

MOTIONS PASSED BY THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2005 – 2006

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Motion #	Sponsor	Date and Method	Subject
EB06-001	Goichberg	08/14/05 M (Open Forum)	Beatriz Marinello
EB06-002	Board	08/15/05 M	Committee Assignments (See Document A)
EB06-003	Board	08/15/05 M	Endorsement of FIDE Ticket (See January 27 note)
EB06-004	Board	08/15/05 M	Line of Credit Commitment
EB06-005	Goichberg	08/24/05 O	World Team
EB06-006	Marinello	09/09/05 O	Scholastic Regulations (See Document B)
EB05-007	Goichberg	09/18/05 C	New Tournament Membership
EB06-008A	Goichberg	09/18/05 C	Chess Café Contract (Failed)
EB06-008B	Channing	09/18/05 C	Chess Café Contract (Passed but was superseded by EB06-013C on 10/08) - See Document C
EB06-009	Goichberg	09/18/05 C	USCF Rating of Players in International Events
EB06-010	Goichberg	09/27/05 O	Half K Rating Option Dropped
EB06-011	Channing	09/27/05 O	Military Committee – See Document A
EB06-012A	Goichberg	10/08/05 C	Chess Café Contract (not voted)
EB06-012B	Goichberg	10/08/05 C	Chess Café Contract (Failed) – See Document C
EB06-012C	Channing	10/08/05 C	Chess Café Contract (Passed) - See Document C
EB06-013	Goichberg, Schultz, Marinello, , Tanner	10/12/05 O	Top 100 American Players
EB06-014	Channing	10/13/05 O	Finance Committee named – See Document A
EB06-015	Channing	10/13/05 O	Outreach Committee named – See Document A
EB06-016	Goichberg	10/15/05 O	Ratings Committee named – See Document A
EB06-017	Goichberg	10/24/05 O	“Chess Life” Subcommittee
EB06-018	Goichberg	10/24/05 O	Olympiad Qualification Task Force
EB06-019	Goichberg	10/24/05 O	USCF Rating of Players in International Events (Replaces EB06-009)
EB06-020	Goichberg	10/26/05 O	Katrina Consideration
EB06-021	Schultz	11/05/05 M	Volunteer of the Month
EB06-022	Channing	11/05/05 M	Blacklisting of Authors –
EB06-023	Goichberg	11/05/05 M	Kasparov Chess Foundation
EB06-024	Schultz	11/06/05 M	America’s Foundation for Chess / US Championship
EB06-025	Tanner	11/06/05 M	World Youth
EB06-026	Marinello	11/06/05 M	World Youth
EB06-027	Board	11/06/05 M	Chess Café Contract Implementation – See Document C
EB06-028	Tanner	11/06/05 M	Ethics Committee - Suspension Recommendation
EB06-029	Schultz	11/06/05 M	Martinowsky Memorial
EB06-030	Channing	11/06/05 M	Full Disclosure – Replaced by EB06-33
EB06-031	Goichberg/Shahade	11/06/05 M	Olympiad Qualification Rules – See Document D
EB06-032	Goichberg	11/21/05 E	Addendum to Chess Café B&E Agreement
EB06-033	Channing	11/21/05 E	Full Disclosure – Supersedes EB06-30
EB06-034	Goichberg	11/21/05 E	Paul Hoffman Web/Magazine Authorization
EB06-035	Schultz	11/25/05 O	Glenn Petersen – Medical Expenses
EB06-036	Channing / Schultz	01/21/06 O	Strategic Retreat – See Document E
EB06-037	Schultz	01/08/06 O	Congratulations to Korenman
EB06-038	Schultz	01/23/06 O	Greg Shahade Resignation
EB06-039	Goichberg	01/25/06 O	Ramdake Lewis
EB06-040	Marinello	01/27/06 O	2006 College Chess Committee – See Document A
EB06-041	Goichberg	01/27/06 O	Call for Nominations
EB06-042	Schultz	01/31/06 E	Endorsement of Bessel Kok for FIDE President
EB06-043	Goichberg	02/03/06 O	Dollar Based Rating Floors
EB06-044	Goichberg	02/17/06 M	Rated Match Regulations
EB06-045	Goichberg	02/18/06 M	College Chess – See Document F
EB06-046	Goichberg	02/18/06 M	Publications Committee Liaison
EB06-047	Goichberg	02/18/06 M	Scholastic Dues
EB06-048	Channing / Schultz	02/18/06 M	Beatriz Marinello Endorsement for FIDE Election
EB06-049	Board	02/18/06 M	Top Players’ Committee
EB06-050	Board	02/18/06 M	Printing Contract

EB06-051	Board	02/18/06 M	Chess variants, Denker, Polgar, US Open Committees
EB06-052	Board	02/18/06 M	Website Committee
EB06-053	Board	02/19/06 M	Complaint
EB06-054	Board	02/19/06 M	Qualification for US Champion into Olympiad – Doc D
EB06-055	Channing	02/19/06 M	Confidentiality of negotiations
EB06-056	Schultz	02/19/06 M	Polgar Proposal for All America Girls’ Team
EB06-057	Goichberg	03/05/06 O	“Chess Life for Kids”
EB06-058	Board	03/09/06 E	Qualification for US Champion into Olympiad – Doc D
EB06-059	Schultz	03/16/06 O	Dato Tan 80 th Birthday
EB06-060	Schultz	03/18/06 E	College Chess Coverage in “CL” Clarification
EB06-061	Marinello	03/22/06 O	Commendation – Moved to May meeting agenda
EB06-062	Channing, Schultz	03/28/06 E	“Checkmate” Television Program
EB06-063	Channing	04/26/06 E	USCF Policy re: FIDE Representatives
EB06-064	Goichberg	04/26/06 E	Korenman fundraising proposal
EB06-065	Goichberg	05/02/06 E, 05/08/06 M,	FIDE General Secretary position
EB06-066	Hall, Channing	05/07/06 M	Building Loan
EB06-067	Schultz	05/08/06 M	Inactive Players Age 60 and over
EB06-068	Goichberg	05/08/06M	US Open Bidding Process
EB06-069	Goichberg	05/08/06 M	Recognition of US Open Participation
EB06-070	Schultz	05/08/06 M	Robert Tanner named FIDE Zonal President
EB06-071	Tanner	05/08/06 M	Bill Kelleher reappointed FIDE Delegate
EB06-072	Goichberg	05/08/06 M	Rated Online Play Rules
EB06-073	Marinello	05/08/06 M	Reconsider endorsement of Bessel Kok
EB06-074	Channing	05/08/06 M	Authorize office furniture purchase for Crossville
EB06-075	Board	05/08/06 M	Awards
EB06-076	Channing	05/21/06 C, 05/11/06 E	FIDE Delegate Change
EB06-077	Channing	07/13/06 E	AF4C Agreement - See Document G
EB06-078	Tanner	07/17/06 E	PPHBF benefit for Marinello Kidney (Not Voted)
EB06-079	Goichberg	07/20/06 O	Top Players Committee
EB06-080	Board	08/10/06 M	TD Suspension
EB06-081	Board	08/10/06 M	Committee Changes

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The following motions were made at the Executive Board Meeting in Phoenix, AZ, in Open Session.

EB 06-001 – Goichberg – The Board has been informed unofficially of the impending resignation of **Beatriz Marinello** from the Executive Board. We urge her to reconsider this decision. **PASSED 5 – 0.**

EB06–002 – Board – The Board names the following liaisons and chairs for the 2005 – 2006 USCF Committees - **PASSED 5-0**
(See Document A at the end of this report.)

EB06–003 – Board – The United States Chess Federation understands that Anatoly Karpov is running for FIDE President and will include an American on his ticket. We support this ticket. **PASSED 3-0-2** with Beatriz Marinello and Greg Shahade abstaining and Robert Tanner absent. Beatriz Marinello stated that she decided to abstain because she is a member of the FIDE Board and decided to take no position.

EB06–004 – Board – The Board directs the Executive Director to accept the commitment letter for a line of credit for \$150,000 dated 08/15/05 contingent upon approval by the Life Member Assets Committee. The Board also authorizes the Executive Director and the Vice President of Finance to jointly execute the loan documents and to authorize the disbursement of funds. **PASSED 5-0** with Robert Tanner absent. See minutes for full text.

EB06–005 - Goichberg - World Team: - (August 24, 2005 - Objections Procedure)

1. Invitations for the 2005 World Team Championship will be based on the Olympiad formula (average of USCF rating, FIDE rating, and peak published USCF rating in the 24 months prior to invitation).
2. The latest USCF rating on MSA as of Thursday, Aug 25, 2005 will be used for the invitational calculation.
3. The Olympiad activity requirement will be in effect (10 games played in the 12 months prior to the date of the invitations).

4. The players will be offered the following honoraria:

Minimum \$2000 each.

If the team wins the bronze medal (3rd place), an additional \$500 each over the minimum, for a total of \$2500 each.

If the team wins the silver medal (2nd place), an additional \$1000 each over the minimum, for a total of \$3000 each.

If the team wins the gold medal (1st place), an additional \$2000 each over the minimum, for a total of \$4000 each.

5. The players will be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses.

6. A contract shall be enclosed with the letter of invitation. The contract shall include a requirement that the player play in all matches when requested to by the captain, and state that violation of this provision without adequate cause may result in the player losing eligibility to represent the U.S. at future Olympiads, World Team Championships, and any other international team events that the U.S. may enter.

7. The Executive Director is asked to email a list of the top nine qualifiers in order of computed invitational rating, along with a copy of the invitational letter, to the Executive Board at least three hours before sending invitations to the players. Board approval of these details is not required, but this will allow for the possibility of the Board suggesting corrections or changes.

8. The USCF office shall mail invitations to qualified players by next day air on August 25. After sending this mail, the office shall attempt to contact the players by email or phone on August 25 to insure speedy receipt of the message that they have been invited.

9. The first six players invited will be given one week (until Sept 1) to accept or decline their invitations. Any requests for additional time shall be handled at the discretion of the Executive Director.

10. On August 25 the office shall also send a letter by next day air to the players ranked 7th, 8th and 9th in invitational rating, notifying them of the possibility that they will be invited to play in this event and asking whether, in the event that they qualify due to others declining invitations, they are interested. The office shall follow up with these backup invitations, and others as necessary, as the Executive Director believes is appropriate. **PASSED** Without Objection on 08/24/05.

EB06-006 - Marinello – (September 09, 2006, Objections Procedure) - The following changes proposed by the Scholastic Council shall be implemented as soon as possible:

- a) A list of changes in the Scholastic Regulations approved by the Scholastic Council in July-August 2005.
- b) A copy of the revised Scholastic Regulations which include the proposed changes.

According to our current procedures, the Executive Board has 30 days to ratify changes in the Scholastic Regulations. See Document B below for Regulations **PASSED** Without Objection on 09/09/05

The following motions are from a Conference Call held on September 18, 2005.

06-007 - Goichberg - USCF establishes a Tournament Membership (TM), intended to allow players to participate in rated tournaments who view rated play as a major benefit of membership, do not play in tournaments frequently (or are new and not sure if they will continue tournament play), and do not wish to pay for a full membership.

Two types of TMs will be available, one priced at \$10.00 and the other at \$20.00. Payment of the TM fees satisfies the membership requirement for one tournament. If the player provides an address in the United States, Canada or Mexico, the TM fee also entitles the player to one issue of Chess Life, Generally the issue dated one month after the TM fee is received.

The player who has purchased a TM may, within 90 days, pay the balance and apply the TM fee toward any one year or longer Adult, Promotional Adult, Senior, Sustaining or Life membership, provided the player is eligible for such membership.

The \$10.00 TM fee is valid for the following types of events:

- 1. Any tournament of four rounds or less.
- 2. Any Quick Chess tournament, regardless of length.
- 3. Any tournament that plays on weekdays.

Tournaments that are rated under the regular rating system, are at least five rounds long, and play at least one round on Saturday or Sunday may not use the \$10.00 TM fee. The \$20.00 TM fee will be available for such events, and the already existing 6 month membership for \$27.00 is available for all tournaments. TMs will have no online discount or affiliate commission.

A player who pays two or more TM fees in the same month shall receive one month of Chess Life for each TM fee, beginning with the month after the TM fee is received. A player who pays multiple TM fees may not use more than one of these fees as a credit toward a full membership. **PASSED. 5-0**

See also Motions 06-12A,B,C from a conference call held 10/08/06 and the Board statement regarding the details and chronology of the issue.

EB06-008A – Goichberg - The contract between USCF and Chess Cafe shall be modified as follows:

1. Chess Cafe relinquishes the rights to sell at all national tournaments after 12/31/05.
2. USCF accepts \$86,500.00 from Chess Cafe to settle all obligations between Chess Cafe and USCF through March 31, 2005. The \$86,500.00 shall be paid as follows: \$43,250.00 upon the signing of the revised agreement and \$43,250.00 within one year thereafter.
3. Chess Cafe immediately pays commission fees to USCF for April, May, June, and July 2005 at 13.5%.
4. From August 1, 2005, the commission rates will be 12.0% on the first \$2,000,000.00 and 15.0% on sales above \$2,000,000.00.
5. Chess Cafe may bid for the sales rights at tournaments run by USCF, or sell its products at tournaments not run by USCF. For tournaments run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF is to be negotiated. For tournaments not run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF will be 5%. All sales at tournaments are considered to be part of the overall sales referred to in #4.
6. Guarantee for all years of the contract after the first is reduced to \$150,000.00.
7. Chess Cafe exercise the option to extend the contract through March 31, 2012.
8. Contract subject to Tennessee Law.
9. Chess Cafe will pay the legal fees incurred by the USCF connected with the revision of this agreement, provided that Chess Cafe's obligation shall be limited to \$1,000.00 in such fees.
10. Hanon Russell will personally guarantee the \$150,000.00 minimum annual payment for the duration of the contract. He will also provide a representation that his personal net worth is between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, and is willing to show Bill Goichberg or Bill Hall his personal financial statement (but not transmit a copy) on the condition that the USCF representative viewing the statement not reveal details to anyone, and only report to the Board their conclusion regarding his net worth.
11. Upon a Board vote in favor of this motion, Chess Cafe shall send checks to Harry Sabine to hold on behalf of the USCF for the April through July 2005 payments and the first half of the \$86,500.00 due. Harry Sabine will be authorized to release these funds to USCF upon the signing of the revised contract.
12. The Chess Cafe sponsorship of the Grand Prix will for the present time not be extended for 2006. Future talks between USCF and Chess Cafe are envisioned with the objective of continuing this sponsorship.

FAILED: 2-2-1 In favor: Goichberg, Shahade Against: Schultz, Channing, Abstentions: Marinello, Not present: Tanner

EB06-008B – Channing - The contract between USCF and Chess Cafe shall be modified as follows

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6. Guarantee for all years of the contract after the first is reduced to \$150,000.00.

7. The contract will be modified so the option date is May 31, 2008 and the decision will require the approval of both parties.

8. Contract subject to Tennessee Law.

9. Chess Cafe will pay the legal fees incurred by the USCF connected with the revision of this agreement, provided that Chess Cafe's obligation shall be limited to \$1,000.00 in such fees.

10. Hanon Russell will personally guarantee the \$150,000.00 minimum annual payment for the duration of the contract. He will also provide a representation that his personal net worth is between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, and is willing to show Bill Goichberg or Bill Hall his personal financial statement (but not transmit a copy) on the condition that the USCF representative viewing the statement not reveal details to anyone, and only report to the Board their conclusion regarding his net worth.

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12. The Chess cafe sponsorship of the Grand Prix will for the present time not be extended for 2006. Future talks between USCF and Chess Cafe are envisioned with the objective of continuing this sponsorship.

1. USCF reserves the right to not agree to the revised contract if we find the audit to be unsatisfactory.

PASSED: 4-1 In favor: Goichberg, Channing, Shahade, Marinello, Against: Schultz. Not present: Tanner

Note: **PLEASE ALSO SEE MOTIONS 06-012A-C FROM THE OCTOBER 08, 2006 CONFERENCE CALL AND THE BOARD STATEMENT (DOCUMENT C)**

06-009 – Goichberg – USCF ratings for International Events.

1. Effective immediately, USCF ratings will be adjusted based on the performances of all US players, US residents, and USCF members in the following events:

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| 1. Olympiad | 5. World Youth |
| 2. World Team | 6. World Senior |
| 3. World Championship Cycle | 7. Pan-Am Junior |
| 4. World Junior | 8. Pan-Am Youth |

2. A formula provided by the USCF Ratings Committee will be used to adjust the ratings, and another to convert opponents' FIDE ratings into USCF ratings. It is expected that rating adjustment will be based on a K factor about 80% its usual value, causing ratings to change about 80% as fast as usual.

3. A list of which foreign FIDE-rated events will be USCF-rated will appear on the USCF website. Additional events may be added on occasion by the office if adequate assurance is received that we will obtain their crosstables.

4. Any USCF member planning to play in a foreign FIDE-rated event that is not listed on our website may register that event for USCF rating by submitting a form promising to report the results along with a fee of \$25.00.

5. If the form mentioned in #3 is received, that event will be added to the website's list of USCF-rated events for one year only, and any additional US players/residents or USCF members who play in that event shall also have their USCF ratings revised, even if not submitting a form. **PASSED:** 4-0 with Marinello and Tanner not present.

The following motions passed by Objections Procedure on September 27, 2005

EB06-010 - Goichberg - I move the following by objections procedure: Effective March 1, 2006, the half K rating option shall no longer be offered. Notice of this change shall appear in Chess Life, the rating supplements, and on the USCF website. **PASSED** Without Objection

EB06-011 - Channing - The following is a list of the members of the Military Committee and its chair. **PASSED Without Objection 09/27/06** - Please note: The Military Committee list follows the list of committees approved in motion EB06-002. See Document A.

