

MOTIONS OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2009 – 2010

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

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB10-001	Board	08/09/09 M	Election of Officers – Berry P, Haring, Bauer	PASS
EB10-002	Board	08/09/09 M	Committee Liaisons and Chairs	PASS
EB10-002A	Board	08/10/09 M	Establish a Legal Subcommittee	PASS
EB10-002B	Goichberg	08/10/09 M	Establish a Hall of Records Committee	PASS
EB10-002C	Board	08/10/09 M	Appoint Bill Hall as Secretary	PASS
EB10-003	Atkins	08/13/09 E	Ratify Addition of Randy Hough to TDCC	PASS
EB10-004	Atkins	08/20/09 E	FIDE Delegate	PASS
EB10-005	Goichberg	08/20/09 E	Audit Firm	PASS
EB10-006	Atkins	08/30/09 E	College Chess Eligibility Rule Change	PASS
EB10-007	Goichberg	09/29/09 E	Add Ruth Haring to the EB Forums Subcomm	PASS
EB10-008	Atkins	09/29/09 E	Approve changes to Scholastic Regulations	PASS
EB10-009	Atkins	09/30/09 E	Rene Phillips a Level 5 Professional Chess Coach	PASS
EB10-010	Berry	09/30/09 E	2009 – 2010 Scholastic Committee	PASS
EB10-011	Berry	10/12/09 E	Special Election filing requirements	PASS
EB10-012	Goichberg	10/22/09 E	USCF charges for rating FIDE events	PASS
EB10-013	Haring	10/31/09 M	Approval of Minutes of Aug 6 EB Mtg	PASS
EB10-014	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	Quick Rating Problems	PASS
EB10-015	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	Rating Change Problem	PASS
EB10-016	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	New Rating Floors	PASS
EB10-017	Goichberg	10/31/09 M	Victory Points	PASS
EB10-018	Atkins	10/31/09 M	Approve new TDCC Rules and Regulations	PASS
EB10-019	Atkins	10/31/09 M	Approve Scholastic Chess Coach Applications	PASS
EB10-020	Board	11/01/09 M	Chess Coach Certification Program	PASS
EB10-021	Haring	11/01/09 M	US Girls Junior Open	PASS
EB10-022	Goichberg	11/01/09 M	FIDE time controls	PASS
EB10-023	Haring	11/01/09 M	Technology/Internet Subcommittee	PASS
EB10-024	Goichberg	12/11/09 O	US Open Committee	PASS
EB10-025	Board	01/14/10 E	USCF – Polgar/Truong Settlement	PASS
EB10-026	Goichberg	01/22/10 E	USCF Olympiad Regulations – Age Bonus Pts	PASS
EB10-027	Goichberg	01/22/10 E	Add 2010 US Champ. to Men's Olympic Team	PASS
EB10-028	Berry	02/20/10 M	Accept minutes of last meeting	PASS
EB10-029	Goichberg	02/20/10 M	US Championship Invitational Requirements	PASS
EB10-030	Board	02/20/10 M	Congratulate USA Team for Silver Medal	PASS
EB10-031	Board	02/20/10 M	Appoint Online Play Subcommittee	PASS
EB10-032	Atkins	02/21/10 M	Add Matt Lodge to Denker Committee	PASS
EB10-033	Goichberg	02/21/10 M	Appoint Bob Rasmussen chair of Clubs Comm	PASS
EB10-034	Goichberg	02/21/10 M	Add John McCrary and Randy Hough to Awards Comm	PASS
EB10-035	Atkins	02/22/10 E	Miami Open Appeal	PASS
EB10-036	Goichberg	02/25/10 E	Governance Task Force	PASS
EB10-037	Atkins	04/08/10 E	Doug Taffinder named Military Chair	PASS
EB10-038	Board	04/08/10 E	US Supports Anatoly Karpov for FIDE President	PASS
EB10-039	Board	04/10/10 E	Endorse Richard Conn for FIDE Deputy President	PASS
EB10-040	Hall	05/06/10 M	Appoint Harry Sabine Chief Teller for Election	PASS
EB10-041	Berry	05/22/10 M	Approve February EB minutes	PASS
EB10-042	Board	05/22/10 M	Appoint a FIDE Subcommittee	PASS
EB10-043	Board	05/22/10 M	Engage Bible, Harris, and Smith for 2010 FY Audit	PASS
EB10-044	Board	05/22/10 M	Approve 2011 Budget	PASS
EB10-045	Board	05/23/10 M	Approve the list of award winners for 2010	PASS
EB10-046	Goichberg	05/23/10 M	Revise the Acceptable Use Guidelines (for Forum)	PASS
EB10-047	Hall	05/23/10 M	Extend Daniel Lucas' Contract three years	PASS
EB10-048	Hough	05/23/10 M	Extend Bill Hall's Contract one year	PASS
EB10-049	Board	05/23/10 M	Denial of Forcella Ethics Appeal	PASS
EB10-050	Goichberg	05/23/10 M	Refer State Affil. Duties revision to States Comm	PASS
EB10-051	Board	05/23/10 M	Thanks to Forum Oversight Committee	PASS
EB10-052	Atkins	06/16/10 E	National Chess day	PASS

EB10-053	Bauer	06/28/10 E	Commendation for GMs Akobian and Hess	PASS
EB10-054	Bauer	06/28/10 E	Disallow use of closed quad for US Olym team qual	PASS
EB10-055	Berry	07/08/10 E	USCF Representation in dispute with FIDE	PASS
EB10-056	Hall	07/28/10 E	Add Mike Nietman and Gary Walters to Legal Sub	PASS

The following motions were voted at the Board meeting on August 09-10, 2009, in Indianapolis, IN: (Please note: The position of Secretary is now an appointed position per Delegate action. Bill Hall has been appointed Secretary for purposes of officially signing documents.) The wording of the motion to affect this change as well as the motions to establish a Legal subcommittee and to create the Hall of Records Committee (included in the committee list below) have just been made available to us. All were made on August 10, 2009. They are now included as EB10-002A (Legal Subcommittee), B (Hall of Records Committee), and C (Secretary) to preserve the proper time frame without disrupting motion numbering.

