

MOTIONS OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2007 – 2008

Note: M = Meeting, C = Conference Call, E = E-Mail, I = Internet Conference, O = Objections Procedure

Motion #	Sponsor	Date and Method	Subject	Disposition
EB08-001	Board	08-05-07 M	Committee Liaisons	PASS 7-0
EB08-002	Goichberg	08-05-07 M	College Tournament of Champions.	PASS 7-0
EB08-003	Board	08-06-07 M	Committee Assignments	PASS 6-0
EB08-004	Goichberg	08-14-07 E	Clarification of EB Titles	PASS 7-0
EB08-005	Board	08-19-07 E	Contract Extension for Executive Dir	PASS 7-0
EB08-006	Board	08-28-07 E	Strictly Enforce Guidelines	PASS 6-0-1
EB08-007	Hall	08-30-07 E	Reinstate R. Jackson's Membership	PASS 7-0
EB08-008	Bauer	09-30-07 E	Acceptable Use Guide for Forums	PASS 6-0-1
EB08-009	Bauer	10-08-07 E	USCF Statement for Publication	PASS 5-0-2
EB08-010	Goichberg	10-12-07 E	Revised wording of statement	PASS 5-0-2
EB08-011	Channing	11-03-07 M	EB shall meet in person in February	PASS 4-3
EB08-012	Goichberg	11-04-07 M	Ratify new Blitz rules	PASS 7-0
EB08-013	Goichberg	11-04-07 M	Patron Memberships	Fail 3-4
EB08-014	Goichberg / Truong	11/04/07 M	Subcommittee formed	PASS 7-0
EB08-015	Channing	11/04/07 M	February EB Meeting Feb 2,3 at LAX	PASS 5-2
EB08-016	Board	11/04/07 M	February EB Meeting Feb 2,3 Online	PASS 7-0
EB08-017	Board	11/04/07 M	Contract Extension for Daniel Lucas	PASS 7-0
EB08-018	Board	11/04/07 M	501(c)(3) Status	PASS 7-0
EB08-019	Goichberg	11/04/07 M	Adopt revised Nat'l Scholastic Regs	PASS 5-0
EB08-020	Goichberg	11/04/07 M	Dues Sale Extension	PASS 5-0
EB08-021	Goichberg / Hough	11/04/07 M	FIDE Registration and Rating Fees	PASS 5-0
EB08-022	Goichberg	11/04/07 M	Subcommittee to consider charges	PASS 5-0
EB08-023	Goichberg	11/13/07 O	Add Joe Blitzstein to the Ratings Comm	PASS 5-0
EB08-024	Goichberg	11/13/07 E	Add David Quinn to the Ratings Comm.	PASS 5-1
EB08-025	Hall	01/04/08 E	Add Dr. Stephen Jones to FOC	PASS 5-0
EB08-026	Bauer / Goichberg	02/02/08 I	EB Titles and Paul Truong's Com lsns	PASS 5-0-2
EB08-027	Board	02/02/08 I	Gata Kamsky	PASS 7-0
EB08-028	Board	02/02/08 I	Susan Polgar named as Comm liaison	PASS 7-0
EB08-029	Hough	02/02/08 I	Name Frank Guadalupe to TDCC	PASS 7-0
EB08-030	Goichberg	02/03/08 I	Name Michael Mulford to FOC	PASS 5-0-2
EB08-031	Goichberg	02/03/08 I	Release Financials Monthly	Fail 1-6
EB08-032	Goichberg	02/03/08 I	Refer voting change to Bylaws, Election	PASS 4-3
EB08-033	Board	02/03/08 I	Privacy Policy	PASS 7-0
EB08-034	Board	02/03/08 I	FIDE Title Applications	PASS 7-0
EB08-035	Channing	02/04/08 E	Kid Chess	PASS 7-0
EB08-036	Hough	02/12/08 E	Rosenberg Appeal	PASS 4-1-1
EB06-037	Goichberg	02/16/08 O	College Tournament of Champions	PASS w/o Ob
EB08-038	Hall	02/20/08 O	Add J. Donaldson to Hall of Fame Cmte	PASS 7-0
EB08-039	Goichberg	04/09/08 E	Cancel Internet Liability Insurance	PASS 4-1-2
EB08-040	Polgar	04/09/08 E	Discontinue USCF Issues Forum	FAIL 1-4-2
EB08-041	Goichberg	05/17/08 M	Scholastic Quick Chess Tournaments	PASS 6-0
EB08-042	Goichberg	05/18/08 M	Rating Floors of 100 – New formula	PASS 6-0
EB08-043	Board	05/18/08 M	Recommend K Factor change to Cmte	PASS 6-0
EB08-044	Goichberg	05/18/08 M	Adjustment of USCF Rating for FIDE	PASS 6-0
EB08-045	Hall	05/18/08 M	Thanks to Randy Hough	PASS 5-0-1
EB08-046	Goichberg	05/18/08 M	Regular Rated Online Play	PASS 6-0
EB08-047	Board	05/18/08 M	TDCC Appeal	PASS 6-0
EB08-048	Board	05/18/08 M	Awards	PASS 6-0
EB08-049	Board	05/18/08 M	College of the Year	PASS 4-0-2
EB08-050	Goichberg	05/18/08 M	Approve Budget	PASS 6-0
EB08-051	Board	05/18/08 M	Thank Joel Channing	PASS 6-0
EB08-052	Board	05/22/08 E	Add Michael Khodarkovsky and SACA to Scholastic Service Awards	PASS 6-0
EB08-053	Board	05/28/08 E	Add Texas Tech to the awards list as a co-college of the year with UTD	PASS 4-0-2