U. S. Chess Federation Motions from a Conference Call held on October 8th, 2005

EB06-012A - Goichberg - The contract between USCF and Chess Cafe shall be modified as follows:

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- 4) From August 1, 2005, the commission rates will be 12.0% on the first \$2,000,000 and 15.0% on sales above \$2,000,000.
- 5) Chess Cafe may bid for the sales rights (if available) at tournaments run by USCF, or sell its products (if the organizer agrees) at tournaments not run by USCF. For tournaments run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF is to be negotiated. For tournaments not run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF will be 5%. Sales at the 5% commission rate are not considered to be part of the overall sales referred to in #4.
- 6) Guarantee for all years of the contract after the first is reduced to \$150,000, plus proceeds from the 5% commission sales referred to in #5.
- 7) Chess Cafe exercises the option to extend the contract through March 31, 2012.
- 8) Contract subject to Tennessee Law.
- 9) Chess Cafe will pay the legal fees incurred by the USCF connected with the revision of this agreement, provided that Chess Cafe's obligation shall be limited to \$1000 in such fees.
- 10) Hanon Russell will personally guarantee the \$150,000 minimum annual payment for the duration of the contract. He will also provide a representation that his personal net worth is between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, and is willing to show Bill Goichberg or Bill Hall his personal financial statement (but not transmit a copy) on the condition that the USCF representative viewing the statement not reveal details to anyone, and only report to the Board their conclusion regarding his net worth.
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The following substitute motion was proposed by Joel Channing:

(Joel Channing) Subject to consulting with our attorney and executing a contract with classical games, and terminating an existing contract with Chess Café, USCF hereby agrees to enter into a contract with Classical Games within ten business days of the date hereof, failing which USCF will endeavor to execute the proposed amendments to the Chess Café contract. The Classical Games contract will provide for the following: minimum 150 thousand dollar personal guarantee, three year term with the USCF option for four after that, provision that no other businesses of Classical Games will advertise or solicit business in the US except for websites that Malcolm or any affiliate of his runs for other non-affiliated entities. He can't have a piece of another website and be running it. Minimum monthly payments, 12.5% of the first million and 15 million thereafter but to be made in monthly payments, 12.5 for the first million, 15% over a million, capping the local business operation at 100 thousand dollars gross, after which 15% commission on everything earned by that business. Conditional upon and commences when the Chess Café deal is terminated and upon discussions with Hanon and advice of counsel, we'll decide if we will initiate proceedings with Chess Café. **SUBSTITUTE FAILED. 3-3.** Channing, Marinello, and Schultz in favor, Goichberg, Tanner, and Shahade opposed.

EB 06-012B – Bill Goichberg - The contract between USCF and Chess Cafe shall be modified as follows:

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6) Guarantee for all years of the contract after the first is reduced to \$150,000, plus proceeds from the 5% commission sales referred to in #5.

7) Chess Cafe exercises the option to extend the contract through March 31, 2012.

8) Contract subject to Tennessee Law.

9) Chess Cafe will pay the legal fees incurred by the USCF connected with the revision of this agreement, provided that Chess Cafe's obligation shall be limited to \$1000 in such fees.

10) Hanon Russell will personally guarantee the \$150,000 minimum annual payment for the duration of the contract. He will also provide a representation that his personal net worth is between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, and is willing to show Bill Goichberg or Bill Hall his personal financial statement (but not transmit a copy) on the condition that the USCF representative viewing the statement not reveal details to anyone, and only report to the Board their conclusion regarding his net worth.

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12) The Chess Cafe sponsorship of the Grand Prix will for the present time not be extended for 2006. Future talks between USCF and Chess Cafe are envisioned with the objective of continuing this sponsorship. **MOTION FAILED. 2-3-1.** Goichberg and Tanner in favor, Schultz, Channing, and Shahade opposed. Abstention: Marinello

EB 06-012C - Joel Channing - The contract between USCF and Chess Cafe shall be modified as follows:

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13.) Chess Café agrees to a 15 day monetary default period.

14.) The term of the agreement will be to 2009 with an automatic extension to 2012 providing ChessCafe has not been in monetary default.

15.) ChessCafe agrees to pay monies associated with membership and advertising for which it is currently in arrears.

MOTION PASSED 5-1. Goichberg, Marinello, Channing, Shahade, and Tanner in favor, Schultz opposed.
Please see the Board's summary of this issue in Document C.

EB-06-013 - Bill Goichberg, Beatriz Marinello, Don Schultz and Robert Tanner - The name of the USCF top one hundred list be changed to "Top 100 American Players" in all categories (overall, junior, senior, etc.) and that the list be limited to those players meeting the eligibility requirements for representing the USCF in FIDE competitions. If there are no objections received by October 12, 2005, this motion will pass. **Passed Without Objection 10/12/06**

EB06 – 014 – Channing – (October 13, 2005 Objections Procedure) The Finance Committee is approved as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Randy Bauer, Chairman - Randybauer2300@yahoo.com

Members - Bill Brock, Frank Camaratta, Michael Carr, Mike Nolan, Grant Perks, Charles D. Unruh

EB06 – 015 – Channing - (October 13, 2005 Objections Procedure) The Outreach Committee has been approved as follows:

OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Myron Lieberman, Chairperson - azchess@cox.net

Members - Ray Alexis, Rachel Lieberman, John McCrary, Fernando Moreno, Susan Polgar, Paul Truong.

EB06 – 016 – Goichberg - (October 15, 2005 Objections Procedure) The Ratings Committee has been approved as follows:

RATINGS COMMITTEE - Mark Glickman, Chairperson - mg@bu.edu

Members - Frank Camaratta, Harry Cohen, Tom Doan, Albyn Jones, Larry Kaufman, David Kuhns, Alan Losoff, Andrew Metrick, Mike Nolan, Dr. Kenneth Sloan.

Please note: The above three committees have been added to the end of Document A.

EB06-017 – Goichberg – (October 21, 2005 Objections Procedure) Moved, that a Board subcommittee on Chess Life be appointed, consisting of Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, Don Schultz, and Beatriz Marinello. Among the subcommittee's tasks will be to contact and evaluate applicants for Editor, conduct interviews where appropriate, and identify candidates for the final selection to be made by the entire Board. **PASSED** without objection 10/24/05.

EB06-018 – Goichberg – (October 21, 2005 Objections Procedure) - Moved that the following task force be appointed to recommend changes to the Executive Board in our Olympiad and World Team qualification procedures: Bill Goichberg, Michael Khodarkovsky, and Greg Shahade. **PASSED without objection on 10/24/05**

Please note: The following motion replaces previous motion EB06-009 (See above) on the same subject.

EB06-019 Goichberg - (October 22, 2005 Objections Procedure)

1. Effective immediately, USCF ratings will be adjusted based on the performances of all US players in the following events:"
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| 1. Olympiad | 5. World Youth |
| 2. World Team | 6. World Senior |

3. World Championship Cycle
4. World Junior

7. Pan-Am Junior
8. Pan-Am Youth

2. A formula provided by the USCF Ratings Committee will be used to adjust the ratings, and another to convert opponents' FIDE ratings into USCF ratings. It is expected that rating adjustment will be based on a K factor about 80% its usual value, causing ratings to change about 80% as fast as usual. USCF members who represent foreign federations may also have their ratings adjusted if they request this in writing in advance.

3. A list of which foreign FIDE-rated events will be USCF-rated will appear on the USCF website. Additional events may be added on occasion by the office if adequate assurance is received that we will obtain their crosstables.

4. Any USCF member planning to play in a foreign FIDE-rated event that is not listed on our website may register that event for USCF rating by submitting a form promising to report the results along with a fee of \$25.00.

5. If the form mentioned in #3 is received, that event will be added to the website's list of USCF rated events for one year only, and all US players in that event shall also have their USCF ratings revised, even if not submitting a form. **PASSED without objection on 10/24/05.**

EB06- 020 – Goichberg – (October 21, 2005 objections Procedure): - Moved, that in order to help chess activity recover in areas severely affected by hurricane Katrina, tournaments held in these areas will be entitled to free TLAs and free rating fees through the end of 2006. Based on a list of impacted zip codes defined by the US Postal Service, these areas are: Louisiana 70000-70499, Mississippi 39300-39699, Alabama 36500-36699, 36900-36999. **PASSED without objection on 10/26/05.**

The Following Motions were made at the November, 2005, Executive Board Meeting, in Crossville, TN, in Open Session

EB06–021 – Schultz – Moved, that each month we have a Volunteer of the Month recognized in “Chess Life” with an article and photo. The individuals are to be selected by the Executive Board Members in reverse alphabetical order. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB06–022 - Channing - After consideration of the facts, the recent claims of blacklisting of certain authors by USCF sales without merit. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB06-023 - Goichberg – The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to conclude the contract with KCF based on Board discussion within the guidelines agreed to in closed session. **PASSED 5-1-0 with Don Schultz opposed.**

EB06-024 - Schultz - Moved, that the USCF Executive Board recognizes and thanks the AF4C for all their contributions to chess in this country. In recognition of this we respect their desire and right to modify the format of the 2006 AF4C/USCF US Championship in the interest of promoting chess. Based on what we have heard so far we respect that and wish them well. There is another proposal that we offer for their consideration which includes a 2 game classical time control match between the top two finishers. **PASSED 5-0-1 with Robert Tanner abstaining.**

EB06 -025 - Tanner – Moved that the four coaches for the World Youth Championship in Bufort, France, each receive a \$500 bonus for their outstanding services to our team under difficult circumstances. The coaches were Michael Khodarkovsky, Aviv Friedman, Joel Benjamin, and John Fedorowicz. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB06-026 - Marinello – In recognition of our young titled players who performed with outstanding results in the World Youth and World Junior, the USCF Executive Board will be awarding gift certificates from USCF sales. Gold Medals = \$1000 gift certificate, Silver Medals = \$500, and Bronze Medals \$250. This is retroactive for World Youth Champion for 16 and under Alex Lenderman **PASSED 6-0.**

EB06-027 – Board – The Executive Board of the United States of America Chess Federation (the Corporation) hereby approves the taking of the following action and directs that this resolution be filed with the minutes of the Corporation. **PASSED 5 – 1 - 0** with Don Schultz opposed – Please see Document C for the text of the resolution re: Chess Café.

EB06-028 - Tanner – Based upon the recommendation of the Ethics Committee, the USCF Membership of Vaughn Bennett be suspended for one year. **PASSED 5-1-0 with Beatriz Marinello opposed.**

EB06–029 - Schultz – Moved, that we refer issues connected with the 2005 Martinowski Memorial to the Ethics, TDCC, and the top players' Committees. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB06-030- Channing – It is the intent of this motion that, except under compelling circumstances, as may be determined by the USCF Executive Board (EB), the details of all EB matters shall be made open to all USCF Members (the Members).

Commencing November 7, 2005, all EB intra-board e-mails, documents, proposals, motions, votes, contracts, and the like pertaining to any individual EB matter will be stored by the Executive Director (ED). As individual matters are concluded, the ED will prepare a package containing the stored information (package) which he/she will distribute to the EB for review. EB members will have the right to instruct the ED to redact their own communications for personal and legal items, in whole or in part, as may appear in their or other EB Communications. EB members may also request that their, or other, EB members' communications be redacted or edited, subject to majority vote in open session.

All redacted or edited documents will be marked clearly to indicate the location of said changes and then the package will be posted in a members – only section of the USCF website. The foregoing notwithstanding, the EB may decide to invoke confidentiality for and/or delay the release of, in whole or in part, any EB matter, which vote must be repeated in open session.

With regard to the matter currently known as “Chess Café” or “B&E”, the only exception to the above procedures will be that communications heretofore marked “confidential” by the sender, together with any details of Hanon Russell’s personal financial information will remain confidential. **PASSED** 5-1-0 with Bill Goichberg opposed

EB06-031 – Goichberg/Shahade - Moved, that these revised qualification rules for national and international invitational events, which were proposed by the Task Force, be adopted. **PASSED** 6-0. Please note: The revised qualification rules for the FIDE Olympiad that were adopted can be found in Document D at the end of this report. Other events were not revised.

The following motions were voted on November 21, 2005, by E-Mail poll: All Board members participated.

EB06-032 – Goichberg - The Board approves the addendum to the books & equipment outsourcing agreement with Chess Cafe and authorizes its signing by the Executive Director and President. **PASSED** 4-2 with Don Schultz and Joel Channing opposed.

EB06-033 – Channing - It is the intent of this motion that, except under compelling circumstances, as may be determined by the USCF Executive Board (EB), the details of all EB matters shall be made open to all USCF Members (the Members).

Commencing Nov 7, 2005, all documents, proposals, motions, votes, contracts and the like pertaining to any individual EB matter will be stored by the Executive Director (ED). When said matter is concluded, each EB member will review all their own email, and (a) delete portions of other members’ email as may be contained therein, and, (b) edit the remainder only for legal or personal matters, and then, (c) send it to the ED. EB members who so desire may direct the ED to edit their mail for them.

The ED will then prepare a package containing the EB members’ edited email and the stored information (together, the Package), and distribute same to the EB for review. EB members may also request that other EB members’ communications be edited, subject to majority vote in open session. All edited documents will be marked clearly to indicate the location of all changes and then the Package will be posted in a members-only section of the USCF web site.

The foregoing notwithstanding, the EB may vote in open session to invoke confidentiality for and/or delay the release of, in whole or in part, any EB matter.

With regard to the matter currently known as Chess Cafe (or B & E), the only exception to the above procedures will be that communications heretofore marked Confidential by the sender, together with any details of Hanon Russell’s personal financial information will remain confidential. **PASSED** 6-0. Please note: This motion supersedes motion EB06-30

EB06-034 – Goichberg - The Board approves the offers from Paul Hoffman to redesign Chess Life and the USCF website, and authorizes the ED to agree to and pay a \$5000 initial expenditure for each, with the intention of a \$20,000 later expenditure for each. **PASSED** 6-0.

EB06-035 – Schultz – (November 25, 2005 - Objections Procedure)

The USCF wishes to support Glenn Petersen with his additional medical expenses and we are hoping for his speedy recovery. The funds for this assistance should be drawn out of the general account of the USCF to a maximum up to \$10,000. **PASSED** without objection.

EB06-036 – Channing / Schultz – (January 17, 2006, Objections Procedure) -We hereby move that the Board approve the proposed retreat, and in order to leave time for discussion, we'd like to receive your votes no later than 5:00 PM, Monday, January 21st. **PASSED** without objection 01/21/06.

Please see Document E for the details of the Strategic Retreat.

EB06-037 – Schultz – (January 06, 2006 Objections Procedure) The US Chess Federation congratulates Dr. Mikhail Korenman for receiving the Lindsborg Chamber of Commerce community service award. Dr. Korenman's accomplishments for the advancement of chess have been truly remarkable. One simply has to look at the cover of the January 2006 issue of our national magazine **Chess Life** to see the fruits of Mikhail's most recent success. **PASSED** without objection January 08, 2006.

EB06-038 – Schultz – (January 22, 2006 Objections Procedure) - I move by objections procedure that we accept with deepest regret Greg Shahade's resignation from the EB. He has actively participated in Board deliberations and added a new dimension to Board considerations. He will be sorely missed. Without objection the acceptance of Greg's resignation will coincide with the date of resignation specified by Greg in his email of resignation. **PASSED** without Objection January 23, 2006.

EB06-039 – Goichberg – (January 21, 2006, Objections Procedure) The membership suspension of Ramdake Lewis is conditionally lifted, the condition being that in the event of a new incident involving Lewis, the Board reserves the right to immediately reinstate the suspension without waiting for an Ethics Committee recommendation. Mr. Lewis continues to be suspended from being a certified TD, and will also not be recognized as a tournament organizer. **PASSED** without objection January 25, 2006.

EB06-040 – Marinello – (January 24, 2006, Objections Procedure) - I would like to submit as an objection procedure a motion to ratify the appointments for the College Committee. Usually, the recommendations to form this committee come from the Pan-Am College Tournament in December. **PASSED** without objection January 27, 2006..

The list is as follows: Board Liaison is Beatriz Marinello. Chair is Jim Stallings. Members are:

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| 1) Alexander, Gregory | 7) Milovanovic, Rade |
| 2) Caplan, Scott | 8) Redman, Tim |
| 3) DeMahy, Ana | 9) Sherman, Alan |
| 4) Gonzalez, Renier | 10) Walsh, Sara |
| 5) Harwood, Russell | 11) Weinstein, Stephen |
| 6) Kormick, Korey | 12) Woolf, David |

Please note: 12 members have been named in addition to the Chair and Board Liaison. Please see Document A.

EB06-041 – Goichberg – (January Objections Procedure) Call for Nominations for USCF Executive Board Special Election

Due to two resignations (Tim Hanke and Greg Shahade), the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) will hold a special election in 2006 for two positions on the USCF Executive Board.

Any current USCF member who is not a current USCF employee can be nominated as a candidate for election to these vacancies on the USCF Executive Board. Nominations must be accompanied by a petition containing the signatures of 30 or more Voting Members of the USCF and by a filing fee of \$250 payable to the U.S. Chess Federation. Both the petition and the filing fee must be received at the USCF office in Tennessee by Monday, April 17th, 2006. (Send nominations and the filing fee to Pat Knight, US Chess Federation, PO Box 3967, Crossville TN 38557-3967.)

A Voting Member for this special election is any current USCF member as of May 31, 2006, who will be age 16 or older by June 30, 2006 and who lives in the United States.

The ballot for this special election will be part of the ballot for the State Delegate Election for 2007-2008. The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected to a three year term on the Executive Board (expiring in 2009) and the candidate receiving the second-most votes will be elected to a one year term on the Executive Board (expiring in 2007). Both terms will begin upon the certification of the election results by the USCF Board of Delegates when it meets on August 12, 2006.

Candidates will be entitled to a candidate statement of 150 words and a picture in Chess Life, and also to 1/2 page in the election supplement. Both the candidate statement/picture and the election supplement will appear in the June 2006 issue of Chess Life. Candidates will have until Monday, May 1st, 2006, to submit their candidate statement, picture and election supplement information to the address given above.

No exceptions will be made to either of the deadlines stated above.

Additional information regarding the USCF Executive Board may be found in the Bylaws of the USCF and in the Code of Conduct. **PASSED** without objection January 31

EB06-042 – Schultz - The USCF endorses the candidacy of Bessel Kok for FIDE President. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-043 – Goichberg - (January 30, 2006 Objections Procedure) The minimum prize required for assignment of a prize-based rating floor is raised from \$1000 to \$2000 effective March 1, 2006. Prize-based rating floors shall continue to be based on class or section prizes for Under 2000 or lower only. This change is not retroactive, but as is currently the case, a player with a substantial history of not being competitive in a floored class may request that the USCF office consider lowering this floor. **PASSED** without objection February 03, 2006.

The following motions were passed at the February 5-6, 2006 EB meeting held at the site of the US Amateur Team Championships in Parsippany, NJ.

EB06-044 – Goichberg - Bill Goichberg moved the following changes in USCF rules regarding rated matches. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

USCF RULES REGARDING RATED MATCHES

Effective May 1, 2006

1. Both players must have an established (26 or more games) published rating and be rated within 400 points of each other.
 2. A match is defined as any of the following:
 - A) A two player event with between 2 and 20 rounds.
 - B) A two player event with one round in which the players select each other and which is not a tournament "house game." Affiliates are asked to identify such events as matches.
 - C) Match rules may also apply, at the discretion of the USCF office, to players who face each other more than twice in any event, even if that event has more than two players. Affiliates are asked to point out such players in events they submit.
 3. The bonus formula does not apply to matches, or to results that use match rules as described in 2C.
 4. The maximum ratings gain or loss in a match is 50 points, regardless of the number of games.
 5. No player can have a net change from match play of more than 100 points in 180 days or 200 points in 3 years.
 6. Rating floors are not automatically in effect in matches. Instead, if a player has a match result that would lower the rating to below that player's floor, this will be treated as a request to have that floor lowered by 100 points. If the USCF office grants this request, the rating will drop below the old floor and the new floor will be 100 points below the old floor.
 7. Match results do not count towards qualification for invitational events.
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EB06-045 – Goichberg - Moved, to adopt Tim Redman's recommendations as policy with these three modifications:

- (1) Change USCF Scholastic Committee to USCF Scholastic Council (This refers to the idea presented above in item 1.
 - (2) Change "at least one page" to "an average of at least one page" (This refers to the idea presented above in item 2., and
 - (3) Change "USCF must adopt a policy..." to "USCF policy regarding college scholarships includes..." **PASSED** 5-0.
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Note: Please refer to Document F for the entire College Chess report.

