

Proceedings of the 2011 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting August 6-7, Orlando, Florida

The 2011 Delegate's Meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, Florida August 6-7, 2011. This document is an overview of the meeting and includes the official documentation of motions. More detail and the discussions may be found on the sound files located on the USCF website.

President Jim Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2011 and welcomed the delegates to this year's meeting. He then called for a moment of silence in memory of those in the chess community who have passed on, including JoAnn Joyce (WI), Norman Peacor (MA), Darby Monahan (WA), Steve Stibenrauch (AZ), John Hillery (S-CA), Andrew Sherman (FL), Daren Dillinger (FL), Jeremy Gaige (PA), Walter Cunningham (FL), Mike Goodall (N-CA), GM Larry Evans (NV), Jeffrey Schneider (NC), FM Ricardo Szmetan (IL), Larry Parr (Malaysia), Scott Zingheim (TN), and Alice Spann (OK).

Assistant Executive Director and Director of National Events, Pat Smith, called the roll. After the tally, it was determined a quorum was present. (See Attachment A)

Harold Winston introduced the first two items of business.

DM11-01 (ADM 11- 01) (Harold Winston, DAL-IL): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates At Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present in person at this meeting, Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Randy Hough (S-CA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Harry Sabine (TN), John McCrary (VA), and Anthony Cottell (FL). **PASSED**

DM11-02 (ADM 11-02) (Harold Winston, DAL- IL): Move that the minutes of the 2010 Delegates meeting as distributed to the Delegates present in Orlando be accepted. **PASSED**

Bill Goichberg brought the next motion to the floor.

DM11-03 (ADM 11-03) (Bill Goichberg, NY) Move that Mike Nolan be appointed Parliamentarian. **PASSED**

Approval of the Advance Agenda was then discussed. Harold Winston and Allen Priest offered a friendly amendment which was accepted.

DM11-04 (ADM 11-04) (Jim Berry, OK) Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2011 Delegates' Meeting with the modification ADM 11-22 will follow 11-12; and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates' Call. **PASSED**

Election Results

2011 Executive Board Election Chief Teller, Harry Sabine, reported that 1893 members voted. Gary Walters received 1596 votes, Mike Nietman 1573, Allen Priest 1552, and Sevan Muradian 406. Write-in candidate Sam Sloan received 15 votes. Other write-in candidates received 10 or less votes.

DM11-05 (Harry Sabine, TN) (ADM 11-05) (Myron Lieberman, DAL-AZ) Move that the Executive Board election results be certified. **PASSED** (Note: The new board members will take office at the conclusion of this meeting.)

Harold Winston introduced the next item of business.

DM11-06 (ADM 11-06) (Harold Winston, DAL-IL) The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board made available to the Delegates present in Orlando in the form of either Executive Board Resolutions or Executive Board Minutes since the conclusion of the 2010 Delegates meeting. **PASSED**

Reports of Officers and Staff

President's Report

President Jim Berry observed "Those who do not choose to participate in politics will be abused by them". He then introduced the other Board members and described the strengths each contributes to the Board.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Hall commented on the last six years and the challenges of his directorship. At first the focus was to clean up lingering organizational problems and vitriolic politics. Then we moved into desperate times with lawsuits and impending financial disaster. That survived, the organization is now in recovery with an eye to the future including online play and social media.

Hall then introduced Jerry Nash who outlined his strategies as Director of Special Projects. Nash called on Ralph Bowman to tell about a new Boy Scouts of America chess merit badge and plans for a Girl Scouts of America chess merit badge.

Finding ways to grow revenue and enhance membership value are Hall's goals for the future.

Vice-President of Finance

Randy Bauer, Vice-President of Finance complimented the Board and Professional Staff for an excellent job working through the organization's financial challenges. He explained that last year's financial results meant an increase in positive net assets; a significant pay-down of accounts payable; and improvement in accounts receivables. This was accomplished through extraordinary methods which cannot be continued, and the efforts of Joe Nanna who provided realistic numbers for the budgets. Bauer said "We had a pretty good year last year but we need to have successive pretty good years to put ourselves into reasonable shape for the organization."

Director of Publications

Dan Lucas, Director of Publications, reported that he and Bill Hall have been concentrating on how to keep Chess Life and Chess Life for Kids magazines relevant in this digital age. They want a 360 degree branded approach to the U.S. Chess Federation through printed magazines, a web presence, mobile app presence, and social media presence. However, social media, short copy writing requires special skills and a staff person dedicated specifically to that task. For the time being print and the web will dominate our presence while we dip our toe into the mobile world.

He then took questions and comments from Steve Shutt, James Mennella and Tony Pabon.

Report of the Chairman of the Chess Trust

Harold Winston, Chairman of the Chess Trust touched on the following highlights from his printed report.

- The new location in Saint Louis, Missouri of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum will open to the public September 9, 2011 due to the vision and support of Rex and Jeanne Sinuefield. Boris Gulko and Andy Soltis will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at an invitation-only VIP opening ceremony on September 8, 2011.
- The 2nd Koltanowski Conference on Chess in Education is planned for November 18-19, 2011 in conjunction with the K-12 Championship at the Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX, thanks to the efforts of Tim Redman. The Trust and UT Dallas sponsor the event.
- The North American Youth, organized by trustee Beatriz Marinello, and supported by the Trust, drew almost 300 players.
- Booz Allen Hamilton has continued a generous sponsorship of the Final Four and now the Armed Forces Championship, thanks to the efforts of Mike Hoffpaur and Mike Atkins.
- In the last year the Trust provided 180 chess sets and 49 memberships to schools nationwide.
- Shane Samole donated a number of chess clocks for distribution to schools.
- The Trust continued its support the World Youth, with a \$11,000 donation.
- The Scholar Chess Player program continues at an increased amount of \$7,500 thanks to a \$2,500 donation from Sunil Weeramantry; and the National Scholastic Chess Foundation.
- Also supported by the Trust were the Denker Tournament of High School Champions which drew 50 players, one of the greatest numbers ever, and the new Barber Tournament of K-8 State Champions. Thanks to Dewain Barber for his tireless efforts in promoting and organizing these events.
- Rex Sinuefield is this year's Dondis Award recipient.

Winston then acknowledged the other Trustees present – Treasurer, Leroy Dubeck; Secretary, Myron Lieberman; Vice-President for Scholastics, Sunil Weeramantry and Beatriz Marinello.

