

2009 Delegates' Call

USCF DELEGATES' WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS

AUGUST 5-9, 2009

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2009 U.S. Open Schedule

AUGUST 1 — AUGUST 9

Saturday, August 1

- 4 PM Denker/College Champions Reception
- 7 PM U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 1
- 7 PM Denker/College Champions, Round 1

Sunday, August 2

- 11 AM Denker/College Champions, Round 2
- 7 PM U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 2
- 7 PM Denker/College Champions, Round 3

Monday, August 3

- 11 AM Denker/College Champions, Round 4
- 7 PM U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 3
- 7 PM Denker/College Champions, Round 5

Tuesday, August 4

- 11 AM Denker/College Champions, Round 6
- 4 PM Denker/College Champions Award Ceremony
- 7 PM U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 1
- 7 PM U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 4

Wednesday, August 5

- 9 AM Workshop: Denker
- 9 AM FIDE Trainer's Seminar
- 10 AM Workshops: College Chess, Polgar
- 12 Noon U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 2
- 1 PM Workshops: Outreach, Women's Chess
- 2 PM Workshop: States
- 3 PM Workshops: TDCC, Scholastic
- 4 PM Workshop: TDCC/Problem Solving
- 7 PM U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 3
- 7 PM U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 5

Thursday, August 6

- 9 AM Workshop: Rules
- 9 AM FIDE Trainer's Seminar
- 9 AM Executive Board Meeting (closed)
- 10 AM Executive Board Meeting (open)
- 12 Noon U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 4
- 1 PM Workshops: Chess in Education, Chess Trust
- 1 PM USCF Legal Issues Forum

Thursday, August 6 (Cont'd)

- 2 PM U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 1
- 4 PM Workshops: Ratings, U.S. Open
- 4 PM International Affairs
- 5 PM U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 2
- 7 PM U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 6
- 7 PM U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 5
- 8 PM U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 3

Friday, August 7

- Early AM U.S. Open Golf Tournament
- 9 AM Workshop: Senior Chess
- 10 AM Workshop: Bylaws
- 10 AM U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 4
- 12 Noon U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 6
- 1 PM Workshop: Finance/LMA
- 1 PM U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 5
- 2 PM Workshop: Publications
- 3 PM Workshop: Chess Journalists
- 3:30 PM U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 6
- 4 PM Staff Forum & Membership Meeting
- 7 PM U.S. Open, Round 7—
All 3 Schedules merged
- 8 PM President's Reception

Saturday, August 8

- 9 AM Delegates' Meeting
- 12 Noon USCF Awards Luncheon &
Hall of Fame Induction
- 2 PM Delegates' Meeting resumes
- 7 PM U.S. Open, Round 8

Sunday, August 9

- 9 AM Delegates' Meeting
- 3 PM U.S. Open, Round 9
- 3 PM Executive Board Meeting (open)
- 6 PM Executive Board Meeting (closed)

Monday, August 10

- 9 AM Executive Board Meeting

2009 U.S. Open Side Events

ALL SIDE EVENTS ENTER ON SITE ONLY

AUGUST 1-2 U.S. Open Weekend Swiss

WCL GPP: 6. 5SS, G/60, \$1000 guaranteed prizes. \$\$ 200-100-50, U2200/Unr \$160, U1800 \$140, U1600 \$120, U1400 \$100, U1200 \$80, Unr \$50. World Chess Live Grand Prix Points: 6. EF \$40, free to unrated if paying USCF dues. Reg. 8:30-9:30 am 8/1, rds. Sat. 10-1-3:30, Sun. 10-1.

AUGUST 2 U.S. Open Scholastic

4SS, G/30, open to K-12 (2008-9 school year). EF \$20. In 3 sections: Open, Under 1200/Unr, Under 800/Unr. Trophies to top 5 each section, top U1600, U1400 in Open, U1000, Unr in U1200, U600, Unr in U800. Reg. 9-11:30 am, rds. 12-1:30-3-4:30.

AUGUST 3 U.S. Open Bughouse

5SS, G/5. EF \$20 per team. 80% of EF in cash prizes. Reg. 9-11:30 am, round 1 noon.

AUGUST 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 U.S. Open Quads

Each is 3RR, G/30. EF \$20, 1st prize \$50 each quad. Reg. 9-11:30 am, rds. 12-1:30-2:30.

AUGUST 5 U.S. Open G/15 Championship

5SS, G/15, quick rated, higher of regular or quick rating used. EF \$40. 80% of EF returned in cash prizes: 1st 30%, 2nd 15%, U2100 12%, U1800 10%, U1500/Unr 8%, U1200 5%. Reg. 9-11:30 am, rds. 12-1-2-3-4.

AUGUST 8 U.S. Open Blitz Championship

WCL GPP: 15. 7SS, double round (14 games), 1 section. Quick rated, higher of regular or quick rating used. \$2000 guaranteed prizes! \$\$ 400-200-150, Expert \$200-100, U2000 \$200-100, U1800 \$180-90, U1600/Unr \$140-70, U1400 \$100, U1200 \$70. EF \$40, free to unrated if paying USCF dues. Reg. 9-11:30 am, 1st round noon.

Schedule for 2009 U.S. Open Workshops & Committee Meetings

Time	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM
WEDNESDAY August 5			College Chess		Women's Chess	States	TDCC	TDCC / Problem Solving
	Denker	Polgar		LUNCH	Outreach		Scholastic Committee	
	FIDE Trainers Seminar				FIDE Trainers Seminar			
THURSDAY August 6	Executive Board (closed)	Executive Board (open)			Chess in Education			
	Rules Workshop			LUNCH	USCF Legal Issues Forum		U.S. Open	
	FIDE Trainers Seminar				Chess Trust		Ratings	
FRIDAY August 7	Senior Chess	Bylaws			Finance / LMA		Staff Forum/ General Mem. Mtg.	
	FIDE Trainers Seminar			LUNCH	Publications		Chess Journalists	
SATURDAY August 8	Delegates Meeting			AWARDS LUNCHEON	Delegates Meeting			
	Delegates Meeting							
SUNDAY August 9	Delegates Meeting				Delegates Meeting			
	Executive Board Meeting Sunday - 6 PM							
<p>Saturday, August 1: Denker Tournament of High School Champions & College Champions Opening Ceremony, 4 PM - Grand Ballroom</p> <p>Friday, August 7: President's Reception, 8 PM - Veterans 5</p> <p>Saturday, August 8: Hall of Fame Induction and USCF Awards Luncheon, NOON - Grand Ballroom Salon 5</p>								

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USCF MISSION STATEMENT

USCF is a not-for-profit membership organization devoted to extending the role of chess in American society. USCF promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an art and enjoyment, but also as a means for the improvement of society. It informs, educates, and fosters the development of players (professional and amateur) and potential players. It encourages the development of a network of institutions devoted to enhancing the growth of chess, from local clubs to state and regional associations, and it promotes chess in American society. To these ends, USCF offers a monthly magazine, as well as targeted publications to its members and others. It supervises the organization of the U.S. Chess Championship, an open tournament held every summer, and other national events. It offers a wide range of books and services to its members and others at prices consistent with the benefits of its members. USCF serves as the governing body for chess in the United States and as a participant in international chess organizations and projects. It is structured to ensure effective democratic procedures in accord with its bylaws and laws of the state of Illinois.

DELEGATES' MEETING

AUGUST 5-9, 2009

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President's Report

by Bill Goichberg

It was a year of "what might have been." If only USCF did not have extremely high legal fees due to the improper behavior of two executive board (EB) members, we would have a nice surplus and would be looking to the future with confidence. On the other hand, were it not for the generosity of the late Phil LeCornu in leaving the Federation a \$350,000 bequest, we would have had great difficulty obtaining appropriate legal representation for the struggle against the Federation's foes. With neither unusual event, it probably would have been a losing year but not a disaster.

The new membership structure approved by the board of delegates last year is helping financially and will be far more effective when in effect for a full year in fiscal 2010, but scholastic and youth memberships have turned down, as school chess programs feel the effects of the economy. Our mailing to life members is also likely to help, as a significant number are selecting non-magazine membership. Anticipating the possibility of substantial additional legal fees, the office will be closed every Friday through September, and the executive board has proposed budgetary changes including a \$10 increase in national tournament entry fees, a 10% increase in advertising rates, and a \$5 increase in non-magazine adult dues.

Over the chessboard, it was an exciting year. Assisted by the sponsorship of the Kasparov Chess Foundation, we were the only nation in the world to have both our overall Olympiad team and women's team win medals. Gata Kamsky represented us valiantly though unsuccessfully in the quarterfinals of the world championship, succumbing only when it appeared he was about to tie up his match with former world champion Veselin Topalov. And Hikaru Nakamura won his second U.S. championship in a wonderful event, organized and publicized with great professionalism by the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis. The 2010 U.S. Championship will return to Saint Louis, and should be even more exciting and beneficial to American chess!

Speaking of Hikaru, our U.S. champion followed up his victory at St. Louis with an incredible performance in the French League, scoring 7½ out of 8 against opponents with FIDE ratings averaging 2584. That's a performance rating of over 3000!

A remarkably uninformed opinion piece by two prominent American grandmasters recently appeared on the blog of the executive board member who is suing USCF for \$10 million. It falsely suggests that *Chess Life for Kids* is being discontinued, *Chess*

Life is in danger of being shut down, no official FIDE events have been held in the U.S. for 10 years, USCF has not been creating new events, and "It is our understanding that USCF membership is declining rapidly, especially adult membership." I will address only the latter claim here, though most delegates are probably aware that there is no basis for the others as well.

USCF did lose members age 21 or over at an alarming rate for 11 consecutive fiscal years, 1995-2006, but the adult trend has stabilized in the past three years.

Following is our age 21 and over membership as of June 1, including only Adult and Senior members:

1993	35,012
1994	35,563
1995	36,722
1996	35,471
1997	33,626
1998	33,040
1999	31,982
2000	30,942
2001	29,881
2002	28,619
2003	27,153
2004	24,962
2005	24,189
2006	23,376

That's 13,236 members age 21/over lost in 11 years, an average of over 1,200 per year.

In 2005, Family membership was restructured leading to greater popularity, and in 2006 Youth membership going up to age 20 was changed to Young Adult membership up to age 24. These categories should be included in the age 21/over count, but an age breakdown is not available prior to 2004. Here are the 21/over totals including these categories since 2004, for June 1 each year:

2004	25,553
2005	24,782
2006	24,123
2007	25,192
2008	24,915
2009	24,595

So despite poor recent economic conditions, age 21 and over membership is actually GREATER than it was three years ago! After the huge, sustained losses for the 11 years previous, these recent numbers hardly seem something to be ashamed of.

USCF is currently being sued by both a current executive board member and a former EB member. Although these two repeatedly attack each other, one thing they seem to agree on is that it is OK to spin

USCF membership numbers in misleading ways for political purposes.

The current board member proclaims on her blog, "The USCF membership was nearly 96,000 in 2003 and it is less than 80,000 right now." The former board member writes, "In 2003, the USCF had 95,000 members. Now, there are only 77,000 members." Both go on to suggest that the Federation is in terrible shape and that current management is responsible for this huge loss in members.

While there actually was a loss of 17,581 members from the peak on 3/1/03 to the most recent number of 6/1/09, to suggest that membership has collapsed in recent years under leaders who took office during 2005-2007 is quite a brush exercise in spin, as these numbers illustrate:

3/1/03	95,388 (peak)
6/1/03	90,637
6/1/04	85,856
6/1/05	80,334
6/1/06	80,623
6/1/07	81,827
6/1/08	80,578
6/1/09	77,807

The real story here seems to be that overall membership, once rapidly declining, has been virtually level during the past four years, except for a modest recent drop only during very tough economic times.

Like most democratic groups, USCF will always include those who try to make the organization look bad for political purposes. Let's remember that despite some ugly politics at times and financial problems more often than we would like, the U.S. Chess Federation has existed for 70 years as the unquestioned national governing body of chess, and has a substantial record of achievement. The world's most widely read chess magazine, a national rating system with almost instant rating changes, many large national tournaments, standard rules accepted by most clubs and tournaments, and tournament director certification are accomplishments unmatched by any other national chess federation, and vastly greater than previous American national chess organizations.

So let us not be demoralized by our problems; we overcame a far worse crisis in 2003. In spite of the nay-sayers, those who misinform, the "anonymous" posters, and those with their own agendas which include bringing us down, and with the support of all who truly care about American chess, justice will triumph and we will prevail.

Executive Director's Report

by Bill Hall

2009 has been a challenging year. Despite these challenges, which I will address later, we have had some significant positive developments. The 2009 U.S. Championship was fortunate to receive sponsorship on a grand scale from the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. This was a spectacular venue with first class organization and exciting chess. I would personally like to thank Mr. Rex Sinquefeld and Mr. Tony Rich for making this happen and for the commitment to continuing the sponsorship into 2010. The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis is also sponsoring the upcoming 2009 U.S. Women's Championship with a record prize fund for the event. Hikaru Nakamura returned to the summit this year claiming the championship of our nation once again. I would like to thank both him and Women's World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk for agreeing to attend the U.S. Open this year and offering simulms for the participants. I believe this will add a great deal to the experience as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the USCF.

Although he fell a bit short in his bid, Gata Kamsky made us proud competing on the world's top chess stage. After winning the 2008 World Cup, he earned a world championship semi-final stage match with Veselin Topalov, in which Gata was defeated in a very exciting and competitive match. That is not the only mark made in international competition by the U.S. this year. For the first time in history, both the U.S. Olympiad team (captained by John Donaldson) and the U.S. women's Olympiad team (led by Gregory Kaidanov and Michael Khodarkovsky) earned a medal, each receiving the bronze. I would like to give a special thank you to the Kasparov Chess Foundation and Michael Khodarkovsky for their generous sponsorship of the event, without which it would be extremely difficult for us to send the teams.

Every four years the USCF holds what in many ways has become its signature event, the SuperNationals. In 2005, the event drew 5,320 players from across the country and was (and still is) the largest chess tournament ever held under one roof. This year, despite an extremely difficult economic climate, we fell just 73 players short of the previous record. The event was headlined with appearances by the one-and-only Garry Kasparov, Alexandra Kosteniuk, and Dr. Greg Chamitoff (NASA astronaut). I would like to give a special thanks to USCF assistant executive director and director of national events, Pat Knight Smith, for her tireless efforts in making the event a tremendous success. I would also like to thank the literally hundreds of people that made this happen. To emphasize how successful this was considering the economy, to my knowledge, we were one of two groups at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center that was able to achieve their contracted room block. We also were able to provide \$50,000 in unrestricted scholarship monies for top finishers, and The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) provided three 4-year academic distinction scholarships. I would like to give a special thanks to Jim Stallings of UTD for their continued support with scholarships, including once again for this year's Denker Tournament of High School Champions.

I mentioned Dr. Greg Chamitoff earlier. This year the USCF, in conjunction with NASA, conducted an Earth vs. space match. The 2008 elementary K-3 champion team from Stevenson Elementary in Washington chose the candidate moves for the Earth side, and visitors to www.uschess.org would select the actual move to be played. Our opponent was Dr. Chamitoff aboard the International Space Station. Coverage included a live broadcast on the NASA channel of a satellite link exchange between Dr. Chamitoff and the

Stevenson team. I would like to thank match director Hal Bogner, everyone associated with the Stevenson team, Dr. Chamitoff, and everyone that helped pull this off at NASA.

This year at the U.S. Open the second annual World Chess Live College Tournament of Champions will take place with no entry fee, a \$5,000 prize fund, and fully sponsored by World Chess Live. I would like to thank Joel Berez and World Chess Live for this sponsorship and for sponsoring the Grand Prix and the Junior Grand Prix.

There are many more exciting projects that we have in the works and so many more to thank, but in the interest of brevity I must move on to some of the more challenging topics.

The last year could easily be defined as the year of the law suits. What follows is a brief description and update on the litigation from last fiscal year in order of initial filing:

Sloan, New York: Sam Sloan sued the USCF and a host of other defendants in federal court in New York on a variety of claims, among them issues relating to the "fake Sam Sloan." The suit was dismissed on jurisdictional grounds. Sloan moved that the court reconsider, which was denied. He then submitted a motion to reconsider the motion to reconsider, which was denied. Sloan appealed. The appeal was denied. Now, Sloan has requested a special consideration by the appellent court, which is pending.

Parker, Pennsylvania: Gordon Parker sued the USCF and a host of defendants in Pennsylvania on a variety of claims, among them issues relating to the "fake Sam Sloan." The USCF and most defendants were dismissed; however, some of the claims against Susan Polgar and Paul Truong survived dismissal. Parker was ordered to effectuate proper service and conduct jurisdictional discovery. Parker was unable to properly serve Polgar and Truong, and the court ruled that he was able to serve by publishing in a local newspaper. The case is still pending.

USCF v. John Doe 1-10, California: After discovering that USCF attorney client privileged and private executive board communications were inappropriately disseminated, the USCF filed a "Doe action" to investigate and remedy the problem. This allowed the USCF to subpoena records that would indicate the breach.

Polgar, Texas: Susan Polgar sued the USCF and a host of other defendants on a variety of allegations, including defamation, for \$25 million (later reduced to \$10 million). The case is well into the discovery phase and is still pending.

USCF names two "John Does," California: In the California "Doe" suit, the responses from subpoenas return sufficient evidence to name two defendants as responsible for the e-mail breach, Gregory Alexander and Susan Polgar. The suit alleges, among other items, that Alexander illegally accessed Randy Hough's e-mail account at least 111 times.

USCF, Illinois: USCF filed an action in state court in Illinois asking a judge to remove Paul Truong and Susan Polgar from the USCF executive board. The case is pending in the early stages.

ChessCafe, Connecticut: Former USCF Sales vendor, ChessCafe filed a suit asking for injunctive relief on five contractually disputed items. The USCF exercised its contractual right to terminate the contract on March 31, 2009 and the suit was withdrawn. The USCF has compelled arbitration in Tennessee, per the contract; the arbitration is still pending.

Financially, this has been a difficult year. On one hand, we received two substantial bequests; however, this has been overshadowed by a bad economic climate and extreme legal fees. We will show a six figure loss for the year. This is unfortunate, as with the bequests, the USCF could have been poised to be on firm financial ground for many years into the future. Instead we are where we are. Some are trying to present this as a political battle and nothing more. In my opinion, that is absurd. This is a simple case of two executive board members committing a series of bad acts against members of the chess community, members of the executive board, and the Federation as a whole. The remaining members of the executive board have been placed in the unenviable position of having to deal with those bad acts so as to avoid exposing the USCF to liability for not acting. On a board level this has been a considerable challenge. In my opinion, the Federation is facing the greatest conflict of interest in its history, with a board member remaining on the board while suing the organization for \$10,000,000. This must be addressed, and all of us that owe a fiduciary duty to the organization must stand firm.

To counter the escalating legal expenses, we have had to make difficult cuts, and more are coming. The office staff has already incurred a 20% reduction to hours and/or salary. I did not enjoy having to look the staff in their eyes and see the fear and pain as they had to begin to figure out how they would make ends meet as the reduction was being implemented. It disturbed me on a visceral level to know that these hard-working, dedicated people were going to have to suffer due to the behavior of two board members. I am very proud of my staff for the way that they have rallied in these uncertain times and have taken ownership of the situation and offered workable solutions. The employees face these reductions on the back of continued eroding healthcare benefits and the termination of the profit-sharing plan. We must navigate the Federation through these troubled waters, then place focus on improving the situation for our employees. We also face problems with an eroding infrastructure. Having to find deeper and deeper expense cuts often leads to delaying scheduled infrastructure investment. Most of the office computers are now four years old, and will have to be replaced in the next year or two. Our phone system is antiquated and problematic and needs to be replaced. Continued growth in web services is the backbone of the future of the organization, and we are not in a position to invest further at this time.

We also face some challenges with our current governance structure. I have a legal opinion from counsel that says the delegate-for-a-day structure is not compliant with Illinois law. Due to this and in an abundance of caution, I would ask that all delegates and alternate delegates who are unable to attend the delegate's meeting August 8-9 to please consider resigning as soon as possible to clear the way for others from your state who can attend to be seated. This is important to ensure that we are able to obtain a legal quorum for the meeting. I believe that one item to be considered by the delegates is to return to annual delegate elections or appointments. This would allow non-attendance to be considered a resignation and would allow for proper replacements at the meeting. This is a critical delegate's meeting and I strongly urge all to attend who possibly can.

In summary, this has been a challenging year. Many good things have happened this year, and together we must deal with the bad. Unfortunately some of what has happened has caused chaos within our organization, however with chaos comes opportunity. There is opportunity to change the culture of our organization, opportunity to make needed improvements to our governance, and an opportunity to come together as an organization to do what is right. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting in August.

VP of Finance Report

by Randy Bauer

The USCF has had a challenging fiscal year, and it is certainly one that is frustrating to many members, including me. While we are still awaiting final audited figures for the previous fiscal year, it appears that the USCF will end the year with a small loss, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$70,000. Clearly, this is not our desired outcome on a yearly basis, but there are a variety of factors that help explain this year's financial results.

It is likely that the current national economic condition is impacting the USCF finances. The US economy entered a recession in December 2008, and it is likely it will end up being the longest downturn since the Great Depression. Being billed as 'the Great Recession,' it has led to millions of people losing their jobs and literally trillions of dollars in lost net worth. As families struggle to make ends meet, recreational activities are often eliminated or reduced, and it is likely that this is impacting on USCF membership numbers, as well as other chess-related activities, including purchases of books and equipment.

Even with this reduced economic activity, in most revenue categories, the 2009 actual numbers were relatively close to the enacted budget. Likewise, most regular expenses—such as office payroll and expenses—aligned very closely with the enacted budget.

There are really two sets of extraordinary events that, in tandem, summed up the fiscal year. First, because of the generosity of two benefactors, the USCF received bequests totaling nearly \$400,000. Because of these, the USCF was able to pay down its mortgage on its headquarters in Crossville by \$100,000. Unfortunately, most of the hoped for benefit from these generous bequests were negated because of the need to pay legal fees associated with lawsuits filed in a variety of states. While you can learn about the details of these suits elsewhere, the bottom line is that they required the expenditure of over \$327,000 more than the USCF spent for legal fees in the prior year.

This is a regrettable set of circumstances, and I am hopeful that these legal issues will be put to rest in the near future. Some have already been resolved, including favorable rulings in suits filed in New York and Pennsylvania and arbitration underway in Tennessee involving our prior books and equipment vendor. The executive board majority is exploring every opportunity to resolve the remaining issues, but it is entirely possible that significant expense will be required to defend the USCF's interests in the coming year.

There have been a handful of positive financial developments in the past year. The USCF is in the process of final disbursements of its employee profit sharing plan and also in the final stages of a Department of Labor audit—these relate to issues that go back many years, but we are now confident that the plan has no significant deficiencies and expect all issues to be resolved in the near future. As previously noted, the USCF was able to make a \$100,000 investment in our future by paying down the mortgage on our headquarters. This was possible partly because of the willingness of the Life Member Assets Committee to provide the USCF a matching \$100,000 line of credit. This should be a win-win situation, as interest on the credit will stay within the USCF rather than paid to an outside financial institution.

That said, the difficult financial situation is requiring significant reductions in a number of areas. USCF's workforce is taking furloughs and more permanent reductions may be necessary should the USCF not be able to resolve its outstanding litigation in the coming year. The USCF is, in many respects, engaged in a battle for its financial future and that future should rightly be a lengthy topic of discussion at the Finance workshop and the delegate's meeting.

Volunteer Expense Report

Paid during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009

Name	Capacity	Amount
Randall Hough	Executive Board	1,190.50

Legal Expenditures 2008-2009

Polgar Related Suits (NY, IL, TX, CA)

Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	5,713.38
Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C.	54,227.10
Lafont, Tunnell, Formby, LaFont, Hamilton, L.L.P.	1,810.90
Hirsch & Westheimer, P.C.	164,991.70
Kronenberger Burgoyne, L.L.P.	191,708.07

TOTAL POLGAR LEGAL FEES	\$418,451.15
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5/19/2009 Ansur America Ins Gen Liability	-44,686.70
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\$373,764.45

ChessCafe Issues

Jacobs, Grudberg, Belt, Dow & Katz, P.C.	3,530.80
Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	13,546.35

TOTAL CHESS CAFE LEGAL FEES	\$17,077.15
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Gordon Parker

Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	2,706.02
Insurance Deductible	10,000.00

TOTAL PARKER FEES	\$12,706.02
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Corporate

Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	3,000.00
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Governance

Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	762.75
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Profit Sharing Plan

Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	210.00
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Sloan Issues

Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	574.50
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Miscellaneous

Grant Konvalinka & Harrison, P.C.	40.00
Rider, Weiner & Frankel, P.C.	14.67

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL FEES	54.67
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GRAND TOTAL LEGAL FEES 2008-2009	\$408,149.54
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U.S. Chess Trust Report

by Chairman Harold J. Winston

The U.S. Chess Trust is a federally tax exempt 501(c)(3) Massachusetts Trust which supports chess nationwide. Your donations help American chess in many ways. The Trust is proud of the recent successes of U.S. players in both the Olympiads and the World Youth, as the Trust supported American players at both events. I thank Frank Berry, in particular, for his major donation towards the Olympiad.

Our own website, www.uschesstrust.org, has stayed current thanks to webmaster, Dora Leticia, and our web editor, Beatriz Marinello. Check it out. We have continued our online newsletter, which is e-mailed to a select distribution list, and highlights the Trust's activities. I thank Beatriz and Dora for all their hard work and to Jim Eade, Chairman of the Trust Website Committee. Also Beatriz arranged a fund-raising simultaneous exhibition by Women's World Champion Alexandra Kosteniuk in New York City and Managing Director Barbara DeMaro was very active in getting publicity for this simul.

Once again, in the Scholar Chessplayer Program, aided by the generous assistance of Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry and his National Scholastic Chess Foundation, the Trust awarded five \$1,500 college scholarships for a total of \$7,500, based on both academic and chess achievement. We hope to stay at this level for one more year. Our goal continues to be to obtain a corporate sponsor for this program so that even more substantial amounts can be awarded in scholarships. The Scholastic Council, who serve on our advisory board, are a key part of this award program. I announced the 2009 winners at the SuperNationals in Nashville.

The Chess Trust supports of school and junior chess nationwide, by donating chess sets and boards to schools, providing some free USCF memberships to needy students, and by backing American participants in recognized international junior and youth competitions. The Trust also contributes to the collegiate "Final Four." With the generous assistance of the Denker family, now from trustee Mitchell Denker, the Trust supports the Arnold S. Denker Tournament of High School Champions. The Trust also donates to the Susan Polgar Tournament for Girls. The Trust also assists the U.S. Blind Championship and this year the College Tournament of Champions. The Trust also supported a workshop on Chess in Education held at the 2008 U.S. Open in Dallas. We continue to send chess sets to Americans serving in our armed forces abroad, with the help of Trust President Shane Samole and Excalibur Electronics, and to participate in the Sets for Vets program, working with the New Jersey State Chess Federation (NJSCF) and Herman Drenth.

Congratulations to the U.S. Chess Federation, which held a very successful SuperNationals at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, in April, attracting over 5,000 players. I spoke at the opening ceremony for the Trust and had a chance to talk briefly with former World Champion Garry Kasparov and with an astronaut, Greg Chamitoff, who were the two main speakers. Managing Director Barbara DeMaro and I attended for the U.S. Chess Trust and I had a productive meeting with the Scholastic Council in Nashville. Trust President Shane Samole

was also at the SuperNationals, as his son played in the tournament. Trust Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry was also present. I traveled to Nashville at my own expense and all trustees serve without compensation. Last summer I represented the Trust at the opening ceremony for the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in Dallas, Texas, and participated in awarding the Denker prizes at the closing ceremony.

Congratulations also to our new Samford fellowship winner: Ray Robson of Largo, Florida. Congratulations also to Beatriz Marinello, who received the third Harold Dondis Award last August for her fine work setting up the Trust website and her work for scholastic chess. The Trust is also pleased to continue to administer the Schein Friedman Scholarship Program, aimed at players ages 7-17.

The Trust continues to benefit from the counsel of our Chairman Emeritus, Harold Dondis of Massachusetts. Treasurer Jim Eade of Northern California, has been very helpful and has carefully watched over our investments in a troubled economic time. Our president, Shane Samole and his team, continue their fine work on the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum, in Miami, Florida.

Our managing director, Barbara DeMaro, an independent contractor, works on many important projects, including soliciting donations and matching grants, maintaining financial records, administering the Samford Fellowship fund, processing requests for chess sets and free memberships and coordinating with our supplier, Excalibur Electronics, and processing donations. Barbara has successfully worked on having our donors remembering to include the Trust in their wills. This is our legacy program and new donors should contact Barbara directly. Barbara reports that many USCF members make online donations to the Trust, which can be done at www.uschesstrust.org.

I thank Treasurer Jim Eade (N. CA), Chairman Emeritus Harold Dondis (MA), President Shane Samole (FL), Secretary Myron Lieberman (AZ), and all the other trustees and officers: Chess in Education Vice President Tim Redman (TX), Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry (NY), Assistant Treasurer Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Steve Doyle (NJ), Mitchell Denker (FL), Mark Fins (MA), Joe Ippolito (NJ), and Dana Belcher (NH) for their help in the past year. The trustees represent all sections of our nation. I also thank Jim Oberweis (IL) for continuing to oversee management of our investments.

Our annual meeting is open to the public. Everyone is welcome at the annual Trust meeting on Thursday afternoon August 6, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., at the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. To contact the Trust, e-mail our Managing Director Barbara DeMaro at bduscf@aol.com or e-mail me at HJWinston@aol.com. Donations should be made out to U.S. Chess Trust and can be sent to U.S. Chess Trust, PO Box 838, Wallkill, NY 12589, Attention: Barbara DeMaro. I will also collect donations in person at the U.S. Open and at the delegates meeting. To make sure your full donation goes to the Trust use a check.

