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Mission Statement

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

2012 U.S. Open Schedule

AUGUST 4 - 12

	SATURDAY, AUGUST 4	SUNDAY, AUGUST 5	MONDAY, AUGUST 6	TUESDAY, AUGUST 7
10:00 AM	Weekend Swiss Rd. 1, Rd. 2: 1 PM, Rd. 3: 3:30 PM	Weekend Swiss Rd. 4, Rd. 5: 1 PM		
11:00 AM				Barber K-8 Tournament of K-8 Champions, Rd. 6 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior, Rd. 6 Denker Tournament of HS Champions, Rd. 6
12:00 NOON		Barber K-8 Tournament of K-8 Champions, Rd. 2 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior, Rd. 2 Denker Tournament of HS Champions, Rd. 2	Barber K-8 Tournament of K-8 Champions, Rd. 4 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior, Rd. 4 Denker Tournament of HS Champions, Rd. 4	
3:00 PM	Denker/Barber Opening Ceremonies			
4:00 PM				Denker/Barber Award Ceremony
7:00 PM	Denker Tournament of HS Champions, Rd. 1 Barber K-8 Tournament of K-8 Champions, Rd. 1 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior, Rd. 1 U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Rd. 1	Barber K-8 Tournament of K-8 Champions, Rd. 3 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior, Rd. 3 Denker Tournament of HS Champions, Rd. 3 U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Rd. 2	Barber K-8 Tournament of K-8 Champions, Rd. 5 Trophies Plus U.S. Girls Junior, Rd. 5 Denker Tournament of HS Champions, Rd. 5 U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Rd. 3	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Rd. 1 U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Rd. 4

	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8	THURSDAY, AUGUST 9	FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
EARLY AM	Golf Tournament		
9:00 AM	Denker and Barber Committee Meeting FIDE Trainer's Seminar Forum Committee Meeting	FIDE Trainer's Seminar Senior Chess Committee Meeting Executive Board Meeting (closed)	WORKSHOP: Bylaws/GTF
10:00 AM	WORKSHOP: College Chess WORKSHOP: Forum	Executive Board Meeting (open)	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Rd. 4
11:00 AM	Women's U.S. Open, Rd. 1	Women's U.S. Open, Rd. 2	Women's U.S. Open, Rd. 3
12:00 NOON	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Rd. 2	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Rd. 4	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Rd. 6
1:00 PM	WORKSHOPS: Outreach, Women's Chess	WORKSHOPS: Chess Trust, Rules Workshop, Chess in Education U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Rd. 1	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Rd. 5 WORKSHOP: Finance/LMA Committee
2:00 PM	WORKSHOP: States		WORKSHOP: Clubs Committee
3:00 PM	WORKSHOPS: TDCC, Scholastic Committee	WORKSHOP: USCF Legal	WORKSHOP: Publications/CJA
3:30 PM			U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Rd. 6
4:00 PM	WORKSHOP: TDCC/Problem Solving	WORKSHOPS: Ratings Committee, International Affairs U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Rd. 2	Staff Forum & Membership Meeting
5:30 PM			Executive Board Reception
7:00 PM	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Rd. 3 U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Rd. 5	U.S. Open, Traditional Schedule, Rd. 6 U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Rd. 5 U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Rd. 3	U.S. Open, Rd. 7—All three schedules merged.

	SATURDAY, AUGUST 11	SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
9:00 AM	Delegates' Meeting	Delegates' Meeting
10:00 AM		
11:00 AM	Women's U.S. Open, Rd. 4	Women's U.S. Open, Rd. 5
12:00 NOON	U.S. Open Blitz Rd. 1, other rounds to follow. USCF Awards Luncheon	
2:00 PM	Delegates' Meeting resumes	
3:00 PM		U.S. Open, Rd. 9 Executive Board Meeting (open)
6:00 PM		Executive Board Meeting (closed)
7:00 PM	U.S. Open, Rd. 8	

President's Report

Ruth Haring, USCF President

The past year was an exciting year for chess in the U.S.

We meet again this year at our annual delegates' meeting, with our recently crowned 2012 U.S. Champion, Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura ranked among the top players in the world. I know Hikaru will soon be the contender knocking on Anand's door. Hikaru is young, getting stronger every day, and a serious force on the world stage. He is looking forward to leading the U.S. team to a medal in Istanbul. If you haven't taken in the interview Hikaru gave after his U.S. Championship victory, check it out online at: <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/11763/666/>.

As a country, our top-level players are stronger than ever before and we can look forward to exciting results in the Olympiad and other international events from our very best players. As of this writing, we have three players on the top 100 FIDE list overall, and three on the top 100 FIDE list for women. As a nation of immigrants, we are particularly fortunate in the chess world to have an influx of top-flight chess players join our chess community. Today I would like to acknowledge GM Timur Gareev (USCF 2745/FIDE 2654) and GM Aleksey Dreev (USCF 2777/FIDE 2694).

GM Gareev has been living and playing in the U.S. for over five years and will accomplish his federation change soon. GM Dreev is immigrating to the USA and may settle in Texas. He has already qualified in the European Championships for the World Cup.

Our scholastic players are stronger and more competitive than ever and I am looking forward to watching their progress as they move up the ranks and challenge our grandmasters. The

most recent scholastic result is from the North American Youth Chess Championship in Mexico City. Five out of nine players from the USA won medals, with Pranav Senthilkumar and Joaquin Perkins both taking the gold and earning the FIDE candidate master title. The future is bright for U.S. chess!

I hope all of you checked out the exciting games played in the Women's Championship and the very dramatic playoff game match resulting in Irina Krush being crowned U.S. Women's Champion for 2012. Congratulations to Irina who is now four-time U.S. women's champion! We look forward to our women champions' journey to victory in Istanbul and have a very strong team shaping up for the women's Olympiad. The post victory interview with Irina is online at: <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/11756/666/>.

In my past messages to you I have issued a call to action to everyone to work on getting more women involved in tournament chess. I am extremely happy to see more girls and women's events. Especially innovative in promoting women's play was Steve Immitt's introduction of mixed doubles bonus prizes in his events. We recently saw a press report on the success of these prizes on *Chess Life Online* which you should read: <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/11768/671/>. Thank you Steve for leading us forward.

Our Organization of Volunteers

It is important for us to remember that we are a community of volunteers. I would like to personally thank all of the delegates for your efforts on behalf of chess whether it be in governance or other chess-related activities. When you return home take



USCF President Ruth Haring making a presentation to U.S. Champion GM Hikaru Nakamura and U.S. Women's Champion IM Irina Krush this past May at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis.

this message of thanks to other volunteers in your community. I would also like to thank the delegates for their work and dedication to the USCF. Many of you serve on committees and in ways not visible or acknowledged. Thank you for your service.

Back to Basics—The Chess Club

When we look at organized chess from a grass-roots level, we see local chess clubs. These clubs fall into several different categories, including clubs that meet at coffee houses or restaurants once a week, scholastic clubs that meet in school facilities, and city and regional clubs that meet in a regular location year round, and finally long-time clubs with an established history in a permanent location.

So think about this: our new members will play their first serious games at the local club, and will likely play their first rated tournament there also. Since the chess club is so critical to acquiring and maintaining membership, I believe that as an organization we need to put more focus on helping to develop our clubs and to proactively provide assistance to fledgling clubs.

As I sit here at my computer acknowledging the value of the chess club, it does not escape my notice that it is my move in three online games. We need to pay close attention to the virtual chess clubs in cyberspace. Many players are introduced to chess as an online game. The trend towards moving all things to the Internet is not slowing. Online play is BIG and as we look at how to grow our revenues, we must take a close look at how we can grow online membership and hold tournaments hosted online. Many of you are aware that

USCF launched a beta for correspondence online play. I urge you all to log in and play and provide feedback. It is a not an unreasonable forecast that a core part of USCF's product and service offerings will be online in the future.

My report on the health of the organization

I have been reporting regularly on the health of the business and publishing those remarks on *CLO*. I intend to continue this communication to membership after each board meeting. As president of the executive board (EB), I would like to thank the EB members who we sometimes forget are also volunteers and have other demands on their time than just chess matters.

I have discussed that the outlook for development of excellence and new champions is optimistic. We are fortunate to be able to report that our financial condition is now off of life support and that we were discharged from the hospital with no medications. Our organizational outlook is now encouraging. But we have work to do on the non-profit status and other governance improvements to make us a more efficient organization, and protect us from harm in the future.

Let's discuss our revenue streams. Primary revenue streams come in from membership dues and tournaments. It is key that we keep a close eye on membership trends and have plans in place to grow key membership areas and focus on retention of our growth in the scholastic ranks.

The USCF also runs national events and rates tournaments. I think we have great opportunity to improve the visibility of these events and get better attention in the media. This



A bughouse game at the KCF All-Girls National Championship, held this past April in Chicago, Illinois.

should be a priority. More media will drive more membership. Earlier I mentioned the achievements of our U.S. champions, now we must acknowledge the contributions of our media champions, Ben Finegold and Jennifer Shahade. I look forward to the day we break through with chess reports being fed to cable news and mainstream media some day soon. This is an exciting area for possible growth and when successful will likely drive a membership boom.

As mentioned earlier, online chess should become a source of revenue in the future. I envision an online-only membership, various categories of online ratings, online match play, rated online correspondence play, etc. It is key to note that we do have ad revenue from online advertising, and we should explore this potential more actively in the future.

FIDE

It has been one of my key objectives to engage the USCF more actively with FIDE and to develop better relationships while at the same time to better advocate for rules and policy of importance to us. It is sometimes necessary to remind FIDE of matters of great importance to us. With an eye towards building that relationship and trust by interpersonal interaction, a meeting of the FIDE Rules Commission and USCF took place in New York City in June with a goal to standardizing some rules. USCF is also participating actively in FIDE Commissions and stands ready to participate even more fully as FIDE comes to know us better and we realize more commission appointments. I am encouraged that FIDE has taken an active interest in understanding how we run

chess tournaments in the U.S.

I look forward to scheduling more meetings on topics of great importance to USCF and to FIDE in the United States. Once again, in 2012 the USCF will send a delegation to the FIDE Congress. We plan to be represented in as many Commission meetings as possible. Schedule permitting, we can cover all of the commission meetings and report our activities on *Chess Life Online* from Istanbul.

2012 Membership Options

Choose Between Premium and Regular USCF Memberships

PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP

PRINTED COPY of *Chess Life* (monthly)
or *Chess Life for Kids* (bimonthly) plus
all other benefits of regular membership.

OR

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Online-only access to *Chess Life* or
Chess Life for Kids; TLA Newsletter will
be mailed to you (Adults: bimonthly;
Scholastic: 3 per year)

WHAT YOU GET AS A REGULAR USCF MEMBER:

The right to play in USCF-sanctioned
tournaments and be assigned an official rating

Access to member-only content on
uschess.org, including our USCF forum
discussion group. (9)

Online access to *Chess Life*
& *Chess Life for Kids*.

WHAT YOU GET AS A PREMIUM USCF MEMBER:

All of the above plus a printed copy of
Chess Life or *Chess Life for Kids*!

PREMIUM USCF MEMBERSHIP RATES

CATEGORY	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR
ADULT	\$46	\$84	\$122
SCHOLASTIC (1) (6 ISSUES CL4K)	\$24	\$43	\$61
YOUTH (2) (6 ISSUES CL)	\$28	\$51	\$73
YOUNG ADULT (3)	\$33	\$61	\$88

REGULAR USCF MEMBERSHIP RATES

CATEGORY	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR
ADULT	\$40	\$72	\$104
SCHOLASTIC (1)	\$17	\$30	\$42
YOUTH (2)	\$22	\$40	\$57
YOUNG ADULT (3)	\$26	\$47	\$67

OTHER USCF MEMBERSHIP RATES

CATEGORY	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR	4 YEAR
SUSTAINING (4, 8) (started prior to 2003)	\$95	\$190	\$285	\$380
SUSTAINING (4, 8) (started after 2002)	\$120	\$240	\$360	\$480
SENIOR (5)	\$40	\$72	\$104	N/A
FAMILY PLAN 1 (6)	\$75	N/A	N/A	N/A
FAMILY PLAN 2 (7)	\$47	N/A	N/A	N/A
SENIOR LIFE (5, 8)	\$750	(one time charge)		
LIFE (8)	\$1,500	(one time charge)		
BENEFACTOR (8, 10)	\$3,000	(one time charge)		
BENEFACTOR, EXISTING LIFE MEMBER (8, 10)	\$1,500	(one time charge)		

A \$3 affiliate commission will apply to all memberships submitted by affiliates.



(1) 13 and under at expiration. (2) 16 and under at expiration. (3) 25 and under at expiration. (4) New sustaining memberships will not be allowed after 11/30/08. (5) 65 and over. (6) Parents and children younger than 25 at expiration living in one household with one address. (7) All younger than 25 at expiration living in one household. Both Family Plans include one monthly *Chess Life*. (8) Life and sustaining members have the option of choosing either Premium or Regular benefits. This selection may be changed at any time. USCF intends to contact these members approximately every three years to ask for confirmation of this choice. (9) Age restrictions apply. (10) Includes Life Membership, a special membership card, and recognition on a Benefactor page of our website and periodically in *Chess Life*. (\$25 foreign surcharge applies for magazine (not applicable to Canada or Mexico).

Executive Director's Report

Bill Hall, USCF Executive Director

Another year has flown past as we prepare to meet again in Vancouver, Washington. I feel the excitement building as we make our final plans to finally return the U.S. Open to the Pacific Northwest. The Portland area holds a special place in my heart because I played in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions when the U.S. Open was played there in 1987. We have had a wonderful outpouring of local support for the tournament this year and I expect a successful event.