EB08-054	Hall	06/18/08/E	Profit Sharing for the year 2002	PASS 6-0
EB08-055	Hough	06/23/08/E	Military Committee Liaison	PASS 3-0-3
EB08-056	Goichberg	06/23/08/E	Rthics Committee Liaison	PASS 3-0-3

The following motions were voted at the Board meeting on August 5-6, 2007 in Cherry Hill, NJ:

EB08-001 – Board – The Board names the following Delegate and Board committee liaisons :

AUDIT – Randy Bauer
 BYLAWS – Bill Goichberg
 CHESS IN EDUCATION – Susan Polgar
 COLLEGE CHESS – Paul Truong
 CORRESPONDENCE CHESS – Randy Hough
 CRAMER AWARDS – Paul Truong
 DENKER TMT COMM - Paul Truong
 POLGAR TMT COMM - Paul Truong
 ELECTION – Randy Hough
 ETHICS – Joel Channing
 FINANCE – Randy Bauer
 HALL of FAME – Jim Berry
 INTERNET - Paul Truong (Please note: This committee was subsequently eliminated.)
 INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS – Susan Polgar
 LMA MANAGEMENT – Randy Bauer
 MILITARY – Joel Channing
 OUTREACH – Susan Polgar
 PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS HEALTH AND BENEFIT – Jim Berry
 PUBLICATIONS – Randy Hough
 RATINGS – Bill Goichberg
 RULES – Randy Hough
 SCHOLASTIC – Paul Truong
 SENIOR – Jim Berry
 STATES – Randy Hough
 SURVEY – Bill Goichberg
 TOP PLAYERS – Susan Polgar
 TDCC – Randy Hough
 US OPEN – Bill Goichberg
 WOMEN's – Susan Polgar

PASSED 7-0

EB08-002 – Goichberg – The USCF establishes the College Chess Tournament of Champions to be held annually at the site of the US Open beginning in 2008. Each college is eligible to send one player. Details will be worked out by the USCF office.

PASSED 7-0

EB08-003 – Board – USCF Executive Board Committee assignments and appointments are reaffirmed as follows: **PASSED 6-0** with Joel Channing absent for the vote.

Please note: In the interest of having all committees in the same place, Delegate appointed committees are included in the list for information only. The Board motion only referred to EB appointed committees. The list can be found as Appendix A. Board Liaisons are repeated there as well. We have received no Office Liaison information as of this time.

Bill Goichberg proposed a motion by e-mail on August 09, 2007 to clarify the EB member titles announced at the start of the August 05, 2007, meeting. The motion passed on August 14, 2007.

EB08-004 – Goichberg -CLARIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD TITLES

The Executive Board places on record the following clarification of its officer elections held August 4, 2007.

The Board has elected Jim Berry to the position listed in the Bylaws as "Vice President."

The Board has elected Randy Hough to the position listed in the Bylaws as "Secretary."

The Board has assigned titles not mentioned in the Bylaws to the Secretary and the at large Board members.

The Board moved on August 18, 2007, by e-mail to extend the Executive Director's contract through Nov. 7, 2008. The Board unanimously approved it as a Board motion on August 19, 2007.

EB08-005 – Board - The Executive Board authorizes the President to sign an extension to the Executive Director's contract for a period of nine months beginning on February 8, 2008, and ending on November 7, 2008. The agreement is to be based on the terms of the original contract and prorated in the same fashion as the previous extension. **PASSED 7-0**

Joel Channing moved by e-mail to prohibit public criticism of sponsors on August 25. Considerable discussion followed which resulted in Bill Goichberg offering a substitute motion which passed on August 28, 2007. It was worded:

EB08-006 – Board - The Executive Board calls for strict enforcement of the USCF Issues Forum guidelines. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Randy Bauer abstaining.

The following motion was made by Bill Hall by e-mail in the morning of 08/30/07 and passed 7-0 the same afternoon.

EB08-007 – Hall - I move that the Executive Board removes the suspension of the individual membership of Rich Jackson, effective immediately. **PASSED**

After extensive discussion regarding Acceptable Use Guidelines (AUG) for the USCF Forums and several attempts at wording the guidelines, Randy Bauer offered the following motion by e-mail on September 25. The motion, in its final form, passed on September 30, 2007. The text of the AUG that was approved can be found in Appendix B.