Reports of the FIDE Delegate and Zonal President

FIDE Delegate, Michael Khodarkovsky, reported that the last year was an exciting one for U.S. chess in the international arena. Our teams participated in the 39th World Chess Olympiad in Russia, the World Women's Team Championship in Turkey, the World Team Championship in China, and the World Youth in Greece. He predicted many young players

will soon challenge our elite players. Among the elite is Hikaru Nakamura who won the Grand Slam at Wijk aan Zee moving to 6th in the world.

Khodarkovsky then turned to US-FIDE relations including last year's election, resulting arbitration, surrounding legal issues, and the new FIDE "Modernization of Chess" initiative. He answered questions from the floor.

Next FIDE Zonal President, Franc Guadalupe was introduced and reported on major events of his tenure including the contested third woman's spot in the World Championship; unrealized Candidate Master titles for youth participating in North American Championships in 2009 and 2010; a conflict in scheduling of the Continental Championship with our zonal event; the Pan American Youth; and the World Chess Cup and accompanying conference.

Guadalupe enumerated his goals. First, keep the players informed. A new website matrix for international events is being developed for this purpose. His second goal is to establish very good relationships with Continental President Vega and other member countries on the continent. He then took questions and comments from the floor.

FIDE Vice-President, Beatriz Marinello reported she is the first woman elected to a FIDE Presidential Board, was the first woman USCF President and that the first woman World Champion, Vera Menchik, will be inducted into the World Chess Hall of Fame this year. She briefly mentioned last year's election and closed by saying she is here to serve and hopes the new USCF board will be working with her. She then responded to comments and questions from the floor.

Election of Delegate Appointed Committees

The next item of business was the election of Delegate appointed committees.

DM11-07 (Allen Priest, KY) Move that the Delegates elect as the Audit Committee Jon Haskell (FL), Mike Carr (S-CA), and Mike Mulford (GA) **PASSED**

DM11-08 (Harold Winston, IL) Move that the Delegates elect as the Bylaws Committee Harold Winston (IL), Guy Hoffman (WI), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Richard Koepcke (N-CA), John McCrary (SC), Gerald Larson (AL), Ernie Schlich (VA), Brian Mottershead (MA), Robert Persante (FL), Gary Kitts (MI), David Mehler (DC), Joe Lux (NV), and Randy Hough (CA-S). **PASSED**

DM11-09 (Myron Lieberman, AZ) Move that the Delegates elect as the Election Committee Myron Lieberman (AZ), Roger Gotschall (IA), Ken Ballou (MA), Woody Harris (VA), and Ernie Schlich (VA). **PASSED**

DM11-10 (Ken Sloan, AL) Move that the Delegates elect as the Ethics Committee, Richard Buchanan (CO), Roger Gotschall (IA), James Gray (OK), James Mennella (NJ), Harold Stenzel (NY), Ken Sloan (AL), Andy Thall (TX) and Alex Relyea (NH). **PASSED**

DM11-11 (Leroy DuBeck, NJ) Move that the Delegates elect as the LMA Committee – Jack Adamo (NJ), Frank Camaratta (AL), Steve Doyle (NJ), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Peter Dyson (FL),

Beatriz Marinello (NY), Tim Redman (TX), Fred Townsend (CT), Chuck Unruh (OK), and Randy Bauer (IA). **PASSED**

Old Business

President Berry recognized Harold Winston who brought the first motion under Old Business to the floor, promotional memberships. Executive Director Hall outlined the various memberships offered. Bill Goichberg, Brian Mottershead, Gerald Larson and Jennifer Skidmore discussed bylaws requirements, promotional memberships, and organization transparency. Discussion continued until Hall explained the process of evaluating promotional memberships, which can be lengthy.

DM11-12 (ADM 11-08, Harold Winston, IL) Pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2010-2011 and authorize their continuation. **PASSED**

President Berry then recessed the meeting until 2pm.

At 2:33pm the meeting resumed with President Berry stating that ADM11-09 was postponed.

Harold Winston then introduced ADM11-10, by relating the poll results, reasoning and recommendation of the Bylaws Committee and Bylaws/GTF Workshop. Tom Brownscombe reported the poll results and recommendation of the Scholastic Committee workshop.

DM11-13 (ADM 11-10 DM10-058, NDM10-27, Frank Camaratta, AL; Tony Pabon, CA-N; Franc Guadalupe, TX) The Executive Board can and does pass motions relating to Ethics, Scholastics, Rules and Ratings.

The Delegates have directed the Executive Board to seek input from the chairs of those committees on substantive matters affecting their respective areas.

Be it resolved that in those cases where the Executive Board acts in contradiction to the recommendations from one of the named committees, the issue and the Executive Board's reasoning, shall be published in the *Delegates' Call*. REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE in 2010. **FAILED**

President Berry instructed the Delegates to strike ADM11-40 from the list because it was a duplicate of ADM11-21.

Berry then returned to ADM11-09 calling for its author. Frank Camaratta explained the motion, which had originally been postponed from 2010. Harold Winston announced the Bylaws Workshop and Committee Meeting poll results.

DM11-14 (ADM 11-09 Frank Camaratta, AL) Replace the first sentence in Article IV, Section 2 by "There shall be 500 voting members apportioned among the states in proportion to their USCF membership as of May 31 of the prior year, except that each state with ten or more members shall have at least one voting member, each state with 100 or more members shall have at least two voting members, and each state with 300 or more members shall have at least three voting members. In addition, Executive Board members, Delegates at Large,

and Additional Alternate Delegates shall be Voting Members. POSTPONED to 2011.
FAILED

ADM11-11 was next to be considered by the Delegates. Guy Hoffman related both the States Committee and Workshop poll results.

DM11-15 (ADM 11-11 ((DM10-035, ADM10-20)) Larry Cohen, IL) State Affiliate Duties

1.) AMEND for “an annual USCF rated State Championship” to read as follows:

State Affiliate shall run, organize, and/or sponsor an annual USCF rated state championship and an annual USCF rated state scholastic championship.

2.) AMEND to include: The State Affiliate shall have included in its Bylaws and/or Charter [i.e. Constitution] that one of the (many) purposes of the State organization is to promote chess to the general public. The State Affiliate should try to spell out some, if not all, of the means that it does/will use to achieve these ends. Should the State Affiliate fail to follow its own ‘ways and means’ in its Bylaws, Charter, and/or general statements (of actions and intentions); then sanctions can be imposed by the USCF upon the State Affiliate.

