY-U (3)</b>	<b>Bill Goichberg</b> , Walter Buehl, Brenda Goichberg
<b>NC (2)</b>	None
<b>ND (1)</b>	None
<b>OH (4)</b>	Herbert Rodney Vaughn
<b>OK (1)</b>	Frank Berry - Full
<b>OR (1)</b>	None
<b>PA (5)</b>	Steve Shutt
<b>RI (1)</b>	None
<b>SC (1)</b>	None
<b>SD (1)</b>	None
<b>TN (2)</b>	<b>Harry Sabine</b> , Alan Crooks (UT)
<b>TX (11)</b>	<b>Tim Redman</b> , Luis Salinas, Jim Stallings, Rodney Thomas, Jim Gray (OK), Trevor Jackson, (LA), R.J. Tagorda (LA), Charles D. Unruh (OK), Charles J. Unruh (OK),
<b>UT (1)</b>	Zhidong Chen - Full
<b>VT (1)</b>	None
<b>VA (3)</b>	<b>Woodrow Harris</b> , Jeff Wiewel (IL)
<b>WA (2)</b>	Fred Kleist, Murlin Varner - Full
<b>WI (2)</b>	Mike Nietman, Guy Hoffman - Full
<b>WV (2)</b>	None
<b>WY (1)</b>	Jon Fortune

**DM06-01 (ADM 06-01)** (Bill Goichberg, NY): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates-at-Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and who are present at this meeting. **PASSED** Those re-elected were Jerry Hanken, Rachel Lieberman, Helen Warren, and Harold Winston.

**DM06-02 (ADM 06-02)** (Harold Winston, IL): Moved, that the minutes of the 2005 Delegates Meeting as published in the Executive Board Newsletter #1 for 2005-2006 be accepted. **PASSED**

**DM06-03 (ADM 06-03)** (Bill Goichberg, NY): Moved that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian. **PASSED**

Parliamentarian **Mike Nolan** then summarized the Standing Rules for the Delegates.

**DM06-04 (ADM 06-04)** (Robert Tanner, AZ): The Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2006 Delegates Meeting and approve the Standing Rules as printed in the *Delegates Call*. **PASSED** with one revision to the order of the agenda.

Herbert Vaughn (OH) requested that old business item ADM 05-24 be moved up on the agenda to be considered next. The agenda was so modified.

Mike Nolan presented his motion ADM05-24/DM05-29 from 2005, which provides a mechanism for recall of Board members. Harold Winston reported that the Bylaws Workshop voted 13 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions for a revision of the original motion that had four suggested changes, of which the maker of the motion agreed to three. Discussion centered on whether recall would be possible in the last 4 months or 6 months of a term. Woody Harris, Mike Nolan, Don Schultz, Herbert Vaughn, Arlen Walker, and Harold Winston were among those that debated this point. Larry Cohen called the question and the amendment to change the four month period to six months failed. Herbert Vaughn moved an amendment to lower the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority to  $\frac{2}{3}$ . That amendment failed by a 33-32 count. Mikhail Korenman proposed an amendment to add that if a member is recalled he or she cannot be a candidate for the next ten years. There was no second. The main motion then passed.

**DM06-05 (ADM05-24/DM05-29)** (Mike Nolan, NE) Modify Article VI of the Bylaws to add the following section to the Bylaws: Section \_\_\_\_: Recalls. The Delegates may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Delegates in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Delegates.

The voting Members may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by petitions signed by 10% of the voting membership based on the membership numbers at the end of the most recent fiscal year, i.e., May 31. The USCF Secretary shall have two weeks from the date the petition is received by the USCF office to determine if a recall petition is valid. A recall may not be initiated on a Board member during the last four months of that member's term of office. Once a recall motion has been passed or a recall petition certified as valid, a recalled Executive Board member shall be given 15 days to decide whether to resign or to be the subject of a recall election. If the recalled Executive Board member resigns, the recall motion or petition becomes moot upon the resignation of the board member.

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

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

If the motion or petition recalling the Board member does not specify a date for the recall election voting to begin, the Executive Board shall schedule such an election to commence no more than 120 days after the recall motion is passed by the Delegates or the recall petitions are certified. The date for counting the votes in the recall election shall be no more than 52 days after the day that voting begins. Until the votes in the recall election are counted, the recalled Executive Board member retains all right and privileges of a Board member. Once the recall votes are counted, if the recall is affirmed the Board member is immediately removed from the Executive Board and a vacancy exists on the Executive Board. **PASSED.** Please note: The above wording is the final wording, which differs from the original. The original wording is in the *Delegates' Call*.

## **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

**DM06-06 (ADM 06-05)** (Robert Tanner, AZ): Moved that Special Elections to fill two vacancies on the Executive Board be ratified. The new EB members will take office immediately. **PASSED.** Please note: The results were: Randy Hough (CA/S) 1401, Sam Sloan (NY/D) 1193, Mike Goodall (CA/N) 1119, Grant Perks (OH) 942, and Ernie Schlich (VA) 811. The new members, Randy Hough (three year term) and Sam Sloan (one year term), took their seats. The regional breakdown of votes can be found at [http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/section\\_111.php](http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/section_111.php).

**DM06-07 (ADM 06-06)** (Robert Tanner, AZ): Moved that the Delegate elections for the 2007-2008 term be certified. The new Delegates will take office at the conclusion of this meeting. **PASSED.** Please note: The new Delegate list will be available on the USCF website. There were a number of ties that require input from the states before finalizing the list. The Chief Teller's report is appended as Appendix A.

**RATIFICATION - Harold Winston** (IL) introduced ADM 06-08 (Ratification of Executive Board actions). He mentioned that ratification does not mean endorsement of an action, it only confirms that the Executive Board had the legal right to take the action. He also mentioned that the motion is restricted to actions that have been documented in writing.

**DM06-08 (ADM 06-07)** (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board appearing in the minutes published in the *Executive Board Newsletter (EBN)*, and the *Delegates' Call*, since the conclusion of the 2005 Delegates Meeting. **PASSED.** Please note that the name of the *EBN* has changed to *The Executive News Quarterly*. This motion also covers actions documented in *The Executive News Quarterly*.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President **Bill Goichberg** gave the President's Report. He suggested a six month promotional

dues reduction and introduced a substitute for ADM 06-38 regarding Dues and Membership Structure, which would be discussed later. He kept his report short and asked that other reports be kept short as well.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director **Bill Hall** welcomed the Delegates to Chicago and presented his report. He pointed out the completion of the move to Crossville and the consolidation of the Publications Department into the USCF offices at Crossville. He noted that there have been a few bumps in the road, such as some snags in the TLA area and asked that if anyone has any TLA related problems to let the office know so they can be resolved as quickly as possible. He also pointed out that some snags can be expected during a major move. He mentioned that the USCF Open House in Crossville was successful and drew over 100 attendees, including members from out-of-state. He pointed out that he has been busy this year with the annual audit and the election in addition to the move.

Executive Director Bill Hall then recognized people that he believes were very important to the organization at this time. He first recognized his assistant, Pat Knight, whom he described as "extremely valuable to this organization". Bill Hall suggested that people take a moment to thank her. He said that when there is a problem she can usually fix it. Next to be recognized was Joan Dubois, who he said has "been with the organization since two days past forever". He then thanked Scholastic Director Jerry Nash, who not only has been appreciated for his work with scholastics, but he also handles FIDE and is appreciated by the top players. He goes out of his way to help our players and mentioned the World Youth and the Pan Am as examples. Bill Hall said that "The things he does boggle the mind". Bill Hall then commended Diane Reese and pointed out that dealing with the parents can be more difficult than dealing with the kids, and when you see how smoothly major scholastic events have gone you can see the value of Diane Reese. He recognized Mike Nolan for the work that he is doing with the website and the computer system. He pointed out the additional member services that Mike Nolan made possible and the value of the member database that Mike Nolan provided. Bill Hall referred to Mike Nolan's work of the last two years as "incredible". Walter Brown was recognized as the Chief TD of the US Open and for his handling of rating issues for the office. Bill Hall suggested that people express appreciation to him when they see him. Bill Hall then recognized Jennifer Shahade for the progress made on the new website. While it is not complete yet, it is a lot better than it was a couple of months ago. He suggested people express appreciation to her as well. Bill Hall then pointed out that "You can recognize a pioneer because he has arrows sticking out of his back". He referred to Publications Director Daniel Lucas as having vision, ideas, and passion. The changes brought to the magazine were substantial and, while some may not agree with all of them, they should appreciate the work that Daniel Lucas has done in a short time. Bill Hall thanked Rachel and Myron Lieberman for their assistance with the Delegates' meeting and Board meetings. Ernie Schlich and Grant Perks were recognized for their volunteer work and Jerry Hanken for his passion for chess and for the organization. All received applause when they were recognized.

Bill Hall pointed out that we need to focus on helping organizers and clubs. We don't have members without clubs and tournaments, and clubs are declining due in part to difficulties with expenses and liability. He is looking into the possibility of obtaining liability insurance for events that can be made available to organizers. The concept of USCF helping clubs obtain liability insurance had many supporters. Also mentioned as a possible service to affiliates was a registration service for their events. Players could register for an affiliate's event through USCF online with a credit card. He also pointed out that Online TLA submission is here now and online submission of TLAs for the magazine are near. People would be able to submit, pay for, and view their TLAs immediately. There will be an automated process to get the TLA updates to the printer very quickly. TLAs would be searchable by the reader by ZIP code and other parameters. When someone joins, the material they receive could include a list of tournaments near them. Also being worked on are e-mailed tournament announcements.

There were three potential large corporate advertisers that turned down free ads in *Chess Life* because they did not want to be associated with the organization. Bill Hall noted that all major corporations and potential sponsors check the Internet before considering affiliation with other organizations. He believes that is where the problem was and that USCF needs to clean up its image on and off the Internet. He believes that the image of chess needs to be changed as well and points to the magazine redesign and especially the Women's issue in July will help in that regard. He asked for help with advertising ideas that will serve to improve the image of chess and USCF. There being no questions, **Tony Pabon** (CAN) asked for a round of applause for Executive Director **Bill Hall**, which was given.

**VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE REPORT** - Vice President of Finance **Joel Channing** presented his report. He noted that we had an acceptable year. The budget projected a \$26,000 loss, which is about what we had projected, but we were able to pay \$36,000 to the LMA Fund, which wasn't in the budget. We want to grow our finances and grow our organization. Most important is to set up a cash flow system where we can predict costs. We have set up a detailed system, which will become more detailed. Monthly reports will be circulated to the Audit, Finance, and LMA Management Committees. He pointed out that if enough people are aware of what's going on it becomes sort of a firewall against sudden surprises. This year we will be allocating personnel expenses to individual activities, such as tournaments, etc., which will give us a better understanding of the costs of each of our activities. We should do as little as possible ourselves, but make use of subcontractors and strategic alliances to keep costs down. We will be reviewing our investments regularly to assure that we are getting an acceptable return. Joel Channing pointed out that we have a good D&O insurance policy. We have obtained "Report Writer" software which will save much staff time in producing financial reports with the detail we need. He mentioned that the recent retreat was valuable and we are following up some of the opportunities that arose from the retreat. The budget in the Delegates' packets projects a positive cash flow of \$48,000 for the coming year, exclusive of any transfers to the LMA Fund. We need to work our way back

to normal operations rather than continue in a survival mode. We need to develop a way to handle the LMA Fund deposits and streamline memberships. Joel Channing mentioned that we have all of the documents related to the Crossville property. He briefly summarized the status of the property and referred any questions to Harry Sabine, who was present. He pointed out that the restrictions on the building come from covenants among the owners in the industrial park as opposed to zoning restrictions. He mentioned that the slope of the land makes it impractical to have an industrial operation with offices in the front. They would either have to be on a different level (multistory) or the land would need to be made level, which is very expensive. Joel Channing then mentioned that USCF has entered into an agreement with America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C) to endorse AF4C's "First Move" curriculum. Currently over 15,000 children are learning chess as part of that program. Joel Channing volunteered to go to school boards with AF4C to present the program. Each organization will have the right to use the other's logo subject to the restrictions placed on their logos by USCF and AF4C. Steve Shutt reviewed the curriculum and likes it. Tim Redman's people at the University of Texas at Dallas are familiar with it and like it. The goal is to maximize the number of children in the US who are learning chess under a USCF approved program. AF4C is good at marketing and they will be helping to market USCF memberships in conjunction with promotion of the program. Conversations have also taken place with the Kasparov Foundation and the Polgar Foundation. Joel Channing also noted that Sam Sloan has graciously agreed to remove objectionable material from his website.

Please note: The budget and financial statements can be found at:

[http://www.uschess.org/org/govern/reports\\_index.php](http://www.uschess.org/org/govern/reports_index.php) That URL may change when the content is transferred to the new site. The discussion turned to questions about the budget.

LMA Management Committee Co-chair **Mike Carr** asked about a budget he saw a few minutes earlier that showed only a \$5,000 bottom line change but it was created by line item changes of \$100,000 down and \$95,000 up. **Bill Goichberg** replied that the budget was based on projected revenue of \$1,800,000 but the actual is now known to be \$1,709,000. He also noted that there was an apparent error in the original budget where the net revenue for Tournaments would have been less this year than last year, but there should have been more tournament revenue and less tournament expense this year than last. Correction of that accounted for the increase. **Larry Cohen** asked about differences in mailing expenses. Bill Hall pointed out that there were two catalog mailings. One was in December and the other in the summer. The actual expenses for one of the mailings were not incurred in the fiscal year in which the mailing took place. They need to be budgeted for the following fiscal year. Tony Pabon asked about December personnel expenses. **Joe Lux** asked Joel Channing how confident he was that we won't need to dip into LMAs. The reply was that he'll be more confident when the new system is fully implemented and we will know the details, but he didn't expect a problem. **Mike Nolan** pointed out that he and Bill Hall spent weeks going over numbers from the membership data and their numbers matched the accounting department's figures, so he is confident. He said that this is the most accurate accounting of revenue that he has seen in 21 years of Delegates' Meetings. Larry Cohen asked whether the detailed analysis would be available to the Delegates. Bill replied not this year, but in the future. **Tim Redman** said that the cash analysis was outstanding.

**DM06-09 (ADM 06-08)** (Board): The 2006-2007 budget as presented by the Vice-President of Finance is adopted. **PASSED.**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS REPORT** - Director of Publications and *Chess Life* Editor **Daniel Lucas** presented his report. He noted that *Chess Life for Kids* Editor **Glenn Petersen** is recovering from his health problems and that they communicate regularly. Editor Lucas mentioned that Glenn Petersen is a valuable advisor to him. The project to redesign the magazine started in February when **Paul Hoffman**, a former editor of *Discover* magazine who was also involved with ESPN magazine and has chess publication experience, was hired as a consultant for the redesign. The redesigned magazine debuted in June as did the preview of the new website. The New Windsor Publications office closed on June 30. While some valuable employees were lost due to the move to Crossville, Publications is now fully staffed and employees are now under one roof in Crossville. While the website is still not completely up, it will be soon. The contents of *Chess Life* as well as an expanded online version are on the site. Each month the contents are archived and the new issue is added. You can go over a game from *Chess Life* with an interactive player that allows animation of the moves. He pointed out that "The magazine and the website are married" They share a look and feel. Daniel Lucas' vision of what *Chess Life* should be is to provide coverage for the best in American chess with tournament reports, instructions, and human interest stories. There is a focus on feature articles rather than columns. Rather than have a monthly column on a particular topic, there will be multipage feature articles on the subject every few months. He used Correspondence Chess as an example. Not only is he focused on better graphics and layout, but also better writing. He pointed out that a good writer, rather than tell you what happened, should be able to show you by painting word pictures. The publications Department is working very hard to give you a chess magazine that you can enjoy and be proud of. He noted that while the popular "Evans on Chess" column has been discontinued, at Larry Evans' request his "What's the Best Move" column will return in the October issue. He closed the report with the comment that he enjoyed meeting you in the workshops and working for the USCF. He shares a love of chess and encourages people to contact him with questions and comments. He then opened the floor to a Q&A session.

**Sam Sloan** said that the graphics are beautiful but the buttons do not work. **Bill Hall** pointed out that it is still a work in process. There are over 40,000 pages on the old website, many of which need to be transferred to the new site. **Tony Pabon** said that they were right to put up the website in time for this meeting although it wasn't completely ready and may have some

flaws. That allows us to discuss the flaws. He believes they did a good job although, as a webmaster, he would prefer to see a perfect site. **Mike Nolan** pointed out that they instituted an online registration system for national events, but they are still working on a quick and easy way for Tournament Directors to get results, prize lists, etc. posted. He believes they will have that resolved by the next national tournament. **Joel Channing** mentioned that the website was supposed to be completed in June. **Kenneth Sloan** pointed out that the link to the old website is in an ad (a promotion for the site) that covers the length of the home page. Clicking anywhere on the ad takes you to the old site. **Sam Sloan** expressed displeasure that "Evans on Chess" was dropped. He noted that it has consistently been one of the most popular columns and characterized the decision as political. **Bill Hall** replied that there were no politics involved. Don Schultz pointed out that he had a discussion with Larry Evans and that Larry Evans didn't mind. What he wanted was "What's the best move", which will return in October. **Daniel Lucas** confirmed that that was what GM Evans told him as well. He pointed out that the Q&A format is better suited to the website than to a printed publication. **Andrew Rea** pointed out that the number of e-mails received about dropping "Evans on Chess" was less than 1% of the readership. **Jerry Hanken** responded that it was still a significant number. He noted that the decision was made based on the advice of professionals, it was not political, and that he loves "What's the Best Move" and is happy to see it back.

**REPORT OF THE US CHESS TRUST** - Chess Trust President **Harold Winston** gave the report of the US Chess Trust. His report began with an expression of appreciation towards those who have generously given donations. Joel Channing has pledged \$2,500 this year. An anonymous pledge in the amount of \$5,000 was given in memory of former *Chess Life* editor Burt Hochberg. \$1,500 was given by Leonard Cohen of NM. The Deborah Doll estate left \$60,000 this year. He pointed out the value of the Trust's Legacy program, which he described as an appropriate way to remember those who pass away. He made the Trust's Financial Reports available to those who wanted to review them. Please note: Trust assets increased by \$100,000.

Trust Officers Myron Lieberman (Secretary), Tim Redman (VP for Chess in Education), and Sunil Weeramantry (Scholastic VP) were introduced. The Delegates gave a round of applause.

The Scholar Chessplayer Program was discussed. In the past, the Trust has distributed \$5,000 in college funds to seven deserving students. This year **Sunil Weeramantry** added \$2,500 from his National Scholastic Chess Foundation for a total of \$7,500 and the money will be distributed among five students. Each student will receive \$1,500. The Delegates gave a round of applause to Sunil Weeramantry. Harold Winston indicated that the Trust will try to find a corporate sponsor so that this amount can be increased.

Harold Winston noted that 585 chess sets and boards were distributed and that **Shane Samole** donated the equipment. 270 USCF memberships were given to schools in 15 states. Based on the recommendation of the Scholastic Council eligibility requirements have been modified. A letter from the Principal is required, but it is no longer necessary that the school be Title I as long as the letter from the Principal indicates students have modest resources.

**Mark Fins**, MA, is the newest Trustee and has donated \$10,000 to the Trust. It was also noted that Trustees now have ten year terms rather than lifetime terms. They are eligible for reelection. The terms are staggered so that no more than four Trustees' terms expire in any year.

The Denker Tournament of High School Champions drew 46 participants from 46 states. Harold Winston recognized this achievement as a tribute to Jack Mallory, Dewain Barber, and Mitchell Denker. There was an eleven way tie for tenth place. The prize fund was increased by \$400. Every prizewinner will receive at least \$50 in scholarship funds.

He referred to the Hall of Fame report in the *Delegates' Call* and presented a brief overview of the Hall of Fame. The first overseas induction into the Hall of Fame occurred when Tim Redman inducted Yasser Seirawan. It is hoped that a second induction will take place at the Hall of Fame in March and will include Yasser Seirawan and Garry Kasparov. It was noted that this year Jeremy Gaige and Irving Chernev were voted into the US Chess Hall of Fame. The Delegates gave a round of applause.

Among the many accomplishments of Al Lawrence, Shane Samole, and the Sidney Samole Museum and World Chess Hall of Fame this year were 24 field trips, with 536 students, many of which were free to students and teachers. Harold Winston also mentioned the South Miami Arts Festival, hosting tournaments (including the 2006 US Amateur Team South playoff) and other chess activities. Shane Samole is the first recipient of the Harold Dondis Award.

He then recognized a number of people who donated to the Trust at the meetings. Someone called out that the green jacket (that Harold Winston wears at the Delegates' Meeting to raise funds for the Chess Trust) should be in the Hall of Fame.

Please note: You can donate or get more information about the Trust by contacting Managing Director Barbara DeMaro at [bduscf@aol.com](mailto:bduscf@aol.com) or by phone at 845-527-1167 or online at [http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/section\\_150.php](http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/section_150.php).

**REPORTS OF THE FIDE DELEGATE AND FIDE ZONAL PRESIDENT** - US FIDE Delegate **Bill Kelleher** presented his portion of the FIDE report. He congratulated the US Men's team for winning the Bronze medal in the Olympiad and recognized coach John Donaldson. He also said that the Women's team had a fine result although it was not as strong a team as last time. The FIDE Presidential election was won by Kirsan Iljumzhinov 96-54. There was a damning article about Kirsan Iljumzhinov in the *New Yorker* magazine. It can be found at the Chess Journalists of America (CJA) website at [chessjournalism.org](http://chessjournalism.org). He



pointed out that there are Federations that abuse the current FIDE voting system by selling their proxy votes to other Federations. He suggests that we introduce a motion to change the system to disallow voting by Federations that are not present and have never been present at the Olympiads. The next Olympiad is scheduled for 2008 in Dresden. The 2010 Olympiad is to be in Western Siberia. Changes to the US FIDE team were: Steve Doyle retired from the FIDE Presidential Board. He was described as a strong advocate of the US position and received a round of applause. Bill Kelleher was elected to the FIDE Presidential Board, Don Schultz was named to succeed Bill Kelleher as US Delegate. Robert Tanner remains Zonal President. They also received applause.