EB10-001 – Board – The Board elects the following officers:

President – Jim Berry

Vice President – Ruth Haring

Vice President for Finance – Randy Bauer

PASSED 5-0

EB10-002 – Board – The Board appoints the following committee liaisons and chairs: **PASSED 5-0**

(DEL=Delegate Appointed)

COMMITTEE	LIAISON (Board/Office)	CHAIR
AUDIT (DEL)	Bauer/Nanna	To be selected by committee
BYLAWS (DEL)	Goichberg	Harold Winston and Mike Nolan co-chairs
CHESS IN EDUCATION	Atkins	John Buky and Dr. Joseph Eberhard co-chairs
COLLEGE	Atkins	James Stallings
CORRESPONDENCE	Goichberg/DuBois	Harold Stenzel
CRAMER AWARDS	Berry	Frank Brady
DENKER INVITATIONAL	Atkins	Dewain Barber
ELECTION (DEL)	Berry/Nolan	To be selected by committee
ETHICS (DEL)	Berry/Misner	To be selected by committee
FINANCE	Bauer/Nanna	Charles Unruh
FORUM OVERSIGHT	TBD	Allen Priest
HALL OF FAME	Goichberg	Harold Winston
HALL OF RECORDS	Goichberg	Steve Immitt
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	Haring/Brown	Michael Khodarkovsky
LMA MANAGEMENT (DEL)	Bauer/Nanna	To be selected by committee
MILITARY	Atkins	Andres Hortillosa
OUTREACH	Haring	Myron Lieberman
POLGAR TOURNAMENT	TBD	TBD
PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS' HEALTH AND BENEFITS (PPHBF)	Bauer/Nanna	John McCrary
PUBLICATIONS	Haring/Lucas	Jon Hilton
RATINGS	Goichberg	Mark Glickman
RULES	Atkins/Brown	David Kuhns
SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL/COMM	Atkins/Nash,Pat K.Smith	Mike Nietman and Stephen Shutt co-chairs
SENIOR	Goichberg	Charles Hatherill
STATES	Bauer	Guy Hoffman
SURVEY	Haring/Nolan	Tony Pabon
TOP PLAYERS	Haring	TBD
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (TDCC)	Atkins/Phil Smith	Tim Just
US OPEN	Goichberg/Pat K. Smith	Jerry Hanken
WOMEN'S CHESS	Haring/Pat K. Smith	Polly Wright

EB10-002A -Board - Moved to establish a legal sub-committee comprised of Ruth Haring, Mike Atkins, Randy Bauer, Jim Berry, Bill Goichberg and two non-voting members Bill Hall and Randy Hough. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB10-002B – Goichberg - Moved the USCF create a Hall of Records Committee, with Chairman- Steve Immitt, and Liaison-

Bill Goichberg. **PASSED 5-0**

EB10-002C – Board.- Move that Bill Hall be official Secretary of the USCF. **PASSED 4-0**

That concludes the motions made at the August 9-10 meeting.

The following motion was made by Mike Atkins by e-mail on August 11. It passed on August 13.

EB10-003 – Atkins - Randy Hough was added this past Sunday evening back to the TDCC. I move the board ratify this addition to the TDCC. **PASSED 5-0.**

Michael Atkins made a motion regarding our FIDE representation that contained three points. One was the naming of Michael Khodarkovsky as FIDE Delegate, The second was to make Ruth Haring the Head of the US Delegation, and the third was to recognize Don Schultz for his service. The motion was made by e-mail on August 20, 2009, and passed on August 21, 2009.

EB10-004 – Atkins - Whereas the resignation of Don Schultz as FIDE Delegate creates a vacancy in the position of USCF FIDE Delegate and Whereas the possible movement by FIDE to create a FIDE zone consisting of the US, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda (eliminating the US as its own zone), reduces the impact and influence of the US within FIDE, something which is absolutely against the interests of the USCF:

The Executive Board moves that Michael Khodarkovsky be appointed as USCF FIDE Delegate and that Ruth Haring be appointed as Head of Delegation so that we are a strong and united team in our representation at FIDE. The Executive Board also moves that Don Schultz be recognized for his years of service to the USCF, the Board of Delegates, the Executive Board and as FIDE Delegate. A plaque commemorating his service to be presented at an appropriate place and time. **PASSED 4-0-1** with Ruth Haring abstaining.

Bill Goichberg moved by e-mail on August 20, 2009, that we engage a new audit firm for the 2010 fiscal year. It passed on August 21, 2009.

EB10-005 – Goichberg – I move that we engage a new audit firm for the 2010 fiscal year. **PASSED 5-0.**

The College Chess Committee presented proposed changes to eligibility rules to the Board. Mike Atkins moved the changes on August 21, 2009, by e-mail. During the discussion, College Chess Committee chair Jim Stallings contacted the Board and recommended a change from six to nine semester credit hours as the minimum for Graduate Students. The College Chess Committee had approved that change by a 13-0-5 vote. The original motion had been approved by the Board but more time was allowed for the purpose of the Board considering that change. Mike Atkins amended his motion to make the minimum nine hours on August 24, 2009. The motion was voted again and passed on August 30, 2009. The motion listed below is the final wording.

EB10-006 – Atkins - I move The Board accept the changes (recommended by the College Chess Committee) as worded below.

Rule 1: For college and university teams, titled players (International Masters, International Grandmasters, International Woman Masters, and International Woman Grandmasters) are eligible to participate if they satisfy at least one of the following stipulations: #1 or all three conditions listed in #2.

1. Are less than 26 years old as undergraduate students, or under 30 years old as graduate students, as of September 1 of the academic year in which the tournament takes place.
2. Satisfy all of the following three conditions:
 - (a) Are full-time, degree-seeking students (e.g., at least 12 semester credit hours for undergraduate students and 9 semester credit hours for graduate students)
 - (b) Have a grade-point average of at least B (e.g., at least 3.0 on a 4-point scale)
 - (c) Have satisfied conditions 1 and 2 for at least one full semester at their team's college or university prior to the event

Rule 1 applies to all college events – individual or team. There are no age restrictions on players not having the four above-mentioned international titles. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer not voting.