2A. ADD: Sanctions can include any or all of the following; A written reprimand by the USCF, a flat fine [\$20-\$100] to be paid to the USCF, suspension of State Affiliate privileges [i.e. Such as the 1 free mailing list per year] received from/by the USCF, suspension of recognition as the State Affiliate, removal of status of being the USCF recognized State Affiliate. Any imposed sanction can be appealed by the State Affiliate to the USCF Executive Board for reduction or elimination. This list is not inclusive of all possible sanctions that can be imposed. It is suggested that there be a limit of 3 written reprimands within a 10 year period, and that after the 3 written reprimands [maximum] that fines be imposed.

3.) ADD: Recognition and detailed rights of non-resident members.

Each State Affiliate shall have established a membership category for non-resident members for their organization. The rights and privileges of this membership category shall be clearly spelled out. Any proposed changes to the rights and privileges of this membership category shall require a 6-month notification prior to any vote taken on changing these rights and privileges. Each State Affiliate may set the rights and privileges of the “non-resident” membership as they see fit, up to and including the exact same rights and privileges of resident members

RATIONALE: Just as the USCF is not only an adult or only a scholastic organization, so too should the USCF State Affiliates not be solely focused on only 1 area or level of chess within a state. Being USCF recognized State Affiliate should mean that the State Affiliate will run at least 1 statewide tournament at both the adult and scholastic level that is USCF rated. As the State Affiliate is in some ways an extension of the USCF at the state level they should reflect some of the values that the USCF stands for; and so it seems reasonable to expect and insist that the State Affiliate include among their state goals the USCF mission of bringing chess to the general public. Currently there is no list of what measures the USCF can and/or will take against a State Affiliate in violation of USCF rulings. Such a list needs to be developed. Finally, recognizing that there has been occasion in the past over the issue of non-resident State Affiliate members (and memberships) it is felt that it would be a good idea for State Affiliates to have a class of membership specifically for non-resident members. Referred to States Committee

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY in 2011

New Business

At this point, Vice-President Ruth Haring began to chair the meeting.

Myron Lieberman brought the first item of New Business to the floor with ADM11-12. Rachel Lieberman spoke for the motion. Tom Brownscombe voiced the Scholastic Committee Workshop and Meeting poll results and support.

DM11-16 (ADM 11-12, Myron Lieberman, DAL-AZ; Rachel Lieberman, DAL-AZ) We elect Dewain Barber (Southern California), ID # 10467454, to be a Delegate at Large. **PASSED BY ¾ MAJORITY** (to be placed on 2012 agenda)

After stating that ADM11-22 was a product of the work of the GTF, Allen Priest moved to divide the question.

DM11-17 (NDM11-01, Allen Priest, KY) Moved to Divide the Question on ADM11-22 and consider only paragraph four which reads:
Article IX, section 8 is amended to read: Early in each fiscal year the Executive Board shall engage properly qualified independent certified public accountants to review the Federation's accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principle. **PASSED**

The balance of the motion was then considered. Allen Priest explained its origins and intent. He led the discussion in which, Steve Immitt, Steve Shutt, Harold Winston, Frank Camaratta, Jim Mennella, Bill Hall, Gerald Larson, Bill Goichberg, Guy Hoffman, Jim Berry, and Helen Hinshaw participated. Priest and Winston held a series of straw polls on portions of the motion to gain a sense of the Body.

DM11-18 (ADM 11-22 (Allen Priest, KY; Guy Hoffman, WI; Richard Koepcke, CA-N; Myron Lieberman DAL-AZ; Sevan Muradian, IL; Gary Walters, OH,; Bill Goichberg, NY; Ruth Haring, CA-N; Brian Mottershead, MA) (as amended)

The Articles of Incorporation are to be amended to state that the Executive Board of the United States Chess Federation is the board of directors of the organization. The Executive Director is authorized to execute whatever documents are required by the Illinois Secretary of State to accomplish this revision of the Articles.

The following amendments to the bylaws are made to be consistent with the designation of the Executive Board as the Board of Directors.

DACI 57 shall be amended to remove the first sentence. The revised DACI 49 would read: Delegates & Financial Reports. Any Delegate has the right to access the official monthly financial reports. The USCF may charge Delegates for the costs incurred in accessing and copying the official monthly financial reports.

Article V, section 1, is amended to read: The legislative and governing body of the USCF shall be the Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates shall be the supreme authoritative body of the Federation and shall determine the policies that shall govern the USCF in all of its activities. Among other things, it shall have the authority to amend the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the USCF Official Rules of Chess, approve the annual budget and supervise the ethics compliance process of the Federation.

Article VI, section 2 is amended to read: The Executive Board shall be the Board of Directors which is the administrative and managing body of the USCF and is vested with full power to conduct all business of the Federation, subject to the laws of the State of Illinois, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the mandates of the Board of Delegates.

The remaining items are to be consistent with the above changes.

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

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

Any indemnification against any and all claims (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the delegate, director, officer, or employee, is proper in the circumstances because he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Such determination shall be made (A) by the Board of Delegates by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of delegates who were not parties to such action, suit, proceeding, or claim, or (B) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested delegates so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

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

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

Article IX, section 13 is amended to read: Any transaction questioned in any suit brought by any member on the grounds of lack of authority, defective or irregular execution, adverse interest of any director, officer, employee, or member, nondisclosure, miscalculation, or the application of improper principles or practices of accounting may be ratified before or after judgment by the Board of Directors and, if so ratified, shall have the same force and effect as if the questioned transaction had been originally duly authorized, and said ratification shall be binding upon the corporation and its members and shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned transaction.

Article IX, section 14 is amended to read: Each director, officer, delegate, or employee shall in the performance of his or her duties be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or reports made to the corporation by any of its officials, or by an independent Certified Public Accountant, or by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board of Delegates, or in relying in good faith upon other records of the corporation.

Note – no other rights duties or obligations of the Delegates or the Executive Board are changed in this proposal.

Sponsors rationale: The current USCF structure with the Delegates as the legal board of directors is unwieldy. The delegates meet infrequently, are not elected under OMOV, and change often due to resignations. This proposal changes the legal structure of the USCF, but maintains Delegate control of the bylaws and certain committee appointments. **REFERRED TO BYLAWS AND GTF.**

Tony Pabon brought a Delegate certification problem to the floor. Leroy Dubeck, Harold Winston, Ken Ballou, Mike Nolan, Helen Hinshaw, Luis Salinas, John McCrary, and Tim Just were among those participating in the discussion that followed.

DM11-19 (NDM11-02, Tony Pabon, CA-N) Move to accept as Delegate of New Jersey, Sam Sloan. **FAILED**

John McCrary introduced ADM11-13. Harold Winston gave the Bylaws Committee meeting and Workshop poll results.