FIDE Zonal President **Robert Tanner** presented his portion of the FIDE report. He mentioned that we retained a spot on the FIDE Verification Commission with Beatriz Marinello. He then presented a summary of the dispute between Beatriz Marinello and the Board regarding the FIDE Presidential election. He pointed out that the EB voted 6-0 to support Bessel Kok for FIDE President. Beatriz Marinello wanted to take a neutral position as she was a candidate for General Secretary for the Americas. Shortly before the election USCF President Bill Goichberg moved that she should support Bessel Kok or risk losing US support for her candidacy. She refused and Robert Tanner, for the Executive Board, withdrew US support in the FIDE General Assembly. Mr. Makropoulos did not accept jurisdiction for the General Assembly and indicated that this should be resolved at the Continental level as it is a continental position. The Continental assembly listened to the US statement, thanked the US for it, and elected Beatriz Marinello General Secretary for the Americas. The bottom line was that it was an unfortunate situation, but it is behind us and we should move on. It worked out well for the most part. **Don Schultz** sympathizes with Beatriz and noted that we all wish her the best. **Tony Pabon** commented that it was wrong for Beatriz to not take the US position but it was also wrong for the Board to not support her for General Secretary for the Americas. It was proposed that the US host the 2007 FIDE Presidential Board meeting in order to increase our FIDE activity. Steve Doyle had expressed a willingness to help raise funds to make it happen. Don Schultz pointed out that Bessel Kok ran a very honest campaign against a very formidable opponent. He noted that Bessel Kok is good at getting corporate sponsorship while Kirsan Iljumzhinov is good at getting money into FIDE from national dictatorships. He also noted that the organizers in Siberia are extremely wealthy and want to use chess as one of their tools to gain world visibility. **Joel Channing** told a story that suggested one of the people involved used rough tactics and shouldn't be crossed. **Sam Sloan** indicated that someone not approved by their Federation should not be elected in FIDE. Don Schultz suggested we be positive. Robert Tanner pointed out that there is a right to appeal to the General Assembly. Jerry Hanken suggested that we simply move on. There is nothing to be gained by protesting at this point. Sam Sloan brought up the drug testing issue as Mike Goodall was unable to attend and that was a major issue for him. Tim Redman remains on the FIDE Medical Commission. He has no interest in changing rules regarding drug testing because nobody on the Commission is showing any interest in changing the rules.

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### APPOINTMENT OF 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 Koepeke 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) Mike Nolan Chair, Harry Sabine Vice Chair. Liaison Don Schultz. **Chair Mike Nolan** recognized the good work of Peter Tamburro who served as Chief Teller for the 2006 election. He pointed out that the Chief Teller is not a member of the Committee to help insure that the election is fair.

**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 D. Unruh (OK). Liaison Joel Channing

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees then presented updates to their published reports: Chess in Education, Correspondence Chess, Cramer Awards, Denker Tournament, Polgar Tournament, LMA Management, Outreach, Ratings, Rules, Scholastic Council, Senior, States, Survey, TDCC, and US Open Please note that most committees not mentioned here simply referred to their published reports. The Audit, Bylaws, Election, Ethics, Hall of Fame, Military, Publications and Women's Chess Committees presented no additional oral report.

**Audit Committee** – No oral report

**Bylaws Committee** – No oral report.

**Chess in Education Committee** – Chairman **Tim Redman** (TX) noted that there were 39 paid attendees at the Chess in Education Workshop on Monday and Tuesday. Please note that more information on the workshop, including several presentations, is currently available at the Chess in Education Committee's website at [www.thechessacademy.org/Workshop\\_Slides/Workshop\\_2006.htm](http://www.thechessacademy.org/Workshop_Slides/Workshop_2006.htm). They are debating whether or not to hold a similar workshop next year because of the convention planned by **Mikhail Korenman** in Chicago. Tim Redman and **Alexey Root** will be stepping down as chairs but will remain on the committee. He has suggested capable replacements. He also pointed out that selected essays from the Koltanowski Conference will be made available in September.

**Correspondence Chess Committee** – Chairman **Harold Stenzel** (NY) reported on the workshop. He expressed concern that Alex Dunne's monthly column has been replaced with a less frequent feature in *Chess Life*. He also indicated that Alex Dunne sent a letter to the committee that promoted correspondence chess by way of e-mail and by server.

**Cramer Awards Committee** – Chess Journalists of America (CJA) President **Jerry Hanken** (CA/S) presented the report. He emphasized that the CJA and the Cramer Awards Committee worked very closely this year and the awards were the result of a joint effort. **Peter Tamburro** was named **Chess Journalist of the Year** but he was very upset that his injury prevented him from attending this year. Normally there are three inductees to the Gallery of Distinguished Chess Journalists each year. This year there were four. They were **Irving Chernev, Lubomir Kavalek, George Koltanowski, and Glenn Petersen** (alphabetical order). They received a round of applause.

**Denker Tournament Committee** – **Dewain Barber** (CA/S) presented the report. He asked that everyone read the printed report and noted that the winner this year was **Nelson Lopez II** (NC), who received a round of applause. Please note that his decisive last round game against **Tyler Hughes** (CO) can be found on *Chess Life Online* at [http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/news\\_7\\_89.php](http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/news_7_89.php). Dewain Barber also announced a new scholarship, the Foster Fund, named after Ursula Foster. Ursula Foster's sons, Rick and Cliff Foster, have announced an annual chess gift of \$1,000 to be shared and awarded through the U.S. Chess Federation to the Top age 13 and under winner from the Denker High School Tournament of Champions and the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls. This year the award for the Denker was split between Tony X. Chen (UT) and Kevin Guo (MO). Dewain Barber then thanked the US Chess Trust and Mitchell Denker for their continued support of the tournament. They received a round of applause.

**Polgar Tournament Committee** – **Dewain Barber** (CA/S) presented the report. He announced that **Abby Marshall** (VA) won the Polgar Tournament. Abby Marshall received a round of applause. Please note that the decisive Round 5 game between **Abby Marshall** and **Amanda Mateer** (AZ), both with perfect 4-0 scores at the time, can be found on *Chess Life Online* at [http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/news\\_7\\_90.php](http://beta.uschess.org/frontend/news_7_90.php). Jordana Williams (LA) won the \$500 Foster award. Dewain Barber thanked the Polgar Foundation and encouraged everyone to come to the reception for the Denker and Polgar tournaments and meet the players.

**Election Committee** – No oral report other than comments made earlier.

**Ethics Committee** – No oral report.

**Hall of Fame Committee** – No oral report.

**International Chess Committee** – Chairman **Michael Khodarkovsky** (NJ) presented the report. He noted that we won two gold medals and four silver medals at the Pan American Youth Festival. First place for Boys under age 18 went to Elliot Liu (CA) and First place for Girls under age 18 went to Tatev Abrahamyan (CA); Second place for Girls under age 16 went to Alisa Melekhina (PA); Ray Robson (FL) tied for First for Boys under age 12. He placed Second on tiebreaks. Daniel Naroditsky (CA) was Third; Darwin Yang (TX) tied for First for Boys under age 10. He placed Second on tiebreaks. Eileen Dai (TX) placed Second for Girls under age 10. They received a round of applause. The coaches were FIDE Senior Trainer IM Michael Khodarkovsky, IM Armen Ambartsoumian, and FM Aviv Friedman. Congratulations to all. Another round of applause was given.

**LMA Management Committee** – Chairman **Mike Carr** (CA/S) referred to the report in the *Delegate's Call* and offered to answer any questions. He indicated that the Committee authorized the Executive Director to use CDs as collateral for the \$150,000 line of credit which will expire on September 21, 2006. He noted that each year \$10,000 goes to the reduction of the loan, which was also approved by the Committee. Money from Life and Sustaining Members is being put into the more restricted LMA Money market account. The assets in the money market account total about \$350,000 but most is not federally insured. They are currently working on that issue. The LMA Fund has about \$550,000 in liquid assets with about \$150,000 pledged against the building.

**Military Chess Committee** – No oral report.

**Outreach Committee** – Chairman **Myron Lieberman** (AZ) presented the update. He referred to the report and offered to answer any questions, after which he focused on the Workshop. He noted that Joan Dubois' stamp design contest has identified four finalists. The Franklin Tercentenary Committee has been in touch with Myron Lieberman and John McCrary. John

McCrary will be giving a lecture on Benjamin Franklin and chess. Paul Truong and Susan Polgar have been working with Howard Stern, who professes an interest in chess. Don Imus has further developed his interest in chess. He and his son Wyatt are taking instructions from David Goodman. Howard Stern and Don Imus have a strong rivalry which stems back to when they were at the same radio station. The Outreach Workshop looked at the possibility of a made for media event that would have them compete over a chessboard with a significant prize to be given to the winner's favorite charity. Everybody wins. Both Don Imus and Howard Stern and chess get major public exposure. The likelihood of a well attended event is strong, which would please the venue, and funding the charity will help many more people.

**Publications Committee** – No oral report.

**Ratings Committee** – Kenneth Sloan (AL) referred to the printed report and brought forward two points from the Workshop. He pointed out that we have a stable system now. He suggests that we rate all games by the Quick Rating system and rate only those games by the Regular system that we do now. This would provide additional games to the Quick system, which would improve its accuracy.

**Rules Committee** - Chair **David Kuhns** (MN) reported on issues from the Workshop including use and abuse of electronic devices and surveillance for cheating. He brought ADMs 06-35 and ADM06-36 to the floor as part of the Rules Committee report. They both dealt with the use of scoresheets. **Sam Sloan** suggested all listening devices be banned from tournaments. That evoked a round of applause.

The original ADM 06-35 submitted by David Kuhns included the fact that the wording applied to the third sentence of 15A only. The version of ADM 06-35 that appeared in the *Delegates Call* did not include that it only applied to the third sentence, but that was his clear intent. The balance of 15A is unchanged. He had posted the motion on the USCF website, which included the third sentence intent, even before it appeared in the printed publication. He explained the effect as: **Rule 15A**. Third sentence: **(current)** The player may first make the move, and then write it on the scoresheet, or visa-versa. **(proposed)** The player must first make the move, and then record it on the scoresheet. The first two sentences are untouched. The implementation date is January 1, 2007.

The rationale was to minimize cheating and to allow for the use of electronic scoresheets. It was noted later that conformity with FIDE would be another reason. When asked if it would be required at the National Scholastics or other scholastic events, **David Kuhns** pointed out that almost any exception can be made by announcing it in advance. This motion passed 15-2 at the Rules Workshop. David Kuhns urged that once this goes into effect, TDs should be very lenient at first and not penalize players who break the rule for the first time. Extensive discussion followed. Among those that participated were Larry Cohen (con), Jerry Hanken (pro), Carol Jarecki (pro), David Kuhns (pro), Joe Lux (con), Jim Menella (con), Tony Pabon (con), Harold Stenzel (con), Herbert Vaughn (pro), and Polly Wright (con).