Ruth Haring volunteered to be on the EB Forums Subcommittee. The EB moved by e-mail on September 17 that she be added.

The motion passed on September 27.

EB10-007 – Goichberg – I move that Ruth Haring be appointed to the Executive Board Forums Subcommittee. **PASSED 5-0.**

The Scholastic Council passed changes in the Scholastic Regulations that they want to be incorporated into the regulations in time for the November Nationals. Mike Atkins moved on September 27, 2009, that these changes be reviewed and accepted. The motion passed without objection on September 29.

EB10-008 – Atkins – I Move to accept and implement the proposed changes from the Scholastic Council. **PASSED 5-0.**

The changes that were accepted are shown below. The votes that are shown were the Scholastic Council votes on each point.

1) Add “21.10 In the interest of player security, at all elementary sections of national events, certain doors will be identified as player exits according to the physical layout of the facility.” Passed 4-0.

2) Add “21.11 Whenever space permits a designated parent waiting area shall be set up in the playing hall where parents and other responsible adults can meet players who are exiting the playing area after the conclusion of their game. Adults may remain in this area from the start of the round until all games have been completed. This does not apply to K-1 sections. (See 21.4)” Passed 4-0.

3) Change 22.5.1 from “10 individual and 5 team trophies per 100 players in each section” to “a minimum of 1 individual trophy per 10 players and 1 team trophy per 15 players in each section”. Passed 4-0.

4) Change 22.5.1.1 from “K-12 Championship: 1800-1999, 1600-1799, 1400-1599, U1400” to “K-12 Championship: 1900-1999, 1800-1899, 1700-1799, 1600-1699, 1500-1599, 1400-1499, 1300-1399, 1200-1299, U1200”.

Change 22.5.1.2 from “K-8 Championship: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199” to “K-8 Championship: 1500-1599, 1400-1499, 1300-1399, 1200-1299, 1100-1199, 1000-1099”

Change 22.5.1.3 from “K-6 Championship: 1200-1399, 1000-1199, 800-999” to “K-6 Championship: 1300-1399, 1200-1299, 1100-1199, 1000-1099, 900-999, 800-899”

Change 22.5.1.3 from “K-5 Championship: 1200-1399, 1000-1199, 800-999” to “K-6 Championship: 1300-1399, 1200-1299, 1100-1199, 1000-1099, 900-999, 800-899”

Change 22.5.1.3 from “K-3 Championship: 1000-1199, 800-999, 600-799” to “K-3 Championship: 1100-1199, 1000-1099, 900-999, 800-899, 700-799, 600-699”

Passed 4-0.

5) Change 22.5.2 to add class prizes for the 1000-1199 class for grades 2 and 3. Passed 4-0.

Rene Phillips has submitted an application to become a Level 5 Professional Chess Coach. The Scholastic Council has reviewed and approved the application. Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on September 27 that the EB approve the application, which is the first Level 5 Professional Chess Coach application to be submitted. The motion passed on September 30, 2009.

EB10-009 – Atkins – Moved that the board approve this application and note that it is the very first application submitted for a Level 5-Professional Chess Coach under these guidelines. **PASSED 5-0.**

Jim Berry moved by e-mail on September 10, 2009, to approve the 2009-2010 Scholastic Committee. The vote was incomplete and a new vote was called for the motion on September 27, 2009. The motion passed on September 30, 2009.

EB10-010 – Berry – The 2009-2010 Scholastic Committee is approved. **PASSED 5-0.**

The Scholastic Committee approved in the above motion is as follows:

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A special election must be run to fill two single year vacancies on the Executive Board. The Board had to decide the required filing fee, deadline date, and the required number of signatures. The Board can also consider the membership cutoff date. Jim Berry made the following motion by e-mail on October 12, 2009. As the special election needs to be publicized soon the motion was considered passed once at least three positive votes were received. The motion passed on the same day.

EB10-011 – Berry – The Board decides the following are the filing requirements for a candidate in the Special Election:

1. \$250 filing fee
2. Jan 11, 2010 filing date
3. 30 signatures.
4. leave choice of member cut-off date to election committee

PASSED 4-0 with Randy Bauer not voting

The following revision to what USCF charges affiliates for FIDE rating of events was proposed by Bill Goichberg on October 22, 2009 by e-mail.

EB10-012 – Goichberg - I move that the fee that USCF charges to affiliates for the FIDE rating of events be raised effective March 1, 2010, for Swisses and Jan 1, 2010, for round robins. The new fee for Swisses shall be \$2 per FIDE ratable performance, with a minimum fee of \$60 per section. The new fee for round robins or matches shall be, in dollars, an amount similar to the fee charged in Euros by FIDE to USCF. The exact amount will be determined by the Executive Director after consideration of the likely value of the Euro. This fee may be reviewed quarterly, with changes taking effect 3 months after that review. Upon passage of this motion, the USCF website shall immediately begin to prominently publicize the new fees, which will also be announced in Chess Life beginning with the December issue. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer not voting

The Board met in Crossville, TN, on October 31 and November 1, 2009. Motions EB10-013 through 023 were presented and voted.

Ruth Haring moved the acceptance of the minutes of the August 6, 2009, meeting of the 2009 Board and creation of the US Girls Junior Open, and creation of a Technology/Internet subcommittee. Bill Goichberg made 4 motions regarding ratings. Mike Atkins moved acceptance of the new TDCC rules and regulations and scholastic coach applications. The Board moved that Board approval of scholastic chess coach applicants not be required.

EB10-013 – Haring - Move to approve the minutes for the August 6, 2009, Executive Board Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10-014 – Goichberg - The Executive Board is concerned about the following problems with the Quick rating system:

1. Some players who have improved substantially in regular rated play while playing little or no quick chess are very underrated, sometimes by as many as 1000 points.
2. It appears that most players who are rated in both the quick and regular systems, by a substantial margin, have quick ratings that are lower than regular. It would be ideal if the number of players whose quick is lower than regular was about the same as the number whose quick is higher than regular.