To take a moment to recap this year, we end this fiscal year with a profit of around \$250,000. This on the heels of close to a \$200K profit last year means I am in a position to say that we have recovered from the financial difficulties resulting from the rash of lawsuits of a few years ago. The USCF faced a very difficult period then, but the organization rallied around its 70+ year history, remembered its purpose, and survived. As the saying goes, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." The USCF has emerged from that troubled period stronger. The politics of the organization are much more civil. I was struck by the high attendance at the workshops at last year's Open in Orlando, Florida and generally by how much friendlier the atmosphere was. If we continue to focus on treating each other with respect, continue to strive to be positive representatives for chess, and continue to reject the politics of personal destruction as happened at the meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana, we will set the stage for success for the organization as a whole.

The good news is that we are in much better shape financially. This does not mean that our work is over, rather in a very real way it has just begun. I started with the USCF as executive director (ED) in July of 2005. The first couple of years were largely on-the-job training and relationship building. The USCF can be a complicated animal to understand. Most of my next three years were spent in survival mode, cleaning up some lingering messes from the past instability within the ED position. (The nine years prior to my hiring had seen 10 different EDs, some interim.) The last two years have been spent in recovery mode. Now, finally, we are in position for advancement. In 2006 in Chicago, Illinois, I reported to the Delegates that we had approached a Madison Avenue firm to offer free color advertising in *Chess Life* to some of their clients. We were doing this to try to open the door to advertising that came from outside of the chess world. They were excited and approached their two top corporate giant clients. The corporations took one look at the nastiness on the Internet about the USCF and they respectfully declined to be associated with us. Today, we have a partnership with Nationwide Insurance in which they enthusiastically co-brand marketing materials with the USCF brand. We've come a long way, baby!

Now that we are in a position to start moving forward, I want to take a moment to share a few of the key initiatives that we are focusing on to take us to the next level. We have launched the beta test for the USCF correspondence server. We have received a considerable amount of positive feedback and suggestions. Our developer is working very hard to implement improvements as we close in on the beta launch for the real-time, online-play features. We expect this to be available in the early fall, with the online league play to follow by year's end. This

has tremendous potential both as a retention tool and as an outreach tool. I already have a commitment from a significant school system for the purchase of 5,000 USCF memberships this fall, largely due to the online-play feature. For retention, my expectation is that if we can build a community experience through the Internet and bring this additional value to the USCF membership, then our renewal rates will noticeably improve. My expectation is for this to begin to take effect within the next two years.

We are currently running about 2,500 members ahead of last year at this time. Largely the growth is in the scholastic area with the adult membership remaining flat. We have identified some key targets to focus on including: female participation and retention; the Spanish-speaking market; local club revitalization; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) initiatives; after-school initiatives; and several others. We have to take a measured approach to growth and focus our limited resources on what is likely to have the greatest return so we can then grow our resources in order to branch out with a broader appeal in our tactical approach. In a bit of serendipity, there is a new movie soon to be in limited theatrical release called *Brooklyn Castle*. This chess documentary follows the pursuits of the U.S. 318 chess team from Brooklyn, New York. I was approached about partnering in the promotion of the film well over a year ago. When I was given an opportunity to see the film, I instantly knew we had to get behind it. This is an incredibly powerful story and an amazing tool for us to promote the merits of chess in the schools. The film won the Audience Choice Award for Documentary at South by Southwest (SXSW) and has opened to rave reviews in many other festivals. There is much more to this story, but I will reserve the rest until we meet in Vancouver.

In closing, I want to say a few words about my expectations for next year. Financially, we will have a tighter year. We are projecting only slightly better than break-even for next year. If we are to grow the organization we have to allocate some of our resources to accomplish this. I expect to see some continued modest growth in membership. We will be focusing on developing and formalizing strategic partnerships with key entities in and beyond the chess world. I need your help as a USCF delegate to set the stage for the next chapter in USCF history. We have some difficult work to do in improving our governance structure. The executive board must be recognized as the board of directors if we are to be viable into the future. I believe some proposed compromises have been worked out that will bring many people together on this issue.

Lastly, I want to plant a seed for the future. Over the next year or two, we need to have a vast reduction in the complicated nature of the USCF dues structure. I am not prepared to have a specific proposal at this time, but the current structure is simply unmanageable and a marketing boondoggle. With online play as an outreach tool, I believe we will see an increase in impulse purchasing decisions related to the USCF membership. Presentation of a limited number of options will be critical to this being successful.

I look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

Notes

VP of Finance Report

By Allen Priest

This is my first report as Vice President-Finance. I am pleased that this year saw a continuation of the positive financial results from last year. We are reporting significant revenue in excess of expenses. We have also paid off most of the debts incurred due to the lawsuits involving Susan Polgar. Total liabilities decreased by more than \$300,000. Cash to pay the debt came both from operations and from cutting down our checking account balance. Since the checking account generates little return it makes more sense to pay down the outstanding balance on our line of credit and cut our interest costs.

These positive results came about for several reasons. The executive board, executive director and particularly our staff maintained tight fiscal discipline this year. The austerity measures introduced two years ago stayed in place. But these measures cannot be maintained much longer. We face the pressures of both rising costs and our deferrals of investment in technology. For example, we must soon invest in updating the technology both in the office and for our web services. But we have seen an increase in membership for the first time in several years. That is a significant positive development. Membership fees provide three quarters of our revenue, and membership numbers have shown a steady decline for many years—until this year. Membership revenue is up both over last year and over budget, and on both the cash and accrual basis.

While expenses were kept tightly under control last year, they will increase this year due to both rising prices and the tournament schedule. This is an Olympiad year and the costs of supporting our teams are substantial. Also, we plan to participate in certain international youth tournaments that were not on our calendar last year. So, while the proposed budget for 2012-13 is balanced even with these higher costs, we are not expecting to generate much toward the building of a reserve fund. My goal for the USCF is to develop sufficient cash reserves so that we can weather the next storm without endangering the life of the organization.

The executive board still recognizes the need to further stabilize finances. I believe that the budget we have recommended maintains the conservative and realistic revenue estimates from recent years. The USCF has weathered some serious financial challenges. We are about through with paying all of the expenditures associated with the lawsuits. Now we can focus on the future. We must continue to grow its top-line revenues. We must continue to control costs. And we must look for new opportunities to expand our services in support of our mission in ways that are fiscally responsible.

One opportunity that we are pursuing is the change in our tax status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). That application is before the IRS. If we are successful then we will be able to accept tax deductible contributions. Status as a charity may also help as we work on additional opportunities for sponsorships. To that end, we are investing in a development team working on a variety of sponsorship possibilities.

Thank you for your patience as we have worked through challenging times. We are not completely through the struggle, but we are near the end. So I am excited about the future as we once again are able to concentrate on the development of chess.

VOLUNTEER EXPENSE REPORT

Paid during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2012

NAME	CAPACITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
RUTH HARING	EXECUTIVE BOARD	\$2,548.61
MICHAEL ATKINS	EXECUTIVE BOARD	\$670.00

LEGAL EXPENDITURES 2011-12

WEBSITE LEGAL REVIEW

KRONENBURGER ROSENFELD, LLP \$1,143.39

POLGAR, ALEXANDER, DOE

HIRSCH & WESTHEIMER, P.C. \$1,302.50

KRONENBURGER ROSENFELD, LLP \$4,173.96

TOTAL POLGAR, ET. AL. \$5,476.46

SLOAN

GIFFIN, WINNING, COHEN & BODEWES, P.C. \$10,861.50

GOVERNANCE & MISC.

GIFFIN, WINNING, COHEN & BODEWES, P.C. \$3,352.50

TOTAL LEGAL FEES 2011-2012 \$20,833.85

U.S. Chess Trust Report

By Chairman Harold J. Winston

The U.S. Chess Trust supports chess nationwide in many ways and is a federally tax exempt 501(c)(3) Massachusetts Trust included in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). We are particularly proud of two events this past year: the reopening of the World Chess Hall of Fame at its new location in St. Louis in September and the Second Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education in Dallas in November.

Thanks to Rex and Jeanne Sinquefield and all their helpers, the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum, with three floors of exhibits, had a successful opening on September 9, 2012. I inducted GMs Boris Gulko and Andy Soltis into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame and Vera Menchik into the World Chess Hall of Fame. The many chess celebrities on hand included GM Yasser Seirawan, USCF President Ruth Haring, and USCF Executive Director Bill Hall. I am proud that numerous trustees attended: President Jim Eade, Vice President for Chess in Education Tim Redman, Secretary Myron Lieberman, Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry, Rex and myself. Also present was Managing Director Barbara DeMaro.

In preparing for the opening, I made two trips to St. Louis to consult with Rex, Susan Barrett, and others at the Museum. Once again I want to acknowledge the Samole family in Florida for their work maintaining the previous museum in Miami. As part of recognition of the new Museum, the Trust has assigned the trademarks for U.S. Chess Hall of Fame and World Chess Hall of Fame to the Museum for a number of years.

In November, the Trust co-sponsored the Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education with the University of Texas at Dallas. Chief Organizer Tim Redman, together with Alexey Root, put together an excellent program that attracted persons worldwide interested in chess and education. Secretary Myron Lieberman was present as well and other trustees visited, including Sunil Weeramantry and Shane Samole. Myron, Sunil, Shane, and I had a dinner meeting in Dallas with Elizabeth Shaughnessy of the Scholastic Council.

Our thanks to Booz Allen Hamilton for their continued enthusiastic support for the Collegiate Final Four event and the Armed Forces Championship and to Mike Hoffpauir of the Virginia Chess Federation and USCF College Chess Chairman Jim Stallings for keeping that donation continuing. The Trust continues to be proud of the recent successes of U.S. players in the World Youth, as the Trust has for many years supported American players in that event.

The Trust was happy to support the first Dewain Barber K-8 Tournament of Champions, which will be held annually at the U.S. Open at the same time as the Denker tournament and also include players representing states around the nation. The Trust is delighted to see all of Dewain Barber's fine work for chess honored in the title of this event.

The Trust is proud that our Scholar Chessplayer Program, aided by the generous assistance of Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry and his National Scholastic Chess Foundation, again awarded five \$1,500 college scholarships for a total of \$7,500, based on both academic and chess achievement. Our goal continues to be to obtain a corporate sponsor.

The Scholastic Council, who serve on our advisory board, are a key part of this award program. Sunil announced the 2012 winners at the National High School in Minneapolis: Andrew Ng (NJ), Joshua Mu

(NC), Alexandra Wiener (CT), Yang Dai (VA), and Jesse Orłowski (CA).

Our own website, www.uschesstrust.org, has stayed current thanks to webmaster, Dora Leticia, and our web editor, Beatriz Marinello. Check it out. We have continued our online newsletter, which highlights the Trust's activities. I thank Beatriz and Dora for their hard work and also Jim Eade, Chairman of the Trust Website Committee. Online donations to the Trust can be made at www.uschesstrust.org.

The Chess Trust supports scholastic and junior chess nationwide, by donating chess sets and boards to schools, providing some free USCF memberships to needy students, and by backing American participants in recognized international junior and youth competitions. The Trust also contributes to the Collegiate "Final Four" and the College Tournament of Champions, as well as the Olympiad and the U.S. Blind Championship. With the generous assistance of the Denker family, now from trustee Mitchell Denker, the Trust supports the Arnold S. Denker Tournament of High School Champions. We continue to send chess sets to Americans serving in our armed forces abroad, with the help of USCF, and to cooperate with the Sets for Vets program of the New Jersey State Chess Federation (NJSCF).

All Trustees serve without compensation. Last summer I represented the Trust at the opening ceremony for the Denker and Barber tournaments in Orlando, Florida and participated in awarding the Denker prizes at the closing ceremony. In November, I visited the K-12 tournament in Dallas to discuss the work of the Trust.

We are happy to administer the Samford Fellowship Program. Congratulations to Timur Gareev and Alejandro Ramirez, our newest Samford Fellows, and to Aleksandr Lenderman continuing for a second year. We thank Frank Samford for his continued generosity. The Trust is also pleased to continue to administer the Schein Friedman Scholarship Program, aimed at players ages 7-17, thanks to the generosity of Mark Schein.

The Trust also aids prison chess. For example, Managing Director Barbara DeMaro coordinated a program with the Bedford Women's Prison in New York, which thought chess training in planning and thinking ahead helped restrain impulsive behavior.

The Trust continues to benefit from the counsel of our Chairman Emeritus, Harold Dondis of Massachusetts and of our President Jim Eade of northern California. Treasurer Leroy Dubeck of New Jersey and our Finance Committee have carefully monitored our investments in a continued difficult economic time. We benefit from the expertise of Jim Oberweis' investment company.

Our managing director, independent contractor Barbara DeMaro, solicits donations and matching grants, maintains financial records, administers the Samford Fellowship fund, processes requests for chess sets and free memberships and coordinates with our supplier, USCF, and processes donations. Barbara has successfully worked on having our donors remembering to include the Trust in their wills. This is our legacy program and new donors should contact Barbara directly. She is also our assistant secretary.

I thank President Jim Eade (N. CA), Chairman Emeritus Harold Dondis (MA), President Emeritus Shane Samole (FL), Treasurer Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Secretary Myron Lieberman (AZ), and all the other

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USCF Executive Board (EB) Motions

Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012

NOTE: M = Meeting, C = Conference Call, E = E-mail, I = Internet Conference, O = Objections Procedure

The 2012 Board first met in closed session on Sunday, August 7, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, at 3:00 PM and met again in open session at 3.45 PM. The new Board member was introduced. Two motions from the closed session were read and voted in open session. They were:

EB12-001 - Board The Board elects the following officers:

President – Ruth Haring
Vice President – Gary Walters
Vice President for Finance – Allen Priest
Secretary – Mike Nietman

PASSED 7-0

EB12-002a - Board The Executive Board names the following members as committee liaisons:

The list of committee chairs and liaisons appointed appears below as Appendix A.

PASSED 7-0

EB12-002b - Board Committee Chair changes are:

Finance – Randy Bauer
Denker – Dewain Barber and Shelby Lohrman
Barber K-8 – Steve Shutt and John Haskel
Correspondence – Brad Rogers

PASSED 7-0

EB12-003 - Nietman Bob Milisets and Gerald Larson be dropped from the Scholastic Committee and Shaun Smith be added.