USCF Executive Board (EB) Motions through June 5, 2009

NOTE: M = MEETING, C = CONFERENCE CALL, E = E-MAIL, I = INTERNET CONFERENCE, O = OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE

Motion #	Sponsor	Date & Method	Subject	Disposition
EB09-001	Goichberg	08/10/08 M	Forum Sanction Expirations (See also 09-019)	PASSED 5-0
EB09-002	Goichberg	08/10/08 M	Add Korey Kormick and Allen Priest to FOC	PASSED 5-0
EB09-003	Board	08/10/08 M	Chess Coach Certification Program	PASSED 5-0
EB09-004	Board	08/11/08 M	Committee Chairs and Liaisons	PASSED 5-0
EB09-005	Goichberg	09/06/08 E	Appoint Michael Khodarkovsky as acting FIDE Delegate for the Dresden meeting	PASSED 4-0-2
EB09-006	Goichberg	10/02/08 O	Survey, Ratings, and US Open Committees	PASSED no obj
EB09-007	Goichberg	10/24/08 E	Extend Executive Director's contract for 2 yrs	PASSED 4-2
EB09-008	Goichberg	10/26/08 O	Add Denis Strenzwilk to US Open Committee	PASSED no obj
EB09-009	Bauer	10/26/08 O	Finance Committee named	PASSED no obj
EB09-010	Hall	10/27/08 E	Fund Profit Sharing Plan	PASSED 6-0
EB09-011	Board	11/01/08 M	Termination of Profit Sharing Fund	PASSED 6-0
EB09-012	Polgar, Truong	11/01/08 M	Key Employees	FAILED 2-4
EB09-013	Polgar	11/01/08 M	College Chess Committee	PASSED 4-0-2
EB09-014	Hall	11/01/08 M	TDCC	PASSED 6-0
EB09-015	Hall	11/02/08 M	Recognize Sam Shankland and Darwin Yang for their results in the World Youth	PASSED 6-0
EB09-016	Board	11/02/08 M	Norm Based Title System	PASSED 5-1
EB09-017	Board	11/02/08 M	Credit Towards Titles from Previous Events	PASSED 6-0
EB09-018	Bauer	11/02/08 M	Grand Prix points for US Open	PASSED 6-0
EB09-019	Goichberg	11/02/08 M	Amendment to EB01-001 re: Sanctions	PASSED 4-0-2
EB09-020	Polgar, Truong	11/02/08 M	Transfer Website to USCF Staff by 01/01/09	PASSED 6-0
EB09-021	Board, Hall	11/02/08 M	Thank Rachel and Myron Lieberman	PASSED 6-0
EB09-022	Board, Hall	11/02/08 M	Thank Patricia Knight	PASSED 6-0
EB09-023	Goichberg	11/18/08 E	Changes to AUG	PASSED 4-0-2
EB09-024	Goichberg	11/19/08 O	Rev. Scholastic Guidelines	PASSED No Ob
EB09-025	Polgar	12/29/08 E	Set up five funds	FAILED 2-3
EB09-026	Truong	12/29/08 E	Obtain travel discounts for the SuperNationals	FAILED 2-4
EB09-027	Polgar, Truong	01/06/09 E	Documentation of Motions	FAILED 2-4
EB09-028	Berry	01/07/09 E	G/30 and G/60 Championships	PASSED 4-1-1
EB09-029	Goichberg	01/09/09 E	Confidentiality of Awards Discussions	PASSED 4-2
EB09-030	Hall	01/15/09 E	Refer matter to Legal Subcommittee	PASSED 4-2
EB09-031	Goichberg, Bauer, Hough, Berry	02/07/09 M	LMA/ Operations Financial Arrangeme	PASSED 4-2
EB09-032	Board	02/07/09 M	Benefactor Membership	PASSED 6-0
EB09-033	Goichberg	02/07/09 M	Adoption of New Forum Guidelines	PASSED 4-0-2
EB09-034	Goichberg	02/07/09 M	Add Harry Payne to the FOC	PASSED 4-2
EB09-035	Goichberg	02/07/09 M	Add Joshua Snyder to the FOC	PASSED 6-0
EB09-036	Board	02/07/09 M	Allen Priest is appointed as Chair of the FOC	PASSED 6-0
EB09-037	Goichberg	02/20/09 E	Establish Phil LeCornu Memorial Olympiad Fund	PASSED 6-0
EB09-038	Bauer, Hall	03/28/09 E	Book and Equipment Contract Subcommittee	PASSED 4-2
EB09-039	Hall	04/18/09 E	Legal Subcommittee	PASSED 4-0
EB09-040	Goichberg	04/20/09 E	Zonal President Applications	PASSED 4-2
EB09-041	Board	05/16/09 M	Privacy Policy	PASSED 4-0
EB09-042	Board	05/17/09 M	501 (c) (3) Resolution	PASSED 4-0
EB09-043	Board	05/17/09 M	Awards	PASSED 4-0
EB09-044	Board	05/17/09 M	Beatriz Marinello named FIDE Zonal President	PASSED 4-0
EB09-045	Board	05/17/09 M	Rating Fees for FIDE events	PASSED 4-0

The following motions were voted at the Board meeting on August 10-11, 2008, in Dallas, TX:

EB09-001—Goichberg – Level one and two sanctions must be imposed in the order that the posts were made. All sanctions expire after a period of time and the participant's sanction level drops. The expiration periods are:

A one day or one week sanction expires in 6 months, an indefinite or one year sanction expires in 1 year. **PASSED 5-0** (Bauer not present) Note: Please see the Forum Acceptable Use Guidelines (Appendix B, which was revised in February, 2009) for more details on infractions and sanctions.

EB09-002—Goichberg – Add Korey Kormick and Allen Priest to the Forum Oversight Committee. **PASSED 5-0** (Bauer not present)

EB09-003—Board – The Chess Coach Certification program is approved. **PASSED 5-0** (Bauer not present)

EB09-004—Board – USCF Executive Board Committee assignments and appointments are affirmed as shown in Appendix A below.

Please note: In the interest of having all committees in the same place, Delegate appointed committees are included in the list for information only. They are shown at the start of Appendix A. Delegate appointed Committees choose their own chair. The Board only considered EB appointed committee chairs and liaisons. The committee list is included as Appendix A. We have received no Office Liaison information as of this time. A new committee has been added and some chairs have changed. No changes were made in other appointed positions. They are shown at the end of Appendix A.

US FIDE Delegate Don Schultz will be unable to attend the upcoming FIDE meeting in Dresden but is not resigning his position. Bill Goichberg offered the following motion by e-mail on September 06, 2008. The vote was complete by 09/08/2008.

EB09-005—Goichberg – I move that we appoint Michael Khodarkovsky to be acting USCF delegate for the Dresden meeting. **PASSED 4-0-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining.

Bill Goichberg moved the reappointment of the existing members of the Ratings, US Open, and Survey Committees by e-mail objections procedure on October 2. There were no objections. As there were no objections, the motion passed on October 7.

EB09-006—Goichberg – I move by objections procedure that the Ratings Committee, US Open Committee, and Survey Committee continue with the same membership as last year. **PASSED** without objection.

Bill Goichberg moved by e-mail on October 24 to extend the ED contract for two years. The motion passed the same day.

EB09-007—Goichberg – Moved, that the contract to extend Bill Hall's employment as Executive Director for two years beginning November 8, 2008, be approved. **PASSED 4-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

Two objections procedure motions involving committee assignments were made on October 21. They passed without objection on October 26.

EB09-008—Goichberg – Add Denis Strenzwilk to the US Open Committee. **PASSED** without objection

EB09-009—Bauer – The Finance Committee members are as follows: Chuck Unruh, chair, Allen Priest, CPA, Jon Haskel, CPA, Patrick Farley, CPA, Mike Swatek, Tim Redman **PASSED** without objection

Bill Hall moved by e-mail on October 24 to ask the LMA Committee for a 6 month loan to fund the Profit Sharing plan. The motion passed on October 27

EB09-010—Hall – I move that the USCF Executive Board asks the LMA Committee to loan up to \$50,000 for up to six

months at a 4% interest rate to Operations for the purpose of funding the USCF Profit Sharing Plan. **PASSED 6-0**

NOVEMBER, 2008 USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board met in Nashville on Nov 1 and 2, 2008. All Board members were present in person except for Susan Polgar and Paul Truong who were present through a phone connection. Pat Knight, Mike Nolan, Mike Nietman, and Joe Nanna also attended the meeting. The following motions were made at the meeting.

EB09-011—Executive Board – RESOLUTIONS FOR TERMINATION OF THE USCF PROFIT SHARING PLAN

RESOLVED, that the United States of America Chess Federation Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the Plan) to be terminated effective as of November 1, 2008 and that the Plan be liquidated and final benefit distribution be processed to all participants and beneficiaries as soon thereafter as may be administratively practicable. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plan be amended to bring it into compliance with the statutory and regulatory changes commonly referred to as the "EGTRRA" requirements and that the Plan be further amended to incorporate and other changes the Internal Revenue Service may deem necessary for the written form of the Plan to be deemed a qualified plan upon termination.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of the Corporation is hereby authorized to execute such documents and to perform such acts as he may deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Corporation to effect the amendment, termination and liquidation of the Plan and to otherwise implement the foregoing resolutions. **PASSED: 6-0**

EB09-012—Susan Polgar, Paul Truong – Key Employees

At this time the only key employee truly identified that the USCF cannot operate without is Mike Nolan. Key employee insurance is reserved only for employees of an organization and not a contractor / consultant.

Seek to convert Mike Nolan to an employee and insure. If not financially possible then enter discussions with insurance agencies to determine if Mike Nolan can acquire the insurance himself and bill the USCF for it. Prior to this occurring, the USCF must be given guarantees that the insurance agency would provide the coverage and make USCF a beneficiary. Additionally prior to occurring factor in costs of the insurance being passed through by Mike Nolan, plus his consulting fees and determine if less than hiring him plus the direct cost of insurance to the USCF. **FAILED: 2-4** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong in favor. Please note that Mike Nolan indicated that this type of insurance is usually not recommended.

EB09-013—Polgar – College Chess Committee – Reappoint previous members of the College Chess Committee. Bill Hall offered a friendly amendment accepted by Susan Polgar to remove Gregory Alexander from the College Chess Committee. **PASSED 4-0-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining.

EB09-014—Hall – Add Joshua Snyder to the TDCC Committee and reappoint previous years' members. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB09-015—Hall – Move that the USCF recognizes and congratulates Sam Shankland for tying for 1st Place and receiving the Bronze Medal in the Under 18 section of the World Youth Championship. The USCF would also like to recognize Darwin Yang for his Bronze metal performance in the Under 12 section. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB09-016—Executive Board – Norm based title system - To encourage more frequent play and provide cumulative recognition for life time achievement, USCF implements the norm based Titles System suggested by the Ratings Committee and approved by the Delegates. Each title requires 5 norms with a performance above the title level based on a formula (the shorter the event, the higher the required performance).

Titles available:

Senior Life Master (level 2400): Requires 5 norms plus current or former rating of 2400 or above.

Life Master (Level 2200): Requires 5 norms plus current or former rating of 2200 or above.

Candidate Master (Level 2000): Requires 5 norms plus current or former rating of 2000 or above.

1st Category (Level 1800): Requires 5 norms only.

2nd Category (Level 1800): Requires 5 norms only.

3rd Category (Level 1800): Requires 5 norms only.

4th Category (Level 1800): Requires 5 norms only.

The norm based title system shall begin by crediting all play recorded in our computer, which goes back to 1991.

Note: The title of "Original Life Master", based on playing 300 games at a level of 2200 is continued without change. Players may achieve the Life Master title, Original Life Master Title, or both. **PASSED: 5-1** with Susan Polgar opposed

EB09-017—Executive Board – The Executive Board asks the Ratings Committee in consultation with the office to investigate devising a procedure for awarding appropriate credit towards titles for results or ratings achieved prior to those in our computer. The idea is that such credit would be assigned only on request and that the office would charge a research fee to cover costs. **PASSED 6-0**

EB09-018—Bauer – The US Open shall award 300 Grand Prix Points. **PASSED 6-0**

EB09-019—Goichberg – Amend EB09-001 - Level one and two sanctions must be imposed in the order that the posts were made. All sanctions expire after a period of time and the participant's sanction level drops. The expiration periods are:

A one day or one week sanction expires in 6 months, and indefinite or one year sanction expires in 1 year. 1) Omit "Level one and two" 2) Add "after the sanction went into effect" after "period of time" **PASSED 4-0-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining.

EB09-020—Polgar, Truong – Website - The Executive Director and USCF Web Site contractor are to develop and execute a 2 month plan for completion and transfer of control and maintenance of the USCF Web Site to the USCF staff. Finalization is to occur by January 1, 2009. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB09-021—Executive Board, Hall – The Executive Board and Bill Hall would like to thank Rachel and Myron Lieberman for their years of dedication and service to the USCF, past, present, and future. **PASSED 6-0.**

EB09-022—Executive Board, Hall – The Executive Board and Bill Hall would like to thank Pat Knight for her assistance with the planning of the Executive Board meeting, during the meeting, and tour of the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. **PASSED 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

JN09-001—CFO – The CFO is to provide upon immediate receipt of monthly financial reports, copies of financial worksheets to all members of the Executive Board and Finance Committee.

JN09-002—CFO – Membership Reports should be sent with more detail to the Executive Board.

BHJN09-001 – The ED and CFO will create, distribute, and implement a policy statement, supportive processes, and procedures for the handling of deferred memberships and to ensure an accurate monthly schedule is provided in tandem with monthly USCF financial reports.

BH09-002 – The ED will look into offering Military discounts for USCF membership.

BH09-003 – The ED will pursue the possibility of seeking volunteers to seek sponsors and grant writing.

Please note: These Action Item numbers are sequential for the

year. BH09-001 was agreed to at the August meeting.

Mike Nolan suggested changes that should be made to the Acceptable use guidelines (AUG) for the forums. Bill Goichberg moved their adoption on 11/14/08 by e-mail. The motion passed without on 11/18/08.

EB09-023—Goichberg – The Executive Board modifies the Acceptable Usage Guidelines (AUG) for the USCF Forums as follows:

Posts to the Forums which contain links to external sites with filings in pending legal actions involving the USCF are acceptable under the AUG if all of the following apply:

1. The subject heading does not violate the AUG.
2. The contents of the post other than the link do not violate the AUG.
3. When displayed, the content of the legal filing in the link appears to be complete and unmodified. This means, for example, that addresses and other personal information, if part of the legal filing, do not need to be redacted.
4. If the link is to a site maintained by or on behalf of the USCF, the court (including 3rd party reporting services) or any of the lawyers representing any of the parties involved in the legal action, the link is by definition acceptable.
5. If the link is to a site other than one maintained by or on behalf of the USCF, the court (including 3rd party reporting services) or any of the lawyers representing any of the parties involved in the legal action, the document should appear to be complete and unmodified. The moderators may use their personal judgement to decide if such a link is acceptable.
6. Bringing up the link does not bring up anything other than the legal filing which would violate the AUG. For example, any discussion of or commentary on the legal filing on that page must be in compliance with the AUG. Any subsequent discussion of the legal filing on the Forums still needs to remain within the AUG. **PASSED 4-0-2** with Paul Truong and Susan Polgar abstaining.

Mike Nietman provided a revised set of Scholastic Regulations to the Board. The revision documented the changes that the Board requested at the meeting. Bill Goichberg moved on Nov. 14, 2008, that the revised Scholastic Regulations be adopted. The motion passed on Nov. 19, 2008. The revised regulations can be found online.

EB09-024—Goichberg – I move that we approve them (the revised Scholastic Guidelines) by 5 day objections procedure. **PASSED** with no objections.

The next two motions were submitted and discussed through e-mail.

The first (EB09-025) was sponsored by Susan Polgar on December 18 and would set up five funds with separate committees appointed to oversee them. The other (EB09-026) was sponsored by Paul Truong and would require the Executive Director to locate airline discounts for travel to the SuperNationals. Executive Director Bill Hall indicated that he had already agreed to do that as an action item and, in fact, had already contacted some airlines. He said that a motion was not needed because it is already being done and asked the sponsor to withdraw the motion. The sponsor did not withdraw the motion. Both motions failed.

EB09-025—Polgar – Motion to create the following five (5) funds:

- * U.S. Championship (Open and Women) Fund
- * U.S. National Scholastic Championships Fund
- * U.S. Aspiring Chess Professionals Fund
- * U.S. Olympiad Fund
- * U.S. World Championship Fund

Donations, sponsorships, and estate bequests made to these funds are forbidden to be utilized for general operations, pension, employee benefits, or legal expenses of the USCF.

Each fund will consist of 4 committee members plus the Executive Director of the USCF. Committee members will be

voted upon by the delegates at the annual meeting of delegates every third year from the time of inception of the funds. Each fund will carry its own individual bank account with dual signatory requirement (committee head and Executive Director). All minutes of committee meetings are to be made available (via USCF website) to any USCF member in good standing within 72 hours after committee meeting has adjourned. No more than 25% of each fund can be invested in stocks (75% must be kept in low risk financial instruments).

No sitting USCF Executive Board member can be part of any committee. No committee members, except for the USCF Executive Director, may be seated to more than one of the four committees. The USCF Executive Director is the liaison between the committees and the Executive Board and may voice the opinions / concerns of the USCF EB.

Prior to seating committee members, exploratory committees to be created to expand upon the purpose, goals, and guidelines for each. Exploratory committees to be created by the Feb 2009 EB meeting. Exploratory committee reports due by the May or June 2009 EB meeting. Nominations for committee members due by the printing of the delegates call for the August 2009 Annual Meeting of Delegates. Voting to occur by the delegates at the August 2009 Annual Meeting of Delegates. **FAILED 2-3** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong in favor and Bill Goichberg, Jim Berry, and Randy Hough opposed. No vote was received from Randy Bauer.

EB09-026—Truong – Given the current state of the economy and wanting to assist with reasonable travel rates in order to make Supernationals as affordable to all scholastic families as possible, I move that the ED or volunteer(s) selected by the ED make contact with various national and regional airline carriers to investigate the potential for USCF discount programs for the Supernationals.

The individual(s) contacting the airline carriers would need specific information on past Supernationals in order to relay statistics to the airline carriers. Some vital information would include but not be limited to: break down of out of town travelers (out of town in relation to the venue) by state and if possible by city. This is vital to the success of the upcoming Supernationals. **FAILED 2-4** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong in favor and Bill Goichberg, Randy Bauer, Randy Hough, and Jim Berry opposed.

Susan Polgar and Paul Truong cosponsored a motion by e-mail vote on January 6, 2009, to include the votes and the reasoning behind each Board member's vote in the minutes.

EB09-027—Polgar, Truong – We move that upon completion of voting on motions made by the EB members, a summation of the vote (who voted, how, and who did not vote) along with the reasoning behind each persons vote will be compiled and added to the USCF corporate minutes. **FAILED 2-4** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong in favor and Bill Goichberg, Randy Bauer, Randy Hough, and Jim Berry opposed.

Jim Berry moved by e-mail on January 7, 2009, to award the G/30 and G/60 championships to Sevan Muradian for five years if the ED has not already awarded it. The motion was amended on January 9, 2009 by Randy Hough, accepted by the sponsor, to authorize the ED to negotiate a five year contract with Sevan Muradian for the G/60 and G/30.

EB09-028—Berry – USCF EB approves the 5 year bid for the G/60 & G/30 Championships for Sevan Muradian and authorizes the ED to negotiate a five year contract with Sevan Muradian for the G/60 and G/30. **PASSED 4-1-1** with Randy Bauer opposed, Bill Goichberg abstaining.

Paul Truong moved by e-mail on January 8, 2009, to make all confidential BINFOs and recordings public. Bill Goichberg offered an amendment to make only 2008 awards discussions public. The amendment was not accepted, however it passed by

a 4-0 vote. Another amendment was proposed by Paul Truong to make awards discussions for 2006, 2007, and 2008 public. The amendment was not accepted and it failed to pass by a 2-4 vote with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong in favor. The final vote was on the wording of the Goichberg amendment as follows:

EB09-029—Truong/Goichberg – USCF open up all 2008 confidential awards discussions and make them available for all USCF members to examine. **PASSED 4-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

Bill Hall introduced a motion to refer the Chess Cafe/USCF Sales issue to the Legal Subcommittee.

EB09-030—Hall – Matters relating to Chess Cafe and USCF Sales be referred to the USCF Legal Subcommittee with the power to act on behalf of the Executive Board. **PASSED 4-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

A meeting was held by teleconference on February 7. All Board members were present. The following motions arose:

EB09-031—Goichberg, Bauer, Hough, Berry – Operations will use part of the LeCornu bequest by some amount in the \$100,000-\$150,000 range. The LMA Committee will make available the same sum from the Oberweis account as an ongoing line of credit to Operations. It can be drawn from starting June 1 of each year and must be fully paid down, including interest, by May 1 of the following year. This will be a fixed, ongoing arrangement. Operations will pay to the LMA an interest rate 1% less than the prevailing bank rate to a line of credit (last I heard it was about 8%). The prevailing rate will be determined by agreement between the staff liaison to the LMA (currently Joe Nanna), the Chair of the LMA Investment Sub-Committee (currently Fred Townsend), and either the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the LMA (currently Redman and Dubeck). The further advantage of this arrangement is that we're paying interest to ourselves, instead of to a bank. **PASSED 4-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

EB09-032—Board – USCF initiates a Benefactor Membership at cost of \$3000, which will be a life membership including a permanent hard copy of *Chess Life* option. The revenue from Benefactor Memberships will be split evenly between Operations & LMA. Benefactor Members will be listed on the USCF website and periodically in *Chess Life* magazine. Existing Life Members will be credited with \$1500 toward a Benefactor Membership so they can convert from Life to Benefactor Membership for \$1500. **PASSED 6-0**.

EB09-033—Goichberg – Moved that the following forum guidelines be adopted. **PASSED 4-0-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong abstaining. Please note: The new guidelines can be found in the revised Appendix B.

EB09-034—Goichberg – Add Harry Payne to the Forum Oversight Committee (FOC) **PASSED 4-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

EB09-035—Goichberg – Joshua Snyder will be added to the Forum Oversight Committee (FOC). **PASSED 6-0**.

EB09-036—Goichberg – Allen Priest is appointed to serve as Chairman of the FOC. **PASSED 6-0**.

The Board voted by e-mail on February 20, 2009, to recognize the late Phil LeCornu for his generous bequest and establish and provide funding for a Phil LeCornu Memorial Olympiad Fund.

EB09-037—Goichberg – To recognize the late Phil LeCornu for his generous bequest and to provide a perpetual source of financing to support the US Olympiad Team and US Women's Olympiad Team, USCF establishes the Phil LeCornu Memorial Olympiad Fund and will allocate \$50,000 towards this fund in 2009.

Each two years, when the Chess Olympiad is held, up to 10% of this fund shall be available for payment of Olympiad expenses or honoraria. If a US Team qualifies to play in the World Team Championship or World Women's Team Championship, up to 4% of this fund per team shall be available for payment of those expenses or honoraria. The fund shall be invested according to recommendations made by a committee appointed by the USCF Executive Board. **PASSED 6-0.**

Randy Bauer moved by e-mail on March 23, 2009, that The USCF EB appoint a subcommittee consisting of Bill Goichberg, Jim Berry and Bill Hall to make recommendations to the EB on a new contract for the books and equipment franchise for the USCF. Bill Hall offered an amendment to clarify the function of the subcommittee. The sponsor accepted the amendment, which added explanatory wording. The final wording was as follows. The motion passed on April 5, 2009

EB09-038—Bauer/Hall – The USCF EB appoint a subcommittee consisting of Bill Goichberg, Jim Berry and Bill Hall to make recommendations to the EB on a new contract for the books and equipment franchise for the USCF. The committee be authorized to select the best bid and sign a letter of intent with the entity offering the winning bid, which would allow us to conduct exclusive negotiations leading to a finished product contract to be presented to the EB for a final vote. This would allow us to start up the business of USCF Sales as quickly as possible giving the bidder an initial period in order to begin selling and allow us to maintain a cash flow of commissions. I suggest June 1 for a contract start date because it would match our fiscal year, give us time to make sure we have a good contract, provide a nearly two month period for the new vendor to get up to speed before any guarantees or performance clauses kick in, and provide time for residual mail orders going to Connecticut to wind down. The key is to minimize the down time for USCF Sales (presently expected to be about one week), and to provide confidentiality of the bids for the individuals submitting. **PASSED 4-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

Bill Hall moved by e-mail on April 18, 2009, to ratify actions of the Board's investigative subcommittee to and formally create a legal subcommittee which consists of the same members and to clearly define its function. The motion passed on April 23, 2009.

EB09-039—Hall – WHEREAS, the United States of America Chess Federation, Inc. ("USCF") was sued in 2007 by Sam Sloan alleging, among other things, that Executive Board member Paul Truong ("Truong") had defamed Sam Sloan in Internet postings, and as a result of such litigation the USCF need to investigate the alleged wrongdoing of Truong; WHEREAS, starting in 2007 and continuing into mid-2008, the USCF received multiple threats of litigation by Executive Board member, Susan Polgar ("Polgar"), who is married to Truong; WHEREAS, in August of 2008, Polgar sued the USCF and all of the Executive Board members, except for Truong, in Lubbock County, Texas; WHEREAS, Polgar and Truong have been accused of engaging in very serious misconduct that potentially exposed the USCF to significant liability; WHEREAS, due to allegations against Truong, the conflict of interest of Polgar being married to Truong, the potential conflict of interest created by Polgar's threats and Polgar's later litigation against the USCF, and due to the issues created by the Sloan and other litigation, the USCF needed (i) legal counsel to investigate the claims being made against Truong, (ii) legal counsel to defend the USCF in litigation against Polgar, and (iii) legal counsel to advise the USCF about matters related to the Sloan litigation and threats by Polgar, and (iv) confidentiality in consultations with counsel on issues related to all of the foregoing; WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 3B of USCF Bylaws authorizes the Executive Board "to appoint such subcommittees of the

Board or committees as it deems appropriate"; WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Executive Board on November 4, 2007, a majority of the Executive Board authorized the creation of a subcommittee to address allegations made by Mr. Brian Mottershead (i.e. the Mottershead Report), which is at the core of the Sam Sloan litigation and related to litigation filed in California against at the time unknown criminal actors; WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 4 of the USCF Bylaws, the Executive Board has authority to hire legal counsel; WHEREAS, the subcommittee which is made up of a majority of the Executive Board approved the hiring of the law firms of Kronenberger Burgoyne, LLP, Hirsch & Westheimer, P.C., Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes PC and Jones, Flygare, Brown & Wharton, P.C., for the above purposes; WHEREAS, the subcommittee made of a majority of the Executive Board authorized (i) defending the USCF in litigation filed by Polgar, (ii) filing a "John Doe" action to determine the identity of, at the time, unknown criminal actors who had gained unauthorized access to Executive Board emails, and (iii) filing an action in Illinois court seeking the removal of Polgar and Truong from the Executive Board; WHEREAS, the USCF Delegates on August 8, 2008 ratified all the prior actions of the Executive Board; WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008, a majority of the Executive Board acting as the subcommittee ratified (i) the defense of the USCF in Texas litigation initiated by Polgar, (ii) the Doe litigation (as filed and as later amended) in California and (iii) the litigation in Illinois seeking the removal of Truong and Polgar; WHEREAS, on April 13, 2009, the Honorable Marilyn Patel, presiding in the case of USCF v. Polgar, Alexander, in District Court for the Northern District of California, has expressed concern, due to excessive litigation, for the viability of the USCF as an organization and accountability of the USCF Executive Board to the membership of the USCF. As a result, Judge Patel has requested a clear record of corporate authorizations for the Executive Board's actions in defending itself against Polgar's litigation and initiating other litigation to protect the interests of the USCF; WHEREAS, despite the prior authorizations of the forgoing corporate actions by a majority of the Executive Board, in the abundance of caution, and in response to Judge Patel's requests, the Executive Board desires formally to ratify all prior actions of the Executive Board and the subcommittee of the Executive Board established on November 4, 2007; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that all actions heretofore taken by the Executive Board subcommittee established at the November 4, 2007 Executive Board Meeting (RB 08-022) are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Board hereby creates a subcommittee to be known as the Legal Subcommittee and consolidates all prior actions and duties of the subcommittee established by RB 08-022 therein. The Legal Subcommittee members shall be Executive Board members Randy Bauer (Chair), Jim Berry, Bill Goichberg, Randy Hough, and Bill Hall (non-voting). The Legal Subcommittee shall have the following authority:

To address all legal matters concerning USCF;

To investigate and consider issues related to the charges made by B. Mottershead, which include, among other things, a) allegations that Truong impersonated former Executive Board member Sam Sloan and others, b) allegations that the USCF, in assessing the Mottershead Report, defamed Polgar, and c) allegations of theft of confidential and privileged emails related to the allegations in a) and b) ;

As long as the membership of the Legal Subcommittee constitutes a majority of the Executive Board, to exercise authority of the Executive Board and act on behalf of the Executive Board including, but not limited to, a) the appointment of legal counsel, and b) the ability to sue, and complain and defend, in the name of USCF, its agents and employees;

To determine the time and place of Legal Subcommittee meetings and the notice required therefore. **PASSED 4-0** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong not voting.

Bill Goichberg moved by e-mail on April 20, 2009, to post an announcement regarding applications being sought for the FIDE Zonal President position. It passed on April 26, 2009.

EB09-040—GOICHBERG – I move that a notice be posted on the USCF website that applications for FIDE Zonal President are being accepted, the Zonal President is expected to pay his or her own expenses to FIDE meetings, and the Executive Board expects to make this appointment at its May meeting. **PASSED 4-2** with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong opposed.

A meeting of the Executive Board was held on May 16 and 17, 2009, in conjunction with the US Championship in St. Louis. Present were Randy Bauer, Jim Berry, Bill Goichberg, Randy Hough, Executive Director Bill Hall, and Patricia Knight Smith. Congratulations to Patricia Knight on her marriage to Phil Smith. Board members Susan Polgar and Paul Truong were not present in person or by phone. The Board first voted on adoption of a formal Privacy Policy for the handling of personal contact information.

EB09-041—BOARD – Privacy Policy The United States Chess Federation (USCF) maintains records of the names and addresses of its members. To help further the promotion of chess, this information is available for a small service charge to USCF-affiliated tournament organizers, chess clubs, and other chess promoters. USCF may also make that list available for commercial uses with affiliated promotional offers. USCF may also provide single addresses on request to its affiliates for legitimate reasons, such as the distribution of unclaimed prizes. If you are a member or plan to become one, and do not want your name and address to be available for any such affiliated groups or commercial purposes, please notify us.

Note: Members who are Delegates as defined in USCF's Bylaws are subject to some policies which may differ from this Privacy Policy, as described in *USCF's Privacy Policy with respect to Delegates*.