EB08-008 – Bauer - I move this version as the new version of the AUG. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Susan Polgar abstaining. Please note: The wording of the AUG can be found below as Appendix 2.

A controversy developed over public accusations and charges made by some USCF members against others. After extensive discussion by confidential e-mail, the Board re-voted the motion in public (Open) session e-mail. The motion passed on 10/03/07.

EB08-009 – Bauer - I move that the USCF make the following statement and post it to its website, the announcements section of the USCF Forum, as well as email to the New York Times, the Texas Tech student newspaper, and any other appropriate media outlets:

Recent events have led to charges and counter-charges about false postings on chess websites that may involve USCF members and improper activity by independent contractors working for the USCF. At this time, it must be stressed that none of these claims can be independently substantiated, and the USCF does not support them. The USCF apologizes for any unintended resulting actions.

The USCF takes seriously its need to protect the privacy of its members and is actively investigating the charges of violation of its privacy policies and actions of its members. The individuals who may have violated these policies have agreed, as of today, to suspend their duties with the USCF until these issues are resolved.

The USCF is in the process of hiring an independent subject matter expert to determine the validity of the claims expressed above. After their review of all relevant information, the Executive Board will determine whether further action is warranted. **PASSED 5-0-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining.

On October 12 Bill Goichberg moved to correct the wording to better explain the situation regarding suspension of duties. Only the last sentence of paragraph 3 was changed. The motion passed unanimously on October 19.

EB08-010 – Goichberg - As there was a misunderstanding and no one agreed to suspend duties until Oct 10, I move the following: Correction: the EB motion of October 8 contained an error. No one had agreed to a suspension of duties at the time of the motion. Subsequently on October 10, one person agreed to a suspension of duties. **PASSED 5-0-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining.

The EB had a physical meeting in Crossville, TN on November 03-04, 2007. The following motions came from that meeting

The February, 2008, meeting was to be an online meeting, but there was opposition. Joel Channing made the following motion, which did not specify a date or location. Additional discussion would take place later.

EB08-011 – Channing - Moved, that the Executive Board meet in person in February, 2008. **PASSED 4-3** with Jim Berry, Susan Polgar, and Paul Truong opposed.

Bill Goichberg moved to approve the new Blitz rules recommended by the Rules Committee.

EB08-012 – Goichberg – Move to ratify the new Blitz rules as recommended by the Rules Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

The concept of Patron members of the Executive Board was discussed. This is where a substantial donor can obtain a seat on

the EB. Randy Hough suggested a straw poll on the concept and a referral of the concept to the Bylaws Committee. Bill Goichberg moved the following:

EB08-013 – Goichberg - The concept of Patron Members of the Executive Board is referred to the Bylaws Committee. The motion FAILED 3-4 with Berry, Goichberg, and Channing in favor.

Bill Goichberg moved to form a subcommittee to locate appropriate personalities. Paul Truong added a specific goal to the motion.

EB08-014 – Goichberg/Truong – Jim Berry, Bill Goichberg, and Paul Truong will be a subcommittee of the EB to discuss the idea of having a USCF Advisory Board to refer (attract) prominent business people and / or celebrities (to the USCF). The goal is to have something in writing by the end of 2007. **PASSED 7-0.**

The question of the February meeting time and location continued to be discussed. Randy Hough moved reconsideration of motion EB08-011 but discussion was in process and a formal vote was not taken. Joel Channing made the following motion:

EB08-015 – Channing – The February, 2008, USCF EB meeting shall be held on February 2-3 at LAX (in the Los Angeles, CA, area). **PASSED 5-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

The discussion continued into closed session, after which the final decision was voted in open session.

EB08-016 – Board – The February, 2008, USCF EB meeting shall be held online on February 2-3, 2008. **PASSED 7-0.**

Also arising from closed session discussion was a contract extension for Director of Publications Daniel Lucas and authorization to apply for 501(c)(3) status.

EB08-017 – Board – The EB authorizes the Executive Director to sign a three year contract extension for Daniel Lucas with terms as specified by the Board.

EB08-018 – Board – The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to apply for 501 (c)(3) status. **PASSED 7-0.**

The Scholastic Council proposed changes to the National Scholastic Regulations. The Board adopted their recommendations with one revision. Susan Polgar and Paul Truong left the meeting at this point. They were absent for any later motions.

EB08-019 – Goichberg – Move to adopt changes to the National Scholastic Regulations suggested by the Scholastic Council with the revision that the first individual tiebreak is to be Modified Median and the second is to be Median. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB08-020 – Goichberg – Move that the third dues sale Adult Membership Rate be extended through 12/31/08. **PASSED 5-0.**

Randy Hough moved to charge FIDE event organizers \$50 per section for FIDE registration and rating fees. After discussion, Bill Goichberg amended the amount to \$60 and the following motion padded:

EB08-021 – Hough/Goichberg – Effective for events ending on 06/01/08 and after, USCF will charge organizers \$60.00 per section for FIDE registration and rating. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB08-022 – Goichberg – Moved, that the EB appoints a Board Subcommittee to consider issues related to charges made by B. Mottershead. The subcommittee is to consist of Randy Bauer (chair), Jim Berry, Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, and Randy Hough. **PASSED 5-0.** Please note that Susan Polgar and Paul Truong had to leave early but were aware that this would be considered and consented to it.

