

MOTIONS OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2010 – 2011

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

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB11-001	Board	08/08/10 M	Officers Named	PASS 7-0
EB11-002	Board	08/08/10 M	Committee Chairs and Liaison Named	PASS 7-0
EB11-003	Atkins	08/10/10 E	Three new members added to the TDCC	PASS 7-0
EB11-004	Goichberg	08/17/10 E	Additional Grand Prix Prize Rules	PASS 6-1
EB11-005	Nietman	08/24/10 E	K-8 State Championship Tournament Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-006	Nietman	09/08/10 O	Accept Minutes of August EB Meetings	PASS 7-0
EB11-007	Board	10/31/10 M	Appoint New FIDE Subcommittee	PASS 7-0
EB11-008	Board	10/31/10 M	National Scholastic Tournament Eligibility	PASS 7-0
EB11-009	Walters	10/31/10 M	Membership Growth and Retention Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-010	Goichberg	10/31/10 M	Victory Points	PASS 7-0
EB11-011	Board	10/31/10 M	Congratulations to World Youth Team	PASS 7-0
EB11-012	Atkins	10/31/10 M	Tournament Director – Lifetime Achievement Awd	PASS 6-0-1
EB11-013	Atkins	11/06/10 O	Franc Guadalupe named FIDE Zonal President	PASS 7-0
EB11-014	Atkins	11/18/10 E	John Farrell to chair Military Chess Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-015	Nietman	12/05/10 O	Russell Harwood to chair College Chess Comm	PASS 7-0
EB11-016	Nietman	12/05/10 O	Add Tony Rich to the Denker Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-017	Haring	01/10/11 E	Join Protest/Appeal of FIDE VP Appointments	PASS 6-0-1
EB11-018	Bauer	01/15/11 E	PPHBF Benefit for Asa Hoffmann	PASS 7-0
EB11-019	Atkins	02/01/11 E	Add Tracey Vibbert to TDCC	PASS 7-0
EB11-020	Walters	02/05/11 C	Approve October Minutes	PASS 6-0
EB11-021	Board	02/05/11 C	Congratulate Hikaru Nakamura on his Tata Result	PASS 6-0
EB11-022	Nietman	02/05/11 C	Change in K-8 Invitational Committee Chair	PASS 5-0
EB11-023	Berry	02/07/11 E	Reduce a member's suspension from 36 to 33 mo.	FAIL 2-2-1
EB11-024	Nietman	02/15/11 E	Dewain Barber tournament of K-8 State Champions	PASS 7-0
EB11-025	Nietman	02/27/11 E	New World Youth Selection Criteria	PASS 7-0
EB11-026	Hall	04/07/11 E	Refinance USCF HQ Bldg Mtg	PASS 7-0
EB11-027	Board	04/15/11 M	Clarification on 2011 World Team Championship	PASS 6-0
EB11-028	Board	04/15/11 M	Clarification on 2011 World Team Championship	PASS 6-0
EB11-029	Bauer	04/16/11 M	Accept Minutes of February Meeting	PASS 7-0
EB11-030	Bauer	04/16/11 M	Approve Budget	PASS 7-0
EB11-031	Board	04/17/11 M	2011 Award Winners	PASS 7-0
EB11-032	Bauer	04/17/11 M	PPHBF Benefits for FM Eric Schiller	PASS 7-0
EB11-033	Nietman	04/17/11 M	Use of Communication Devices	PASS 4-3
EB11-034	Atkins	04/17/11 M	Proposed TD Certification Rule Change	PASS 7-0
EB11-035	Walters	04/26/11 E	Expansion of Governance Task Force	PASS 7-0
EB11-036	Goichberg	05/03/11 E	Add Russell Miller to US Open Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-037	Nietman	05/15/11 E	Add Two Awards to those in Motion EB11-031	PASS 7-0
EB11-038	Atkins	05/20/11 E	National Chess Day 2011	PASS 7-0
EB11-039	Nietman	06/05/11 E	Add Clemente Rendon to College Chess Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-040	Nietman	06/09/11 E	Approve Minutes of April, 2011 EB Meeting	PASS 7-0
EB11-041	Nietman	06/28/11 E	Dewain Barber named acting chair of the Barber K-8 Tmt Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-042	Nietman	06/28/11 E	Dewain Barber be named sole chair of the Denker Tmt of HS Champions Committee	PASS 7-0
EB11-043	Nietman	06/28/11 E	Brianna Conley and Alexandra Wiener be added to the Chess in Education Committee as student members.	PASS 7-0
EB11-044	Bauer	07/03/11 E	Multiyear Contract for Executive Director Bill Hall	PASS 6-1
EB11-045	Atkins	07/12/11 E	Withdraw ADM 11-29 from the Delegates agenda	PASS 7-0
EB11-046	Atkins	07/17/11 E	Accept TDCC response	PASS 7-0
EB11-047	Bauer	08/04/11 M	US Life Titles for IMs and GMs	PASS 7-0
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The 2011 Board first met in closed session on Sunday, August 8, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Irvine in Irvine, CA, at 3:30 PM and met again in open session at 6:00 PM. The two new Board members were introduced. Two motions from the closed session were read and voted in open session. They were:

EB11-001 – Board – The Board elects the following officers:

President – Jim Berry

Vice President – Ruth Haring

Vice President for Finance – Randy Bauer

Secretary – Mike Nietman (Please note: This was the only change from the 2010 EB) **PASSED 7-0**

EB11-002 – Board – The Board appoints the following committee liaisons and chairs: **PASSED 7-0**

The list of committee chairs and liaisons appointed appears below as Appendix A with the intent to update it whenever there is a change during the 2010-2011 year.

THE EB voted by e-mail on August 9, 2010, to accept the names requested by the TDCC to be added to the Committee. The motion passed unanimously on August 10, 2010.

EB11-003 – Atkins – At the request of the TDCC, Tom Langland, Ken Ballou, and Alex Relyea are added as new members of the TDCC. **PASSED 7-0.**

The Board voted to add additional rules for Grand Prix prizes. The motion was made by Bill Goichberg by e-mail on August 15 and passed on August 17, 2010.