DM11-20 (ADM 11-13, John McCrary, SC, Allen Priest, KY, Harold Winston IL)
Replace the current Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest (DACI) 24 and 31 by the following wording:

“The U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) endorses the concept of a strong world organization of chessplayers, which supports a system of competitions for the strongest players in the world culminating in a valid world championship. The USCF also firmly embraces the principles of freedom of action and freedom of speech. The USCF cannot accept any regulation that limits journalistic freedom or freedom of expression, or interferes with the efforts of free enterprise to promote chess. The USCF endorses the principles of compromise in helping to maintain a universally-accepted world championship.”

RATIONALE: The older wording dealt with specific problems in FIDE and the efforts to reunite the world championship, which has already occurred. The newer wording, drafted by

John McCrary, maintains USCF support for free speech and free journalism, which are key principles. **PASSED**

The next item of business was explained by Harold Winston and Allen Priest. Tony Pabon spoke for the question. Allen Priest and Harold Winston accepted a friendly amendment, to reword the motion.

DM11-21 (ADM 11-14, Harold Winston, IL, Allen Priest, KY) Add to Art V, sec. 4 a third paragraph:

Acceptance must be included by the State Chapter when it submits the list of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. **PASSED AS AMENDED.**

ADM11-15, also a product of the Bylaws committee, was introduced by Harold Winston and Allen Priest.

DM11-22 (ADM 11-15, Harold Winston DAL-IL, and Allen Priest, KY) Technical Amendment to Art V, sec 4

Change the sentence reading “ The term of each Delegate shall commence on January 1 for the year for which selected and continue for one year and thereafter until a successor is selected” by adding the words “and qualified” at the end to include the acceptance provision.

RATIONALE: If USCF keeps the acceptance requirement for Delegates this amendment should be made to be consistent. **PASSED**

Another Bylaws issue was introduced by Winston and Priest. Friendly amendments from the Bylaws Workshop and Ken Ballou were accepted and the wording was modified.

DM11-23 (ADM 11-16, Harold Winston DAL-IL and Allen Priest) Substantive Amendment to Art V, Sec 5C: (as amended)

Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be members in good standing throughout their terms of office with a grace period of 28 days for renewing a lapsed membership. Notwithstanding, the Delegate must be a member in good standing throughout the Delegates Meeting. **PASSED AS AMENDED.**

Another motion from the Bylaws committee came to the floor.

DM11-24 (ADM 11-17, Allen Priest, KY and Harold Winston, DAL- IL) Technical Amendment to ART V, SEC 5

Label the first section B be titled “ADDITIONS TO ORDERED LIST,” the second current section B will be labeled “C. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AS DELEGATES,” and the current section C will become section D, and the current section D will become section E.

RATIONALE: We should not have two sections both labeled as B. **PASSED**

The next three motions from the Bylaws Committee dealt with DACIs.

DM11-25 (ADM 11-18, Harold Winston, DAL-IL and Allen Priest, KY) Delete DACI 11: “Teller’s Procedures. Unless some independent agency handles the election, provision shall

be made to allow the tellers to properly fulfill their duties unencumbered by the burdens of a large-scale public meeting.”

RATIONALE: We believe this no longer needed, as the EB vote count no longer takes place at the US Open; observers can still be present. **PASSED**

DM11-26 (ADM 11-19, Harold Winston DAL-IL and Allen Priest KY) Combine two DACI dealing with US Open Scheduling (25 and 27) so that the first will read:

“US Open Scheduling: No rounds of the US Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. The US Open shall finish no later than August 15th. (1999,2001,2010)”

RATIONALE: Now that the language in the first resolution about the dates of the Delegate meeting have been removed it makes sense to combine these in one motion. **PASSED**

DM11-27 (ADM 11-20, Allen Priest KY and Harold Winston DAL-IL) RATING LISTS AND SUPPLEMENTS:

Modify DACI 4 by deleting the current last sentence and replace it by:

“Rating lists (annual lists and supplements) can be received via electronic media.” Delete DACI 43.

RATIONALE: Both DACI 5 and 51 in the 2010 Delegates Call deal with Rating lists and supplements. Almost all such lists are now made available electronically and the Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest should be changed to reflect that. **PASSED**

Richard Koepcke brought the next item to the floor. He accepted a friendly amendment from David Kuhns from the Ratings Workshop and Committee meeting. An unfriendly amendment from David Kuhns was also added.

DM11-28 (NDM-03, David Kuhns, MN) Motion to add the words “This Bylaws change is effective -immediately” to ADM11-21. **PASSED**

Brian Mottershead, Tim Just, Harold Winston, John McCrary, Harvey Lerman, Steve Immitt and Allen Priest joined the discussion. After several friendly amendments were accepted the motion came to a vote.

DM11-29 (ADM 11-21, Richard Koepcke, CA-N) Modify Article IX for the bylaws by adding the following: (as amended)

Section 19: A change of U.S. Chess Federation’s rules of Chess shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Delegates to pass. This Bylaws change is effective immediately. Move the present Article IX Section 19 to 20. **PASSED**

ADM 11-22 ALREADY CONSIDERED AS DM11-17

ADM11-23 WITHDRAWN

John Farrell of the Military Committee introduced the next item of business. Several friendly amendments were accepted. Randy Bauer, Allen Priest, Mike Hoffpauir, John Farrell, Harold Winston, and Bill Hall participated in the discussion

DM11-30 (ADM 11-24, John Farrell, VA) Amend Article III by adding a new section 9: Armed Forces Memberships.

Any person serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces shall be able to become a member for payment of the fees provided by Article III, Section 2, Young Adult Memberships.

Renumber current Sections 9-14 as 10-15.

REFERRED TO MILITARY COMMITTEE AND TO THE OFFICE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AS A PROMOTIONAL MEMBERSHIP.

Vice President of Finance, Randy Bauer, introduced the next item, ADM11-25 by accepting a friendly amendment from the Executive Board. Bauer then answered questions from the floor and further explained the dues changes proposed. Tony Pabon offered an unfriendly amendment which was voted on before ADM11-25 was considered. Bill Goichberg spoke against the amendment.

DM11-31 (NDM11-04, Tony Pabon, CA-S) Move to amend ADM11-25 by adding a Sustaining Life Membership type at \$175 per year for ten years. **FAILED**

DM11-32 (NDM11-05, Tim Just, IL) Move to recess until 9am Sunday. **PASSED**

President Berry recessed the meeting until 9am the next morning.

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Session 2, Sunday, August 7, 2011

Before the meeting Bill Hall and Jim Berry made a special presentation to outgoing Executive Board Member and Vice-President of Finance, Randy Bauer. The Delegates gave him a round of applause.