The following motions were voted by E-mail after the meeting had concluded.

Bill Goichberg noted on October 13, 2007, that Mark Glickman, chair of the Ratings Committee, has proposed that two members be added to the committee. They were Joe Blitzstein and David Quinn. The following motions were voted on Nov. 13, 2007:

EB08-023 – Goichberg – Joe Blitzstein is a statistics professor at Harvard and a rated Expert. I move his appointment to the Ratings Committee by 5-day objections procedure. **PASSED 5-0** without objection.

EB08-024 – Goichberg – David Quinn is a wall street quant (financial analyst) and a rated Master. I move his appointment and am calling for a vote rather than an objections procedure. **PASSED 5-1** with Paul Truong opposed.

An opening developed on the Forum Oversight Committee. On January 04, 2008, Bill Hall moved by an e-mail vote that the position be filled by adding Dr. Stephen Jones to the Forum Oversight Committee (FOC). He noted that Dr. Jones has a PhD. in mathematics and is an attorney, which could be very useful in terms of policy recommendations to the Executive Board. The motion passed on January 11, 2008.

EB08-025 – Hall – The Executive Board appoints Dr. Stephen Jones of California to the opening as a member of the FOC. PASSED 5-0-1 with Susan Polgar abstaining and Paul Truong not voting.

Motions 26 through 34 were made at a two day Executive Board meeting held by a VOIP conference call on the Internet.

Chairman Randy Bauer presented the recommendation of the Subcommittee created to consider charges made by Brian Mottershead. He proposed a motion in which Paul Truong's title would be removed and Paul Truong would be removed as the liaison to all of his committees. Susan Polgar said that if the motion passed as worded she would resign. Bill Goichberg offered an amendment to the motion, which was accepted by Randy Bauer, to abolish all EB titles not specified in the Bylaws (not just Paul Truong's).

EB08 – 026 – Bauer/Goichberg – Abolish all titles for EB members other than those specified in the Bylaws. It is further moved that Paul Truong is removed as liaison to any and all Board or Delegate appointed USCF committees. **PASSED 5-0-2** with Truong and Polgar abstaining.

Gata Kamsky can compete for the World Chess Championship if he wins two more preliminary games. His foundation requested assistance to enable him to properly train for the competition.

EB08 – 027 – Board - USCF endorses the Gata Kamsky International Chess and Sports Foundation, will provide it substantial free publicity, and urges our members and affiliates to contribute in order to help Gata train properly for his effort to win the World Championship. **PASSED 7-0.**

Susan Polgar was named liaison for all of the committees for which Paul Truong was previously liaison.

EB08 – 028 – Board – Susan Polgar is named the liaison for the Scholastic, College Chess, Cramer Awards, Denker Tournament and Polgar Tournament Committees. **PASSED 7-0.**

Randy Hough, liaison to the TDCC, requested that Frank Guadalupe be added to the committee.

EB08-029 – Hough – Frank Guadalupe is added to the Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC). **PASSED 7-0.**

Bill Goichberg noted that the FOC is now an appeals committee to which sanctions voted by the Moderators Committee may be appealed. There are currently 4 members and at least 5 are desired.

EB08 – 030 – Goichberg - Michael Mulford is added to the Forum Oversight Committee (FOC). **PASSED 5-0-2** with Polgar and Truong abstaining.

Bill Goichberg moved to increase members' accessibility of timely financial information by resuming the release of financial information on a monthly basis, rather than quarterly.

EB08 – 031 – Goichberg – Financial reports will be released monthly (instead of quarterly). **FAILED 1-6** (Goichberg in Favor)

The idea of allowing voters to vote for as many candidates as were on the ballot (rather than the number of positions) was attributed to Bill Smythe. This would provide a way for a voter to vote against a candidate. It was referred to the Bylaws and Elections Committees.

EB08 – 032 – Goichberg – Move to refer the idea of allowing voters in EB elections to vote for any number of candidates they choose to the Bylaws and Elections Committees. **PASSED 4-3** with Bauer, Polgar and Truong opposed.

When someone is a Delegate they should be reachable. Candidates should be aware that contact information may be made public if they are elected. The objection was exposure of Delegates to excessive e-mail spam. Also, to do this the Privacy Policy must be modified.

EB08 – 033 – Board – The EB votes to amend the Privacy Policy as follows: (1) Delegates' mailing addresses may be published on the USCF website. (2) Delegate mailing addresses will be published in “Chess Life” per Delegate mandate. (3) USCF may publish Delegate e-mail addresses at its discretion. **PASSED 7-0.**

There was discussion regarding USCF tests that have been required before a TD may apply to FIDE to become a FIDE Arbiter or International Arbiter. It was felt that USCF should not place our FA and IA candidates at a disadvantage compared to much of the world by adding a testing requirement to the FIDE requirements.