**Tony Pabon** moved to table ADM06-35 since it would be discussed during the Survey Committee report and people shouldn't vote until they have all of the information. The motion to table FAILED and Tony Pabon gave the survey results which indicated that although 10% would actually write the move first, 100% wanted to preserve the right to do it. He wanted a straw poll on four options that would include (1) No change (2) move first for electronic scoresheets only. (3) move first required, and (4) if recorded first, the move must be made. A straw vote was not taken. Tim Just called the question. The motion passed.

**DM06-10 (ADM 06-35)** (Rules Committee) RULE 15A: Third Sentence: Change current wording to: The player must first make the move, and then record it on the scoresheet. The implementation date is January 1, 2007. **PASSED** Please note that this is a very important change and could affect all tournament players. It must be highly publicized.

**DM06-11 (ADM 06-36)** (Rules Committee) Add rule 43C: A scoresheet is any piece of paper, electronic, or mechanical recording device that allows a player to comply with rule 15A. Electronic scoresheets are subject to certification guidelines as published by the USCF. An electronic scoresheet not so certified is not considered standard and may only be used at the discretion of the tournament director.

Often a pre-printed scoresheet has spaces indicating players' names, event, other game related information, spaces for the recording of the moves, result and the signatures of the players.

If a scoresheet is provided by the event, then that scoresheet is the standard used for that event.

If a scoresheet is not provided by the event, then an alternate scoresheet is allowed provided it meets the rules established in 15A.

If an event, even when it provides scoresheets, does not require that a copy of the score be submitted, then the TD may allow the use of an alternate scoresheet.

If an event requires that a copy of the score to be submitted, the TD may require the use of the scoresheet provided, or may accept an alternate method of providing that score.

A TD may require the use of the provided scoresheet, or may allow non-standard scoresheets to be used even if one is provided.  
**PASSED**

**Scholastic Council** - Co-Chair **Mike Nietman** (WI) presented the report. The Elementary was 12 short of the record. The National Youth Action will be in Atlanta, The National K-12 Grades in Orlando, the National Elementary in Nashville, The National Junior High in Sacramento, and The National High School in Kansas City next year.

He mentioned Alexey Root's new book "Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators" Please note: This book is Published by Teacher Ideas Press. It is ISBN #: 1591583586. "Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators" is described by Libraries Unlimited as "...the first book to show the connection between accepted educational theories and chess. It features lesson plans teachers can use immediately, and from which they can learn the basics of the game. Since the plans meet academic goals through chess, teachers also learn that chess can be a part of reading, math, science, and social studies. An appendix showing how chess meets the requirements of curriculum standards is another plus." He also noted that a new free 86 page publication entitled "A Beginner's Guide to Coaching Scholastic Chess" by Ralph Bowman is now available on the USCF website (at [www.uschess.org/scholastic/ABeginnersGuidetoCoachingScholasticChess.pdf](http://www.uschess.org/scholastic/ABeginnersGuidetoCoachingScholasticChess.pdf)).

**Mike Nietman** indicated that some changes had been made to the national regulations and that they are on the USCF website. He also mentioned the Super Nationals and chess coach certification. **Sam Sloan** spoke in favor of certifying chess coaches after which **Mike Nolan** posed a question. He mentioned that some schools have their grades divided by buildings and noted that the regulations treat those situations as separate teams. He asked if there could be a regional exception or if specific exceptions could be made nationally. **Steve Shutt** replied that the interpretation of separate teams was correct. He did not encourage exceptions.

**Senior Chess Committee** – **Don Schultz** presented the report. He indicated that some seniors get embarrassed when their ratings decline and won't play in tournaments. He suggested that the Ratings Committee might consider a fractional K factor. He noted that the Senior Chess Committee likes the fractional K idea. Among those that discussed this point were Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, Carol Jarecki, David Kuhns, Mike Nolan, Tony Pabon, and Don Schultz. Don Schultz also suggested the possibility of a format change for the Senior Open. He noted that perhaps the Senior Open can be combined with another event at the same place and time, such as the Women's Championship. Carol Jarecki suggested combining it with the US Championship. Don Schultz pointed out that when that was tried everyone was looking at the championship games and lost focus on the Senior. He advocates a survey to get input on some of these ideas. **Tony Pabon** asked that the Senior Workshop be held at a time that does not conflict with the Scholastic Workshop. **Bill Goichberg** replied that each year they send advance schedules and ask committee chairs to notify them of conflicts to avoid. He suggested that next year anyone who sees a conflict should reply when the preliminary schedule is distributed.

**States Committee** – Chairman **Guy Hoffman** (WI) presented the report. He pointed out that there was a problem with the ballots, which asked voters to vote for a total based on Delegates and Alternates rather than Delegates alone. There was a low turnout and many ties in the Delegate election that needed to be broken by the states. He also referred to states that submitted no list by the deadline. Mike Nolan indicated that the actual Delegate election result list is 20 pages long because of a large number of write-ins. He will post the list on the web.

**Survey Committee** – Chairman **Tony Pabon** (CA/N) presented the report. He apologized for the absence of a written report. He said that the Scholastic people wanted a survey and thanked Joan Dubois for the survey that she prepared and included in the Delegates' packets. He talked to ICC regarding the possibility of our putting a survey there. A membership cost survey is continuing for the San Jose-San Francisco area. The surveys were distributed at a large scholastic event with an attendance of 1,350 players and their parents and coaches. The primary finding so far is that the value of the service provided for the money is more important than the actual cost. Of those that responded, 100% of the children would opt for a \$17 membership that included 6 copies of *Chess Life* instead of a \$13 membership that did not include the magazine. Tony Pabon also noted that the older scholastic issue of *Chess Life* used as an example was not as good as the current issues of *Chess Life* or *Chess Life for Kids*.

**Top Players Committee** – No oral report

**Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC)** - Chairman **Tim Just** (IL) of the TDCC brought forward ADM06-11 for consideration as part of his TDCC report. It involved changes to TD Certification. Prior to discussion of the motion **Harold Winston** offered a motion that was co-sponsored by Tim Just and would refer all TDCC motions to the Executive Board. It actually passed twice and will be numbered later in the meeting when it arose again, but was voted and passed here as well. It was worded "Changes in the Tournament Director certification program proposed by the TDC Committee may be approved by the Executive Board without approval of the Delegates." That motion having passed, motion ADM06-11 was referred to the Executive Board which has subsequently approved it by e-mail vote.

Tim Just then suggested that all of the TDCC motions on the agenda (ADMs 06-11, 12, 13, 14, and 15) be referred to the Executive Board, which was done. The other motions, which had not been brought forward to the committee report yet, will be documented as referred when they come up.

## **DM06 -12 (ADM 06-11) (TDCC Committee) 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.**

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#### **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.**

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#### **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.

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#### **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.

**REFERRED to the EB (Please Note: This was later passed by the EB).**

**US Open Committee** – Chairman **Jerry Hanken** (CA/S) presented the report. He noted that we used to award certificates for every five years of participation in US Opens. We now do not have records prior to 1992 so we no longer have records of how many US Opens people have attended. With the help of Mike Nolan we are obtaining the information and certificates for past

participation will once again be available.

**Website Committee** – No oral report

**Women's Chess Committee** – No oral report

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## OLD BUSINESS

**Mike Nolan** (NE) presented DM05-26. **Harold Winston** (IL) said that the only concern that the Bylaws Workshop had was that the organizer restriction should be longer. Mike Nolan was willing to word the motion so that the one year started from the awarding of the bid. **Don Schultz** (FL) wanted the time period for all restrictions to be changed from one year to three months. Tony Pabon (CA/N) offered an amendment to change the restriction to three months. The amendment failed.

**DM06-13 (ADM 05-23 - DM 05-26)-** ( Mike Nolan, NE) Modify Article VI of the Bylaws to add the following section to the Bylaws: Restrictions. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as paid USCF employees, paid consultants or as vendors of goods or services to the USCF during their actual tenure on the Executive Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends. Except as noted below, this shall not affect a board member's ability to organize or direct USCF-rated events or to serve as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as the chief TD for USCF National events during their tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends. Elected members of the Executive Board may not be awarded the bid to serve as the organizer of a USCF national event (or as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate serving as the organizer of a USCF national event) during their actual tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends unless the agreement to serve as the organizer of that national event was signed prior to that person's becoming a candidate for election to the Executive Board. State chapter and not-for-profit Affiliates with Board members who are also on their board are exempt from this restriction. In unusual circumstances, elected Executive Board members may be assigned tasks dealing with day-to-day operations of the USCF. No compensation for these tasks beyond the reimbursement of direct out-of-pocket expenses may be paid. **PASSED**

Sponsors Bill Goichberg (NY) and Harold Winston (IL) withdrew ADM05-15 as a different structure would be offered later in the meeting. Bill Goichberg indicated that it was referred to the EB last year and the EB didn't like it as well as the other motion.

**NO MOTION (NDM 05-35 – DM 05-15)** re: NDM 04-33 DM 04-29 (Steve Doyle, NJ; Harold Winston, IL; Bill Goichberg, NY)

Individual Membership Plans:

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

Affiliate Commissions \$2 per membership. Online discounts \$2 per membership. \$10 discount for those over the age of 65. Please note: The proposal has the effect of ending the offering of new Life, Senior Life, and Blind Life memberships. Adults and Youth Members get 12 issues of *Chess Life*. Scholastic Members get 6 issues. **WITHDRAWN**

**Bill Goichberg** (NY/U) brought DM05-34 to the floor. The Board didn't like the motion. **Mike Carr** (CA/S) pointed out that he has organized the Senior Open in the past when the highest rated female player was rated in the 1400s. The motion failed.

**DM05-14 (NDM 05-40 – DM 05-34)** Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA-N) – The highest finishing female in the Senior Open is seeded into the U.S. Women's Championship. **FAILED**

**Sam Sloan** (NY/D) spoke to his motion DM05-38. He noted that his rationale was to have a full seven member Board at the close of the Delegates' Meeting. He pointed out that Steve Shutt was the only Board member elected to a four year term who completed the term. **Bill Goichberg** said that Bob Smith also served a full term. **Harold Winston** indicated the Bylaws Committee was voted 4 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention and the Bylaws Workshop voted 0 in favor, 10 opposed, and 3 abstentions on this motion. Among their concerns was that a replacement may be named near the end of the Delegates' Meeting without the Delegates having a chance to know their alternatives and make a fully informed decision.

**DM06-15 (NDM 05-44 – DM 05-38)** Sam Sloan (NY-D) – If an Executive Board member resigns within five months before a Delegates Meeting or during the Delegates Meeting, then the Delegates at this meeting will elect a board member to fulfill the empty spot until the following year by which time a new election can be held. **FAILED**

**Harold Winston** (IL) brought the annual promotional membership motion to the floor. Executive Director **Bill Hall** reviewed existing promotional memberships. He mentioned a \$38 promotional membership for new members and those whose membership expired prior to October of the previous year. **Bill Goichberg** said there were others. **Mike Nolan** indicated that the \$44 rate for automatic renewal is also a promotional membership. He also mentioned another was that the spouse of a Life or Sustaining member was able to get a \$43 adult membership.