EB11-004 – Goichberg - Effective with TLAs submitted by November 10, 2010, the following additional rules apply to Grand Prix tournaments:

1) The guaranteed first prize must be at least \$150.

2) No more than one prize under \$100 may count towards the Grand Prix point total.

3) Prizes below the maximum entry fee do not count towards the Grand Prix point total.

PASSED 6-1 with Mike Nietman opposed.

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on August 24, 2010, the creation of a Committee for the new K-8 Tournament of State Champions.

EB11-005 – Nietman - I'd like to move that we create a K-8 Tournament of State Champions Committee composed of Dewain Barber – Chair, Ralph Bowman and Harold Winston. I suggest I be named liaison. **PASSED 7-0.**

Mike Nietman moved the acceptance of the minutes of both the August 5 and August 8 EB Meetings by e-mail objections procedure on September 8. A minor revision was made on September 9. There were no objections and the motion passed without objection. Please note that ordinarily the 2011 Board (August 8) would not vote to accept the minutes of the 2010 Board (August 5), but since everyone on the 2010 Board is on the 2011 Board and it was done by objections procedure it is proper for this instance. Furthermore, the two new Board members did attend the August 5 meeting and therefore would be able to notice if there was a problem.

EB11-006 – Nietman - I move by the 5 day objections procedure that we accept these minutes as distributed. **PASSED 7-0.**

The Board met on October 30-31 in Crossville, TN. The following six motions were passed at that meeting.

EB11-007 – Board - The EB appoints a new FIDE subcommittee of Ruth Haring, Franc Guadalupe and Michael Khodarkovsky **PASSED 7-0.**

EB11-008 – Board (on recommendation of the Scholastic Council) - The following is forwarded from the Scholastic Council to make a change to the National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations:

The following is to replace the current regulation 12.3.1 and add 12.3.2 and 12.3.3.

12.3.1 There shall only be one year of eligibility per grade level unless one of the situations listed below applies.

12.3.2 Pre-schoolers may play as a Kindergartener and may continue to play as a Kindergartener in subsequent years until starting first grade.

12.3.3 Players who are repeating a grade in school may have a second year of eligibility in that grade if they are still age eligible for that grade. **PASSED 7-0**

EB11-009 – Walters - A committee be formed to address membership growth and retention. The committee will consist of all interested Executive Board members who choose to participate and selected other USCF members as appointed by the board.

PASSED 7-0

EB11-010 – Goichberg - Effective with tournaments ending after 12/31/2010 -- Victory Points were previously approved but have not yet been implemented. The Board approved the amended proposal documented in an e-mail from Bill Goichberg 9/13/2010. **PASSED 7-0**

EB11-011 – Board - Resolved that the USCF Executive Board congratulates Steven Zierk (CA) for winning the gold medal in the Under 18 Open section of the 2010 World Youth Championships. The Executive Board also congratulates Jeffrey Xiong (TX) for tying for first in the Under 10 Open. Jeffrey took the silver medal on tiebreaks. Congratulations also to Kayden Troff (UT) for his silver medal performance in the Under 12 Open. The Executive Board congratulates and thanks all members of the 2010 World Youth team on their outstanding performances and to our coaches for their outstanding efforts with this year's team. **PASSED 7-0**

EB11-012 – Atkins - The EB moves that an award be created for "Tournament Director – Lifetime Achievement" to be presented at the US Open. **PASSE 6-0-1** (Bill Goichberg abstains)

Bill Hall moved by e-mail objections procedure on November 1, 2010, that Franc Guadalupe be named FIDE Zonal President. As there were no objections the motion passed on November 6.

EB11-013 – Hall - I move by objections procedure that the USCF Executive Board confirm Franc Guadalupe as FIDE Zonal President for Zone 2.1. **PASSED** without objection.

Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on Nov. 18, 2010, to name a new Military Committee Chair per the procedure outlined below. It passed on Nov. 19, 2010. He noted that The current procedure for the Military Committee Chair is for the organizer of the next US Armed Forces Open Championship to be the chair until the tournament is over. Lt. Col Doug Taffinder was the chair for the Air Force sponsored tournament at Andrews AFB last month. It is now the Marines turn to organize and John Farrell (Delegate from Virginia) is the Marine organizer.

EB11-014 – Atkins - I move that John Farrell be named Military Chess Committee chair until the next USAFO is complete. **PASSED 7-0**. Please note: Appendix A has been modified to reflect this change.

The College Chess Committee normally picks its own chair and the EB confirms that selection. Mike Nietman moved by objections procedure on 12/01/10 to confirm the College Chess Committee's selection of Russell Harwood. There were no objections and the motion passed on 12/05/10.

EB11-015 – Nietman - I move by objections procedure that the USCF Executive Board confirm Russell Harwood (TX) as the new College Chess Committee Chair. **PASSED 7-0**. Please note: Appendix A has been modified to reflect this change.

Committee Chair Dewain Barber requested that Tony Rich be added to the Denker Committee. Mike Nietman moved to do so by objections procedure on 12/01/10. There were no objections and the motion passed on 12/05/10.

EB11-016 – Nietman - I move by objections procedure that the USCF Executive Board add Tony Rich to the Denker Committee. **PASSED 7-0**.

On the final day of the 2010 Khanty-Mansiysk FIDE Congress, FIDE President, Mr. Ilyumzhinov appointed five Vice Presidents in violation of FIDE Statue, Article 9.6 and FIDE Electoral Regulations.

Ruth Haring moved by e-mail on January 04, 2011, to join the appeal of the appointment of five Vice Presidents by FIDE. The motion passed on January 05, 2011. She provides the following background. The text of the letter of appeal is shown below as Appendix C.