EB08 – 034 - Board – USCF requirements for submitting International Arbiter (IA) or FIDE Arbiter (FA) title applications are as follows: (1) The office will submit applications on request for those already certified as USCF Senior TD or higher and for

Grandmasters (GMs) and International masters (IMs). (2) The applicant must fulfill all FIDE requirements. **PASSED 7-0.**

Joel Channing proposed a motion by e-mail on January 2, 2008, to endorse "Kid Chess". Other issues resulted in it not being given consideration at that time. He resubmitted the motion on February 04, 2008. The motion passed unanimously on February 19, 2008. His rationale was expressed as follows:

"I believe that Kid Chess of Marietta, Georgia (a suburb of Atlanta) is the kind of grass-roots chess organization that can help the USCF increase membership and I believe that it is a suitable candidate for an endorsement agreement similar to the one we entered into with The Berkeley Chess School. (See www.kidchess.com) Kid Chess has found a successful formula for a well-run business enterprise that promotes chess. The company makes chess fun for large numbers of kids, currently reaching more than 3,100 students per week just in after-school programs. Including camps, special classes, and tournaments brings the number to more than 6,000 per year.) The company also provides opportunities for advanced instruction and rated tournament play for any talented kids that emerge from the after-school programs. Dan Lucas worked for the company for a year in the capacities of classroom instructor and field manager."

EB08 – 035 – Channing - I move that we offer them (Kid Chess) an endorsement agreement similar to that which we executed with The Berkeley Chess School. **PASSED 7-0.**

Bill Goichberg recused himself from voting or being present for discussion on Steve Rosenberg's appeal of the Ethics Committee's ruling in his case. He did not participate in the vote or discussion. Jim Berry chaired the meeting for this item in Bill Goichberg's absence. The poll was taken by e-mail from February 12 – 14, 2008.

EB08 – 036 – Hough - I move that the EB affirm the guilty ruling of the Ethics committee and uphold the 3 year membership suspension of Steve Rosenberg. Suspension will expire on July 7, 2009. **PASSED 4-1-1** with Paul Truong abstaining and Susan Polgar opposed.

The College Chess Committee has suggested that instead of one section there be three (over 2100, 1700-2099 and under 1700), and that colleges be allowed to enter up to 3 players, no more than one per section. The Committee hoped for a \$2200 prize fund. Bill Goichberg would like to see this new national event get off to a good start with at least a \$5000 prize fund, and suggested the following structure. It was submitted for an e-mail objections procedure on February 13, 2008 and passed on February 27, 2008.

EB08 – 037 – Goichberg – 1. A new structure of three sections is approved for the College Chess Tournament of Champions, with each college allowed to enter up to three players, no more than one per section.

2. We hope for a \$5000 guaranteed prize fund, but this is not yet official.

3. Unlike our other new event, the Junior Grand Prix, USCF has been unable to find a major sponsor for this event, so Bill Goichberg and other EB members willing to help will appeal for funds, An appeal will also be posted on the USCF website. As of today (Feb 16), at least \$1600 has been pledged.

4. Anyone reading this who is willing to help, please send whatever you can afford to USCF (College Chess Tournament of Champions), PO Box 3967, Crossville TN 38557. Make checks payable to USCF.

PASSED without objections

Bill Hall moved by e-mail on February 20, 2008, that IM John Donaldson be added to the Hall of Fame Committee The motion passed unanimously on February 21, 2008.

EB08 – 038 – Hall - I move that John Donaldson be added to the USCF Hall of Fame Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Under continued discussion was USCF's Cyberliability insurance. After receiving legal advice that it was not needed Bill Goichberg moved on April 03, 2008, by e-mail to cancel the policy. Joel Channing notified the Board that if this motion passed he would be forced to resign from the Board. Susan Polgar moved on April 04, 2008, by e-mail to shut down the USCF Issues Forum so there would be no need for the insurance and Joel Channing would not need to resign. The voting on both motions was completed on April 09, 2008, and Joel Channing's resignation was received on April 10, 2008.

EB08 – 039 – Goichberg - I move that USCF cancel its cyberliability insurance. This insurance is costing us over \$13,000 per year, and we have received legal advice from our attorney who specializes in Internet law stating that while the insurance may have been justified with the previous composition of the Executive Board, it is not currently a worthwhile expense. **PASSED 4-1-2** with Joel Channing opposed and Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining.

EB08 – 040 – Polgar - I move that the USCF issues forum be shut down so there would be no need for cyberliability insurance in order keep Joel Channing on the board. **FAILED 2-4-1** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong in favor, Randy Bauer, Joel Channing, Bill Goichberg, and Randy Hough opposed, and Jim Berry abstaining.

The Executive Board held a physical meeting in Tulsa, OK, on May 17-18, 2008. Motions 41-51 are from that meeting.