EB06-046 – Goichberg - Don Schultz is named Board Liaison to the Publications Committee and will get a list of required items for "Chess Life" for the purpose of having a full review by the next meeting. **PASSED** 4-0-1 with Don Schultz abstaining.

EB06-047 – Goichberg - The cost of Scholastic dues is reduced by \$2 for those age 12 and under who will receive the scholastic publication. The Economy Scholastic Membership will no longer be offered as of June 1, 2006. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-048 – Channing / Schultz - The Board enthusiastically and unanimously endorses Beatriz Marinello's candidacy for FIDE Americas General Secretary. **PASSED 4-0-1** with Beatriz Marinello abstaining:

EB06-049 – Board - Bill Goichberg is appointed Liaison to the Top Players' Committee and Greg Shahade is its chair. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-050 – Board - The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign up to a three year contract for the printing of "Chess Life" magazine. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-051 – Board - The following updates are made to the list of Committees: **PASSED 5-0.**
Chess Variants Committee (new) – Bill Goichberg is the Board Liaison and Bill Hall is the Office Liaison. The Chair has not yet been named.

Denker Championship Committee – Beatriz Marinello is the Board Liaison.

Polgar Championship Committee – Beatriz Marinello is the Board Liaison

US Open Committee – Chair is Jerry Hanken. Members are Hal Terrie, Jim Mennella, and Walter Buehl. Please note that the Denker and Polgar Championship Committees are now separate.

EB06-052 – Board - Change the Internet Chess/MIS/ Website Committee to the Website Committee. The Office Liaison is Jennifer Shahade. The Board Liaison and Chair TBD. Hal Bogner and Jon Haskel are added as Members. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-053 – Board - The Board considered a complaint arising out of the 2005 American Open and after a report from an appointed committee of Grandmasters decided that the evidence was insufficient to warrant action. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-054 – Board - For the 2006 US Championship, the individual winners of each section or those who tie for first (men and women) will receive 10 points and the champions will receive an additional 30 points on their invitational rating.

PASSED 5-0. Please note that the winners of the US Championship and the US Women's Championship are not automatically seeded into the Olympiad.

EB06-055 – Channing - Both parties agree to adhere to strict confidentiality until such time as a written agreement is agreed to between the parties. **PASSED 3-2-0** with Beatriz Marinello and Don Schultz opposed. Please note: The parties referred to are the USCF and the Polgar Foundation.

EB06-056 – Schultz- The Board endorses the concept of Susan Polgar's request with details, including development of a written agreement that the Board will review, to be worked out by the Executive Director. The Board thanks Susan Polgar and expresses appreciation for all of her contributions to American chess now and in the past. **PASSED 4-1-0** with Beatriz Marinello opposed.

Please note that the motion applies specifically to the concept expressed and not to any of the details such as rating requirements, funding issues, etc. Those and all other details are to be part of the agreement to be worked out by the Executive Director (ED). The Executive Board requested the ED to seek input from the Scholastic Council, the Women's Committee and other interested parties. It was the sense of the Board that this is viewed as a temporary situation and we look forward to a time when separate status for girls in chess is no longer an issue.

EB06-57 – Goichberg - I move by objections procedure that the name of our scholastic publication be Chess Life for Kids. **PASSED** without objection.

EB06-58 – Board - Make the following revised Olympiad Qualification statement: **PASSED** without Objection.

This year, the US Championships are being held in two separate sections followed by a rapid chess playoff between the winners of each section.

The Board supports AF4C's effort to increase media attention via this new format, but also feels that under this system, additional credit towards Olympiad qualification is appropriate for winners of the two sections.

The Board has decided that the overall champion and women's champion will not be automatically seeded as they have been in recent years, but that all section winners should be rewarded as follows:

Any player who comes in first or tied for first (or best scoring woman or tied for same) in either section in the 2006 US Championship will have 10 points added to his or her Olympiad invitational rating. In addition, the overall US Champion and overall US Women's Champion will each have an additional 30 points added to his or her Olympiad invitational rating." with the following note added:

The Board emphasized that this motion was passed because the new US Championship format required a change in how players should be evaluated when determining the Olympiad teams. It does not indicate any objection to the new format of the US Championship or anything but respect and appreciation for AF4C.

EB06-059 – Schultz - The United States Chess Federation recognizes Dato Tan Chin Nam as a man whose love for the game (the sport) of chess shines through so brightly. We thank you Dato for all that you have done, throughout the world, for chess. Dear Dato: "Happy 80th Birthday." **PASSED** without objection.

EB06-060 – Schultz - Moved (Don Schultz): The EB Clarifies its vote on College Chess inclusion in Chess Life specifically: It is not mandatory that Chess Life have a monthly college chess column so long as college chess coverage will be a minimum of 12 pages. The intent of the motion is to give the editor a sense of policy direction to maximize coverage of college chess while at the same time not dictating to him how he does that. **PASSED** 3-2 with Schultz, Channing and Tanner in favor and Goichberg and Marinello opposed.

EB06-061 – Marinello - "The USCF Executive Board supports the input of the Scholastic Council in regard of Diane Reese, USCF National Events Coordinator. For the record, this motion includes the commendation of the Scholastic Council."

From the Scholastic Council:

"The USCF Scholastic Council wishes to commend Diane Reese, National Events Coordinator, for her exceptional efforts and results in providing the membership of the US Chess Federation with exceptionally well organized national scholastic championships. The combination of excellent playing conditions, responsive staff, reasonably priced meals and lodging, plentiful quality awards and interesting side events reflect positively on the Federation. It is the opinion of the Scholastic Council that the continued efforts of Diane Reese as an employee of the Federation are a vital component to the ongoing success and growth of these events and hence the Federation. **Procedural Objection received. Moved to May meeting agenda.**

EB06-062 – Channing, Schultz - The USCF officially endorses Jeff Zahn's concept for the proposed /*Checkmate*/ TV program because we see it as an invaluable contribution to our quest for the promotion of chess as a wholesome sport; that we wish him well in his endeavor; and, furthermore, that we offer to help him by being a resource for him on all matters chessic." **PASSED** without objection.

EB06-063 – Channing - We hereby reconfirm the long standing policy of the USCF that those representing the USCF to international organizations must support the official positions of the USCF. **PASSED** without objection.

EB06-064 – Goichberg – The fundraising proposal submitted by Mikhail Korenman is accepted. **PASSED** 3-1-1 with Robert Tanner opposed and Beatriz Marinello abstaining. The proposal was worded as follows:

1. I would help to promote chess in Chicago area, especially before the US Open in August in Chicago and try to find additional sponsors for the USCF events in Chicago area. I already met with one of the Chicago area Convention and Tourism Bureau and was encouraged to submit a proposal for \$7,500 to bring some chess activities to South Chicago area;
2. I would work with EB and office to help to follow up with up-coming May meeting in FL. My idea would be to come up with a concept of the USCF development for the next 5 years or so based on history of the organization and current status. The concept can be finalized with EB support and be presented during the August Annual Meeting;
3. I would like to look for opportunities to submit numerous grant proposals for USCF. I already spoke with National Science Foundation; check some other foundations about the chess-related proposals. I see a lot of potential, especially with almost none of the proposals submitted directly from the USCF or on the USCF behalf;
4. I would like to promote international activities for the Federation. There is opportunity to put together US-Russia match, organize scholastic international tournaments in the US (there is almost none at this time), etc. I would like to propose to work with USCF on chess-travel activities such a last month trip to Moscow. I would be happy to discuss the opportunity with Bill Hall and Jerry Nash and see if they may have an interest in promoting such program (it can potentially generate some additional income);

5. Finally, I would like to work with the Scholastic Council on a very important issue of chess coaches certification. A lot of discussion has done, but no progress has been made.

If this proposal will be accepted, I would like to spend next 4 month (starting almost immediately and finishing after the US Open). I have no other job at this time and would appreciate some compensation from the USCF. My suggestion would be \$2,000/mo x 4 mo = \$8,000. Plus, \$2,000 on domestic travel. Total \$10,000. I am almost sure that through the additional funds I can find in Chicago area I can help USCF with significantly more income (unfortunately, most of that funds will be able to spend on events but no salaries, this why I really need some help from the USCF office). Without any push or rush, I would greatly appreciate any comments or ideas on this proposal so I can start working almost immediately.

EB06-065 – Goichberg - Whereas:

1. The USCF Executive Board unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Bessel Kok for FIDE President, and we feel that his election is very important for the promotion of chess in the USA and the world, .

2. The Executive Board subsequently, at its February meeting, endorsed the candidacy of Beatriz Marinello for FIDE General Secretary of the Americas,.

3. Beatriz Marinello had voted for the Board endorsement of Bessel Kok. However, on April

4, she wrote to the Board about the FIDE election, "I will remain neutral and willing to work with the administration that wins." On April 6, she wrote, "I view my position as someone who is acting in the best interest of the organization. Maintaining a neutral position, in my opinion does not affect the votes of other federations." On April 9 she wrote, "I do not believe that the USCF position is to obligate people to actively campaign for a particular candidate."

4. USCF policy, as recently reaffirmed by the Executive Board, is that our FIDE representatives are required to support USCF positions on FIDE issues.

5. We believe that in a democracy, supporting the best qualified candidate in an election is appropriate and does not constitute a refusal or inability to work with a different candidate, should the one we are supporting fail to be elected.

6. We believe that to have a USCF representative advocating a neutral position in discussions with representatives of other federations will undermine our support for the candidacy of Bessel Kok.

Therefore, we ask Beatriz Marinello to consider accepting one of the following two positions:

A) She agrees to affirmatively advocate the candidacy of Bessel Kok, to the best of her ability, in any election discussions she may have with the representatives of other federations.

B) She withdraws her offer to represent USCF at the upcoming Turin FIDE meeting and her candidacy for General Secretary of the Americas. In the event she chooses not to attend these meetings, USCF will reimburse her for any nonrefundable travel expenses.

If Beatriz does not endorse one of these positions within three days of the passage of this motion, the USCF endorsement of her candidacy for General Secretary of the Americas is hereby rescinded, and FIDE shall be notified that we oppose her nomination. Deferred to May Meeting on 05/08, where it **PASSED 3-0-2** with Beatriz Marinello and Robert Tanner abstaining. Please note: This motion was introduced by e-mail prior to the meeting and retains its e-mail motion number.

EB06-066 – Hall/Channing – The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into, contingent on LMA approval, the agreement for a permanent loan with Sun Trust Bank with a base amount of 410 K, however, if the LMA is not in agreement, the Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into agreement with the same bank for a 20 year amortized loan of \$561K at a rate of 6.8% and the understanding that no more than \$150 K of LMA assets would be encumbered. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-067 – Schultz – Players age 60 years and older who have not played in a (USCF Rated) tournament in at least three years will not lose rating points in their next two events. **REFERRED TO RATINGS COMMITTEE 5-0.**

EB06-068 - Goichberg/US Open Committee – Effective as soon as feasible, USCF shall solicit and consider bids for future US Opens. The Executive Director may, at his or her sole discretion, decline all bids in any year and have the event organized internally. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-069 - Goichberg/US Open Committee The previous practice of recognizing five years of playing in the US Open shall be resumed. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-070 – Schultz - Robert Tanner is appointed FIDE Zonal President. 4-0-1 with Robert Tanner abstaining.

EB06-071 – Tanner – Bill Kelleher is renamed FIDE Delegate. 5-0.

EB06-072 – Goichberg – We ask the Rules Committee to consider developing a set of rules for regular rated online play which will assure necessary safeguards. **PASSED 5-0.**

The meeting went into closed session at resumed in open session at 4:55 PM. The following motions came out of closed session

EB06-073 – Marinello – In view of the Board passing a motion withdrawing its support of my nomination for General Secretary of the Americas, I move to reconsider the endorsement of Bessel Kok. **FAILED 1-4.**

EB06-074 – Channing – Move to accept the proposal for office furniture from Ivan Allen Workspace with five year financing as presented by the Executive Director. **PASSED 4-0** with Beatriz Marinello not present.

EB06-075 – Board – The Board authorizes the following awards:

Award	Recipient(s)
Chess City of the Year	Crossville, TN, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Chess Club of the Year	St. George UT Chess Club
Chess College of the Year	U of CT. School of Engineering, Texas Tech
Committee of the Year	International Affairs
Distinguished Service Award	Mike Nolan
Frank J. Marshall Ambassador	Shaun Alexander
Grandmaster of the Year	Ildar Ibragimov, Anna Zatonskih
Honorary Chess Mates	Jim Warren, Delores Wagner, Elizabeth Tanner
Gold Koltanowski Medal	America’s Foundation for chess (AF4C)
Meritorious Service	Jim Brotsos, Jon Haskel, Wilder Wadford, Jon & Barbara Fortune
Organizer of the Year	Cris Collinsworth Pro Scan Foundation
Outstanding Career Achievement	Gus Gosselin, Fred Goldhirsch/Doug Bellizzi, David MacEnulty, Jerry Weikel
Scholastic Service	Tim Redman
Special Services	Kim Cramer, John Donaldson, Mikhail Korenman, Greg Shahade
Tournament Director of the Year	Walter Brown
Special Friend of USCF	Phil Haley

June 21, 2006 – Conference Call

EB06-076 – Channing - We congratulate Bill Kelleher for winning a seat on the FIDE Presidential Board and hereby appoint Don Schultz to replace him as our Delegate to FIDE. Executive Director Bill Hall is authorized to notify FIDE of this change. **PASSED 3-1-1** with Channing, Tanner and Goichberg in favor, Marinello opposed, and Schultz abstaining.

July 13, 2006 – E-Mail motion initiated on July 7, 2006.

EB06-077 – Channing - I hereby move that the Board approves entering into the attached agreement with AF4C. **PASSED 5-0 (See Document G)**

JULY 17, 2006 E-Mail motion. Please note that the motion was initiated on July 17 to be voted by July 25. Bill Goichberg suggested that the Board shouldn't award a benefit to one of its members and the motion should be made to the Delegates instead. The Board did not vote on the motion and a similar motion is expected to be presented to the Delegates in August.

EB06-078 – Tanner - I hereby move that the Professional Players Health & Benefit Fund cover up to \$10,000.00 in uninsured expenses as relates to the above mentioned illness (Kidney Failure). Details related to proof of expence and reimbursement shall be worked out by the office and, if needed, the relevant Executive Board Member(s). **NOT VOTED** (See above)

July 25, 2006 -Objections procedure initiated on July 20, 2006

EB06-079 – Goichberg - The following Top Players Committee composition is submitted for Board approval by 5 day objections procedure. If no objection by 1 pm Eastern Time July 25, the committee is approved.

Greg Shahade (chair), Alex Onischuk, Gregory Kaidanov, Josh Friedel, Lev Milman, Aviv Friedman, Irina Krush, John Donaldson, Joel Benjamin, Jennifer Shahade (nonvoting member) **PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

August 10, 2006 – Motions made at the Oak Brook, IL Meeting

EB 06-080 – Board - The Executive Board has considered the recommendation of the Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC) re: Larry Cohen and has determined that Larry Cohen's TD Certification should be suspended for three years and that he not be allowed to run GM or IM norm tournaments for ten years. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB06-081 – Board – The following committee changes are enacted:

Randy Hough will be liaison to the Publications, Correspondence Chess, and Clubs Committees, and Javier Pinedo is added to the Scholastic Committee. **PASSED 5-0.**

DOCUMENT A

SUMMARY OF USCF COMMITTEES FOR 2005 – 2006

Please note: This list is a full summary as of 08/15/2005 and includes committees appointed by the Delegates as well as those appointed by the Board.

DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

The Delegate Appointed Committees choose their own chairs, generally after the meeting. Chairs that have been chosen and reported as of the time of this meeting are included.

Please note that the Election Committee replaces the Election Procedures Committee and the Electronic Voting Committees.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Liaison</u>	<u>Chair(s)</u>	<u>Members</u>
Audit Committee	Joel Channing		Tony Cottell, Jon Haskel, Grant Perks
Bylaws Committee	Bill Goichberg	Co-chairs Mike Nolan and Harold Winston	Guy Hoffman, Randy Hough, George John, Gary Kitts, Richard Koepcke, Myron Lieberman, John McCrary, David Mehler, Robert Persante, Ernie Schlich
Election Committee	Bill Goichberg	Chair - Mike Nolan	Roger Gottschall, Woody Harris, Harry Sabine. Alternates: 1.Ernie Schlich, 2. Myron Lieberman
Ethics Committee	Joel Channing		Richard Buchanan, Michael Carr, William

Deer, James Menella, Kenneth Sloan, Bill Smythe, Hal Terrie, Andrew Thall

LMA Management Joel Channing

Dewain Barber, Michael Carr, Leroy Dubeck, Peter Dyson, Fred Townsend

BOARD APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Please note that the Celebrities, Clubs, Tournaments, and US Open Committees are new this year.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Liaison</u>	<u>Chair(s)</u>	<u>Members</u>
Celebrities Committee	Greg Shahade		
Chess in Education	Beatriz Marinello		
Clubs	Bill Goichberg		
College Chess	Beatriz Marinello	Co-Chairs James Stallings and Zachary Cohn (see below for members)	
Correspondence Chess	Bill Goichberg		
Cramer Awards	Don Schultz		
Denker/Polgar	Greg Shahade		
Finance Committee	Joel Channing	Chair-Randy Bauer	
Hall of Fame Committee	Robert Tanner	Chair - Harold Winston	Arthur Bisguier, Jeremy Gaige, John Hilbert, Al Lawrence, John McCrary, Shane Samole, Jennifer Shahade, one Executive Board representative.
International Affairs	Robert Tanner		
Internet/MIS/website	Greg Shahade		
Military Chess	Joel Channing		
Outreach Committee	Joel Channing	Chair - Myron Lieberman	
Publications Committee	Greg Shahade		
Ratings committee	Bill Goichberg		
Rules Committee	Robert Tanner		
Scholastic Council/Committee	Beatriz Marinello		
Senior Committee	Don Schultz		
States Committee	Robert Tanner		
Survey Committee	Don Schultz	Chair - Tony Pabon	Tom Claman, Charles Hatherill, Cindy Hawkinson, Fred Kleist, Jack Mallory, Murlin Varner, Sunil Weeramantry
TDCC	Robert Tanner		
Top Players Committee	Greg Shahade		
Tournaments	Bill Goichberg		
US Open Committee	Bill Goichberg		
Women's Chess	Beatriz Marinello		

Please note that the College Committee was approved by the Board at the May, 2005, meeting. Members, with e-mail addresses, are:

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The 2006 College Chess Committee was approved on January 27, 2006 and is as follows: Board Liaison – Beatriz Marinello, Chair: Jim Stallings. Members – Gregory Alexander, Scott Caplan, Ana DeMahy, Renier Gonzales, Russell Harwood, Korey Kormick, Rade Milanovich, Tim Redman, Alan Sherman, Sara Walsh, Stephen Weinstein, David Woolf.