USCF will not make available the email addresses of its members to chess promoters. However, the USCF may use email addresses of its members for USCF or other chess-related promotions and may use a third-party email distribution service. Members who provide an e-mail address to the USCF will be able to exclude their email addresses from categories of use and from USCF e-mailings that are part of a commercial promotion. USCF does not currently make available the names, addresses, or email addresses of its non-member customers to outside groups, and it is unlikely this will be done in the future. If this policy should change, we will provide 90 days advance notice on this page.

If USCF requests your phone number, this is in order to be able to contact you if there is a problem with your membership. Your phone number will not be used for marketing. If USCF should decide to promote its memberships or sales by phone, we will provide 90 days advance notice on this page, and you will be able to have your information deleted from such lists at that time.

USCF will not make your phone number available to other groups. It is unlikely that this policy will change, but if it does, we will provide 90 days advance notice on this page.

USCF operates *www.uschess.org* and other chess websites. When you visit our sites, our server recognizes your domain name, but not your email address unless there is a specific request for an e-mail address and you provide one.

For purposes of verifying identity and eligibility, USCF maintains a record of the date of birth of its members. The USCF is required by FIDE to supply birthdates for players in FIDE-rated events held in the USA as part of the process of submitting those events for rating by FIDE. This information is not shared with other groups, although chess promoters are able

to order lists of names and addresses of players over or under a specified age. With such requests, USCF requires documentation to ensure the purpose behind the request is reasonable. NOTIFICATION. Should any of the above policies substantively change, we will post notice of the change on this page at least 90 days before the change takes effect. **PASSED 4-0.** The Executive Board considered the question of filing for 501 (c)(3) status and moved a resolution for the Delegates to consider. Please note: A photo of the resolution can be found in Appendix C.

EB09-042—BOARD – The Executive Board supports the resolution to change the Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of obtaining 501 (c) (3) STATUS AND HERE BY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO THE Board of Delegates for their consideration:

The Executive Board announced the winners of the 2009 awards.

EB09-043—BOARD – Awards are as follows:

Chess City of the Year (1983): St. Louis
Chess Club of the Year (1999): Fresno Chess Club
Committee of the Year (1982): LMA
Distinguished Service Award (1979): John McCrary and Beatriz Marinello
Gold Koltanowski Medal (1979): Rex Sinquefield
Grandmaster (GM) of the Year (1997): Yury Shulman
Frank J. Marshall Ambassador Award (1994): John Fedorowicz
Meritorious Service Award (1980): Jennifer and Mike Skidmore, Steve Steppe
Organizer of the Year (1994): Tony Rich
Outstanding Career Achievement (1986): Tim Sawmiller, Gary Fox, Tim Just
Scholastic Services Award (1994): Aviv Fredman, After School Activities Partnership
Special Services Award (1983): Calvin Olsen, David Moeser
Tournament Director of the Year (2004): Francisco Guadalupe.
Chess College of the Year: University of Utah, Miami University (Ohio)

PASSED: 4-0.

Beatriz Marinello was named FIDE Zonal President

EB09-044—BOARD – The Board names Beatriz Marinello as Zonal President. **PASSED 4-0**

The Executive Board documented current USCF fees for rating FIDE events.

EB09-045 – The fees for rating FIDE events will be as follows:
Swiss Tournaments: the higher of \$1.50 per player or \$60.00.
Round Robin Tournaments: the established FIDE charges plus 10%. This is to be set by the USCF office semiannually.
PASSED 4-0.

APPENDIX A: COMMITTEE CHAIR AND LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: A (D) AFTER A COMMITTEE NAME INDICATES A DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEE.

Committees appointed by the USCF Delegates at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR(S)	MEMBERS	LIAISON
AUDIT (D)	Committee to name	Jon Haskel, Grant Perks, Allen Priest	R. Bauer
BYLAWS (D)	H. Winston, M. Nolan	Jerry Hanken, Guy Hoffman, Gary Kitts, Richard Koepcke, Myron Lieberman, Joe Lux, John McCrary, David Mehler, George Mirijanian, Mike Nolan, Robert Persante, Allen Priest, Ernie Schlich, and Harold Winston	B. Goichberg
ELECTION (D)	Mike Nolan	Roger Gottschall, Woody Harris, Myron Lieberman, Mike Nolan; Alternates: Ernie Schlich and Polly Wright	R. Hough
ETHICS (D)	Kenneth Sloan	Richard (Buck) Buchanan, Jim Gray, Al Losoff, Jim Mennella, Kenneth Sloan, Andy Thall, and Ken Thomas	
LMA MGMT. (D)	Committee to name	Jack Adamo, Frank Camaratta, Leroy Dubeck, Peter Dyson, Jim Eade, Beatriz Marinello, Grant Perks, Tim Redman, Mike Swiatek, Fred Townsend, Charles Unruh	R. Bauer

Committees appointed by the 2009 USCF Executive per motion EB08-004:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR(S)	MEMBERS	LIAISON
CHESS IN EDUCATION	John Buky, Dr. Joseph Eberhardt		S. Polgar
COLLEGE CHESS	James Stallings		S. Polgar
CORRESPONDENCE	Harold Stenzel		R. Hough
CRAMER AWARDS	Dr. Frank Brady		S. Polgar
DENKER TMT. COMM.	Dewain Barber		S. Polgar
POLGAR TMT. COMM.	Dewain Barber		S. Polgar
FINANCE	Charles Unruh		R. Bauer
HALL of FAME	Harold Winston		J. Berry
INT'L. AFFAIRS	Michael Khodarkovsky		S. Polgar

No changes were made to appointed liaisons to other groups, which include but may not be limited to:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR(S)	MEMBERS	LIAISON
MILITARY	Matthew Nemmers, MSGT. Stephen Rollins		
OUTREACH	Myron Lieberman		S. Polgar
PPHBF MGMT.	Currently Vacant		J. Berry
PUBLICATIONS	Jonathan Hilton		R. Hough
RATINGS	Mark Glickman		B. Goichberg
RULES	David Kuhns		R. Hough
SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL/COMM.	Mike Nietman, Steven Shutt		S. Polgar
SENIOR	Charles Hatherill		J. Berry
SPONSORSHIP AND MARKETING	Tom Braunlich		J. Berry
STATES	Guy Hoffman		R. Hough
SURVEY	Tony Pabon		B. Goichberg
TOP PLAYERS	Greg Shahade		S. Polgar
TDCC	Tim Just		R. Hough
US OPEN COMM.	Jerry Hanken		B. Goichberg
WOMEN'S	Polly Wright		S. Polgar

PLEASE NOTE:

LMA MGMT stands for Life Membership Asset management committee

PPHBF MGMT stands for Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund management committee

TDCC stands for Tournament Director Certification committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 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

DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Rachel Lieberman (*Liaison to health and social agencies*)

APPENDIX B – USCF FORUMS – ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES AS REVISED FEBRUARY 2009

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 anyone in the chess world. Factually oriented posts critical of a person, group or company are generally permitted, at moderator discretion. Criticism of those outside the chess world, if relevant to the discussion, may be permitted without supporting evidence.

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. Do not flame or troll. No bullying, threats, or intimidation. No libelous, defamatory, offensive, bigoted, racist or sexist 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. Posting a link to a website or document is not automatically prohibited because someone's phone number is there; the moderators should use judgment.

Do not accuse anyone of lying, telling a lie, or being a liar. This is considered a personal attack, even if true. You can get the point across just as well by saying, and supporting with evidence, that statements are false, untrue, incorrect, etc. or the person you think is lying is wrong, mistaken, careless with facts, insincere, etc.

Posts critical of and quoting statements made by chess leaders or candidates are generally acceptable, even if such statements would violate the AUG if posted directly. Moderators may reject such posts if they feel their objective is to publicize the statement rather than to criticize it.

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, appeals for 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 post a complaint that a 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, propose a sanction, issue a warning, and/or request the editing of material.

The Moderation Committee (MOC), consisting of 3 persons, is appointed by the Executive Director. 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. A committee member who is unavailable shall be replaced by the alternate.

The MOC may issue sanctions at its discretion. For relatively minor violations of these guidelines, the MOC may take no action, or issue a warning instead of a sanction.

The MOC chair is expected to try to conclude voting on each proposed sanction within 10 days of the removal or rejection of the most recent associated post. After 10 days, if the vote is in favor of or against the sanction with at least two votes for the majority position, the appeal is decided. If the sanction has less than two votes, and not all have voted, the chair should extend voting for another 5 days. After 15 days, if the sanction has less than two votes in favor, it shall not be imposed.

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

Sanctions may be appealed to the Forum Oversight Committee (FOC). In the event of an appeal, the sanction does not go into effect until the appeal is decided. MOC decisions regarding the removal of posts are not appealable.

Standard Sanctions

Level 1: Suspension of posting privileges for 3 days. May be assigned to any poster.

Level 2: Suspension of posting privileges for 7 days. May be assigned to any poster with a sanction level of at least 1.

Level 3: Poster is placed in a moderation queue, requiring prior approval of posts. May be assigned to any poster with a sanction level of at least 2. This status may be rescinded at the discretion of the MOC. If queue status is rescinded, the poster reverts to level 2.

Level 4: A poster in a moderation queue who repeatedly submits posts that violate the AUG may be suspended from posting for 30 days. May be assigned to any poster with a sanction level of at least 3.

Maximum sanctions: Longer or indefinite sanctions may be imposed by the USCF Executive Director.

All sanctions must be imposed in the order in which the posts were made.

Special sanction: In the event of an especially flagrant violation of the AUG, a poster with sanction level below 2 may be given a level 3 sanction.

All decisions of the Moderation Committee are by majority vote, except for the special sanction or the Level 4 sanction, which require a unanimous vote.

Except for maximum sanctions, each sanction is removed from the poster's record after 6 months. The poster's sanction level is equal to the highest level of sanction received during the past 6 months.

Forum Oversight Committee (FOC)

The FOC's role is to consider appeals to sanctions enacted

by the MOC. The FOC is intended to have 7 members, but may have fewer on occasion. The FOC and its chair are appointed by the Executive Board.

The FOC chair is expected to try to conclude voting on each appeal within 10 days. After 10 days, if the vote is in favor of or against the appeal with at least 3 votes for the majority position, the appeal is decided. If the vote is tied or both positions have less than 3 votes, and not all have voted, the chair

should extend voting for another 5 days. After 15 days, if the appeal has less than 3 votes in favor or does not have more in favor than opposed, the appeal is denied.

The FOC may either approve a sanction as issued, deny it, or approve it at a lower level.

When comparing previous posts in order to evaluate moderator consistency, the FOC should not go back further than 30 days.

APPENDIX C: 501 (c)(3) RESOLUTION

Provided as scans of the original 4 pages

RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHESS FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

WHEREAS, the United States of America Chess Federation (hereinafter, "USCF") desires to qualify as a tax-exempt entity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) in order to permit donations made to USCF to be tax deductible; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments must be made to the Articles of Amendment and Bylaws of USCF in order for USCF to qualify as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity with the Internal Revenue Service, including an amendment to USCF's corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of USCF to so amend its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and to seek 501(c)(3) status.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to accomplish such purposes, the Executive Board of USCF adopts the following Resolutions:

Bylaws

Revenue

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation of USCF be, and hereby is, amended such that it shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

"2. The object for which it is formed is to promote the study and knowledge of chess by educating the public, particularly secondary and elementary age students, about the game, art, science, sport and discipline of chess. To accomplish this purpose, the Corporation may sponsor instructional programs in schools; conduct, sponsor or promote chess lessons, seminars and lectures; hold chess tournaments; produce publications for its

members describing the Corporation's activities; encourage the formation of chess groups, clubs and associations; and support and promote chess-related activities throughout the United States."

RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation of USCF be, and hereby are, amended such that it the following Paragraph 6 and 7 shall be added to the Articles of Incorporation:

"6. The Corporation, in furtherance of its corporate purposes above set forth, shall have all the powers enumerated in Section 103.10 of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986, as amended, subject to any limitations provided in the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986 or any other statute of the State of Illinois.

7. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, and no director, officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

(c) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Code, as amended, or participating in, or intervening in including the publication or distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office.

(d) In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the Corporation shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to another charitable organization operated for the advancement or teaching of chess, which organization is exempt under IRC §501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax

laws, or to the Federal government, or state or local government for a public purpose, subject to the approval or by order of a court of the State of Illinois.

(e) In any taxable year in which the Corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Code, as amended, the Corporation shall distribute its income for said period at such times and in such a manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Code, as amended, and the Corporation shall not (i) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, as amended, (ii) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, as amended, (iii) make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, as amended, or (iv) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.”

RESOLVED, that subsection A of Section 2 of Article II of the USCF Bylaws shall be, and hereby is, amended such that it shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

“A. To operate exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.”

RESOLVED, that the [TITLE] of USCF be, and s/he hereby is, authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of USCF to execute and deliver the attached Articles of Amendment, substantially in the form attached hereto, to the Secretary of State of Illinois for filing;

RESOLVED, that the [TITLE] of USCF be and s/he hereby is, authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of USCF to work with the accountants and/or legal counsel for USCF to prepare the documentation necessary to qualify USCF as a Section 501(c)(3) entity and to file such documentation with the Internal Revenue Service;

RESOLVED, that [TITLE] of USCF be, and s/he hereby is, individually, authorized and directed in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation to do and perform any and all such other acts and things, to sign or make such other agreements, certificates, instruments, notices, requirements, statements and other documents and communications, and to take or omit such other actions as s/he in his/her sole discretion may deem necessary or desirable in order to perform or otherwise satisfy, in whole or in part the requirements for the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, amendment of the Bylaws and to apply or qualify for status as a tax-exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

RESOLVED, that the Executive Board shall deliver these resolutions to the Board of Delegates of USCF for its review and approval.

ADOPTED by a [4-0] vote of the Executive Board of USCF on ~~August 9,~~ ^{May 17, 2009} 2008, at _____, Texas. ~~St. Louis, MO.~~

Randall Hough
_____, Secretary

Dated: ~~August 9,~~ 2008

May 17, 2009

Advance Agenda for the 2009 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting

Indianapolis Marriott East | August 8-9, 2009

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

I. CALL TO ORDER BY USCF PRESIDENT – BILL GOICHBERG

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

D. Report from the Director of Publications (Daniel Lucas)

E. Report of the Chairman of the U.S. Chess Trust (Harold Winston)

II. ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

ADM 09-01 (Bill Goichberg, NY): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and who are present at the 2009 annual meeting.

VII. REPORT OF THE FIDE DELEGATE AND ZONAL PRESIDENT

FIDE Delegate (Don Schultz)
FIDE Zonal President (John Donaldson)
FIDE Vice President (Bill Kelleher)

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND STANDING RULES, MINUTES OF THE 2008 DELEGATES' MEETING AND APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN.

ADM 09-02 (Harold Winston, IL): Moved, that the minutes of the 2008 Delegates Meeting as distributed to the Delegates present in Indianapolis be accepted.

ADM 09-03 (Bill Goichberg, NY): Moved that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian.

ADM 09-04 (Randy Hough, CA): The Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2009 Delegates Meeting and approve the Standing rules as printed in the Delegates Call.

VIII. ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Audit Committee Election
Bylaws Committee Election
Election Committee Election
Ethics Committee Election
LMA Committee Election

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to time restraints all committee reports will be included in this years' "Delegates' Call" or distributed as handouts at the meeting.

IV. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

ADM 09-05 (Randy Hough, CA): Moved that the executive board elections for 2009-2013 term be certified. The new board members will take office at the conclusion of this meeting.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Motions referred to EB, ED

ADM 09-08 (DM08-39 - ADM 08-39) (Donna Alarie, MA) Bylaw Amendment – Executive Board Officers. To take effect in 2009. Current holders of these offices will have the opportunity to run for these positions while retaining their seats as directors at large on the Executive Board until such time as the term of their current position expires.

Section 6. Election of Executive Board Officers

The President, Vice President, Vice-President for Finance, Secretary shall be elected by the Voting Members. Candidates running for one of these offices may simultaneously run for an at large position on the board. The term of each officer shall be for two years, except that upon a vote of 2/3 of its membership, the Executive Board may at any time meet in person or by teleconference and elect new officers. A vacancy in the office of President shall be immediately filled by the Vice-President. REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE.

V. RATIFICATION

ADM 09-06 (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board made available to the Delegates present in Indianapolis in the form of either Executive Board Resolutions or Executive Board Minutes since the conclusion of the 2008 Delegates meeting.

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

A. Report of the President (Bill Goichberg)
B. Report of the Executive Director (Bill Hall)
C. Report of the Vice-President of Finance (Randy Bauer)

ADM 09-07 (Board):
The 2009-2010 budget as presented by the Vice-President of Finance is adopted.

ADM 09-09 (DM08-40 - ADM 08-40) (Donna Alarie, MA) Bylaws Amendment – Replacement of Delegates (Italicized is replacement text.) Changes to be effective with the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Section 6. Miscellaneous

A. Vacancies

If one or more Delegates from any state are not present or are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the ordered list for that state is used to fill the Delegate vacancies for that meeting.

The delegate who is seated to fill the delegate vacancy will continue in office for the remainder of the term.

Delete the following: The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates.

REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE.

ADM 09-10 (DM08-42 - ADM 08-43) (Bill Goichberg, NY) Article IV: Voting Members is amended as follows.

Current Section 2:

Section 2. Definitions. Any current member residing in the USA who is 16 years of age or older as of the time of an election is a Voting Member. For a regular or special election, the member must be current through the last day of the month in which balloting is to begin and the member must have reached 16 years of age by May 31 in the year in which the election is being held.

Proposed new Section 2:

Section 2B. Registration. Members who are not already registered as Voting Members must register with the USCF office by March 31 to be eligible to vote in that year's regular election, except that all members who are elected as USCF Delegates, Alternate Delegates, or Executive Board members are automatically registered as Voting Members. Once registered, a member's status as a Voting Member continues as long as he or she is a member. When a membership lapses, Voting Member status ceases and the member must, after rejoining, again register by March 31 to be eligible to vote in that year's regular election. For a special election, the registration deadline for those not already registered shall be the same as the deadline for the submission of nominating petitions.

REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE.

ADM 09-11 (DM08-46 - NDM 08-58) (John McCrary, Delegate-at-Large) Amend Article VI, Section 8 ("Secretary") by deleting the second sentence, and replacing it with this sentence: "The Secretary shall post these Minutes, after Executive Board review, on the USCF website within six weeks for each meeting and shall mail the Minutes to all the Delegates and Alternate Delegates who request such mailing and pay a printing and mailing fee, set by the Executive Director, sufficient to offset the costs of

printing and mailing. Printed copies of the Minutes of the Delegates' Meeting of the previous year, and of all Special Delegates' Meetings and Executive Board meetings held thereafter, shall be available at the Delegates' Meetings."

Amend Article VI, Section 3, ("Meetings") by deleting the fourth sentence, starting "The Minutes", and replacing it with this sentence: "The Minutes of all Executive board meetings shall be posted on the USCF website within six weeks of each meeting.

Delegates and Alternate Delegates may receive printed copies of Minutes upon request and upon payment of a reasonable fee, set by the Executive Director, sufficient to offset the printing and mailing costs of such printing and mailing."

ALTERNATIVE: Amend Article VI, Section 3 ("Meetings" by deleting the fourth sentence and not replacing it with anything, as it would be redundant to Article VI, Section 8, as amended above. **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE.**

ADM 09-12 (DM08-49 - NDM08-61) (Mike Nolan, NE; Myron Lieberman, AZ) – The office of Secretary should not be an elected office, but rather the Executive Board should designate a person to fulfill the functions of the Secretary (such as the Executive Director). **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE.**

ADM 09-13 (DM08-51 – NDM08-63) (Myron Lieberman DAL-AZ, Rachel Lieberman DAL-AZ): Effective 10/01/2008 No member of the USCF Executive Board may sue the USCF without first resigning from the board. As of 10/01/2008 any existing suits against USCF will be subject to this regulation. **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE.**

ADM 09-14 (DM08-21 - NDM08-55) (David Kuhns, MN Rules Workshop): The delegates direct the Rules Committee to establish guidelines for the purpose of standardizing policy for electronic device abuse, to implement those guidelines, and to report to the delegates at the next annual meeting. **REFERRED TO THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE.**

ADM 09-15 DM08-30 - ADM 08-20

(Mike Nolan, NE; Grant Perks, OH) Beginning with the 2008-09 fiscal year, the USCF will recognize membership revenue from sustaining and life memberships on a monthly basis. An appropriate method for determining the estimated duration of a life membership will be presented to the Delegates in August. This method may treat life memberships received in the distant past differently than ones received more recently due to differences in the information we have on those memberships. For the 2008-09 fiscal year, the USCF will report results using both the monthly recognition method and the recognition method currently in use for life and

sustaining members. **REFER TO OFFICE, FINANCE AND AUDIT, TO REPORT BACK TO DELEGATES IN 2009.**

ADM 09-16 DM08-31 - ADM 08-21

(Mike Nolan, NE; Grant Perks, OH; Chuck Unruh, OK) Beginning with the 2008-09 fiscal year, the USCF will recognize membership revenue (other than for sustaining and life memberships) distributed equally throughout the months of each membership. For the 2008-09 fiscal year, the USCF will report results using both the monthly recognition method and the annual recognition method currently in use. **REFER TO FINANCE, AUDIT, LMA AND OFFICE, TO REPORT BACK TO DELEGATES IN 2009.**

ADM 09-17

(Harold Winston, IL) Pursuant to Article III, section 10 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2008-2009 and authorize their continuance.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of the indemnification request of Susan Polgar and Gregory Alexander as relating to USCF lawsuits against these two individuals in California.

ADM 09-18

(Donna Alarie, MA): Recall Motion pertaining to Executive Board Member – Paul Truong Moved, that the recall of Paul Truong as an Executive Board member is approved by the Board of Delegates and submitted to the USCF membership for a decision.

Rationale:

What is in the best interest of USCF? What is in the best interest of Mr. Truong? When those two interests collide, which one takes precedence?

Mr. Truong is an Executive Board member of USCF and as such has an obligation to do what is in USCF's best interest first and foremost – even to the extent that his personal best interest must be secondary.

USCF is currently involved in litigation in Texas. A filing made by the attorney for USCF on 5/22/09 asks the court for an award of the following:

1. A preliminary and permanent injunction and judgment enjoining Truong and his agents from making false and defamatory statements about the USCF, its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, or employees;
2. An award of compensatory and/or statutory damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
3. Punitive and exemplary damages to serve as punishment and deterrent in light of Defendant's substantial wrongful acts;
4. A public retraction by Truong relating to all false and defamatory statements made about the USCF;
5. The USCF's costs and attorneys' fees in this action;

6. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and
7. Such other further relief to which the USCF may be entitled as a matter of law or equity, or which the Court determines to be just and proper."

Under the circumstances it would not be reasonable to expect that Mr. Truong would be able to represent USCF's and his own best interests simultaneously.

USCF is currently involved in litigation in California. On 4/14/09, The judge in that case stated the following as pertains to USCF:

"Doesn't this organization have an anti-nepotism rule? I mean, it's one of the worst ideas in the world to have spouses on the same board."

...

"No organization would generally allow that to happen."

...

"Number one, husband and wife should not be on the board, so one of them ought to resign."

Neither Mr. Truong nor Ms. Polgar has resigned despite the court's comments.

In most non-profit organizations under a set of circumstances such as these, it is most likely that the Board member would either take a leave of absence or resign for the good of the organization. That's because they know that the organization will be able to conduct its business in a more beneficial way without a cloud hanging over its board.

USCF has been negatively impacted financially, in the media, and in loss of membership faith in the organization. Does Mr. Truong's continued presence on the Executive Board enhance USCF's ability to promote chess, attract sponsorship, attract new members, develop positive public relations, fulfill its mission, and become stronger financially or is his continued presence actually hindering same? A vote to recall Mr. Truong is necessary when one decides to put USCF's best interest first.

ADM 09-19

(Donna Alarie, MA): Recall Motion pertaining to Executive Board Member – Susan Polgar

Moved, that the recall of Susan Polgar as an Executive Board member is approved by the Board of Delegates and submitted to the USCF membership for a decision.

Rationale:

Ms. Polgar has sued USCF for ten million dollars. If she wins, she will most likely have succeeded in forcing USCF into bankruptcy. USCF does not have \$10 million in assets and as an Executive Board member, Ms. Polgar is well aware of that fact.

The conflict of interest between USCF's interests and Ms. Polgar's personal inter-

ests is obvious. If she wins, USCF loses. As an officer, she has a fiduciary duty of care to put USCF's interests first and she is breaching that duty. If she believed her lawsuit had merit and wanted to pursue same at the time of being an officer, then it was incumbent upon her to resign her position as an officer of USCF in order to do so.

Ms. Polgar's lawsuit against USCF as well as other litigation issues between USCF and Ms. Polgar has had a significant negative impact upon USCF's financial well being and reputation in the marketplace. It is unthinkable that a non-profit organization such as USCF has been put in the position of having to pay legal fees to protect itself from financial devastation by its own management.

USCF is currently involved in litigation in California regarding Ms. Polgar. On 4/14/09, the judge in that case stated the following as pertains to USCF:

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"Number one, husband and wife should not be on the board, so one of them ought to resign."

Neither Mr. Truong nor Ms. Polgar have resigned despite the court's comments. Since it is obvious that Ms. Polgar does not have the best interests of USCF set as a priority, it is time to vote to recall Ms. Polgar.

ADM 09-20

(Harold Winston, IL; USCF Bylaws Committee): Amend Art. VI, sec. 10 of the Bylaws re Candidates Statements as follows:

add "Any candidate for the USCF Executive Board who is currently a party against the USCF in a lawsuit must disclose that fact in their *Chess Life* statement. Failure to disclose such a lawsuit would be grounds for immediate recall. The candidate will be allowed an additional 50 words in the candidate's statement in their first statement in *Chess Life* for this purpose."

RATIONALE: Our voters should know if a candidate is currently suing USCF or being sued by USCF. This proposed wording can be combined with the existing wording about disclosure of adult felony convictions.

ADM 09-21

(Harold Winston, IL; USCF Bylaws Committee): add to Art. VI, sec. 12, Restrictions, the following wording:
"An Executive Board member who is a party to litigation or arbitration filed by that Executive Board member against the

USCF or by the USCF against that Executive Board member, shall abstain from voting on any action concerning the litigation or arbitration, shall have no right to be present during any portion of an Executive Board meeting in which the litigation or arbitration is discussed, and shall have no right to access attorney-client or work-product privileged information concerning or relating to that litigation or arbitration, regardless of whether the litigation or arbitration is still pending."

RATIONALE: The Bylaws committee believes this should be spelled out in our Bylaws now that litigation is in progress and that this wording protects the Federation. This wording is more explicit than the conflict of interest wording in the Code of Ethics and is clear. This wording was proposed by Bylaws Committee member Robert Persante of Florida.

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ADM 09-22

**RESOLUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHESS FEDERATION
BOARD OF DELEGATES**

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WHEREAS, certain amendments must be made to the Articles of Amendment and Bylaws of USCF in order for USCF to qualify as a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt entity with the Internal Revenue Service, including and amendment to USCF's corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of USCF has voted to approve the following resolutions and has delivered these resolutions to the Board of Delegates for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Delegates has determined that it would be in the best interests of USCF to so amend its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and to seek 501 (c)(3) status.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to accomplish such purposes, the Board of Delegates of USCF adopts the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation of USCF be, and hereby is, amended such that it shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

"2. The object for which it is formed is to promote the study and knowledge of chess by educating the public, particularly secondary and elementary age students, about the game, art, science, sport and discipline of chess. To accomplish this purpose, the Corporation may sponsor instructional programs in schools; conduct, sponsor or promote chess lessons, seminars and lectures; hold chess tournaments; produce publications for its members describing the Corporation's activities; encourage the formation of chess groups, clubs and associations; and support and promote chess-related activities throughout the United States."

RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation of USCF be, and hereby are, amended such that the following Paragraph 6 and 7 shall be added to the Articles of Incorporation:

"6. The corporation, in furtherance of its corporate purposes above set forth, shall have all the powers enumerated in Section 103.10 of the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986, as amended, subject to any limitations provided in the General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986 or any other statute of the State of Illinois.

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RESOLVED, that subsection A of Section 2 of Article II of the USCF Bylaws shall be, and hereby is, amended such that it shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following;

“A. To operate exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.”

RESOLVED, that the [TITLE] of USCF be, and s/he hereby is, authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of USCF to execute and deliver the attached Articles of Amendment, substantially in the form attached hereto, to the Secretary of State of Illinois for filing;

RESOLVED, that the [TITLE] of USCF be and s/he hereby is, authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of USCF to work with the accountants and/or legal counsel for USCF to prepare the documentation necessary to qualify USCF as a Section 501(c)(3) entity and to file such documentation with the Internal Revenue Service;

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ADOPTED, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Delegates of USCF on August 8, 2009, at _____, Indiana.

_____, Secretary

Dated: August 8, 2009

ADM 09-23 (Executive Board)
The \$29 Regular membership rate is raised to \$34 effective December 1, 2009.

ADM 09-24 (Donna Alarie, MA; Seven Muradian, IL)
Reduction in number of Delegates
Beginning with the election for delegates for the term 2011-2012, reduce the number of delegates apportioned by state to 100 Delegates instead of 125. This will in effect reduce the required quorum for meetings by 8 delegates.

If this motion passes, it would require the following change to the Bylaws (Change in italics.):

Article V: Board of Delegates

Section 2. Number.

The Board of Delegates shall be composed of the Executive Board members, the Delegates at Large, and *100* Delegates, apportioned among the states in proportion to their resident USCF membership as of November 1 of the year prior to Delegate elections, except that each state with thirty or more members must have at least one Delegate. Each state with 1000 or more USCF members must have at least two Delegates. In addition, any Executive Board member-elect who is not already a Delegate becomes a Delegate immediately upon certification of the election result.

ADM 09-25 (Bill Goichberg, NY): Board of Delegates
Amend Article V of the Bylaws as follows:

Section 2:

Replace “125 Delegates” with “83 Delegates.”

Delete “Each state with 1000 or more USCF members must have at least two Delegates.”

Section 3:

“Replace “125 Alternate Delegates, with each state having one Alternate Delegate for each Elected Delegate” with “166 Alternate Delegates, with each state having two Alternate Delegates for each Elected Delegate.”

Section 4:

Delete “of an Election Year” each of the three times that this phrase appears.