EB08 - 041 – Goichberg – Moved, that the Board place the following motion on the Delegates' agenda:

Scholastic Quick Chess Tournaments of up to six rounds, played at Game/5 to Game/60 for players rated under 1100 shall be ratable in the Quick Rating System, for a fee of \$2 per player with no USCF Membership required, at the request of the organizer.

Such events shall not be regular rated. The under 1100 requirement refers to the higher of the last published USCF Regular rating or Quick rating. The EB is authorized to extend this program beyond the 2008-09 school year. **PASSED 6 – 0**

EB08 - 042 – Goichberg - Move to change the 100 rating floor as follows: The floor will be increased by 4 points for each win, 2 points for each draw, and one point for each tournament (3 games minimum) with no resulting floor to exceed 150. **PASSED 6 – 0** (Jim Berry added his vote when returning to the room).

EB08 – 043 – Board - The Board encourages the Ratings Committee to consider slightly increasing the K factors for players rated approximately 1800 – 2400 in order to more accurately rate improving players. **PASSED 6 – 0**.

EB08 – 044 – Goichberg – Moved that the adjustment of USCF ratings to reflect foreign FIDE performances be done at 100% K effective with the July, 2008, FIDE rating list. **PASSED 6 – 0**.

EB08 – 045 – Hall – The Executive Board gives special thanks to Randy Hough for his volunteer efforts in working with the adjustments on the last FIDE Rating Lists. **PASSED 5 – 0 – 1** with Randy Hough abstaining.

EB08 – 046 – Goichberg – Place Item 10 parts A through F of the “A New Plan for USCF” proposal (re: Regular Rated Online Play) on the Delegates' agenda. **PASSED 6 – 0**. Please note: The wording of the motion to be placed on the Delegates' agenda is as follows:

The requirements for regular rated online play shall be:

- A. Limited to players over age 18 rated under 2000, and under 18 rated under 1000. The USCF office has the right to approve exceptions.
- B. Must be at least four players on each side (usually a team event but could be part of some sort of large individual tournament).
- C. A certified TD must be present at each end, who is not part of the immediate family of any player.
- D. An additional witness is also required, not part of the immediate family of any player or the TD.
- E. There should be an overall Director available by phone in case of dispute, at least a Senior TD.
- F. For over 1000 play, the event must be open to the public and be announced at least two weeks in advance in either uschess.org or Chess Life. An online TLA would be acceptable; if the event is not suitable for a TLA because it's not seeking players, there could be a special page for online events open to spectators.

The next three motions arose from closed session discussions.

The Executive Board heard an appeal of a TDCC ruling that involved payment of insufficient prize money in a Grand Prix event. The ruling penalized both the TD and the Affiliate.

EB08 - 047 Board - The Executive Board confirms the ruling of the TDCC with these modifications:

The suspension of the Lehigh Valley Chess Association's right to hold Grand Prix tournaments for three years is lifted provided that the Affiliate receive the approval of the Office prior to holding a Grand Prix tournament.

William Bybel is reinstated as a TD upon payment of the proper prizes. There is no further requirement. **PASSED 6 - 0**

Awards were then discussed. All awards except Chess College of the Year and two additions to the Scholastic Services Award were included on motion EB048. The University of Texas at Dallas was named Chess College of the Year on Motion EB08-049 at the meeting. Texas Tech University was added as a co-Chess College of the Year on Motion EB08-053 by e-mail vote on May 28. Michael Khodarkovsky and SACA were awarded the Scholastic Services Award on Motion EB08-052 by e-mail vote on May 23. All are shown on this list.

EB08 - 48 - Board – The 2008 Executive Board confers the following awards: **PASSED 6 - 0**

Committee of the Year – Bylaws

Chess Mates – Janelle Losoff and Annette Buckendorf

Distinguished Service Awards – Al Losoff

Tournament Director of the Year – Frank K. Berry

Organizer of the Year – Jerry Weikel, Tom Braunlich

Special Services - Hal Karlsson, Tim Tobiason, Alexey Root, Jim Stallings, Russell Harwood, Kerry Lawless

Outstanding Career Achievement – Selby Anderson, Glen Buckendorf, John Hillery

Gold Koltanowski Medal – Hanon Russell

Chess City of the Year – Tulsa, OK and Lubbock, TX

Grandmaster of the Year – Gata Kamsky

Frank J. Marshall Award – John Watson

Meritorious Service – Luis Salinas, Gary Dorfner, and Lloyd Hunter

Scholastic Services – Steve Shutt, Michael Khodarkovsky, SACA (Organization)

Chess Club of the Year – Dallas Chess Club

Chess College of the Year – University of Texas at Dallas and Texas Tech University

EB08 – 049 – Board - The Chess College of the Year award is given to the University of Texas at Dallas. **PASSED 4-0 2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining. Please note: Texas Tech was added as a co-Chess College of the Year by motion **EB08-053** at a later time.