To address problem #1, we request that testing be conducted on methods involving rating all time controls in the quick system and varying the K factor based on time control, such as the following:

A. G/5-G/29 150% K, G/30-G/60 110% K, slower than G/60 70% K.

B. G/5-G/29 150% K, G/30-G/60 115% K, slower than G/60 80% K.

To address problem #2, we request that the Ratings Committee recommend an accelerated bonus schedule or other method for inflating the quick rating pool so that quick above regular occurs with about the same frequency as quick below regular, and a method for then approximately maintaining this relationship between the two systems. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 015 - Goichberg - Moved, that the Executive Board believes that ratings change too slowly at the level of about 1800-2200, and that causing such ratings to change somewhat more rapidly would both promote activity and better reflect improvement by young players. We believe that most ratings in this range should change at least 25% more rapidly than they do at present, and that some in this range should change at least 50% more rapidly. We ask the Ratings Committee to recommend, before our February, 2010, meeting, changes in the USCF ratings formula that will accomplish this objective. Rationale: Such change would leave all ratings in this range changing considerably less rapidly than they did prior to 2001. The higher rate of change (K factor) for this range used for about 25 years prior to 2001 was more desirable from the promotional stand point than what we have today. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 016 – Goichberg - Rating based floors shall be created at 1300 and 1200. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent

EB10 – 017 – Goichberg - Moved, that the Executive Board approves in principle the concept of "Victory Points" as described below, with the goal of implementing this idea approximately six months after the implementation of the lifetime titles system.

VICTORY POINTS 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:

FOR EVENTS WITH SOME OR ALL GAMES SLOWER THAN G/60

A win over a 1401-1600 opponent earns 1 victory point

A win over a 1601-1800 opponent earns 2 victory points

A win over a 1801-2000 opponent earns 4 victory points

A win over a 2001-2200 opponent earns 8 victory points

A win over a 2201-2400 opponent earns 16 victory points

A win over a 2401 and up opponent earns 32 victory points

FOR EVENTS WITH ALL ROUNDS G/30 TO G/60

No credit for a win over a 1401-1600 opponent

Other credits are half of those listed above

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.

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.

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 of the national victory point 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 10000 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.

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.

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.

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 no more than a year. The victory point system seems desirable as it does some important things that the title system doesn't:

- 1) Even most declining players can easily add to their total.
- 2) No one, after reaching a goal, will feel that further progress is impossible.
- 3) Most players will see progress immediately online after each tournament.
- 4) The point system format is suitable for simple promotional breakdowns by state, year, age, etc. or rivalries between club or team members.
- 5) Rewards aggressive play.
- 6) Encourages play at relatively slow time controls, which is good for the development of young players.
- 7) Credits will be available even in short events such as quads and team matches, or for house players.

8) 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. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 018 – Atkins - Move to approve the new TDCC rules and regulations. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 019 – Atkins - Move to approve 5 Scholastic Chess Coach Applications:

Bob Holliman - Level IV, Ralph Bowman - National Level IV, CJ Armenta - National Level IV, Mark Ritter - Professional Chess Coach Level V, Tonya Kranich- Ritter, National Level IV – **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 020 – Board - Board approval of applicants is not required for Chess Coach Certification Program. The Scholastic Council should consult with the USCF Office prior to approval. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 021 – Haring - The USCF Executive Board establishes and recognizes as a National event the US Girls Junior Open Championship (Under 21). The tournament will run concurrent with the Denker tournament of Champions. Entry fee is free if the player is a paid participant of the US Open. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 022 – Goichberg - Moved that USCF ask FIDE VP Bill Kelleher to move that FIDE approve the following:

1. 40/120, SD/1 with 5 second delay or increment is acceptable for norms
2. 40/115, SD/1 with 5 second delay or increment is acceptable for norms
3. The FIDE limit of 12 hours play per day is changed to 12 1/2 hours. This would allow two rounds per day at 40/120, SD/1 with 5 second delay or increments. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

EB10 – 023 – Haring – Move that we create a Technology/Internet Sub Committee. Committee members include:

Ruth Haring, Bill Hall, and others to be appointed at a later date.

Committee will address: Payments to USCF via PayPal, Online Mailing Lists, Link Exchange **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer absent.

Bill Goichberg moved by e-mail objections procedure on December 11 then following update to the US Open Committee. It passed without objection on December 16, 2009.

EB10 – 024 – Goichberg - I move the following by 5 day objections procedure (passes in 5 days if no one objects):

Hal Terrie is named chair of the US Open Committee.

Ramon Hernandez is added to the US Open Committee. **PASSED 5-0.**

Randy Bauer moved by e-mail on 01/14/10 to instruct the Executive Director to sign the settlement agreements in the Polgar/Truong matter. Bill Goichberg suggested that it be a Board motion. **PASSED**

EB10 – 025 – Board – I move that the Executive Board direct Bill Hall to sign for the USCF the settlement agreement with Susan Polgar and Paul Truong as well as the settlement agreement with the USCF insurance carrier. **PASSED 5-0**

Bill Goichberg moved by e-mail on 01/22/10 revision of USCF Olympiad regulations to change age bonus points and to add the US Champion determined at the May, 2010, event at St. Louis to the men's US Olympic Team.