The Military Committee was approved by objections procedure motion EB06-009

Chair Steven Rollins marinechess@yahoo.com

Committee Members

Name: David Hendershot Rank: Staff Sergeant, US Army

Name: Matthew R. Nemmers Rank: PN1(SW)/E-6 (Navy)

Name: Robert Keough Rank: SSgt USAF

Name Sara Walsh Rank Civilian

Name (tentative): Tom Belke

EB06 – 014 – Channing – (October 13, 2005 Objections Procedure) The Finance Committee is approved as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Randy Bauer, Chairman - Randybauer2300@yahoo.com

Members - Bill Brock, Frank Camaratta, Michael Carr, Mike Nolan, Grant Perks, Charles D. Unruh

EB06 – 015 – Channing - (October 13, 2005 Objections Procedure) The Outreach Committee has been approved as follows:

OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Myron Lieberman, Chairperson - azchess@cox.net

Members - Ray Alexis, Rachel Lieberman, John McCrary, Fernando Moreno, Susan Polgar, Paul Truong. Please note that Jim Celone has subsequently been added to the Outreach Committee.

EB06 – 016 – Goichberg - (October 15, 2005 Objections Procedure) The Ratings Committee has been approved as follows:

RATINGS COMMITTEE - Mark Glickman, Chairperson - mg@bu.edu

Members - Frank Camaratta, Harry Cohen, Tom Doan, Albyn Jones, Larry Kaufman, David Kuhns, Alan Losoff, Andrew Metrick, Mike Nolan, Dr. Kenneth Sloan.

DCOUMENT B

**Proposed USCF National Scholastic Chess
Tournament Regulation Changes
July-August 2005**

- 1) Change first sentence of 18.3 from “Players from the same team will not be paired together unless more than half of the players in a score group are from the same team.” to “Players from the same team will not be paired together unless a reasonable pairing cannot be made.” **Passed**
- 2) Add a new section 18.9.6 that reads “**National Bughouse Championship** on Thursday before all Spring Nationals. Round times: 11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, and 2:45.” **Passed**
- 3) Add a new section 18.9.7 that reads “**National Blitz Championship** on Thursday before all Spring Nationals. Round times: 5:00, 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, and 8:45.” **Passed**
- 4) In section 22.2 replace “Scholastic Director” with “Scholastic Director and/or Events Director.” **Passed**
- 5) Add 22.5.1.4 **National Bughouse Championship:**
 - National High School: K-12 section
 - National Junior High/Middle School: K/9 section
 - National Elementary: K-6 section
 - SuperNationals: K-12 section, K-9 Section, and K-6 sections

Passed

- 6) Add 22.5.1.5 **National Blitz Championship:**
National High School: K-12 section
National Junior High/Middle School: K/9 section
National Elementary: K-6 section
SuperNationals: K-12 section, K-9 Section, and K-6 sections

Passed

- 7) Insert a new 23.4 and renumber the rest of the section by adding this: Whenever possible a coaches forum for the open exchange of coaching ideas among those present will be scheduled. Once during round 2 and again during round 5 would be ideal. This meeting will be chaired by a member of the Scholastic Council. This forum is not to replace any other scheduled meeting involving the coaches.

Passed

- 8) Replace Appendix A with the following: **APPENDIX A
National Scholastic Blitz Championship Regulations**

A1.0 It is highly encouraged to have a Blitz Tournament as a side event at all National Scholastic events. However, the only Blitz Tournaments that will be considered as National Championships will be those associated with the Spring Nationals.

A2.0 Rules

A2.1 All games will be played under Game-5 time control.

A2.2 Each player will play each opponent twice, once as white and once as black. The lower rated player has choice of color for the first game.

A2.3 The Chief Tournament Director has the discretion of Touch Move or Clock Move. However, whichever is used it must be listed on the USCF website in an appropriate easy-to-find location. Clock Move is recommended.

A3.0 Tournament Format

A3.1 Sections will be divided as follows:

National High School: K-12 Championship and K-8 section

National Junior High/Middle School: K-9 Championship and K-6 section

National Elementary: K-6 Championship

SuperNationals: K-12 Championship, K-9 Championship, K-6 Championship.

A3.2 It is recommended that the tournament be a six round double-swiss tournament.

A3.3 No round is to begin after 9:30pm.

A3.4 Entries are to be online (*when available*) and are also allowed onsite up to 10:00am on the tournament day.

A3.5 Round I shall begin at 5:00 on Thursday.

A3.6 The National Championship should be decided over the board, provided that there are only two or three players tied with the top score. There will be extra round(s) only between those two or three at a time to be determined by the Chief Tournament Director. If there are four or more players in the top score group then tiebreaks shall determine the National Champion and all of those tied will have the title ³National Champion² even though tiebreaks will determine trophy presentation.

A4.0 The individual and team awards for the Championship Section, as explained in A3.1 above, shall be the same as in the Championship Section for that Spring National. Other sections will have the number of awards that are deemed necessary based on projected attendance. **Passed**

- 8a) Add a 'K-3 Championship' to the National Elementary and SuperNationals. **Passed**

- 9) Replace Appendix B with the following: **APPENDIX B
NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC BUGHOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

B1.0 It is highly encouraged to have a Bughouse Tournament as a side event at all National Scholastic events. However, the only Bughouse Tournaments that will be considered as National Championships will be those associated with the Spring Nationals.

B2.0 Tournament Format

B2.1 Sections will be divided as follows:

National High School: K-12 Championship and K-8 section

National Junior High/Middle School: K-9 Championship and K-6 section

National Elementary: K-6 Championship

SuperNationals: K-12 Championship, K-9 Championship, K-6 Championship.

B2.2. The tournament will begin at 11:00am on Thursday.

B2.3. All entries are to be onsite on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, with registration stopping at 10:00am.

B2.4. The rules that are to be followed for a National Bughouse tournament are to be displayed at an appropriate easy-to-find location on the USCF website.

B3.0 The team awards for the Championship Section, as explained in B2.1 above, shall be the same as in the Championship Section for that Spring National. Other sections will have the number of awards that are deemed necessary based on projected attendance. **Passes**

- 10) Delete Appendix C and re-label Appendices D and E to C and D. **Passed but I replaced Appendix C with Parents and Friends Tournament information (#14) so the later appendices don't need to be changed.**

- 11) Change section 18.4.2 such that the top the K-8 Under 1250 section becomes “K-9 Under 1250” at the National Junior High School event. **Passed**
- 12) Let unrateds players play in any section with the following stipulation: “they are part of a team that has only four players with no more than one unrated player on that team of four.” **Passed**
- 13) Split the K-6 Unrated section at the National Elementary into a K-3 Unrated and a K-6 Unrated. **Passed**
- 14) Add additional trophies at all Spring Nationals that hold a Parents & Friends Tournament for the following pairs:
 - a. Father – Child
 - b. Mother – Child
 - c. Brother – Child
 - d. Sister – Child
 - e. Aunt – Child
 - f. Uncle – Child
 - g. Cousin – Child
 - h. Coach – Child
 - i. Grandfather – Child
 - j. Grandmother – Child

where ‘Child’ refers to a player in any section of the National Championship. Players in the Parents and Friends Tournament shall be solely responsible for informing the TD of that section of all relationships that they qualify for including the section the ‘Child’ is playing in. Prizes will be awarded based on the sum of the Parents and Friends Tournament participant and their ‘Child’ based on an equal number of rounds. If there are five rounds in the Parents and Friends Tournament, the “Child’s” score after the first five rounds is taken. Awards will be handed out at Chess Control the last day of the main tournament. A pair of trophies will be awarded to the winners of each pairing. **Passed**

- 15) Virtual Schools: Need someone to volunteer to review and write up a policy regarding virtual schools at all Nationals **Passed**

The following changes were voted on by the Scholastic Council in January, 2005 and included in this list for completeness and EB approval.

1. Class Trophy Awards

Change sections 22.5.1 and 22.5.2 such that class trophies are for a 200 point rating class except for the lowest class which remains an “Under” section.

Rationale: Although a 790 rated youth may take the “3rd Place Under 1000” trophy, they’d rather take home the “1st Place 600-799” trophy. It’s bigger! This rule is easier to administer and easier for parents to understand than the current rule. **Passed 4-0**

2. Additional Scholastic Regulation Changes

- a) Change section 16.7 from “The individual award presentation should begin with the top five individual winners before announcing remaining awards. The team award presentation should begin with the top five teams before announcing remaining awards.” To “Individual and team award presentations will be from lowest to highest place.”

Passed 4-0

Rationale: This is how it has been done because the lowest trophies are set up in front of the higher trophies. Doing the top five first is cumbersome to collect.

- b) Add to the bottom of Appendix E (Guide to Spectator Conduct) “This guide shall be prominently posted at multiple locations.”

Passed 4-0

Rationale: In case of trouble TD’s and staff should be able to point to this posted guide and know where it is. Spectators, especially non-chess playing spectators will read it.

- c) Add section 1.1.1 that states: “Revisions to these regulations shall be effective September 15 of each year.”

Passed 4-0

Rationale: Coach’s have asked to standardize the affectivity date of changes to the regulations.

- d) Add section 16.3.1 that states: “In order to minimize errors and when practical, the blitz and bughouse awards lists shall be posted sufficiently ahead of the award’s ceremony to allow for errors to be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director and to allow for corrections to be made. The award’s lists will then be re-posted before the award’s ceremony. This procedure shall be printed in the tournament book.”

Passed 4-0

Rationale: To avoid (some) confusion as to the procedure to appeal result entry errors. I believe this will codify the new practice.

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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For use in the following chess tournaments:

(Spring Nationals)

National Elementary (K-6) Chess Championship

National Middle School/Junior High (K-9) Chess Championship

National High School (K-12) Chess Championship

(Fall Nationals)

National Scholastic K-12/Collegiate Championships

(Youth Events)

National Youth Action Championship

U.S. Junior Chess Congress

U.S. Junior Open

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1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The **USCF National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations** are intended to fulfill the special needs and expectations of players, coaches and parents at our **national scholastic events**. These **Regulations** are a reference to the special rules that govern these events, along with some suggestions to help the event run smoothly. They are designed to insure that the dignity and significance of national scholastic events are maintained, promoted, preserved and enhanced. The USCF wishes to thank past and present members of its Scholastic Committee along with the coaches and parents who helped to compile the initial set of **Regulations**. These **Regulations** carry the weight of history and hands-on experience. But no regulations should be held inviolate when better ideas arise. Proposed changes should be referred to the USCF Scholastic Director and the Scholastic Council. After all, the main principle of these **Regulations** is simply: **Our youngsters deserve the best!**
- 1.11 Revisions to these regulations shall be effective September 15 of each year.*
- 1.2 USCF and the Scholastic Council will review proposals for the following tournaments: National Elementary, National Middle School/Junior High, National High School, National Youth Action Championship, and the National Scholastic K-12/Collegiate Championships. The USCF will solicit interest in site selection and then negotiate with the local organizer details of the proposed tournament. The Scholastic Council will be part of the final selection process. Expressions of interest by affiliates are indeed welcome, since in all cases USCF wishes to partner with a local organization(s) for local arrangements (eg. securing local TDs), in coordination (and agreement) with USCF. However, site selection and all contracting for these events will be handled by USCF.
- 1.21 Whenever USCF is the organizer the USCF Scholastic Director and/or USCF Events Manager shall be responsible for all details listed herein as the organizer.
- 1.3 Many chess tournaments and chess activities are organized under the USCF name, yet are managed fully by other organizations and/or individuals. Such organizations may enter into contracts for facilities, goods, services, etc, though USCF must approve these contracts first. Such organizations are not representatives of USCF management, and are independent contractors.
- 1.4 All state scholastic organizations are encouraged to adopt these regulations for state scholastic championships.

2.0 **DATES**

- 2.1 **National Scholastic Events**
- 2.1.1 **Fall Nationals** - National K-12/Collegiate Championships:
- 2.1.1.1 Should be played between November 15 and December 15.
- 2.1.1.2 Must not be scheduled on Thanksgiving Day weekend.
- 2.1.2 **Spring Nationals** - National Elementary (K-6), Middle School/Junior High (K-9) and High School (K-12) Championships:
- 2.1.2.1 Should be held between and to include the first weekend in April and the second weekend in May.
- 2.1.2.2 Must not be scheduled on:
- 2.1.2.2.1 Easter
- 2.1.2.2.2 Passover
- 2.1.2.3 Try to avoid:
- 2.1.2.3.1 Daylight Savings Time weekend (first Sunday in April)
- 2.1.2.3.2 Scholastic Aptitude and Advanced Placement Test dates (High School only).
- 2.2 **National Youth Events** – National Youth Action and U.S. Junior Chess Congress
- 2.2.1 **National Youth Action**
- 2.2.1.1 Should be held between November 1 and December 1.
- 2.2.1.2 Must not be scheduled on Thanksgiving Day weekend.
- 2.2.2 **U.S. Junior Chess Congress**
- 2.2.2.1 Whenever possible without conflict with other National events.
- 2.2.3 **U.S. Junior Open**
- 2.2.3.1 Should be held in the summer.
- 2.3 Dates should not conflict with any other National Tournament or the World Youth Festival.

3.0 **SITE**

- 3.1 Our primary concern is assuring the quality of national scholastics.
- 3.2 USCF will make every reasonable effort to rotate these events geographically from year to year.
- 3.3 Acceptable sites include, but are not limited to: hotels with convention facilities, schools, colleges, and convention centers.
- 3.4 All tournament related playing and meeting space proposals must be approved by USCF and reviewed by a designated Scholastic Council representative before they are signed. The **National Tournament Agreement** (see Appendix D) must be signed prior to approval of any such contracts.
- 3.5 The USCF Scholastic Director shall be responsible for making sure all of the following are implemented:
- 3.5.1 The playing hall(s) must allow for a minimum of 25 sq. ft. of usable space per player. This should include space for spectators. The top 20 boards of all Championship sections, except for primary grades, should have no more than two boards per six or eight foot table. Bids must include a playing hall(s) to accommodate the maximum number of expected players.
- 3.5.2 The site should have a large skittles area at least half the size of the playing hall(s). The skittles area should be in

the immediate vicinity of the playing site, indoors, and easily accessible from the playing room. It is recommended that the skittles area be 3/4 of the size of the playing area(s).

- 3.5.3 Special team rooms (especially for the Elementary and Middle School/Junior High events) should be available to coaches needing a more private area to instruct and counsel team members. Teams will pay reasonable charges for the use of such space. Whenever possible the team rooms should be under the same roof or in a building connected to the playing site. Team room location will be provided at the time of reservation.
- 3.5.4 Toilet facilities must be adequate for large numbers of youngsters and must be inspected, cleaned and maintained every half hour during rounds. Restrooms for players only should be easily accessible to the playing room.
- 3.5.5 Water should be provided in the playing hall(s) and maintained every half hour during rounds.
- 3.5.6 Pictures and descriptions of the tournament site, including size, lighting, available sanitary facilities, or any physical equipment available should be included with each proposal.
- 3.5.7 A map of the area should be available showing inexpensive restaurants and attractions near the site. This should be done on the website site and available on paper at chess control.
- 3.5.8 For the National Middle School/Junior High and National Elementary Tournaments a play area should be provided that allows the children an acceptable area to run and play.
- 3.5.9 A centrally located information booth (i.e. Chess control) should be provided near the playing area. The information booth will provide directions to all local restaurants, transportation, interesting sites, and other non-tournament information.
- 3.5.10 A message center should be provided at chess control to receive emergency information for players and/or families. This message center should have a pre-advertised phone number and/or email address.
- 3.5.11 There should be food available on site that is priced comparably to fast food pricing. There should be ample food services available that, if necessary, all of the anticipated participants may be fed within a two hour period. They should be open from at least 60 minutes before the first round starts each day and closed no earlier than 60 minutes before the last round is scheduled to end.
- 3.5.12 The site must be handicapped accessible.
- 3.5.13 It is recommended that a photographer be available throughout the tournament.
- 3.5.14 Ample signage should be on display at numerous locations throughout the facility a minimum of twelve hours prior to the first scheduled event of the tournament.

4.0 LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

- 4.1 Lodging should be inexpensive and accessible to the playing site.
- 4.2 A single price for 1-4 people per room should be negotiated.
- 4.3 Complimentary rooms (one per 25-50 room-nights sold) should be negotiated with the hotel(s). Complimentary rooms are normally used to lodge the TDs and organizational staff. If possible, complimentary suites and rooms for the organizer, USCF Scholastic Council representative and USCF office representative(s) should be negotiated with the headquarters hotel.
- 4.4 All tournament-related lodging contracts must be reviewed by the Scholastic Council representative and approved and signed by USCF. USCF must receive a signed copy of its **National Tournament Agreement** prior to its approval of any such contracts.
- 4.5 If the hotel(s) is providing the playing site, the cost of meeting space should be directly related to total room-nights sold (such as on a sliding scale). Free meeting space is generally negotiable with most hotels.
- 4.6 If the hotel(s) is not providing the playing site, the hotel(s) contract(s) may be structured to provide the tournament a rebate of \$3 to \$10 per room night sold, to help defray playing site and other tournament costs. Rebates are considered tournament income. When the USCF is not the organizer, any amount higher than \$10 per night may not be accepted without the prior written consent of the USCF Scholastic Director.
- 4.7 The organizer should provide, at least 6 months prior to the start of the event, a list of all recommended hotels, rates, addresses, phone numbers, distance from playing site, and contact information on the USCF website.

5.0 TRANSPORTATION

- 5.1 The use of a travel agent is recommended to help facilitate travel arrangements for players and teams. It would be more convenient for USCF to contract with one travel agent for all nationals.
- 5.2 Organizers should ensure the availability of transportation between the headquarters hotel and nearest commercial airport, railroad, and bus terminals and shuttle service between playing site and headquarters hotel if they are beyond walking distance of each other. All such travel arrangements should be publicized at least six months in advance for the benefit of players, coaches and parents.

6.0 FINANCES

- 6.1 When the USCF is not the principal organizer, the local organizer is contractually responsible for the execution of these Regulations (with USCF oversight) before, during and after the tournament.
- 6.2 USCF will provide financial statements from previous events to the organizer upon request.
- 6.3 The USCF share of the profits from the National scholastics will go to the U.S. Chess Federation. Tournament income includes, but is not limited to: entry fees, book and equipment sales, food and beverage sales, sale of chess pieces and boards used in the tournament, advertising income, fees paid by promoters and exhibitors, hotel room night rebates, team room rentals, rebates, etc.
 - 6.3.1 USCF will negotiate an agreement with the local organizer, which will define roles, responsibilities, and the financial arrangements between the two parties. The financial arrangements may be a share of the profits, a per head fee, or some combination thereof.
- 6.4 All contracts must be approved and signed by the USCF when the USCF is undertaking full management responsibility for the event. When the local organizer is undertaking full management responsibility, the USCF need only review and approve all contracts, though it need not be a signatory thereon, as the local organizer is acting as an independent contractor and is fully

responsible and liable for all activities or actions pursuant to the contract(s).