Section 5, first paragraph:

Delete “of an election year.”

Section 5, second paragraph:

Change the first sentence, to read, “Voting Members are allowed to vote for any number of candidates for Delegates for their state or voting district.”

Section 5, fifth paragraph:

Change “Delegates shall serve a term of two years...” to “Delegates shall serve a term of

one year...”

Delete “Elections for Delegates shall be held every even-numbered year starting in 2000.”

Delete “of an Election Year.”

Section 6A, first paragraph:

Delete “The regularly elected Delegates continue in office for the remainder of their term.”

Section 6A, second paragraph:

Delete “The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates.”

Section 6A, third paragraph:

Change to “Vacancies in the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the term, provided that such appointments are made no later than 30 days before the end of the term, and are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter. These appointed Delegates are not required to reside in the state they will represent. Delegates and Alternate Delegates who are not planning to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates are encouraged to resign in time for replacements to be named.”

Rationale: By reducing the number of delegates, the quorum requirement (1/3 of the delegates) would be reduced from approximately 49 to 35, with the objective of prohibiting appointments at the meeting while still obtaining a quorum. State appointments to replace those not planning to attend would be possible with 30 days notice, allowing the appointee to receive the agenda and other information in advance and to be contacted by supporters or opponents of motions. Delegate elections would be annual instead of every two years, allowing some who are interested in serving as Delegates to do so a year earlier than at present and removing some who are no longer interested.

ADM 09-26 (Donna Alarie, MA; Ken Ballou, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL) Additional Requirements to Nominations for Delegates

All candidates for the position of Delegate are required to fill out and return a form entitled “Intention to Run for Delegate Seat”. For those nominated through the state affiliate, these will be turned in by the state affiliate to the USCF signed by both the candidate and the state president. For those entering by petition, this should be completed and sent in with their signatures. Any delegate candidates for whom a valid “Intention to Run for Delegate Seat”

form is not received by the nomination deadline will not be considered as having accepted the nomination and will not be listed on the ballot.

The form will include the nominee's mailing address, e-mail, and a notice stating that the delegate's mailing address and e-mail will be provided to anyone requesting it since he/she is a director of the corporation. The notice will also state that it is understood that the delegate is automatically opting in for any communication from the USCF for USCF business matters. The form will have a space to initial stating "I plan on attending the two delegates meetings during my tenure." and "I realize the delegates are the Board of Directors of the USCF and as such I have a fiduciary duty of care to USCF and with this duty comes certain legal responsibilities."

The passage of this motion will make the following changes to the Bylaws:

Article V: Board of Delegates
Section 4. Nomination

Delete: State Chapters shall obtain the consent of all candidates they nominate.
Insert above language.

ADM 09-27 (John McCrary, SC, Delegate-at-Large and David Grimaud, SC)

Amend the USCF Bylaws by deleting Article V, Sections 4 and 5, and replacing them with the following wording:

Article V, Section 4. Selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. State chapters shall designate the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for their states, as provided for in Article V, Sections 2 and 3, submitting the Alternate Delegates in an ordered list. Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be residents of the states appointing them at the time of appointment, subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 5 in the case of subsequent relocation from the state. State Chapters must designate their Delegates and Alternate Delegates after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in each even-numbered year, by November 1 of that year, or as soon thereafter as feasible. Except where otherwise provided under "Vacancies" or elsewhere in the Bylaws, a state-appointed Delegate or Alternate Delegate begins a term which continues until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting held in the next even-numbered year.

Amend current Bylaws Article V, Section 6 (C), headed "USCF Membership requirement" by deleting the present wording and replacing it with the following: Delegates and Alternate Delegates are expected to remain USCF members throughout the period of their service. Any State Delegate or Alternate Delegate whose USCF membership lapses during his/her term and who fails to renew it within one month of the time of lapse shall be deemed to have resigned his/her position as Delegate or

Alternate Delegate. To serve as a Delegate, an individual must have a current membership as of the first day of the Delegates' Meeting.

Amend current Article V, Section 9 (A) by adding the word "vote" after "majority".

Renumber Article V, Sections 6-9 as sections 5-8 respectively.

This motion takes effect at the conclusion of the 2009 Annual Meeting. All current Delegates and Alternates complete their terms as currently provided, so that the first State Delegates and Alternate Delegates designated under these provisions would be designated after completion of the 2010 Annual Meeting.

ALTERNATE PROVISION FOR ABOVE

MOTION: Insert the words, "as elected by the state chapter membership" after "their states" in the first sentence.

SPONSOR'S RATIONALE: The USCF spends thousands of dollars on SOMOV elections, despite the fact that only a handful of petition candidates have been offered, and most of these have been subsequently accepted by state chapters. Candidates are forced to oppose each other for Delegate even where they agree on their own priority, a fact which sometimes arbitrarily divides the votes of state-chapter nominees in ways that neither the chapter nor the candidates intended. The small and poorly-informed electorates in some states have put some never-attendees as Delegate and some faithful long-term Delegates as Alternates. Some persons in small states have become serious contenders for Alternate Delegate only by writing in their own names. Since the special "Voting Member" status of Delegates disappeared with OMOV, fewer people are motivated to compete by ballot for the position, and some resent having to do so when they're paying their own way.

ADM 09-28 (Donna Alarie, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL)
Teleconferencing for Delegates/Directors

USCF to develop a system to be implemented in the Annual Meeting of 2010 which shall allow delegates/directors to participate in and act at any meeting of the Board of Delegates through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in such meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the person or persons so participating.

Rationale: Business Organizations (805 ILCS 105/108.15) (from Ch. 32, par. 108.15) General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986

The IL law has a provision requiring the above unless specifically prohibited by the articles of incorporation or bylaws. USCF's

bylaws are silent on the matter except that it does allow this to occur for Special Delegates Meetings. Since this has just been called to our attention, we will need time to implement same and obviously this affects our system of governance as pertains to alternate delegates and delegates for a day.

ADM 09-29

(Donna Alarie, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL)
Eliminate Additional Alternate Delegates

Bylaw change to be effective with the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Article V: Board of Directors
Section 6. Miscellaneous

A. Vacancies

Delete the following: The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates.

Additional wording in italics:
Vacancies in the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the term, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that chapter. *Any appointments made within thirty days prior to and including the day of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates will not take effect until after that Annual Meeting has occurred.*

Rationale:

Delegates who are absent from the meeting have not vacated their seats. They have not resigned and as such, the seat is not vacant. There are very specific legal requirements for removing directors of a non-profit organization and absence is not one of them.

In fact, if an elected delegate arrives late for a meeting and a delegate who was just appointed for the meeting is in that seat, the appointed delegate will be required to vacate the seat for the elected delegate. This is also not in compliance with IL statutes which would require the replacement to finish out the unexpired term of the office of the elected delegate.

It is important for delegates and the members to know who is actually representing the members of each state and USCF at all times. USCF portrays to the general membership that it has very specific guidelines in place as to how many delegates are to be apportioned to each state. However, the reality at the annual meeting does not match this portrayal. In order to have a governance which works throughout the year, individuals need to be able to contact their representatives with some assurance that they will in fact, be their representatives in governance and the current system

fails in that regard.

By allowing the State Chapters to replace delegates up to 30 days prior to the annual meeting, there is an opportunity for delegates who will not be able to attend the meeting to resign their positions and have the alternate delegates take their place. This will then allow the USCF office to be able to send out *Delegates Calls* to individuals who really do plan to attend the annual meeting and give the new delegates the opportunity to become fully informed in preparation for making important decisions as a director entrusted with a fiduciary care of the organization.

ADM 09-30

(Donna Alarie, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL; Mike Mulford, GA): Eliminate Filling Absent Delegate Positions

Bylaw change to be effective with the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Article V: Board of Directors
Section 6. Miscellaneous

A. Vacancies

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

Rationale:

Delegates who are absent from the meeting have not vacated their seats. They have not resigned and as such, the seat is not vacant. There are very specific legal requirements for removing directors of a non-profit organization and absence is not one of them.

In fact, currently if an elected delegate arrives late for a meeting and an alternate delegate is in that seat, the alternate delegate will be required to vacate the seat for the elected delegate. This is also not in compliance with IL statutes which would require the replacement to finish out the unexpired term of the office of the elected delegate.

ADM 09-31

(Larry Cohen, IL) DELEGATE AFFILIATION
As Delegates are supposed to be members of their state association, any person seated as a Delegate who is not already on the USCF list of Alternate Delegates and Delegates MUST provide proof of state membership of the state they are seated in. To wit as they are representing a particular state, they should be members of that state's affiliate.

ADM 09-32

(Bill Goichberg, NY): Nepotism
No two individuals may serve on the Executive Board concurrently who share one or more of the following relationships:

1. One is the direct descendant of the other.
2. They are spouses or domestic partners.
3. They are siblings, by birth or marriage

ADM 09-33 (Bill Goichberg, NY)
A member of the Executive Board may not file a lawsuit that seeks personal gain against the USCF, or against its employees, Executive Board members, Delegates, or volunteers based on actions taken in their capacity as USCF representatives. The act of filing such an action will be considered an immediate official resignation from the Executive Board.

ADM 09-34 (Bill Goichberg, NY)
Executive Board terms are changed as follows:

2011: Three board members are elected to three year terms.

2013: Four board members are elected, the top two to three year terms and the next two to two year terms.

2014, 2017, etc: Three board members are elected to three year terms.

2015, 2018, etc: Two board members are elected to three year terms.

2016, 2019, etc: Two board members are elected to three year terms.

The terms of officers remain at two years, except that the term of an officer who leaves the board after one year in that office would expire.

Rationale: 1) Since USCF switched to four year terms, few board members have completed their terms. 2) The shorter term is less of a commitment so might make board service more attractive to some. 3) With annual elections, new people interested in running for the board are assured of a relatively quick opportunity. 4) Gradual board turnover promotes continuity and smoother transitions.

ADM 09-35 (Donna Alarie, MA; Ken Ballou, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL): Change Terms of Executive Board Members

Beginning with the election for 2011, Executive Board members shall be elected to staggered three year terms of office instead of four.

By doing this, the term limits will increase from eight years to nine.

(There are currently three seats scheduled to become available in 2011 and four seats scheduled to become available in 2013.)

Rationale: There have been several Executive Board members in recent times who have not completed their terms of office and there may be a consensus amongst delegates that four years is too long a commitment.

If this motion passes, it would make the following changes to the Bylaws (Words in italics are changes):

Article VI: Executive Board
Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of seven members elected for staggered terms of *three* years.

Section 7. Terms of Office
No individual shall serve more than *nine* consecutive years on the Executive Board.

ADM 09-36 (Larry Cohen, IL): SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD
All subcommittees of the USCF Executive Board (EB) are to be composed of either 5, 7, or 9 members. Of these members 3 will be serving EB members. For the purpose of this motion the USCF Executive Director (ED) will not be considered to be an EB member. This is not to say that the ED is not allowed to serve on a subcommittee, just that the EB will not count towards the 3 EB members that must be on a subcommittee.

ADM 09-37 (Donna Alarie, MA, Ken Ballou, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL) Removal of Executive Board Members

Add the following section to the Bylaws:

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 11. Removal of Executive Board Members

F. The Delegates may remove Executive Board members by a majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a 2/3 majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by 2/3 of the members of the Board of Delegates in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Delegates.

Rationale: The Board of Delegates are the directors of the corporation. As per the Bylaws, "The Executive Board shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Delegates, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Board of Delegates." Since the Executive Board is acting subject to the authority of the directors between meetings, it only makes sense that the members of the Executive Board be subject to removal by those same individuals.

ADM 09-38 (Donna Alarie, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL) Officer Election by Delegates – President

Beginning with the year 2011, the President of USCF shall be elected for a two year term by the delegates of USCF.

Passage of this motion will make the following changes in the USCF Bylaws (italicized is new wording):

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 6. Election of Executive Board Officers.

Delete President from the following statement: At an organizational meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Delegates' Meeting at which regularly scheduled Executive Board election results are certified, the Executive Board shall elect among itself the following officers: President.

Add the following:

As the first item of New Business at the Delegates' Meeting at which regularly scheduled Executive Board election results are certified, the Delegates shall elect the President for a term of two years from among the Executive Board members who will be seated at the conclusion of the Delegates' Meeting.

ADM 09-39 (Sevan Muradian, IL) E-mail usage by Executive Board Members

The USCF shall provide each member of the Executive Board an e-mail address with the uschess.org domain. This e-mail is to be used for all USCF EB based business and not for personal use. Personal e-mail accounts are not to be utilized for conducting EB business.

This is standard policy in corporations for officers and employees to conduct business related matters over corporation controlled e-mail systems and this is a standard internal control over IT resources.

In current issues context if EB e-mails were housed internally, proper monitoring of unauthorized activity (attempts to gain access to e-mail) could have altered management (logging of the authorized access attempts, lock-outs after a certain number of incorrect login attempts, and alerting system administrators of authorized access attempts). Additionally if a board member was accused of actions against the corporation's best interests, since it controlled the entire e-mail system the e-mails could be turned over to the corporate counsel without the need for the discovery process since the corporation is owner of the e-mail system and the e-mails.

ADM 09-40 (Sevan Muradian, IL, Donna Alarie, MA) Executive Board Additional Requirements

1. All EB candidates must be a USCF Life or Benefactor member.
2. All EB candidates must have been a delegate for a period of 2 years within the 6 years prior to their candidacy for the EB.
3. All EB candidates must have attended 2 annual meetings and voted during the previous 6 years.
4. Candidate filing fees to increase from \$250 to \$1000

Rationale: Candidacy and service as a member of the Executive Board is a serious commitment of time and energy. An EB

candidate should be a committed and active part of the USCF governance system prior to their candidacy and have a life long commitment (through a life or benefactor membership) to the Federation.

The proposed increase in the filing fee is to dissuade individuals from running who are either not serious about the importance of the campaign and position of EB member, utilizing it as an inexpensive 3 month advertising avenue, or using it as a soap-box for their own personal attacks.

ADM 09-41 (Bylaws Committee): Modify Article III Section 9 of the Bylaws to read:

Section 9. Affiliate Commissions. There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Youth, Scholastic, Young Adult, Family, Sustaining and Life Memberships. There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Adult and Senior Memberships paid by mail or phone.

ADM 09-42 (Sevan Muradian, IL): Affiliate Program

The USCF is to implement a web-based affiliate program allowing USCF affiliates to redirect new or renewing members to the USCF website for membership registration and for the affiliate to be credited for the referral.

Currently no adult memberships receive an affiliate commission while most other membership types receive \$3 commissions. Under this proposal, a membership registration commission would be reduced by 50% to \$1.50 as the affiliate is no longer performing the functions of entering the membership registration information.

Rationale: Web-based affiliate programs are the norm for websites selling products or services. By allowing affiliates a method of receiving credit for advertising of USCF memberships, the USCF gains additional advertising channels at minimal cost to the USCF.

ADM 09-43 (Steve Immitt, NY): USCF Hall Of Records

The Delegates authorize the Executive Board to establish an online "Hall Of Records" on the USCF website, where the results of national and state championships may be displayed.

EXPLANATION: The national and state championships are an important part of the USCF's heritage, and the players of today should be able to see the results of the players from the past. It would be a great historical asset for USCF to be able to consolidate links, from the various state and regional chess websites, to all the various national and state championships in one place, on the USCF's own website. It would greatly assist those wishing to carry out research on a particular event or player, and would promote additional visits to the USCF website, as the official place of record

when wishing to learn about the USCF's history.

This motion was endorsed by the Membership at the 2007 USCF Membership Meeting, but nothing was ever done to implement the proposal.

ADM 09-44 (Donna Alarie, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL):
USCF Committee Forums and Reports

USCF is to create Committee Forums on the USCF website for each of its committees. These forums will be available for posting only by committee members and read only by other USCF members. The TDCC, Rules, and Ethics Committees Forums will not be available for reading by USCF members as some of the work they do may be confidential.

Committee chairs will be required to provide quarterly reports of motions given to the Executive Board for consideration along with minutes of the committee meetings. It is understood that portions of the reports for TDCC, Rules, and the Ethics Committees may not be released to the general membership and marked as confidential by the Executive Board.

Implementation of the above is to occur no later than November 15, 2009 with the first quarterly reports due no later than January 15, 2010.

Rationale:

Note: The Rules Committee hears allegations of improper conduct by players and Tournament Directors. Frequently these allegations are not substantiated, or incorrect. They may also be accurate.

ADM 09-45 (Co-sponsored by Michael Atkins, Virginia Delegate; David Kuhns, Minnesota Delegate, Ratings Committee and Chair Rules Committee and GM Larry Kaufman, Maryland Delegate and Ratings Committee): Blitz Ratings

It is moved that the USCF create a separate rating system for blitz chess and remove it from the Quick Chess rating system. This blitz chess rating system would only appear online and not in print. If feasible, the blitz ratings would be incorporated into the database and swiss system software makers would be encouraged to modify their software to include blitz ratings.

Justification for ADM: When the WBCA folded in 2004 and the USCF started rating blitz chess, one of the arguments for not having a separate rating system was that it could not be printed into the columns in the rating supplements. These supplements are now only printed annually and blitz would only be available online so this is a non-issue.

Another argument in 2004 against having a separate blitz rating system was that the Quick rating system was being underutilized and adding a Blitz rating would create

two under used systems. Isn't it better to have two accurate and underutilized systems than one inaccurate underutilized system?

Blitz Chess is a VERY different game than Quick chess. It has its own rules which are different than quick chess. e.g. Blitz is played without delay, quick typically uses 3-5 second delay. The rules for determining and completing moves are different. The response to illegal moves is different. Insufficient Losing Chances claims in blitz are stripped down to the bare minimum and often not allowed at all. Rule differences like this make Blitz very different than quick. A different set of skills are being rated in Blitz in which speed of movement is as important as accuracy of moves, which is different than quick chess. The skill set being rating in Blitz is different than in Quick. When you add Blitz ratings into the Quick system, the effect is similar to adding apples to oranges and trying to understand what the average means. Since different things are being averaged, in a mathematical system discrete number systems cannot be averaged without introducing flaw and error. The resultant error of blending blitz and quick ratings creates a hybrid rating system which only has meaning if a player ONLY plays one or the other, which is another reason to make Blitz separate. The difference between Quick and Blitz has added great confusion as to what is ratable or not. The existing wording of the rule implies that blitz is not ratable under the quick system but in practice has been rated as such.

When passed, the effects would be:

Amend the U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess, 5th Edition, and the web page containing those changes as follows:

(POLICY CHANGES immediately following Blitz Rules)

Blitz Chess Ratings: Blitz chess may be rated within its own rating system using all the same mathematical formulae and statistics, software algorithms, regulations and fees employed by the regular and quick chess rating systems. Adjustments for precision and accuracy are governed by the Ratings Committee such as K value, bonus points, and stability adjustments.

Change the second paragraph in **Chapter 11: Blitz Rules** to:

Blitz ratings: Blitz chess may be rated within its own rating system. (delete the emphasis of blitz not being quick, as it is no longer needed)

Chapter 1: rule 5C Quick Chess to:

Second sentence: Quick chess includes time limits G/10 to G/30

And in the list

Quick Only: Primary time control G/10 to G/29 AND (also in the policy section)

After the last sentence add:

See also: *Policy changes* section and Chapter 11: *Blitz Chess*
Remove the sentence in the TD tip related to the change to G/5. (it is now obsolete) (*effective date: when the necessary changes can be made to the rating and online reporting system, and a public announcement made in Chess Life and online. All events listed in the TLA as Blitz in the title, or with a time control faster than G/10 will be assumed to be rated under the Blitz chess system.*)

Note to the office and TLA reviewers: If an event is submitted for TLA publication, to be held after the go live date, and the time control is stated between G/5 and G/9 without the word Blitz in the title of the event, ask the submitter if Blitz rules will be used, and if they want it rated in the new Blitz rating system. If the event was meant to be rated in the Quick Chess system advise the organizer to change the time control to G/10. 5Fa (shorten the time control...) applies

ADM 09-46 (Tim Just, IL): 14H and 14I shall be repealed as of January 1, 2010.

The current 14H “Claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death.” allows the TD to intervene in the game. The USCF philosophy is for TD non-intervention in games. The proposed change limits the TD intervention currently allowed in 14H. The current Rule 14H is also one of the most misunderstood and frequently misapplied rules in chess. With the advent of so many delay clocks 14H is antiquated. Rule 14I only exists to give guidance to the current rule 14H and becomes moot without 14H.

ADM 09-47 (Tim Just, IL): As of January 1, 2010 the revised 14H below shall take effect and Rule 14I shall be repealed.

The current 14H allows the TD to intervene in the game. The USCF philosophy is for TD non-intervention in games. The proposed change limits the TD intervention currently allowed in 14H. *The default when the draw offer is not immediately accepted would be for a TD to place a properly set delay clock on the game if it is available. The procedures for dealing with no delay clock availability would be to continue the game using the same clock. Related rule 14I would then become moot.*

REVISED 14H:

14H. Claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death.

14H1. Explanation.

This procedure is not available for games in which a clock is being used with either the time delay or the increment properly set, whether the game begins with such a clock or one is added during the game (14H2a). If such a clock is not being used, or such a clock is being used without the time delay or increment feature in operation, the fol-

lowing procedure is available.

In a sudden death time control, a player on the move with two minutes or less of remaining time may stop the clock and may make a claim of insufficient losing chances.

14H2. Resolution of 14H claim.

The TD will inform the opponent of the player making the claim that a draw has been offered by the claimant. If the draw offer is accepted then the claim is resolved and the game is a draw (14B).

14H2a. The Draw offer is not immediately accepted and a properly set delay clock is immediately available for the game.

The claimant gets half of the claimant’s remaining time (rounded to the nearest second); the opponent’s time is unadjusted; the time delay is set for the standard delay announced at the start of the tournament. After the claimant’s clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game.

TD TIP: There is no rule allowing players, after the game has started, to ask for a properly set delay clock to be placed on their game, which would replace an analog clock or an improperly set delay or increment clock. Only the TD can initiate placing a clock with time delay capabilities on a game after a 14H claim has been made and the steps of 14H2 have been applied. As a result, the player wishing to place a time delay clock on the game must first make a 14H claim.

TD TIP: The director should inform the claimant and opponent that when the claimant’s clock is started that rule 14B3, Draw offer before moving, is in effect. The opponent has the right to ask the claimant to make a move before the draw offer is rejected or accepted by the opponent; however, if the claimant makes a checkmating (13A) or stalemating (14A) move, the game is over.

14H2b. The Draw offer is not immediately accepted and a properly set delay clock is not available for the game.

The game shall continue with the non-delay clock that was in use at the time of the 14H claim. After the claimant’s clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game.

ADM 09-48 (Tim Just, IL): As of January 1, 2010 new rule 14H. “Claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death.” below will take effect.

The current 14H allows the TD to intervene in the game. The USCF philosophy is for TD non-intervention in games. The pro-

posed change limits the TD intervention currently allowed in 14H. *The default when the draw offer is not immediately accepted would be for a TD to place a properly set delay clock on the game if it is available. The procedures for dealing with no clock availability would default to the current version of 14H. Some TD Tips were revised or eliminated to reflect the replacement version of 14H.*

The wording: “The draw shall be awarded if the director believes that a Class C player would have little chance to lose the position against a Master with both players having ample time.” was replaced with: “The exact drawing and non-losing chances of any position cannot be calculated, but a director wishing a more precise standard may consider the likely game outcome if a delay clock were placed on the game.” This replacement wording can be found in the **New 14H** section regarding how a TD may proceed if no delay clock is available (14H2b, step 1).

NEW 14H:

14H. Claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death.

14H1. Explanation.

This procedure is not available for games in which a clock is being used with either the time delay or the increment properly set, whether the game begins with such a clock or one is added during the game (14H2a). If such a clock is not being used, or such a clock is being used without the time delay or increment feature in operation, the following procedure is available.

In a sudden death time control, a player on the move with two minutes or less of remaining time may stop the clock and may make a claim of insufficient losing chances.

14H2. Resolution of 14H claim.

The TD will inform the opponent of the player making the claim that a draw has been offered by the claimant. If the draw offer is accepted then the claim is resolved and the game is a draw (14B).

14H2a. The Draw offer is not immediately accepted and a properly set delay clock is immediately available for the game.

The claimant gets half of the claimant’s remaining time (rounded to the nearest second); the opponent’s time is unadjusted; the time delay is set for the standard delay announced at the start of the tournament. After the claimant’s clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game.

TD TIP: There is no rule allowing players, after the game has started, to ask for a properly set

delay clock to be placed on their game, which would replace an analog clock or an improperly set delay or increment clock. Only the TD can initiate placing a clock with time delay capabilities on a game after a 14H claim has been made and the steps of 14H2 have been applied. As a result, the player wishing to place a time delay clock on the game must first make a 14H claim.

TD TIP: The director should inform the claimant and opponent that when the claimant’s clock is started that rule 14B3, Draw offer before moving, is in effect. The opponent has the right to ask the claimant to make a move before the draw offer is rejected or accepted by the opponent; however, if the claimant makes a checkmating (13A) or stalemating (14A) move, the game is over.

14H2b. The Draw offer is not immediately accepted and a properly set delay clock is not available for the game.

The director has four possible ways to resolve the claim.

1. A director who believes the claim is clearly correct should declare the game drawn. The exact drawing and non-losing chances of any position cannot be calculated, but a director wishing a more precise standard may consider the likely game outcome if a delay clock were placed on the game. **See also** 14I, Advice on claims of insufficient losing chances in sudden death under rule 14H and 14H3, Conferring with players.

2. A director who believes the claim is clearly incorrect should deny the claim and may subtract up to one minute from the claimant’s remaining time. After the claimant’s clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant also becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game. **See also** 14I, Advice on claims of insufficient losing chances in sudden death under rule 14H.

3. Deny the claim while inviting a later re-claim. There is no adjustment of either player’s time. After the claimant’s clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game.

4. Watch the game while reserving judgment on the claim. The director should make every effort to resolve the claim before the flag of either player falls (5G). There is no adjustment of either player’s time. After the claimant’s clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant also becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win,

lose, or draw the game.

14H3. Conferring with players.

A director who is unsure how to rule may confer privately with either player or with both players separately regarding the player's plans. The director should be careful not to say anything that might assist the player if the game is resumed.

14H4. Player with fallen flag may not claim.

A player whose flag is down (5G) may not claim insufficient losing chances.

14H5. Delay Clock, a clock with time delay capabilities, or Increment clock, a clock with increment capabilities.

If either a properly set Delay Clock (5F) or a properly set Increment Clock is used, 14H and 14I are not in effect; i.e., no claim of insufficient losing chances may be made. The reaction time provided for by the delay or the added increment time for each move is likely to be sufficient for a player with insufficient losing chances to hold the position.

CURRENT RULE 14H:

14H. Claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death.

14H1. Explanation.

This procedure is not available for games in which a clock is being used with time delay or increment, whether the game begins with such a clock or one is added during the game (14H2a). If such a clock is not being used, or such a clock is being used without the time delay or increment feature in operation, the following procedure is available.

In a sudden death time control, a player on the move with two minutes or less of remaining time may stop the clock and ask the director to declare the game a draw on the grounds that the player has insufficient losing chances. See also 15H, Reporting of results.

14H2. Resolution of 14H claim.

When ruling, the director should not consider the ratings of those playing. A low-rated player who claims a draw vs. a Master should obtain the same ruling as a Master with the same position who claims a draw vs. a low-rated player. The director should also not consider the times on the clocks. See also 14H3, Conferring with players.

The director has four possible ways to resolve the claim.

TD TIP: Remember a 14H draw claim is first a draw offer (Rule 14, The Drawn Game).

14H2a. The claim is unclear and a delay clock is available for the game.

A director who believes the claim is neither clearly correct (14H2c) nor clearly incorrect

(14H2d), but is instead uncertain as to the correctness of the claim, may place a delay clock on the game, setting it as follows: The claimant gets half of the claimant's remaining time (rounded to the nearest second); the opponent's time is unadjusted; the time delay is set for the standard delay announced at the start of the tournament. After the claimant's clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game.

14H2b. The claim is unclear and a delay clock is not available for the game.

A director who believes the claim is neither clearly correct (14H2c) nor clearly incorrect (14H2d), but is uncertain as to the correctness of the claim, and does not have a delay clock available, may:

1. Deny the claim while inviting a later re-claim. There is no adjustment of either player's time. After the claimant's clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game.

2. Watch the game while reserving judgment on the claim. The director should make every effort to resolve the claim before the flag of either player falls (5G). There is no adjustment of either player's time. After the claimant's clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant also becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game.

14H2c. The claim is clearly correct.

A director who believes the claim is clearly correct should declare the game drawn. The draw shall be awarded if the director believes that a Class C player would have little chance to lose the position against a Master with both players having ample time. The exact losing chances of any position cannot be calculated, but a director wishing a more precise standard may consider little to mean less than 10 percent. A director unsure whether a position meets the above standard should use option 14H2a or 14H2b. See also 14I, Advice on claims of insufficient losing chances in sudden death under rule 14H.

14H2d. The claim is clearly incorrect.

A director who believes the claim is clearly incorrect should deny the claim and may subtract up to one minute from the claimant's remaining time. After the claimant's clock is started, the 14H draw request by the claimant also becomes a draw offer under 14B3, Draw offer before moving. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win,

lose, or draw the game. See also 14I, Advice on claims of insufficient losing chances in sudden death under rule 14H.

TD TIP: There is no rule allowing players, after the game has started, to ask for a properly set delay clock to be placed on their game, which would replace an analog clock or delay clock not set properly. Only the TD can initiate placing a clock with time delay capabilities on a game after a 14H claim has been made and the steps of 14H2 have been applied. As a result, the player wishing to place a time delay clock on the game must first make a 14H claim. The player then faces the possibility that the game may be drawn or may continue without a time delay clock when the TD applies the procedures outlined in 14H2.

TD TIP: If a director chooses to resolve the claim by enforcing 14H2a, The claim is unclear, a delay clock is available for the game, or 14H2b, The claim is unclear, a delay clock is not available for the game, then the director should inform the claimant and opponent that when the claimant's clock is started that rule 14B3, Draw offer before moving, is in effect. The opponent has the right to ask the claimant to make a move before the draw offer is rejected or accepted by the opponent; however, if the claimant makes a checkmating (13A) or stalemating (14A) move, the game is over.