PASSED 7-0

EB12-004 - Nietman The 2011-2012 Denker Invitational Committee consist of:

Dewain Barber, Co-Chair
Shelby Lohrman, Co-Chair
Mitchell Denker
Harold Winston
Barbara DeMaro
Ralph Bowman
Tom Brownscombe

PASSED 7-0

EB12-005 - Nietman The 2011-2012 Barber Tournament of K-8 State Champions Committee consist of:

Steve Shutt, Co-Chair
Jon Haskel, Co-Chair
Dewain Barber

Harold Winston
Barbara DeMaro
Ralph Bowman

PASSED 7-0

EB12-006 - Atkins The 2011-2012 TDCC Committee consist of:

Tim Just, Chair
Jeff Wiewel, Vice-Chair
Guy Hoffman
Carol Jarecki
Joe Lux
John McCumiskey
Mike Somers
Ernie Schlich
Edward Conway
Charles Hatherill
Francisco Guadalupe
Ken Ballou
Alex Relyea
Tom Langland
Tracey Vibbert
Thad Rogers

PASSED 7-0

EB12-007 - Atkins The 2011-2012 Rules Committee consist of:

David Kuhns, Chair
Carol Jarecki
Ken Sloan
Andrew Thall
Frank Camaratta
Ernie Schlich
Tim Just
Ken Ballou
Sevan Muradian

PASSED 7-0

EB12-008 - Board The 2011-2012 Hall of Fame Committee consist of:

Harold Winston, Chair
John Donaldson
John McCrary
John Hilbert
Joel Benjamin
Arthur Bisguier
Shane Samole
Al Lawrence
Jennifer Shahade
Mitchell Denker

PASSED 7-0

MOTION #	SPONSOR	DATE/METHOD	SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
EB12-001	Board	08/07/11 M	USCF Officers named	PASSED 7-0
EB12-002a	Board	08/07/11 M	Board liaisons to committees named	PASSED 7-0
EB12-002b	Board	08/07/11 M	Committee Chairs	PASSED 7-0
EB12-003	Nietman	08/07/11 M	Scholastic Committee Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB12-004	Nietman	08/07/11 M	Denker Invitational Committee Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB12-005	Nietman	08/07/11 M	Barber K-8 Tournament Committee Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB12-006	Atkins	08/07/11 M	TDCC Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB12-007	Atkins	08/07/11 M	Rules Committee Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB12-008	Board	08/07/11 M	Hall of Fame Committee Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB12-009	Board	08/07/11 M	Add Thad Rogers to Clubs Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB12-010	Board	08/07/11 M	Pro Players Health and Benefit Fund Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB12-011	Hall	08/07/11 M	Chess Camp Series Beginner's Puzzle Books	PASSED 7-0
EB12-012	Board	08/07/11 M	Create Dues Study Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB12-013	Board	08/07/11 M	Create Privacy Policy Committee	PASSED 6-0
EB12-014	Nietman	08/07/11 M	Accept changes to World Youth Selection Criteria	PASSED 5-0
EB12-015	Nietman	08/07/11 M	Accept changes to Chess Coach Certification rules	PASSED 5-0
EB12-016	Nietman	08/23/11 E	Add Jack Hutton to College Chess Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB12-017	Haring	08/23/11 E	Members of the Women's Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB12-018	Haring	08/23/11 E	Members of the International Affairs Committee	PASSED 6-0
EB12-019	Nietman	09/26/11 E	National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations	PASSED 7-0
EB12-020	Atkins	10/12/11 E	Name Tom Belke Chair of the Military Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB12-021	Berry	11/11/11 M	Accept amended minutes from August meetings	PASSED 6-0
EB12-022	Priest	11/11/11 M	Finance Committee named	PASSED 7-0
EB12-023	Priest	11/11/11 M	Rating of FIDE events for U.S. Players	PASSED 6-1
EB12-024	Atkins	11/12/11 M	Rating Fee Waivers	PASSED 7-0
EB12-025	Nietman	11/12/11 M	Scholastic Council two year terms	PASSED 7-0
EB12-026	Nietman	12/18/11 E	Approve minutes of November EB meeting	PASSED 7-0
EB12-027	Nietman	01/26/12 E	Accept updated World Youth Selection Criteria	PASSED 7-0
EB12-028	Atkins	02/07/12 E	Add Jabari McGreen to TDCC	PASSED 7-0
EB12-029	Goichberg	02/18/12 C	Accept updated rules for USCF rated matches	PASSED 6-0
EB12-030	Nietman	02/18/12 C	Organization of the Scholastic Council	PASSED 5-0
EB12-031	Goichberg	02/18/12 C	Add Bob Holliman to Dues Structure Committee	PASSED 5-0
EB12-032	Hall	03/13/12 E	Extend USCF-NJSCF partnership for the USATE	PASSED 7-0
EB12-033	Nietman	03/22/12 E	Accept minutes of February EB meeting	PASSED 7-0
EB12-034	Berry	04/18/12 E	Add Dave Lame (MI) to the Outreach Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB12-035	Hall	05/01/12 E	Send letter of concern to FIDE Presidential Board	PASSED 7-0
EB12-036	Haring	05/19/12 M	2012 Olympiad Qualification	PASSED 6-0
EB12-037	Atkins	05/19/12 M	Annual National Chess Day	PASSED 6-0
EB12-038	Atkins	05/19/12 M	Promotion of National Chess Day	PASSED 6-0
EB12-039	Priest	05/20/12 M	Conflict of Interest Policy for EB and Officers	PASSED 6-0
EB12-040	Priest	05/20/12 M	ADM—Conflict of Interest Policy for Delegates, Committee	PASSED 6-0
EB12-041	Hall	05/20/12 M	Trophies Plus—Grand Prix Contract	PASSED 6-0
EB12-042	Hall	05/20/12 M	Trophies Plus—Official Awards Provider	PASSED 6-0
EB12-043	Hall	05/20/12 M	Quad Graphics Printing Contract	PASSED 6-0
EB12-044	Hall	05/20/12 M	U.S. Under 8, Under 12 Online Invitational Champs	PASSED 6-0
EB12-045	Haring	05/20/12 M	USCF Invitational Requirements	PASSED 6-0
EB12-046	Board	05/20/12 M	Recognize and Congratulate Hikaru N. and Irina K.	PASSED 6-0

EB12-009 - Board Thad Rogers be added to the Clubs Committee.

PASSED 7-0

EB12-010 - Board We accept the resignation of John McCrary as chair of the PPHBF (Professional Players Health and Benefit Fund) and name the following to the committee:

John Donaldson, Chair
Steve Immitt
Dr. Anthony Saidy
Jim Eade

PASSED 7-0

EB12-011 - Hall The USCF Executive Board recognizes The Chess Camp series published by Mongoose Press, Inc. as the "Official Beginner's Puzzle Book Series of the U.S. Chess Federation."

PASSED 7-0

EB12-012 - Board Create a Dues Study Committee. Members include:

Bill Hall
Bill Goichberg
Allen Priest
Chuck Unruh
Randy Bauer
Tom Brownscombe
Tracey Vibbert

PASSED 7-0

EB12-013 - Board Create a Privacy Policy Committee. Members include:

Gary Walters
Mike Atkins
Mike Nietman
Bill Hall
Mike Nolan

PASSED 6-0 with Gary Walters not present and not voting.

EB12-014 - Nietman The Board accepts the changes to the World Youth Selection Criteria.

PASSED 5-0 with Ruth Haring and Gary Walters not present and not voting (Note: see text of changes in Appendix A at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>)

EB12-015 - Nietman The Board accepts the changes made to the Chess Coach Certification rules.

PASSED 5-0 with Ruth Haring and Gary Walters not present and not voting (Note: see text of changes in Appendix B at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>)

College Chess Committee Chair Rusty Harwood requested that Jack Hutton of Princeton University be added to the College Chess Committee. Mike Nietman moved this by e-mail on August 16, 2011. Voting was completed on August 23, 2011.

EB12-016 - Nietman At the request of College Committee Chair Rusty Harwood, I move that we add Princeton University student Jack Hutton to the College Chess Committee.

PASSED 7-0

Incoming Women's Committee Chair, Isabelle Minoofar, proposed the committee members she wanted. Ruth Haring moved the Women's Committee membership by e-mail on August 20, 2011. The vote was completed on August 23,

2011.

EB12-017 - Haring At the request of the incoming Women's Committee Chair, Isabelle Minoofar, I move that we add the following people to the Women's Committee.

PASSED 7-0

Chair: Isabelle Minoofar (CA)
Harold Winston (IL)
Maureen Grimaud (SC)
Russell Harwood (TX)
Heather Flewelling (HI)
Jennifer Skidmore (MI)
Jennifer Shahade (PA)
Phil Chase (CA)

Continuing on the committee are:

Polly Wright
Barbara DeMaro
Dr. Alexey Root

Incoming International Affairs Committee Chair, Michael Khodarkovsky, proposed the committee members he wanted. Ruth Haring moved the International Affairs Committee membership by e-mail on August 20, 2011. The vote was completed on August 23, 2011.

EB12-018 - Haring At the request of the incoming International Affairs Committee Chair, Michael Khodarkovsky, I move that we add the following people to the International Affairs Committee.

PASSED 6-0 with Gary Walters not voting.

Add to International Affairs Committee:

Franc Guadalupe
Tony Rich
Bill Kelleher

Continuing on the committee are:

Michael Khodarkovsky
Sam Palatnik
Sophia Rohde

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on 9/15/11 to approve changes in the National Scholastic regulations as proposed by the Scholastic Council. Voting was completed on September 26. The changes appear in Appendix C at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>.

EB12-019 - Nietman I move that the attached regulations be approved.

PASSED 7-0

The Military rotates the U.S. Armed Forces Open tournament among its branches. The Marines, under John Farrell, just organized and ran the 2011 USAFO. Next year it is the Navy's turn and Tom Belke (Capt. USNR) is their choice to organize for the 2012 event. Mike Atkins moved by e-mail to name Tom Belke chair of the Military Chess Committee. The motion passed on October 12, 2011.

EB12-020 - Atkins I move that Tom Belke be named the new Chair of the Military Chess Committee.

PASSED 7-0

The Executive Board met in Mason, Ohio, on November 11-12, 2011. The following motions resulted from that meeting.

EB12-021 - Berry Accept the amended minutes from the August 04 and August 07 Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Gary Walters and **PASSED 6-0** with Allen Priest not present. Please note that the August 4 minutes referred to are from the previous (2011) Board.

EB12-022 - Priest Name the Finance Committee as Randy Bauer, Chair, Chuck Unruh, Jack Adamo, Jon Haskel, Tim Redman, Mike Swatek and Beatriz Marinello. The motion was seconded by Mike Nietman and **PASSED 7-0**.

EB12-023 - Priest The USCF will rate foreign FIDE events for current USCF members identified as FIDE rated with FIDE ratings of 2200 or higher. Current USCF members with a FIDE rating under 2200 may register with the USCF office to have their foreign FIDE events rated by the USCF. There may be a fee for this service. This motion was seconded by Bill Goichberg and **PASSED 6-1** with Mike Atkins opposed.

EB12-024 - Atkins The Executive Board requests the Executive Director to incorporate a rating fee waiver system for special programs into the new TD/A changes. This should appear when the new TD/A system is introduced online. This motion came out of closed session and was considered and voted again in open session. It was seconded by Jim Berry and **PASSED 7-0**.

EB12-025 - Nietman Affirm the current Scholastic Council practice of electing two year terms for Council membership. This motion was seconded by Allen Priest and **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Nietman moved the acceptance of the minutes of the November, 2011, EB meeting on December 8 by e-mail. The vote was completed on November 18.

EB12-026 - Nietman I move that we accept the minutes as distributed for the November 11-12, 2011 EB Meeting.

PASSED 7-0

Mike Nietman noted that the Scholastic Council has worked on updating the World Youth selection rules. Subsequent to the posting of those rules, we passed EB12-014 to update several items. Mike Nietman moved the acceptance of the updated selection criteria by e-mail on January 5, 2012. The motion passed unanimously on January 26. The existing rules are paragraph 6 in this link on our website: <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/7865/131/>. The revised rules can be found in Appendix D at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>.

EB12-027 - Nietman I move that we accept the proposed update to the World Youth Selection Criteria as proposed by the Scholastic Council.

PASSED 7-0

The Tournament Direction Certification Committee (TDCC) requested that STD Jabari McGreen be added to the TDCC. Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on February 4, 2012, that he be added. The vote was completed on February 07.

EB12-028 - Nietman I move that Jabari Mcgreen be named to the TDCC.

PASSED 7-0

The Executive Board met by conference call on February 18, 2012. The following motions arose from that meeting:

EB12-029 - Goichberg Accept the updated rules for USCF rated matches. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not voting—Please note: The rules can be found in Appendix E at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>.

EB12-030 - Nietman (Seconded by Priest)—Accept as presented the Revisions to the Organization of the Scholastic Council. **PASSED 5-0** with Jim Berry and Gary Walters not voting. Please note: The revised Scholastic Council organization can be found in Appendix F at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>.

EB12-031 - Goichberg Add Bob Holliman (MO) to the Dues Structure Committee. **PASSED 5-0** with Jim Berry and Gary Walters not voting.

Bill Hall moved for a five year extension in the partnership between the USCF and the New Jersey State Chess Federation (NJSCF) for conducting the USATE. The motion was made on March 13, 2012 by e-mail. Questions arose regarding the details of the contract, which were answered to everyone's satisfaction and the motion passed on March 29, 2012.

EB12-032 - Hall The USCF Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to finalize and execute a five year extension of the recent partnership between the USCF and the NJSCF for conducting the U.S. Amateur Team East. **PASSED 7-0**

After discussion, Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on March 22, 2012, the acceptance of the minutes of the February EB meeting. It passed unanimously on March 29.

EB12-033 - Nietman I move that we accept the minutes from the February 18, 2012 Executive Board meeting. **PASSED 7-0**

Jim Berry forwarded a request from Dave Lame of Michigan to join the Outreach Committee. Dave Lame's pet project is to try to make USCF chess available in all parts of the country. Myron Lieberman, Chair of the Outreach Committee, was interested in having him on the committee and asked Jim Berry for Board approval. He made the following motion by e-mail on April 18. The vote was completed on May 07.