Background: On October 25, 2010 a protest letter was sent to FIDE by ECU President Mr. Silvio Danilov. The original protest letter was signed by fourteen federations including the Albanian Chess Federation, Croatian Chess Federation, English Chess Federation, Faroe Islands Chess Federation, French Chess Federation, Georgian Chess Federation, Iceland Chess Federation, Luxembourg Chess Federation, Montenegro Chess Federation, Nicaraguan Chess Federation, Norwegian Chess Federation, Polish Chess Federation, Swedish Chess Federation, Ukrainian Chess Federation.

On November 10, 2010 FIDE Deputy President, Georgios Makropoulos responded by email and declared that the appointments of the increased Vice-Presidents was valid. There will be an early February 2011 FIDE Presidential Board Meeting, and at that meeting this matter will be raised to the Presidential Board.

EB11-017 – Haring - I move that USCF join the protest, by signing the appeal to the FIDE Presidential Board objecting to the improper appointment of FIDE Vice Presidents in violation of FIDE Statue and Electoral Regulations. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Mike Atkins abstaining.

The Professional Player Health and Benefit Fund (PPHBF) Committee recommended that FIDE Master Asa Hoffman receive benefits from the Professional Players' Health and Benefit Fund as follows: Payments of \$500 per month, until the allowed lifetime maximum of \$10,000 is reached. In the event of Asa's unexpected demise during the payment period, the payments to cease (Thus, no claims by his estate for the remaining balance.). Randy Bauer moved by e-mail to accept the recommendation on January 15, 2011, and the motion passed later on January 15.

EB11-018 – Bauer - Based on a review of the confidential medical information provided by the PPHBF, I move to approve the recommendation. **PASSED 7-0.**

Tim Just, chair of the Tournament Direction Certification Committee (TDCC) , requested that Tracey Vibbert be added to the TDCC. Michael Atkins moved to do so on February 1, 2011. The vote was completed on February 3, 2011.

EB11-019 – Atkins – Add Tracey Vibbert to the TDCC. **PASSED 7-0.**

A meeting of the Board was held by telephone conference call on February 5-6, 2012. Randy Bauer was not present. These motions were made at that meeting.

EB11-020 – Walters - Approve the minutes of the October 30-31, 2010 Executive Board Meeting as previously distributed to the Board. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer not present.

EB11-021 – Board - The USCF and the Executive Board congratulates Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura on his fantastic finish at the Tata Steel Chess 2011 Tournament. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer not present.

EB11-022 – Nietman - The Executive Board accepts the resignation of Dewain Barber as the chairman of the Barber K-8 Invitational Committee and that the Executive Board names Tony Rich as chair of the committee. **PASSED 5-0** with Randy Bauer and Gary Walters not present.

A discussion took place in closed session at the meeting regarding a member's three year membership suspension that was instituted in 2009 and was due to end in April, 2012. The Board was reviewing a written appeal from the suspended member. One item discussed was the possibility of reducing that suspension to 33 months, which would reinstate the member January 31, 2012. Jim Berry then moved the following motion by e-mail on February 7. The vote was completed on February 11 and the motion failed. Bill Goichberg and Mike Atkins recused themselves because of their involvement with the issue.

EB11-023 – Berry - The suspension be reduced to 33 months and end on Jan 31 2012. **FAILED 2-2-1** with Jim Berry and Gary Walters voting in favor, Mike Nietman and Ruth Haring opposed, and Randy Bauer abstaining. Bill Goichberg and Mike Atkins recused themselves.

The Delegates in 2010 referred the creation of the Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 State Champions to the Scholastic Council, US Open Committee, and Denker Committee with implementation by the Executive Board and Executive Director.

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on February 13, 2011, to create the event by accepting the final proposal. The vote was completed on February 15.

EB11-024 – Nietman - I move that we accept the attached proposal for the creation of the Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 State Champions. **PASSED 7-0**. Please note that the rules and regulations are outlined in Appendix D below.

The Scholastic Council has been working on revising the rules for qualifying for the World Youth, which FIDE has expanded to include additional players. Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on February 20 to accept the new selection criteria proposed by the Scholastic Council effective for the 2011 World Youth. The vote was completed on February 27, 2011. The new criteria are presented in Appendix E.

EB11-025 – Nietman - The new World Youth Chess Championship Selection Criteria replace the posted criteria effective for the 2011 World Youth. **PASSED 7-0**.

Bill Hall moved by e-mail on April 06 that the EB confirm that the ED was authorized to sign the papers for the refinance of the mortgage for the USCF Headquarters building. This was requested by the bank, approved by the LMA Committee and was discussed at the February EB meeting. The motion passed unanimously the next day.

EB11-026 – Hall - I move that the Executive Board confirms that I as the Executive Director was authorized to be the signer for the refinance of the mortgage on the headquarters that occurred in February of this year. **PASSED 7-0**.

There was a special meeting of the Executive Board held in St. Louis, MO, on April 15, 2011, in order to clarify two points regarding the 2011 World Team Championship. The following motions were passed:

EB11-027 – Board - The 2011 US Woman's Champion will be a member of the 2011 US Team for the 2011 Woman's World Team Championship. If the 2011 Champion was not a member of the 2010 Woman's Olympiad Team, the alternate will be replaced. The alternate, or the next in line due to a player declining their invitation, is determined by the Olympiad selection criteria. The August 2011 USCF and FIDE rating lists will be used in this selection. **PASSED 6-0** with Gary Walters not present.

EB11-028 – Board - The 2011 US Team for representation in the 2011 World Team Championship will be selected by using the current Olympiad Invitational Regulations. The USCF ratings will be determined as the post-tournament rating from the 2011 US Championship. The FIDE rating will be determined from the May FIDE supplement. The 2011 US Champion will be invited to be a member of the team. **PASSED – 6-0** with Gary Walters not present.

The Executive Board held their regularly scheduled meeting in St. Louis, MO, on April 16 and 17, 2011. The following motions were voted:

EB11-029 – Randy Bauer - Accept the minutes of the February 2011 Executive Board Conference Call Meeting previously distributed by e-mail. **PASSED 7-0**.