EB08 – 050 – Goichberg – Moved, that the Board present the budget as proposed for submission to the Delegates. **PASSED 6 – 0.**

EB08 – 051 – Board – The Board thanks Joel Channing for his service to the Board. We look forward to working with you and wish you the best in all of your future chess endeavors. **PASSED 6 – 0.**

The Board voted by e-mail on May 23, 2008, to modify the awards list by awarding Scholastic Services awards to Michael Khodarkovsky and the Southern Arizona Chess Association (organization) in addition to Steve Shutt. After receiving information that the College Chess Committee has voted and agreed to Texas Tech University (TTU) as a co-College of the Year with UTD on 05/28/08, TTU was added as a Co-College of the Year. Bill Goichberg made the motions but as the awards list was a Board motion the additions were Board motions.

EB08-052 – Board – Modify the Awards List by awarding Scholastic Services Awards to Michael Khodarkovsky and the Southern Arizona Chess Association (SACA). **PASSED 6 – 0.**

EB08-053 – Board - The Executive Board adds Texas Tech University (TTU) as co-winner of the Chess College of the Year award. **PASSED 4-0-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining.

Bill Hall made the following motion on June 18, 2008, by e-mail after receiving the Quantum report re: the Profit Sharing plan. Those involved have been notified. The motion passed on June 19, 2008.

EB08-054 – Hall - The Executive Board authorizes the office to execute the contribution of 2% of eligible payroll to the USCF Profit Sharing Plan for the calendar year 2002. **PASSED 6-0**

Discussion about replacement liaisons for the Military Affairs Committee and the Ethics Committee (Joel Channing, who resigned, was the liaison for both.) took place via e-mail. Randy Hough nominated Jim Berry as liaison for the Military Affairs Committee and Bill Goichberg nominated Jim Berry as liaison for the Ethics Committee (Both motions were made on 06/23/08 and voted on 07/09/08).

EB08-055 – Hough – I nominate Jim Berry as liaison for Military. **PASSED 3-0-3** with Jim Berry, Susan Polgar, and Paul Truong abstaining

EB08-056 – Goichberg – I move that Jim also become the liaison for Ethics. **PASSED 3-0-3** with Jim Berry, Susan Polgar, and Paul Truong abstaining

APPENDIX A : COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

Please note: a (D) after a committee name indicates a Delegate appointed committee.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	MEMBERS	LIAISON
AUDIT (D)	Committee to name	Steve Doyle, Jon Haskel, Grant Perks	R. Bauer
----- BYLAWS (D)	H. Winston, M. Nolan Co-Chairs	Jerry Hanken, Guy Hoffman, Gary Kitts, George John, Richard Koepcke, Myron Lieberman, Joe Lux, John McCrary, David Mehler, George Mirijanian, Mike Nolan, Robert Persante, Ernie Schlich, and Harold Winston.	B. Goichberg
CHESS IN EDUCATION	John Buky, Dr. Joseph Eberhardt Co-Chairs	Add Dr. Alexey Root to committee	S. Polgar
COLLEGE CHESS	James Stallings, Chair		P. Truong
CORRESPONDENCE	Robert Rizzo, Chair	Add Brennan T. Price to committee.	R. Hough
CRAMER AWARDS	Frank Brady, Chair		P. Truong
DENKER TMT COMM	Dewain Barber, Chair		P. Truong
POLGAR TMT COMM	Dewain Barber, Chair		P. Truong
ELECTION (D)	Mike Nolan, Chair Harry Sabine Vice Chair	Roger Gottschall, Woody Harris, Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine Alternates Myron Lieberman, Ernie Schlich	R. Hough
ETHICS (D)	Committee to name	Richard (Buck) Buchanan, William (Wick) Deer, Jim Gray, Jim Mennella, Kenneth Sloan, Andy Thall, and Ken Thomas.	J. Channing
FINANCE	Charles Unruh, Chair	Donna Alarie, Patrick Farley, Beatriz Marinello, Mike Nolan, W. Allen Priest, Charles Unruh	R. Bauer
HALL of FAME	Harold Winston, Chair		J. Berry
INT'L AFFAIRS	Michael Khodarkovsky, Chair		S. Polgar
LMA MGMT (D)	Committee to name	Frank Camaratta, Leroy Dubeck, Peter Dyson, Beatriz Marinello, Grant Perks, Tim Redman, Fred Townsend, and Charles Unruh.	R. Bauer
MILITARY MSGT	Matthew Nemmers, Stephen Rollins Co-Chairs		J. Channing
OUTREACH	Myron Lieberman, Chair		S. Polgar
PPHBF MGMT	Fred Gruenberg, Chair		J. Berry
PUBLICATIONS	Arlen Walker, Chair	Add Ray Hernandez and drop Ryan Ko	R. Hough
RATINGS	Mark Glickman, Chair		B. Goichberg
RULES	David Kuhns, Chair	Add Steve Immitt, Ernie Schlich, Kenneth Sloan	R. Hough
SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL/COMM	Mile Nietman, Steven Shutt Co-chairs		P. Truong
SENIOR	Charles Hatherill, Chair		J. Berry
STATES	Guy Hoffman, Chair	Drop Tony Pabon	R. Hough
SURVEY	Tony Pabon, Chair		B. Goichberg
TOP PLAYERS	Greg Shahade, Chair		S. Polgar