TD TIP: Applying rule 14H2a, The claim is unclear, a delay clock is available for the game, is the preferred method of resolving a 14H claim for directors who wish to ensure the result of the game is determined by the players, rather than any outside influence.

14H3. Conferring with players.

A director who is unsure how to rule may confer privately with either player or with both players separately regarding the player's plans. The director should be careful not to say anything that might assist the player if the game is resumed.

14H4. Player with fallen flag may not claim.

A player whose flag is down (5G) may not claim insufficient losing chances.

14H5. Delay Clock, a clock with time delay capabilities.

If a Delay Clock (5F) is used and set for the required time delay on each move, 14H and 14I are not in effect; i.e., no claim of insufficient losing chances may be made. The reaction time provided for each move is likely to be sufficient for a player with insufficient losing chances to hold the position.

ADM 09-49 (Steve Immitt, NY): Insufficient Losing Chances

RESOLVED: The Delegates Reaffirm The Use Of Rule 14H, The Claim Of A Draw By Insufficient Losing Chances, In Sudden Death, When Necessary.

EXPLANATION: The widespread popularity and acceptance of time-delay clocks has greatly reduced the necessity of the TD having to rule on claims of a drawn position based on "Insufficient Losing Chances." However, there is still the possibility, not as likely as in prior years, but a possibility nevertheless, that a time-delay clock might not be available for a particular game. Perhaps it was stolen at the tournament the round before, or perhaps it suddenly becomes inoperative, maybe after falling to the ground. Maybe a school is organizing a scholastic tournament, and is not able to supply a sufficient number of time-delay clocks for everyone, and has to supplement its inventory with analog clocks. Maybe it's a small chess club, which made a bulk purchase of the "official" BHB clocks from the USCF several years ago.

In all these and many similar circumstances, it might not be possible to supply a time-delay clock at the start of a particular game. Yet it would be very unfair to then deny a player the next best thing to being able to use a time delay clock: the opportunity for relief from an opponent who is playing on in a drawn (or even lost) position, solely to win the game on time. Without being able to make a ruling on an Insufficient Losing Chances claim (and possibly even substituting a previously unavailable time-delay clock from another game which has just ended), the TD will have no choice but for the player, the other players in the room and for himself, to have to endure the spectacle of a game which might have reached a civilized conclusion, from instead degenerating into a charade of "clock-punching monkeys." It wouldn't be too far-fetched for an unscrupulous opponent even to hide a player's time delay clock from him, to prevent the slower player from both the ability to use time delay and the ability to prevent a blitz-chess finale!

Time delay clocks are very popular, but they are not ubiquitous. A player's inability to supply a time-delay clock is not always because of the player's negligence, and the player should not have to forfeit his right to have the game decided in a civilized manner, and not by a smash-fest. USCF Rules still allow for the possibility for an adjourned game, even though this procedure has almost become extinct with the popularity of Sudden Death. Yet there is no reason to eliminate this once widespread practice, once used when necessary to start the next round. If, for some reason, players find the need to adjourn a game, the TD should have the right to do so, even if he has not done so in many years. Similarly, there is no reason to deprive the players of their right to have the TD rule on their Insufficient Losing Chances claim, just because it does not happen very often.

ADM 09-50 (Steve Immitt, NY) Awarding Prizes When

One Or More Prizewinners Is Subject to Prize Limitations

The Delegates commission the Rules Committee to develop an algorithm for awarding the balance of prizes in a section where one or more of the prizewinners may be subject to a limit on the amount of the prize, with the authority to implement this new procedure under Rule 32B, Distribution of Prizes.

EXPLANATION: When one of the top prize winners in a section is subject to a limit on the amount of the prize he may receive (because he is unrated or has a provisional rating, for example), the question arises as to the correct method of distributing the balance of the prizes, which the restricted player is not eligible to receive, to the remaining eligible players. There are often multiple ways to calculate these remaining prizes, which lead to different possible amounts awarded to the remaining players. The rulebook currently does not address this issue.

ADM 09-51 (Steve Immitt, NY) Playoff For Perfect-Score Ties

The Delegates resolve that following be added to Rule 34-E, Calculating Swiss Tie-Breaks:

“5. The TD should realize that in the unique case of multiple players all finishing the tournament with perfect scores (winning the maximum number of games possible in a tournament), the standard tiebreaking systems would not have the same relevance as they would in outcomes where the players finished with less-than-perfect scores, and could have otherwise done better. It is impossible to improve on a perfect score. Therefore, in the special case of more than one player finishing with a perfect score, the TD should make every effort possible to have a playoff among all players with perfect scores, to determine the winner of the event. The playoff does not have to be rated, and the time control can be faster than the time control used for the tournament (but should allow at least five minutes per player). A special playoff to break perfect-score ties does not need to be announced in the tournament publicity, but should be announced to the players at the beginning of the tournament.”

EXPLANATION: Perfect-score ties are an exception to the normal order of tie-breaks. If you won all your games, it doesn't matter who you played and it doesn't matter who your rivals played. You did what the TD told you to do and played who the TD told you to play, and you won, every single time. If your rivals faced better-scoring opponents than you did, there was nothing you could do to change that. Unlike the standard cure **in every other situation** for finishing with inferior tie-breaks, which is “not to get into the tie” by winning your games instead, you can't improve on a perfect score. The correct method to break ties among

players with perfect is to have a playoff. If you won all your games, and you are instead given the second place trophy, it means you **never** had the opportunity to win the tournament from the outset, no matter how well you played. Even if you are considered to be a “Co-Champion,” you may nevertheless receive an inferior title or trophy “on “tiebreaks.” The TD might just as well save the trouble of running the tournament and give the trophy to the highest-rated player. Both methods are unacceptable.

It should be emphasized that this is **not** a proposal to have a playoff for every single tied finish—but **only** for the unique and more rare case of perfect-score ties. Because the TD should make “every effort possible” the burden would fall on the TD to at least show **why** there should **not** be a playoff in this kind of special situation. That's the difference in making it not just a TD tip, where the TD might decide that he simply does not wish to at least try to run a playoff, because it's “only just a tip.” Of course, if the tournament site is not available after a certain point, or if a weather emergency or something similar requires an immediate end to the event, then, despite the TD's best efforts, a playoff is not possible, and this solution would not apply. Imagine that you have won all your games in the tournament. The TD gives you the second place trophy, and tells you that maybe you'll do “better” next time. **How** do you “better” next time?! What the TD is really telling you is that *you never had a chance* to win that tournament! Shouldn't the TD at least be obligated to show you **why** you were not able to have the opportunity to decide your own fate in a playoff? If not, then the TD should at least tell you before you start your tournament game that you are not going to be permitted to win the tournament.

ADM 09-52 (Steve Immitt, NY): Furnish And Use Time-Delay Clocks

The Delegates approve changing Rule 42-D to read as follows.

“A properly set clock with time delay capability is preferable to any other clock in a game with any sudden death time control. Therefore, if White has such a clock available and Black does not, White's clock should be used. If either player arrives late for the start of the game, and a clock without time delay has already been started, the player has the right to furnish and substitute a properly set time-delay clock, before he has completed his first move. The player substituting the time-delay clock must also transfer the elapsed times shown on the non-delay clock to the delay clock, without any additional adjustments (except to correct any errors in the display of the elapsed time). The player substituting the delay clock must have arrived at the board before the grace period for forfeit loss of the game by non-appearance (13-D) has

expired. Notwithstanding the above, the only occasions where Black retains the right to use his/her non-time-delay clock are in games with no sudden death time control, in cases where both players have the same type of non-time-delay clock, or if the delay mode were not being used in a sudden death time control game, and if, in all these cases, Black has arrived in time for the start of the game (or if White is late, before White has arrived). In any particular game, if the delay clock cannot be properly set, then the opponent of the player providing the delay clock may choose which legal clock is to be used (5F).

EXPLANATION: It is anticipated that the “Insufficient Losing Chances” Rule (14H) may likely be significantly curtailed, if not altogether eliminated. If so, that would mean that a player who arrived after the start of the game, would be prevented from both using his time-delay clock at the outset and from the possibility of the TD adding the delay clock under Rule 14H2, to resolve a later claim of “Insufficient Losing Chances.” Yet there are many situations where players may be unavoidably delayed from arriving before the start of the round, through no fault of their own. Not everyone who arrives late for the game does so out of negligence. It would be very unfair and against the basic principles of USCF-rated Sudden Death if a late-arriving player were not only denied the current relief of Rule 14H against an opponent playing out a drawn or lost position solely to win on time, but also denied the opportunity to use a time-delay clock at all. The player, the rest of the players in the room, and the TD would then all be forced to endure the spectacle of the game, which might otherwise be decided over the board using time-delay, instead degenerating into a duel of “clock-punching monkeys.” To ensure that the position in the game does not influence whether or not the delay clock is used, the substitution must occur before the player furnishing the time-delay clock has completed his first move.

ADM 09-53 (James Mennella, NJ, Roger Inglis, NJ)
The delegates urge organizers of tournaments to report anyone caught cheating by use of electronic devices, or identity theft, to the police for possible criminal prosecution.

REASONS: Premeditated cheating by use of electronic devices or identity theft has become far too common. Anyone attempting to win a prize by use of these fraudulent methods is a criminal and should be treated as such. Often thousands, and even tens of thousands of dollars are at stake. While we appreciate the vigilance of TD’s and organizers, it is not enough. Deterrence is also necessary. Organizers must seriously consider the option of criminal prosecution to protect the interests of the vast majority of players who are honest.

ADM 09-54 (Sevan Muradian, IL) Fischer Random Rating
The USCF shall institute a Fischer Random rating for time controls considered ‘Regular’ under current USCF rules. The USCF shall create a baseline to determine acceptance and growth by USCF members for this variant to determine additions of Quick and Blitz ratings for Fischer Random in the following years.

Rationale: The Fischer Random chess variant has enjoyed growth and increased interest over the past years. FIDE has added Fischer Random into their rule book. The Mainz Classic has drawn sponsorship from European corporations and acceptance at the Grandmaster level. Fischer Random is a fresh look at chess where ‘chess’ is played and the advantages of memorization of multiple lines and deep variations are reduced, potentially enticing players to participate more.

ADM 09-55 (Sevan Muradian, IL; Ken Ballou, MA):
FIDE Fees
The USCF shall institute a \$50 USD maintenance fee per FIDE rated section to cover the costs of the USCF office in preparing a tournament for submission to FIDE. Additionally the USCF shall increase the cost of the rating fee from \$60 USD to \$100 USD per FIDE rated section or the higher of the actual rating fee calculated.

Rationale: The USCF is not covering the fees charged by FIDE for tournament ratings nor is it compensating for the costs of the office to prepare tournaments for submission. Given the financial status of the USCF, the USCF should no longer bear the additional costs. Organizers of FIDE events understand they are offering a specialized service to their patrons and should be prepared to bear the true cost of FIDE rated events.

ADM 09-56 (Larry Cohen, IL): ACCOUNT FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS
A profit and loss accounting for each National Tournament will be presented as part of the budget presented to the Delegates at each Delegate meeting in August. This will not project the profit/loss for the upcoming year, but will list the actual figures for the past year.

Rationale: The Delegates should be provided with as much accurate information as possible at the Delegates meeting. Knowing how our various National events have done can be vital in understanding the revenues and expenses of the USCF.

ADM 09-57 (Sevan Muradian, IL; Donna Alarie, MA)
Tournament Organization Documentation
The USCF is to create and maintain tournament organization documentation that will track the financials of each event on a detailed line item level (budget and actual), all contracts for the event, and all registration information. Additionally the USCF is

to track registration patterns to determine in which time period (early entry, second early entry, late, at the door, etc.) registrations came.

Rationale: The USCF needs efficient and effective access to data on tournament history to create plans for future events based on facts from previous events. Additionally this places institutional knowledge in written form and reduces reliance on individuals who control this information.

ADM 09-58

(Ken Ballou, MA): When choosing tournament staff for national tournaments it runs, the USCF will actively seek to provide opportunities for qualified tournament directors to earn directing experience credits needed for advancement to higher certification levels.

Rationale: Tournament directors gain valuable experience and improve their skills by working with and learning from more experienced directors. Qualified TDs should be encouraged to gain such experience and advance their certification level.

ADM 09-59

(Ken Ballou, MA): Clarification of TD certification experience requirements
The following changes are made to the TD certification rules. (Section numbers refer to the "Tournament Director Certifications" document dated January, 2009. This document is currently available at <http://main.uschess.org/docs/forms/TDCertificationRules.doc>.)

1. Section 26: Replace the first sentence of the definition of "Category A" with the following: "A Category A event is a USCF-rated Swiss tournament or tournament section that regularly draws more than 300 entrants and awards \$5,000+ in prizes and that does not qualify as a Category N event."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory A1" with the following:

"Subcategory A1 is a Category A event where the TD is limited to solving problems and making rulings on the floor only (floor TD)."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory A2" with the following:

"Subcategory A2 is a Category A event where the TD is limited to the duties of pairings in a backroom capacity using a pairing program (backroom TD)."

2. Section 27: Replace the first sentence of the definition of "Category B" with the following: "A Category B event is a USCF-rated Swiss tournament or tournament section drawing 100 or more entrants that does not qualify as either a Category N or Category A event."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory B1" with the following:

"Subcategory B1 is a Category B event

where the TD is limited to solving problems and making rulings on the floor only (floor TD)."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory B2" with the following:

"Subcategory B2 is a Category B event where the TD is limited to the duties of pairings in a backroom capacity using a pairing program (backroom TD)."

3. Section 28: Replace the first sentence of the definition of "Category C" with the following: "A Category C event is a USCF-rated Swiss tournament or tournament section drawing 50 to 99 entrants that does not qualify as a Category N event."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory C1" with the following:

"Subcategory C1 is a Category C event where the TD is limited to solving problems and making rulings on the floor only (floor TD)."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory C2" with the following:

"Subcategory C2 is a Category C event where the TD is limited to the duties of pairings in a backroom capacity using a pairing program (backroom TD)."

4. Section 29: Replace the first sentence of the definition of "Category D" with the following: "A Category D event is a USCF-rated Swiss tournament or tournament section drawing fewer than 50 entrants that does not qualify as a Category N event."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory D1" with the following:

"Subcategory D1 is a Category D event where the TD is limited to solving problems and making rulings on the floor only (floor TD)."

Replace the definition of "Subcategory D2" with the following:

"Subcategory D2 is a Category D event where the TD is limited to the duties of pairings in a backroom capacity using a pairing program (backroom TD)."

5. Section 40: Make the following changes to the requirements for "STD Experience Option 1": Add the text "(may be category D events)" after the words "of at least four rounds" in item 3. Add the text "(may be category D events)" after the words "of at least four rounds" in item 4a. Add the text "(may be category D events)" after the words "of at least four rounds" in item 4b.

Rationale: The current definitions of subcategories A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, D1, and D2 do not contain explicit size or prize fund requirements and are subject to ambiguous interpretation. The wording of the senior TD experience requirements can be interpreted as implying all tournaments claimed for credit must be Category C tournaments.

ADM 09-60 (Donna Alarie, MA; Ken Ballou, MA; Sevan Muradian, IL): US Open Location
Prior to the closing of the nominations for the election of delegates for the 2011-2012 cycle, the USCF shall make every effort to establish the location of the US Open for the years 2011 and 2012 and to publicize same.

Rationale: In order for delegates to commit to attendance for the annual meeting, it would be beneficial for the delegates to know in advance where the events will be held.

ADM 09-61 (Larry Cohen, IL): US Open
For any US Open of 11 or more rounds the requirement of having a 1 round a day schedule is suspended. Thus, any US Open of 11 or more rounds can have 2 rounds on a weekend as part of its longest schedule.

Rationale: It has become virtually impossible to have a US Open of 11 or more rounds without it being 2 weeks. However, a 2 week long US Open is prohibitively expensive. If 2 rounds were played over the first weekend, then a 11 round even could be held over 9 days time.

ADM 09-62 (Jerry Hanken, CA-S):
RESOLVED: The Delegates express the admiration for and congratulations to our US Champion Hikaru Nakamura upon his astonishing performance in the French League in May of 2009. Playing on first Board for the winning team, Hikaru scored 7.5 of 8 for a performance rating over 3000! The USCF is proud to have such a distinguished Champion”

XII. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF GOVERNANCE TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

XIII. INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Bylaws of the United States of America Chess Federation

Current through the 2008 Delegates' meeting

ARTICLE I: NAME

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

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

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

Section 2. The Federation is pledged:

- A. To operate exclusively for educational, recreational, and social welfare purposes;
- B. That no part of its contributions, dues, or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, except that trophies or prizes awarded in the course of its educational and promotional program shall not be so construed;
- C. That the Federation is not operated for profit and that neither principal nor income of any of its funds may be used in any attempt to influence legislation;
- D. To promote the study and knowledge of the scientific game of chess;
- E. To foster the development of players and to help those who seek to become masters;
- F. To encourage the formation of chess groups, clubs, and associations;
- G. To hold a tournament no less often than once every two years for the Chess Championship of the United States and to confer upon the winner of such tournament the title "United States Chess Champion"; and
- H. To hold an open tournament every summer in the United States.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Adult Memberships. Any person may become an Adult (also known as Regular) Member of the Federation upon payment online of \$29 for one year, \$52 for two years or \$74 for three years, or a Premium Adult (also known as Premium) Member upon payment online of \$42 for one year, \$78 for two years or \$113 for three years. If paid by mail or phone, each of these amounts is \$7 additional.

Section 2. Young Adult Memberships. Any person under 26

years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Young Adult Member of the Federation upon payment of \$24 for one year, \$43 for two years or \$61 for three years, or a Premium Young Adult Member upon payment of \$32 for one year, \$59 for two years or \$85 for three years.

Section 3. Youth Memberships. Any person under 17 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Youth Member of the Federation upon payment of \$20 for one year, \$36 for two years or \$51 for three years, or a Premium Youth Member upon payment of \$27 for one year, \$49 for two years or \$70 for three years.

Section 4. Scholastic Memberships. Any person under 14 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Scholastic Member of the Federation upon payment of \$16 for one year, \$28 for two years or \$39 for three years, or a Premium Scholastic member upon payment of \$23 for one year, \$42 for two years or \$60 for three years.

Section 5. Senior Membership. A person who has passed his or her 65th birthday may become a Senior Member of the Federation upon payment online of \$36 for one year, \$65 for two years or \$93 for three years. If paid by mail or phone, each of these amounts is \$7 additional.

Section 6. Special Membership. A blind person, or any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution in the United States, may become a Special member of the Federation for \$18 for one year.

Section 7. Family Membership Plans.

Family Plan 1: \$70, includes parents and their children under age 24 in the household living at one address. Also includes any full-time college students up to age 24.

Family Plan 2: \$44, includes all children under age 24 in the household living at one address.

The spouse of a Life or Sustaining member may be included in the Family Membership Plan, however in that case, only the Life or Sustaining member will receive *Chess Life*.

Section 8. Life Memberships. Any person may become a Life Member of the Federation upon payment of \$1500 dues. Any person age 65 years or older may become a Life Member upon payment of \$750 dues. Any blind person may become a Life Member upon payment of \$375 dues. The Federation may require reasonable confirmation of eligibility from time to time as a continuation of Life membership.

Section 9. Affiliate Commissions. There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Youth, Scholastic and Family Memberships. There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Adult Memberships paid by mail or phone.

Section 10. Promotional Memberships. In order to facilitate the development of membership promotion, the Executive Board may authorize special promotional membership terms and rates for limited periods of time to determine their feasibility by trial; such terms and rates shall be subject to review annually by the Board of Delegates.

Section 11. Rights and Privileges. Each Premium, Premium

Youth, Senior, and Special member shall be entitled to receive a monthly paper copy of *Chess Life*. Each Premium Scholastic member shall be entitled to receive a bimonthly paper copy of *Chess Life for Kids*. Each Regular and Youth member shall be entitled to receive a bimonthly paper bulletin, as well as (if providing an e-mail address) a password enabling access to the online version of *Chess Life* magazine. Each Scholastic member shall be entitled to a paper bulletin issued each four months, as well as (if providing an e-mail address) a password enabling access to the online version of *Chess Life for Kids* magazine. Each Family Membership shall provide one hard copy *Chess Life* to the household, plus one hard copy *Chess Life for Kids* if any Family Member is under 14. Each member shall be entitled to have his or her tournament play officially rated, to participate in the Annual Membership meeting, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership not herein enumerated. Members and Affiliates with mailing addresses outside the United States may be charged an additional fee to cover extra costs.

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

Section 13. Revocation of Membership or Affiliation. In the event that the Executive Board shall revoke or suspend the membership of an individual or affiliate pursuant to Article III, Section 11, or Article VIII, Section 5, it shall, prior to taking such action, give to the individual or affiliate 30 days written notice of the proposed action. Within said time said individual or affiliate may submit in writing to the Executive Board reasons why such actions should not be taken. The Executive Board may thereafter, if it sees fit, act upon the written suggestion or set a date for a hearing to be held at or prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Federation, but before the meeting of the Board of Delegates. Any person or affiliate aggrieved by any action of the Executive Board may appeal to the Board of Delegates at the said Annual Meeting if the action is taken at the said meeting, or at the next meeting of the Board of Delegates. The Board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the action of the Executive Board. Only Delegates present in person may vote on any such appeal. If the Ethics Committee recommends the suspension or revocation of a member through application of the USCF Code of Ethics, the appeals procedure established in the Code of Ethics shall be applicable, and the remaining provisions of this section shall not be applicable to that case.

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

ARTICLE IV: VOTING MEMBERS

Section 1. Responsibility. The Voting Members are responsible for electing the Executive Board and the Delegates and Alternate Delegates that represent their state. An insert con-

taining nominees and voting instructions shall be inserted in an appropriate issue of *Chess Life*.

Section 2. Definition. Any USCF Member who is 16 years old or older by June 30th of an election year is a Voting Member, providing that person was a current member in one of those membership categories prior to May 1st with a membership expiration date of June 30th or later.

For a Special Election, the eligibility dates for voting in that election shall be part of the call for the special election and should use cutoff dates equivalent to the above based on when the ballots are expected to be received by the voting members.

Should the USCF implement an electronic voting system as an alternative to using paper ballots, voting members who do not receive *Chess Life* by mail every month will only be entitled to vote using the electronic voting system unless they request a paper ballot by writing to the USCF office prior to May 1st for a regular election or the equivalent cutoff date for a special election.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DELEGATES

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

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

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

Section 4. Nomination. Members may be nominated for Delegate from the state in which they reside by submission of either a nomination from the official State Chapter to the Election Committee postmarked on or before February 1st of an Election Year, or a petition bearing the signatures of 10 USCF members who are residents of their state postmarked on or before April 1st of an Election Year. State Chapters shall submit an ordered list of nominees and the ballots shall list the State Chapter nominees in that order. Ballots shall indicate which candidates were nominated by their state chapter and they shall appear ahead of other nominees. Lists of State Chapter nominees shall be posted on the USCF website by March 1 of an Election Year. A candidate petition may nominate only one candidate, who must consent to nomination by either signing the petition or by notifying the Secretary. State Chapters shall obtain the consent of all candidates they nominate.

Section 5. Election. Delegates and Alternate Delegates for each state shall be elected by the Voting Members of their state. At the discretion of the Executive Board, ballots for that purpose shall either be mailed directly or included in an issue of *Chess Life* and mailed prior to June 10. The Election Committee shall, by January 31st of an election year, select the time and place for the counting of the ballots. The ballot

instructions shall include this information plus other election regulations. For a special election, the time and place shall be determined prior to issuing the call for the special election. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. Candidates nominated by their state chapter shall be designated as such on the ballot. Electronic voting may be used in addition to the ballot in *Chess Life*.

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

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

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

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

Section 6. Miscellaneous

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

The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. If a Delegate dies or resigns during the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled for the duration of the term of office in accordance with the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate moves from the state of residence, that person shall be deemed to have resigned as Delegate unless the State Chapter indicates otherwise. Vacancies in the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the

term, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Executive Board members shall have at least 7 days advance notice before the notice of the meeting is sent. Items can only be placed on the advance agenda by the President or any two Executive Board members.

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

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

Section 9. Delegates at Large. Delegates at Large shall consist of the following:

A. All USCF Presidents who have served at least two consecutive years, upon completion of their term and are so

elected by a majority of the Board of Delegates.

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

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

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of seven members elected for staggered terms of four years. The Executive Director serves as a non-voting member of the Executive Board, with the right to debate and make motions, but without the right to vote. All Executive Board members are national officers of the USCF. No Executive Board member may be a full time or part time salaried or hourly USCF employee except for the USCF Executive Director serving as a non-voting member.

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

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

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

Executive Board votes may be taken by email provided at least five days are allowed for discussion. As soon as all Executive Board members vote, or the five days have passed, the Board vote is official.

Section 4. Nomination. Any USCF member not a current employee of the USCF is nominated for election to the

Executive Board upon submission to the Election Committee of the following January 10 of an election year:

1. A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of thirty or more Voting Members. A nominating petition listing more than one candidate is not valid.
2. A filing fee of \$250 made payable to the USCF
3. A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and that they will serve if elected.

An employee of the USCF may not be nominated for election to the Executive Board. Currently paid contractors/consultants working as *Chess Life* Editor, Events Coordinator, or Computer Consultant may not be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board.

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

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

Section 5. Elections

A. Regular Elections. Executive Board members shall be elected by the Voting Members. At the discretion of the Executive Board, ballots for that purpose shall either be mailed directly or included in an issue of *Chess Life*, and mailed prior to June 10. The Election Committee shall, by January 31st of an election year, select the time and place for the counting of the ballots. The ballot instructions shall include this information plus other election regulations. For a special election, the time and place shall be determined prior to issuing the call for the special election. Electronic voting may be used in addition to the ballot in *Chess Life*. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots. The ballot shall list all duly submitted nominations. Each voting member may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the largest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions. The ballots shall be returned by mail to an independent agency, and counted by an independent agency, or by the Election Committee, or by tellers appointed by the Election Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates. Ties, if any, shall be broken by a secret ballot vote of the Delegates present in person at that year's Delegates meeting, taken at the time that election results are certified. The election of Executive Board members shall take place in odd-numbered years starting in 2003.

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

C. The Election Committee shall, by January 31st of an election year, select the time and place for the counting of the ballots. The ballot instructions shall include this information plus other election regulations. For a special election, the time and place shall be determined prior to issuing the call for the special election. Ballots shall be authenticated by use of voting member information to be provided with or printed on the ballots. All properly authenticated ballots that have been received by the date

designated for counting the ballots shall be counted. The Election Committee shall designate an address for the return of ballots at the time the date of counting ballots is set.

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

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

Section 8. Duties.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 9. Vacancies. If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, the Executive Board may decide to fill the vacancy by a Special Election in accordance with Art. VI, Section 5B. If two or more vacancies occur, the Executive Board will instruct the Election Committee to hold a Special Election in

accordance with Section 5B.

Section 10. Candidate statements and advertising. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to a 150 word statement plus photo in the issue of *Chess Life* published no later than April 10 of the election year. Election supplements shall accompany or be inserted in issues of *Chess Life* published no later than May 10 and June 10 of the election year. Each duly nominated candidate who has met the requirements established in Section 4 is entitled to one-half page of space in each election supplement. The purchase of additional campaign space in the election supplements or other USCF publications is prohibited. Any candidate for the USCF Executive Board who has been convicted of an adult felony in the US must disclose that fact in their *Chess Life* statement. The Candidate will be allowed an additional 100 words in the candidate's statement in their first statement in *Chess Life* for this purpose. Failure to disclose a felony (conviction) would be grounds for immediate recall.

Section 11. Recalls.

A. The Delegates may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by a 2/3 majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a 3/4 majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by 2/3 of the Delegates in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Delegates. Each signature on a recall petition must be dated and no signature can be dated more than five months before the date that the petitions are submitted to the USCF Secretary for validation.

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

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

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

E. If the motion or petition recalling the Board member does not specify a date for the recall election voting to begin, the Executive Board shall schedule such an election to commence no more than 120 days after the recall motion is passed by the Delegates or the recall petitions are certified. The date for counting the votes in the recall

election shall be no more than 52 days after the day that voting begins. Until the votes in the recall election are counted, the recalled Executive Board member retains all rights and privileges of a Board member. Once the recall votes are counted, if the recall is affirmed the Board member is immediately removed from the Executive Board and a vacancy exists on the Executive Board.

Section 12. Restrictions. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as paid USCF employees, paid consultants or as vendors of goods or services to the USCF during their actual tenure on the Executive Board and for a period of one year after the board service ends.

Except as noted below, this shall not affect a board member's ability to organize or direct USCF-rated events or to serve as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as the chief TD or USCF National events during their tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends. Elected members of the Executive Board may not be awarded the bid to serve as the organizer of a USCF national event (or as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate serving as the organizer of a USCF national event) during their actual tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends unless the agreement to serve as the organizer of that national event was signed prior to that person's becoming a candidate for election to the Executive Board. State chapter and not-for-profit Affiliates with Board members who are also on their board are exempt from this restriction. In unusual circumstances, elected Executive Board members may be assigned tasks dealing with day-to-day operations of the USCF. No compensation for these tasks beyond the reimbursement of direct out-of-pocket expenses may be paid.

Section 13. Website Access. Executive Board members and candidates for the Executive Board are subject to the same rules, restrictions and sanctions as other USCF members with regards to information posted by them on the USCF website, such as in the USCF Forums. This includes the option of temporarily or permanently banning an EB member or candidate from posting. The Elections Committee may, at its discretion and convenience, post all candidate statements as they appear in *Chess Life* on the USCF website.

ARTICLE VII:

OTHER OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND COMMITTEES

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

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

Section 3. Committees.

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

1) Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consist of four persons; the Vice President for Finance as a non-voting member and three members elected by the delegates from among the delegates and alternate delegates who are

knowledgeable in accounting matters such as (but not limited to) a certified public accountant (CPA), a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) or someone who has substantial experience in the public or private sectors. No other member of the Executive Board may be a member of the Audit Committee. The duties of the Committee shall be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

k) To advise the Executive Director, as requested.

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

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

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

3) Election Committee. The Election Committee shall consist of 4 members appointed by the Delegates. Alternate members may also be appointed who would replace any member of the committee who resigns or otherwise leaves the committee. The committee is responsible for the conduct of and shall preside over Federation elections. No member of the Election Committee may be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board during his or her service on the Election Committee or may campaign on behalf of or make an endorsement for or against any candidate for the Executive Board. The Committee shall choose its own Chair.

4) Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall choose its own chair.

5) Life Member Assets Management Committee (LMAC). The LMAC is responsible for managing the Life Member Assets. The LMAC shall consist of the Vice President for Finance plus up to eleven other members elected by the Delegates. The LMAC shall choose its own Chair and may appoint other committees to assist it in its work.

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

C. Except as provided elsewhere, in the event of a vacancy on a Delegate-appointed Committee, the committee and Executive Board may appoint a replacement. Such appointment requires a 2/3 majority of each the remaining committee members and the Executive Board.

D. No individual member can chair more than one of the following committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, or LMA.

E. No individual other than the VP for Finance can serve on more than two of the following committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, or LMA.

Section 4. Counsel. Legal Counsel shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

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

ARTICLE VIII: ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS.

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

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

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

Section 4. Rights and privileges. Each affiliate shall:

- (a) Receive a subscription to *Chess Life*.
- (b) be entitled to conduct USCF-rated tournaments in accordance with USCF tournament rules;

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

Section 5. Revocation. The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 12, revoke or suspend the affiliation of any affiliate for good cause shown.

ARTICLE IX: SUNDRY BYLAWS

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

Section 2. Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Delegates present at an Annual or a Special Delegates' meeting except that any proposal not specifically included in the Delegates' advance agenda shall require a 2/3 majority vote to pass.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 8. Accountants. Early in each fiscal year the Executive Board shall engage properly qualified independent certified public accountants to review the Federation's accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The choice of accountants shall be subject to ratification by the Board of Delegates.

Section 9. Encumbrance.

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

B. Any land and/or buildings, owned by the USCF cannot be sold, encumbered, liened, or mortgaged, in any fashion, without approval by the Delegates at a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, except as provided in Section 10 below.

Section 10. Life Member Assets Management.

Borrowing from or encumbering from LMA is possible only

when:

1. The Executive Director certifies that there is a need for such borrowing,
2. The Executive Board approves of the borrowing, and
3. A majority of the Life Member Asset Management Committee approves of such borrowing.

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

Section 12. Indemnification of Directors and Officers. Each member of the Board of Delegates, national officer (hereinafter "officer"), and employee of the corporation now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all claims and liabilities to which he or she has or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such director, officer, or employee or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken, omitted, or neglected by him or her as such a director, officer, or employee; and the corporation shall reimburse each such person for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any such liability, provided, however, that indemnification shall be limited to cases in which such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal act or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; and provided further, however, that as a member of the Board of Delegates such a person shall only be indemnified for his or her acts or omissions at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Board of Delegates and not for any local or other activities.

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

Any indemnification against any and all claims (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, or employee, is proper in the circumstances because he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Such determination shall be made (A) by the Board of Delegates by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit, proceeding, or claim, or (B) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

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

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

Section 13. Ratification of Voidable Acts. Any transaction ques-

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

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

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

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

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

Section 18. National Tournament Directors as USCF Employees. For bylaws purposes, a tournament director at a National Tournament who is not already a USCF employee shall not be considered a USCF employee.

Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest

1. **Sites of USCF-Sponsored Tournaments.** Since the U.S. Chess Federation is open to all players, regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, or national origin, and is interested in promoting chess among all groups, all tournaments sponsored by USCF are to be conducted at sites accommodating the right to play of all USCF members. (1960)
2. **Tournament Coordination.** The USCF shall exert its influence through Officers to coordinate and schedule sanctioned tournaments sponsored by regional or state chess organizations (without conflict of time and place). (1964)
3. **Speed of Rated Games.** Any change in the speed of rated games requires approval by the Board of Delegates. (1971)
4. **Meeting Information.** USCF Delegates shall be informed well in advance of the Annual Meeting of Board of Delegates of any substantive matters known to be on the advance agenda for the Delegates Meeting.
5. **Rating Lists and Supplements.** The Executive Board is required by the Delegates to publish annually the ratings of active players and to make available by download a bi-monthly or monthly Supplement. By request any member or affiliate who wishes to pay may receive a copy of the supplements via mail at cost. (1972)(2002)(2006)
6. **Annual U.S. Championship.** It is the intent of the Board of Delegates that a U.S. Championship be held annually. (1972) (1982) (1983) (1997)
7. **Adjournments at U.S. Opens.** In the U.S. Open, the players shall not be compelled to adjourn if both players and the tournament director agree to play on for one more time-control period.
8. **Executive Board Minutes.** Approximately four times per year, the Secretary shall mail to the Delegates copies of the minutes and records of all votes of the Executive Board held during the period. (1973)
9. **Unfinished Delegate Business.** All motions not acted on by the Delegates at the Annual Meeting that deal with matters which the Executive Board can act on under the Bylaws, shall be acted upon by the Board. These actions shall be reported in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and at the next year's Delegates Meeting. (1978) Motions limiting the Executive Board or disagreeing with the decisions made by the Executive Board shall automatically retain their place on next year's Delegates Agenda. (1980)
10. **Smoking.** Tournaments which prohibit smoking in the playing room of a USCF-rated tournament shall be so indicated in the Tournament Life Announcement in *Chess Life*. Smoking is prohibited at the following National Tournaments: U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior Open, U.S. Class. There shall be no smoking permitted in any contract areas of all national scholastic tournaments. (1998)
11. **State Chapter Recommendations.** For the text of these recommendations on State Chapters, see *Policy Board Newsletter* #4 of 1980-81.
12. **USCF Regions.**
 - I. MA, CT, RI, NH, ME, VT
 - II. NY, NY
 - III. PA, MD, VA, WVA, DE, DC
 - IV. FL, GA, NC, SC
 - V. OH, MI, IN, KY
 - VI. MN, WI, ND, SD
 - VII. IL, MO, IA, NE
 - VIII. TN, AL, LA, MS, AR
 - IX. CO, UT, KS, WY
 - X. TX, OK, NM
 - XI. SCA, NCA, AZ, NV, HI
 - XII. WA, OR, ID, MT, AK
13. **Paid Tournament Directors at National Tournaments.** No Executive Board member shall serve as the paid TD of more than one USCF National Tournament or International Tournament during a calendar year unless the same opportunity has been declined by all non-members of the Executive Board who are qualified to direct the tournament. (1975) No Executive Board member shall be awarded a paid directorship or concession at a National Tournament on which he/she participated in the award vote, except in the case of an uncontested bid. An Executive Board will not be restricted in the number of awarded paid directorships or concessions received at any National Tournament when the award vote and the acceptance of a paid directorship or concession for the National Tournament occurred before the Executive Board member was elected to office. (1984, 1993, 1994)
14. **Teller's Procedures.** Unless some independent agency handles the election, provision shall be made to allow the tellers to properly fulfill their duties unencumbered by the burdens of a large-scale public meeting.
15. **Tournament Cancellation.** Tournaments announced in *Chess Life* may not be cancelled unless the cancellation notice appears in *Chess Life*. Cancellations which occur too late to appear in *Chess Life* are permitted only if it is physically impossible to hold the tournament (for example, in the case of extreme weather conditions). Cancellations for any other reasons without notice are not permitted. Disappointing advance entries do not constitute a valid reason for cancellation. Organizers violating this rule shall be prohibited from listing their tournaments in "Tournament Life" or advertising in *Chess Life* for 3 years. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. (1979) (2002)
16. **Chess Life.**

GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION.

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

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

Mindful of our members and potential members, the wide range of playing strengths and interests represented therein, and our overall goal, *Chess Life* should present a comparable range of subject matter. Instructional analysis (aimed at a variety of skill levels), correspondence chess, reader opinion, non-technical (i.e., historical articles, fiction) and human-interest material (i.e., interviews), rules changes, national and international news, and providing

coverage of international, national, and regional events, are suggested, but do not delimit areas of concentration. Consistent with our stated goal, advertising in *Chess Life* is a service to readers as well as a significant source of revenue. The editor and publisher (Executive Director) will be responsible for ensuring that the overall advertising content in *Chess Life* and subject matter are appropriate. The editor and publisher, in their best judgment, have discretion to refuse any advertisement.

COMPOSITION OF CHESS LIFE.

The following items shall be required *Chess Life* content:

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

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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

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

YEARBOOK.

(Annual Yearbook in *Chess Life*).

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

DELEGATE INFO.

(*Chess Life* Publication).

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

17. **Free Membership to Grandmasters and Woman Grandmasters.** USCF memberships shall be awarded upon request to International Grandmasters, including Women Grandmasters, when it is determined by the Executive Director that a player is registering with FIDE as an American player; or when an American player is awarded the title by FIDE. (1980, 1991)
18. **Profits from Scholastic Tournaments.** Any profits generated by National Scholastic Tournaments that are earned by USCF will be retained by USCF and earmarked for

Scholastic Chess. (1998)

19. **Calling the Question.** At USCF Delegates meetings, the practice of a speaker calling the question immediately after speaking to the merits of a motion shall not be permitted. (1993)
20. **Review of DMs.** At every Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board shall review the resolutions passed by the last annual Delegates' meeting to make certain those resolutions are being enforced. (1993)
21. **Supplemental Motions.** All supplemental motions presented to the Delegates that are printed and received before the Delegates meeting contain a rationale or discussion by the sponsor, limited to 50 words. (1993)
22. **Choosing Committees.** It is the sense of the Delegates that committee chairmen shall be fully consulted prior to selection of committees and there shall be continuing consultation concerning committee membership and work through the liaison. (1994)
23. **Presenting Committee Reports.** All annual committee reports not published in the annual report will be presented to the Delegates after the published committee reports have been presented to the Delegates and will be limited to a ten-minute presentation. (1994)
24. **Distributing Committee Reports.** All printed committee reports distributed at the Delegates meeting shall be offered to all Delegates who express an interest in the reports before copies are left unattended for general pick-up. No reports may be left unattended until after the committee presentation to the Delegates has been completed. The presentation is to include mention that the printed reports are available and copies are to be handed to any Delegate that asks for them. (1994)
25. **Investment of Life Membership Assets.** The LMA Committee shall establish an investment policy that is expected to produce an aggregate return equaling or exceeding 6% on its invested assets (excluding the USCF office building). (2002)
26. **Personnel.** All Board-approved changes to employee compensation will be subject to a vote of the full Board and the vote will be recorded in open session. The text of any Board-approved change to employee compensation will be recorded as a confidential BINFO item.
Any Board-approved change to an employee incentive plan must be finalized no later than 90 days after the plan has been approved. Any Board-approved employee contract must have the signature of no fewer than one officer and one other Board member. Board-conducted employee reviews must be discussed and written before presented. (1997)
27. **Standards of Conduct for the USCF Executive Board.** The USCF Board of Delegates establishes the following standards of conduct for Executive Board members in the performance of their duties:

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Members of the USCF Executive Board have responsibilities of the highest order for the promotion of chess and for stewardship of the resources of the USCF. In the execution of these responsibilities, they are expected to act lawfully and in accordance with USCF policy, and to adhere consistently to the principles of fairness, honesty, and respect for the rights of others. They are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the performance of all duties, contributing thereby to maximum effectiveness in the achievement of the goals of the USCF.

(1) Executive Board members are expected to contribute to the functioning of the Board as a cohesive unit, with informa-

tion flowing comfortably among all its members. Actions that interfere with comfortable and open communication among all Board members should be avoided.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) When appointed by the Delegates, the USCF Ethics Committee may consider an allegation by any USCF member

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

28. The Code of Ethics of the United States Chess Federation.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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

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

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

THE USCF ETHICS COMMITTEE

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

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

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

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

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

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

(d) Deliberately misrepresenting one's playing ability in order to compete in a tournament or division of a tourna-

ment intended for players of lesser ability; players with foreign ratings are expected to disclose those ratings.

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

(f) Participating in a tournament while under suspension.

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

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

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

PROCEDURES

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

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

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

(c) Except as specified in 6(e) recommended sanctions shall be deemed final unless appealed to the Executive Board by the person or persons upon whom the sanctions have been imposed, or upon the initiative of any member of the Executive Board. Such an appeal must be made within 30 days of the date that notification of recommended sanctions occurred, except that the Executive Board may extend the deadline for appeal if in its judgment an unavoidable delay in communications or other valid cause prevented a timely appeal. If an appeal has not been filed by the deadline the recommended sanctions shall be placed into effect.

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

in effect until the appeal hearing is completed. The recommended sanctions shall be either confirmed, modified, or revoked by the Executive Board.

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

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

SANCTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) Exclusion from events. This is a more selective determination that a member has committed an offense warranting abrogation of the right to participate in certain specified events or activities.

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

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

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

29. FIDE Policy. The U.S. Chess Federation adopts the following position:

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

- 1.** The USCF cannot accept any regulation that limits journalistic freedom or freedom of expression for any individual, or interferes with the efforts of free enterprise to promote chess. The USCF cannot recognize a censure, boycott, sanction, or other restrictive or punitive action that contradicts our principles of freedom of action, speech, or the press, or that is imposed for behavior that does not violate the USCF's Code of Ethics.
 - 2.** The USCF must reserve the right to recognize or withhold recognition of any world championship event or title, in accordance with the principles established by our Board of Delegates regarding the validity of the world championship title. The USCF endorses the principle of compromise in helping to bring about a universally accepted world championship.
 - 3.** The USCF endorses working toward a more logical program of high-profile tournaments and toward cooperative Internet ventures, and might be willing to consider entering contractual arrangements toward those ends. Questions of open accounting and of legitimacy of funding must be addressed prior to any such arrangement and as part of any such arrangement.
 - 4.** The USCF considers that conflict-of-interest issues must be satisfactorily addressed in any plan to grant economic interest in any venture to any person or organization within FIDE, or any organization affiliated with FIDE, or to give voting rights to any individual or organization whose financial gain would be affected by the exercise of such voting rights.
 - 5.** The USCF considers that any plan to be put into effect must have the approval of the FIDE General Assembly and must not be inconsistent with the principles in this position statement.
 - 6.** The USCF Delegate or representative to FIDE is instructed to act in accordance with this motion.
- 30. Delegate Meeting Dates.** The Delegates meeting will be held no later than the first full weekend of August. This requirement is in effect for all U.S. Opens for which dates had not been set as of August 2000. (2000)
No round of the U.S. Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. (2001)
- 31. EB Transcripts and Minutes.** The following procedure was adopted for the documentation of the proceedings of Executive Board meetings:
- 1.** The Secretary or his or her designee shall prepare Minutes based upon the documentation of motions in the transcripts of the meeting and submit them to the Executive Board for comments, corrections, and/or suggestions.
 - 2.** The Secretary or his or her designee shall consider the comments made by the Executive Board and may revise the Minutes where appropriate. Any deviation from the transcript must be indicated with an explanation and a reference to the transcript. The transcript must be available concurrently.
 - 3.** The transcript of all Open session meetings are to be posted on the USCF website as soon as practical, so that anyone who has any questions can access the basic documentation for all motions and can access Open session discussions that are not likely to be in the published Minutes. Since any motions made in Closed session must be voted in Open session as well, the Open session transcripts will be sufficient to document all motions.
- 4.** The transcripts are to include all Open session activity. The stenographer must record everything until the meeting is actually adjourned. No motions are to be voted on the absence of the stenographer. If it is not on the Open session transcripts it did not happen! (2000).
- 5.** Whenever content is intentionally edited out of a complete recording or transcript of an Executive Board meeting a note must accompany the file that explains what was removed and why. (2007)
- 32. Binfo System.** In the interest of both history and accountability, the Board information (BINFO) system should be maintained and used in the following manner:
- 1.** The Executive Board and Executive Director will place documents relating to their decisions and discussions in this record system.
 - 2.** An effort will be made to include all relevant documents bearing on the making of USCF policy and other decisions.
 - 3.** At the request of any single Executive Board member or the Executive Director, a document will be placed in the system.
 - 4.** BINFO documents may be classified as confidential, using strict, documented criteria.
 - 5.** Classified BINFO's will be reviewed periodically for declassification. This will include but not be limited to documents now in the system and placed there by previous Boards.
 - 6.** Non-classified documents will be supplied to members on request; a reasonable duplication fee may be charged.
 - 7.** Binders of non-classified documents will be maintained at the USCF office and will be available on request to visiting adult members to examine while in the office.
 - 8.** Updated, descriptive indexes of the BINFO system will be available on the USCF website in the most expeditious manner possible, and available in hard copy on request for a reasonable duplication fee. (2000)
 - 9.** Non-confidential BINFOs are to be made available electronically without cost to any Delegate or Alternate Delegate that asks to receive them. This is to be done by making them available on the USCF website in a public area and/or setting up a read-only mailing list and adding to the list anyone who wants to receive the BINFO's via e-mail. (2001)
- 33. U.S. Open Scheduling.** The U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15th. (1999)
- 34. Scholastic Chess.** The USCF shall have a full-time Scholastic Director, working in consultation with the Scholastic Committee. The job description and workload priorities of the Scholastic Director will be developed jointly by the Scholastic Committee and the Executive Director. The Finance Committee shall include at least one member recommended by the Scholastic Committee. The USCF shall implement an income and expense system, which separately identifies scholastic chess activities. (1999)
- 35. ADM votes on the Website.** The final decision of the Board of Delegates on ADMs shall be recorded and published on the USCF website. All available information regarding the vote shall be included. (1999)
- 36. Ballots.** Ballots shall contain only a candidate's name and state. No titles, credentials or other honors shall appear on ballots. (1999)
- 37. World Championship.** The U. S. Chess Federation officially recognizes the following principles regarding the World Championship of Chess:
- 1.** The title of World Champion is a symbol of the recognition given by the chessplayers of the world to the most skilled chess competitor at any point in time. As such it cannot logically be an object of property subject to ownership.
 - 2.** It follows from point one that the title of World

Champion, to be valid, must be conferred by an organization representing the world's chessplayers. The Championship must be awarded as the result of a system of competition, which is fairly and objectively organized to determine the strongest competitor at that point in time. Such a competition must eliminate, to the extent possible, the effects of luck or other factors irrelevant to skill.

3. The U.S. Chess Federation directs its leadership and its representatives to strive to help create a unified system of competition for the World Championship that is fully consistent with principles one and two. (1998)

38. Committee Actions. USCF Committees, excepting those appointed by the Delegates, exist to advise and recommend, but may not make any ruling that affects the status of any member without ratification by the Executive Board, Office or Delegates. (1998)

39. Delegate Committees. All newly-created Delegates Committees must have a statement of purpose defining their function. (1998)

40. LMA Annual Report. The LMA Management Committee shall publish an annual report showing the performance of the fund's investments, the investments owned, the investment strategy, and an assessment of investment risks. (1998)

41. Based on Prizes. Effective January 1, 1999, all tournaments without exception advertised in *Chess Life*, *Tournament Life*, or elsewhere shall be required to pay at least 50% of any based-on prize advertised if the prize fund is over \$500. Based-on prizes in tournaments with an advertised total prize fund of \$500 or less must be paid in proportion to turnout. Minimum penalty for violation of this rule shall be disqualification from advertising in *Chess Life* for one year. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Director. If a tournament is affected by an act of God, then the organizer may appeal to the Executive Board. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. *Chess Life* shall print no display ads for "based-on" tournaments which mention the "based-on" prize fund without indicating that this prize fund is based on entries. (1998) (2002)(2004)

42. Volunteer Expenses. A summary of all reimbursements to each member of the Executive Board, International Delegations, and all other volunteers shall be published in the Executive Board Newsletters and on the USCF website. (1990, 1998)

43. Executive Board Newsletter. The EBN shall include prompt reports of actions taken by the membership, quarterly state-by-state membership statistics, quarterly USCF financial information, financial outlines of national tournaments completed each quarter, notice of major changes in staffing assignments, prompt reports of actions proposed or taken by FIDE that directly affect the USCF or its members, and USCF committee reports when available. A five-year graph charting USCF membership statistics in all categories shall appear annually in the EBN. (1990)

44. Membership Accounting. 90% of the income from life memberships and 50% from sustaining memberships shall be deposited directly in to the LMA. Services provided to life and sustaining members shall be funded quarterly. (1996, 1999)

45. Bylaws Committee. To aid the Delegates and the Executive Board in informed decision making, the Bylaws Committee shall advise the Executive Board and the Delegates concerning both the substance and the wording of proposed bylaws changes. (1987)

46. Drug Testing. The Delegates believe that drug testing is

unnecessary in chess and urge FIDE to limit testing only to events where it is absolutely essential for qualification into the Olympic Games. (2001)

47. Candidate Disclosure (Executive Board Candidate Disclosure). Executive Board candidates are asked to disclose if they are employed full time or are a candidate for full-time employment with any organization that is a vendor for the USCF, a competitor to USCF in any area, or has any significant other business interest (including substantial ownership of a business) that could be affected by decisions made by the USCF. Failure to disclose these interests would not disqualify a candidate from running, but could affect the voters' evaluation of the candidate. (2001)

48. Delegates Call (Report in Delegates Call). A report on compliance or noncompliance with the previous year's Delegate Motions will be provided in the Delegates Call each year. (2001)

49. Delegate Elections (Ballots and State Elections). Ballots should indicate that voters may vote for up to as many persons as there are positions to fill. To minimize ties, State Chapters are encouraged to nominate more persons than there are positions to be filled. Each ballot will specify the number of Delegate positions for each state. (2001)

50. Committees (No Pay for Committee Members). Members of USCF Committees shall not be paid for committee work without authorization of the Delegates. They may continue to receive reimbursement for expenses. (2001)

51. Rating Lists (Via Hard Copy or Electronic). Rating Lists (annual lists and supplements) can be received via hard copy or electronic media at the discretion of the affiliate or subscriber at no additional cost. (2001)

52. USCF Regions. Executive Board election results shall once again be tabulated by region, beginning in 2003. There shall be twelve regions, each consisting of the same states that the region included before the discontinuation of regions. (2002)

53. Financial Reports on Website. Comprehensive USCF financial reports including at least a balance sheet and statement of all activities will be posted on the USCF website on at least a quarterly basis. (2002)

54. California Borders. The border between Northern and Southern California shall be set along county lines. Where San Luis Obispo, Kern and Inyo are the northern most counties of Southern California, and Monterey, Kings, Tulare, Fresno and Mono are the southernmost counties of Northern California. The USCF may use zip codes to approximate this border. The two California state affiliates are responsible for maintaining the zip code mapping used for this border approximation. (2005)

55. TDCC Changes. Changes in the Tournament Director certification program proposed by the TDC Committee may be approved by the Executive Board without approval of the delegates. (2006).

56. USCF National Scholastic Events. The following USCF National Scholastic Events: The Scholastic K-12 Championship, the Spring Nationals, and the National Youth Action, shall not be outsourced to any other organization without the prior review of the U.S. Scholastic Council and approval of the USCF Board of Delegates. (2007)

57. Delegates & Financial Reports. The Board of Delegates is the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chess Federation. Any Delegate has the right to access the official monthly financial reports. The USCF may charge Delegates for the costs incurred in accessing and copying the official monthly financial reports. (2008)

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Committee Reports

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs, Harold J. Winston and Mike Nolan (report prepared by Harold Winston)

The Bylaws Committee reports on both the substance and form of proposed bylaws changes. (DM 87-21). Also, the committee traditionally makes recommendations on governance issues. Mike Nolan (NE) and I are the co-chairs.

This year we had six referrals from the Delegates meeting and took a total of 24 votes on aspects of these referrals. We first considered DM 08-29, which seeks to have the voting members directly elect the President, Vice President, VP for Finance, and Secretary, instead of the Executive Board (EB) filling those positions, and also allows incumbent EB members to run for the designated positions. On the proposal as a whole, we voted 1-5-1 against it, with another five members believing it needed more study. On direct election by position, the committee voted 7-6-1 on directly electing the President, 5-6-3 on the Vice President, 5-8-1 on the VP for Finance, and 5-8-1 on the Secretary. The committee favored allowing incumbents to run for the positions by a vote of 7-3-1. On the issue of whether the four positions should be filled at the same time or split among two election years, the committee narrowly favored a split by 7-5-2. The committee was unanimous in opposing that part of the motion that eliminates the simple majority for filling Executive Board vacancies, 0-14. That consequence may not have been intended by the sponsor.

Next, we considered DM 08-40, proposing that Delegates seated at an annual meeting to fill vacancies continue for the remaining term (which can be a year longer) and barring state presidents or senior state officials from adding to the alternate Delegate list. Supporters dislike the idea of "delegate for a day," opponents believe that at times personal reasons prevent a Delegate from attending a particular meeting and that those added by state officials usually represent their State and can include new state officers elected since the Delegate elections, as the Delegate elections are every two years, not every year. Concerning having seated Delegates continue for the full unexpired term, we voted 2 in favor, 1 in favor of only allowing the elected alternates to fill the term, 11 against. Concerning taking away the authority of the state president or senior official to add to the list, we voted 1 in favor and 13 opposed. We also considered imposing a deadline on adding to the list: 8 favored midnight of the Thursday before the Delegate meetings, 1 favored midnight of the Wednesday before the Delegate meetings, 1 favored midnight of the day before the U.S. Open starts, and 3 wanted to allow additions at any time. An idea of the Delegates electing Additional Delegates to prevent quorum problems was disfavored 3-8-2.

Third, we considered a proposal requiring voter registration to vote in USCF elections, DM 08-42. An amendment to limit registration to Executive Board (EB) elections only and not require registration for Delegate elections was favored 10-1-2; the rationale was that members in the states usually know those who run for state delegate positions. Another amendment to not require registration for those who voted in one of the last two elections was favored 9-3-1. A suggestion that failure to vote in an election would require re-registration was opposed 1-6, with one person preferring re-registration if someone failed to vote in any of the last 2-3 elections. On the registration idea as a whole, 6 favored it if registration was limited to EB elections, 3 favored it either way, 1 favored only the original proposal, and 3 opposed all versions.

Fourth, DM 08-46, proposes only posting Delegate and Executive Board Minutes on the USCF website and making them available at the annual Delegates meeting and sending them only to those who specifically request hard copies and pay costs involved. The committee voted 13-0-1 in favor. We also supported a technical amendment to include membership meeting minutes 12-0-2. If this change is adopted, we also favor deleting the fourth sentence in Art. VI, sec. 3 as redundant, as the sponsor has proposed, 12-0-2.

Fifth, DM 08-49, would make the Secretary an appointive position and not require the Secretary be a member of the Executive Board. We voted 11-1-2 in favor and also voted 10-1-1 to remove the parenthetical statement in the motion "(such as the Executive Director)", as we do not feel any one person should be highlighted as a possible Secretary. Recently, USCF has been fortunate to have the Liebermans prepare minutes even though they are not currently the Secretary.

The final referral was DM 08-51, barring any member of the USCF Executive Board from suing USCF without resigning from the Executive Board first. That motion would subject all existing lawsuits to the new regulation. Our committee is not pleased by the current lawsuits involving EB members as adverse parties to USCF, but a strong majority believes such a resolution is legally questionable, as there are legitimate instances, for example if an Executive Board majority ignores the Bylaws, in which litigation or arbitration is needed. Also, most of us do not believe the retroactivity part of the resolution is legal. We voted 4-9-1 against the proposal. However we favor an alternate proposal which would require any Executive Board candidate with a lawsuit against USCF to disclose that in their *Chess Life* statement. We voted 13-1 in favor of such disclosure. Because of the litigation, our committee believes we should add to Art. VI, sec. 10, a provision that specifically states that Executive Board members who are parties to litigation or arbitration filed by them against USCF, or USCF against them, must abstain from voting on any action related to that litigation or arbitration, shall have no right to be present when the litigation or arbitration is discussed by the Executive Board, and shall have no access to attorney-client or work-product privileged information relating to that litigation or arbitration. This wording was suggested by Florida attorney Robert Persante and we believe it advisable to adopt. We voted in favor by 11-1-1. The committee may explore the advantages of including a mandatory arbitration clause to resolve disputes involving Executive Board members, to hopefully reduce legal fees and lead to such disputes being resolved more quickly.

I thank Mike Nolan and the other committee members for their participation: John McCrary (SC), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Guy Hoffman (WI), Robert Persante (FL), David Mehler (DC), Ernie Schlich (VA), Richard Koepcke (NCA), Joe Lux (NJ), Gary Kitts (MI), Allen Priest (KY), George Mirijanian (MA), and Jerry Hanken (SCA).

Everyone is invited to our Bylaws Workshop on Friday, August 7, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel in Indiana. We will discuss these proposals and other new Delegate proposals relating to bylaws or governance. To contact our committee, e-mail me at HJWinston@aol.com.

After this report was written, a legal opinion was received advising that USCF should change its bylaws to provide Alternate Delegates replacing Delegates should serve the full unexpired term of the Delegates they replace. The Bylaws committee will have a proposal for Delegates action in Indianapolis to do that.

CHESS IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs, John Buky and Dr. Joseph Eberhard

- Fernando Moreno was involved in two projects in his community in Montgomery County, Maryland. The first was "All the Right Moves," an initiative launched by Fernando and State Senator Jamie Raskin to foster positive dynamics among the young people of Montgomery County after the tragic shooting death of a high school freshman. The freshman was one of Fernando's chess students and also a friend of Senator Raskin's son. More information on that project is available at: <http://atrm.org>.
- Fernando's other activity was a joint project about underage drinking prevention. A video of Fernando's chess class was used in that production. More information is available at: www.toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov/
- Publication in peer-reviewed journals is the gold standard of academic respectability. Therefore, every chess in education article that is published in a peer-reviewed journal is important for advancing our committee's mission. Dr. Alexey Root had an article in *TEMPO*, the peer-reviewed journal of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented. Here is the citation and a description: Root, A. W. (2009, Spring). Checkmating advisory and summer boredom. *TEMPO*, 29(2), 10-14. This article describes the evolution of Strickland Middle School (SMS) advisory (2005-2009), from study halls for all to enrichment advisory options, including chess, for capable students. Dr. Root also lists chess activities and chess equipment used at SMS and at MOSAIC (Coppell Gifted Association summer courses). For Dr. Root's next article for *TEMPO*, she will share how gifted and talented teachers use chess in their classrooms. If you teach gifted-and-talented students, and would like to share your chess-in-the-classroom story, please e-mail aroot@utdallas.edu
- At the FIDE Congress in Dresden, Germany on November 17, 2008 the FIDE Commission on Chess in Schools presented a plaque to Dr. Tim Redman (USA) Texas University - Dallas for his contribution to the ongoing development of knowledge ... Chess for children, youths, and teachers of America ... Dr. Redman's other activity was his presentation on "Chess and Syntax" at the USCF workshop on Chess in Education last year in August in Dallas.
- Think Like A King's honor with its creator being selected as 2009 Chess Educator of the Year. Alexey's wonderful article in this month's *Chess Life* (despite that unnaturally large head shot of Steve!!) was a much appreciated culmination of the events surrounding the award ceremony in Dallas. Steve was also written up in the *Chicago Sun-Times*. And Evanston Hospital, where he is a staff member, is doing a piece on Steve in an upcoming publication. Steve has done a number of presentations this year, including those connected with his chess educator award and, more recently, at the SuperNationals. We have also written a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education, which is highly competitive and therefore not a guaranteed award by any means, but which would allow us to develop some exciting new components in the Think Like A King system. These would help make scholastic chess even more accessible and engaging to students and educators alike. Even if the grant is not awarded, we are making plans to move forward in a number of key areas. We are also working with UT Dallas to develop a chess in education research project.
- John P. Buky (Chess Academy Manager) purchased 500 scholastic memberships in an effort to promote the USCF in Illinois schools where the Chess Academy program is taught.
- The USCF Chess in Education Committee has a website at: www.thechessacademy.org/USCF_Chess_Education_Committee.htm. The USCF Chess in Education committee members, as well as completed events (including chess in education workshops), are all updated by John P. Buky on this website.