6.5 The Scholastic Council's designated representative(s) shall have the right to review and make recommendations on the final tournament budget.

7.0 CONCESSIONAIRE

7.1 USCF has the right of first refusal to sell chess books, chess equipment, T-shirts, commemorative boards and sets and other chess paraphernalia at any USCF national event.

7.2 Any outside vendor must be approved by the USCF Scholastic Director.

7.3 In any event for which USCF is not the principal organizer, the USCF Scholastic Director must approve all concession agreements.

8.0 STAFFING

8.1 The Chief TD for all national scholastics should be certified at the "National Tournament Director" level. Additionally, the chief TD must have strong experience in administering large scholastic events, especially those using computer pairing programs. The Chief TD must be acceptable to the USCF Scholastic Director and Scholastic Council.

8.2 The Chief TD and/or organizer is responsible for appointing an adequate number of certified assistant TDs to help administer each event. The organizer himself should not serve on the directing staff.

8.2.1 A minimum of four TDs, including the Chief TD, with strong computer pairing program experience, should be on staff. Knowledge of computers and computer pairings is essential, as these TDs are expected to generate pairings, standings, team results, etc., round by round, as well as handling inevitable problems.

8.2.2 Each event must have a Chief Floor TD with a sufficient number of assistants.

8.2.2.1 The ratio of TDs to players should be as follows: High School: 1/100 players; Middle School/Junior High: 1/75 players; Elementary: 1/50 players. For the National K-12/Collegiate Championship grades K-6 shall have the same ratio as the Elementary, grades 7-9 shall have the same ratio as the Middle School/Junior High, and grades 10-12 and the collegiate section shall have the same ratio as the High School.

8.2.2.2 Floor TDs should be permanently stationed in a specific section in the tournament rooms during play and must wear distinctive identifying apparel.

8.2.2.3 Floor TDs will handle disputes and make rulings, although appeals are permitted. Appeals are to be made first to the Section TD, then the Chief Floor TD, and then the Chief TD.

8.2.2.4 A minimum of two experienced floor TDs should be present in large tournament rooms and one floor TD in small tournament rooms at all times.

8.2.2.5 Volunteers who are not certified TDs may assist floor directors to keep order; however, they cannot make rulings on their own and must direct all questions regarding rules to certified floor directors.

8.2.2.6 All staff should wear identification stating their name and duty. The TD certification level should be listed on the name tag.

8.3 The TD staff is expected to be appropriately compensated. Such compensation should include, but not be limited to, housing and free food being made available during the tournament. Each TD should be compensated enough to cover any transportation costs.

8.4 A large number of *well trained* volunteers is essential to the success of these events. The organizer is responsible for training the volunteers. They may be responsible for such duties as:

8.4.1 Receiving entries

8.4.2 Entering registrations into a data base

8.4.3 Checking ratings of players

8.4.4 Checking schools of players

8.4.5 Checking in players and teams on-site

8.4.6 Setting up the playing room

8.4.7 Manning results-tables (two people per section each round)

8.4.8 Controlling access at doors (when necessary)

8.4.9 Providing for the needs of the TD staff

8.4.10 Preparing a tournament information pamphlet

8.4.11 Managing publicity and promotion

8.4.12 Providing an awards ceremony

8.4.13 Providing for an information, lost and found, and message booth at chess control

9.0 COMPUTERS

9.1 One computer and printer should be provided for each section. A backup computer and printer shall also be available.

9.2 Fast printers are very important. Dot matrix printers are not acceptable. Fast ink-jet or laser printers are preferred.

9.3 The computer room should be assembled at least one day before the tournament to make sure there are no problems.

9.4 The large size of these events necessitates pairing by computer. A list of approved computer programs may be obtained from USCF.

9.5 If any computer equipment is acquired or donated for the tournament, such equipment will be considered assets of the tournament. Assets may not be disposed of without the express consent of the USCF Scholastic Director.

9.6 At least one computer and printer shall be available for non-pairing/technical purposes by authorized staff.

10.0 PUBLICITY

10.1 Publicity is an important part of attracting new participants to National scholastic events. Many scholastic chess programs are not aware of the existence of the USCF or these national championships. Organizers should include plans for publicity in their proposals. The organizer should coordinate with the USCF office to produce press releases and publicity for the event.

10.2 These events will be announced in Chess Life.

- 10.3 Fliers advertising National Scholastic and youth events will be mailed to all USCF affiliates except prison affiliates.
- 10.4 Organizers should arrange publicity with local news media, prior to, during, and immediately after these events.
- 10.5 The organizer should prepare a press release listing major winners immediately upon conclusion of the tournament. Ideally, this release should be available during the awards ceremony.
- 10.6 A tournament program book should be prepared, including:
 - 10.6.1 Schedule of events
 - 10.6.2 List of past winners
 - 10.6.3 Prize list
 - 10.6.4 Rules specific for the tournament
 - 10.6.5 List of tournament directors
 - 10.6.6 Volunteer staff
 - 10.6.7 Scoresheets - extra scoresheets must also be prepared
 - 10.6.8 Local information about restaurants and attractions.
 - 10.6.9 The awards presentation, location, time, and order.
 - 10.6.10 Player procedures and the acceptable conduct of the spectators, players, and coaches.

11.0 **ENTRY FEE & REGISTRATION**

- 11.1 The entry fee shall be kept as economical as practical and set in accordance with the approved budget. The USCF Scholastic Director and the Scholastic Council must approve the entry fee.
- 11.2 Early entry deadline(s) should be used for each event.
- 11.3 Players registering the day of the event may be paired or receive a half point bye, at the discretion of the chief tournament director.
- 11.4 Any section changes are subject to a change fee and should be made as soon as possible.
- 11.5 Half-point byes will be available for the first round, if requested with an advance entry. 0 point byes shall be available for all rounds. The Chief Tournament Director shall have the ability to grant an 1/2 point bye for any round based on unusual circumstances, except the last round.
- 11.6 Check-In Procedures. It is important that this is a smooth process allowing those with problems to resolve them.
 - 11.6.1 A complete list of the advance entry players shall be posted periodically on the tournament web page. This web page should be updated every other day.
 - 11.6.2 Two lists of participants per section should be posted prior to round one: alphabetical and school. A complete team roster for all schools shall be posted on site. It is the responsibility of the players and/or coaches to report mistakes or needed corrections to the TD staff.
 - 11.6.3 Rules specific to the tournament and side events will be available in advance of the event.

12.0 **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- 12.1 All players must be USCF members.
- 12.2 The following students are eligible:
 - 12.21 Full-time students enrolled in school in the United States or its territories for the entire semester in which the event is held.
 - 12.22 U.S. citizens attending school abroad.
 - 12.23 Home schooled students who do not exceed the age requirements listed below.
- 12.3 Age requirements: the following ages are as of September 1 of the school year in which the competition takes place:
 - Kindergarten: under age 7
 - 1st Grade: Under age 8
 - 2nd Grade: Under age 9
 - 3rd Grade: Under age 10
 - 4th Grade: Under age 11
 - 5th Grade: Under age 12
 - 6th Grade: Under age 13
 - 7th Grade: Under age 14
 - 8th Grade: Under age 15
 - 9th Grade: Under age 16
 - 10th Grade: Under age 17
 - 11th Grade: Under age 18
 - 12th Grade: Under age 19
 - Collegiate: Under age 26
 - 12.3.1 There shall only be one year of eligibility per grade level, except for pre-schoolers who may play for more than one year as a Kindergartener or college or university students who may play for more than one year in the collegiate section as long as all requirements are met.
- 12.4 Those Spring Nationals beginning April 15 or earlier shall use the February rating supplement. Those Spring Nationals beginning April 16 or later shall use the April rating supplement.
- 12.5 The Chief Tournament Director will make every reasonable effort to assign a rating to an unrated player. Unrated players who are not assigned a rating may play only in the unrated section or a championship section *unless, in a Spring National, a team in an 'Under' section needs one additional player to complete a four person team, an unrated player may play in the 'Under' section.*

13.0 **TEAM REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC EVENTS**

- 13.1 National Scholastic events are both individual and team events. Players are allowed to compete as individuals and not as a member of any team. *A student who does not qualify to represent a team under rules 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 or 13.5 may not compete*

as a member of a team but is encouraged to compete as an individual.

- 13.2 In national scholastic events (i.e. the Spring Nationals and the K-12/ Collegiate) teams are comprised of students who attend the same school.
- 13.2.1 A school is defined as an institution which has **one name**, is located in **one building** or **connected adjacent buildings**, and is under **one administrator** and which provides core curricular instruction in English, math, science, and social studies.
- 13.2.2 *A student will be considered to attend a school if and only if he or she physically attends classes at that school building and receives more than 50% of his or her core curricular instruction during those classes.*
- 13.2.3 Each school may enter **only one team per section**.
- 13.3 Teams may also be comprised of home schooled students.
- 13.3.1 A home schooled student is defined as a student who receives at least 50% of his or her core curricular instruction at home.
- 13.3.2 Home school students have the following options with regard to forming *and/or participating on a* scholastic team.
- 13.3.2.1 A home schooled student may represent his or her local public school when access to extra curricular activities is permitted *and the student resides within the boundaries of the local public school as defined in 13.2.*
- 13.3.2.1.1 A home school student may join with other home schooled students who reside within the *boundary of the local public school as defined in 13.2.*
- 13.3.2.1.2 *All the students attend home school sites located within the boundary of the local public school as defined in 13.2.*
- 13.3.2.2 There may be more than one home school team per recognized public school district.
- 13.4 *Teams may also be comprised of virtual school students.*
- 13.4.1 *Virtual school students are students who receive more than 50% of his or her core curricular instruction online, but not in the school building..*
- 13.4.2 *Virtual school students may form scholastic teams using rule 13.3.2.1.1 or 13.3.2.1,*
- 13.5 *A collegiate student may only qualify to represent a team under rule 13.2.*
- 13.5.1 *Players are eligible to participate only if they are less than 26 years old as of September 1 of the academic year in which the tournament is taking place.*
- 13.5.2 *Eligible players shall be enrolled at least half-time during the semester of eligibility.*
- 13.5.3 *College and University players shall be resident at their campuses either in on-campus housing or in housing within reasonable commuting distance from campus, e.g., a player taking distance learning courses shall not be eligible to play.*
- 13.6 A scholastic team must contain a minimum of two players to be eligible for team prizes.
- 13.7 There is no maximum number of players who may compete on a team, but only the top 4 scores in any section count for team score in the **Spring Nationals**, and the top 3 scores in the **K-12/Colligate event**.
- 13.8 **No club teams are allowed in National Scholastic events.**
- 13.9 Bonus points will not be added to team or individual scores. Points cannot be transferred between sections unless the player has changed sections.
- 13.10 The Coach is responsible for assuring that all of his players are properly registered and eligible to participate as members of his team.
- 13.11 USCF Affiliate Membership is encouraged for all teams.

14.0 TEAM REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL YOUTH EVENTS

- 14.1 Team requirements for National Youth events, which are the U.S. Junior Chess Congress, the National Youth Action Championship, and the U.S. Junior Open:
- 14.1.1 Teams will represent chess clubs and consist of youth meeting the age requirements, as defined in section 12.3, who are members of the club represented and residents of the U.S.
- 14.1.2 *Club members must attend at least six regularly scheduled club meetings over a period of at least three months immediately preceding the tournament and must be verified by the club president or designated club official.*
- 14.1.3 A club team must contain a minimum of three players to be eligible for team prizes.
- 14.1.4 There is no maximum number of players who may compete on a club team, but only the top four scores in any one section will count toward the team score.
- 14.1.5 School teams will be considered as club teams representing that school. Players need not attend the same school; however, they must meet the requirements of sections 14.1.1 and 14.1.2.
- 14.2 *Bonus points will not be added to team or individual scores. Points cannot be transferred between sections unless the player has changed sections.*
- 14.3 *The Coach is responsible for assuring that all of his players are properly registered and eligible to participate as members of his team.*
- 14.4 *USCF Affiliate Membership is encouraged for all teams.*

15.0 OPENING CEREMONY

- 15.1 The organizer will arrange a brief (maximum 15 minutes) but impressive opening ceremony, a half hour prior to the start of the first round. Arrangements will be made for a USCF representative to be present who, along with the organizer, will welcome all participants and guests. Local dignitaries (mayor, county executive, congressmen, school superintendent, etc.) will be invited to attend, as well as the press. Past experience has shown that local officials have a strong interest in participating in such ceremonies. While they may not always be able to attend, an invitation to the USCF President and USCF Executive Director to participate in the Opening and/or Closing Ceremonies should be formally extended. Official proclamations from the mayors, county executives, and governors are often obtainable. These proclamations may welcome

visiting teams and even designate a “chess week.” The presentation of the National Anthem is required.

16.0 **AWARDS CEREMONY**

16.1 The organizer is responsible for one or more awards ceremonies in keeping with the stature of a national championship.

16.2 The ceremony should last no longer than an hour and a half.

16.3 The list of prize winners should be posted as soon as possible.

16.3.1 In order to minimize errors and when practical, the blitz and bughouse awards lists shall be posted sufficiently ahead of the award’s ceremony to allow for errors to be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director and to allow for corrections to be made. The award’s lists will then be re-posted before the award’s ceremony. This procedure shall be printed in the tournament book.

16.4 The awards presentation order should be announced at the beginning of the ceremony and be included in the tournament book.

16.5 It is recommended that the USCF office representative and USCF Scholastic Council representative announce prize winners. A minimum of three assistants should be available to hand out trophies. Trophies should be displayed in awarding order (this saves time and prevents mistakes and confusion). Award winners should be called up to the stage in an orderly fashion for trophy presentation. Walk them across the stage and read their names.

16.6 The scores of winners should be mentioned and ties acknowledged.

16.7 Individual and team award presentations will be from lowest to highest place.

16.8 A separate area for photography should be provided.

17.0 **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

17.1 The local hospital and police department should be informed of the event.

17.2 All teams should be encouraged to leave a local phone number and/or hotel room number with tournament personnel so they can be contacted in case of emergency.

17.3 No alcohol or tobacco are to be allowed in the tournament contract area.

17.4 For all tournaments where the anticipated attendance is above 1,000 the organizer must supply trained medical personnel on site.

18.0 **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

18.1 These events are paired as individual Swiss system tournaments.

18.2 The combined total of the top four scoring players from the same school determines that team’s score in the **Spring Nationals** and the **National Youth Action Championship**, the top three scoring players in the **K-12/Collegiate Championship**, the **U.S. Junior Open** and the **Junior Chess Congress**.

18.3 Players from the same team will not be paired together unless more *a reasonable pairing cannot be made*. Players from the same state will not be paired together during the first two rounds unless more than 25% of the players in a section or a score group are from the same state. Players from the same state shall not be paired together in the first round unless more than 50% of the players in a section are from the same state. It is strongly recommended that for national tournaments only pairing programs that can accommodate these requirements be used. A waiver from the USCF Scholastic Director is required for the use of non-compliant programs.

18.4 The sections of **Spring Nationals** shall be as follows:

18.4.1 **High School**: K-12 Championship; K-12 Under 1500; K-12 Under 1200; K-12 Under 900; K-12 Unrated

18.4.2 **Middle School/Junior High**: K-9 Championship; K-8 Championship; K-9 Under 1250; K-8 Under 1000; K-8 Under 750; K-9 Unrated

18.4.3 **Elementary**: K-6 Championship; K-5 Championship; K-6 Under 1000; K-5 Under 900; K-6 Unrated

18.4.4 **Primary**: K-3 Championship; K-3 Under 800; K-1 Championship; *K-3 Unrated*

18.5 **K-12 Grade** events

17.5.1 There will be one section for each grade K through 12 and one collegiate section.

18.6 **National Youth Action Championship**

18.6.1 High School: K-12

18.6.2 Middle School/Junior High: K-9

18.6.3 Elementary: K-6

18.6.4 Primary: K-3

18.7 **Junior Chess Congress**

18.7.1 Age 6 and Under

18.7.2 Age 8 and Under

18.7.3 Age 10 and Under

18.7.4 Age 12 and Under

18.7.5 Age 14 and Under

18.7.6 Age 16 and Under

18.7.7 Age 18 and Under

18.7.8 Age 20 and Under

18.8 **U.S. Junior Open**

18.8.1 Under age 21

18.8.2 Under age 15

18.8.3 Under age 11

18.9 The starting time for each round should be as follows:

18.9.1 **Spring Nationals**

Rounds 1-2: Friday 1 pm & 7:00 pm

Rounds 3-4-5: Saturday 9 am, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

- Rounds 6-7: Sunday 9 am & 2:00 pm
- 18.9.2 **K-12/Collegiate Championships**
Rounds 1-2: Friday 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm
Rounds 3-4-5: Saturday 10 am, 2 pm & 6 pm
Rounds 6-7: Sunday 9 am & 1 pm
- 18.9.3 **National Youth Action Championship**
Rounds 1-2-3-4-5: Saturday 10:00 am, 12 noon, 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm & 5:00 pm
Rounds 6-7-8-9: Sunday 10:00 am, 12 noon, 2:00 pm, & 3:30 pm
- 18.9.4 **Junior Chess Congress**
Rounds 1-2-3: Saturday 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm
Rounds 4-5: Sunday 9 am & 1 pm
- 18.9.5 **U.S. Junior Open** round times to be determined by the organizer
- 18.9.6 **National Bughouse Championship** (at all Spring Nationals)
Rounds 1-2-3-4-5-6: Thursday 11 am, 11:45 am, 12:30 pm, 1:15 pm, 2 pm and 2:45 pm
- 18.9.7 **National Blitz Championship** (at all Spring Nationals)
Rounds 1-2-3-4-5-6: Thursday 5 pm, 5:45 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm, 8 pm and 8:45 pm
- 18.10 Time controls:
 - 18.10.1 **Spring Nationals:** G/120.
 - 18.10.1.1 The K-1 section shall have a time control of Game/90.
 - 18.10.1.2 The rule (11D) about two extra minutes for illegal moves will not be imposed during the first hour for each player.
 - 18.10.2 **K-12/Collegiate events:** G/90
 - 18.10.3 **National Youth Action Championship:** G/30
 - 18.10.4 **Junior Chess Congress:** G/90
 - 18.10.5 **U.S. Junior Open:** G/120
- 18.11 Any deviations from the above (18.1-18.10) must be reviewed by the USCF Scholastic Council's representative and approved by the USCF Scholastic Director prior to any advertising of the event.