TDCC	Tim Just, Chair	Add	Ed Conway, Charles Hatherill, Phil Smith Jeff Wiewel	R. Hough
US OPEN COMM	Jerry Hanken, Chair			B. Goichberg
WOMEN'S	Polly Wright, Chair	Add Dr.	Alexey Root	S. Polgar

Please note: LMA MGMT stands for Life Membership Asset management Committee and PPHBF MGMT stands for Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund management Committee. TDCC stands for Tournament Director Certification Committee.

Please note: The Internet/MIS/Website Committee has been discontinued.

Please note: The Board named chairs of EB appointed committees and acted only on changes to committee membership. When a listed committee shows no members, the existing members continue until replaced.

REPRESENTATIVES TO FIDE

FIDE VICE PRESIDENT – Bill Kelleher DELEGATE – Don Schultz ZONAL PRESIDENT – John Donaldson

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS – Rachel Lieberman

APPENDIX B – USCF FORUMS – ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES

Be respectful of the community and its members

The Forums are provided to be a constructive resource for the USCF and its members. All users share in the responsibility to maintain its decorum. The following are examples of acceptable and unacceptable conduct. They are not meant to be an exhaustive list, and users should continually be guided by the need to respect the community and its members.

Do not make personal attacks or defamatory or disparaging comments about any person, group or company. Do not flame or troll.

Do not post suggestions, without specifically identified substantial proof, that a person may have committed an unethical or criminal act.

Do not post allegations without checking your facts first. If your post is about USCF, the governance section of uschess.org is a good source to consult, and you may also ask the USCF office or an EB or committee member for information. Search engines can also be valuable. If facts you post are challenged, address this before making further Forum posts.

If you refer to someone by name, use their actual name, not a made up or sarcastic name.

Do not use vulgar, violent or obscene language. No bullying, threats, or intimidation. No libelous, defamatory, offensive, bigoted, racist, sexist or obscene remarks. No name calling. Do not post in all capital or all bold letters.

No advertising, no chain letters, no threats to take legal action, no impersonation of others.

Do not post phone numbers, email addresses or other personal information of others. Do not post private correspondence without permission.

Do not accuse anyone of lying, telling a lie, or being a liar. This is considered a personal attack, even if true. Do not speculate regarding the motives of others. You can get the point across just as well by saying the person you think is lying is wrong, mistaken, incorrect, careless with facts, etc.

Do not post material that could constitute or encourage a violation of copyright or other law.

Do not sign your posts with commercial web sites or company names. You can put the link to your website in your profile.

Do not use your signature for messages of a political or argumentative nature.

No solicitations of funds. However, solicitations of funds for worthy charitable causes may be permitted with advance approval by the USCF Executive Director.

Posts unrelated to Chess are discouraged. Keep your posts to the topic of the thread. Do not post the same or a similar message more than once in a forum or in multiple forums. Start new topics for a new discussion.

Dealing with moderators

Moderators have the right to remove, edit, move or close any topic at any time as well as to issue warnings. Send a PM to a moderator if you have a question about a post or wish to report a violation of the guidelines.

Moderators are not investigators, and should not be expected to decide on the truth of posts, except in obvious cases.

Do not start a thread to complain that your post was removed, as those who can't see the post will not understand. Posts complaining about moderation in general may be acceptable if not repetitive.

Moderation Actions

Any moderator may remove material, issue a warning, and/or request the editing of material.

The Moderation Committee, appointed by the Executive Director, consists of three persons. At least two are current moderators, and the third a current or past moderator or another person with relevant experience. There is also one alternate, a current or past moderator or someone with relevant experience.

The Moderation Committee may restore a post. In voting on restoral, the moderator who removed the post, if on the committee, shall be replaced by the alternate.

The Moderation Committee may issue sanctions. A committee member who is unavailable shall be replaced by the alternate.

Sanctions may be appealed to the Forum Oversight Committee. Moderation Committee decisions regarding the removal of posts are not appealable.

Standard Sanctions:

First offense: 24 hours suspension of posting privileges.

Second offense: 7 days suspension of posting privileges.

Third offense: Poster is placed in a moderation queue, requiring prior approval of posts. This status may be rescinded at the discretion of the Moderation Committee. If queue status is rescinded, the poster reverts to having two offenses.

One year suspension: A poster in a moderation queue who repeatedly submits posts that violate the AUG may be suspended from posting for one year. After the year elapses, the poster returns to the queue and is considered to have two offenses.

Special Sanctions:

In the event of an especially flagrant violation of the AUG, a poster with less than two offenses may be placed in a moderation queue.

All decisions of the Moderation Committee are by majority vote, except for special sanctions or the one year suspension, which require a unanimous vote.