EB11-030 – Randy Bauer - The Board approves the budget presented by the CFO as amended during the Finance Workshop and Executive Board meeting including proposed changes to the dues structure that will be submitted by EB ADM. **PASSED 7-0**.

EB11-031 – Board - The Board moves that the winners of the 2011 awards awarded at the Award's Ceremony of the US Open, Saturday August 6 are (Please note that this list now includes two awards that were voted by e-mail motion EB11-037):

1. Meritorious Service Awards: David Causey, Caesar Lawrence and Barbara Reed
2. Outstanding Career Achievement: Scott Parker, Frank Berry, Tom Martinak, Bob Smith and Mike Zacate
3. Special Services Award: Andy Ansel, Jeff Smith and Mark Herman
4. Grandmaster of the Year: Hikaru Nakamura and Gata Kamsky
5. Organizer of the Year: Ankit Gupta
6. George Koltanowski Award:
 1. Gold: Rex Sinquefield
 2. Silver: Doyle Engelen and Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.
7. Frank J. Marshall Award: Dean Ippolito
8. Honorary ChessMate: Ami Hall
9. Lifetime Tournament Director Achievement Award: Myron Lieberman
10. TD of the Year: Luis Salinas
11. Distinguished Service Award: Judy Misner and Joan DuBois

12. Chess Club of the Year: Metropolitan Chess Club of Los Angeles
13. Chess City of the Year: St. Louis, MO
14. Special Friend of the USCF: Alexandra Kosteniuk
15. Outstanding Team Performance Award: US Woman's Olympiad Team
16. Committee of the Year: Scholastic Committee
17. Scholastic Service Award: Bruce Pandolfini & NY Chess in the Schools
18. Lifetime Achievement Award: Allen Kaufman (See Motion 11-037)
19. Chess College of the Year: University of Maryland Baltimore County (See Motion 11-037)

PASSED 7-0.

EB11-032 – Bauer - I move that the EB approve the recommendation by the PPHBF committee that FIDE Master Eric Schiller receive benefits as follows: \$1,000 initially, to be paid in connection with his discharge from his rehab facility into any form of independent and/or apartment living. Then \$500/monthly, until the Delegate-established lifetime limit of \$10,000 is reached. Any outstanding portion of the benefit is not transferable to Mr. Schiller's estate or heirs.” **PASSED 7-0.**

Due to an incident that occurred at the National Junior High School Championships that were held concurrently with this meeting, at the request of the Scholastic Council Mike Nietman moved the following:

EB11-033 – Nietman - Effective immediately for National Scholastic Events: No cell phone or other devices capable of sending or receiving signals may be used by a player during tournament play without the express permission of a tournament director. The tournament director has the right to observe and monitor the communication. Any player violating this rule may be forfeited.” After some discussion, **Ruth Haring moved to table the motion. This failed 3-4 with Ruth Haring, Randy Bauer and Mike Atkins in favor. The main motion then passed with Jim Berry, Bill Goichberg, Gary Walters and Mike Nietman in favor.** It should be noted that approved electronic scorekeeping devices are not included in this ban and that the dissenters desired more specific information before casting a vote. **PASSED 4-3** as above.

EB11-034 – Atkins - The Board create an ADM regarding a TD certification rule change. “Motion – Inaccurate and confusing language in Tournament Director Certification Rule 14 has led to misunderstandings and confusion in the meaning. The following bullets are corrective

- There is no concept of FIDE endorsement as they assume that a US tournament submitted for FIDE rating has already met our requirement.
- FIDE does not require IA/FA to direct a non-title FIDE rated tournament.
- FIDE does not require any level of USCF director to direct FIDE rated tournaments.
- Offsite supervision by IA for title events is no longer allowed by FIDE.
- Federation Arbiter is not a title; FIDE Arbiter is the correct title.

Therefore, the new 14 should say:

14. Category I.

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

- a. FIDE events that award title norms for GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs and will be submitted to FIDE for rating must be directed by an onsite International Arbiter (IA) or FIDE Arbiter (FA).
- b. US events that are also FIDE rated should be directed by an onsite USCF Senior TD or higher, or IA/FA that meets USCF requirements for Senior TD and for the expected size of the event.

Present rule below for comparison

Tournament Categories

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

expected size of the event.

PASSED 7-0.

Gary Walters wanted to get more diverse input on the Governance Task Force (GTF) by expanding the GTF. He noted that the GTF may not have the authority to expand itself and therefore made the following EB motion by e-mail on April 23, 2011. The motion passed on April 26.

EB11-035 – Walters - I move that the GTF be authorized to add up to three members to the task force by a simple majority vote of the GTF. **PASSED 7-0.**

Hal Terrie, Chair of the US Open Committee, requested that Russell Miller be added to the committee. Bill Goichberg moved his addition by e-mail on May 01, 2011. The motion passed unanimously on May 03, 2011.

EB11-036 – Goichberg - At the request of chair Hal Terrie, I move that Russell Miller of Vancouver, WA (site of the 2012 US Open), be added to the US Open Committee. **PASSED 7-0.**

Mike Nietman noted that there were two more awards that should be on the 2011 Award Winners list that were not voted at the meeting. He proposed the following motion by e-mail on May 09, 2011. Voting was completed on May 15, 2011. Please note: The list of award winners that appears with motion EB11-031 has been modified to include the two additional award winners.

EB11- 037 – Nietman - I move that we supplement the Awards List with

- 1) Allen Kaufman for the Outstanding Career Achievement Award, and
- 2) The University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC) for the Chess College of the Year Award. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on May 15, 2011, the following proposal for the 2011 National Chess Day. It passed on May 20, 2011.