EB12-034 - Berry I move David Lame (MI) be added to USCF Outreach Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov discussed a U.S. national championship event with the local organizers without involving USCF. Bill Hall moved on May 01, 2012, by e-mail that an open letter be sent to the FIDE Presidential Board and posted on the USCF website to express concern. After amendments to the content were accepted by the Board, the following motion was voted:

EB12-035 - Hall I move the Executive Board directs the Executive Director to communicate the following to the FIDE Presidential Board as an open letter and display on the USCF website. **PASSED 7-0**

The USCF is deeply concerned about FIDE President Ilyumzhinov's recent visit to Chicago and the resulting press coverage on the FIDE website, due to the fact that President Ilyumzhinov discussed a U.S. national championship event with Chicago organizers without USCF participation. Put simply, this is a step in the wrong direction as it shows a complete disregard for the authority of all national federations and is against the interests of the great game of chess, both worldwide and in the United States.

We were surprised and disappointed that FIDE did not use this visit by President Ilyumzhinov as an opportunity to work with the USCF as a partner. We wish to make it clear that we expect any future discussion relating to FIDE involvement in a U.S.-based project must include approval by the USCF and its integral involvement.

The only persons authorized to represent the USCF in negotiations with FIDE on matters involving chess are Ruth Haring, President and Head of Delegation, Bill Hall, Executive Director, Michael Khodarkovsky, FIDE Delegate, and Francisco Guadalupe, Zonal President.

FIDE's motto is "Gens una summas" or "We are one family." In that spirit, the USCF sent a large delegation to the 2011 FIDE Congress in Krakow, Poland, expending significant resources to strengthen the relationship between FIDE and the USCF. To this end, we expect FIDE to respect the rights of the national federations and remember its own motto. In the future, we fully expect FIDE to seek approval from the appropriate USCF officials of the United States national federation, as designated herein, pertaining to any and all planned chess related activities in the United States.

The Board met on May 19 and 20, 2012, in St. Louis, Missouri. The following motions were made on Saturday, May 19, 2012:

EB12-036 - Haring Moved, that for 2012 Olympiad Qualification we follow procedure used for World Team invitations for the rating part of the calculation. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present.

EB12-037 - Atkins Moved, that the USCF create an ANNUAL National Chess Day to be established on the second Saturday of October every year. The specific details for each year will be finalized at the spring meeting of the Executive Board. The date for this year would be Saturday, October 13. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present.

EB12-038 - Atkins Moved that this year's National Chess Day, Saturday, October 13th, be promoted in *Chess Life* and *CL Online* by a program of free TLAs for tournaments with National Chess Day in the title and free rating fees as established in a recent motion. National Chess Day 2012 will be Saturday, October 13th. In order to promote National Chess Day as a day for special activities and promotion of chess throughout the country, the following is proposed:

Any Rated Beginner Open that includes "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets both a free TLA and free rating fees.

Any one-day event for October 13 which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets a free TLA.

Any two-three day event held over a period which encompasses October 13, which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title, will get free TLA and free rating fees.

Organizers are encouraged to submit articles and photographs for publication for *Chess Life* magazine and *Chess Life Online*.

The USCF will sent out at least one e-mail blast to all TDs and affiliates before June 1 to enable tournaments to make the June 1 deadline for two issues of *Chess Life* TLA—August and September 2012. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present.

The following motions were made on Sunday, May 20, 2012:

EB12-039 - Priest Moved, the Executive Board accept the IRS Sample Conflict of Interest Policy as distributed to apply to the Executive Board and corporate officers. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present. Please note that the wording of the IRS

Sample Conflict of Interest Policy is documented as Appendix G at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>.

EB12-040 - Priest Moved, the Executive Board includes as an ADM the IRS Sample Conflict of Interest Policy to apply to USCF Delegates and Committee members. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present. Please note that the wording of the IRS Sample Conflict of Interest Policy is documented as Appendix G at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>.

EB12-041 - Hall Moved, the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director, pending final approval by the Vice President after review of the contract, to sign the five year Grand Prix contract with Trophies Plus. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present. Please note: This motion was previously discussed in closed session.

EB12-042 - Hall Moved, upon execution of the Trophies Plus contract, Trophies Plus will be recognized as the "Official Awards Provider of the USCF" for the duration of the contract. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present. Please note: This motion was previously discussed in closed session.

EB12-043 - Hall Moved, to accept the three year printing contract with Quad Graphics. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present. Please note: This motion was previously discussed in closed session.

EB12-044 - Hall Moved, that the USCF create two new national online championships named the U.S. Under 12 Online Invitational Championship and the U.S. Under 8 Online Invitational Championship. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present. Please note: This motion was previously discussed in closed session.

EB12-045 - Haring Moved, to accept the USCF Invitational Requirements effective January 2013. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present. Please note: The revised Invitational Requirements are specified in Appendix H at <http://bit.ly/Appendices>.

EB12-046 - Board The Board moves to recognize and congratulate our new National Champions: Hikaru Nakamura and Irina Krush. **PASSED 6-0** with Jim Berry not present.

APPENDIX A – Committee Chairs and Board Liaisons
DEL=Delegate Appointed

COMMITTEE	LIAISON (Board/Office)	CHAIR
AUDIT (DEL)	Allen Priest	to be named
AWARDS	Bill Goichberg	John Donaldson
BARBER TOURNAMENT OF K-8 STATE CHAMPIONS	Mike Nietman	Jon Haskel Stephen Shutt
BYLAWS (DEL)	Allen Priest	Harold J Winston Guy Hoffman
CHESS IN EDUCATION	Mike Nietman	F. Leon Wilson
CLUBS	Bill Goichberg	Bob Rasmussen
COLLEGE	Mike Nietman	Russell S. Harwood
CORRESPONDENCE	Gary Walters	Brad Rogers
CRAMER AWARDS	Jim Berry	Frank Brady
DENKER INVITATIONAL	Mike Nietman	Dewain Barber Shelby Lohrman
ELECTION (DEL)	Jim Berry	Myron Lieberman
ETHICS (DEL)	Gary Walters	Andrew Thall
FINANCE	Allen Priest	Randy Bauer
GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE		Allen Priest Richard Koepcke
HALL OF FAME	Gary Walters	Harold J. Winston
HALL OF RECORDS	Bill Goichberg	Steve Immitt
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	Ruth Haring	Michael Khodarkovsky
LMA MANAGEMENT (DEL)	Allen Priest	Tim Redman
MILITARY	Mike Atkins	Capt. Thomas Belke, USNR
OUTREACH	Jim Berry	Myron Lieberman
PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS HEALTH AND BENEFITS (PPHBF)	Allen Priest	John Donaldson
PUBLICATIONS	Jim Berry	Jonathan Hilton
RATINGS	Bill Goichberg	Mark Glickman
RULES	Mike Atkins	David Kuhns
SCHOLASTIC	Mike Nietman	Tom Brownscombe Beatriz Marinello
SENIOR	Mike Atkins	Charles Hatherill
STATES	Gary Walters	Guy Hoffman
SURVEY	Bill Goichberg	Tony Pabon
TOP PLAYERS	Ruth Haring	to be named
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (TDCC)	Mike Atkins	Tim Just
U.S. OPEN	Bill Goichberg	Hal Terrie III
WOMEN'S CHESS	Ruth Haring	Isabelle Minoofar

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trustees and officers: Chess in Education Vice President Tim Redman (TX), Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry (NY), Assistant Treasurer Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Steve Doyle (NJ), Mitchell Denker (FL), Mark Fins (MA), Beatriz Marinello (NY), Rex Sinquefield (MO) and Joe Ippolito (NJ) for their help in the past year. The Trustees represent all sections of our nation and serve without compensation.

Our annual meeting is open to the public. Everyone is welcome at the annual Trust meeting on Thursday afternoon August 9, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Vancouver Hilton Hotel in Vancouver, Washington, just across the river from Portland, Oregon. To contact the Trust, e-mail our Managing Director Barbara DeMaro at bduscf@aol.com or e-mail me at HJWinston@aol.com. Donations should be made out to U.S. Chess Trust and can be sent to U.S. Chess Trust, P.O. Box 838, Wallkill, NY 12589, Attention: Barbara DeMaro. Barbara and I will also collect donations in person at the U.S. Open and at the Delegates meeting. To make sure your full donation goes to the Trust use a check.

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MARTIN DEAN (VA)	HAROLD TORRANCE (PA)
BILL GOICHBERG (NY)	CHARLES UNRUH (OK)
DAVID KOCHMAN (NH)	EDWARD WYCOFF (CA)

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CALL TO ORDER BY USCF PRESIDENT - RUTH HARING

Moment of silence observed for those of the chess community who have passed on.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

ADM 12-01 (Ruth Haring, CA-N)

The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present in person at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND STANDING RULES, MINUTES OF THE 2011 DELEGATES' MEETING AND APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN.

ADM 12-02 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Move that the minutes of the 2011 Delegates meeting as distributed to the Delegates present in Vancouver be accepted.

ADM 12-03 (Bill Goichberg, NY)

Move that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian.

ADM 12-04 (Ruth Haring, CA-N)

Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2012 Delegates' Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the *Delegates' Call*.

RATIFICATION

ADM 12-05 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board made available to the Delegates present in Vancouver in the form of either Executive Board Resolutions or Executive Board Minutes since the conclusion of the 2011 Delegates meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT (RUTH HARING)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (BILL HALL)

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF FINANCE (ALLEN PRIEST)

ADM 12-06 (Executive Board)

The 2012-2013 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS (DANIEL LUCAS)

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. CHESS TRUST

REPORT OF THE FIDE DELEGATE AND ZONAL PRESIDENT

FIDE DELEGATE (MICHAEL KHODARKOVSKY)

FIDE ZONAL PRESIDENT (FRANCISCO GUADALUPE)

FIDE VICE PRESIDENT (BEATRIZ MARINELLO)

ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE ELECTION

BYLAWS COMMITTEE ELECTION

ELECTION COMMITTEE ELECTION

ETHICS COMMITTEE ELECTION

LMA COMMITTEE ELECTION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

ADM 12-07 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2011-2012 and authorize their continuation.

ADM 12-08 (Rachel Lieberman, AZ; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Move that Dewain Barber (CA-S, ID# 10467454) be elected as a Delegate at Large.

(DM 11-18) (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, miscomputation, 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.

ADM 12-09 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

The Delegates direct that the Executive Board and Executive Director cause a trust to be established. The trust shall have the following terms:

1. The trust shall be called the USCF Life Member Asset Trust.
2. The trust shall be irrevocable and unamendable.
3. The United States of America Chess Federation (USCF) is the beneficiary of the trust.
4. Upon the dissolution of the USCF the trust is to be dissolved and the assets distributed in the same manner as provided for the assets of the USCF's Articles of Incorporation.

5. There shall be 11 trustees.

6. The current USCF Vice President-Finance shall be one of the trustees.

7. The remaining trustees shall be appointed by the USCF Board of Delegates for a term of one year from the date of appointment or until their successors are appointed.

8. The USCF Board of Delegates may replace/remove the trustees at a special delegates meeting called in the manner prescribed in the USCF bylaws for such meetings.

9. Any vacancies amongst the Trustees may be filled by appointment made by the remaining Trustees. Such appointment will require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Trustees.

10. The purpose of the trust is to provide income to the USCF to provide services to those who purchase life or other multi-year memberships in the USCF. The Trustees are to prudently invest the trust assets with this goal in mind.

11. The trust may own real estate that is occupied by the USCF. The Trustees need not require the USCF to pay rent for such property.

12. The Trustees may encumber any trust assets by a majority vote and only with the prior approval of the USCF Board of Directors, and any mortgage, loan, or borrowing agreement must be signed by at least two Trustees, one of whom must be the USCF Vice President-Finance.

13. The Trustees cannot sell, encumber, or mortgage, in any fashion, any land and/or buildings, owned by the trust without the prior approval by the USCF Board of Directors at a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

14. The Trustees may make loans to the USCF provided that the USCF Executive Director certifies that there is a need for such borrowing, the Executive Board approves of the borrowing, and a majority of the Trustees approves of such borrowing.

15. The trust shall be funded with the assets currently under the supervision of the USCF Life Member Asset Committee.

16. The trust may receive additional assets at any time from the sale of USCF Life or other multi-year memberships. The beneficiary will transfer to the trust an amount for each such membership as agreed with the Trustees no less than quarterly for memberships sold in the prior quarter.

17. The Trustees will transfer to the USCF on a monthly basis an amount sufficient to provide services to those who purchase life or other multi-year memberships in the USCF.

18. In the event that the Trustees and the USCF Board of Directors fail to reach agreement as to the amounts to be transferred to the USCF, the matter shall be subject to arbitration with the costs to be borne by the USCF.

Rationale: If the Executive Board is to be the corporate board of directors, the present structure of the Life Member Asset Committee will not work. The bylaws allow for the LMA committee to legally bind the USCF through the purchase and sale of investments and other property, as well as providing for their participation in the borrowing of funds. To have this type of power Illinois law requires that such a committee must be appointed by the board of directors and must be comprised of a majority of corporate directors. If the committee retains its present structure, it will have no legal authority to act after the EB becomes the board of directors.

Even if the EB does not become the board of directors this is a proper step to take. Moving these assets into trust will limit the ability of someone who sues the USCF to gain access to the LMA funds as they will not be able to attach trust assets in satisfaction of a judgment.

ADM 12-10 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Article IX, Section 10 of the USCF bylaws is hereby repealed.

Rationale: This article provides for borrowing from the LMA. It is now part of the terms of the LMA Trust and is not necessary to be in the bylaws.

ADM 12-11 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Article VII, Section 3, part A, item 5 is hereby repealed.

Rationale: This article establishes the Life Member Asset Committee. This committee is replaced by the LMA Trust.