Randy Bauer stepped to the microphone at 9am as President, Jim Berry, called the meeting to order and consideration of ADM11-25 as amended resumed. Bauer led the discussion and Bill Goichberg, Mike Nolan, Steve Shutt, Bill Hall, Guy Hoffman, David Kuhns, Sevan Muradian, Jennifer Skidmore, Larry Cohen, Tony Pabon, Jim Gray, Mike Mulford, and Brian Mottershead were among the participants.

DM11-33 (NDM11-06 Brian Mottershead,MA) Move to amended ADM11-25 to Premium Adult \$48 one year, \$88 two years, \$130 three years for all with \$3 affiliate commission. Regular adult change to \$39 one year, \$70 two years and \$101 three years for all with \$3 affiliate commission. **FAILED**

Discussion continued until Tony Pabon entered a motion from the floor.

DM11-34 (NDM11-07, Tony Pabon, N-CA) Move to amend ADM11-25 to refer to committee with instructions. **FAILED**

Sevan Muradian offered friendly amendments and one was accepted. Mike Nolan, Bill Goichberg, Ken Ballou and Bill Hall took part in the discussion which followed. It was agreed that the Executive Board would handle Tournament Memberships under their promotional membership authority.

DM11-35 (ADM 11-25, Executive Board) The membership categories and dues below are revised as follows, effective Jan 1, 2012:

Membership Categories

Category	Magazine	1 Yr	2Yr	3Yr
Adult	12 issues CL	46	84	122
	No Magazine	40	72	104
Senior	12 issues CL	40	72	104
Young Adult	12 issues CL	33	61	88
	No Magazine	26	47	67
Youth	12 issues CL	33	61	88 (Same as Young Adult)
	6 issues CL	28	51	73
	No Magazine	22	40	57
Scholastic	6 issues CL4K	24	43	61
	No Magazine	17	30	42
Family Membership	With Adult(s)	75		
	No Adult	47		

(All with \$3 affiliate commission)

Remove \$7 fee for mail/phone memberships.

JTP: No Change

The Executive Board will set up a committee to study dues simplification.

PASSED

Vice-President of Finance, Randy Bauer, called for ADM11-07 to be considered. He addressed questions about the Budget and the impact of the amended dues change. Bauer also thanked and recognized the contributions of Chuck Unruh, Finance Committee chairman; Joe Nanna, Chief Financial Officer; and Tim Redman, Leroy Dubeck and all of the other LMA committee members in preparing the budget.

DM11-36 (ADM11-07, Executive Board) The 2011-2012 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted. **PASSED**

Sevan Muradian moved that ADM11-26 be referred to the Executive Board.

DM11-37 (ADM 11-26, Sevan Muradian, IL) Patron Membership

Proposal: Create a Patron level membership at \$150 per year with the option of receiving Chess Life physically or not receiving one with the difference in price of this membership versus a Premium or Regular membership being forwarded to the USCF General Operations Account. USCF to actively promote through Chess Life, Chess Life Online, and e-mail blasts.

Rationale: For all intents and purposes the Benefactor Membership program is a failure. While the USCF thanks those that did provide into the Benefactor program, it has not generated any level of significant financial impact to the USCF. The hurdles of the Benefactor Program (Life Membership plus another \$1500, and miserable promotion of the program by the USCF) are too much to overcome. As such a much lower and appropriately priced program with proper promotion to the membership has a greater chance of success.

REFERRED TO BOARD

ADM11-27 WITHDRAWN

ADM 11-28 WITHDRAWN

ADM11-29 WITHDRAWN (Note: ADM11-29 was withdrawn several weeks before this meeting for consideration by TDCC and passed. It was sent to the EB for implementation and passed 7-0. Now it is in effect and says:

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. U.S. 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.)

David Kuhns introduced the next item. Mike Atkins, Bill Goichberg, and Carol Jarecki spoke to the question.

DM11-38 (ADM 11-30, Mike Atkins, VA) Proposed change to Chapter 11 blitz rules. To make it simpler and less confusing, since blitz is played with a separate set of rules, Blitz should only be 5-0, 5 minutes with no delay. G/6-29 is quick chess and played under quick rules. Right now, G/10 could be both blitz or quick chess and this confusion doesn't have to happen. **FAILED (needed 2/3)**

Ken Ballou offered ADM11-31 for consideration. David Kuhns reported the Ratings Workshop and Committee Meeting poll results.

DM11-39 (ADM 11-31, Ken Ballou, MA) Modify blitz rule 7d by inserting the phrase "provided the player has sufficient mating material as defined in rule 7c" at the end of the last sentence.

Rationale: Blitz rules 7d and 8d are inconsistent with each other. Rule 7d makes no mention of mating material being required to claim a win if the opponent makes an illegal move. However, rule 8d says that the game is drawn if a player does not have sufficient mating material. **PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY.**

Mike Atkins began his introduction of ADM11-32 by asking David Kuhns for poll results of the Ratings Committee and Workshop meetings. Bill Goichberg, David Kuhns and others entered the discussion which resulted in a vote being taken on an amended version.

DM11-40 (ADM 11-32, Michael Atkins, VA) Change Rule 4 of the blitz rules to:
4.) Each player must press the clock with the same hand that moves the pieces, using one hand to both move the pieces and to press the clock.
PASSED AS AMENDED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY.

John Farrell presented a revised ADM11-33. Tim Just, TDCC chair, reported Workshop and Meeting poll results for the original motion. Jim Mennella, Richard Koepcke, Carol Jarecki, Jon Haskell, David Kuhns, John Farrell, and Gerald Larson discussed the proposal. Straw poll results taken on various options prompted the withdrawal of the motion by its maker.

ADM11-33 WITHDRAWN

Brian Mottershead gave the rationale of ADM11-34. David Kuhns announced the Rules committee meeting and workshop poll results. Carol Jarecki, Bob Messenger, Randy Bauer, David Kuhns, Jim Berry, Brian Mottershead, Mike Nolan were among those who commented on the motion.

DM11-41 (ADM 11-34, Brian Mottershead, MA) SOFIA RULES ALLOWED

Be it resolved by the Board of Delegates that the USCF Official Rules of Chess shall be amended by adding a new paragraph to the end of Rule 14B, as follows:

Variant 14B7. Draw Agreements Prohibited or Limited ("Sofia Rules").
The rules for a tournament may prohibit draw agreements, or set limits on when draw agreements may be made. For example, the rules of a tournament may allow draws only after a certain number of moves have been made, or require the consent of a tournament director for draw agreements. This variation is considered a major variation.