19.0 **CHESS NOTATION**

- 19.1 The recognized forms of notation are algebraic and descriptive.
- 19.2 Recording of chess notation is required in the K-5 and K-6 Championship sections of the National Elementary, and all sections of the National Middle School/Junior High and the National High School. Chess notation shall be required in Grades 4-12 of the K-12/Collegiate tournament and the K-12, K-9 and K-6 sections of the National Youth Action Championship.
- 19.3 Although strongly encouraged, the recording of chess notation is **not required** in the non-championship sections of the Elementary at the **Spring Nationals**, nor any of the Primary school sections grades K-3 in **any national scholastic event**. However, those not keeping score give up the right to claim draws requiring the corroboration of a score sheet.
- 19.4 Specially designed large scoresheets (available from USCF) must be available for the Elementary events.
- 19.5 Scoresheets must be printed in the tournament program booklet.

20.0 **TIE-BREAKS**

- 20.1 Computer programs are now used to determine pairings, standings and **tie-breaks** for all national scholastic events.
- 20.2 If tie-breaks are done by hand, they should be calculated at the end of the next-to-last-round. Careful preparation for manually calculating tie-breaks is necessary, even when using a computer.
- 20.3 **All** players tied for first place are considered co-winners, but trophies will be awarded based on tie-breaks. In the Spring Nationals, only the winners of a championship section shall be designated **National Champion**. In the National K-12/Collegiate Championships, all section winners shall be designated **National Champion**.
- 20.4 Tie-breaks are used only to award trophies. Players or teams with like scores are equal and may change the plate on their trophy to reflect this (at their own cost).
- 20.5 When individual scores are equal, the following order of tie-break systems will be used to designate individual awards:
 - 20.5.1 Modified Median
 - 20.5.2 Solkoff
 - 20.5.3 Sonneborn-Berger
 - 20.5.4 Cumulative
 - 20.5.5 Kashdan
 - 20.5.6 Game result between tied players
 - 20.5.7 Most Blacks
 - 20.5.8 Coin flip
- 20.6 When team scores are equal, the following order of tie-break systems will be used to designate team awards:
 - 20.6.1 Total individual cumulative
 - 20.6.2 Total Solkoff
 - 20.6.3 Total Sonnenborn-Berger
 - 20.6.4 Total Kashdan
 - 20.6.5 Coin flip

21.0 **CONDUCT OF THE TOURNAMENT**

- 21.1 The top boards should be roped off to highlight the top contestants and also to prevent congestion. Some events have highlighted these boards by isolating them in a central area.
- 21.2 The use of demonstration boards or closed circuit TV to display the top boards is recommended. If closed circuit TV is used,

- place the monitors in a separate room.
- 21.3 The intent is to allow spectators to see the players. Access should not be denied to any person who conducts him or herself properly. The Chief TD and/or the organizer may limit spectator access only for the following two conditions: entries exceed predictions to the point that space limitations prevent full access or unforeseen emergency situations threaten the integrity of the tournament. The tournament staff may clear spectators from the playing hall prior to the start of each round to guarantee that the players have found their places and can hear the signal to start clocks. Once that signal is given, spectators should be allowed to return to the playing hall(s) as soon as possible. No spectators (including players with finished games) should be allowed to sit in any area where tournament games are in progress. Only players and tournament staff are allowed in the aisles between the tables. See the Guide for Spectator Conduct (Appendix E).
 - 21.4 The K-1 section of the Elementary event must be closed to everyone except the players and tournament staff (always be prepared to restrict access when necessary).
 - 21.5 Relatives and coaches of players are not allowed to serve as TDs or volunteers in the same section as participating players.
 - 21.6 Opposing players must fill out and sign the result form indicating the result of the game. A TD will pick up the form at the board.
 - 21.7 Announcements may only be made prior to the start of each round.
 - 21.8 Photography using cameras with flash or audible shutters is restricted to the first ten minutes of each round. Silent, unobtrusive photography will be allowed at all times, unless the tournament staff determines that it is a distraction.
 - 21.9 A list of pairings by team should be provided to coaches at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each round. All players from the team should be listed alphabetically regardless of section. The team pairing lists should be distributed alphabetically by team.

22.0 **TROPHIES & AWARDS**

- 22.1 Trophy size, looks, weight and quality should display the prestige and importance of a *National Chess Championship* event.
- 22.2 Trophies should have chess figures and must be approved by the USCF Scholastic Director *and/or Events Director*. When the Scholastic Director *and/or Events Director* is the organizer, then a designated Scholastic Council representative should approve the trophies. A sample of the 25th place individual/team trophy and the smallest class trophy should be sent to the USCF Scholastic Director *and/or Events Director* for approval a minimum of 90 days prior to the tournament.
- 22.3 Players can win only one individual trophy. Place trophies take precedence over all other trophy awards.
- 22.4 Trophy sizes in each **Championship section** will be the same size. They will also be larger than the trophies in the other sections. Team and individual trophies in Championship sections must be the same size and be graduated from a **minimum** 48" in height (for first place) down to a **minimum** of 24" (for the lowest place). Team and individual trophies in other sections must be the same size and graduated from a **minimum** 42" in height (for first place) down to a **minimum** of 20" (for the lowest place). Rating class trophies should be smaller than the lowest place trophies, but no smaller than 14".
- 22.5 Minimum number of trophies:
 - 22.5.1 For **each section** of **Spring Nationals**: The greater of Top **25 individual** and **team** or 10 individual and 5 team trophies per 100 players in each section (average attendance in the past two years); plus plaques for 4 players and coach of top five teams; and following class trophies:
 - 22.5.1.1 **High School**:
 - K-12 Championship**: 1600-1799, 1400-1599, U1400, UNR
 - 22.5.1.2 **Middle School/Junior High**
 - K-9 Championship**: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199, U1000, UNR
 - K-8 Championship**: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199, U1000, UNR
 - 22.5.1.3 **Elementary**
 - K-6 Championships**: 1200-1399, 1000-1199, 800-999, U800, UNR
 - K-5 Championships**: 1200-1399, 1000-1199, 800-999, U800, UNR
 - K-3 Primary Championships**: 800-999, 600-799, U600, UNR
 - K-1**: All players in this section receive a trophy.
 - 22.5.1.4 **National Bughouse Championship**
 - National High School**: K-12 section
 - National Junior High/Middle School**: K-9 section
 - National Elementary**: K-6 section
 - Supnationals**: K-12 section, K-9 section and K-6 section
 - 22.5.1.5 **National Blitz Championship**
 - National High School**: K-12 section
 - National Junior High/Middle School**: K-9 section
 - National Elementary**: K-6 section and K-3 section
 - Supnationals**: K-12 section, K-9 section, K-6 section and K-3 section
 - 22.5.2 Each grade level of the **K-12/Collegiate Championships**: **Top ten individuals** and **five teams** per 100 players in each section (averaged over the past two years); and following class awards:

Grade						
12	1400-1599	1200-1399	1000-1199	Under 1000		Unrated
11	1400-1599	1200-1399	1000-1199	Under 1000		Unrated
10	1400-1599	1200-1399	1000-1199	Under 1000		Unrated
9		1200-1399	1000-1199	800-999	Under 800	Unrated
8		1200-1399	1000-1199	800-999	Under 800	Unrated
7		1200-1399	1000-1199	800-999	Under 800	Unrated
6			1000-1199	800-999	600-799	Under 600 Unrated

5	1000-1199	800-999	600-799	Under 600	Unrated
4	1000-1199	800-999	600-799	Under 600	Unrated
3		800-999	600-799	Under 600	Unrated
2		800-999	600-799	Under 600	Unrated
1		800-999	600-799	Under 600	Unrated
K		800-999	600-799	Under 600	Unrated

22.5.3 Each grade level of the **National Youth Action Championship**: Top 25 individuals in each section and top 15 teams.

22.5.4 Each age group of the **Junior Chess Congress**: Top 10 individual finishers in each section and top 5 teams.

22.5.5 In addition to the minimum number of trophies listed above extra trophies should be awarded based on the following calculation: Add the total number of players who have participated in each section over the last two years and divide the average number by 6. These trophies should be awarded only in the case that the final number exceeds the minimum requirement. These additional trophies may be allocated to those tied with place trophy winners.

22.5.6 Ribbons and certificates for each participant have been used effectively at these events. Such items need no ceremonies and may be handed out at the results table. Organizers should be aware that tangible awards of some nature are necessary for the enhancement of these nationals. Plans for awards should be included in the bid and in advance publicity for the event.

22.5.7 Special trophies (gender specific trophies, etc.) are prohibited. Grade trophies are prohibited at all Spring Nationals.

22.5.8 Do not accept donations of extra trophies without the approval of the Scholastic Director.

22.5.9 For all Side Event tournaments the minimum awards will be equal to the minimum offered in the championship section of that tournament. See Appendices for specific information on the Blitz and Bughouse.

23.0 **COACHES', PARENTS, AND SPECTATORS' MEETINGS**

23.1 A coaches', parents', and spectators' meeting will be held prior to the first round, so that the chief TD can brief all interested parties on the rules, regulations and procedures to be followed during the tournament (these meetings have proven invaluable to veteran as well as freshmen coaches). Participation is recommended, and such meetings should be announced well in advance to allow everyone a chance to plan their attendance. The specific location of the meeting should be well advertised in the tournament booklet and with signs in the tournament facility.

23.2 The USCF Scholastic Director and Scholastic Committee Chairperson (or designee) will co-chair a meeting concerning USCF scholastic programs and discussion of national scholastic issues. The Scholastic Chairperson will prepare the agenda for the meeting and have it available at the meeting. This meeting should last no longer than an hour and is usually scheduled for Saturday starting a half hour after the afternoon round begins.

23.3 The Scholastic Committee Chairperson (or designee) will conduct a coaches' meeting concerning the evaluation of the tournament. The tournament organizer, chief TD, and USCF Scholastic Director should attend this meeting which is usually scheduled for Sunday starting a half hour after the morning round begins. This meeting should last no longer than one hour.

23.4 Whenever possible a coaches forum for the open exchange of coaching ideas among those present will be scheduled. Once during round 2 and again during round 5 would be ideal. This meeting will be chaired by a member of the Scholastic Council. This forum is not to replace any other scheduled meeting involving the coaches.

23.5 Additional coaches meetings and seminars are encouraged.

23.6 No other meetings of any kind will be scheduled at the same time as the meetings above.

24.0 **INTERNET COVERAGE**

24.1 The organizer must set up a web page for each national event.

24.2 The web page should be available on-line at least six months prior to the event and link to the USCF website.

24.3 The information posted on the web page must be exclusively relevant to the event.

24.4 A complete list of all players and additional information must be posted at least 10 days before the event and updated on a regular basis.

25.0 **RECOMMENDED SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

25.1 Provide a large map of the United States, with pins or flags indicating the home town of participants.

25.2 The tournament site can be decorated with banners prominently displaying the names and home towns of participating schools.

25.3 Provide coaches with names and addresses of attending schools.

25.4 Provide coaches with a copy of the USCF tournament crosstable as soon as it is available.

25.5 Organized activities for players add to the attractiveness of these events. Such activities, including simultaneous exhibitions or lectures by famous players, are recommended.

25.6 A social hour to enable players from different parts of the country to meet is desirable, but not mandated.

25.7 It is strongly recommended that side events (blitz tournaments, etc.) be completed on the day before the start of a national scholastic.

26.0 **SUPERNATIONAL BIDS**

On occasion, USCF may solicit interest from local organizers interested in developing a Super National Tournament, i.e. a concurrent, co-located tournament of all three Spring Nationals.

26.1 Super Nationals must follow all of the specifications in the previous sections of these regulations in addition to the regulations in this section.

26.2 The deadline for expressions of interest will be April 1, three years prior to the event.

26.3 Super Nationals may be held no more frequently than every four years. The first Super National was held in 1997.

26.4 The site review process may include an on-site visit by a committee (to include a USCF staff representative, a disinterested member of the Scholastic Committee, and a third person to be selected by the Executive Board). The purpose of this visit is

not limited to, but shall include the following:

- 26.4.1 To review the physical layout of the tournament site, including playing, skittles, recreation, and parent waiting areas.
- 26.4.2 To examine issues of crowd control consistent with moving very large numbers in and out of specific areas within a limited time.
- 26.4.3 To address issues of logistics and safety, particularly the concerns of parents of young players.
- 26.4.4 To determine the number and accessibility of non-site food service establishments which will remain open during tournament hours.
- 26.5 In the written expression of interest, the organizer shall address all of the above items as well as the following areas of concern:
 - 26.5.1 The registration process.
 - 26.5.2 The recruiting, training, and level of expertise of the floor TD staff.
 - 26.5.3 Provision for correcting TD errors, particularly data entry errors that affect a player's score and pairing, prior to the start of the next round.
 - 26.5.4 Back-up computer systems.
 - 26.5.5 Transportation from hotels to the playing site.
 - 26.5.6 Availability of moderately priced lodging close to the site for all players and families.
 - 26.5.7 Ensuring that players from the same team will be lodged at the same location, if a housing-type organization is used for reservations.

APPENDIX A

National Scholastic Blitz *Championship* Regulations

A1.0 It is highly encouraged to have a Blitz Tournament as a side event at all National Scholastic events. However, the only Blitz Tournaments that will be considered as National Championships will be those associated with the Spring Nationals.

A2.0 Rules

- A2.1 All games will be played under Game-5 time control.*
- A2.2 Each player will play each opponent twice, once as white and once as black. The lower rated player has choice of color for the first game.*
- A2.3 The Chief Tournament Director has the discretion of Touch Move or Clock Move. However, whichever is used it must be listed on the USCF website in an appropriate easy-to-find location. Clock Move is recommended.*

A3.0 Tournament Format

A3.1 Sections will be divided as follows:

National High School: K-12 Championship and K-8 section

National Junior High/Middle School: K-9 Championship and K-6 section

National Elementary: K-6 Championship and K-3 Championship

SuperNationals: K-12 Championship, K-9 Championship, K-6 Championship, K-3 Championship

A3.2 It is recommended that the tournament be a six round double-swiss tournament.

A3.3 No round is to begin after 9:30pm.

A3.4 Entries are to be online (when available) and are also allowed onsite up to 4:00pm on the tournament day. Contestants in line at 4pm will be allowed to register. Additional entrants may be allowed at the discretion of the Chief TD and Tournament Organizer.

A3.5 Round I shall begin at 5:00 on Thursday.

A3.6 The National Championship should be decided over the board, provided that there are only two or three players tied with the top score. There will be extra round(s) only between those two or three at a time to be determined by the Chief Tournament Director. If there are four or more players in the top score group then tiebreaks shall determine the National Champion and all of those tied will have the title "National Champion" even though tiebreaks will determine trophy presentation.

A4.0 The individual and team awards for the Championship Section, as explained in A3.1 above, shall be the same as in the Championship Section for that Spring National. Other sections will have the number of awards that are deemed necessary based on projected attendance.

APPENDIX B

National Scholastic Bughouse Championship *Regulations*

B1.0 It is highly encouraged to have a Bughouse Tournament as a side event at all National Scholastic events. However, the only Bughouse Tournaments that will be considered as National Championships will be those associated with the Spring Nationals.

B2.0 Tournament Format

B2.1 Sections will be divided as follows:

National High School: K-12 Championship and K-8 section

National Junior High/Middle School: K-9 Championship and K-6 section

National Elementary: K-6 Championship

SuperNationals: K-12 Championship, K-9 Championship, K-6 Championship.

B2.2 The tournament will begin at 11:00am on Thursday.

B2.3 All entries are to be onsite on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, with registration stopping at 10:00am. Contestants in line at 10am will be allowed to register. Additional entrants may be allowed at the discretion of the Chief TD and Tournament Organizer.

B2.4 The rules that are to be followed for a National Bughouse tournament are to be displayed at an appropriate easy-to-find location on the USCF website.

B3.0 The team awards for the Championship Section, as explained in B2.1 above, shall be the same as in the Championship Section for that Spring National. Other sections will have the number of awards that are deemed necessary based on projected attendance.

APPENDIX C
Parents and Friends Tournament

As a means to include adults in the National Scholastic Championships, the organizer is encouraged to conduct a "Parents and Friends Tournament". The format, schedule and prize fund shall be up to the organizer with the exception of the following additional trophies for the following pairs:

- a. Father – Child
- b. Mother – Child
- c. Brother – Child
- d. Sister – Child
- e. Aunt – Child
- f. Uncle – Child
- g. Cousin – Child
- h. Coach – Child
- i. Grandfather – Child
- j. Grandmother - Child

where 'Child' refers to a player in any section of the National Championship. Players in the Parents and Friends Tournament shall be solely responsible for informing the TD of that section of all relationships that they qualify for including the section the 'Child' is playing in. Prizes will be awarded based on the sum of the Parents and Friends Tournament participant and their 'Child' based on an equal number of rounds. If there are four rounds in the Parents and Friends Tournament, the "Child's" score after the first four rounds is taken. Awards will be handed out at Chess Control the last day of the main tournament. A pair of trophies will be awarded to the winners of each pairing.