EB11-038 – Atkins - Proposal and motion for National Chess Day 2011 **PASSED 7-0**

- 1.) National Chess Day 2011 will be Saturday, October 8th, as per the pending Senate Resolution for this year.
- 2.) In order to promote National Chess Day as a day for special activities and promotion of chess throughout the country, the following is proposed:
- 3.) Any Rated Beginner Open that includes "National Chess Day" in it's TLA title gets both a free TLA and free rating fees
- 4.) Any 1-day event for Oct 8 which has "National Chess Day" in it's TLA title gets a free TLA
 - 5.) Any 2-3 day event held over a period which encompasses Oct 8, which has "National Chess Day" in it's TLA title, will get free TLA and free rating fees
 - 6.) Organizers are encouraged to submit articles and photographs for publication for Chess Life Magazine and Chess Life Online.
 - 7.) The USCF will send out at least one e-mail blast to all TDs and Affiliates before June 1 to enable tournaments to make the June 1 deadline for two issues of Chess Life TLA - Aug and Sept 2011

Russell Harwood, College Chess Committee chair, requested that Clemente Rendon be added to the College Chess Committee. Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on June 2, 2011, to make this addition. The motion passed on June 5, 2011.

EB11-039 – Nietman - At the request of the chair of the College Chess Committee I move that Clemente Rendon be added to the College Chess Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

After the Board had a chance to review the minutes of the April, 2011, meeting Mike Nieman moved by e-mail on June 05, 2011, to accept the minutes. The motion passed without objection on June 9, 2011.

EB11-040 – Nietman – I move that we accept the minutes to our April meeting. **PASSED 7-0.**

Mike Nietman moved three motions that originated from committees on June 27, 2011. Tony Rich resigned from the chairmanship of the Barber K-8 Tournament Committee. A search for a replacement is in progress. Mike moved that Dewain Barber be acting chair until a new chair is found.

Matt Lodge is currently the co-chair (with Dewain Barber) of the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. He is no longer with the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis and has not responded to requests. Mike Nietman moved to name Dewain Barber the sole chair of the committee, thereby eliminating a co-chair.

Current Chess in Education Committee chair F. Leon Wilson has asked that Brianna Conley and Alexandra Weiner be added to

the Chess in Education Committee as student members. Mike Nietman moved their addition. All three motions passed on June 28.

EB11-041 – Nietman – Dewain Barber be named acting chair of the Barber K-8 Tournament Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

EB11-042 – Nietman –Dewain Barber be named sole chair of the Denker Tournament of Champions Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

EB11-043 – Nietman - Brianna Conley and Alexandra Wiener be added to the Chess in Education Committee as student members. **PASSED 7-0.**

Randy Bauer moved by e-mail on July 01, 2011, to offer a three year contract to Executive Director Bill Hall. It passed on July 05, 2011.

EB11-044 – Bauer - The EB extends to Bill Hall a three year contract with the terms agreed upon at the EB meeting in St. Louis, as recorded, effective immediately. **PASSED 6-1** with Mike Atkins opposed. Please note that Mike Atkins said that he was not voting against Bill Hall, just against this particular contract.

Mike Atkins noted that the TDCC approved the proposed wording changes to Rule 14 (ADM 11-29) by a 15-1 vote. He pointed out that DACI 47 allows the Executive Board to approve the changes without the need for a Delegate vote. He moved on July 08, 2011 by e-mail to withdraw ADM11-29 so it wouldn't tie up time at the Delegates Meeting. It passed on July 12. Mike Atkins then notified the TDCC and the TDCC confirmed its acceptance of the ADM wording. Mike Atkins then moved by e-mail on July 14th the EB's acceptance of the TDCC response so the ADM can be withdrawn. It passed on July 17.

EB11-045 – Atkins – The EB withdraws ADM 11-29, so the TDCC can submit its approval to the board **PASSED 7-0**

EB11-046 – Atkins - The EB accepts the TDCC's acceptance of our ADM (ADM 11-029) so that it becomes official and (ADM 11-029) is taken off the floor in Orlando. **PASSED 7-0.**

The 2011 EB held its last meeting on Thursday, August 04, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport. The meeting started at 9 AM in Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session at 10 AM. No motions came out of Closed Session to be voted in Open Session. A discussion arose about the USCF life titles not reflecting the strength of players whose greatest achievements have been in the past. Randy Bauer made the following motion to correct the situation.

EB11-047 – Bauer - Individuals who have been awarded the FIDE International Grandmaster title will be conferred the USCF lifetime title of Senior Life Master. Those awarded the FIDE title of International Master will be conferred the USCF lifetime title of Life Master. **Passed 7-0**

APPENDIX A – Committee Chairs and Board Liaisons

COMMITTEE (DEL=Delegate Appointed) LIAISON (Board/Office)	CHAIR
AUDIT (DEL)	To be selected by committee
BYLAWS (DEL)	Goichberg, Walters
CHESS IN EDUCATION	Nietman
COLLEGE	Nietman
CORRESPONDENCE	Walters
CRAMER AWARDS	Berry
DENKER INVITATIONAL	Nietman
ELECTION (DEL)	Berry
ETHICS (DEL)	Walters
FINANCE	Bauer
HALL OF FAME	Goichberg
HALL OF RECORDS	Goichberg
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	Haring
K-8 TMT of STATE CHAMPIONS	Nietman
LMA MANAGEMENT (DEL)	Bauer
MILITARY	Atkins
OUTREACH	Haring
PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS' HEALTH AND BENEFITS (PPHBF)	Bauer
PUBLICATIONS	Haring
	John McCrary
	Jon Hilton
	Harold Winston and Allen Priest co-chairs
	F. Leon Wilson
	Russell Harwood
	Harold Stenzel
	Frank Brady
	Dewain Barber
	Myron Lieberman
	Richard “Buck” Buchanan
	Charles Unruh
	Harold Winston
	Steve Immitt
	Michael Khodarkovsky
	Dewain Barber (acting)
	To be selected by committee
	John Farrell
	Myron Lieberman

RATINGS	Goichberg	Mark Glickman
RULES	Atkins	David Kuhns
SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL/COMM	Nietman	Beatriz Marinello and Tom Brownscombe co-chairs
SENIOR	Atkins	Charles Hatherill
STATES	Walters	Guy Hoffman
SURVEY	Haring	Tony Pabon
TOP PLAYERS	Haring	Jesse Kraai
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (TDCC)		
	Atkins	Tim Just
US OPEN	Goichberg	Hal Terrie
WOMEN'S CHESS	Haring	Polly Wright

APPENDIX B - Victory Points

The Executive Board passed motion EB10-17 in November, 2009 to approve in principle a Victory Point system, to be implemented no earlier than six months after the implementation of the Life Titles system." Sponsor Bill Goichberg suggested some modifications at the 10/31/2010 EB meeting and motion EB11-010 approved the amended version for implementation for tournaments ending after 12/31/2010. Please note that Bill Goichberg's comments are presented in all caps.