Rationale: Clarifies that Sofia Rules are an allowed variant in tournaments conducted according to the USCF Official Rules of Chess. **FAILED (needed 2/3)**

John Farrell, Military Committee chair introduced Steve Rollins who had devised and tested the system referred to in ADM11-35. David Kuhns announced the Rules Committee meeting and Workshop straw poll response. Tom Brownscombe spoke against the motion. Mike

Nolan, David Kuhns, Steve Shutt, Ken Sloan, Mike Atkins and Tom Brownscombe joined the discussion.

DM11-42 (ADM 11-35, John Farrell, VA and Military Chess Committee)

In the absence of a team scoring method in a regular tournament, whereas team members can play one another, the following is submitted for consideration to be added to the Rule Book:

31A Combined individual, team tournaments. As the name suggests, these are not true team tournaments. They are particularly popular as scholastic events because they allow schools to enter any number of players instead of a team with a fixed roster. The tournament is played as a normal Swiss, except that efforts are made to avoid pairing teammates (i.e. players from the same school) with each other. See also 28A, Pairing cards or programs and 28N, Combined individual team tournaments.

31A.1 The Rollins (Military) Scoring system for combined events. This system offers a means to determine team and individual champions from a single event (usually a Swiss). The individual champion is determined using the normal rules and announced tie-breaks for the event. The number of eligible team members (ex, 4, 5 or 6) is determined as announced in the event promotion. Eligible teams are then selected by identifying the respective highest scoring players for each team. Based on the total number of players, each player receives a score that is the inverse of his overall placing. Ex. The top player in a 100 player event receives 99 points, second place receives 98 points, etc. Individual scores for eligible team members are then combined to derive the team score. The highest team score is declared the Team Champion.

A WORKING MODEL The following scoring happens in a fictional tournament that is a 6 round Swiss event consisting of 100 players and four teams. In this example, the Top Individual player (determined from the 6 round Swiss tournament) was from the Army and the Army won the Team Championship as well (determined from the standings from the individual tournament).

	Army Team	Points	Navy Team	Points	Air Force Team	Points	Marine Team	Points
Player 1	1st	99	3rd	97	2nd	98	4th	96
Player 2	5th	95	7th	93	8th	92	10th	90
Player 3	6th	94	9th	91	11th	89	12th	88
Player 4	13th	87	14th	86	16th	84	15th	85
Player 5	17th	83	18th	82	22nd	78	23rd	77
Player 6	19th	81	20th	80	21st	79	24th	76
Place/Total		539		529		520		512

Table 31A.1 Rollins System for Combined Events

* *This is the official scoring system of the US Armed Forces Open Chess Tournament.*

REFERRED TO RULES WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPLEMENT BY January 2012. PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY

David Kuhns accepted an amendment to ADM11-36 from the Rules Committee Meeting and Workshop. Larry Cohen, Bill Goichberg, Steve Shutt, David Kuhns, Tom Brownscombe with the Scholastic Committee poll results, Bill Hall, Jennifer Skidmore, Steve Immitt, Carol Jarecki, Mike Nolan and Allen Priest probed the pros and cons of the proposal.

DM11-43 (ADM 11-36, USCF Rules Committee) PROPOSED RULE to replace the ratable time controls of Rule 5C:

For the purposes of rating G/minutes and inc/seconds (or d/seconds), add minutes and seconds for total playing time for each player. (i.e. total time equals minutes plus (seconds times 60))

e.g.: G/60 d/5 = 60+5 = 65 minutes total playing time for each player.

Multiple time controls add all mm for each control: mm = mm(1) + mm(2) + ...

Regular only: total playing time for each player is greater than 65 minutes.

Dual (both regular and quick): total playing time for each player is from 30 to 65 minutes.

Quick only: total playing time for each player is less than 30 minutes and Blitz (see chapter 11)

in all cases the primary time control (mm in minutes) must be at least 5 minutes.

TD TIP

Examples of standard time controls:

40/90, SD/30, inc/30	Regular
40/120, SD/60 d/5	Regular
40/115, SD/60 d/5	Regular
G/120, inc/30	Regular
G/120, d/5	Regular
G/115, d/5	Regular
G/90, inc/30	Regular
G/90, d/5	Regular
G/60, inc/30	Regular
G/60, d/5	Dual
G/30, d/5	Dual
G/25, d/5	Dual
G/25, d/3	Quick
G/15, d/3	Quick
G/10, d/3	Quick
Blitz G/5 (d/0)	Quick

When used, standard increment is 30 seconds (Regular).

Standard delay is 5 seconds (regular or dual); and 3 seconds (quick).

Standard blitz uses no delay or increment (see chapter 11).

Although these are not all of the possible time controls, organizers are encouraged to select one of the above (or very similar) so that all participants are clear as what to expect and under which system the event will be rated. **PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

Steve Immitt acknowledged Michael Atkin's consideration of the question. He then withdrew ADM11-37.

ADM11-37 WITHDRAWN

As Steve Immitt was explaining that ADM11-38 had been inspired by Brian Mottershead, President Berry announced the President of the New Jersey Chess Association had named Sam Sloan as Delegate. After procedural questions were answered by Harold Winston for the Bylaws Committee and Parliamentarian Mike Nolan, Sam Sloan received his credentials and was seated. Immitt then completed his argument for ADM11-38. Tim Just called the question.

DM11-44 (ADM 11-38, Steve Immitt, NY) Variation 11H1. Director As Witness Only

The Delegates resolve that the following language be added to the end of Rule 11H1, Director As Witness Only: "This variation does not need to be announced in advance."

EXPLANATION: Many Tournament Directors refrain from correcting illegal moves played in non-Sudden Death time controls which the TD has observed, unless the opponent of the player who made the illegal move has first pointed this out to the TD, This proposal serves to codify this practice, by explicitly stating that this practice does not need to be announced in advance. Without such a specific advance disclaimer to the contrary, players may believe that the TD will initiate claims of illegal moves, which may occur in their games. **PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

Steve Immitt explained his intent on ADM11-39 and answered questions from Gerald Larson, Allen Priest, Brian Mottershead and Harold Winston. David Kuhns recounted the Rules Committee and Workshop straw polls.