APPENDIX D - FORMS

National Tournament Proposal

Tournament: _____ Dates: _____
 Site: _____ Sq. Ft. _____
 Location: City: _____ State: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Affiliate: _____ ID#: _____
 Organizer: _____
 Organizer's Telephone #'s: H (____) _____ W (____) _____
 Chief TD: _____
 Chief TD's Telephone #'s: H (____) _____ W (____) _____
 Primary Hotel: _____
 Primary Hotel Rates: Sgl: _____ Dbl: _____ Trl: _____ Qd: _____
 Secondary Hotel: _____
 Secondary Hotel Rates: Sgl: _____ Dbl: _____ Trl: _____ Qd: _____
 Secondary Hotel: _____
 Secondary Hotel Rates: Sgl: _____ Dbl: _____ Trl: _____ Qd: _____
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Area history of national and large non-national events:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>	<u>Event</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Organizer's experience:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>	<u>Event</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Chief TD's experience:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>	<u>Event</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Prize Distribution (list any prizes to be awarded other than those listed in the National Tournament Regulations - please be specific):

PLANNING BUDGET

Expenses:	Administrative supplies.....	\$ _____
	Advertising.....	\$ _____
	Commemorative boards & sets.....	\$ _____
	Computer/printer rental.....	\$ _____
	Computer/printer supplies.....	\$ _____
	Insurance.....	\$ _____
	Miscellaneous.....	\$ _____
	Photo Copier rental.....	\$ _____
	Photo Copier supplies.....	\$ _____
	Playing site rental.....	\$ _____
	Postage.....	\$ _____
	Rating Fees.....	\$ _____
	Security.....	\$ _____
	Shipping.....	\$ _____
	Tables & Chairs.....	\$ _____
	Telephone.....	\$ _____
	Tournament Director expenses.....	\$ _____
	Trophies/Awards (Main Tourn).....	\$ _____
	Trophies/Awards (Side Tourn).....	\$ _____
	T-Shirts.....	\$ _____
	Other (list) _____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	Total Expenses.....	\$ _____

Income:	Commemorative Boards & Sets.....	\$ _____
	Concessionaire Fees.....	\$ _____
	Donations & Contributions.....	\$ _____
	Entry Fee - Main Tourn. (Advance).....	\$ _____
	Entry Fee - Main Tourn. (On-site).....	\$ _____
	Entry Fee - Side Tourn. (Advance).....	\$ _____
	Entry Fee - Side Tourn. (On-site).....	\$ _____
	Sponsorship.....	\$ _____
	Tournament Program Advertising.....	\$ _____
	T-Shirts.....	\$ _____
	Other (list) _____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
	Total Income.....	\$ _____
	Total Net Income.....	\$ _____

SITE EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Location:

1. In safe area.....YES [] NO []
2. Accessible to public transportation..... YES [] NO []
3. Accessible to handicapped..... YES [] NO []
4. Food available near by..... YES [] NO []

Playing Site:

1. Playing site free.....YES [] NO []
2. Based on hotel room occupancy..... YES [] NO []
3. Available 24 hours per day..... YES [] NO []
4. Has minimum required sq. ft. per player..... YES [] NO []
5. Adequate lighting throughout playing rooms..... YES [] NO []
6. Ample tables (w/ table cloths) and chairs..... YES [] NO []
7. Adequate climate control..... YES [] NO []
8. Carpeted or other sound cushioning material..... YES [] NO []
9. Adequate climate control.....YES [] NO []
10. Frequent water service provided.....YES [] NO []
11. Room setup free or part of site fee..... YES [] NO []
12. Adequate number of restrooms nearby..... YES [] NO []
13. Sufficient wall space available nearby..... YES [] NO []
14. Separate analysis area available..... YES [] NO []
15. Securable TD room.....YES [] NO []
16. Securable Concessionaire Room..... YES [] NO []
17. Large & accessible registration area..... YES [] NO []
18. Photocopier available..... YES [] NO []
19. Outside contractors allowed.....YES [] NO []

20. Adequate skittles area available..... YES [] NO []
21. Adequate spectators area.....YES [] NO []
- Guest Rooms:
1. At or near playing site..... YES [] NO []
2. Adequate block of rooms reserved..... YES [] NO []
3. Alternate lodging near playing site..... YES [] NO []
4. Reduced room rates.....YES [] NO []
5. Guests responsible for own charges..... YES [] NO []
6. Complimentary room(s) available..... YES [] NO []
7. Complimentary suite(s) available..... YES [] NO []
8. Recreational facilities available..... YES [] NO []
- Site Arrangements:
1. Management easily accessible..... YES [] NO []
2. Hotel rebates per room-night available..... YES [] NO []
3. Hotel(s) to provide post-convention report..... YES [] NO []
4. Hotel(s) agreement contract enclosed..... YES [] NO []

PROPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH USCF

I _____ agree to fulfill the terms of this proposal and to abide by the USCF National Tournament Regulations. As the organizer, I will make every effort to ensure the integrity and success of this event:

(Proposed Event)

- We request that USCF provide concessions for this event.
- We request that other concessionaire options be discussed.

Signature

Date

- Playing site agreement included.
- Hotel agreement included.
- Hotel brochures included.
- Playing area diagram included.

APPENDIX E

Guide for Spectator Conduct

2. Do NOT stand in front of or make eye contact with the player whose game you are observing.
3. Do NOT “camp out” at one game.
4. Do NOT make faces or gestures or convey in any graphic way an opinion of a game being observed.
5. Do NOT discuss or even whisper opinions of a game being observed.
6. Do NOT speak privately with any player at or away from the board while his/her game is in progress.
7. Do NOT assume the role of TD and intervene for any reason such as pointing out illegal moves, etc.
8. Do NOT make any noise, such as opening a bag of potato chips, within earshot of a game in progress.
9. Do NOT discuss a game at its conclusion if other games are being played in the vicinity, and do NOT analyze a game at a board in the tournament room.
10. Do NOT take pictures after the first ten minutes when using flash or a camera with an audible shutter.
11. Do NOT take pictures at any time from a location which makes you an obvious distraction to the players.
12. Do NOT attempt to enforce rules yourself.
13. DO report instances of cheating or rule violations by players or other spectators to the TD staff. Do NOT discuss instances of cheating or rules violations with the perpetrators.
14. Do comply with any requests or instructions issued by tournament staff.

This guide shall be prominently posted at multiple locations. PASSED Without Objection 09/09/05

DOCUMENT C - BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT OUTSOURCING

USCF BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT OUTSOURCING: A REPORT
by Bill Goichberg

USCF first invited bids for the outsourcing of its books and equipment business in 2001. Hanon Russell of Chess Cafe submitted the bid that was considered best, but after discussions between Russell and USCF President John McCrary, the Federation decided to remain selling its own books and equipment.

In 2003, USCF again called for B&E outsourcing bids, and this time the Board considered the bid submitted by Malcolm Pein to be best. VP of Finance Tim Hanke was appointed to negotiate with Pein, but also authorized to contact other vendors. He apparently spoke only to Pein, and presented a contract for Board approval at its January 2004 meeting. I was USCF Office Manager at the time and would be named Executive Director at that meeting.

The Pein proposal offered a 12% base commission, no minimum guarantee, and required USCF to provide six pages of free advertising in each issue of Chess Life. I thought we could do better, and in view of Russell's strong bid two years before, asked Hanke if he had contacted Russell.

He had not, and didn't object to me doing so. Russell expressed strong interest, but it was only a few days before the meeting and he needed more time to prepare a bid. At the meeting, the Board postponed a decision and allowed me three weeks to negotiate with vendors.

I suggested to bidders that a substantial guarantee was justified based on USCF's sales figures (over \$2.8 million) for its most recent fiscal year, 2002-2003, and these negotiations resulted in three bids that all appeared far superior for USCF to the original Pein bid. However, none of the bidders offered a personal guarantee of payment and I should have requested this.

Pein improved his offer with a \$250,000 guarantee, but Russell offered a \$350,000 guarantee, and another bidder even more. Russell offered the highest base commission with 13.5% followed by Pein with 12%, and all accepted paying USCF's cost price for Chess Life advertising.

An important issue for the Board was whether the outsourcer would run a separate non-USCF retail business in competition with USCF. Russell offered to merge his existing retail sales with those of USCF and promised to do 100% USCF retail sales only. The other two major bidders declined to do this, intending to continue their separate non-USCF retail businesses.

The Board unanimously selected Chess Cafe, and a contract was signed expiring in 2007, with the vendor having an option to renew for five more years.

However, Tim Hanke, though voting for the contract, said that the \$350,000 minimum guarantee was much too high and doubted that Chess Cafe would be able to pay it. Unfortunately, Tim proved correct as first year sales were only about \$1.32 million, less than half of USCF's reported sales for 2002-2003.

I found Russell easy to work with, and he helped USCF in a number of ways not mandated by contract, for example: 1) Making a \$15,000 payment for April 2004 sales a month early on request to help USCF's cash flow, and offering to do the same for May 2004 (but the federation no longer needed this help then), 2) Filling back orders that USCF could not handle and requiring no payment for many months, 3) Sponsoring the USCF Grand Prix, the first corporate sponsorship for this event since 1998, 4) Encouraging suppliers to advertise in Chess Life, 5) Referring a sponsorship lead to USCF, 6) Mailing 40,000 catalogs to schools at ChessCafe's expense, 7) Permitting USCF's "Warehouse Clearance Sale," which under the terms of the contract he could have forbidden.

As USCF Sales under ChessCafe offered much faster service than USCF had done previously, I expected sales to increase, and was shocked when they were less than half of expectations right from the start, with only modest improvement after that. Several hundred thousand dollars of sales were lost because Russell was too busy setting up his mail/web/phone operations to sell at the spring 2004 National Scholastics, but even taking this into consideration, the numbers were poor. Russell expressed the opinion that there must have been a mistake in USCF's records and 2002-2003 sales could not possibly have been over \$2.8 million, but he did not push the point and no action was taken to review the accuracy of those figures. It eventually came to light that the \$2.8 million number Russell had been given by USCF included shipping and handling charges as well as sales, so the actual sales number for 2002-2003 was about \$400,000 less than he was led to believe.

Other factors suggested by Board members as possibly contributing to poor sales included: 1) Unusually aggressive competition from discounters, 2) Customers going elsewhere after hearing that USCF was no longer doing the sales, 3) Inadequate marketing by Chess Cafe.

On March 31, 2005 Chess Cafe completed its first full outsourcing year, having paid commissions to USCF of \$177,000. An additional \$173,000 was apparently due to USCF for the first year of the guarantee. When the Executive Board met in May, Russell told them that Chess Cafe already had a substantial loss even without the \$173,000 payment due, and was not able to continue in business as USCF Sales unless the contract was renegotiated. He also said that he would cease making monthly

payments until a new contract was signed, and offered to place such payments in escrow. However, if he had placed money in escrow, he could have subsequently prevented its release by not agreeing to a modified contract.

The withholding of the monthly commissions was intended to produce immediate Board action regarding renegotiation, but this tactic may have been counterproductive. Both the existing Board and the new one installed in August appeared supportive of renegotiating to help our partner stay in business under unexpectedly difficult circumstances, but the cessation of the monthly payments became the prime argument against continuing to do business with Chess Cafe. Don Schultz, who was on both the new and old Boards, supported a substantial restructuring of the contract to assist Chess Cafe until the monthly payments were halted, at which point he became strongly opposed to continuation of the Chess Cafe contract. It should also be noted that Chess Cafe was not technically in default of contract provisions because to produce default, USCF needed to give legal notice of default and await a 30 day cure period, and never gave such notice.

Negotiations with Chess Cafe then took place for several months without agreement. In July the Board considered a proposal that resulted from talks between Beatriz Marinello and Hanon Russell, which **according to an email sent to that Board by Bill Hall on 7/4/05**, would have resulted in the following: 1) Minimum annual guarantee reduced to \$250,000. 2) Chess Cafe pays \$73,000 towards first year to bring total paid up to \$250,000. 3) Chess Cafe retains tournament sales rights. 4) Commission is reduced to 10% on the first \$2.5 million and 13% above that figure. 5) Chess Cafe exercises their option to renew until 2012. Don Schultz argued that a decision should be left to the new Board, and the Board agreed.

Beatriz Marinello does not agree that the above paragraph accurately reflects the history of renegotiation by the previous Board, and feels that we lack sufficient information to reproduce the exact discussions and proposals that took place.

When the new Board was installed in August at Phoenix, we discussed a new offer from Russell which included a 10% commission, found it unacceptable, and based on our discussion, ED Bill Hall presented the Board with a memo listing suggested terms for a counter offer along with some negotiating instructions. My understanding was that I was to negotiate with Russell according to the terms and instructions of the Hall memo and that if a satisfactory agreement could not be reached within two weeks, Bill Hall would contact other vendors. Don Schultz and Joel Channing disagreed with my understanding of the situation, and felt that Hall was asked to immediately contact other vendors.

The Hall memo included these changes:

1. USCF to excuse half of Chess Cafe's \$173,000 debt for the first outsourcing year.
2. The commission on the first \$2 million in sales to be lowered from 13.5% to 12%. The commission on sales over \$2 million to remain at 15%.
3. Chess Cafe, which under the existing contract had an option to renew for five more years (4/1/07 to 3/31/12), would be required to exercise that option.
4. The minimum annual guarantee after year one to be reduced from \$350,000 to \$150,000.
5. Chess Cafe to give up all tournament sales rights effective 1/1/06; these rights will return to USCF which will offer them for bidding. (Note: We estimate that by bidding out these rights we will probably earn at least \$60,000).

I presented an offer to Russell that was slightly more favorable to USCF than the minimum authorized by the Hall memo, and after he suggested changes and I did the same, we agreed to recommend to the Board an agreement modified in a way the Board had not anticipated. One change not requested by the Board that I asked for and Russell agreed to was to provide a personal guarantee of Chess Cafe's annual minimum payment. The Board's reaction to this new proposal appeared negative. Meanwhile, some Board members urged Hall to contact other vendors and he did contact five major B & E retailers, saying that we might be taking bids and inviting them to make offers. Only one of these, Malcolm Pein, expressed interest in bidding to run USCF Sales overall, although several others were interested in tournament sales rights only.

Russell expressed disappointment that the Board seemed unwilling to accept the agreement he and I had discussed and was not making a counter proposal. He asked whether there was any Board offer which, if he accepted it, would resolve the matter. I replied by again presenting the original Board proposal based on the Hall memo, with Russell's personal guarantee added, and Russell agreed to these terms.

I thought the matter was settled, but those opposed to the agreement argued that we were not bound by our offer. A Board conference call was scheduled for September 18 to vote on the proposed agreement.

Arguments made for the agreement included:

A) Market conditions had changed, competition had become far more intense, the \$2.8 million 2002-2003 USCF sales number bidders had relied on was not a realistic expectation, and it would be in our interest to help our outsourcing partner succeed.

B) We made an offer and we should stand behind it.

C) If we switched vendors, it was unclear how much we could collect from Chess Cafe of the approximately \$235,000 they appeared to owe us. Taking legal action against this corporation to collect might result in their bankruptcy. Also, it was too late to change vendors without severely impacting the holiday sales season.

D) When we switched from USCF to Chess Cafe in April 2004, sales immediately collapsed even though USCF cooperated with the switch. A second switch from Chess Cafe to a new vendor would likely result in ChessCafe retaining some of its customers, hurting USCF sales further.

E) The only other major vendor who seemed interested had a conflict of interest, running several other B & E sales operations which would compete with USCF.

F) Compelling Chess Cafe to exercise its option to renew for five years (2007-2012) was favorable for USCF, as otherwise Chess Cafe would likely renew if sales were good but try to negotiate a better deal if they were not.

Arguments made against the agreement included:

A) We should no longer deal with Russell because his withholding of payments was unethical. (All Board members agreed that the withholding of payments was improper, but some felt that we should go ahead with the agreement anyway. It was also argued that we knew he was withholding payments when we made our offer.)

B) We were not bound by our offer because Russell's withholding of payments was unethical.

C) We were not bound by our offer because Russell had rejected it. (It was disputed that he had rejected it).

D) Another vendor could promote sales more effectively.

E) We could switch vendors without significantly hurting sales.

F) The deal was unacceptable because Russell had offered a better deal to the previous Board which that Board did not accept.

G) Requiring ChessCafe to renew until 2012 was unfavorable for USCF because we don't want them to renew.

At the September 18 call, the following motion was introduced:

Bill Goichberg - The contract between USCF and Chess Cafe shall be modified as follows

1. Chess Cafe relinquishes the rights to sell at all national tournaments after 12/31/05.
2. USCF accepts \$86,500.00 from Chess Cafe to settle all obligations between Chess Cafe and USCF through March 31, 2005. The \$86,500.00 shall be paid as follows: \$43,250.00 upon the signing of the revised agreement and \$43,500.00 within one year thereafter.
3. Chess Cafe immediately pays commission fees to USCF for April, May, June, and July 2005 at 13.5%.
4. From August 1, 2005, the commission rates will be 12.0% on the first \$2,000.00 and 15.0% on sales above \$2,000.00.
5. Chess Cafe may bid for the sales rights at tournaments run by USCF, or sell its products at tournaments not run by USCF. For tournaments run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF is to be negotiated. For tournaments not run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF will be 5%. All sales at tournaments are considered to be part of the overall sales referred to in #4.
6. Guarantee for all years of the contract after the first is reduced to \$150,000.00.
7. Chess Cafe exercise the option to extend the contract through March 31, 2012.
8. Contract subject to Tennessee Law.
9. Chess Cafe will pay the legal fees incurred by the USCF connected with the revision of this agreement, provided that Chess Cafe's obligation shall be limited to \$1,000.00 in such fees.

10. Hanon Russell will personally guarantee the \$150,000.00 minimum annual payment for the duration of the contract. He will also provide a representation that his personal net worth is between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, and is willing to show Bill Goichberg or Bill Hall his personal financial statement (but not transmit a copy) on the condition that the USCF representative viewing the statement not reveal details to anyone, and only report to the Board their conclusion regarding his net worth.
11. Upon a Board vote in favor of this motion, Chess Cafe shall send checks to Harry Sabine to hold on behalf of the USCF for the April through July 2005 payments and the first half of the \$86,500.00 due. Harry Sabine will be authorized to release these funds to USCF upon the signing of the revised contract.
12. The Chess cafe sponsorship of the Grand Prix will for the present time not be extended for 2006. Future talks between USCF and Chess Cafe are envisioned with the objective of continuing this sponsorship.

Robert Tanner was absent from this call. The motion failed on a 2-2 tie vote with Goichberg and Shahade in favor, Channing and Schultz opposed, and Marinello abstaining.

Joel Channing then moved a similar motion, but with the agreement expiring in May 2008.

Joel Channing - The contract between USCF and ChessCafe shall be modified as follows

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5. Chess Cafe may bid for the sales rights at tournaments run by USCF, or sell its products at tournaments not run by USCF. For tournaments run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF is to be negotiated. For tournaments not run by USCF, the commission rate to be paid to USCF will be 5%. All sales at tournaments are considered to be part of the overall sales referred to in #4.
6. Guarantee for all years of the contract after the first is reduced to \$150,000.00.
7. The contract will be modified so the option date is May 31, 2008 and the decision will require the approval of both parties.
8. Contract subject to Tennessee Law.
9. Chess Cafe will pay the legal fees incurred by the USCF connected with the revision of this agreement, provided that Chess Cafe's obligation shall be limited to \$1,000.00 in such fees.
10. Hanon Russell will personally guarantee the \$150,000.00 minimum annual payment for the duration of the contract. He will also provide a representation that his personal net worth is between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, and is willing to show Bill Goichberg or Bill Hall his personal financial statement (but not transmit a copy) on the condition that the USCF representative viewing the statement not reveal details to anyone, and only report to the Board their conclusion regarding his net worth.
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12. The Chess Cafe sponsorship of the Grand Prix will for the present time not be extended for 2006. Future talks between USCF and Chess Cafe are envisioned with the objective of continuing this sponsorship.
13. USCF reserves the right to not agree to the revised contract if we find the audit to be unsatisfactory.

This passed 4-1, with Channing, Goichberg, Marinello and Shahade in favor and Schultz opposed. However, Russell found the terms unacceptable, saying that he had agreed to the Board's offer which included 2012 rather than 2008.

Several weeks of further Board discussion followed. Pein submitted a bid but then withdrew, and another conference call was scheduled for Oct 8. I thought the motion that had ended in a tie vote on Sept 18 would now pass easily. However, a few hours before our call, we received an improved proposal from Pein with the same guarantee as ChessCafe but a slightly larger percentage. This proposal, a 3 year agreement, called for USCF to receive the same commission as the ChessCafe agreement with up to \$1.167 million in sales, and annually \$12,500 more on \$1.25 million, \$20,000 more on \$1.5 million, \$27,500 more on \$1.75 million, and \$35,000 more on \$2 million or more.