**DM06-16 (ADM 06-09)** (Harold Winston, IL) Pursuant to Article III, section 9 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2005-2006 and authorize their continuance. **PASSED**

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### NEW BUSINESS

Two motions that were passed at the Membership Meeting were considered next. The first was a motion to authorize funds from the Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund (PPHBF) to be used towards **Beatriz Marinello's** medical expenses. Please note that Beatriz Marinello is under treatment for kidney failure and will need a transplant. Questions were asked as to how much was in the PPHBF (about \$100K) and who has received money from the PPHBF in the past (John Watson and Igor Ivanov).

**DM06-17 (NDM 06-39)** (from USCF Membership Meeting) **Robert Tanner** (AZ) - Given the recent life-threatening health issues afflicting Beatriz Marinello; and given her contributions to USCF and the US Chess Community as a former USCF Employee, past USCF President, current Executive Board Member and prominent player; it is hereby directed that up to \$10,000.00 be authorized for distribution from the Professional Players Health & Benefit Fund to be applied towards the medical expenses of Ms. Marinello. Details of the method of confirmation of expenses for payment shall be left to the Executive Director. **PASSED**

Next to be considered was a motion from the Membership Meeting which would require that convicted felons disclose that fact. The original motion would have the effect of banning convicted felons from the EB. It was amended at the Membership meeting to where it simply requires disclosure. If a candidate discloses an adult felony conviction in the US and is still elected, he or she may serve per the wording of the final motion. **Harold Winston** presented the Bylaws Workshop results and spoke against the motion. He pointed out that most felony convictions are based on state law and what is a felony in one state may not be a felony in another. He also noted that some high profile people have convictions. He used George Steinbrenner as an example. **Jerry Hanken** (CA/S) spoke against the motion. As a probation officer he noted that once the person has completed his or her sentence there should be no additional penalty other than what might be required by law. He proposed the amendment in the Membership Meeting that changed the focus from banning a convict to requiring that the conviction be disclosed. **Harry Sabine** (TN) also spoke against the motion. Randy Hough simply suggested that candidates should give us (the Delegates) the information and let us decide. **Herbert Vaughn** (OH) spoke in favor. He pointed out that a dishwasher is required to disclose convictions in a job application, and often that will affect hiring. He asked why EB Candidates should be held to a lower standard than dishwashers. **Myron Lieberman** (AZ) pointed out that there are two issues here. One is whether or not a person convicted of an adult felony in the US should be allowed to serve on the EB, and the other is full disclosure. He pointed out that it could affect sponsorship. **Joel Channing** (FL) noted that he had on occasion hired employees with felony convictions, but that he did need to know about them. Another reference was made to the differences between states regarding felonies and the need for an "even playing field". **Don Schultz** (FL) mentioned that if two people commit the same crime in different states, and one has a felony conviction and the other doesn't, it is not an even playing field. Jerry Hanken pointed out that diners at a restaurant are not polled to determine if a convicted felon should be hired as a dishwasher. There are no tests for congressmen. **Tim Just** noted that it is not an onerous task for a candidate, in his or her explanation in *Chess Life* to simply say that the offense was considered a felony in a particular state, but not anywhere else. **Larry Cohen** (IL) called the question, but there was objection and discussion continued. **Frank Camaratta** (AL) offered an amendment, which was accepted, that would allow an additional 100 words in *Chess Life* for a candidate to explain a conviction. **Woody Harris** (VA) and Herbert Vaughn spoke in favor of the motion. He pointed out that voters don't do due diligence. It passed with barely the 2/3 margin necessary for a Bylaw change not on the advance agenda.

**DM06-18 (NDM 06-40)** (from USCF Membership Meeting) Tim Just/Howard Cohen (IL) Any candidate for the USCF EB who has been convicted of an adult felony in the US must disclose that fact in their *Chess Life* statement. Failure to disclose a felony would be grounds for immediate recall. The candidate will be allowed an additional 100 words in *Chess Life*. **PASSED** by a vote of 45-22.

Bill Goichberg read ADM06-10, which passed without discussion by more than the necessary 3/4 majority..

**DM06-19 (ADM 06-10)** (Harold Winston, IL; Tim Just, IL; and Bill Goichberg, NY) The Delegates elect Michael Nolan a Delegate-at-Large for his many services to chess. (This requires a 3/4 Delegates vote at 2 consecutive annual meetings of which this would be the first) **PASSED**

The next four motions were referred to the EB per DM06-40, which was agreed to during the TDCC report.

**DM06-20 (ADM 06-12)** (TDCC Committee) 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. **REFERRED to the EB**

**DM06-21 (ADM 06-13) (TDCC Committee)** 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 satisfactorily 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.

**REFERRED to the EB**

**DM06-22 (ADM 06-14) (TDCC Committee)** Closes a loophole in TD Credits that may be claimed.

The Senior Director

Experience Requirements.

3. 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. **REFERRED to the EB**

**DM06-23 (ADM 06-15) (TDCC Committee)** Closes a loophole in TD Credits that may be claimed.

The Associate National Director (ANTD)

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. **REFERRED to EB**

**NO MOTION (ADM 06-16) (Jon Haskel, FL) 22C6.** Full-point byes after half-point and zero-point byes.

The next three motions were moved to the end of the agenda as their sponsors were not present. As the sponsors did not arrive when they came up again, the motions were not considered.

A full-point bye should not be assigned to a player who has previously taken or committed to a half-point *or zero-point* bye unless all others in the score group have already had a bye or a no-show forfeit win. See also 28L, Full-point byes. **Motion not considered due to absence of sponsor**

**NO MOTION ADM 06-17 (Jon Haskel, FL) 28L4.** Full-point byes after half-point and zero-point byes.

A full-point bye should not be awarded to a player who has previously taken or committed to a half-point *or zero-point* bye unless all others in the score group have already had a bye or a no-show forfeit win. See also 22C, Half-point byes. **Motion not considered due to absence of sponsor**

**NO MOTION (ADM 06-18) (Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Ronald Groseibl, NJ; Herman Drenth, NJ; Dean Ippolito, NJ; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Roger Inglis, NJ; Ken Thomas, NJ; Hal Sprechman, NJ; George Phoenix, NJ; Todd Lunna, NJ; Pete Tamburro, NJ)**

Each USCF affiliate shall receive one free Tournament Life Announcement of up to 8 lines in *Chess Life* for each USCF rated chess tournament that is conducted by that affiliate. **Motion not considered due to absence of sponsor**

**DM06-24 (ADM 06-19) (Mike Nolan, NE; Harold Winston IL)** Add to Article IX, Sundry Bylaws, a new section:

“For purposes of the bylaws, a tournament director at a National Tournament who is not already a USCF employee shall not be considered a USCF employee.” **PASSED**

**Harold Winston (IL)** proposed ADM06-20, a structure for e-mail voting by the Board. The Bylaws Committee was in favor



and the Bylaws Workshop voted in favor 11-0 with 2 abstentions. An amendment to the original ADM that was proposed at the Bylaws Workshop was accepted to add the “or the five days have passed” alternative was accepted. Bill Goichberg, Mike Nolan, Don Schultz, Steve Shutt, and Harold Winston were among those that participated in the discussion. The motion then passed.

**DM06-25 (ADM 06-20)** (Mike Nolan, NE; Harold Winston, IL) Add to Article VI, sec. 3:

“Executive Board votes may be taken by email provided at least five days are allowed for discussion. As soon as all Executive Board members vote, or the five days have passed, the Board vote is official.” The above is the final wording. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

**Harold Winston** (IL) brought forward ADM06-21, a motion to define “immediate family member” to clarify the Executive Board Code of Conduct. Don Schultz suggested an amendment to remove “sibling”. It was not accepted and had no second. Mike Carr, Bill Goichberg, Mike Nolan, Andrew Rea, Don Schultz, and Harold Winston were among those who contributed to the discussion of options ranging from Grandparents to civil union partners, in-laws, legal guardians, etc.

**DM06-26 (ADM 06-21)** (Harold Winston, IL; Mike Nolan, NE; Bylaws Committee) Add to the Executive Board Standards of Conduct Delegate Action of Continuing Interest 27 (2) (A)

“An Immediate family member is a spouse, a sibling, a child or a parent.” **PASSED**

Harold Winston (IL) brought forward the following related motion, ADM06-22, and noted that the Bylaws Committee was unanimously in favor and the Bylaws Workshop voted 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions

**DM06-27 (ADM 06-22)** (Harold Winston, IL; Mike Nolan, NE; Bylaws Committee)

Add to Executive Board Standards of Conduct Delegate Action of Continuing Interest 27. (2) (A), the following:

" However, an immediate family member may continue to receive financial compensation if such compensation results from an agreement made prior to the Board member becoming a candidate." **PASSED**

**Harold Winston** (IL) presented ADM 06-23, a clarification regarding employees serving on the Executive Board. The rationale was: The Bylaws prohibit employees from being candidates for the Executive Board but should also prohibit them from serving on the Executive Board.

**DM06-28 (ADM 06-23)** (Harold Winston, IL; Mike Nolan, NE; Richard Koepcke, NCA) Add to Article VI, sec 1 of the Bylaws, Executive Board Composition:

“No Executive Board member may be a full time or part time salaried or hourly USCF employee except for the USCF Executive Director serving as a non-voting member.” **PASSED**

**Mike Nolan** (NE) presented ADM06-24, his motion regarding FIDE title fees. **Bill Hall** noted that FIDE often raises fees. He suggested that the issue be referred to the EB. **John Donaldson** (CA/N) noted that FIDE has been adding a large number of titles. The motion was referred to the EB, after which Bill Goichberg pointed out that there may not be the payment of title fees for GMs and IMs may not be automatic.

**DM06-29 (ADM 06-24)** (Mike Nolan, NE) The USCF will pay FIDE title fees for players earning the IM or GM title, including processing fees for IMs and GMs changing their country or registry to USA (but just once for any one player), all other title fees (including arbiter titles) are to be paid by the person requesting and receiving the title. Players who have qualified for the FM or GM title based on their rating will be notified by the USCF of their eligibility. **REFERRED TO EB**

**Mike Nolan** (NE) introduced ADM06-25, his motion to require State Chapters to pay their affiliate dues and submit their list of Delegate nominees in order to remain a State Chapter. He pointed out the difficulties with receiving lists this year, which caused the office additional work to repeatedly solicit lists. **Harold Winston** (IL) noted that the Bylaws Workshop was opposed with a vote of 1-14-2. **Guy Hoffman** (WI) noted that the States Workshop divided the motion. The submission of lists factor was opposed with 1 in favor, 7 opposed, and 1 abstention. The Workshop voted 5 in favor, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention on the payment of dues factor. **Kenneth Sloan** (AL) spoke against both factors. **Sam Sloan** (NY/D) asked what's the next step if State Chapters are decertified. **Myron Lieberman** (AZ) cautioned that the Delegates can replace the State Chapter, so if State Chapters are decertified there could be more difficulty finding people to work with us and the Delegates could find themselves evaluating competing bids for State Chapter certification. **Randy Hough** (CA/N) pointed out that he appreciates the frustration that led to this motion but suggested that some of us can volunteer to help find other people to respond for a State Chapter if the normal contacts do not. **Mike Nolan** (NE) mentioned that RVPs used to serve this function under the old Bylaws. **Stephen Paulson** (AR) mentioned that his home state has had calls about submitting Delegate lists and would much rather be notified so

that lists can be sent than to automatically stop receiving calls. **Joel Channing (FL)** said that he prefers to see the role of USCF as “faithful servant” rather than “Fearful taskmaster”.