DM11-45 (ADM 11-39, Steve Immitt, NY) Changes Or Amendments To USCF Section—Rules Of Play

The Delegates resolve that Rule 25 be added to the "USCF Section-- Rules of Play" of the USCF Rulebook:

"25. Changes Or Amendments To USCF Section—Rules Of Play. Any changes to the USCF Rules listed in Chapter One of the USCF Rulebook: "USCF Section—Rules of Play" (and any subsequent renumbering thereof) shall require approval of a majority of the Delegates of two consecutive Delegate Meetings, or the approval of at least two-thirds of the Delegates at any single Delegate Meeting. Once enacted, any changes, amendments or rescissions to this rule are subject to the same restrictions."

EXPLANATION: While it is true that the process to amend the USCF's own Bylaws is a less restrictive one than this proposal to change the USCF Tournament Rules (approval of a majority of the Delegates in one meeting if the Bylaws change is included on the Advance Agenda of the Delegates Meeting), so what? The Delegates have previously enacted widescale and sweeping changes to the Tournament Rules in the past, sometimes without having taken the time to consider all the ramifications or to consider the likely unintended

consequences of the proposed rule changes. Rule changes which require players and/or Tournament Directors to follow new procedures which are significantly different than those currently followed are likely to cause more than a little confusion and consternation to those affected, and perhaps engender ill will on the part of the players and TDs who may misunderstand them. Such changes should require a super-majority of those Delegates to enact, or give the Delegates time until the next meeting to solicit feedback from other members who are likely to be affected by the proposed changes. **FAILED**

ADM11-40 WITHDRAWN

DM11-46 (ADM 11-41, Steve Immitt, NY) Right Of All Players To Furnish And Use Time-Delay Clocks

The Delegates approve adding to Rule 42-D the following minor variation:

“A properly set clock with time delay or increment capability is preferable to any other clock in a game with any sudden death time control. Therefore, if White has such a clock available and Black does not, White’s clock should be used. If either player arrives late for the start of the game, and a clock without time delay or increment has already been started, the player has the right to furnish and substitute a properly set time-delay or increment clock, prior to the determination of Black’s first move. The player substituting the time-delay or increment clock must also transfer the elapsed times shown on the non-delay clock to the delay or increment clock, without any additional adjustments (except to correct any errors in the display of the elapsed time). The player substituting the delay or increment clock must have arrived at the board before the grace period for forfeit loss of the game by non-appearance (13-D) has expired. Notwithstanding the above, the only occasions where Black retains the right to use his/her non-time-delay clock are in games with no sudden death time control, in cases where both players have the same type of non-time-delay clock, or if the delay mode were not being used in a sudden death time control game, and if, in all these cases, Black has arrived in time for the start of the game (or if White is late, before White has arrived). In any particular game, if the delay clock cannot be properly set, then the opponent of the player providing the delay or increment clock may choose which legal clock is to be used (5F).

EXPLANATION: There are many situations where players may be unavoidably delayed from arriving before the start of the round, through no fault of their own. Not everyone who arrives late for the game does so out of negligence. New USCF Rule 14H6 (“No Claim of Insufficient Losing Chances In Sudden Death”) allows the individual TD to opt to disallow any draw claims by Insufficient Losing Chances, and such a variation is not required to be announced in the advance publicity.

It would be very unfair and against the basic principles of USCF-rated Sudden Death if a late-arriving player were not only denied the current relief of Rule 14H against an opponent playing out a drawn or lost position solely to win on time, but also denied the opportunity to use a time-delay or increment clock at all. The player, the rest of the players in the room, and the TD would then all be forced to endure the spectacle of the game, which might otherwise be decided over the board using time-delay, instead degenerating into a duel of “clock-punching monkeys.” To ensure that the position in the game does not influence whether or not the delay clock is used, the substitution must occur before the player furnishing the time-delay clock has completed his first move. **PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

ADM11-42 WITHDRAWN

Bob Messenger described the intent of ADM11-43. He then answered questions. David Kuhns relayed results from the Rules Workshop poll. Jim Mennella, Tony Pabon, Sunil Weeramantry, Sam Sloan, Tom Brownscombe, Brian Mottershead continued deliberating until Tim Just called the question.

DM11-47 (ADM 11-43, Bob Messenger, MA) In Chapter 11 (Blitz Chess) of the USCF's Official Rules of Chess, as amended, replace the current rule 17 with the following:

17.) If a player is promoting a pawn and the desired piece is not available, the player may stop both clocks in order to locate the piece and place it on the board. It is improper for the player to press the clock to start the opponent's time with the pawn still on the last rank. If this is done, the opponent may immediately restart the player's clock without moving.

RATIONALE: The existing rule 17 reads: "If the player promotes a pawn and leaves the pawn on the board, the opponent has the option of stopping the clocks while a replacement piece is found." The intent of this rule appears to be to legitimize the practice of a player moving a pawn to the last rank, announcing "Queen", and subsequently moving the pawn as if it were a queen, without replacing the pawn with a physical queen as required by rules 8F6 and 8F7. This is clearer when looking at the WBCA rule 17 on which it is based, which continues, "up until the end of the game".

Rules should be stated clearly and unambiguously, so that their meaning can be understood by all players and TDs. It's not fair if some players know about a rule and others don't. The current version of USCF blitz rule 17 is ambiguous and open to misinterpretation because it doesn't explicitly say that a promoted pawn can move and capture as if it were the new piece, although this becomes more obvious when looking at the WBCA history of the rule. The rule also doesn't say whether the player promoting the pawn can simply announce the new piece, such as by saying "Queen" or "Knight", or if an unexchanged pawn can only be a queen. A verbal announcement of the new piece might be misunderstood, which could lead to a dispute.

The proposed amendment makes it illegal for a player to promote a pawn and then press the clock without replacing the pawn with the new piece, as it is in regular and quick chess. The text of the proposed new rule is a shortened version of rule 8F7 in the regular USCF rules. Promoting a pawn and leaving the pawn on the board instead of replacing it with the new piece isn't an illegal move, as it is under FIDE blitz rules, but the opponent can restart the player's clock without moving. **PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

The next motion, ADM11-44, was presented by its author, Tim Just. Rachel Lieberman, Sam Sloan added their views. David Kuhns recounted the Rules Workshop poll results. Just called the question.

DM11-48 (ADM 11-44, Tim Just, IL) *The U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess*, 5th Edition, will be available in e-format by June 1, 2012.

Reasoning: It is the 21st century, get with the program. **PASSED**

Tim Just also authored ADM11-45 and so introduced it for consideration. David Kuhns commented that Rules Workshop endorsed the motion. Tim Just answered questions from Jennifer Skidmore, Brian Mottershead and others.

DM11-49 (ADM 11-45, Tim Just, IL) The U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess, 5th edition, with all current rulebook updates will be available in e-format by June 1, 2013.