This would be a relatively simple cumulative system that could coexist with ratings and titles. It would have no effect on either, but would offer the prospect of increased credit to all players, even those who are declining. It would reward not only activity and success, but also aggressive play (no credit for draws). And though it would not show current strength, most with high point totals would be high rated players. Here is how it might work:

2. For Events with some or all games slower than G/60
 - a. A win over a 1401-1600 opponent earns 1 Victory Point
 - b. A win over a 1601-1800 opponent earns 2 Victory Points
 - c. A win over a 1801-2000 opponent earns 4 Victory Points
 - d. A win over a 2001-2200 opponent earns 8 Victory Points
 - e. A win over a 2201-2400 opponent earns 16 Victory Points
 - f. A win over a 2401 and up opponent earns 32 Victory Points

THE BOARD WANTED THE AWARDS TO GO DOWN TO THE 1000 LEVEL, SO MORE PLAYERS AND ESPECIALLY NOVICE SCHOLASTIC PLAYERS WOULD HAVE A SHOT AT POINTS. I AGREE, AND ALSO, WE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE A 2601 LEVEL AS THIS WILL GIVE OUR TOP PLAYERS MORE IMPRESSIVE TOTALS WHICH ADDS CREDIBILITY TO THE SYSTEM. I LIKE THE SIMPLICITY OF DOUBLING FROM ONE CLASS TO THE NEXT, BUT ALSO FOR SIMPLICITY AS WELL AS EASIER DISPLAY, WOULD RATHER HAVE AS FEW AWARDS AS POSSIBLE IN TWO DIGITS. THE BRIDGE MASTER POINT SYSTEM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH MOST AWARDS IN FRACTIONS. SO I NOW SUGGEST:

WIN OVER 1001-1200 1/8 POINT
 WIN OVER 1201-1400 1/4 POINT
 WIN OVER 1401-1600 1/2 POINT
 WIN OVER 1601-1800 1 POINT
 WIN OVER 1801-2000 2 POINTS
 WIN OVER 2001-2200 4 POINTS
 WIN OVER 2201-2400 8 POINTS
 WIN OVER 2401-2600 16 POINTS
 WIN OVER 2600/ABOVE 32 POINTS

3. For Events with all rounds G/30 to G/60
 - a. No credit for a win over a 1401-1600 opponent
 - b. Other credits are half of those listed above

WE COULD STILL DO THIS, BUT I NOW SUGGEST THAT VICTORY POINTS BE AVAILABLE ONLY IN EVENTS

SLOWER THAN G/60. ONCE VICTORY POINTS ARE ESTABLISHED AND ENOUGH PLAYERS WANT THEM, WE MIGHT SET UP A SEPARATE SYSTEM FOR QUICK G/5-G/60 VICTORY POINTS. THE LATTER MIGHT DO SOMETHING LIKE FULL POINTS FOR G/30-G/60, HALF RATE FOR G/10-G/29, AND QUARTER CREDIT FOR FASTER THAN G/10.

4. The G/30-G/60 win over a 1401-1600 could count as a half point, but I would rather avoid decimals in the totals. Or it could count for a point with everything else being doubled, but maybe we should keep most of the numbers low for easier calculation and display. And encouraging kids anxious to score their first Victory Point or Points to play at a fairly slow time control doesn't seem a bad idea.

THE FRACTIONS SHOULD HELP NEWER AND WEAKER PLAYERS GET GOING, BUT I SUGGEST NOT BOTHERING WITH THEM FOR HIGHER TOTALS. WE DON'T REALLY NEED THINGS LIKE A MASTER OR EXPERT GOING FROM 2955 $\frac{1}{4}$ TO 2955 $\frac{3}{8}$ BY BEATING AN 1100 PLAYER, AND THIS TAKES SPACE TO DISPLAY WHICH IS UNDESIRABLE, EVEN FOR ONLINE DISPLAYS. AND IT WILL BE NICE TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL LEADERS, WHO MAY BE IN 5 DIGITS, WITHOUT RELATIVELY MEANINGLESS FRACTIONS. SO I SUGGEST THAT FRACTIONAL POINTS BE AVAILABLE ONLY TO PLAYERS WHO HAVE LESS THAN 100 LIFETIME VICTORY POINTS. ANY EXCESS FRACTIONAL POINTS WOULD BE ROUNDED DOWN, FOR EXAMPLE A PLAYER WITH 100 OR MORE POINTS WHO SCORES TWO HALF POINTS IN AN EVENT WOULD GET A POINT, BUT THREE HALF POINTS WOULD ALSO GET ONE POINT, AND A SINGLE HALF POINT WOULD GET ZERO. .

5. Note that floored players would count as the class below for generating Victory Points. It only takes a 1 point adjustment to do this, so we might as well avoid the possibility that in small tournaments someone could pile up a lot of Victory Points by facing the same overrated player(s) repeatedly. Not all players with ratings ending in 00 are floored, but the cutoff has to be somewhere, so that seems the best place to put it.

6. What would a player get for Victory Points? To start with, we would publish lists on occasion in Chess Life, and more often and in more detail on the web, lifetime totals and annual totals for the national Victory Points leaders, the leaders who live in each state, the most Victory Points scored in each state (not the same thing), and there could be other categories such as largest number of states in which the player scored at least 5 or 10 or 20 Victory Points playing in each state, etc.. There would be special awards for players with 1000 or 10,000 or whatever Victory Points in a year or lifetime. We don't need to decide now what these awards will be called, but it wouldn't be the same name as anything in the rating system or title system.