EB10 – 026 – Goichberg – Change age bonus points in the USCF Olympiad regulations to those shown below **PASSED 5-0.**

For Olympiad qualification, the age based bonuses are changed to the following, based on the player's age as of Jan 1 of the Olympiad year:

Age 21 and over: no bonus

Age 20: 5 points

Age 19: 10 points

Age 18: 15 points
Age 17: 20 points:
Age 16: 25 points
Age 15 or below: 30 points

EB10 – 027 – Goichberg - Add US Champion from the 2010 May St Louis event to 2010 USCF Men's Olympic Team. **PASSED 5-0**

An online EB meeting was held on the weekend of February 20-21, 2010. All 5 Board members were connected. The following motions arose from that meeting:

EB10 – 028 – Berry – Accept the minutes for the November EB Meeting. **PASSED 5-0**

EB10 – 029 – Goichberg – Approve the proposed US Championship and US Women's Championship invitational requirements, to be effective with the 2011 Championships. **PASSED 5-0.**

The requirements approved are as follows:

US CHAMPIONSHIP AND US WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Effective with the 2011 Championships

FORMAT. In recent years, the US Championship has been a 9-round Swiss with at least 24 players, and the US Women's Championship a round robin with at least 10 players. Different formats may be used in the future if desired by the sponsor and approved by USCF.

MEMBERSHIP. Players must be USCF members in good standing at the time of invitation.

RATING. Usually some players are invited based on USCF rating. The number of qualifying spots based on rating shall be determined by USCF in consultation with the sponsor.

DEFENDING CHAMPION. For each event, the most recent winner of the event is automatically qualified.

US OPEN. The top finishing US player in the most recent US Open, plus possibly one or more additional top finishers, qualifies for the US Championship. The number of qualifiers shall be determined by USCF in consultation with the sponsor.

US JUNIOR AND GIRLS JUNIOR. The winner of the most recent US Junior Championship qualifies for the US Championship. The winner of the most recent US Junior Girls Open Championship qualifies for the US Women's Championship

US SENIOR. The top finishing US player in the most recent US Senior Open usually qualifies for the US Championship, however if no US Senior is held between two US Championships, the second US Championship may have no senior qualifier.

TOURNAMENT OF STATE CHAMPIONS. The winner of the most recent online Tournament of State Champions usually qualifies for the US Championship.

OTHER QUALIFIERS. Other qualifying events may be designated by USCF in consultation with the sponsor.

WILD CARDS. USCF may grant the sponsor the right to select a number of players for "wild card" invitations. Such

invitations will be at the sponsor's discretion, but are generally players of at least Master strength (US Championship) or Expert strength (US Women's Championship).

TIMING OF INVITATIONS. Invitations based on rating are usually determined about 2 to 3 months before each tournament. Qualifying events may be held at any time since the previous Championship.

TIES. Ties will be broken by the number of games played in the 12 months prior to invitation.

ACTIVITY REQUIREMENT. Players must play a minimum of 15 USCF-rated games against players rated over 2200 (US Championship) or 2000 (US Women's Championship) in the 12 months prior to invitation, with at least 8 of these games taking place in the U.S. Matches, private tournaments, and games at a faster time control than G/30 are not counted.

RESIDENCY. Before becoming eligible for USCF invitations, non-United States citizens who have FIDE ratings or have represented another country in a chess competition must fulfill the following residency requirements:

1. A player who has a green card, or other acceptable proof of permanent U.S. residency such as an I-94 Visa, O-1 Visa, H1B1 Visa, or Student Visa, must complete one continuous year (12 months) of United States residency, with a U.S. address, immediately prior to the event in question. Occasional brief visits to foreign countries during this 12 month period are acceptable, but the player must be in the US for a majority of this time. In addition, players may be required to provide a written promise that they will apply for U.S. citizenship as soon as legally possible.

2. Players must complete and sign a USCF residency form, and these residency forms must be received by the USCF prior to the time when invitations are determined. The USCF then has the option of requiring the player to change his or her FIDE status to U.S. Blank residency forms can be obtained from the USCF office.

3. Players must refuse to represent other countries within the waiting period as specified above. Playing for another country at any time requires a candidate for invitations to begin a one year waiting period anew. Representing another country is defined as playing in the national championship of another country, and/or playing as a member of another country's national team in international competition.

4. Zonal events: In years in which the U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship are also Zonal tournaments, any qualification spots allotted by FIDE from these events for the FIDE world championship competition will be offered only to the highest-scoring players who also fulfill all FIDE requirements. If a question arises as to USCF versus FIDE requirements, FIDE's criteria shall be used. .

5. Players shall, in general, suffer no penalty for simply participating in a FIDE-rated event under their current national affiliation code, such as in international norm-granting events other than those listed in #4 above. .

INVITATIONS ARE A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT

Note: USCF invitations are a privilege, not a right afforded to any player by virtue of his or her status as a USCF member. The USCF reserves the right to not issue invitations to any particular event, or to change these criteria without advance notice.

EB10 – 030 – Board - The USCF Executive Board congratulates the USA Team for their silver medal result at the World Team Championship in Bursa, Turkey January 2010. The EB thanks the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis for their sponsorship. The US team consisted of Grandmasters Hikaru Nakamura, Alexander Onishuk, Yuri Shulman, Varuzhan Akobian, Robert Hess, Ray Robson and team captain/coach IM John Donaldson. GM's Nakamura and Onishuk achieved individual gold medal results. The EB would like to recognize IM John Donaldson's continued extraordinary record of success leading US teams in international competitions. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB10 – 031 – Board - The USCF Executive Board appoints an online play subcommittee to evaluate and explore opportunities for the USCF to benefit from online chess related activities. Committee members are Ruth Haring, Bill Goichberg and Bill Hall. **PASSED 5-0**

EB10 – 032 – Atkins - Moved that Matt Lodge be added to the Denker Committee **PASSED 5-0.**

EB10 – 033 – Goichberg - Moved that Bob Rasmussen is appointed chair of the Clubs Committee. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB10-034 – Goichberg - Moved that John McCrary and Randy Hough are added to the Awards Committee. Existing members

who continue are John Donaldson and Harold Winston. Chair is Donaldson and liaison Bill Goichberg. **PASSED 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Randy Bauer.

Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on February 22 to affirm the decision of the Rules Committee in the 2008 Miami Open appeal.