ADM 12-12 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Article VII, Section 3, Part D is amended to read: No individual member can chair more than one of the following at the same time: Audit Committee, Finance Committee, or the Life Member Asset Trust Board of Trustees.

Rationale: The language needs to conform to the existence of the LMA Trust.

ADM 12-13 (Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Article VII, Section 3, Part E is amended to read: No individual other than the Vice President-Finance can serve on more than two of the following at the same time: Audit Committee, Finance Committee, or the Life Member Asset Trust Board of Trustees.

Rationale: The language needs to conform to the existence of the LMA Trust. Since we are changing that, we might as well make the bylaws consistent on the title of the VP-Finance.

Explanation for Motions related to changing the bylaws so that the EB becomes the Board of Directors.

Currently Article V of the bylaws deals with the Board of Delegates. Only Section 1 has changes proposed. It presently reads:

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

The proposed language that was adopted by the Delegates and then referred to the bylaws committee reads:

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.

Currently Article VI of the bylaws deals with the EB. Only Section 2 has changes proposed. It presently reads:

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

The proposed language that was adopted by the Delegates and then referred to the bylaws committee reads:

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.

This language was strengthened in part so that the EB as the Board of Directors could not amend the Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws and thus completely remake the governance structure without the consent of the Delegates. According to the attorney, this would certainly be possible if the EB were the Board of Directors. The language above is a problem however. Illinois law provides for only two ways to amend the articles of incorporation. The first is by resolution of the board of directors. This is the default. The second is by resolution of the board of directors and then approval of the voting members of the organization. This authority to permit the voting members to vote on amendments to the articles of incorporation has to be stated in the articles of incorporation for it to be effective. It should also be placed in the bylaws. Trying to retain the authority to amend the articles by the Delegates after the Executive Board becomes the Board of Directors would not be in accordance with Illinois law.

Further, some of the duties that the original proposed bylaws changes reserve for the delegates are problematic under Illinois law, unless the Articles of Incorporation provides for such to be the responsibility of the delegates.

Finally, the attorney sees a conflict in the "governing" title for the delegates and the "managing" title for the EB, as by definition the Board of Directors is in charge of managing the affairs of the organization, except as prescribed by the articles of incorporation.

So, to make this work, we need to tackle this a little different way.

First, we need the Board of Delegates to adopt a resolution to amend the articles of incorporation to define the duties of the Delegates, leaving out the amendment of the articles.

ADM 12-14 (Allen Priest, KY and Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

The Board of Directors hereby direct the Executive Director to cause the USCF Articles of Incorporation to be amended as follows:

The Board of Delegates shall be the legislative body of the USCF. The Board of Delegates shall be the supreme authoritative body of the Federation to determine the policies that shall govern the USCF in all of its activities. Among other things, it shall have the authority to amend the Bylaws and the USCF Official Rules of Chess, approve the sale, exchange or other transfer of real estate owned by the USCF, approve any borrowing secured by real estate owned by the USCF, approve the annual budget and supervise the ethics compliance process of the USCF.

AND:

The Executive Board shall be the Board of Directors. It 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.

AND:

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation that are proposed by the Executive Board must be approved by a vote of the voting members. The voting procedure will be as provided for in the bylaws of the corporation.

If this is adopted then the bylaws language should be adopted as follows:

ADM 12-15 (Allen Priest, KY and Harold Winston, DAL-IL)

Article V, Section 1 is amended to read: Responsibility. In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Delegates shall be the legislative body of the USCF. The Board of Delegates shall be the supreme authoritative body of the Federation to determine the policies that shall govern the USCF in all of its activities. Among other things, it shall have the authority to amend the Bylaws and the USCF Official Rules of Chess,

approve the annual budget, approve the sale of real estate owned by the USCF, approve any borrowing secured by real estate owned by the USCF and supervise the ethics compliance process of the Federation.

Article VI, Section 2 is amended to read: Responsibility. In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, 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.

Article IV, Section 7 is added to read: Amendments to Articles of Incorporation: In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the approval of the voting members is required to amend the Articles of Incorporation. Amendments will be approved if supported by a majority of the voting members who cast a vote on the amendment in an election that is called in accordance with the election provisions in the bylaws of the USCF.

DM 11-55 (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

ADM 12-16 (USCF Bylaws Committee) Alternative to DM 11-55

Amend Article IX to add a new section: No party, nor any attorney representing a party, in litigation, arbitration, or administrative proceedings against the USCF may serve as a state Delegate or as a member of the Executive Board, except that members of the Executive Board may continue to serve if any such legal action is brought solely in his or her capacity as a member of the Executive Board.

No person who is an officer, director, partner, trustee, shareholder or member of an entity in litigation, arbitration, or administrative proceedings against the USCF can serve as a state Delegate or member of the Executive Board.

COMMENT: The Bylaws Committee preferred this alternative to DM 11-55.

It does not apply to committee members and only deals with current litigation. It adds attorneys for parties opposing USCF and has an exception for Executive Board members suing in their capacity as an Executive Board member. There are some Bylaws Committee members who consider both versions possibly illegal, however. There is also at least one Delegate who believes any such restrictions should only apply to Executive Board Members, not to state Delegates.

DM 11-58 (NDM 11-14) (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**

NEW BUSINESS

ADM 12-17 (Harold Winston, DAL-IL; Mike Nolan, NE)

Amend Article III, section 11 of the Bylaws as follows:

(a) add "Life" to the first sentence so it shall read: "Each Life, Premium, Premium Young Adult, Senior, and Special member shall be entitled to receive a monthly paper copy of *Chess Life*."

(b) replace the phrase "Each Family Membership shall provide one hard copy *Chess Life* to the household plus one hard copy *Chess Life for Kids*" with "Each Family Membership shall provide one paper copy *Chess Life* to the household plus one paper copy *Chess Life for Kids*."

RATIONALE: This corrects technical errors. Life memberships are inadvertently omitted in the current wording. Other references in Article III, Section 11 are to "paper copy" and changing the two references in the Family membership section to "paper copy" make it consistent with the other sections.

ADM 12-18 (Tim Redman, DAL-TX; Leroy Dubeck, DAL-NJ)

The Delegates have reviewed the financial information about expenditures and the status of funds in the Players' Health and Benefits Fund and approved the report on those items, a report required by DM 11-51.

ADM 12-19 (Steve Immitt, NY; Mike Atkins, VA; Tim Just, IL)

The Delegates resolve to establish a special award for anyone who has held the Master title for at least 50 years, and also list every one of these players in EVERY issue of the annual USCF Yearbook, effective with the 2013 edition. In testament to this tremendous achievement, and to honor those players who have already done so, the Delegates hereby pass this resolution by acclamation.

ADM 12-20 (Jim Berry, OK)

Add to Article III, Section 8 the following:

The USCF will offer any person under the age of 13 a USCF life membership which will receive publications online only upon payment of \$500.

Explanation: Upon receipt of the \$500, \$400 will go to LMA and \$100 will go to USCF operations. This member will have all of the rights and privileges of USCF membership except publications will be online only. The purpose of the ADM is to extend scholastic tournament activity into chess players teenage years.

ADM 12-23 (USCF Executive Board)

Conflict of Interest Policy

The Delegates hereby adopt the following Conflict of Interest Policy to apply to all Delegates, Alternate Delegates and those appointed by the Delegates to committees of the U.S. Chess Federation.

United States of America Chess Federation Conflict of Interest Policy

Article I

Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II

Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,*
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or*
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.*

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III

Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV

Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V

Compensation

a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI

Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,

b. Has read and understands the policy,

c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and

d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII

Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conduct-

ed. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII

Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Rationale: The Internal Revenue Service recommends that non-profit organizations adopt a conflict of interest policy. This is taken directly from the IRS instructions for Form 1023. The Executive Board has adopted it for itself and the USCF officers and believes that it is appropriate for the delegates, alternate delegates and committee members as well. Adopting the policy will add an administrative burden of sending the policy out to all parties annually and asking for them to return a signed statement as noted in Article VI. Since delegates and alternates must accept their positions, this can be done at the same time. Alternatively, it can be done at the annual meeting. Committee members appointed and present at the annual meeting can get the policy and sign the statement there. It will have to be sent to those not present at the annual meeting.

ADM 12-22 (Michael Atkins, VA)

In January 2012, FIDE started rating blitz tournaments and will soon have a monopoly on blitz. In order to better compete with FIDE on the national and international stage, it is imperative that the USCF finally give its members a blitz rating system.

The FIDE standards for rated blitz are "has at least five minutes, but less than 15 minutes, after adjustment for any increment or delay mode," will be rated. Thus, the time control of 3 minutes plus 2 second increment or all the moves in 5 minutes is acceptable. For players with existing FIDE ratings, their initial rating on both of the new lists will be that rating. Their rapid play or blitz ratings will be adjusted depending on their results in those forms of chess.

The method used to calculate ratings in each list will be the same as currently used, with the exception that the K factor used will in all cases be 20. For unrated players this has the effect their rating, if they score higher than 50%, becomes Ra +10 for each half point above 50%, with a maximum of 400. If any player plays 35 games or more in a period, his new rating will be based solely on those games.

The USCF must be able to compete with FIDE and other organizations. Saying we don't need one more rating system, that blitz should be rated, that quick already is a flawed system are no longer good arguments. If someone doesn't like rated blitz or thinks it should not be rated, don't play, don't stop others from enjoying rated blitz and don't block the USCF from competing on the blitz stage and offering an alternative to FIDE blitz.

The only modification proposed from the FIDE time controls of 3-2 up to 15 is for the USCF, only 2 seconds delay or increment is allowed, minimum 5 minutes total and nothing over 8-2, so the

acceptable time controls would be: 3-2, 4-2, 5-0, 5-2, 6-0, 6-2, 7-0, 7-2, 8-0 and 8-2.

Move that on January 1, 2013, the USCF offer a Blitz Rating system based on the above and the current USCF Rules of Blitz be the rules of play. Blitz rules 1A, 1B would need to be reworded.

ADM 12-23 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Rewrite rule 14G

Effective January 1, 2013, replace rule 14G with the following text:

14G. Both players exceed the time control in sudden death. The game is drawn if both players overstep the time limit in a sudden death time control and either player points this out. If a player who has not yet run out of time claims a win on time but does not stop the clock in time to avoid overstepping the limit himself, the game is drawn. See also 14G2, Players apparently unaware of situation; 15H, Reporting of results; 16T, Both players exceed time control; and 16Y, Assisting players with time management prohibited.

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

14G1. Checkmate and both players out of time. In a sudden death control, if a player points out that both players have overstepped the time limit prior to a checkmate, the game is drawn. After considering all available evidence, including testimony by the players and any witnesses, a director who is unable to determine whether the claim of both players having overstepped the time limit occurred first shall deny the time claim and rule the checkmate valid.

14G2. Players apparently unaware of situation. If a sudden death game continues after both players have overstepped the time limit, the director may rule it a draw. This exception to the standard rule that only players may call flags down is justified by the need to avoid delaying the tournament. See also 14J, Draw declared by director; 16T, Both players exceed time control; 16Y, Assisting players with time management prohibited; 18G, Adjudications; and 21D, Intervening in games.

Rationale: The motivation for rewriting rule 14G to eliminate references to “both flags down” is that the assumption that one or the other clock must be running unless a player has stopped both clocks is not valid in a world of digital clocks. Specifically, a digital clock may be set to “halt at end,” which causes both clocks to stop running once one player has overstepped the time control.

ADM 12-24 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Rewrite rule 16B and modify rule 35F5.

Effective January 1, 2013, replace the text of rule 16B with the following:

16B. How to set clocks.

16B1. Analog clocks. Clocks should be set so that each unit will register six o'clock when the first time-control period expires. If there is a second time control of any length of one hour or less it should expire at seven o'clock (even if that requires that the clocks be reset), a third such control at eight o'clock, etc. For more information on clocks see Chapter 4, Equipment Standards; 5E, Standard timer for non-sudden death; 35F5, Special Clock; and 42C, Standard clocks.

16B2. Digital clocks. Time delay or increment clocks should be set according to the manufacturer's directions so that any visual device used to indicate that a player's time has been exhausted for all time control periods is activated. Such mechanisms may include one or more of a light, a display of all zeros, or a display of a flag. Players should explain the flag fall mechanism and the clock's operation to their opponents. The time delay or increment

should be set according to the director's instructions, with the time delay or increment in force starting at move one (5Fb) unless the time control specifies otherwise. Clocks equipped to do so should be set for a Bronstein or a delay mode for delay controls or for Fischer, added time, or increment mode for increment time controls.

16B2a. Sound. Digital clocks must be set to produce no sound. This includes, but is not limited to: beeping when a player has run out of time in the final time control; beeping when a player reaches the end of any time control; warning beeps to indicate a player is approaching the end of a time control; and beeping when a player presses the clock. A digital clock which can be set to produce no sound is preferable to a clock that cannot.

16B2b. Clock of player not out of time continues to run. If possible, digital clocks must be set so that when one player runs out of time in a time control, the opponent's clock continues to run normally. This capability is variously called “halt on end,” “claim mode,” or “freeze.” A digital clock that can be set to satisfy the requirement of this rule is preferable to a clock that cannot.

16B2c. Players are responsible for setting the clock correctly. Players are responsible for knowing how to set their own clocks to conform to rule 16B2. Players should be prepared to explain the clock's operation to the opponent before the start of the game. This includes how the clock indicates a player has run out of time and how to pause both clocks if necessary to summon a director.

For more information on delay or increment clocks see Chapter 5, Equipment Standards; 5F, Standard timer for sudden death; 35F5, Special clock; 42B, Signaling devices; 42C, Move counters; 42D, Digital clocks; and 42F, Delay clock preferable in sudden death.

(The TD tips following rule 16B are unaffected).

Also, effective January 1, 2013, append the following sentence to rule 35F5: “Rule 16B2a does not apply to such a clock.”

ADM 12-25 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Remove the time controls from the definition of “Quick Chess” in rule 5C.

Effective January 1, 2013, replace the text of rule 5C with the following: “5C. Quick Chess. The USCF maintains a separate rating system for Quick Chess games. All Quick Chess rules are identical to the regular USCF sudden death rules herein except that scorekeeping is not required, so all provisions relating to chess notation are irrelevant.”