**DM06-30 - (ADM 06-25)** - (Mike Nolan, NE) State chapters that do not submit a list of nominees for Delegates from their state (or indicate that they do not intend to nominate anyone for Delegate to represent their state) by May 1<sup>st</sup> of a State Delegate election year will be deemed to have resigned as the State Chapter for that state. A State Chapter that lets its USCF affiliation lapse for more than two calendar months will be deemed to have resigned as the State Chapter for that state. **FAILED**

**Mike Nolan (NE)** mentioned that he was at the FIDE Congress in Turin. He said that he would never again complain about the slow pace of the USCF Delegates' Meeting since he was waiting until 5:30 PM before FIDE decided whether or not they had a quorum. He noted that those countries that are late with their rating reports are charged late fees, and USCF has been paying the biggest amount. He thanked **Walter Brown, Ernie Schlich, and Chuck Lovingood** for their help in improving this so that in the last FIDE rating cycle everything was in well before the deadline. Also, many US FIDE events had been submitted without preregistration with FIDE. FIDE is now setting up a system where national rating officers can log into the FIDE site and register directly. Mike Nolan is setting up a system whereby FIDE event organizers can register with the USCF and cover both USCF and FIDE with the same form. By registering in advance, paying FIDE fees with registration, and getting FIDE rating reports in on time, we not only will save money on late fees but we will look good in FIDE's eyes. A question was raised about penalties for organizers who did not comply. Mike Nolan moved to refer the motion to the EB so that they can consider this as well.

**DM06-31 (ADM 06-26)** (Mike Nolan, NE) Effective January 1, 2007, the USCF will not submit an event held in the US to FIDE for rating or approve norms earned at an event held in the US if that event has not been registered as a FIDE event with the USCF in advance of when the event begins. (A form will be available on the USCF website for this purpose.) Appropriate registration fees may be charged for registering FIDE events. **REFERRED TO EB**

The meeting was recessed at 5:02 PM until 9:00 AM on Sunday. August 13, 2006.

### **SUNDAY SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

**Mike Nolan (NE)** introduced his motion regarding penalties for late submission of FIDE reports to USCF. He pointed out that if the average of all of USCF FIDE events are submitted later than a standard set by FIDE, a fine is assessed to all reported events, even if they are submitted on time. He moved that the motion be referred to the Executive Board, which was done.

**DM06-32 (ADM 06-27)** (Mike Nolan, NE) A TD who submits FIDE norms or a FIDE rated event for processing by the USCF more than two weeks after the last day of the event will be fined \$50 for each 7 days (or fraction thereof) that the report is late (defined as the number of days between the event ending date and the date of submission to the USCF) and will not be permitted to register any new FIDE events with the USCF or submit any events with the USCF for rating by FIDE until the fine is paid. **REFERRED TO EB**

**Mike Nolan (NE)**, prior to bringing up ADM06-28, suggested a different idea that would simplify running the election and make ADM06-28 moot. He pointed out that Alternate Delegates appointed by a state to fill vacant seats are an anachronism and are not needed at this point in time. They are a holdover from the old Bylaws, when Alternate Delegates had a vote and the general membership did not. USCF electing Alternate Delegates in its Delegate election has caused difficulties in getting a sufficient number named in a timely manner and a large number of ties that had to be broken by the state anyway. He suggested that the position of Alternate Delegates (whose only function now is to be an ordered list to establish succession to vacant Delegate positions) be eliminated and the State Chapters simply provide an ordered list of succession as was done previously. Please note: This would also enable states to provide the list much earlier than they do now by breaking ties. It was not moved at this time.

**Mike Nolan (NE)** then brought up ADM 06-28, his motion to give residents of a state priority over nonresidents in the ordered list of Additional Alternate Delegates. **Harold Winston (IL)** noted that the Bylaws Workshop was opposed. There was a sense that the State Chapter rather than USCF should make state representation decisions. **Harold Winston** pointed out, as an example, that a playing area can cross state lines and that people from a neighboring state who are active in a state may be more qualified to represent a state than an inactive or unknown resident. **Joel Channing (FL)** noted that Mike Nolan took the floor to speak to ADM 06-28 but spoke on a different topic and nobody noticed. He asked that this should be on the record. Please note: Many people probably did notice it but said nothing because it was related to ADM06-28 and was pertinent to how people may vote on ADM 06-28. Someone could have raised it as an amendment to ADM06-28.

**DM06-33 (ADM 06-28)** (Mike Nolan, NE) Add to Article V, Section 6A of the Bylaws, paragraph 3, dealing with the

naming of additional Alternate Delegates: Any Additional Alternate Delegates who are listed by the USCF as residents of the state for which they have been named as Additional Alternate Delegates will have priority over any Additional Alternate Delegates who are not listed as residents of that state. **FAILED**

**Mike Nolan** (NE) then introduced ADM 06-29, his motion to rescind all Delegate mandates and Board directives regarding free TLAs in *Chess Life*. He noted that the EB should set TLA policy rather than the Delegates, so that the office is not bound by Delegate mandated policies that may be years old and no longer applicable. If the existing Delegate mandated policies are repealed the EB, in consultation with the office, the Editor, and organizers can create new policies that are appropriate for today. If they feel that an existing policy is desirable, they can choose to continue it. **Bill Goichberg** (NY/U) indicated that if the motion passed it would be unlikely that any changes would be made at this time. **Larry Cohen** (IL) proposed an amendment to change TLAs in *Chess Life* to online TLAs. There was no second. Executive Director **Bill Hall** (TN) said that he looks to the Delegates for broad policy guidelines rather than detailed instructions. He pointed out that the simplest explanation is the best. Bill Goichberg suggested that the words "...and Board directives..." be removed from the motion since the Board can always eliminate directives from an earlier Board if they so choose. That change was accepted and the motion passed with the wording below. Tom Byers, Larry Cohen, Bill Goichberg, Bill Hall, Mike Nolan, Tim Redman, Don Schultz, Harold Winston and Polly Wright were among those who participated in the discussion.

**DM06-34 (ADM 06-29)** (Mike Nolan, NE) All Delegate mandates regarding free TLAs in *Chess Life* are rescinded. Affiliates are encouraged to use the USCF's Online TLA Service. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

**Mike Nolan** (NE) presented ADM 06-30, his motion to rescind Delegate and Board mandates regarding editorial content of the magazines. He wants to give the Editor a clean slate. **Larry Cohen** (IL) mentioned that some Delegate mandates, such as the annual Yearbook issue are still needed. **Randy Hough** (CA/S) moved to refer the matter to the Publications Committee with the EB having the power to act on the Publications Committee recommendations. **Robert Tanner** (AZ) asked whether it was possible that something could be referred to a committee that could lead to the elimination of Delegate mandates. It was noted that it could be done if authorized by the Delegates. Mike Nolan spoke in favor of referral. It was noted that other committees, such as scholastic, might also want to have input. **Don Schultz** (FL) proposed an amendment to change the referral motion to refer to the EB in consultation with appropriate committees. Randy Hough accepted. **Roger Gottschall** (IA) read a Delegate Action of Continuing Interest which placed the responsibility of assuring the appropriateness of advertising and content on the Editor and Publisher. **Harold Winston** (IL) expressed concern about the Yearbook issue, which contains the contact information for Delegates, Committees, etc., which were mandated to include in *Chess Life*. **Frank Camaratta** (AL) suggested that the committees involved generate a report which details what recommendations they have made and any ADMs they may have proposed. **Sam Sloan** (NY/D) mentioned that every time the Yearbook issue has been taken out of the magazine it was put back by Delegate action. He also expressed concern about the Rating List, which he points out should be in the magazine at least once each year. **Joel Channing** (FL) opined that the web is the best place for that kind of information. **Arlen Walker** (Representing CA/S) said that he is on the Publications Committee and is in favor of the referral. Referral passed.

**DM06-35 (ADM 06-30)** (Mike Nolan, NE) Except as contained within the Bylaws, all existing Delegate mandates and Board directives regarding the editorial content of *Chess Life* (and/or *Chess Life for Kids*) are rescinded. (Comment: This excludes the candidate information required for Executive Board elections, and other governance matters, such as calls for nominations and calls for ADMs.) **REFERRED TO EB** with power to implement after consultation with appropriate committees.

**NO MOTION (ADM 06-31)** (Tim Just, IL) The U. S. Masters will be renamed: The Helen Warren U. S. Masters. **WITHDRAWN**

No sponsor was present at this time to present ADM 06-32 so it was moved to later in the agenda.

**Guy Hoffman** (WI) presented ADM 06-33, his motion regarding EB vacancies. He described it as a way to have the Bylaws reflect what is actually being done. **Harold Winston** (IL) referred to it as a technical motion and pointed out that the Bylaws Committee was in favor 13-0 with 1 abstention. The motion passed.

**DM06-36 ADM 06-33** (Guy Hoffman, WI) Replace the language of Article VI, Section 9 with the following: If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, the Executive Board may decide to fill the vacancy by a Special Election in accordance with Art. VI, Section 5B. If two or more vacancies occur, the Executive Board will instruct the Election Committee to hold a Special Election in accordance with Section 5B **PASSED**

**Mike Carr** (CA/S) replaced ADM06-34 as printed with the following substitute. He noted that he, Frank Camaratta, and Tim Redman are working on an additional amendment. **Sam Sloan** (NY/D) expressed his extreme opposition. He emphasized that he believed that the move was illegal and this motion was a way to prevent the building from ever being sold. **Bill Goichberg** (NY/U) corrected this impression and pointed out that we are looking to the future and what happened in the past is immaterial.

**David Kuhns** (MN) pointed out that the Delegates authorized the move in St. Paul in 2000. **Arlen Walker** (Representing CA/S) said he doesn't see how the objection can apply to this motion. Sam Sloan said that when we do not have the money to pay the mortgage we would not be able to sell the building to raise cash and it would be taken away. Furthermore we have to wait for a full year to get Delegate approval to sell the building. **Joel Channing** (FL) indicated that that would be the time to have an emergency Delegates' Meeting.

Frank Camaratta and Mike Carr presented the additional amendment. Currently the Bylaws list 4 conditions that must be met to encumber LM Assets in excess of \$200,000. The \$200,000 limit would be removed so that any encumbrance would need to meet the criteria. The third condition would be changed to require a majority of the LMA Management Committee to approve. The fourth condition (a report to the Delegates) should be a separate item and not included on the list of conditions as it isn't a condition. Frank Camaratta, Joel Channing, Jim Gray, David Kuhns, Mike Nolan, Tony Pabon, Tim Redman, Don Schultz, and Sam Sloan were among those who participated in at least part of the the discussion. Please note: The substitute passed, but there was disagreement about the wording of the amendment. It was agreed that that motion would be deferred so that acceptable wording could be found and brought up at a later time. The final vote on the amendment took place later It is being presented here for continuity.