EB10 – 035 – Atkins - Moved - The USCF Executive Board, having reviewed the Rules Committee decision in the case of The Miami Open 2008, and the appeal of the Miami Open organizers, affirm the Rules Committee decision. The 60 day clock for the organizers as mentioned in the decision starts upon announced passage of this motion. **PASSED 5-0**

Bill Goichberg moved by e-mail on February 25, 2010, to establish a Governance Task Force

EB10 – 036 – Goichberg - Moved, that the Executive Board appoints a Special Task Force on USCF Governance, with Joe Lux as chair. The Task Force will consist of all Bylaws Committee members willing to serve and Executive Board members willing to serve. After the announcement of this Task Force, those eligible to serve will have seven days to decide whether or not they agree to be members.

Among the major questions we expect the Task Force to address are the following:

1. Can our Executive Board recall procedures be improved so that when recall of an EB member is appropriate, it can be more efficiently achieved, without making it so easy that it will become likely to be used for political reasons?
2. Can our Executive Board election procedures be improved so that we have better informed voters, and/or better qualified candidates whose main priority is the welfare of our organization?
3. Should our corporate directors continue to be the Board of Delegates, or should this be changed so that the Executive Board members are the directors? If such a change is made, is it important for the Board of Delegates to continue to be the ultimate authority in certain areas, and if so how can this best be achieved?

The Task Force may also consider any other governance issues that it considers important.

We are hopeful that the Task Force will submit several ADMs for inclusion on the agenda for Irvine. After that meeting, if there is unfinished business, our intention is to continue the Task Force for at least another year, however we consider that those who agree to serve now are doing so only through the 2010 meeting of the Board of Delegates. **PASSED 5-0.**

Mike Atkins moved the recommendation of the Military Committee which was to name Lt. Col. Doug Taffinder as chair. This would be the start of a program of rotation where the organizer of the US military championships each year becomes the chair of the Military Committee after the tournament is held. The rotation would be the Air Force organizer (Lt. Col. Taffinder) for 2010 followed by the Marines organizer (currently John Farrell) for 2011, the Navy organizer in 2012, and the Army organizer in 2013. The motion was made and passed by e-mail on April 8, 2010.

EB10 – 037 – Atkins - Doug Taffinder be named Chair of Military Chess Committee. **PASSED 5-0.**

A Board motion was made and passed by e-mail on April 8 that the US support the candidacy of Anatoly Karpov for FIDE President.

EB11-038 – Board - The USCF Executive Board makes a motion that the USCF support GM Anatoly Karpov in the upcoming FIDE election for President Oct 2010. **PASSED 5-0.**

The Board moved and passed a motion by e-mail on April 10, 2010, to endorse Richard Conn as FIDE Deputy President on Anatoly Karpov's slate.

EB11-039 – Board - The USCF EB makes a motion to endorse Richard Conn as FIDE Deputy President on GM Anatoly Karpov's slate. Announcement as written below will be posted on USCF website upon completion of a positive voting result. **PASSED 5-0.**

USCF ENDORSES RICHARD CONN FOR FIDE DEPUTY PRESIDENT
by the USCF Executive Board

USCF is pleased to announce that former World Champion Anatoly Karpov, candidate for

the office of FIDE President, has offered a spot on his ticket to the prominent international attorney Richard A. Conn, Jr. The Executive Board has unanimously endorsed the inclusion of Mr. Conn on the Karpov ticket and enthusiastically supports the ticket. Mr. Conn, a USCF member with a rating of 1943, will run for Deputy President of FIDE, a post exceeded in prominence only by the President. If elected, he will be the highest ranking American in FIDE history.

Mr. Conn is Managing Director of Conn International Group LLC, a Moscow/NY-based financial and legal advisory firm. Prior to founding CIG in 2003, Mr. Conn practiced international corporate law for nearly twenty years as an equity partner with the international law firm Latham & Watkins. He founded the firm's Moscow office in 1992 and managed it for four years prior to returning to U.S.

A longstanding member of the Board of Directors of the U.S.-Russia Business Council, Mr. Conn regularly consults with the World Bank, Members of Congress, and the Administration regarding Russian economic issues. He Co-Chaired the U.S.-Russia Business Council and American Chamber of Commerce (Moscow) joint initiative to facilitate Russian accession to WTO. He now serves as Strategic Advisor to DLA Piper US LLP, a 3,500 lawyer international law firm with 67 offices worldwide.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and Fordham University Law School, Mr. Conn clerked for the Honorable Gordon Thompson, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, authored Collier Labor Law and the Bankruptcy Code and is fluent in Russian and Spanish.

Bill Hall moved by e-mail on May 6 that Harry Sabine be named chief teller for the 2010 election.

EB10-040 – Hall - I move that the USCF Executive Board appoint Harry Sabine as the Chief Teller for the 2010 Special Executive Board Election scheduled for July of this Year. **PASSED 4-0** on May 6 with no ballot received from Randy Bauer

An EB meeting was held in St. Louis, MO, on the weekend of May 22 – 23 at 9 AM. All Board Members were present. Executive Director Bill Hall, Assistant Executive Director and Director of National Events Patricia Knight Smith, CFO Joe Nanna, IT Director and Webmaster Phil Smith, and Scholastic Council Co-Chair Mike Nietman were also present. Garrett Scott and Publications Director Daniel Lucas arrived later. Motions from that meeting follow.

SATURDAY

EB10-041 - Berry - Move to approve the minutes as distributed from the February EB meeting. **PASSED 5-0**

EB10-042 – Board - The Executive Board appoints a FIDE Subcommittee consisting of Ruth Haring, Bill Goichberg and Mike Atkins. **PASSED 5-0.**

President Jim Berry's report focused on the US Championship, Anatoly Karpov's campaign for FIDE President, the upcoming EB election, the Governance Task Force, and thanks to the staff at Crossville for a job well done.

Executive Director Bill Hall's report focused on USCF's financial situation. He indicated that the lawsuits are behind us and our position is better than anticipated, but it will take several years of austerity for a complete recovery. He announced that the Spring National Scholastics were all very successful. Bill Hall also reviewed the status of action items with the Board.