Rationale: The definition has changed (and may change again in the future). The current text of rule 5C is obsolete.

ADM 12-26 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Time controls and event types. Effective January 1, 2013, the definitions of the various event types (regular, quick, blitz) are hereby changed as follows:

1. Ratable time controls. Three types of events are ratable by the U.S. Chess Federation. Regular events are governed by the Official Rules of Chess. Quick events are governed by the same rules, except that scorekeeping is not required (rules 15A through 15G). Blitz events are governed by somewhat different rules (chapter 11).

2. Regular events. Time control requirements for a regular event are as follows:

2a. The main time must be 25 minutes or more for each player.

2b. The delay or increment time must be in the range 0-120 seconds.

2c. The main time in minutes, plus the delay or increment time in seconds, must add up to at least 30.

2d. Multiple time controls are permitted. If there are multiple controls, requirements 2a through 2c apply to each control, and there must be at least 15 moves in any non-sudden-death control.

3. Quick events. Time control requirements for a quick event are as follows:

3a. The main time must be in the range 6-29 minutes.

3b. The delay or increment time must be in the range 0-5 seconds.

3c. The main time in minutes, plus delay or increment time in seconds, must add up to at most 29.

3d. Multiple time controls are not permitted.

4. Blitz events. Time control requirements for a blitz event are as follows:

4a. The main time must be in the range 3-5 minutes.

4b. The delay or increment time must be in the range 0-2 seconds.

4c. The main time in minutes, plus delay or increment time in seconds, must add up to at least 5.

4d. Multiple time controls are not permitted.

Rationale: The distinction among the three event types (regular, quick, blitz) would be clarified. Because reasonable limits would be imposed on delay and increment times, each event type would have its own “look and feel”. Ridiculous combinations such as G/6 inc/90 would be disallowed.

Additional rationale: Already, as of January 2012, the event type (regular versus quick) can be determined from the time control alone. There is no overlap. The proposed ADM would extend this non-overlapping property to quick versus blitz. At present, this distinction is blurred, making it necessary to explicitly include the word “blitz” in the tournament name.

Note: This proposal addresses event types (regular, quick, blitz) rather than rating systems (regular, dual, quick). For clarity it is best to keep the two discussions separate. For the latter see ADM regarding time controls and rating systems, below.

ADM 12-27 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Time controls and rating systems.

Effective January 1, 2013, the rules regarding the rating systems (regular, dual, quick, and eventually blitz) to be used for the various event types are hereby changed as follows:

1. Regular ratings. A regular event is rated under the regular rating system.

2. Quick ratings. A quick event is rated under the quick rating system.

3. Blitz ratings. For the time being, a blitz event is rated under the quick rating system. If and when a separate blitz rating system is launched, a blitz event will be rated under the blitz rating system.

4. Dual ratings, regular and quick. Some regular events are also rated under the quick rating system. These events are called dual-rated. For an event to be dual-rated, requirements 3a through 3c for a regular event (see ADM “Time controls and event types”) must all be met, in addition to the following:

4a. The main time in minutes, plus delay or increment time in seconds, must add up to at most 65.

4b. The event must have a single time control. Multiple controls are not permitted.

5. Dual ratings, quick and blitz. If and when a separate blitz

rating system is launched, some quick events may also be rated under the blitz rating system. For an event to be dual-rated under quick and blitz, requirement 3d for a quick event (see ADM “Time controls and event types”) must be met, in addition to other criteria to be established by the Ratings Committee. Suggested additional criteria include:

5a. The main time must be in the range 3-14 minutes.

5b. The delay or increment time must be in the range 0-3 seconds.

5c. The main time in minutes, plus the delay or increment time in seconds, must add up to at most 14.

6. Transition to blitz rating system. If and when a separate blitz rating system is launched, the quick system will be re-rated as follows:

6a. Events satisfying the requirements for blitz (item 4 of ADM “Time control and event types”) but not those for quick (item 3 of ADM “Time control and event types”) will be de-rated under the quick system and re-rated under the blitz system. This de-rating and re-rating will apply retroactively to events held on or after January 1, 2012.

6b. Until and unless a separate blitz rating system is launched, events played with a main time less than 5 minutes per player will not be rated. Such events, however, may be submitted by the organizer for eventual rating under the blitz rating system, provided they meet the requirements for blitz (item 4 of ADM “Time control and event types”). Crosstables for such events will appear on the USCF website, but will show zero rating change for all participants. Later, when a separate blitz rating system is launched, these events will be re-rated under the blitz rating system.

Rationale: Along with clarifications of the definitions of the various event types (regular, quick, blitz), clarifications are desirable for the rating systems to be used by each. In addition, the possible eventual addition of a separate blitz rating system should be anticipated, and the machinery set up in advance, so that it can be implemented smoothly at any future date.

Note: If the Delegates can swallow the idea of G/3 inc/2 being temporarily rated as quick, clause 6b may be unnecessary.

ADM 12-28 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Time controls and tournament announcements.

Effective January 1, 2013, rules regarding TLAs published by USCF are hereby changed as follows:

1. Truth in advertising. In all tournament announcements submitted to *Chess Life*, *Chess Life for Kids*, or the USCF website, the announced time control should include explicit mention of the delay or increment, or lack thereof.

1a. It is strongly recommended that a regular event have a delay or increment of at least five seconds. For a quick event, the recommended minimum is three seconds. Running a regular or quick event with neither delay nor increment is strongly discouraged. If an event is to be run with neither delay nor increment, this fact must be mentioned in pre-event publicity, either with a phrase like “no delay” or with the addition of “d/0” to the announced time control.

2. Incomplete announcements. Pre-event publicity submitted without mention of any delay or increment will be subject to the following procedures:

2a. The announcement may be rejected, or may be returned to the organizer for correction.

2b. If, however, such an incomplete announcement is accepted for publication, a 5-second delay will be assumed for regular events, 3 seconds for quick events, 0 seconds for blitz events. The

Chess Life or online editorial staff may add the notation “d/5” (regular), “d/3” (quick), or “d/0” (blitz) to the submitted announcement.

2c. The failure of an announcement to include explicit mention of the delay or increment is not to be construed as meaning that neither delay nor increment is to be used at the event.

Rationale: It is important to push organizers just a bit more into including full time-control details in their tournament announcements. It is also important that neither players nor organizers interpret the lack of such details as meaning that the delay or increment is to be zero.

ADM 12-29 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Processing USCF Memberships For Players Living Outside North America

The Delegates resolve that:

1. The USCF online Membership webstore shall have a place to enter in a player’s FIDE ID and country and title.

2. The USCF online TD/Affiliate area shall permit membership addresses to be submitted for players who live outside North America, with the proper postage rates.

The Delegates further resolve that both of these features be fully implemented as soon as possible, while allowing for proper testing and debugging.

Rationale: Self-Evident (but always mindful of the need to proceed with caution and prudence).

ADM 12-30 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Promoting Activity Among Retired 50-Year Masters

The Delegates resolve to promote activity among chess players who have held the Master title for at least 50 years. To help achieve this goal, the Office is instructed to work with organizers to offer a discount on the rating fee for all tournaments submitted online and no later than two weeks after the tournament ending date, for each player in the tournament who has been identified by the Office as having held the Master title for at least 50 years.

The Delegates further resolve that both of these features be fully implemented as soon as possible, while allowing for proper testing and debugging.

Rationale: Self-Evident (but always mindful of the need to proceed with caution and prudence, and in this specific case, with all deliberate speed as well).

ADM 12-31 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes

To help encourage women to join the USCF and to participate in tournaments, and also to help promote family participation in chess tournaments, the Delegates resolve to direct the Office to offer as an incentive to organizers free or reduced costs TLAs to tournaments which offer Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes (best male/female, two-player combined score in all sections). There must be no additional charge to register as a Mixed Doubles Team, and the average rating of both players must be Under 2200. Teammate pairings are avoided, but possible, and teammates may play in different sections. Father/daughter, brother/sister, wife/husband, aunt/nephew, friend/friend, enemy/friend, enemy/enemy—Mixed Doubles Teams are limited only by the players’ imaginations (but no pets are allowed).

Rationale: Encouraging more women to join the USCF and to participate in tournaments, as well as encouraging more family participation in tournaments, could very well help both to increase overall USCF membership and to increase overall tournament attendance.

The Delegates further resolve that both of these features be fully implemented as soon as possible, while allowing for proper testing and debugging.

ADM 12-32 (Jon Haskel, FL; Tim Just, IL)

Move to change Rule 31B to:

31B. Player rankings.

Players on a team are ranked according to rating; the higher-rated players play on lower board numbers. Alternates must be lower-rated than regular team members. Unrated players, unless assigned ratings (28D), must play on higher-numbered boards than rated players.

TD TIP: The lowest board number is one (first position). This can be confusing since the top players play on this board.

ADM 12-33 (Jon Haskel, FL; Tim Just, IL)

Move to change Rule 31B1 to:

31B1. Board prizes.

If individual board prizes are offered, players who play on more than one board are eligible only for the highest board played. The player’s points on all boards combined are credited toward the board prize on the highest board.

TD TIP: If a player plays in positions one and four, the player’s combined points would be credited toward the board prize for position four.

ADJOURNMENT

National Events

2012

U.S. CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

September 21-23 or 22-23, 2012
Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport
9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017
Chess Rate: \$87

GAME/60 CHAMPIONSHIP

October 27, 2012
Pleasanton Hilton at the Club
7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588
Chess Rate: \$79

GAME/30 CHAMPIONSHIP

October 28, 2012
Pleasanton Hilton at the Club
7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588
Chess Rate: \$79

NATIONAL K-12 CHAMPIONSHIP

November 30-December 2, 2012
Marriott Orlando World Center Resort
World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821
407-239-4200 or 800-564-3181
\$119 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2013

SUPERNATIONALS V

April 5-7, 2013
Gaylord Opryland
2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214
615-889-1000 or 888-777-6779
\$149 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

ALL-GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 26-28, 2013
Swisotel
323 E Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601
888-737-9477
HR: \$169 (incl. breakfast)

U.S. OPEN

July 27-August 4, 2013
Madison Marriott West
1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Madison, WI 53562
Room Reservation via Internet
888-745-2032
\$99 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

NATIONAL K-12 CHAMPIONSHIP

December 13-15, 2013
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
1000 W. Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000
407-939-1000
\$133 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2014

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (K-12) CHAMPIONSHIP

April 4-6, 2014
Town and Country Resort
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108
800-772-8527
\$125 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH (K-9) CHAMPIONSHIP

April 25-27, 2014
Hyatt Regency Atlanta
265 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303
404-557-1234 or 800-233-1234
\$125 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY (K-6) CHAMPIONSHIP

May 9-11, 2014
Hilton Anatole Dallas
2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207
214-748-1200
\$120 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

U.S. OPEN

July 26-August 3, 2014
Millennium Hotel
200 S. 4th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102
Room Reservation via Internet
Phone Reservations: 800-325-7353
\$99 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

NATIONAL K-12 CHAMPIONSHIP

December 12-14, 2014
Marriott Orlando World Center Resort
World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821
1-800-564-3181
\$125 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

2015

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY (K-6) CHAMPIONSHIP

May 8-10, 2015
Gaylord Opryland
2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214
615-889-1000 or 888-777-6779
\$152 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

U.S. OPEN

August 1-9, 2015
Arizona Biltmore
2400 E. Missouri Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85016
800-HILTONS
\$99 Single/Double/Triple/Quad NO RESORT FEE to our attendees

NATIONAL K-12 CHAMPIONSHIP

December 4-6, 2015
Marriott Orlando World Center Resort
World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821
1-800-564-3181
\$135 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

Bylaws of the U.S. Chess Federation

Includes all changes passed at the 2011 Annual meeting

Approved 28 December 2011

Article I: Name:

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

Article II: Purposes

Section 1.

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

Section 2. The Federation is pledged:

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

- H. To hold an open tournament every summer in the United States.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Adult Memberships.

Any person may become an Adult (also known as Regular) Member of the Federation upon payment of \$40 for one year, \$72 for two years or \$104 for three years, or a Premium Adult (also known as Premium) Member upon payment of \$46 for one year, \$84 for two years or \$122 for three years.

Section 2. Young Adult Memberships.

Any person under 26 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Young Adult Member of the Federation upon payment of \$26 for one year, \$47 for two years or \$67 for three years, or a Premium Young Adult Member upon payment of \$33 for one year, \$61 for two years or \$88 for three years.

Section 3. Youth Memberships.

Any person under 17 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Youth Member of the Federation upon payment of \$22 for one year, \$40 for two years or \$57 for three years, or a Premium Youth Member upon payment of \$28 for one year, \$51 for two years or \$73 for three years.

Section 4. Scholastic Memberships.

Any person under 14 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Scholastic Member of the Federation upon payment of \$17 for one year, \$30 for two years or \$42 for three years, or a Premium Scholastic member upon payment of \$24 for one year, \$43 for two years or \$61 for three years.

Section 5. Senior Membership.

A person who has passed his or her 65th birthday may become a Senior Member of the Federation upon payment of \$40 for one year, \$72 for two years or \$104 for three years.

Section 6. Special Membership.

A blind person, or any person who is incarcerated in a penal

institution in the United States, may become a Special member of the Federation for \$18 for one year.

Section 7. Family Membership Plans.

Family Plan 1: \$75, includes parents and their children under age 24 in the household living at one address. Also includes any full-time college students up to age 24.

Family Plan 2: \$47, includes all children under age 24 in the household living at one address.

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

Section 8. Life Memberships.

Any person may become a Life Member of the Federation upon payment of \$1,500 dues. Any person age 65 years or older may become a Life Member upon payment of \$750 dues. Any blind person may become a Life Member upon payment of \$375 dues. The Federation may require reasonable confirmation of eligibility from time to time as a continuation of Life membership.

Section 9. Affiliate Commissions.

There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Adult, Senior, Youth, Scholastic, Young Adult, Family, and Life Memberships.