After DM06-39 passed, later in the meeting, **Tim Redman** (IL) brought the amendment up and thanked **Tim Just** (IL) for deferring the remaining LMA motion until wording could be improved. He read and explained the motion very clearly. **Joel Channing** (FL) suggested that when there are a list of conditions it should be indicated whether they are "and" or "or". Tim Redman agreed that it would be a good practice but in this case the intent is understood. **Sam Sloan** (NY/D) questioned whether someone on the LMA Management Committee could take unilateral action without telling the other members. **Mike Carr** (CA/S) pointed out that the reason that condition 3 was changed from "The LMA Management Committee" to "A majority of The LMA Management Committee was to eliminate that possibility. The amendment then passed.

#### **DM06-37 (SUBSTITUTE FOR ADM 06-34)**

**Substitute** - (Frank Camaratta (AL), Mike Carr CA/S), Jerry Hanken(CA/S)) Recommend the following changes to:  
ARTICLE IX: Sundry Bylaws

Section 9B: Encumbrance To Read

B. Any land and/or buildings, owned by the USCF cannot be sold, encumbered, liened, or mortgaged, in any fashion, without approval by the Delegates.....

And Modify

Section 10: Life Member Assets Management to Read:

A report from the LMA Management Committee...**PASSED**

**Amendment** (Frank Camaratta (AL), Mike Carr (CA/S), Tim Redman (TX))

Section 10: Life Member Assets Management to Read:

Borrowing from or encumbering from LMA is possible only when (1) The Executive Director certifies that there is a need for such borrowing, (2) The Executive Board approves of the borrowing, and (3) A majority of the Life Member Asset Management Committee approves of such borrowing.. (4) is removed. **PASSED**

It was noted that ADMs 06-35 and 06-36 had already passed. ADM06-37 was withdrawn.

**NO MOTION ADM 06-37** (Tim Just, IL): All parents, coaches, and non-staff members are restricted from being in the chess tournament room at National Scholastic tournaments while play is in session.

Reasoning:

Concern 1: At the National Youth Action 2004 a coach assaulted a TD. The police were called. The coach had his USCF membership suspended. The coach is currently in litigation with USCF over this. We are lucky a coach has not assaulted a child so far.

Concern 2. Non-staff members continually take up staff time with false claims. The scholastic staff then does not have time to deal with the concerns of the kids.

Concern 3. At a recent National Scholastic event a parent/coach that was given access to the floor ignored the TD staff and stood on a chair from which he fell and hurt a student.

By restricting non-staff members at National Scholastic events from being on the playing floor while play is in

progress, the concerns above are relegated to almost non-existent. The staff can attend to the kids, costly lawsuits are avoided, USCF memberships do not get suspended, TDs and kids do not get attacked on contracted USCF hotel areas, and the kids do not get hurt by careless adults. **WITHDRAWN**

Bill Goichberg introduced a substitute for ADM 06-38, regarding membership categories and dues structure. An extensive discussion followed. Joel Channing, Larry Cohen, Bill Goichberg, Roger Gottschall, Bill Hall, David Kuhns, Mike Nietman, Mike Nolan, Tony Pabon, Harold Stenzel, Herbert Vaughn, and Arlen Walker were among those who participated in the discussion. **Mike Nietman** (WI) noted that the Scholastic Committee is in favor. **Tony Pabon** (CA/N) reported that his survey showed that the price of a membership is not as much a factor in recruiting or retaining members as is the services the member would get for the dues. He suggested an amendment that fees be removed from the motion. The amendment failed. **Bill Goichberg** (NY/U) said that implementation should be left to the office and that changes that affect ages 21 to 24 should be immediate. **Mike Nolan** (NE) indicated that the changes should be available by September 1. **Joel Channing** (FL) proposed an amendment that would eliminate the \$2 online discount for all categories. The amendment was not accepted but passed by vote. A straw poll showed "Youth" was preferred to "Junior" to name the category. The final wording, shown below, passed.

**DM06-38 (ADM 06-38 Substitute)** (Bill Goichberg, NY) Article III of the Bylaws is amended as follows:

Section 2. Change "Youth Membership" to "Young Adult Membership." Change "Under 20 years of age" to "Under 25 years of age at expiration."

Section 3. Change "Scholastic Membership" to "Youth Membership." Change "Under 15 years of age" to "Under 17 years of age at expiration." (These members get 6 issues of *Chess Life*.)

Create a new Section 4 which is the same as the existing Section 3, except change "Under 15 years of age" to "Under 14 years of age at expiration" and change the dues from \$19, \$35 and \$52 to \$17, \$33 and \$48. (These members get *Chess Life for Kids*.)

Renumber the other sections of Article III, and references to sections of Article III in the Bylaws, appropriately.

Modify Article III, Section 6 to change the ages from 20 to 24.

Modify Article III, Section 6 to add: The spouse of a Life or Sustaining member may be included in a Family Membership Plan 2. However, in that case, only the Life or Sustaining member will receive *Chess Life*.

All of the above will have a \$2 affiliate commission. **PASSED AS AMENDED** Note the following (not part of motion):

1. The intention is that Young Adult members will receive *Chess Life* monthly, Youth members *Chess Life* bimonthly, and Scholastic members *Chess Life for Kids* bimonthly.
2. There will be no \$2 online discount.
3. These memberships will be available from the USCF no later than September 1, 2006.
4. Those who are 16 and older and living in the USA will continue to be voting members. This will include some Youth and Young Adult members.

Please note: The above is the final wording after a number of proposed amendments were considered.

**Andrew Rea** (CO) agreed to co-sponsor **Grant Perks'** (OH) ADM 06-32 regarding publication of ratings and presented it in Grant Perks' absence. Executive Director **Bill Hall** mentioned that there is a move to get most information online and talked about the efficiency of finding information online. **Joel Channing** (FL) noted that the budget included an estimated \$14,000 savings from discontinuing the printed rating lists. Mike Nolan (NE) pointed out that we have historical archives so eventually older data can be recovered. Tom Byers (IN), Joel Channing, Guy Hoffman (WI), Bill Goichberg, Bill Hall, Tim Just, Mikhail Korenman, Mike Nolan, Stephen Paulsen, and Andrew Rea were among those who participated in the discussion.

**DM06-39 (ADM 06-32)** (Grant Perks, OH/ Andrew Rea, CO) **Rating List & Supplements:** The Executive Board is required by the Delegates to publish annually the ratings of active players and to make available by download a bi-monthly or monthly Supplement. By request any member or affiliate who wishes to pay may receive a copy of the supplements via mail at cost. **PASSED.**

It was noted that NDM 06-42, the authorization for the Board to approve changes in the Tournament Director Certification program, passed during the TDC Committee report. The wording was:

**DM06-40 (NDM 06-41)** (Harold Winston (IL)/Tim Just (IL) Changes in the Tournament Director certification program proposed by the TDC Committee may be approved by the Executive Board without approval of the delegates. **PASSED.**

**Rachel Lieberman** (AZ) introduced NDM 06-42, regarding committee reports. She noted that Myron Lieberman (AZ), as chair of the Outreach Committee, submitted the Outreach report well before the deadline. She was shocked to see in the *Delegates' Call* that not only was the report not included but the Outreach Committee was listed in a box as a committee that did not submit a report by the deadline. This created two major problems. The first was that years later when people look for the Outreach report they wouldn't find it. The office did all they could. They were very helpful. They sent the report in a separate mailing and also included it in the Delegates' packets. That's fine but years from now the report, obtained separately, still would not be in the *Delegates' Call* when people try to find it. There is nothing the office could have done to prevent that. That problem has no equitable solution. The second problem was that the committee and its chair have been branded as not meeting deadlines. Rachel Lieberman described her experiences while in a position to try to brand a calf, which she couldn't do, and likened it to what was done to the committee and its chair. The motion provides a procedure for preventing similar situations from recurring. Executive Director **Bill Hall** (TN) said that a procedure is needed, but it shouldn't come from the Delegates. **Jerry Hanken** (CA/S) suggested that less harsh wording could have been used. **Myron Lieberman** (AZ) pointed out that the wording wasn't the problem. He emphasized that the Outreach report is used as a reference. The problem is that when people look for it years later they won't find it. **Jim Stallings** (TX), chair of the College Chess Committee, said that his report didn't make it either, and spoke against the motion. Larry Cohen (IL) called the question. The motion failed.

**DM06-41 (NDM06-42)** - (Myron and Rachel Lieberman, AZ) We move that prior to stating in an official printed or online publication that a committee report has not been received by the deadline, the office shall contact the committee chair and verify that no report was submitted. **FAILED** Please note: The Executive Director later agreed to follow this procedure.

**Myron Lieberman** (AZ) introduced NDM 06-43. He noted that the *Delegates' Call* is a notice for Delegates to attend the meeting, but the only place where the name and address of the hotel (not just the city) could be found was in the Chess in Education Committee report, for which he thanked the committee. He said that there should be a prominent place where the dates and location are mentioned, not just the city. **David Kuhns** (MN) asked how many motions were received since the close of the meeting yesterday. The answer was about ten. **Dewain Barber** (CA/S) used this motion to object to the unavailability of motions in advance. While the point is well taken, it was noted that this motion and the previous motion were distributed in writing the previous day, so this was not an appropriate time to make that protest. Executive Director **Bill Hall** (TN) again didn't think the Delegates should be involved at this level, but he agreed to do it and the sponsors withdrew the motion.

**DM06-42 (NDM06-43)** (Myron and Rachel Lieberman, AZ) We move that the "Delegates' Call" shall contain an invitation to the Delegates' meeting, which is to include that dates and the name and address of the location (not simply the city and state). This motion was presented but **WITHDRAWN** after assurances were given that this would be done.

**NO MOTION (NDM06-44)** (Tim Just, IL) – Recall motion **WITHDRAWN** when DM05 passed.

**Harold Winston** (IL) presented NDM 06-45 regarding eligibility for Executive Board candidacy. **Sam Sloan** (NY/D) suggested an amendment that this be expanded to include everyone who is currently paid by USCF as an employee or contractor. **Larry Cohen** (IL) moved to refer the motion to the Bylaws Committee. It was pointed out that the Bylaws Committee had already reviewed it and the referral failed. After further discussion the amendment failed and the main motion passed. Mike Carr, Joel Channing, Larry Cohen, Myron Lieberman, James Mennella, Tony Pabon, Sam Sloan, Herbert Vaughn, and Harold Winston were among those who participated in the discussion.

