

Proceedings of the U.S. Chess Federation Executive Board Meeting

August 12, 2012 Vancouver, WA

This document is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted and subjects discussed. Details of discussions, etc., may be obtained from the sound files online.

At 6pm Pacific time, President Ruth Haring called the meeting to order. Board members Gary Walters, Allen Priest, Mike Nietman, Michael Atkins, Jim Berry and Bill Goichberg were in attendance and represented a quorum. Executive Director, Bill Hall, was playing his last round game of the U.S. Open and joined the meeting after his game concluded. Chief Operations Officer, Pat Smith, was also present as were guests Duane Polich, Chuck Unruh, Rachel Lieberman, Myron Lieberman, Joan Dubois, Charles M. Unruh, Richard Buchanan, Walter Brown, Harold Winston, Terry Dean Likens, Mike Nolan, Tim Redman, Boyd Reed, Rickie Likens, Tom Brownscombe, David Kuhns, and Kenneth Sloan.

President Haring asked Mike Nietman to brief the open session as to the reasons for the computer system outage that occurred in the office in June. This item had been discussed in the closed session prior the open session. He said that two drives failed on a mirrored system causing some programming to be lost. The most previous backup that could be used was from February. Discussion occurred and a more solid backup plan has been implemented.

Haring asked why the invitational lists had not been posted to the website yet. Pat Smith asked for it to be resent and she would have it posted.

EB13-001 –Atkins- Moved that Brennan Price (VA) be added to the TDCC. **Passed 7-0**

EB13-002 – Nietman – Moved that Jon Haskel (FL) be added to the Denker Committee. **Passed 7-0**

Discussion started on ADM11-58 that had been referred to the Executive Board and Rules Committee at last year's Delegates' meeting. The Board will wait for a determination from the Rules Committee before proceeding.

ADM12-22a was referred to the Executive Board and Ratings Committee. The stated goal is to have a blitz rating system active by SuperNationals in 2013. A seeding algorithm will be necessary from the Ratings Committee.

Since there is not enough room on the mailing label to add another rating, an Action Item was created for Bill Hall to remove the ratings information from the label and to move the cutoff for the November Rating Supplement to 10/21/12. This will allow later events to be rated for the rating supplement making the rating more current.

ADM12-22B was referred to the Executive Board and the Rules committee. It was agreed that Quick Chess should be defined as less than 30 not less than or equal to 29.

The Board then moved into a discussion about promoting the new Blitz Rating System, date of implementation, bonus threshold, changing the bonus factor, rating distribution, and test results. Mike Nolan, Bill Goichberg, Walter Brown, Allen Priest, Tom Brownscombe, Ken Sloan, and Ruth Haring contributed. It was agreed the Board will meet with Mark Glickman and the Ratings Committee to resolve remaining questions.

Harold Winston offered to financially support the new Girls K-12 Invitational tournament if no sponsor was found.

Next item of business, "Approval of Auditor Recommendation", was introduced by Allen Priest. He reported that the Audit committee and CFO Joe Nanna have also reviewed the recommendation with favorable result. They agreed that the audit firm of Bible Harris Smith should be retained.

EB13-003 – Priest – Moved, the Board authorize the Executive Director to sign the proposal and engage Bible Harris Smith, P.C. as auditors for the next three years with the first fiscal year ending in May 2013.
Passed 7-0

EB12-004 – Priest – Moved, that Boyd Reed (PA) be added to the Finance Committee. **Passed 7-0**

Priest advised that Harold Winston requested the members of the Hall of Fame committee remain the same for 2013.

Questions from the audience taken at this time included naming committee liaisons and committee chairs. President Haring said this would be discussed further in closed session.

Other questions pertained to the national event site selection policy and geographic rotation. The Northwest and Northeast both had supporters asking for consideration for placement of an event. Pat Smith and Gary Walters spoke to the queries.

President Haring announced that the next Executive Board meeting would take place November 9-10, 2012 in Kings Island OH.

The meeting was adjourned.

Action Items:

Bill Hall: remove the ratings information from the label and move the cutoff for the November Rating Supplement to 10/21/12.

Board: Meet with Mark Glickman and the Ratings Committee regarding results from recent tests.