Section 10. Promotional Memberships.

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

Section 11. Rights and Privileges.

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

Section 12. Revocation of Membership.

The Executive Board, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 13, may revoke or suspend the membership of any member for good cause. The USCF Ethics Committee may recommend suspending or revoking the membership of any person by applying the procedures established by the Board of Delegates in the USCF Code of Ethics.

Section 13. Revocation of Membership or Affiliation.

In the event that the Executive Board shall revoke or suspend the membership of an individual or affiliate pursuant to Article III, Section 12, or Article VIII, Section 5, it shall, prior to taking such action, give to the individual or affiliate 30 days written notice of the proposed action. Within said time said individual or affiliate may submit in writing to the Executive Board reasons why such

actions should not be taken. The Executive Board may thereafter, if it sees fit, act upon the written suggestion or set a date for a hearing to be held at or prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Federation, but before the meeting of the Board of Delegates. Any person or affiliate aggrieved by any action of the Executive Board may appeal to the Board of Delegates at the said Annual Meeting if the action is taken at the said meeting, or at the next meeting of the Board of Delegates. The Board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the action of the Executive Board. Only Delegates present in person may vote on any such appeal. If the Ethics Committee recommends the suspension or revocation of a member through application of the USCF Code of Ethics, the appeals procedure established in the Code of Ethics shall be applicable, and the remaining provisions of this section shall not be applicable to that case.

Section 14. Annual Membership Meeting.

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

Article IV: Voting Members

Section 1. Responsibility.

The Voting Members are responsible for electing the Executive Board. Information regarding nominees and voting instructions shall appear in an appropriate issue of *Chess Life* and on the USCF website.

Section 2. Definition.

Any USCF member is entitled to register as a voting member provided that any voting member must be age 16 or over as of June 30 of the election year. For the 2011 elections only, all Delegates credentialed for the 2009 or 2010 annual meeting are voting members. All Delegates and Alternate Delegates are voting members.

Section 3. Registration.

Eligible members who are not already registered as Voting Members must register with the USCF office by March 31 to eligible to vote in that year's regular election, except that all members who are selected as USCF Delegates, Alternate Delegates or Executive Board members are automatically registered as Voting Members. There is not registration fee. Once registered, a member's status as a Voting Member continues as long as he or she is a member. When a membership lapses, Voting Member status ceases and the member must, after rejoining, again register by March 31 to eligible to vote in that year's regular election.

Section 4. Membership Requirement.

In order to vote in a regular election, registered Voting Members must be USCF members on May 5th of the election year, for the entire day Central Time.

Section 5. Special Elections.

1. The eligibility dates for voting in the election shall be part of the call for the special election and should use cutoff dates equivalent to the above based on when the ballots are expected to be received by the voting members.

2. The registration deadline for those not already registered shall be the same as the deadline for the submission of nominating petitions.

Section 6. Electronic Voting:

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

Article V: Board of Delegates

Section 1. Responsibility.

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

Section 2. Number.

The Board of Delegates shall be composed of the Executive Board members, the Delegates at Large, and 125 Delegates, apportioned among the states in proportion to their resident USCF membership as of May 31 of the year prior to Delegate elections, except that each state with thirty or more members must have at least one Delegate. Each state with 1,000 or more USCF members must have at least two Delegates. In addition, any Executive Board member-elect who is not already a Delegate becomes a Delegate immediately upon certification of the election result.

Section 3. Alternate Delegates.

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

Section 4. Selection of Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

State Chapters shall designate the initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates for their states, as provided for in Article V, Sections 2 and 3, submitting the Delegates and Alternate Delegates in ordered lists. State Chapters must designate their initial Delegates and Alternate Delegates after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, by November 1 of that year, or as soon thereafter as feasible. 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 and qualified.

All Delegates and Alternate Delegates appointed by state affiliates shall submit a written statement to USCF acknowledging their acceptance of said appointment upon notification of same, by the state affiliate. (E-mail statements shall be construed to be a written statement for this purpose.) Delegates and Alternate Delegates will not be deemed to be officially appointed as such until USCF receives said statement.

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

Section 5. Miscellaneous

A. Vacancies. If one or more Delegates and higher-ranked Alternate Delegates from any state are not present or are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, they can be replaced by Alternate Delegates only if the Delegates and higher-ranked Alternate Delegates resign in writing, except that for each state, if Alternate Delegates are available to attend the Annual Board of Delegates Meeting, those Delegates who have not picked up their credentials by 9:30am of the first day of the Delegates' meeting will be deemed to have resigned as Delegates and the available Alternate Delegates will become Delegates per the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate gives advance notice of a delay in arrival by signed fax or e-mail or telephone call to the USCF President or

Secretary, such a Delegate or Alternate is not deemed to have resigned unless their credentials are not picked up by 2pm on the first day of the Delegates' meeting. The Delegates deemed to have resigned will only be those equal in number to the available Alternate Delegates and will start with the lowest ranked Delegate on the ordered list per Article V, Section 4.

B. Additions to Ordered List. The state president or senior state officer present may add names to the end of the ordered list for that state for the purpose of seating Delegates at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates, providing the persons added at that time reside in the state being represented or in a state adjacent to it.

If a Delegate dies or resigns during the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled for the duration of the term of office in accordance with the ordered list. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate moves from the state of residence, that person shall be deemed to have resigned as Delegate unless the State Chapter indicates otherwise.

Vacancies in the position of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for any state chapter, including those resulting from the promotion of an Alternate Delegate to Delegate, may be filled by the state chapter for the remainder of the term, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state chapter.

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

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

D. USCF Membership requirement. 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.

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

Section 6. Annual Meeting.

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

telephone or other communications equipment shall not be permitted.

Section 7. Special Delegates Meeting.

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

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

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

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

Section 8. Delegates at Large.

Delegates at Large shall consist of the following:

- A.** All USCF Presidents who have served at least two consecutive years, upon completion of their term and are so elected by a majority vote of the Board of Delegates.
- B.** Those individuals who have rendered distinguished service to chess and who are elected by at least a 3/4 vote of the Board of Delegates at two consecutive Annual Meetings by a motion on the advance agenda for both meetings. The number of individuals in this category shall not exceed twenty.

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

Section 9. Additional Delegates.

The USCF Membership Meeting may elect up to 5 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 Delegates in at least one of the last five years.

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 1. Composition.

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

Section 2. Functions.

The Executive Board shall manage the affairs of the Federation, including employment and other contracts, between meetings of

the Board of Delegates and shall perform other duties as specified in these Bylaws. The Executive Board shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Delegates, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the Board of Delegates. The Executive Board's direction to the staff shall generally be given by the USCF President.

Section 3. Meetings.

The Executive Board shall meet at least twice per year, the day and place to be fixed by vote of that Executive Board. Special meetings, including conference telephone calls or Internet conference meetings, may be called by the President or upon the written request of any three members of the Executive Board. Reasonable efforts to notify all Executive Board members of the meeting shall be made by mail, fax, telephone, e-mail, or other means approved by the Executive Board. The Minutes of all Executive Board meetings shall be posted on the USCF website within six weeks of each meeting. Delegates and Alternate Delegates may receive printed copies of Minutes upon request and upon payment of a reasonable fee, set by the Executive Director, sufficient to offset the printing and mailing costs of such printing and mailing. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the elected members of the Executive Board present in person or participating in a conference telephone call or Internet conference meeting. The affirmative votes of at least three different Executive Board members will be required to approve any action, as long as there are at least four members on the Executive Board.

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

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

Section 4. Nomination.

Any USCF member not a current employee of the USCF is nominated for election to the Executive Board upon submission to the Election Committee of the following by December 31 of the year before an election year:

- 1.** A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of fifty (50) or more Voting Members, of whom at least fifteen (15) shall be Delegates. The fifteen (15) Delegates must represent at least five (5) different states. A nominating petition listing more than one candidate is not valid.
- 2.** A filing fee of \$250 made payable to the USCF
- 3.** A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and that they will serve if elected.

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

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

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

Section 5. Elections

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

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

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

Section 6. Election of Executive Board Officers.

At an organizational meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Delegates' Meeting at which regularly scheduled Executive Board election results are certified, the Executive Board shall elect among itself the following officers: President, Vice President, and Vice President for Finance. The term of each officer shall be for two years, except that upon a vote of 2/3 of its membership, the Executive Board may at any time meet in person or by teleconference and elect new officers. A vacancy in the office of President shall be immediately filled by the Vice President. A vacancy in another office elected by the Executive Board shall be filled by majority vote either temporarily until the Executive Board meeting following the next Delegates' Meeting or for the full unexpired portion of the office's term as the Executive Board shall choose. The office of Secretary should not be an elected office, but rather the Executive Board should designate a person to fulfill the functions of the Secretary.

Section 7. Terms of Office.

The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and effective with those elected in the 2011 regular election shall continue for three years, except as provided in

Section 9 of this article and in the implementation schedule in this article. The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for two years, except that the term of an officer who leaves the Board after one year would expire. No individual shall serve more than nine consecutive years on the Executive Board. No person shall serve as USCF President more than four consecutive years.

For the purpose of implementation of the terms of this Section, the following will apply to those elected in the 2011 regular Executive Board election and thereafter. The terms of those elected prior to the adoption of this implementation schedule will be observed as they were defined by the Bylaws at the time of their election.

2011: Three Executive Board members will be elected to three-year terms.

2013: Four Executive Board members will be elected, with the top two to receive three-year terms, and the next two to two-year terms.

2014, 2017, etc. Three Executive Board members are elected to three-year terms.

2015, 2018, etc. Two Executive Board members will be elected to three-year terms.

2016, 2019, etc. Two Executive Board members are elected to three-year terms.

Section 8. Duties

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

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

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

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

Section 9. Vacancies.

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

Section 10. Candidate statements and advertising.

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

candidate's statement in their first statement in *Chess Life* for this purpose. Failure to disclose a felony (conviction) would be grounds for immediate recall.

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

Section 11. Recalls.

- A.** The Delegates may initiate a recall of an elected Executive Board member by a 2/3 majority vote of a motion on the advance agenda of an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting, by a 3/4 majority vote of a motion not on the advance agenda of an Annual Delegates Meeting, or by petitions signed by 2/3 of the Delegates in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Delegates. Each signature on a recall petition must be dated and no signature can be dated more than five months before the date that the petitions are submitted to the USCF Secretary for validation.
- B.** Recall of an elected Executive Board member may be initiated by petitions signed by 10% of the registered voters based on the number of registered voters at the end of the most recent fiscal year, i.e., May 31. The USCF Secretary shall have one week from the date the petition is received by the USCF Office to determine if a recall petition is valid. A recall may not be initiated on a Board member during the last six months of that member's term of office. Once a recall motion has been passed or a recall petition certified as valid, a recalled Executive Board member shall be given 15 days to decide whether to resign or to be the subject of a recall election. If the recalled Executive Board member resigns, the recall motion or petition becomes moot upon the resignation of the Board member.
- C.** The recall motion must give the reasons for recall in a total, motion plus reason, of no more than 500 words. The motion and reasons, together with an optional statement of no more than 500 words by the Board member being recalled, shall be mailed by USCF to all registered voters along with the recall ballot.
- D.** To be affirmed, the recall shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the registered voters participating in a recall election, such election to be held under conditions similar to those for regular or special Executive Board elections. Only voters who vote for or against the recall are considered to be participating. At least 500 Voting Members must participate in the recall election in order for the results to be valid. If the Board member being recalled is serving as the USCF Secretary, the Executive Board shall appoint another Board member to serve as the Secretary for the purposes of conducting the recall election.
- E.** If the motion or petition recalling the Board member does not specify a date for the recall election voting to begin, the Executive Board shall schedule such an election to commence no more than 60 days after the recall motion is passed by the Delegates or the recall petitions are certified. The date for counting the votes in the recall election shall be no more than 35 days after the day that voting is expected to begin. Until the votes in the recall election are counted, the recalled Executive Board member retains all rights and privileges of a Board member. Once the recall votes are counted, if the recall is affirmed the Board member is immediately removed from the Executive Board and a vacancy exists on the Executive Board.

Section 12. Restrictions.

Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as paid

USCF employees, paid consultants or as vendors of goods or services to the USCF during their actual tenure on the Executive Board and for a period of one year after the board service ends.

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

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

Unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law, each member of the Executive Board waives any right to file a lawsuit (including but not limited to a lawsuit seeking a jury trial) against the USCF, the USCF Executive Board members or USCF employees, and must instead submit a mandatory arbitration to be conducted by the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration award will be final and binding upon the parties to that arbitration. The location of any such arbitration shall be solely in the city in which the USCF is headquartered at the time of filing of the arbitration notice.

Section 13. Website Access.

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

Section 14. Nepotism.

No two or more individuals may serve on the Executive Board concurrently who share one or more of the following relationships:

1. One is the direct descendant of the other.
2. They are spouses or partners in a civil union.
3. They are siblings, by birth, marriage, or adoption.
4. They are adopted children and parent or stepparent and stepchild.

Article VII: Other Officers, Appointees, and Committees

Section 1. Officers appointed by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall appoint an Executive Director and a Publications Director. The Executive Board shall also give approval to the hiring of a chief financial officer (CFO) by the Executive Director. The office of Secretary should not be an elected office, but rather the Executive Board designates a person to fulfill the functions of the Secretary.

A. Secretary. The Secretary shall review Minutes of all Executive Board meetings, Delegates' meetings, and Membership meetings. The Secretary shall post these Minutes, after Executive Board review, on the USCF website within six weeks for each meeting and shall mail the Minutes to all the Delegates and Alternate Delegates who request such mailing and pay a printing and mailing fee, set by the Executive Director, sufficient to offset the costs of printing and mailing. Printed copies of the Minutes of the Membership Meeting and Delegates' Meeting of the previous year, and of all Special Delegates' meetings and Executive Board meetings held thereafter, shall be available at the Delegates' meetings. The Executive Board shall determine a means of recording all meetings. The Secretary shall act as the custodian of the corporate seal, ensure that the annual report is filed with the Secretary of State of the state of Illinois, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Bylaws.