This new proposal also attempted to address the conflict of interest issue by offering USCF a commission on any increase in sales by Chess4Less, a competing business owned by Pein. This appeared to satisfy some Board members, but I remained concerned about the conflict of interest issue, and believe that it should be a requirement for our outsourcing partner to fold all existing retail B & E business into USCF Sales and to represent USCF only.

At the Oct 8 conference call, the ChessCafe motion was on the agenda and Channing moved to substitute a motion to consider the Pein proposal instead. This failed on a 3-3 tie vote with Channing, Marinello and Schultz in favor and Goichberg, Shahade and Tanner opposed. The ChessCafe motion then was voted on and failed to pass 2-3 with Goichberg and Tanner in favor, Channing, Shahade and Schultz opposed, and Marinello abstaining.

After some discussion, Channing broke the deadlock by moving to accept the ChessCafe motion with some changes: 1) USCF would send a CPA to audit ChessCafe's records and the audit would have to be acceptable, 2) In the event of default by ChessCafe, the 30 day default period and cure period would be reduced to 15 days, 3) The contract would be extended to 2009, with automatic further extension to 2012 if all of ChessCafe's payments were timely. This motion passed 5-1 with Schultz opposed.

Hanon Russell, though objecting that the Board having already made an agreement should not ask for new conditions, accepted the changes. Grant Perks was sent to Connecticut to do the ChessCafe audit and reported that everything seemed in order. Grant also pointed out that USCF's sales records included shipping and handling charges as part of gross sales. This seems an odd practice, and one I was unaware of; I inadvertently had probably caused all the bidders in 2004 to overbid by reporting the numbers to them as being simply sales.

An addendum to the existing contract was then prepared by the attorneys for each side. Channing favored allowing USCF to cancel the extension from 2009 to 2012 on any late payment by ChessCafe with no cure period, and opposed the agreement because a cure period still applied.

The final version was approved by the Board on November 21 by a vote of 4-2 with Schultz and Channing opposed.

Don Schultz and Joel Channing have submitted the following statements, which I believe well explain the thinking of Board members in opposing, or being reluctant to approve, the ChessCafe agreement

STATEMENT BY DON SCHULTZ:

I understand and respect the reasons why my fellow Board members decided to go with a revised B and E contract with Chess Cafe. Nevertheless, I must point out why I disagreed with and argued so vehemently against that decision.

Chess Cafe withheld payments to us for approximately a quarter of a million dollars. It was clear to me this was done to intimidate us into agreeing to a revised contract more favorable to them. I believe we acted under duress. I also believe that there was a reasonable alternative on the table submitted by Malcolm Pein. I further am concerned over Chess Cafe's ability to expand our B and E business to its full potential.

Having said that, I hope everything works out well and wish our partner success.

STATEMENT BY JOEL CHANNING:

I have mixed emotions about the outcome of the Chess Cafe matter, but I do believe that the Board members acted in good faith throughout the lengthy and sometimes heated debate. Due to the lack of a substantive guarantee, the original agreement was flawed from the start, which, in turn, allowed the subcontractor to create leverage against us by withholding payments. USCF, including this and the previous Board, might not have acted as quickly and decisively as it could have, thus allowing the leverage of the subcontractor to grow. I disagree with much of the rationale contained in the above-presented Board statement, but, overall, it is a correct presentation of the chronology and actions taken to settle the matter.

The implementation was approved by the Board at the November 6 meeting by motion EB06-018. The wording follows:

WHEREAS The Executive Board of the Corporation entered into an Outstanding Agreement dated April 1, 2004, by and between the Corporation and Cybercafes, LLC d/b/a ChessCafe.com (Outstanding Agreement) pursuant to which CyberCafes, LLC will handle all retail sales of the Corporation's chess products and publications on an exclusive basis; and

WHEREAS the Executive Board of the Corporation now desires to enter into an addendum to the Outsourcing Agreement modifying various terms of the agreement; and

WHEREAS after analysis and discussion, the Members of the Executive Board of the Corporation have determined that it would be in the best interest of the Corporation to execute and deliver the Addendum to the Outsourcing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS:

RESOLVED, that the Executive Board has approved and consented to the Addendum to Outsourcing Agreement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and be it further

RESOLVED, that Bill Hall, as Executive Director of the Corporation be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation to execute and deliver the Addendum to Outsourcing Agreement.

Date: November 6, 2005

United States of America Chess Federation

By: _____

Robert Tanner, Secretary

By: _____

Bill Hall, Executive Director

By: _____

Bill Goichberg, President

DOCUMENT D

USCF INVITATIONAL EVENT REQUIREMENTS – (revised: February, 2006)

The following are the general requirements for USCF national and international invitations. Contact the USCF office for more details. Whenever possible, invitations shall be issued several months prior to the scheduled beginning of the event. Eligibility for USCF invitations shall be based on several factors including rating, age (if applicable), activity, and residency. Players must be USCF members in good standing at the time of invitation. Reasonable efforts shall be made to accommodate players with expired memberships who would otherwise qualify for USCF invitations.

RATING - Players shall be ranked by invitational rating, calculated as follows:

FIDE Olympiad and FIDE Women's Olympiad: For all except one team member, the following method shall be used: Average of the 1) current published USCF rating at time of invitation; 2) current published FIDE rating at time of invitation; 3) average of peak published USCF rating and peak FIDE rating both going back 24 months from the time of the invitation. After invitational ratings have been calculated for the highest rated players for all but one spot on the team, the following method shall be used to determine the final spot: Average of the 1) current published USCF rating at time of invitation; 2) current published FIDE rating at time of invitation. To this number shall be added the following adjustment points based on the player's age as of January 1 of the Olympiad year: 5 points for age 25, 10 points age 24, 15 points age 23, 20 points age 22, 25 points age 21, 30 points age 20, 35 points age 19, 40 points age 18, 50 points age 17, 60 points age 16 or below.

NOTE: For the 2006 Olympiad only, instead of using published USCF ratings as part of each formula, the latest ratings at uschess.org/msa as of March 17, 2006 shall be used. If any contending players have games played but not yet rated as of that date, they should notify the USCF office of these results by March 22, and the office will adjust the March 17 MSA ratings for invitational purposes based on these games.

This year, the US Championships are being held in two separate sections followed by a rapid chess playoff between the winners of each section.

The Board supports AF4C's effort to increase media attention via this new format, but also feels that under this system, additional credit towards Olympiad qualification is appropriate for winners of the two sections.

The Board has decided that the overall champion and women's champion will not be automatically seeded as they have been in recent years, but that all section winners should be rewarded as follows:

Any player who comes in first or tied for first (or best scoring woman or tied for same) in either section in the 2006 US Championship will have 10 points added to his or her Olympiad invitational rating. In addition, the overall US Champion and overall US Women's Champion will each have an additional 30 points added to his or her Olympiad invitational rating.

BOARD ORDER - Board order for the teams shall be determined by the team captain.

QUALIFICATIONS OF US CHAMPIONS - Automatic qualification of the U.S. Champions is currently not in effect, but the issue will be reviewed after we have a decision on the date and format of the 2006 U.S. Championship.

ACTIVITY REQUIREMENT - In the 12 months prior to computation of invitational rating, players must have completed at least one FIDE-rated or USCF Grand Prix tournament of 6 or more rounds in the United States. Half point byes are permissible so long as 6 games are actually played, or are unplayed wins. Tournaments rated only by the USCF's Quick Chess rating system do not count toward the activity requirement. For the 2006 Olympiad only, a FIDE-rated or Grand Prix tournament of 5 or more rounds is acceptable.

ACTIVITY POINTS - During the 12 month period prior to the computation of invitational rating, players should have played at least 30 games against opponents rated 2200 or above (2100 or above for the Women's Olympiad) in FIDE-rated or USCF Grand Prix events. Foreign tournaments are acceptable. For opponents with no established USCF rating, those with a FIDE rating of 2100 or above (2000 or above for the Women's Olympiad) are counted. Tournaments rated only by the USCF's Quick Chess rating system do not count. Unplayed games do not count.

Players who complete all games in the US Open without taking byes are guaranteed a minimum of 6 credits. While unplayed wins are not credited, they are adequate toward having completed the tournament. Players who do not play sufficient games will have one invitational rating point deducted for each game by which they are short of 30 games. For the 2006 Olympiad only, the standard shall be 20 games rather than 30. One invitational rating point shall be deducted for each game by which the player is short of 20 games. **PASSED 6-0**

DOCUMENT E – Letter re: Strategic Retreat (See EB06-36)

Dear fellow directors,

You all have probably heard about, or possibly participated in, some form of strategic planning. It's a proven tool for business, government and non-profits to bring together the best and brightest in order to create coherent plans for intelligent growth and minimize the "ad-hockery" that builds frustration and saps the vitality of many organizations.

As you know, we've been working on this concept for a while. Back in November we sent you a preliminary list of invitees for your review and comment. We have attached an updated version of that list. After having contacted most of the prospective invitees, we are satisfied that the majority can participate in a USCF strategic planning session on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th at the PGA National Resort Hotel in Palm Beach Gardens. We have arranged with the president of the North Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce, and experienced facilitator, to preside over the conference. The program schedule will be as follows:

Friday, May 5th		Check in
Saturday, May 6th	8:00-8:30	Continental
Breakfast		8:30-12pm
	Workshop	12:00-1:00
	Lunch and Speech	1:00-5:00
	Workshop	7:30
	Dinner and Speeches	

Sunday, May 7th
Breakfast

8:00-8:30

Continental

8:30-1:00

Workshop

We have attached the current list of participants and a budget for the event. We will ask that participants, except for the USCF directors and ED, pay their own expenses, but we have anticipated that a few will need assistance.

After the retreat, a report (the “Delphi Report”) will be prepared and posted on the USCF website. The report will contain the recommendations adopted by the participants, together with their resumes. If this process proves as worthwhile as we expect, it should be repeated every five years.

We hereby move that the Board approve the proposal retreat, and in order to leave time for discussion, we’d like to receive your votes no later than 5:00 PM, Monday, January 21st.

Yours truly,

Joel Channing
Don Schultz

DOCUMENT F – Tim Redman’s College Chess Presentation

Report on College Chess by Tim Redman

Background

The Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship is 60 years old this year. Starting in 1946 it at first alternated between an individual and a team championship before evolving into its present annual team format. During its zenith in the ‘60s and ‘70s hundreds of players would compete in the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Team Championship run by the Intercollegiate Chess League. Under the Doyle presidency, the USCF negotiated to assume responsibility for running the Pan Am, which is always held between Christmas and New Year’s Day to allow maximum attendance by teams from North, Central, and South America. The Federation agreed to provide \$1,000 each year for publicity expenses to the organizer of the PanAm as well as the usual pre-event publicity in *Chess Life*. A regular college chess business meeting is held in conjunction with the PanAm, and a list of recommended College Chess Committee members is forwarded to the Executive Board for appointment during its first meeting of the calendar year. Bids are actively sought for the PanAm but in addition to its regular bidding procedures, the bids are sent to the members of the College Chess Committee for advice before any bid is awarded.

USCF regulations and tradition mandate that if two schools are tied in the PanAm they are recognized as co-champions. Further, the title of Pan American Champion has in the past occasionally gone to a non-U.S. team. E.g., the University of Toronto has won it a number of times. Thus in Spring of 2001 a new event was started, The President’s Cup, known as the Final Four of College Chess. The top four U.S. colleges from the PanAm are invited to play and their expenses paid.. The rules are set up so that a clear winner emerges. The University of Texas at Dallas sponsored the first such event; the USCF took over sponsoring it except for one year (2004) when it was sponsored by the Karpov Chess School in Lindsborg, Kansas. The approximate cost of the event is \$10,000. The Federation contributes \$8,000 and the U.S. Chess Trust \$2,000. The event has drawn enormous media attention to college chess. The four qualifiers this year are Duke University, Miami Dade Community College, The University of Maryland Baltimore County, and The University of Texas at Dallas.

Two other national events for college chess have also been started by the USCF, the National Collegiate Chess League (played over the internet), which ran for about four years, and the National Individual College Chess Championship, which was added to the National Grade K-12 (now K-12/C) in December of 2003. The national college internet league has been revived by Gregory Alexander with the active support of Jim Stallings and others and has just started play over the ICC. Known as the U.S.C.F. College Chess League, it has just started team competition. An individual internet championship is scheduled for the Fall. Internet play is an ideal medium for college chess competition. Adding the College Section to the K-12/C was an excellent idea by the Federation though because it also awards a team prize it may need some fine tuning.

The Federation has long recognized that it does not retain its scholastic members and that its regular adult membership is steadily declining. Although many factors cause these problems, a renewed focus on college chess was thought to be one way of addressing them. In 1996 USCF President Don Schultz asked Tim Redman to look into these matters and during the next five years some successes were achieved, the beginning of the NCCL, the start of the Final Four, discounted college membership programs, and, at the specific request of the Schultz Board, the start of two internet chess courses, for undergraduate or graduate credit, aimed at introducing K-12 teachers to curricular, institutional, and cultural aspects of chess. The International Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education was also held.. Since 2001, however, USCF efforts to promote college chess have been intermittent and unfocused, for various reasons but particularly due to the financial crisis of the USCF.

The problem, however, is circular. The financial problems faced by the Federation may have caused its neglect of college chess, but the neglect of college chess in turn causes financial problems for the Federation. As USCF President Bill Goichberg and others have pointed out, the steady decline of adult members is the leading cause of current USCF financial headaches. And a robust, consistent, and focused program for college chess can increase the chances of retaining members from our undoubtedly successful Scholastic Program into adulthood.

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DOCUMENT G

America's Foundation for Chess and The United States Chess Federation

AGREEMENT

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is effective as of this 30th day of June, 2006, by and between The United States Chess Federation, a Tennessee corporation, with a place of business at 65 East Street, Crossville, Tennessee 38557 ("USCF") and America's Foundation for Chess, a Washington corporation located at 3720 Carillon Point, Kirkland, Washington 98033 ("AF4C").

Preliminary Statement

Both AF4C and USCF desire to expand interest in the game of chess in young people by marketing each other's core offerings primarily to, but not limited to, 2nd and 3rd grade elementary school students. AF4C desires to increase the number of students in its First Move™ scholastic chess program, and USCF desires to expand membership in its organization. Both organizations own rights to certain trademarks ("Marks") which each wishes to grant a license to the other in connection with their core offerings subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement.

Agreement

Each party is granting the other a limited, terminable, non-assignable, non-exclusive license to use each others Marks, and market each other's core programs and products.

In consideration of the mutual promises and understandings set forth in this Agreement, USCF and AF4C hereby agree as follows:

14. **AF4C Obligations:**

- 1.1. **Use of AF4C Marks.** During the term of this Agreement, AF4C grants the use of all applicable AF4C names and trademarks to USCF and its appropriate affiliates. AF4C will provide a trademark and logo usage guide, along with appropriate camera-ready or digitized artwork to USCF. AF4C reserves the right to approve all applications of materials utilizing their marks prior to use. AF4C will display USCF logos and all other trademarks according to USCF specifications such as the USCF logo, Chess Life, Chess Life for Kids, and any tournament logos or marks in which the USCF maintains ownership.
- 1.2. **Program Content.** AF4C will continue to maintain the highest quality standards and utilize best practices in delivering its First Move™ program. The USCF may make suggestions as it sees fit, though AF4C maintains at its sole discretion the final content, pricing, and delivery of its First Move™ curriculum.
- 1.3. **Branding.** Upon mutual agreement, AF4C will integrate the USCF in the AF4C and First Move™ branding strategy. This will include but is not limited to, all print materials, Internet website, event displays, etc. (USCF may reserve the right to approve all applications of materials utilizing their marks prior to use).
- 1.4. **Promote USCF Membership.** AF4C will use best efforts to assist the USCF in expanding membership. This is to include direct web links on both the AF4C web site (www.af4c.org), and the AF4C intranet (*TEDNET*) accessible to both teachers and students through a password protected section of the site. AF4C will work with the USCF in all ways feasible to promote the USCF brand, work jointly with USCF on marketing ideas, and refer new potential sponsors to USCF.

15. **USCF Obligations:**

- 2.1. **Use of USCF Marks.** During the term of this agreement, USCF grants the use of all applicable USCF names and trademarks to AF4C and its appropriate affiliates. USCF will provide a trademark and logo usage guide (if one has been made), and/or appropriate camera-ready or digitized artwork to AF4C. USCF reserves the right to approve all applications of materials utilizing their marks prior to use.
- 2.2. **Program Standards.** USCF will require that all *in-school* scholastic chess programs endorsed by USCF meet such National or individual state educational standards or recommendations as may exist. In addition, the curriculum must be recommended by the Division of Curriculum and Instruction (or equivalent) of at least 1 (one) public school district, or 3 (three) private or charter schools.
- 2.3. **Branding.** Upon mutual agreement, USCF will integrate AF4C and First Move™ chess curriculum into the USCF branding strategy. This will include but is not limited to, all print materials, Internet website, event and tournament displays (where applicable and possible), etc. AF4C reserves the right to approve all applications of materials utilizing their marks prior to use.
- 2.4. **Promote First Move™.** USCF will use best efforts to work with AF4C in expanding the number of students enrolled in the First Move™ program, by assisting with marketing the First Move™ chess curriculum including, but not limited to, the USCF web site (www.uschess.org), mailing lists, publications, and tournaments (where possible). USCF will work with the AF4C in all ways feasible to promote the First Move™ brand, work jointly with USCF on marketing ideas, and refer new potential sponsors to AF4C.

16. **Miscellaneous:**

- 3.1. **Non-Exclusivity.** Both AF4C and USCF consider this to be a ‘non-exclusive’ relationship in which both parties are free to venture outside the partnership for like relationships without prior written consent.
- 3.2. **Non-Transferability.** The license to be granted to AF4C for the use of the USCF endorsement, name and logo is to be non-transferable without the express written consent of USCF and *vice versa*.
- 3.3. **Contract Term.** . The Term of the contract under the current terms and conditions shall be one (1) year, annually renewable in one (1) year increments, pending mutual acceptance between the parties. Either party may terminate the agreement with a 30-day written notice
- 3.4. **Performance.** Neither party places numerical or quantitative performance expectations on the other (i.e. numbers of new students or new memberships acquired).
- 3.5. **Modification.** This Agreement may only be modified or altered by written instrument duly executed by both parties.

3.6 **Notices.** All notices, requests, or other communications required to be given under this Agreement or which the parties may desire to give under this Agreement shall be sent either electronically, or in writing and delivered or addressed to the parties as follows:

<i>If to USCF:</i>	Executive Director US Chess Federation 65 East Street Crossville, TN 38557
<i>With a copy to:</i>	Joel Channing US Chess Federation 5520 PGA Boulevard, Suite 200 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418
<i>If to AF4C:</i>	Rourke M. O'Brien America's Foundation for Chess 3720 Carillon Point Kirkland, WA 98033

Rourke M. O'Brien
President
America's Foundation for Chess, Inc.

Joel Channing
Vice President, Finance-
U.S. Chess Federation