7. Another possible use for Victory Points is, as with titles, to award class prizes. Once we see how many players in each class have how many lifetime Victory Points, organizers could offer class prizes to players in each class who have a certain minimum number of points (it should be a number no more than half the players in the section are likely to have). Like the Mike Regan idea with titles, such class prizes will favor the older players, who tend to be winning little now, and probably even more so than titles. Players will want Victory Points not only for the recognition, but also the added prize eligibility.

8. Duplicate bridge has long used a relatively simple system of amassing "Master Points" with great success, despite lacking an Elo type system to show current strength. When I used to play duplicate bridge in clubs several times a week, I would see the same players, mostly seniors with over 50% women, appearing regularly and on occasion when they placed high they seemed very happy to receive their Master Point certificates. The entry fees were about \$5 with no prizes other than the certificates; I imagine they are higher today, and some bridge clubs had 14 games per week, an afternoon game and an evening game every day, with about 40-50 people participating in the afternoon and 60-80 at night

This structure allowed full time bridge clubs to prosper, while most chess clubs meet just one night per week, are expected by the players to return a substantial percentage of any entry fees as prizes, can afford only the lowest cost sites, and offer no business opportunity for their manager.

9. It's not the best timing introducing two systems at once, but we don't need to do that, and implementation of past changes has been slow; even if we don't specify it, there would probably be a gap between announcing titles and implementing

Victory Points. I just hope that gap is not more than a year. The Victory Point system seems desirable as it does some important things that the title system doesn't:

- a. Even most declining players can easily add to their total.
- b. No one, after reaching a goal, will feel that further progress is impossible.
- c. Most players will see progress immediately online after each tournament.
- d. The point system format is suitable for simple promotional breakdowns by state, year, age, etc. or rivalries between club or team members.
- e. Rewards aggressive play.
- f. Encourages play at relatively slow time controls, which is good for the development of young players
- g. Credits will be available even in short events such as quads and team matches, or for house players.
- h. Allows a desirable new type of class prize, one limited to players who have scored a certain minimum number of Victory Points. The offering of such prizes would likely increase opportunity for players who are not improving, and promote the Victory Point system.

APPENDIX C

Letter of Appeal to the FIDE Presidential Board re: Appointment of VPs

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of Mr. Makropoulos' 10 November 2010 email response to the 25 October 2010 letter from fourteen FIDE member federations protesting the appointment by FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov of five FIDE Vice Presidents at the 2010 FIDE Congress in Khanty-Mansiysk, in clear violation of the FIDE Statutes, FIDE Electoral Regulations and Swiss law.

Mr. Makropoulos' response reflects in our view an incorrect understanding of FIDE's obligations under the FIDE Handbook and Swiss law. As the letter makes clear that FIDE management is unwilling to correct this palpable violation of applicable rules and regulations, we wish to appeal the nomination of the five Vice Presidents.

The FIDE Presidential Board is the appropriate body for the appeal. According to Article 9.4 of the FIDE Statutes, every party concerned may appeal against the decisions of the President to the General Assembly. FIDE has just completed the 2010 General Assembly. We cannot wait two years until all member-federations gather again at the next General Assembly as this would lead to deciding on the impropriety of the nominations only after the Vice Presidents had already served half their terms.

Article 4.1 of the FIDE Statutes, among other things, transfers the powers of the General Assembly to the Executive Board when the General Assembly is not in session. But the Executive Board has itself just met at the 2010 FIDE Congress and will not convene in the ordinary course for nearly another year. This is also too long a period to wait for a decision regarding the improper appointment by the FIDE President of five Vice Presidents over the acknowledged protest of a member-federation. The Presidential Board is charged with the day-to-day management of FIDE and exercises the rights of the General Assembly and the Executive Board between meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Board respectively, and is thus the proper forum for the appeal.

A Court of Arbitration for Sport arbitral tribunal recently confirmed the interim decision-making power of the FIDE Presidential Board in decision CAS 2010/O/2166. The reasoning of the arbitral tribunal in that case is equally applicable here where no higher FIDE body is available for nearly one year.

We understand that the next Presidential Board meeting will be held in Antalya, Turkey, from 3 to 6 February 2011. Please inform us by [a date two weeks after the letter is sent to FIDE] of the deadline and procedure for filing our appeal papers and placing the item on the agenda for that meeting.

We look forward to your prompt response to this matter of great concern to the FIDE Family.

APPENDIX D –

DEWAIN BARBER TOURNAMENT OF K-8 STATE CHAMPIONS

(Draft Revision Feb 6, 2011)

Rules and Regulations

General Information

This invitational tournament will be played during the 2011 U.S. Open in Orlando, Florida from July 30, 2011 to August 2, 2011. The Barber Tournament of K-8 State Champions attracts State Champions from across the United States and the District of Columbia. The winner of the tournament shall receive the title of Barber Champion of K-8 State Champions. In case of ties, co-champions shall be recognized.

Eligibility

Each state shall be allowed one Representative as determined by the USCF State Affiliate. Alternates may be substituted as the official Representative. If there are an uneven number of entrants in the tournament, the host state is allowed to enter an additional qualified player. The additional player is eligible for prize monies. Should any of the USCF state affiliates fail to respond to the notice for this tournament by June 15, the K-8 Invitational Chairman may determine the candidate from that state. Representatives must be residents of the state they are representing.

All players including home schooled students must be under the age of 16 as of the first day of the tournament. They must have been enrolled in at least three [3] Grade 8 or below courses, during the previous spring using the grade appropriate curriculum. The Representative may not have been a full-time student in grade 9 or above during the previous school year. Proof of eligibility shall be the responsibility of the players and the USCF state official certifying the Representative or Alternate.