- John P. Buky and Wilbur Tseng have published "The Chess, Math and Extended Response Workbook." Both student and teacher versions are available. This workbook is a complete curriculum to integrate chess into the elementary (grades 1-8) classrooms. More information on this curriculum is at: www.thechessacademy.org/lessons.html. The books are also listed on Amazon Books online at: *Chess, Math and Extended Response Teacher Edition on Amazon*

COLLEGE CHESS COMMITTEE

Chair, James Stallings

The College Chess Committee with the strong support of its members across the country continues to improve its Internet presence. Universities continue to purchase MonRoi units for their teams to increase their fan bases with dual coverage on MonRoi and the Internet Chess Club (ICC). Jon Haskel has assumed a greater role on the committee not only as chief tournament director at the online tournaments and the Pan-Am in Miami but also as the webmaster at the collegiate website (www.collegechess.org/).

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) were co-winners at the 2008 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Championship held in Dallas. UTD won first place on tiebreaks. The division champions were:

DIVISION I CHAMPION (2200 & ABOVE)—
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS-C TEAM

DIVISION II CHAMPION (2000-2199)—
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS-D TEAM

DIVISION III CHAMPION (1800-1999)—
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

DIVISION IV CHAMPION (UNDER 1800)—
YALE UNIVERSITY-A TEAM

UMBC and UTD were also co-winners at the 2009 President's Cup. This time UMBC prevailed in the tiebreaks and took the Cup! Stanford University and The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) rounded out the Final Four held in April in Dallas. In the first round, both of these teams had their board one defeat the board one of the co-winners. This served notice, early on, as to why they were there!

There were co-winners for the 2009 Chess College of the Year award. First, we had the University of Utah. In 2007, at the Pan-American Intercollegiate, they sent two student representatives just to attend the annual College Chess Committee meeting in Miami. No other college did this. They followed up by sending a Utah team to the 2008 Pan-American Intercollegiate in Dallas. In the 2008 Collegiate Chess League Team Tournament, their A-team finished seventh and their B-team finished 16th. The Utah chess club and team are working hard to move forward into the top ranks of college chess. This deserves recognition. Next, Miami University is being nominated as co-winner of the 2009 Chess College of the Year award. As evidenced by the December 2008 *Chess Life Online* article <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/9007/500/> by sophomore Chris Dobbs, we see and hear what it takes to start a college chess club. This firsthand account by a Miami University Ohio student can also inspire other beginning college chess clubs across the U.S. This is the state of the vast majority of college chess clubs and teams. We applaud this outreach to other colleges.

In the 2nd annual "Duncan Oxley Memorial Tournament" held on the Internet Chess Club (ICC) in the fall, the results for individuals were

- 1st Michael Slepoy 4½ UTD
- 2nd James Smallwood 4 Northwestern
- 3rd Gerald Roberts 4 UTD
- 4th Tony Rotella 4 Case

- 5th Ian Harris 4 UMBC
- 6th John Dougherty 4 George Washington

In the four-round Spring Team Online Collegiate Tournament, also held on ICC, The UTD B won first place (3½) followed by the UMBC A and B tied for second and third place (3). UTD A, UTB, and Utah followed (2½).

The World Chess Live Tournament of College Champions is being held this year in Indianapolis (August 1-4) concurrently with the Denker and the U.S. Open. World Chess Live is generously supporting the tournament in terms of a prize fund. A college can now send unlimited entries in each category: a) Open b) Under 2100 c) Under 1700. The U.S. Chess Trust has charitably approved funds for the College Chess Committee to spend on a marketing campaign to colleges across the U.S. We should have more to report next year.

College chess tournaments are more spirited affairs these days. The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) has clearly demonstrated that they have moved into the upper echelons of competition: ½ point behind UTD and UMBC at the Pan-Am; 1 point behind UMBC and UTD at the Final Four; and two winners at the Tournament of College Champions. Now they are hosting the 2009 Pan-Am in South Padre Island, Texas and the 2010 President's Cup (Final Four) on their campus in Brownsville, Texas!

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS COMMITTEE

Chair, Harold Stenzel; committee member, Robert Rizzo

No progress has been made on establishing a USCF web server.

- ICCF GM Robin Smith recently passed away at the age of 56. Robin, a two-time U.S. Correspondence Chess champion, was awarded his grandmaster (GM) title in 2004. He is one of only eight U.S. players to ever achieve the correspondence GM title.
- The USA has clinched first place in Pan American Team #9, ahead of 15 other teams. The U.S. players meriting our congratulations are SIM Ted Brandhorst, SIM Michael Millstone, SIM Michael Proof and IM Corky Schakel.
- The 17th Olympiad Finals will start in September. The U.S., one of only ten federation teams to qualify, will be represented by GM Jason Bokar, SIM Ken Reinhart, SIM Michael Millstone, IM Keith Rodriguez, IM Bob Rizzo and IM Corky Schakel.

After more than two years since play began, with only four games still to be completed, Pan American Team 9 silver and bronze are still up for grabs, but the USA team has clinched first in a field of 16 teams to get the gold, either outright or by tiebreak. Here is how it stands:

USA	40½
Peru	(Rojo) 39½ (one game remaining with Brazil (Verde); USA wins the tiebreaker with more team match wins)
Brazil	(Amar) 39½
Chile	39 (one game remaining with Canada)

The other two open games are Mex-Gua and Arg (Cel)-Nic. On board one, SIM Ted Brandhorst scored an impressive 8/15 in a field with three grandmasters and six international masters (IMs), and six players rated over 2500. His win over Peru (Rojo's) GM Angel Acevedo Villalba (2551) was critical to the team gold; a draw would very likely have meant silver.

On board two, SIM Michael Millstone scored a terrific 11½/15 in a field with five senior international masters (SIMs) and an IM, and his win over the Peru (Rojo) opponent was again critical to the team result. The 11½/15 score exceeded the SIM norm by a full point, and Michael was in a two way tie for first for board two.

On board three, SIM Michael Proof scored an unheard of 12½/15, a full two points ahead of any other board three player, and exceeding the SIM norm by 1½ points.

On board four, IM Corky Schakel scored 8/15.

DENKER COMMITTEE

Chair, Dewain Barber

It can be noted in a year in which there was a three way tie for first that a large field of 48 out of a possible 50 states plus DC assembled in Dallas, Texas for this annual event: The Denker Tournament of High School Champions. This tournament continues to elicit the prestige that GM Arnold Denker was hoping for when he contacted me and said, "I would like to do something for the kids."

Well, Arnold would be proud of the event with its opening ceremony attended by parents, coaches and interested spectators; the speech by Bill Hall, Executive Director and former Denker participant; the opportunity to play in the same room as the U.S. Open and the spirit of camaraderie that was present. I would like to mention the help of James Stallings, University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) for his kind assistance in arranging a tour for the Denker participants to the university campus.

Congratulations to FM Daniel Yeager (PA), Julian Landaw (CA) and Scott Low (MD) for their 5/6 finish as co-champions. Yeager and Low secured the UTD four-year scholarships since Landaw had graduated and was not eligible. Fourth through sixth were Matt Parry (NY), Michael Yang (MN) and Ricky Selzler (WA) with 4½/6.

The Ursula Foster Award went to Michael Yang (MN) for his excellent result. I would like to congratulate the 2008 Polgar champion, Courtney Jamison (TX) because she played in the Polgar in Lubbock, Texas and then drove to Dallas and played in the Denker. She is the only person to have ever been able to play in both events in the same year.

Once again I would like to thank Mitchell Denker, son of GM Arnold Denker, as well as Harold Winston and Barbara DeMaro of the Chess Trust for their support and Bill Snead who was the tournament director. I am pleased that this event was FIDE-rated and will be in the future.

Two questions that were answered with the 2008 Denker event had to do with the changes made in the round schedule and the time controls. It seemed from my impromptu survey that the players like the evening rounds that started at the same time as the U.S. Open evening round and that the time control worked well. Although the schedule has been compressed from one round a day for six days to six rounds in four days, it seems that they all had a great tournament. Once the Denker concluded, then the Denker participants were free to play in the U.S. Open.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Chair, Mike Nolan

As the election is still in progress, the Election committee's report will be given to the Delegates ahead of the certification of election results.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Chair, Kenneth Sloan

The Ethics committee is a delegate-appointed committee. We hear cases involving ethical misconduct by USCF members and (using slightly different guidelines) members of the executive board. In general, we do not hear cases involving rules or tournament directors (TDs) when the alleged misconduct was simply a matter of not following the rules, or making an error in interpretation of the rules. Rather, we consider cases where the reasons for not following the rules was based on personal disputes, discrimination, or other similar causes. We consider behavior associated with USCF activities (usually tournaments) or where the fact of USCF membership (or membership on the EB) is misused. We usually do not consider behavior that has

no connection to USCF other than the fact that some of the parties involved happen to be USCF members.

We started this year with a considerable backlog of cases. This was due to multiple instances of personal/family medical issues which caused the previous year's committee to cease functioning for several months. Our first order of business this year was to clear that backlog as quickly as possible—while still getting to the right conclusion of each case. We started on this task the day after the committee was appointed at the last delegates' meeting.

It is with great pleasure that I report that (as of this writing) there are ZERO active cases being handled by the Ethics committee. We handled five cases.

USCF members who feel that they have been treated unethically are encouraged to file a complaint with the USCF office. It is helpful if the initial complaint specifies that it is an ethics complaint. Complaints should be as specific as possible about the individual targeted by the complaint, the specific actions alleged, and the reasons why this is an ethical matter (as opposed, say, to a rules appeal, or a complaint about a TD error). The usual course of action is that the committee considers the initial complaint and makes a decision on jurisdiction before proceeding further. The usual test here is: assuming that the allegations are true, was this an ethical violation associated with USCF. If so, the office takes on the task of assembling a packet laying out the facts of the case. The initial complaint is sent to the defendant, who is invited to respond. That response is sent to the plaintiff, for further comment. The defendant is then given a last chance to answer. When that packet is complete, it is sent to the committee, who considers the case based solely on that packet. We do not actively investigate, and we do not go looking for violations in the absence of a formal complaint (although, note that the USCF office may very well do this). Committee members with significant personal knowledge of the incident, or significant contact with any of the parties, usually recuse themselves.

All materials filed with the Ethics committee are confidential, although it is worth noting that everything said in a complaint or a response will be sent to the other parties in the case. Committee decisions are communicated to the office, which sends them to the parties involved. Even the fact that a complaint has been filed is considered confidential. As a rule, members of the committee do not comment on future, current, or past cases, except in the decision letters transmitted to the office. Members of the committee are bound by this confidentiality policy even after they leave the committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair, Chuck Unruh

Very unusual does not pretend to describe the financial events of the fiscal USCF 2008-09 fiscal year. Numerous legal challenges derailed the conservative budget even with the mid-year generous bequests. However, the USCF is not without resources, volunteers, dedicated employees and leadership. Our chess federation has substantial revenues when compared to the office building mortgage. The office building is the only long term debt owed outside of the chess mission and membership services. Essentially, we owe ourselves services with good free cash flows.

A twenty five million dollar lawsuit filed by plaintiffs against USCF is over eight times the gross yearly revenue. While it has since been "reduced" to \$10 million, the legal action is the sort of suit that could bankrupt the organization. The Federation must play to win for self preservation especially when large numbers are indiscriminately thrown around as possible outcomes. Volunteers were also sued in the recent litigation. USCF should help protect their volunteers from possible frivolous legal action or face erosion of an important membership resource.

During the year, the Finance committee participated with leader-

ship and management teams on wide range of financial issues from standardized reports to new business opportunities. We serve the USCF executive board by appointment and team members include various business professionals. Our Finance committee members for 2008-09 were V.P. of Finance Randy Bauer, W. Allen Priest, Patrick Farley, Jon Haskel and Tim Redman. My thanks to the finance team for their dedicated volunteer service.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Chair, Harold J. Winston

At Indianapolis, we will induct two more persons into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame, housed in the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum in Miami, Florida.

The two persons nominated by our committee and approved by the trustees of the U.S. Chess Trust are Burt Hochberg and GM John Fedorowicz. Hopefully, Burt's widow, Carol Hochberg, and John will be present at the inductions at the USCF awards banquet in the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel on Saturday August 8, 2009 at noon.

Burt Hochberg edited *Chess Life* from December, 1966 to October, 1979 and put out a high quality magazine. He also authored and edited books on chess and was a key force behind RHM Publishing in the 1970s. He served as president of the Chess Journalists of America and received the USCF Distinguished Service Award. Books he wrote or edited include: *The 64 Square Looking Glass*, *How to Open a Chess Game*, and *Outrageous Chess Problems*. Burt left an indelible mark on American chess journalism and his name was proposed by many persons.

John Fedorowicz has been a key player in the U.S. chess scene since the 1970s when he won the National High School and U.S. Junior Championships. He played on two USA Olympiad teams and captained two more teams. He has competed in the U.S. Championship roughly 20 times and took second place in 2003. In 1984 John tied for third in the championship and lost a match for the Interzonals qualifier. He played for the U.S. three times in the World Youth team championships. He has won the World Open six times, and also won the U.S. Open (1980), the New York Open, and the National Open. He has served as a second for many of our other strongest players in international competition, including Gata Kamsky, Walter Browne, Joel Benjamin, Larry Christiansen, and Nick de Firmian.

Both are very worthy choices. I thank all the committee members: John Donaldson, Al Lawrence, Jennifer Shahade, John McCrary, Shane Samole, John Hilbert, Joel Benjamin, Jeremy Gaige, and Arthur Bisguier.

LMA COMMITTEE

Chair, Tim Redman

Although final figures won't be available until the delegates receive the audited financials in August, LMA liquid assets now approach \$500,000. We have two CDs of \$100,000 each, staggered so that one expires every six months. They are renewed and the interest earned deposited in our Oberweis account. The Oberweis account has nearly \$300,000. 99% of LMA assets are in cash with 1% in equities. As a result of this conservative investment strategy we should finish with a modest gain.

The plan passed by the delegates in Cherry Hill remains in effect. Operations deposits life membership dues into the Oberweis account, reserving \$15 towards yearly membership expenses (raised from \$13.50) and draws \$15 from the account for memberships sold after September, 2007. The signatories for the Oberweis account are the chair and vice chair of the LMA and the chief financial officer of the USCF.

Last year the committee discussed an idea to allow operations to borrow money from the LMA for short periods of time during historically difficult quarters such as our first quarter, but no consensus was reached. The LMA did agree to lend money,

about \$42,000, to operations at a very low interest rate to cover a shortfall in employee profit-sharing. Our reasoning was very simple. The problem occurred in previous administrations and we had a moral obligation to our employees. The loan has been fully repaid, with interest.

In light of the LeCornu bequest, the LMA provided two incentive plans to operations to pay down some of the mortgage. Operations chose to pay down \$50,000 and the LMA in exchange agreed to provide operations with a permanent line of credit of the same amount at a favorable rate of interest. The line of credit can be accessed starting each June 1 and must be paid back by May 1 of the following year.

The LMA committee awaits a report from its investment sub-committee about a possible change in our investments. No change is anticipated at this time.

I would like to thank our executive board liaison, Vice President of Finance Randy Bauer, and our staff liaison, Joe Nanna, for their able assistance and advice.

The Life Management Asset Management committee is elected each year by the board of delegates. It then elects a chair (this year me) and a vice chair (this year Leroy Dubeck). Last year the delegates elected Jack Adamo, Frank Camaratta, Leroy Dubeck, Peter Dyson, Beatriz Marinello, Grant Perks, Tim Redman, Mike Swatek, Fred Townsend, and Chuck Unruh.

I recommend that the delegates re-elect the same members to the LMA committee.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chair, Myron Lieberman

There is both good news and bad news in chess outreach this year.

1. The bad news is that the U.S. Post Office committee did consider the chess stamp proposal for 2009, however their decision was not to issue the stamp. The good news follows.

2. Chess is continuing to get increased media exposure and respectability, especially with local papers, TV and the Internet. Please remember to let your local media know of anyone from your area who is going to play in a national event anywhere and follow-up with a report of how the player did. This is especially true for scholastics, but applies to any and all national events.

Thanks to Barbara DeMaro and the U.S. Chess Trust for organizing and promoting a successful special event with Alexandra Kosteniuk which received good media attention. Thanks also to Alexandra Kosteniuk and everyone else who contributed to the success of the event.

3. *Google News* has become a very important source for chess outreach ideas. It regularly lists local news items from all over the world that involve outreach, chess in schools, events, and personalities. No, there is no need to visit Google Chess News daily and skim through countless pages that may not be helpful. Google can e-mail a report that includes recent articles, blogs, etc., on a regular basis. No it won't include everything, but it provides many useful items. A subscription to Google Chess News costs nothing and saves time.

4. Sponsored chess camps and instruction continue to prove themselves to be valuable. Rachel Lieberman has updated her letter to be used by people who want to organize such events. Alan Anderson's 2009 "Chess Academy" is going into its third year. Thanks to Dr. Norman Saba for his letter, which is included in the packets, and to all of the sponsors. Alan has indicated that he will help anyone who is seriously interested in starting their own sponsored chess camp.

5. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi was asked in a television interview program how spending stimulus money to fight sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) could create jobs. She seemed unsure. Rachel sent her a packet of

information which advocated the hiring of chess coaches and instructors to expose children to chess. The packet included a letter which explained the chess for prevention concept, which not only could help fight STDs but also teen pregnancy, drugs, gangs, and other temptations faced by teens today. Chess can be a way to help solve many prevention issues. Stimulus money to provide chess instruction could be very effective. The packet also included several articles and letters as well as samples of *Chess Life* and *Chess Life For Kids*.

Thanks to you for your interest in and support of chess.

POLGAR COMMITTEE

Chair, Dewain Barber

The 5th Annual Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls took place from July 27-August 1 at Frazier Pavilion on the campus of Texas Tech University (TTU). Fifty-two girls competed representing nearly every state and some of who qualified as all-star team members and winners of national event competitions.

Most of the players and their parents were picked up from the airport and driven to the check-in location at Gordon Hall which is a five minute walk to the tournament site. The participants spent a week on the campus of TTU with free room and meals provided by the university with the parents staying at a discounted rate.

Multiple side events like bughouse, puzzle solving and blitz were all part of the program for those who wished to participate. There were also other extra non-chess fun activities such as basketball, tennis, softball, swimming, etc. In addition, the girls voted for a Miss Congeniality award which went to Crystal Qian (AR). Many campus facilities were open to the players at a free or reduced entry.

First place honors went to Courtney Jamison (TX) with a 5½/6 result who only gave up a draw in the last game against the second place finisher Linda Diaz (NY). Linda's 5/6 result was a tie for second-third with Ashley Carter (MI). Finishing in a three way tie for fourth-sixth places were Rebekah Liu (CA-N), Angel Bohannon (TX) and Nisha Deolalikar (CA-S). Based on the eligibility rules of the TTU scholarship, Nisha's result awarded her the Texas Tech scholarship worth \$75,000.

The Ursula Foster award was won by Linda Diaz (NY). The winner of the biggest upset award went to Morgan Mahowald (MN) who won a game against a player rated 689 points above her. Six-year-old Annie Wang (CA) is the youngest ever participant in the event by qualifying at the Susan Polgar World Open for Girls (under 8 section). This event is more than just high ratings. As stated by GM Polgar, "My idea is to provide young players with the opportunity to earn scholarships to attend a wonderful and supportive university like Texas Tech." Special thanks can go to Jerry Perez, Dr. Hal Karlsson, Dr. Rich Rice, Chase Watters, Peggy Flores, Paul Truong, Mr. and Mrs. Grimaud, and Randy Wheelless for their assistance in transporting the players and their families from and to the airport and to Chief TD Frank Berry for running the tournament and Matt Mahowald for taking care of the Parents & Friends tournament and other side events. The Chess Trust staff of Harold Winston and Barbara DeMaro were also very helpful.

At the closing ceremonies, Peggy Flores (TTU) and I were able to have Amanda Gass, Miss Lubbock USA assist in the presentation of awards.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair, Jonathan Hilton

The Publications committee would like to commend Jennifer Shahade on the fantastic progress she has made in the past year in securing lively, entertaining, and informative articles for the uschess.org website. The members of the committee

unanimously agree that the website facilitates better communication between the USCF and its members and that the website has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on chess journalism in the U.S. From our interactions with other USCF members, we feel that the website has successfully captured the attention of the general membership, and a majority appear to be using it as their primary source of chess news.

Through conversations with Jennifer Shahade, the publications chairman has determined that she has many creative and pertinent ideas for improving the interactive features of the website. Some funding for web development would likely be required. The committee overwhelmingly agrees that, as funds become available in the future, Shahade's ideas for taking our website to "the next level" should receive attention.

The committee would also like to commend Glenn Petersen for the marvelous job he has done turning *Chess Life for Kids* into a first-rate publication. Opinion in the committee was generally positive on his "splashy" use of heavily saturated color throughout the magazine to create a unique look and feel. The magazine has a strong identity of its own at this point, and we feel that it is thriving under Petersen.

Undoubtedly, the toughest job in USCF publications is that of editor of *Chess Life*. The chairman would like to commend Daniel Lucas for his hard work over the past year. Since last August, the new chairman has been listening to the opinions, ideas, and concerns of a wide spectrum of USCF members regarding our most prominent publication, *Chess Life*. There is a wide berth of views as to what *Chess Life* should be like, what its primary goals should be, and what direction it should take. After much deliberation and scrutiny, the chairman currently believes that the editor of *Chess Life*, Daniel Lucas, is taking the magazine in a legitimate direction and has thought out his ideas and plans thoroughly. At present, the chairman has decided against continuing committee discussion of any measure that might hinder the freedom and flexibility of the editor.

Two specific, noteworthy criticisms brought to the attention of the chairman by a handful of individual USCF members were in regard to the December 2008 issue. Some members felt that it was a mistake to select the article "The Grandmaster Diet" (December 2008) as a cover story, citing that they felt the article was "pop nutrition" and uninformative. A small number of chess historians also complained about the repetition of historical inaccuracies regarding former World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik in the book review "Red Fish, Dead Fish" (December 2008).

The chairman wishes to express his thanks to our liaison, Randall Hough, for making two motions on behalf of the committee at the February executive board meeting. One motion—to specifically allot funding for the "College Chess in America" article series on *Chess Life Online*—had no support, as it was rightly deemed micromanagement. The second motion, which was accepted as an action item for USCF Executive Director Bill Hall, is as follows: "The office is directed to compile a list of all current brochures, and to post them all on the website."

Finally, the chairman has just been informed this past week that there are ongoing budget cuts (page cuts) for *Chess Life* due to financial difficulties. Coverage for some events must obviously be reduced or eliminated; the upcoming story on the Chicago Open was cut from a planned four to three pages. The chairman is still working to determine committee opinion regarding the cuts. Congratulations to Daniel Lucas as director of publications on a fantastic year.

RATINGS COMMITTEE (RC)

Chair, Prof. Mark E. Glickman

This year the Ratings Committee (RC) had a full plate of tasks that kept us quite busy. Our main accomplishment was to work out the final details of the title system, which will hopefully be rolled out sometime this year. We also addressed other

issues including testing modifications to the quick chess (QC) system that incorporate game results from slow time controls, revisiting the FIDE to USCF conversion for youth players, and performing diagnostic analyses to monitor the rating pool. A few other minor issues were addressed as well.

The bulk of RC work this year was to finalize the details of the norm/title system. In June 2008, the decision was made to implement a version of the norm/title system that was approved by the delegates for adoption back in 2003. The basic premise of this title system is to award permanent titles based on sustained performances at particular rating levels. As an example, a player who is vying for the 1800-level title would need to demonstrate several qualifying tournament performances in which his/her game results would be considered sufficiently impressive for someone rated 1800. For each qualifying performance, a single norm is awarded. Once five norms are collected, a title for that level is issued. Norms and titles cannot be lost through poor performance or inactivity. A player may be working on several titles simultaneously.

The main work on revising the title system was in the technical details and the formulas for earning a norm in a single event. The final set of formulas are substantively different from the previous versions of the norm/title system, but have the advantage that they are much simpler and that they have been validated based on historical USCF tournament results. The earlier rule that multiple norms could be awarded from single events has been eliminated. The current version now uses post-event ratings rather than pre-event ratings in the formulas, which permits results against unrated players to be incorporated into the norm calculation in a straightforward manner. This version also implements a rating requirement for titles at the 2000-level or higher in which a player must have or have had an established rating at the title level in order to earn the title. A document containing the complete description of the title system can be downloaded from <http://math.bu.edu/people/mg/ratings/titles/0509.pdf>.

In 2008, the RC updated the formula for converting FIDE ratings onto the USCF scale using a methodology that identifies all players active in both USCF and FIDE events, and determines a statistically accurate relationship to map FIDE ratings to USCF ratings. In addition to using this conversion formula for rating players in USCF events who are USCF-unrated but have a FIDE rating, the conversion is used in updating USCF ratings of players who compete in foreign FIDE events that are not normally rated by the USCF. In January 2009, after correspondence with the parent of a child who competed in the 2008 World Youth Chess Championship (WYCC), it became clear that the FIDE-to-USCF conversion formula derived in the prior year was not appropriate for youth events. The problem is that the U.S. participants were selected for participation in the WYCC through their very high USCF ratings, so that their USCF-FIDE differences can be expected to be larger than average due to the selection process. In other words, there is an inherent selection bias that results in larger-than-expected USCF-FIDE differences. To derive a more appropriate conversion, analyses were run on a set of players with both USCF and FIDE ratings who were under 20 years old and who had the highest USCF ratings in their age group. This produced the following simple conversion formula:

The recommendation was that this formula be used for the World Youth Championship, the Pan-Am Youth, and the World Junior, as these are all events that select for top USCF-rated youth players. For all other FIDE events, the usual formulas derived last year can still be used.

A task that we addressed in mid-2008 was the ongoing problem of QC ratings being substantially out of alignment with regular ratings for a non-trivial number of players. Starting August 2008, the RC considered a proposal in which the QC system would rate all games slower than G/60 but using half-K in the established rating formula. This suggestion seemed promising, and both the RC and the executive board (EB) liaison were in agreement that this was a potential direction to proceed, but an agreement could not be reached on how to initialize the change.

Mike Nolan tested several systems, including one that re-rated all events going back to 1/1/2004 using the proposed change, but the change in the divergence between QC and regular ratings was minimal compared to doing nothing. The RC proposed to lower the effective number of games on which QC ratings were based starting 1/1/2004 and then re-rate all events, but the EB liaison felt that this proposal violated the “once rated, always rated” USCF policy. The proposed methodology has therefore been shelved.

The RC addressed several minor issues over the past year. The committee was asked to comment in September 2008 on whether time odds games should be rateable. The question was motivated by the USCF office noticing the existence of events that had time controls of G/80 for white and G/85 for black. The office left these events as rated, but the RC chair noted that time odds games should ordinarily be associated with a rating advantage for the player with the slower time control. The relationship between the rating advantage and the time odds would require further study.

A second minor issue presented to the committee had to do with the increasing number of players returning to tournaments after a long hiatus. Such players often have stale ratings that are no longer valid estimates of playing strength. The suggestion by the RC chair was to create a new field in the database indicating the effective number of games which would ordinarily contain the results from the usual rating formulas, but could be set to a low number in case the player has not competed in tournaments in a long time. The effect of lowering the effective number of games is that the player’s rating would experience greater rating changes after returning to tournament play. The issue has not been addressed beyond this discussion.

A third minor issue was a discussion about whether blitz time controls should be part of the QC system, especially in light of the rules for blitz chess being slightly different from non-blitz (e.g., an illegal move loses a game). Blitz chess became rateable in the QC system in 2003 under “emergency” conditions in which the EB did not consult the RC, and the committee never had a chance to evaluate the EB decision. The opinion of the RC based on discussions from 2003 was to have a separate blitz rating system. We understand that an ADM has been submitted to stop rating blitz chess in the QC system and to create a separate blitz rating system.

Each year the RC performs a set of diagnostic analyses to monitor trends in the rating pool. Overall rating levels have deflated from the mid-1990s through 2000 when rating floors were decreased by 100 points without a counteracting inflationary mechanism. With the new rating system implemented in 2001, ratings started to re-inflate. The RC has the goal of restoring rating levels back to where they were at the end of 1997. The focus of RC work has been on players with established ratings who have been active over the current and previous three years and who are aged 35-45 years old in the current year. Based on the continued decline in ratings for this group, the RC recommended last year lowering the bonus point threshold from B=10 to B=6 to accelerate the re-inflation of the rating pool. This change was applied retroactively to the beginning of 2008. The results of this year’s analysis have the median rating for this group increasing by 20 points, and the mean increasing by 10 points. Because the average rating for this group is still about 60 points lower than the corresponding average rating at the end of 1997, the recommendation of the RC is to continue with the bonus point threshold at B=6 and to continue monitoring based on the annual rating lists.

RULES COMMITTEE

Chair, David Kuhns

At the 2008 delegate’s meeting the Rules committee was given the assignment, with power to implement, guidelines or rules regarding the use of electronic equipment, including cell

phones.

The committee did not reach a consensus in all areas on the subject, and no action was implemented. We have come up with some proposals to be considered by the delegates at the 2009 meeting.