Reasoning: It is the 21st century, get with the program. **PASSED**

Jim Mennella brought ADM11-46 to the Delegates for consideration. Harold Winston gave feedback from the Bylaws Committee and Workshop including a friendly amendment which Mennella accepted. Steve Immitt, Bill Hall, Sam Sloan, Gary Walters, and Tim Just continued the discussion. Steve Immitt then called the question.

DM11-50 (ADM 11-46, Timothy Redman, DAL-TX; Roger Inglis, NJ; Michael Somers, NJ; James Mennella, NJ) (as amended) The Executive Board shall not initiate any lawsuit against any foreign national chess federation or against FIDE without the prior approval of the Board of Delegates. *If foreign national chess federations or FIDE file suit against the US Chess Federation, counter claims may be filed without Delegate authorization.* **FAILED**

Jim Mennella also delivered ADM11-47 to the floor. Allen Priest, Randy Bauer with an accepted friendly amendment, Bill Hall and PPHBF chair, John McCrary, who presented the LMA financials, joined in the exchange.

DM11-51 (ADM 11-47, Timothy Redman, DAL-TX; Roger Inglis, NJ; Michael Somers, NJ; James Mennella, NJ) (as amended) The USCF shall report annually to the Board of Delegates the following financial information about the Players Health and Benefits fund:

- (1) Any expenditures made during the fiscal year ending the prior May 31 including the amount awarded to each person without identifying the person
- (2) The status of the funds as of the prior May 31 including any encumbrances against these funds.

Justification for ADM: the Life Member Assets Committee provides this information to the Delegates and the same information should be provided for the Players Health and Benefits fund. **PASSED**

Brian Mottershead explained his motion. He then answered questions from Mike Nolan, Jennifer Skidmore, Mike Nietman, Frank Camaratta, Allen Priest, and Sevan Muradian. Bill Hall suggested this be better served by the Executive Board making the policy and an office policy be developed from it. With that understanding, the motion was withdrawn.

ADM11-48 WITHDRAWN

ADM11-49 WITHDRAWN

ADM11-50 WITHDRAWN

ADM11-51 WITHDRAWN

ADM11-52 WITHDRAWN Note: This motion missed being printed in the Delegates' Call)

The next motion was introduced by co-author Rachel Lieberman. Discussion included Frank Camaratta, Bill Goichberg, Myron Lieberman, Brian Mottershead, and Bill Hall. Helen Hinshaw called the question.

DM11-53 (NDM11-09, Myron Lieberman AZ, Rachel Lieberman AZ)

If there are no sustaining memberships, allow life memberships purchased from the office to be paid off on time at an interest rate attractive to both the member and the USCF. **FAILED**

Harold Winston advised that this motion is a product of the Bylaws Workshop. Allen Priest added a few points of clarification.

DM11-54 (NDM1-10, Harold Winston DAL-IL, Allen Priest KY, Guy Hoffman WI, Gerald Larson AL, Richard Koepcke CA-N, Brian Mottershead MA, Myron Lieberman AZ, and Ken Ballou MA).

Amend Article V section 9 to read:

The USCF Membership Meeting may elect up to five additional Delegates for a term that expires on January 1 of the following year at the start of the Membership Meeting from persons who are present and have previously served as a Delegate in at least one of the last five years. **PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

DM11-55 (NDM11-11, Sandra Pahl, WI) Any person who has sued the USCF, or is in the process of suing, except if the Federation exceeds its authority, may not serve on any board or committee, nor be a Delegate from any state. **REFERRED TO BYLAWS**

At this point the chair recognized Harold Winston who made an announcement about the Hall of Fame VIP Grand Opening, September 8th.

Tony Pabon then introduced the next new item of business. Allen Priest, Mike Nolan, Bill Hall, Sevan Muradian, and Guy Hoffman joined the discussion.

DM11-56 (NDM11-12, Tony Pabon N-CA)

1. Form committee to streamline (and simplify) the USCF dues structure.

2. This committee is to form a survey to be placed in Chess Life and Chess Life for Kids and sent to USCF committees, USCF affiliates and all tournaments concerning the USCF dues structure.

3. The committee should consist of Bill G., Life LMA representative, finance representative, survey chair.

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sam Sloan spoke for the next item on the agenda. Ken Ballou moved to postpone indefinitely.

DM11-57 (NDM11-13, Sam Sloan NJ) Rescind EB motion 11-018 and deny Asa Hoffmann participation in the Health & Benefits Fund. **POSTPONED INDEFINITELY**

Next, Frank Camaratta introduced and spoke for his motion.

DM11-58 (NDM11-14, Frank Camaratta, FL) With the proliferation of increasingly more powerful and sophisticated hand-held devices such as the I-Phone, Android among others (many will soon have 1-2 terabyte memories), USCF must start now to modify the USCF Rules of Chess to address and plan for these eventualities.

Be it moved that the Executive Board Task the Rules Committee (and others that might need to be involved) to study the issue and report back to the Executive Board for their review and report their findings and recommendations to the Delegates at the 2012 U.S. Open in Vancouver.

Computer consultation has already made correspondence chess less attractive to many players, myself included. **PASSED**

Richard Koepcke introduced motion DM11-58. Harold Winston clarified a point. There was no further discussion.

DM11-59 (NDM11-15, Richard Koepcke, CA-N) Modify the first sentence of DACI 8 on State Chapters to read,

“State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations: The first four items of the following list are required of each State Chapter and the remaining items are recommendations for each State Chapter.” **PASSED**

The next item was brought to the floor by its author, Steve Immitt. Bill Goichberg gave his recommendation.

DM11-60 (NDM11-16, Steve Immitt, NY) The Delegates would be interested in the USCF office conducting an email survey of the USCF membership regarding the format and location of future US Opens. **PASSED**

Executive Director, Bill Hall, announced that the 2012 U.S. Open will be held in Vancouver, Washington. Atlanta is being considered for the 2013 meeting. The 2014 U.S. Open will be held in Saint Louis, MO.

DM11-61 (NDM11-17, Harold Winston IL) The Delegates give a vote of thanks to: Jim Berry for presiding over the annual Delegates Meeting; Mike Nolan for his service as parliamentarian; Allen Priest for his chairing of the Governance Task Force; Joan DuBois for her help with the Delegates Meeting; Mike Nietman and Bill Hall for conducting the Awards Luncheon; Pat Smith for organizing the 2011 US Open in Orlando and the entire convention in Orlando. **PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

Newly elected Executive Board members, Gary Walters, Mike Nietman and Allen Priest were installed.

President Berry then adjourned the meeting.