VP of Finance Randy Bauer's report noted that eleven month figures are in the black and that there could be a balanced budget this year due to reductions in expenditures, but he stressed that it is important to seek opportunities to increase revenues. Director of Publications Daniel Lucas recommended that "Chess Life Online" and the USCF's web presence be bolstered to increase member retention. Bill Hall noted that Daniel Lucas has done a lot to make "Chess Life" relevant.

EB 10-043 - Board - The USCF Executive Board, based on recommendation from the Audit Committee, directs the office to engage the firm of Bible, Harris and Smith of Knoxville, TN for the 2010 FY audit. **PASSED 5-0**

EB10-044 – Board - The Executive Board approves and recommends the 2011 FY Budget for approval by the Delegates as presented at the May meeting. **PASSED 5-0**

The USCF 501(c)(3) application was discussed. There are still issues with the USCF charter that need to be resolved and more information is needed from the IL lawyer. The matter was referred back to Bill Hall for investigation and action as an action item. No motions were made.

Other items discussed on Saturday included Mike Nietman's presentation of a US Open bid for Madison, WI along with a discussion of US Open locations; US Championship qualification and format; and the USCF Rulebook.

The EB entered closed session Saturday at 5:00 PM and voted those items that were discussed in closed session Sunday morning.

EB10-045 – Board - The Executive Board approves the list of Annual Awards as follows: **PASSED 5-0**

Committee of the Year – Tournament Director Certification Committee

Honorary Chess Mates – Phil Smith, Joan Schlich

Distinguished Service Award – Steve Shutt, Dr. Frank Brady

Tournament Director of the Year – Jon Shacter

Special Service Award – Jay Stallings, John Blackstone

Outstanding Career Achievement Award – Val Zemitis, Hal Terrie, Chuck Ensey, Mike Nagaran

Gold Koltanowski Medal – Rex Sinquefield, Phil LeCornu

Chess City of the Year – Nashville, TN

GM of the Year – Hikaru Nakamura

Frank J. Marshall Award – Michael Aigner

Organizer of the Year – Tony Rich

Meritorious Service Award – Jim Stallings, Dewain Barber, Richard Buchanan, Alan Anderson, Danny Rensch

Scholastic Services – Greg Shahade, Berkeley Chess School

Chess Club of the Year – Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis

Chess College of the Year – El Centro Community College, Dallas TX

Changes to USCF Forum procedures were discussed and a revision was approved to the Acceptable Use Guidelines.

EB10-046 - Goichberg - The Executive Board passes revisions to the AUG as follows: (See Appendix A) **PASSED 5-0**

EB 10-047 – Hall - The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a three-year extension of Daniel Lucas' contract per the parameters discussed in closed session. **PASSED 5-0**

EB10-048 – Hough - The Executive Board authorizes the President to enter into a one- year extension of the Executive Director, Bill Hall's contract per the parameters discussed in closed session. **PASSED 5-0**

EB10-049 – Board - In the ethics case Forcella vs. Rochester Chess Center, the Executive Board denies the appeal by Mr. Forcella. **PASSED 5-0**

Joe Lux reported on the Governance Task Force. The Task Force will submit three ADMs for the Irvine meeting. An issue that divided the Task Force was whether the Delegates or the EB should be the Board of Directors. It was concluded that the Task Force would like the Executive Board to be the Board of Directors with the Delegates losing as little power as possible. This action would protect the Delegates from possible lawsuits. An opinion from an IL attorney is needed to determine how best this could be accomplished. It was agreed that Bill Hall should contact the IL attorney and present questions prepared by both the Governance Task Force and Executive Board. The resulting opinion will determine what can be done and a time line for action.

Mike Nietman, Co-chair of the Scholastic Council, brought up "USCF Scholastic Blitz Chess – Clock Move or Touch Move?" After discussion the Board recommended the Scholastic Council re-consider the matter.

Duties and Responsibilities for State Chapters was the next item for discussion. Item 5 deals with SASP (which hasn't existed for years), so it would need to be removed or replaced. Bill Goichberg proposed a new item 5 to be referred to the States Committee.

EB10-050 – Goichberg - The Executive Board refers an ADM to the States Committee for comment, which incorporates the following into DM91-27, Duties and Responsibilities of USCF State Affiliates. (see Appendix B) Replace #5 with the following: Use the USCF rating system for all rated state championship activity, and encourage its use for all other rated chess activity in the state. **PASSED 5-0**

Bill Hall recommended that due to changes in policy and procedures the FOC would no longer be needed. The Board voted to thank the committee members for all of their time and effort doing a difficult job was in order.

EB10-051 – Board - The Executive Board thanks all of the members of the Forum Oversight Committee for volunteering their time, effort and energy on our behalf. **PASSED 5-0**

Other items discussed on Sunday included the schedule for meetings and workshops in Irvine, the website (discussion moved to closed session due to ongoing negotiations), an improvement in phone and e-mail communication from the office, human interest tournament reports for viewing online and in “CL” features, National Chess Day activities and sponsorships (Bill Hall accepted action items dealing with the last three items), and a FIDE Arbiter's Seminar at the US Open

Michael Atkins made a specific proposal for National Chess Day by e-mail on June 15, 2010. He then moved that the proposal be passed in an expedited manner. It passed on June 16.

EB10-052 – Atkins - I move that the above be passed within 5 days (June 20) in order to allow affiliates the time to create such events. **PASSED 4-0** with Randy Bauer yet to vote. The proposal follows below:

- 1.) Any Rated Beginner Open that includes "National Chess Day" in it's TLA title gets both a free TLA and free rating fees
- 2.) Any 1-day event for Oct 9 which has "National Chess Day" in it's TLA title gets a free TLA
- 3.) Any 2-3 day event held over a period which encompasses Oct 9, which has "National Chess Day" in it's TLA title, will get free TLA and free rating fees.
- 4.) These TLA ads in Chess Life should have a double lined -boxed border in the September Chess Life in order for them to stand out. The TLA online should also allow the events to stand out, so the font in the online TLA will be Bold and Red.
- 5.) Any organizer/director of these qualifying events is encouraged to submit a 100 word description of the event and results, and what was done to promote chess in this event, by November 10, for consideration in a National Chess Day article in the December Chess Life of at least 1 page with the editor having discretion to increase its length. All such articles should appear in Chess Life Online coverage if appropriate.
6. When passed, this program will be posted in Chess Life Online's rotating news items on June 21 and also be available on a link on other appropriate pages.