MOTION 1: (FIDE rule)

It is strictly forbidden to bring mobile phones or other electronic means of communication, not authorized by the arbiter, into the playing venue. If a player’s mobile phone rings in the playing venue during play, that player shall lose the game. The score of the opponent shall be determined by the arbiter.

If this motion fails, then:

MOTION 2 (alternative to motion 1)

20N. Electronic communication devices. Electronic devices including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, computers, PDA, remote internet access, and two way radios are strictly forbidden to be used in the tournament room. Exempted from these regulations are chess clocks, approved electronic score-sheets and personal wristwatches (without alarm). Noise deadening earphones, noise cancelling devices, non-electronic earplugs and music players may be used at the discretion and with permission of the tournament director, as long as such devices do not cause a disturbance to the opponent or players on nearby boards. *TD Tip: All of the following violations are considered serious and should be treated as such. However, director’s discretion to penalize (or not to penalize) is advised taking into consideration all the known factors, such as is the activity clandestine or attempted to be hidden or is it open and obvious to all? What kind of activity is taking place? Make certain that any penalties imposed are unbiased, and consistently enforced.*

20N1. Disturbing noise or disruption of games. Disruptive noises such as a cell phone ring tone, pager beep, alarms and other noises cause a disruption in the playing hall. These noises are often very loud and disturb the entire room. The following are guidelines for penalizing such disturbances:

- a. First offense standard penalty is to subtract 10 minutes or half the remaining time from a player’s clock, whichever is less. *Variant: Depending on the importance of the event the standard penalty may be up to immediate loss of the game in progress. If a variant is used, it must be announced at the opening remarks for the event and posted prominently in the playing hall and at all entrances.*
- b. Second (and subsequent) offense for the same player during the same event is loss of the game currently in progress.
- c. If the incident occurs in the playing hall, but after the offender’s game for the round is completed while other games are still in progress, then the above penalties apply to the subsequent round. In the case of a loss (e.g. second offense), that player is not paired for the next round.
- d. If the incident occurs after the game for the last round is complete while other games are still in progress, the offender is treated like a non-participating spectator and is ejected from the playing hall. *Variant: Depending on the importance of the event and the disturbance created, the player may receive a ½ point total score penalty for prize distribution.*

MOTION 3:

20N2. Electronic communication. Communication with an outside source by means of electronic equipment is strictly forbidden. Even if that communication is benign in nature, it gives the appearance of receiving information about the game in progress.

- a. Listening to, looking at or reading the screen of an electronic device. Same penalties may be applied as above

(20N1).

- b. While a game is in progress, a player talking on a cell phone, manipulating controls such as texting or application programs or similar such activity (except to deactivate the device as a result of a violation of 20N1) will result in immediate loss of the game in progress. This applies to anywhere within the facility when detected, not just the playing hall proper. *TD Tip: With approval and in the presence of a TD, such communication may be allowed outside the playing hall.*
- c. Activity as described in b, in the playing hall and after the game for the current round is completed, the same penalties apply as described in 20N1 c and d.
- d. A player may deactivate a device while a game is in progress if done so in the presence of a TD.

MOTION 4: (alternate to motion 3)

20N2. Electronic communication. Communication with an outside source by means of electronic equipment is strictly forbidden. Even if that communication is benign in nature, it gives the appearance of receiving information about the game in progress.

- a. Rules contained in section 20 A through 20 G regarding gaining or soliciting advice applies equally as well to electronic devices. Using such a device to gain or solicit advice is subject to the same rules and penalties.
- b. Importance of the event, prize fund, event history, and so on may dictate more strict rules regarding the possible abuse of cell phones and other devices. Organizers may impose more strict regulations as long as those regulations are posted and announced at the tournament site, and if appropriate in advance rules for the competition.

Rules Changes since the 5th Edition have been published online.

Revised and implemented Blitz Rule 15 regarding completion of a legal move, in the published rules changes.

Discussed some "different" time controls (announced in advance) such as time odds for black. Agreed to let the players decide (with their entry fees)

The consensus of the committee is to remove rules 14H and 14I regarding Insufficient Losing Chances. The prevalent use of the delay clock makes this rule obsolete. Minority feel that some form of the rule should remain as it is not always possible to put a delay clock on a game (e.g. clock damage or inoperative during a game and replaced with opponent's analog clock).

SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE

Chairs, Mike Nietman and Stephen Shutt

SuperNationals IV was a smashing success! Held April 3-5 at Nashville, Tennessee's Opryland Convention Center, the event drew 5,243 participants just 70 short of the record four years ago. This was a fantastic turnout considering the economy.

Even more impressive was the high quality of the event from using the carpeted, well-lighted ballrooms to better signage to the numerous grandmaster simulms and seminars to the spectacular opening ceremonies in the Grand Ole Opry featuring World Champion Garry Kasparov. Many thanks to National Events Director Pat Knight and Scholastic Director Jerry Nash for their countless hours of preparation as they saw their efforts combine to produce a fantastic event.

Also congratulations for a job well done to SuperNationals Chief TD Franc Guadalupe. Franc is quickly becoming one of the very best in the nation in handling scholastic players, coaches, parents and his TD staff. We look forward to working with him in many future national scholastic events.

The USCF and the Scholastic committee introduced the Chess Coach Certification program at SuperNationals. This

program is designed to assist and certify those USCF members who provide instructional services and run scholastic and adult chess classes. Many scholastic organizations require certification from a national association in order to allow a coach access to their club. This certification proves minimal levels for each of five levels. View program details on the scholastic page of the USCF website. We anticipate that this program will become very popular in a short time.

STATES COMMITTEE

Chair, Guy Hoffman

The States committee and chair had a busier year than normal, with Missouri dominating our discussions. Fortunately, this is nothing like the Oklahoma incident of five years ago.

The chair was called to resolve a dispute involving the naming of a tournament, with (thankfully) different dates. Since both parties wanted the same name as a previous tournament, the fairest system was to have them both re-name their events.

The item that took most committee time involved the revocation of a state chapter life membership, along with the voting rights previously granted. While the individual had moved out of state, and was not involved in the factional battles, those battles caused a change in the definition of voting rights, granting it only to residents. The committee felt that removing rights from an individual was improper, and should be restored. I suspect this item may come up in our workshop.

We also discussed DM08-40, against the wishes of the maker of the motion. While the committee was against the motion as written, some could tolerate the replacement of the delegate, as long as it was by an elected alternate delegate. This would only matter 50% of the time, unless we started having special delegate meetings. We believe that if individuals are sufficiently interested in the USCF to attend the meetings, they should be allowed to serve as delegates if vacancies exist, which usually happens.

One of our members mentioned a possible problem in Florida, but we will have to await developments.

I would like to thank my committee members Frank Berry, Walter Buehl, Larry Cohen, Ed Conway, Roger Gotschall, Jim Gray, Richard Koepcke, and Harvey Lerman.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE (TDCC)

Chair, Tim Just

First we would like to thank Bob Crume for reformatting the TD certification rules and making them more user friendly.

The committee reviewed two waiver requests and one TD action involving the reporting of a game result. The chair unofficially resolved several TD disputes and reported to FIDE the results of a past case. An unofficial TD certification FAQ document was produced by the chair and forwarded to the office as an item to distribute to TDs with certification questions. Phil Smith resigned due to his new job in the USCF office.

The future projects for the committee should include randomizing the questions for the club, local, and senior TD exams with the help of Phil Smith. The TD certification rules need to be re-evaluated, re-written and simplified.

Thanks to the committee members: Ed Conway, Francisco L. Guadalupe, Charles Hatherill, Guy Hoffman, Carol Jarecki, Alan Losoff, Joe Lux, John McCumiskey, Ira Lee Riddle, Ernie Schlich, Phil Smith, Joshua Snyder, Mike Somers, Jeff Wiewel, and Tim Just (chair).

U.S. OPEN COMMITTEE

Chair, Jerry Hanken

The U.S. Open committee has been heavily involved in promoting the 110th U.S. Open in Indianapolis. New innovations include 300 grand prix points, five qualifiers for the 2010 U.S. Championship, a continuation of the five year multiple attendance awards, an increased prize fund, and the participation of the Woman's World Champion Alexandra

Kosteniuk. We also expect a visit for a simul from U.S. Champion Hikaru Nakamura. Delegate Rusty Miller of Washington state is offering the \$500 Stephen Christopher award for the highest scoring player from his state. A new fast schedule has been added so only four nights at the hotel will be necessary.

The U.S. Open workshop will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 4:00 p.m. Then we will know if any of this worked.

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

Audit
Cramer Award
Forum Oversight
International Affairs
Military Chess

Professional Players Health and Benefits
Seniors
Survey
Top Players
Women's

1979–2009 Award Recipients

CHESS CITY OF THE YEAR

1983	Pasadena, California
1984	New York, New York
1985	Foxboro, Massachusetts
1986	Charlotte, North Carolina
	Somerset, New Jersey
1987	Pulaski, Virginia
	Terre Haute, Indiana
1988	Albuquerque, New Mexico
	Memphis, Tennessee
	Southfield, Michigan
1989	Knoxville, Tennessee
	Peoria, Illinois
	Seattle, Washington
	Tempe, Arizona
	Lexington, Kentucky
1993	Durango, Colorado
	Reno, Nevada
1994	Bloomington, Illinois
	New York, New York
1995	Chicago, Illinois
	Key West, Florida
1996	Tucson, Arizona
	New York, New York
1997	Knoxville, Tennessee
	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1998	Peoria, Arizona
1999	San Francisco, California
	Gilbert, Arizona
2000	Louisville, Kentucky
	Dallas, Texas
2001	Kansas City, Missouri
2002	Miami, Florida
	New York City
	Seattle, Washington
2003	Nashville, Tennessee
2004	Lindsborg, Kansas
2005	Minneapolis, Minnesota
2006	Crossville, TN
	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
2007	Stillwater, OK
2008	Tulsa, OK; Lubbock, TX
2009	St. Louis, MO

CHESS CLUB OF THE YEAR

1999	Pittsburgh Chess Club
2001	Rochester Chess Club
	Dumont Chess Mates
2002	Metrowest Chess Club (MA)
2003	Rochester Chess Club
	Miami International Chess Academy
2004	Marshall Chess Club
2005	Mechanic's Institute
	East Bay Chess Club
2006	St. George, UT, Chess Club
2007	Atlanta Chess Center
2008	Dallas Chess Club
2009	Fresno Chess Club

CHESS COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

2000	University of Maryland
	Baltimore County (UMBC)
2001	University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
2002	University of Maryland
	Baltimore County (UMBC)
	Rhode Island College
	St. Johns University
2003	Stanford University
2004	Miami Dade Community College
2005	U. Cal at Berkeley
2006	U. of CT School of Engineering
	Texas Tech University
2007	U. of Texas at Brownsville
2008	U. of Texas at Dallas

2009	Texas Tech University
	University of Utah
	Miami University (Ohio)

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

1982	Computer Committee
1988	Hall of Fame Committee
1989	Scholastic Committee
1990	Tournament Direction Certification
1993	Special Committee on Rulebook
1994	Ratings Committee
1995	Computer Communications
1996	Chess in Education Committee
1997	Finance Committee
1998	Internet Committee
1999	Finance Task Force
	Rules Committee
2000	Scholastic Committee
2001	Internet/Computer Committee
	Outreach Committee
2002	FIDE Advisory
2003	Women's Chess Committee
2004	College Chess Committee
2005	Finance Committee
2006	International Affairs
2007	Financial Review Committee
2008	Bylaws
2009	LMA

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1979	George Cunningham,
	Arpad Elo, Burt Hochberg,
	George Koltanowski
1980	Ed Edmondson, Isaac Kashdan,
	Paul Webb
1981	John Collins, Marshall Rohland,
	Frank Skoff
1982	Fred Cramer, Lina Grumette,
	Gary Sperling
1983	Arnold Denker, Bill Goichberg,
	Van Vandenburg
1984	Lynne Babcock, Pearle Mann,
	George Tiers
1985	Denis Barry, Harold Dondis,
	Tim Redman
1987	Leroy Dubeck
1988	Gerard Dullea
1989	Myron Lieberman, Don Schultz
1990	Steve Doyle
1991	Harry Sabine, Yasser Seirawan
1992	Harold Winston
1993	Robert Erkes, Carol Jarecki,
	Helen Warren
1994	C. Norman Peacor, Fred Townsend
1995	Jerry Hanken, Martin Morrison
1996	Woodrow Harris
1997	Anthony Cottell, Frank Camaratta
1998	Glenn Petersen, Faneuil Adams
1999	Jerry Spann (posthumously)
2001	Sid Samole (posthumously)
2002	Randall Hough, Rachel Lieberman
2003	Dr. Lee Hyder
2004	Dr. Joseph Wagner
2005	Shane Samole
2006	Mike Nolan
2007	Fred Gruenberg
2008	Al Losoff
2009	John McCrary, Beatriz Marinello

FRANK J. MARSHALL

1994	Albert Sandrin
1995	GM Arthur Dake
1996	GM Arnold Denker
1997	IM Maurice Ashley

1998	IM John Donaldson
	GM Arthur Bisguier
1999	Faneuil Adams (posthumously)
2001	GM Pal Benko
2002	GM Lev Alburt
2003	GM Sam Palatnik
	GM Yasser Seirawan
2004	John Curdo
2005	IM Igor Ivanov
2006	Ambassador Shaun Alexander
2007	GM Gregory Kaidanov
2008	John Watson
2009	John Fedorowicz

GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR

1997	Alexander Yermolinsky
1998	Joel Benjamin
1999	Nick de Firmian
2001	Yasser Seirawan
2002	Larry Christiansen
2003	Maurice Ashley
	Susan Polgar
2004	Alexander Shabalov
2005	Hikaru Nakamura
2006	Ildar Ibragimov
	Anna Zatonskih
2007	Gata Kamsky
2008	Gata Kamsky
2009	Yury Shulman

HONORARY CHESS MATES

1998	Ethel Collins, Nina Denker,
	Nancy Edmondson,
	Leah Koltanowski, Carrie Marshall
2001	Norma Reshevsky
2002	Madge Byrne
2003	Baiba Mednis
2004	Bernadette Doyle,
	Brenda Goichberg, Teresa Schultz
2005	Doris Barry, Phyllis Benjamin,
	Carol Weinberg
2006	Jim Warren, Delores Wagner,
	Elizabeth Tanner
2007	Donna Gruenberg, Jan Rogers
2008	Janelle Losoff, Annette Buckendorf

KOLTANOWSKI MEDAL

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

1990 *Gold:* Arnold Denker
Helen Warren
1991 *Gold:* Ted Field
Silver: Neil Falconer
1992 *Gold:* Banker's Trust
1994 *Silver:* Dr. Martin Katahn
1996 *Gold:* Saitek Industries, Ltd.
Silver: Zamagias Properties
1997 *Gold:* Interplay Productions
Silver: Wizards of the Coast
Novag Industries
1998 *Gold:* Chess in the Schools
Silver: Internet Chess Club (ICC)
2000 *Gold:* The University of Texas
at Dallas (UTD)
Silver: The University of Texas
at Dallas (UTD)
2001 *Gold:* Seattle Chess Foundation
2002 *Gold:* Floyd and Bernice
Sarisoohn
Dato' Tan Chin Nam
2003 *Gold:* Dr. Martin (Dick) Katahn
Gold: Tennessee Tech University
2004 *Gold:* Kasparov Chess Foundation
2005 *Gold:* Al Blowers (from
HB Foundation)
2006 *Gold:* America's Foundation
for Chess (AF4C)
2007 *Gold:* Frank K. Berry
2008 *Gold:* Hanon Russell
2009 *Gold:* Rex Sinquefeld

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

1980 Robert Tanner
1985 Joseph Wagner
1986 Lincoln Chess Foundation,
Glenn Meachum, Ben Munson,
Sunil Weeramantry
1987 Don Maddox, Charles Pashayan,
Jules Stein
1988 Harry Lyman
1991 Imre Konig, George Leighton
1992 David Mehler
1993 Dale Brandreth, Allen Kaufman
1994 Randall Hough, Paul Shannon
1995 Frank Brady, Billy Colias,
Ernest Marx
1996 Paul Gold, Myron Lieberman
1997 Alan Sherman, Randall
Swanson, Jim Warren
1998 James Bolton, Richard Verber
1999 Selby Anderson, Erv Sedlock,
Ken Smith (posthumously)
2000 No award
2001 Gary Prince
2002 Joe Ippolito, Ollie LaFreniere,
Beatriz Marinello
2003 Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine
2004 Sunil Weeramantry
2005 Herman Drenth
2006 Jim Brotsos, Jon Haskel,
Wilder Wadford,
Jon and Barbara Fortune/
Richard Shorman, John Hilbert, Dan
Heisman, Grant Perks
2007 Luis Salinas, Gary Dorfner, Lloyd
Hunter
**2009 Jennifer and Mike Skidmore,
Steve Steppe**

ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR

1994 Bill Goichberg
1995 Al Losoff
1996 Nick Conticello, Manhattan
Chess Club
1997 Jose Cuchi, E. Steven Doyle
1998 Robert Tanner
1999 John Donaldson, De Knudson
2002 Yasser Seirawan and America's
Foundation for Chess (formerly
the Seattle Chess Foundation)

2003 Arden Dilley, Phillip Simpkins
2004 Michael Korenman
2005 Maurice Ashley
2006 Cris Collinsworth Foundation
2007 Sevan Muradian
2008 Jerry Weikel, Tom Braunlich
2009 Tony Rich

OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

1986 Allen Hinshaw, Helen Hinshaw,
Bob Dudley, Robert Erkes,
George Mirjaniian
1987 Alan Benjamin, Phyllis Benjamin
1989 Peter Lahde, Alina Markowski,
Larry Paxton, Glenn Petersen
1990 Roger Blaine, Lee Hyder,
Russell Miller
1991 Mike Goodall, Ira Lee Riddle,
Fjola Vandenburg
1993 Robert Karch, Robert P. Smith
1994 Clarence Callaway
1995 Pete Nixon, Warren Pinches
1996 Burt Hochberg
1997 Leroy Dubeck, Bill Snead,
J.C. Thompson
1998 Steve Frymer
1999 Robert Fischer, James Hurt,
Stuart Laughlin,
Harold Dondis
2000 John Collins
2001 Robert Ferguson, Jerry Hanken,
Carol Jarecki
2002 John Donaldson, Thad Rogers
2003 Jay Bonin
2004 Ralph Bowman
2005 Gus Gosselin,
Fred Goldhirsch/Doug Bellizzi,
David McEnulty, Jerry Weikel
2007 Fred and Carol Kleist, Gordon Barrett,
Stephen Dann
2008 Selby Anderson, Glen Buckendorf, John
Hillery
**2009 Tim Sawmiller, Gary Fox,
Tim Just**

SCHOLASTIC SERVICE

1994 Harry Sabine
1995 Ron Lohrman
1996 Lee LaFrese
1997 Robert Ferguson
1998 Sunil Weeramantry
1999 Faneuil Adams (posthumously)
2000 Jack Mallory
2001 Beatriz Marinello
2002 Dewain Barber
2003 Ralph Bowman
2004 GM Arnold Denker
Gilbert Unified School District #41,
Gilbert, Arizona
2005 Elizabeth Tejada
2006 Tim Redman
2007 GM Susan Polgar; Brownsville, Texas
School District
2008 Steve Shutt, Michael Khodarkovsky,
Southern Arizona Chess Association
**2009 Aviv Friedman, After School
Activities Partnership**

SPECIAL SERVICES

1983 Hal Bogner, Arnold Denker,
Thad Rogers, Hyman Rogosin,
Eric Schiller, Don Schultz
1985 Lackland Bloom, Martin Morrison
1986 Fred Gruenberg, Richard O'Keefe,
C. Norman Peacor, Ron Warnicki
1988 Fred Townsend, David Welsh
1991 Lev Alburt, Larry Evans
1992 Ron Lohrman, Les Leroy Smith
1993 Jeremy Gaige, John Varis
1994 John McCrary, Warren Pinches,

Garrett Scott
1995 Jo Eglén, Doris Thackrey
1996 Herb Hickman, Hanon Russell,
Helen Warren
1997 Denis Barry, Robert John McCrary,
Jim Pechac
1998 Harold Stenzel,
Gary and Addie Prince
1999 Tim Just, Mike Carr,
Alice Loranth (posthumously)
2000 Ken Horne (posthumously),
Rachel Lieberman, Sid Samole
2001 Tom Doan, Pat Hoekstra,
Myron Lieberman
2002 Dewain Barber, Ralph Bowman,
Mark Glickman, Al Lawrence,
Mike Nolan
2003 Lynne Chapman, Kelly Jacobs,
Ken Sloan
2004 Don Mihokovich, Bob Persante
2005 Neil Falconer
2006 Kim Cramer, John Donaldson,
Mikhail Korenman, Greg Shahade
2007 Steve Doyle, Ernie Schlich
2008 Hal Karlsson, Tim Tobiason, Alexey
Root, Jim Stallings, Russell Harwood,
Kerry Lawless
2009 Calvin Olsen, David Moeser

SPECIAL TASK FORCE

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

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

2004 Carol Jarecki
2005 Steve Immitt
2006 Walter Brown
2007 Mike Atkins
2008 Frank K. Berry
2009 Francisco Guadalupe

U.S. CHESS HALL OF FAME

1986 Reuben Fine, Robert Fischer, Isaac
Kashdan, George Koltanowski, Frank
Marshall, Paul Morphy,
Harry Pillsbury, Sammy Reshevsky
1987 Sam Loyd, Wilhelm Steinitz
1988 Arpad Elo, Hermann Helms
1989 I.A. Horowitz
1990 Hans Berliner
1991 John Collins, Arthur Dake
1992 Arnold Denker, Gisela Gresser,
George MacKenzie
1993 Pal Benko, Victor Palciauskas
1994 Arthur Bisguier, Robert Byrne,
Larry Evans
1995 Ed Edmondson
1996 Fred Reinfeld
1997 Kenneth Harkness
1998 Dr. Milan Vukcevic
1999 Benjamin Franklin
2000 Edmar Mednis
2001 Lubomir Kavalek
2002 Donald Byrne
2003 Lev Alburt, Walter Browne
2004 Anatoly Lein, Leonid Shamkovich
2006 Yasser Seirawan
2007 Irving Chernev, Jeremy Gaige
2008 Joel Benjamin, Larry Christiansen,
Nick de Firmian
**2009 Burt Hochberg
John Fedorowicz**

SPECIAL FRIEND OF USCF

2006 Phil Haley
2007 Garry Kasparov

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

Written by Mike Nolan, USCF Parliamentarian. Revised June 2001. Reference: *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition* (published in 2000), edited by Robert, Evans, Honemann and -Balch, Perseus Publishing, 0-7382-0307-6. (List price \$17 in paperback.) This is a simplified selection of some key points from *Robert's Rules of Order*, with a few explanatory remarks and examples and some exceptions and extensions that have come into general use by the Delegates.

DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Agenda: The agenda is the order in which business is to be conducted. Many organizations have adopted a standard agenda for meetings, indicating in which order officer and committee reports are to be given, etc. It is also common for organizations to prepare an advance agenda of matters likely

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Commit (refer). Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may be reconsidered. If successful, the current main motion including all pending motions such as amendments, is referred to the designated committee(s) and the order of business is now the next item on the agenda. With some exceptions, such as a motion to amend the Bylaws, the Delegates may refer a matter to the Executive Board or to a committee with the power to implement it. Motions may also be referred to the Executive Board or to a committee with instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting. By convention, unless otherwise indicated a referral to a committee includes instructions to report back at the next Delegates

Meeting, but referrals to the Board do not include instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting, unless the Board does not have the authority to implement and that power is not attached in the motion to refer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

debate is to raise a point of order to ‘call the member to order,’ that is to have the chair request that the speaker refrain from making further improper personal comments about other members.)

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

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

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

OTHER MOTIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

B. Point of Order. *May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd,* is not debatable, is not amendable, may not be reconsidered, and is ruled upon by the chair rather than voted upon by the Delegates. A point of order is a request for the chair to enforce the rules under which the Delegates operate, such as dealing with a motion or member being out of order. For example, if an amendment to an amendment to an amendment is offered, it would be out of order and if the chair doesn’t rule it out of order, a Delegate should raise a point of order to have the chair enforce the

rules and declare the amendment out of order. A ruling by the chair is made, possibly after consulting with the Secretary or Parliamentarian, and once made the ruling may be appealed by any two Delegates (an appeal requires a 2nd), a simple majority being needed to reverse the ruling of the chair. A point of order can also be made to enforce the rules on decorum in debate, to enforce a time limit on debate or the number of times a speaker is recognized, or to clarify the status of the motion(s) currently before the Delegates.

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

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

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

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

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

Appeal. *May be made when someone else has the floor*, requires a 2nd, is debatable if applied to a question which was debatable, requires a simple majority. Decisions of the chair regarding points of order, points of privilege, or assignment of the floor during debate may be appealed. Such an appeal must occur immediately after the ruling to which it applies, and the motion to appeal takes precedence over the motion which was pending at the time the decision was made. Rulings

regarding decorum in debate or the priority of business are not debatable, and a ruling made while a nondebatable motion is pending is also nondebatable. However, the chair is entitled to explain the ruling even if an appeal is nondebatable.

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

A. A speaker may not move the previous question (call the question) after speaking to the merits of a question in that turn at the microphone. [Passed by the Delegates as a standing rule.]

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

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

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

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

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

G. All main motions and amendments not appearing in the

advance agenda should be submitted to the Secretary in written format, to assist the chair in the orderly conduct of the meeting and the Secretary in preparing an accurate set of minutes.

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

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

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

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

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

USCF Future National Events 2009-2016

As of June 9, 2009

(SEE THE "NATIONAL EVENT CALENDAR" UNDER "CLUBS & TOURNEYS" ON WWW.USCHESS.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.)

2009

Denker Tournament of State High School Champions

AUGUST 1-4
INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST
7202 EAST 21ST ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219
(317) 322-3716
CHESS RATE: \$99

Tournament of College Champions

AUGUST 1-4
INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST
7202 EAST 21ST ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219
(317) 322-3716
CHESS RATE: \$99

U.S. Open

AUGUST 1-9
INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST
7202 EAST 21ST ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46219
(317) 322-3716
CHESS RATE: \$99

U.S. Game/60 Championship

AUGUST 22
HOLIDAY INN CHICAGO
NORTH SHORE
5300 W. TUOHY AVE.
SKOKIE, IL 60077
847-679-8900
CHESS RATE: \$99 + TAX THROUGH 8/7

U.S. Game/30 Championship

AUGUST 23
HOLIDAY INN CHICAGO
NORTH SHORE
5300 W. TUOHY AVE.
SKOKIE, IL 60077
847-679-8900
CHESS RATE: \$99 + TAX THROUGH 8/7

1st U.S. Women's Open

SEPTEMBER 5-7
TULSA BEST WESTERN
TRADE WINDS CENTRAL
3141 E. SKELLY DR.
TULSA, OK 74105
800-685-4564
CHESS RATE: \$55

U.S. Senior Open

SEPTEMBER 5-7
TULSA BEST WESTERN
TRADE WINDS CENTRAL
3141 E. SKELLY DR.
TULSA, OK 74105
800-685-4564
CHESS RATE: \$55

U.S. Women's Chess Championship

OCTOBER 2-12
THE CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC
CENTER OF SAINT LOUIS
4657 MARYLAND AVENUE
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63108
**314-361-CHESS FOR
ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

National Youth Action

NOVEMBER 20-22
DOUBLETREE HOTEL
1909 SPRING ROAD
OAK BROOK, IL 60523
(630) 472-6020 OR (630) 472-6000
CHESS RATE: \$89

National Scholastic K-12

DECEMBER 11-13
HILTON ANATOLE
2201 STEMMONS FREEWAY
DALLAS, TX 75207
(214) 761-7500
CHESS RATE: \$120

2009 Pan Am Intercollegiate

DECEMBER 27-30
SHERATON SOUTH PADRE
ISLAND BEACH HOTEL
310 PADRE BLVD.
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX 78597
(956) 761-6551
CHESS RATE: \$89

2010

U.S. Amateur Team South (USATS)

FEBRUARY 12-14
SHERATON ORLANDO
DOWNTOWN HOTEL
60 S. IVANHOE BLVD.
ORLANDO, FL 32804
888-627-8525 OR 407-425-4455
CHESS RATE: \$79 + TAX THROUGH 1/29

27th Annual U.S. Amateur Team West

FEBRUARY 13-15
WARNER CENTER MARRIOTT
21850 OXNARD STREET
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367
800-228-9290
CHESS RATE: \$119

National Junior High

APRIL 9-11
HYATT REGENCY MINNEAPOLIS
1300 NICOLLET MALL
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55403
(612) 370-1234
CHESS RATE: \$125

National Senior High

APRIL 16-18
HYATT REGENCY COLUMBUS
350 N. HIGH STREET COLUMBUS,

OH 43215
(614) 280-1234
CHESS RATE: \$127

National Elementary

MAY 7-9
HYATT REGENCY ATLANTA
265 PEACHTREE ST NE
ATLANTA, GA 30303
(404) 577-1234 OR (800) 233-1234
CHESS RATE: \$125

U.S. Open

JULY 31-AUGUST 8
HYATT REGENCY IRVINE
17900 JAMBOREE ROAD
IRVINE, CA 92614
949-975-1234 OR 800-233-1234
CHESS RATE: \$99

U.S. Senior Open

AUGUST 22-27
MARRIOTT BOCA RATON AT
BOCA CENTER
5150 TOWN CENTER CIRCLE
BOCA RATON, FL 33486
888-888-3780
CHESS RATE: \$122

National Scholastic K-12

DECEMBER 10-12
DISNEY'S CORONADO
SPRINGS RESORT
1000 WEST BUENA VISTA DR.
LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL 32830
(407) 939-1000
CHESS RATE: \$129

2011

National Junior High

APRIL 15-17
HYATT REGENCY COLUMBUS
350 N. HIGH STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215
614-463-1234 OR 800-233-1234
CHESS RATE: \$125

National Elementary

MAY 6-8
HILTON ANATOLE DALLAS
2201 STEMMONS FREEWAY
DALLAS, TX 75207
(214) 748-1200
CHESS RATE: \$120

National Scholastic K-12

DECEMBER 9-11
HILTON ANATOLE DALLAS
2201 STEMMONS FREEWAY
DALLAS, TX 75207
(214) 748-1200
CHESS RATE: \$120

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