**DM06-43 (NDM06-45)** (Harold Winston, IL, and the Bylaws Workshop) Currently paid contractors/consultants working as *Chess Life* Editor, Events Coordinator, or Computer Consultant may not be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board. **PASSED**

**Sam Sloan** (NY/D) brought forward NDM 06-46, regarding the use of listening devices. He expressed concern about cheating and produced the August 8, 2006, [NY Times](#) article about the apparent cheating at the World Open. **Harold Winston** (IL) seconded the motion and moved that it be referred to the Rules Committee. Sam Sloan did not accept referral. He indicated that it needs to be done right now. **Joe Lux** (NJ) pointed out that it is just a procedural rule and shouldn't need the Rules Committee's involvement. **Jerry Hanken** (CA/S) noted that you don't need a hearing aid to play chess. **Mike Nolan** (NE) said that it needs committee review and asked if hearing aids are medically prescribed. **David Kuhns** (MN) indicated that hearing aids are for severe hearing losses and that he is being fitted with one. **Don Schultz** (FL) said that most hearing aids are medically prescribed. **Myron Lieberman** (AZ) pointed out that hearing aids can be prescribed by a doctor or an audiologist that is not a medical doctor. The prescription is specific to the person and is based on the person's hearing pattern. There are also assistive listening devices that are tuned to where most people have hearing problems. Often these are available without prescription. **Larry Cohen** (IL) called the question on referral and the motion was referred.

**DM06-44 (NDM06-46)** (Sam Sloan, NY/D) In all Rated games, the use of head phones, ear phones and other listening devices with the exception of medically prescribed hearing aids is prohibited. **REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE**

**Sam Sloan** (NY/D) introduced and spoke in favor of NDM 06-47, regarding the formation of a committee to bid for a chess

Olympiad. **Bill Goichberg** (NY/U) pointed out that the Board, rather than the Delegates, name the committees except for a few very specific committees. **Mike Nolan** (NE) moved to refer the motion to the Board. The motion was referred. Please note: The Board subsequently created the Olympiad Hosting Committee.

**DM06-45 (NDM06-47)** (Sam Sloan, NY/D) The Olympiad Committee is formed for the purpose of preparing bids for the World Chess Olympiad to be held in the United States. **REFERRED TO EB**

**Sam Sloan** (NY/D) brought up NDM 06-48 regarding the Ethics Committee. He moved that **Ken Thomas** (NJ) be added to the Ethics Committee and **Wick Deer** (IN) be removed. Ken Thomas is a former USCF CFO and a tournament organizer in NJ. Sam Sloan noted that Ken Thomas asked to be on the committee. **Don Schultz** (FL), Liaison to the Ethics Committee, indicated that there was room for another member. While Ken Thomas was not present, **Joe Lux** (NJ) indicated that he knew that Ken Thomas would gladly serve. **Dewain Barber** (CA/S) asked if this was not two separate motions. Sam Sloan agreed to focus only on the addition of Ken Thomas and withdrew the removal of Wick Deer. **Mike Carr** (CA/S), a member of the Ethics Committee said that he had no problem with adding Ken Thomas. The motion passed.

**DM06-46 (NDM06-48)** (Sam Sloan, NY/D) Ken Thomas (NJ) is added as a member of the Ethics Committee. **PASSED**

**Herbert Vaughn** (OH) presented NDM 06-49, his motion about suspension of privileges for elected Delegates. He pointed out that while there is a recall provision for EB members, there should be a way to penalize Delegates, including EB members, that is not as drastic as recall. There needs to be a way to show displeasure with the actions of a Delegate that do not warrant recall. **Harold Winston** (IL) moved to refer to the Bylaws Committee, which was done.

**DM06-47 (NDM06-49)** (Herbert Rodney Vaughn, OH) The delegates may vote to censure and suspend certain privileges of an elected delegate, including Executive Board members, by a 2/3 majority vote at an Annual or Special Delegates meeting. A vote to censure and suspend privileges must specify the period of the censure, which must expire no later than the next Annual Delegates Meeting. The vote to censure and suspend privileges will not remove a delegate from an office or from his committee assignments. He will lose the privilege of debating and voting in committee. If the person so censured is a member of the Executive Board, he will have the title of "national officer" suspended for the duration of the censure and will lose the privilege of voting and debating on issues before the Executive Board for that period. **REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE.**

**Mike Nolan** (NE) introduced and explained the reasoning for NDM 06-59, to change the birthdate cutoff for voting members from May 31 to June 30. He pointed out the intent was to clarify exactly when a voting member can vote (Yes if birthday is June 30, No if birthday is July 1 or later in the first year of eligibility). **Guy Hoffman** (WI) identified the Bylaw in question. Don Schultz suggested that the motion be referred to the Bylaws Committee, but no referral motion was made. The motion passed.

**DM06-48 (NDM06-50)** (Mike Nolan, NE) Modify Article IV, section 2 of the bylaws to clarify: The age cut off for birthdates for voting members is June 30, not May 31<sup>st</sup>. **PASSED.**

Please note: Randy Hough said that he was wanting to revive clubs and was seeking members and a chair for the Clubs Committee. Please contact him if you are interested.

Harold Winston also acknowledged Chess Trust donations.

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**DM06-49 (NDM06-51)** (Harold Winston, IL)

The Delegates give the following votes of thanks:

- (a) to Bill Goichberg for ably chairing the Delegates meetings;
- (b) to Mike Nolan for his services as parliamentarian;
- (c) to Myron Lieberman, Rachel Lieberman, Pat Knight and Mike Nolan for their work on motions;
- (d) to Bill and Brenda Goichberg and Pat Knight for their organizational work for this successful U. S. Open. **PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM on Sunday, August 13, 2006

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## APPENDIX A

### Summary Report to the Delegates 2006 Ballot Count Process

## Submitted by Pete Tamburro, Chief Teller

**Introductory Comments:** If there were a single issue that dominated the internet “discussion” groups that related to this election, it was the allegation that this vote count would not be fair. The USCF office workers’ integrity was questioned. All sorts of unfair, unfounded, uninformed and generally irresponsible comments were made. For the two times now that I have been chief teller, I have to say up front that the people of the USCF staff at Crossville, and back at New Windsor last year, are guileless, hardworking people who just want to do as efficient and accurate a job as they can. It is a process that still needs refining. My suggestions are listed below for those areas that I felt it was my responsibility to comment on. I have attached the final results for the executive board. I have not attached the delegate results as I assumed that would be distributed at the meeting because of the separate issues involving that. Our job was to count. We finished it in two days.

**The Process:** We used the meeting room at Crossville, two offices and the hallway. We had a dozen people working on it. In addition, Mike Nolan was his usual invaluable self. I can’t imagine the process without his expertise being available. Bill Hall did everything possible to assist us. My sincere thanks to both.

We divided the ballots according to zip code, separated the two parts of both NY and CA. We then sorted the rest into individual states. This took an entire morning. I made the decision to not check the USCF memberships at that time because that would mean we would have a staff waiting around for the two people on computers to verify the legitimacy of the ballot. We immediately started the ballot counts. When a state was completed, it was turned over to the chief teller to check the results. Then the completed state was given to either Pat Knight or Brett Farris to record who voted. If a problem came up, then we could retrieve the ballot and take appropriate action. It speeded up the process considerably and very few problems occurred. After all this, we would “officially” enter the results on a working tally sheet.

**The Results:** The EB results are attached. The final delegate votes by state may be distributed by state or by the whole country (which is huge) at the meeting, so they were not attached here. The results were promptly posted on the USCF site along with a list of those people whose votes were counted.

**The Problems:** We mentioned the “refining” of the process. Here are some problems that arose.

6. Ballots were put in envelopes and mailed to the USCF office where staff would open the envelope and discover a ballot. We have no idea what moved people to do that.
7. The upstate NY slate appeared on a downstate NY ballot
8. The Louisiana slate appeared on some Maine ballots. We counted the EB votes and voided the delegate vote.
9. People who did not receive ballots were mostly not aware they could call the USCF office and request one. A small number did and were sent a ballot.
10. We had a small but noticeable number of people in Oklahoma, who had received a political mailing that had copied the ballot portion of the USCF mailing with votes checked off for the supported candidates and often including a stamp, sent in the political mailing rather than the ballot. Although that type of political mailing is a time-honored practice in American politics, we could not accept them as official ballots.
11. Some people put down too many votes. Others put their checks between boxes. Some wrote their votes in the write in lines although they were voting for the printed names on the ballot. Apparently, the instructions need to be a lot clearer on the ballot side, although 9 out of 10 people understood.
12. We were bogged down by write-in votes, often indecipherable. There were over 100 write-ins for EB and over 300 for delegates. It’s a nice concept, but the value of it is arguable.
13. As this election had a very close vote for one EB position (if one vote for the winning candidate had switched to the nearest losing candidate in all 50 states, the result would have been different), the question of what rules for recount should there be came up. This should be a by-laws correction. Perhaps tidying up the by-laws with respect to the elections might be in order in other areas (dates and such).
14. My last item is a personal experience that I would rather not have had. After we had completed counting about a third of the ballots at the end of the first day, I was put on the phone with a member of the Executive Board who demanded the results. I told him that I would rather not do that. (I did not want preliminary, unofficial vote results going out, especially with all the suspicion mentioned above running around and because of the unexpected 2<sup>nd</sup> place person’s results. If the vote later changed against this eventual winner, it would have had all the appearances of a “fix.”) I believe I mentioned Bill Goichberg’s name and was told that since “Bill Goichberg isn’t here, I’m in charge.” I told him I would take it under advisement, because I felt I was being bullied at that point, and I don’t react well to that. The conversation was over. The next morning, Bill Goichberg called asking (in a much calmer manner) me to release the votes, using the open process argument and the fact that people there knew, so why not everyone? That had been brought up the previous day as well. I told him that since he was the president, I would concur with his wishes; however, I wished to have him listen to my arguments to simply wait until the end of that very same day. He stayed with his position and I released the early results. After having done two of these counts now, I still believe we should not release results until we’re done. The few people who really care can wait a day. The purpose of the counting process is to come to a final tally, not issue updates. Rather than openness, I believe it will create suspicion. Perhaps, in this day and age, you will get that either way. If I am chosen to do it next year, I will even keep the ED out of the loop and not give him the results either, because then he will be the one leaned



on. If I have some directions otherwise, that's another story. I would prefer something in writing as to what the prerogatives of the Chief Teller are, because I have no desire to have any EB member, including the president, lean on me for various requests. It reduces the independence of the process.

**Some Suggestions:**

4. I strongly urge a continued and prominent reminder, including instructions, to vote in every issue of Chess Life. Put it right on the first page as some people actually claimed they had read candidates statements in Chess Life!
5. Revise the ballot side with clearer instructions based on the few, yet noticeable, problems we had this year in that area.
6. Develop recount criteria
7. Consider eliminating write-ins
8. Refine the by-laws covering mailings, procedures and powers of the chief teller.
9. Direct that the only count released should be the final one.
10. Direct the USCF office to prepare a voter address label list available to any candidate or interested party who pays some reasonable fee. Some heated election in the future will be a good deal less expensive if a person need only buy 6,000 labels of "active" voters rather than some 40,000. Campaign expenses should not deter less financially blessed people.
11. Find out why the printer company printed incorrect slates.

I respectfully request that the votes for executive board be certified by the delegates. I will leave it up to the Delegates to decide what to do about the Delegate vote.

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