Addendum: 6.) When submitting a TLA for these events, the organizer/affiliate is entitled to request 2 copies of a recent Chess Life (for open events) or 2 copies of Chess Life for Kids (for scholastic events) as well as copies of USCF-related chess flyers for display at their event. They should include their mailing address in the TLA for shipment.

Randy Bauer proposed two motions regarding qualification for the Olympiad by e-mail on 06/28/10. The first was EB10-53, commendation of GMs Hess and Akobian with a comment that they are equally worthy of the US Olympic team. The second was EB10-054 which overturned a decision to include a closed quad that included GM Akobian in the calculations for Olympic team qualification.

EB10-053 - Bauer The USCF Executive Board commends both GM Akobian and GM Hess for their outstanding chess performance and support of US chess, which make both an equally worthy selection for the US Olympiad team. **PASSED 5-0.**

EB10-054 - Because the longstanding USCF policy has been to not include for purposes of determining Olympiad selections privately arranged matches, closed quads, which are for all practical purpose a series of one-game matches, should not be considered for this purpose. As a result, the decision of Executive Director Bill Hall to include a quad involving GM Akobian is overturned. While this quad has been and will be rated for USCF rating purposes, it will not be included for the purpose of determining the spot on the USCF Olympiad team. USCF Executive Director Bill Hall should adjust the calculations consistent with this ruling and issue an invitation to the player who has the higher rating as a result of this change. **PASSED 3-2** with Jim Berry, Randy Bauer and Bill Goichberg in favor and Michael Atkins and Ruth Haring opposed.

The following motion was made by Jim Berry by e-mail on July 7, 2010 and passed unanimously on July 8.

EB10-055 – Berry - The USCF Executive Board instructs the Executive Director to enter into a retention agreement with the law firm of White & Case LLP, 1155 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA for the purposes of representing the USCF in respect to a dispute with FIDE regarding the 2010 election for the FIDE Presidential ticket and general election issues. This includes granting Power of Attorney for the USCF to White & Case LLP for purposes related to this matter. **PASSED 5-0.**

Bill Hall moved by e-mail on July 28, 2010, that since Mike Nietman and Gary Walters will be on the EB shortly they should be aware and involved in any sensitive discussion so that they will be up to speed as they join the Board. The motion PASSED on the same day.

EB10-056 – Hall - I move that Mike Nietman and Gary Walters be added to the USCF Legal Subcommittee. **PASSED 5-0.**

APPENDIX A – May, 2010 Acceptable Use Guidelines for the USCF Forums

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 you 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, not 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 you 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 (chess politics or government politics) 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. Post complaining about moderation in general may be acceptable if not repetitive.

Moderation Actions

Any moderator may remove material, propose a queue assignment, 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, at its discretion and for cause, place a poster in a moderation queue, requiring prior approval of posts. Each queue assignment may not last longer than one month, however if a poster submits unacceptable posts while in the queue, the MOC may extend the queue assignment for two months from the date of the most recent unacceptable post.

The MOC chair is expected to try to conclude voting on each proposed queue assignment 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 queue within at least 2 votes for the majority position, the appeal is decided. If the assignment has less than 2 votes, and not all have voted, the chair should extend voting for another 5 days. After 15 days, if the assignment 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.

MOC decisions regarding the removal of posts or the assignment of posters to the queue are not appealable. Posting in the forums is a privilege, not a right of membership.

The USCF Executive Director may terminate or suspend the posting privileges of any poster. The MOC may recommend such termination or suspension to the Executive Director.

APPENDIX B – DM91-27 Duties and responsibilities of State Chapters

“DM91-27 (H. Hinshaw/Regions and States Workshop) *Purpose:* These **Duties and Responsibilities** are designed to offer criteria for the evaluation of how well a State Chapter is carrying out its responsibilities. The first five items are mandatory and of special significance.

Each State Chapter should:

1. pay its affiliate membership when due and payable;
2. certify in writing to the USCF Secretary by the authorized date (November 1st) the state voting member(s) and alternate (s), who shall be USCF members, and report how they were selected (i.e., appointed, elected);
3. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual USCF rated State Championship;
4. have a formal organizational structure as laid out in bylaws or articles of association which includes but is not limited specifying the governing authority and their selection, meeting schedule and purpose of the State Chapter, and provide opportunities for membership and participation by all USCF members residing in the State;
5. appropriately request their SASP allocation to be paid to the State Chapter (or request it be held for future use);
6. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) annual USCF rated Scholastic State High School, Junior High or Middle School and Elementary School Championships;
7. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) other chess tournaments throughout the State and be involved in tournament

coordination within the State and with the USCF Tournament Clearinghouse Representative. State Chapters are to support chess throughout the state and exhibit geographical representation in its tournament sponsorship. Examples include but are not limited to statewide or geographically rotating; Rated Beginner Open tournaments, weekend Swisses, tornados, quads as well as: participation in National Chess Day Activities, Regional and/or National Championships;

8. disseminate a periodical that serves as a State chess journal preserving a record of chess activities, promotion events, identifying state officers and, in general, providing a regular mechanism for communicating with its membership. Examples include but are not limited to: State Bulletins, Newsletters or Magazines;

9. promote and publicize chess activities through various media, including but not limited to newspaper articles, television and radio coverage, flyers or notices at libraries, schools and veteran hospitals. Examples include but are not limited to: chess exhibitions and simultaneous, tournaments, chess lectures, chess lessons, chess columns and articles in local and statewide newspapers, chess clubs and meeting lists and announcements; and

10. responsibly act in the best interests of its entire State Chapter membership, encouraging and promoting chess activity statewide. The State Chapter affirms its intention to comply with the duties and responsibilities of credentialed State Chapters.”