It is the goal of the K-8 Invitational Committee to have all fifty states and the District of Columbia represented. Consequently, we strongly encourage each USCF state affiliate and the District of Columbia to identify or hold an appropriate Championship tournament to determine its qualifier. Failing this, rating or some other criteria will be acceptable.

Playing Schedule

The Opening Ceremony, 6-round Swiss and Awards Ceremony will consist of the following dates and times:

Opening Ceremony - 4 PM Saturday, July 30, 2011 (REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AND CHECK-IN). All participants are required to attend for player introductions, awarding of Medallions, introduction of dignitaries and photo session.

Saturday, July 30, 2011 Round 1. Same time as evening round of the US Open.

Sunday, July 31, 2011 Round 2 - 12:30 PM. **Round 3** – Same time as evening round of the US Open.

Monday, August 1, 2011 Round 4 - 12:30 PM. **Round 5** – Same time as evening round of the US Open.

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 Round 6 - 11 AM and **Awards Ceremony** - 4 PM.

This playing schedule is especially convenient, because it allows players an opportunity to participate in the US Open. This is possible because you can now enter the US Open's four or six day schedule upon completion of the event. Please note that the USCF Executive Board voted to provide a 50% entry fee for all Barber participants who choose to enter the US Open after the Barber is concluded.

Rules

1. Players are required to play all six rounds of the tournament. A proportion of a player's expense money will be withheld for each forfeited game. Players expelled from the tournament, or who withdraw without contacting the Tournament Director forfeit all expense money.

2. Player shall be required to furnish the TD with a legible and complete score sheet at the conclusion of each round.

3. The time control will be determined by the Chief Tournament Director of the US Open.

Prize Fund:

Dewain Barber, American Chess Equipment, The United States Chess Federation, The U.S. Chess Trust and Dwight Barber will award a total of \$2200 in Scholarships (1st place: \$800, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$300, 4th place \$300 and 5th place \$300). Scholarships are designated for college expenses and will be sent to winners only upon proof of college enrollment (copies of paid bills, or official letters, etc.) by the Chess Trust. In some cases, prizes will be held in escrow pending receipt of paper documentation.

Expense money: Through the generosity of Dewain Barber, American Chess Equipment, each participant and the alternate will receive a minimum of \$100 to help defray travel expenses, plus a share of the remaining funds after tournament expenses. Expense money will be paid in check or cash at the conclusion of the event. A proportion of a player's expense money will be withheld for each forfeited game. Players expelled from the tournament, or who withdraw without contacting the Tournament Director forfeit all expense money.

Travel & Accommodations: Players are responsible for their own travel and accommodations. Please note that registration in a hotel room will require a person 18 years of age or older to be present.

Contact Information: Each player must provide the K-8 Invitational Chairman with a phone number of a parent or other responsible adult who will be onsite throughout the event.

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APPENDIX E

FIDE World Youth Chess Championships Selection Criteria:

The World Youth is an annual tournament held traditionally between June and November. Players must be selected by their individual federations in order to participate. The age categories are currently U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 (Subject to change by the host country and FIDE). **In the event that any FIDE rules or regulations are determined to be in contradiction with these selection criteria, FIDE rules and procedures will supersede these criteria.** (REVISED February 2011 to take effect for the 2011 World Youth.)

A. Within each age and gender category, players may qualify to represent the USA under any of the following criteria:

1. be established as one of the three highest rated candidates by peak post-tournament rating in the previous 12 months, ending with events included in the **May** Rating Supplement;

2. **The minimum rating requirement within the age and gender categories for players who do not qualify for this event by some other means is the following:**

Girls Under 18 Minimum Rating 1900

Girls Under 16 Minimum Rating 1900

Girls Under 14 Minimum Rating 1800

Girls Under 12 Minimum Rating 1700

Girls Under 10 Minimum Rating 1500

Girls Under 8 Minimum Rating 1100

Boys Under 18 Minimum Rating 2400

Boys Under 16 Minimum Rating 2300

Boys Under 14 Minimum Rating 2200

Boys Under 12 Minimum Rating 2000

Boys Under 10 Minimum Rating 1800

Boys Under 8 Minimum Rating 1400

Players whose peak post-tournament rating equals or exceeds this minimum rating will be able to participate in the World Youth.

3. have earned a personal right to compete by virtue of one's performance at this event or the previous Pan American Youth Festival – see below “Qualifying by Personal Right”:

4. win the US Cadet Championship.

5. win clear first place in a championship section of the National Elementary Championship, the National Junior High Championship, or the National High School Championship.

The USCF office may set a reasonable participation fee to cover administrative and coaching expenses for the players who are not in the top three and yet qualify based upon a national championship or based upon their rating.

B. the top qualified player in each category will be considered the official representative and will be entitled to receive whatever financial assistance is offered towards the cost of participation. If a player who has earned a personal right also qualifies as the top qualified player by rating in their category, the next player in line will be considered the official representative in that category and will be entitled to receive whatever financial assistance is offered towards the cost of participation.

C. If the top qualified player declines the invitation, the next player in line will be entitled to the financial assistance described above.

D. If a qualified player is unable to attend, that place will not be offered to a non-qualified player ranked lower on the rating list.

E. All qualified players will have the right to participate and will be considered to be part of the national team.

F. The Scholastic Council Chair shall review the rating history of all qualified players before approving the final selection. Irregularities in a player's rating history may be grounds for disqualification.

G. Qualifying by personal right - Players may earn a personal right to compete in the World Youth by earning a gold medal in one of the following ways:

- A player who receives the gold medal at the World Youth will be qualified by personal right for the World Youth (as well as the Pan-American Youth) for the next year based on maintaining the activity requirement in that year.

- A player who receives the gold medal at the Pan-American Youth Festival will be qualified by personal right for the next World Youth and will qualify for whatever financial assistance is offered towards the cost of participation.

- The minimum activity requirement will be 30 rated games (either USCF or FIDE-rated – if FIDE-rated, submitted to the USCF for verification) in the 12 month qualification period.