Section 2. Duties of Appointees.

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

Section 3. Committees.

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

1. Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall consist of four persons; the Vice President for Finance as a non-voting member and three members elected by the delegates from among the delegates and alternate delegates who are knowledgeable in accounting matters such as (but not limited to) a certified public accountant (CPA), a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) or someone who has substantial experience in the public or private sectors. No other member of the Executive Board may be a member of the Audit Committee. The duties of the Committee shall be:

- a. To advise the EB on the appointment of the External Auditors, the audit fee, the provision of any non-audit services by the External Auditors and any questions of resignation or dismissal of the External Auditors.
- b. To discuss, if necessary, with the External Auditors before the audit commences the nature and scope of the audit.
- c. To discuss problems and reservations arising from interim and final audits and any questions the External Auditors may wish to discuss (in the absence of management, where necessary.)
- d. To consider and advise the EB on the establishment of the internal audit service and Head of Internal Audit, if any.
- e. To review the internal audit plan, to consider major findings of internal audit investigations and management's response and to promote coordination between the Internal and External Auditors and to advise the EB and the Delegates accordingly.
- f. To keep under review the effectiveness of internal control systems and, in particular, review the External Auditors'

Management Letter, the Internal Annual Report and management responses and to advise the EB accordingly.

- g. To monitor the performance and effectiveness of external and internal audit.
- h. To consider, if necessary, the draft of the Audited Financial statements.
- i. To monitor annually or more frequently, if necessary, the implementation of approved recommendations arising from internal audit reports, external audit reports and management letters and to advise the EB accordingly.
- j. To oversee arrangements made by the Executive Board for the internal audit service and the External Auditors to examine the agency-wide financial statements.
- k. To advise the Executive Director, as requested.
- l. To report, as appropriate, to the Executive Board.
- m. To advise the Delegates as requested and to report, as appropriate, to the Delegates.

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

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

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

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

- B. The Delegates may appoint any other committees as needed. The Executive Board may appoint such subcommittees of the Board or committees as it deems appropriate.
- C. Except as provided elsewhere, in the event of a vacancy on a Delegate-appointed Committee, the committee and Executive Board may appoint a replacement. Such appointment requires a 2/3 majority of each the remaining committee members and the Executive Board.
- D. No individual member can chair more than one of the following committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, or LMA.
- E. No individual other than the VP for Finance can serve on more than two of the following committees at the same time: Audit, Finance, or LMA.

Section 4. Counsel.

Legal Counsel shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section 5. Eligibility.

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

Article VIII: Organizational Units

Section 1. State Chapters.

Every state (the District of Columbia being treated as a state for all Federation purposes and Northern and Southern California being treated as separate states for all Federation purposes) shall be entitled to have an affiliate designated as the State Chapter, provided that any state having more than 5,000 members may have two state chapters divided along geographical lines. Credentials of affiliates applying for designation as State Chapters submitted before June 1 shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates with recommendations, if any, one month before the next Annual Meeting. Credentials submitted after June 1 shall be presented by the Executive Board to the Board of Delegates one month before the Annual Meeting of the following year.

Section 2. Functions.

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

Section 3. Affiliates.

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

Section 4. Rights and privileges.

Each affiliate shall:

- (a) receive a subscription to *Chess Life*.
- (b) be entitled to conduct USCF-rated tournaments in accordance with USCF tournament rules;
- (c) be privileged to issue Federation memberships per Article III above, and to collect and forward to the USCF headquarters the membership application forms and associated dues amounts due therefrom.

Section 5. Revocation.

The Executive Board may, subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 13, revoke or suspend the affiliation of any affiliate for good cause shown.

Article IX: Sundry Bylaws

Section 1. Authority.

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

Section 2. Amendment.

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

Section 3. Office.

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

Section 4. International Affairs.

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

Section 5. Publications.

Chess Life, a periodical, or its successor publication, is designated an official publication.

Section 6. Fiscal period.

The Fiscal period shall be the year ended May 31.

Section 7. Fund Depositories and Disbursements.

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

Section 8. Accountants.

Early in each fiscal year the Executive Board shall engage properly qualified independent certified public accountants to review the Federation's accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Section 9. Encumbrance.

- A. No asset of the Federation may be encumbered without the approval of the Executive Board or Board of Delegates, except as provided in Section 10 below, and any mortgage, loan, or borrowing agreement must be signed by at least two of the following: President, Vice President for Finance, Executive Director.
- B. Any land and/or buildings, owned by the USCF cannot be sold, encumbered, liened, or mortgaged, in any fashion, without approval by the Delegates at a regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, except as provided in Section 10 below.

Section 10. Life Member Assets Management.

Borrowing from or encumbering from LMA is possible only when:

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

Section 11.

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

Section 12. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Each member of the Board of Delegates, national officer (hereinafter "officer"), and employee of the corporation now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all claims and liabilities to which he or she has or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such director, officer, or employee or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken, omitted, or neglected by him or her as such a director, officer, or employee; and the corporation shall reimburse each such person for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any such liability, provided, however, that indemnification shall be limited to cases in which such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably

believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal act or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; and provided further, however, that as a member of the Board of Delegates such a person shall only be indemnified for his or her acts or omissions at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Board of Delegates and not for any local or other activities.

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

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

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

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

Section 13. Ratification of Voidable Acts.

Any transaction 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, miscomputation, or the application of improper principles or practices of accounting may be ratified before or after judgment by the Board of Delegates and, if so ratified, shall have the same force and effect as if the questioned transaction had been originally duly authorized, and said ratification shall be binding upon the corporation and its members and shall constitute a bar to any claim or execution of any judgment in respect of such questioned transaction.

Section 14. Reliance on Records.

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

Section 15. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of*

Order Newly Revised shall be used at all meetings of the membership, Board of Delegates, Executive Board, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules which have been adopted.

Section 16. Eligibility for International Competition.

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

Section 17. Non-Discrimination.

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

Section 18. National Tournament Directors as USCF Employees.

For purposes of the bylaws, a tournament director at a National Tournament who is not already a USCF employee shall not be considered a USCF employee.

Section 19. Modification of the Official Rules of Chess.

A change of U.S. Chess Federation's Rules of Chess shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Delegates present to pass.

Section 20. Severability.

If a court of competent jurisdiction shall hold a portion of these Bylaws to be invalid, the remainder of the Bylaws not so held invalid shall remain in full force and effect.

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1979-2012 Award Recipients

CHESS CITY OF THE YEAR

1983 Pasadena, California
 1984 New York, New York
 1985 Foxboro, Massachusetts
 1986 Charlotte, North Carolina
 Somerset, New Jersey
 1987 Pulaski, Virginia
 Terre Haute, Indiana
 1988 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 Memphis, Tennessee
 Southfield, Michigan
 1989 Knoxville, Tennessee
 Peoria, Illinois
 Seattle, Washington
 Tempe, Arizona
 Lexington, Kentucky
 1993 Durango, Colorado
 Reno, Nevada
 1994 Bloomington, Illinois
 New York, New York
 1995 Chicago, Illinois
 Key West, Florida
 1996 Tucson, Arizona
 New York, New York
 1997 Knoxville, Tennessee
 Sioux Falls, South Dakota
 1998 Peoria, Arizona
 1999 San Francisco, California
 Gilbert, Arizona
 2000 Louisville, Kentucky
 Dallas, Texas
 2001 Kansas City, Missouri
 2002 Miami, Florida
 New York City
 Seattle, Washington
 2003 Nashville, Tennessee
 2004 Lindsborg, Kansas
 2005 Minneapolis, Minnesota
 2006 Crossville, TN
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL
 2007 Stillwater, OK
 2008 Tulsa, OK; Lubbock, TX
 2009 St. Louis, MO
 2010 Nashville, TN
 2011 St. Louis, MO
 2012 Los Angeles, CA

CHESS CLUB OF THE YEAR

1999 Pittsburgh Chess Club
 2001 Rochester Chess Club
 Dumont Chess Mates
 2002 Metrowest Chess Club (MA)
 2003 Rochester Chess Club
 Miami International Chess
 Academy
 2004 Marshall Chess Club
 2005 Mechanic's Institute
 East Bay Chess Club
 2006 St. George, UT, Chess Club
 2007 Atlanta Chess Center
 2008 Dallas Chess Club
 2009 Fresno Chess Club
 2010 Chess Club and
 Scholastic Center of
 Saint Louis
 2011 Metropolitan Chess Club
 of Los Angeles
 2012 **Portland Chess Club**
Seattle Chess Club

CHESS COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

2000 University of Maryland
 Baltimore County (UMBC)
 2001 University of Texas at
 Dallas (UTD)
 2002 University of Maryland
 Baltimore County (UMBC)
 Rhode Island College
 St. Johns University
 2003 Stanford University
 2004 Miami Dade Community
 College
 2005 U. Cal at Berkeley
 2006 U. of CT School
 of Engineering
 Texas Tech University
 2007 U. of Texas at Brownsville
 2008 U. of Texas at Dallas
 Texas Tech University
 2009 University of Utah
 Miami University (Ohio)
 2010 El Centro Community
 College, Dallas
 2011 University of Maryland
 Baltimore County
 2012 **University of Texas at Dallas**

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

1982 Computer Committee
 1988 Hall of Fame Committee
 1989 Scholastic Committee
 1990 Tournament Direction
 Certification
 1993 Special Committee on
 Rulebook
 1994 Ratings Committee
 1995 Computer Communications
 1996 Chess in Education
 Committee
 1997 Finance Committee
 1998 Internet Committee
 1999 Finance Task Force
 Rules Committee
 2000 Scholastic Committee
 2001 Internet/Computer
 Committee
 Outreach Committee
 2002 FIDE Advisory
 2003 Women's Chess
 Committee
 2004 College Chess Committee
 2005 Finance Committee
 2006 International Affairs
 2007 Financial Review
 Committee
 2008 Bylaws
 2009 LMA
 2010 Tournament Director
 Certification Committee
 2011 Scholastic Committee
 2012 **Ratings Committee**

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1979 George Cunningham,
 Arpad Elo,
 Burt Hochberg,
 George Koltanowski
 1980 Ed Edmondson,
 Isaac Kashdan,
 Paul Webb
 1981 John Collins,
 Marshall Rohland,
 Frank Skoff
 1982 Fred Cramer,
 Lina Grumette,
 Gary Sperling

1983 Arnold Denker,
 Bill Goichberg,
 Van Vandenburg
 1984 Lynne Babcock,
 Pearle Mann,
 George Tiers
 1985 Denis Barry,
 Harold Dondis,
 Tim Redman
 1987 Leroy Dubeck
 1988 Gerard Dullea
 1989 Myron Lieberman,
 Don Schultz
 1990 Steve Doyle
 1991 Harry Sabine,
 Yasser Seirawan
 1992 Harold Winston
 1993 Robert Erkes,
 Carol Jarecki,
 Helen Warren
 1994 C. Norman Peacor,
 Fred Townsend
 1995 Jerry Hanken,
 Martin Morrison
 1996 Woodrow Harris
 1997 Anthony Cottell,
 Frank Camaratta
 1998 Glenn Petersen,
 Faneuil Adams
 1999 Jerry Spann
 (posthumously)
 2001 Sid Samole
 (posthumously)
 2002 Randall Hough,
 Rachel Lieberman
 2003 Dr. Lee Hyder
 2004 Dr. Joseph Wagner
 2005 Shane Samole
 2006 Mike Nolan
 2007 Fred Gruenberg
 2008 Al Losoff
 2009 John McCrary,
 Beatriz Marinello
 2010 Steve Shutt,
 Dr. Frank Brady
 2011 Judy Misner,
 Joan DuBois
 2012 **Randy Bauer**
John Donaldson

FRANK J. MARSHALL
 1994 Albert Sandrin
 1995 GM Arthur Dake
 1996 GM Arnold Denker
 1997 IM Maurice Ashley
 IM John Donaldson
 1998 GM Arthur Bisguier
 1999 Faneuil Adams (posthumously)
 2001 GM Pal Benko
 2002 GM Lev Alburt
 2003 GM Sam Palatnik
 GM Yasser Seirawan
 2004 John Curdo
 2005 IM Igor Ivanov
 2006 Ambassador Shaun Alexander
 2007 GM Gregory Kaidanov
 2008 John Watson
 2009 John Fedorowicz
 2010 Michael Aigner
 2011 Dean Ippolito
2012 Anthony Saily

GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR

1997 Alexander Yermolinsky
 1998 Joel Benjamin
 1999 Nick de Firmian
 2001 Yasser Seirawan
 2002 Larry Christiansen
 2003 Maurice Ashley, Susan Polgar
 2004 Alexander Shabalov
 2005 Hikaru Nakamura
 2006 Ildar Ibragimov, Anna Zatonskih
 2007 Gata Kamsky
 2008 Gata Kamsky
 2009 Yury Shulman
 2010 Hikaru Nakamura
 2011 Hikaru Nakamura, Gata Kamsky
2012 Hikaru Nakamura

HONORARY CHESS MATES

1998 Ethel Collins, Nina Denker, Nancy Edmondson, Leah Koltanowski, Carrie Marshall
 2001 Norma Reshevsky
 2002 Madge Byrne
 2003 Baiba Mednis
 2004 Bernadette Doyle, Brenda Goichberg, Teresa Schultz
 2005 Doris Barry, Phyllis Benjamin, Carol Weinberg

2006 Jim Warren, Delores Wagner, Elizabeth Tanner
 2007 Donna Gruenberg, Jan Rogers
 2008 Janelle Losoff, Annette Buckendorf
 2009 No award
 2010 Phil Smith, Joan Schlich
 2011 Ami Hall
**2012 Susan Barber
 Kathy Miller**

KOLTANOWSKI MEDAL

1979 *Gold:* Bill Church
 Jacqueline Piatigorsky, Louis Statham
 1980 *Gold:* Thomas Emery, Lessing Rosenwald
 1981 *Gold:* Fred Cramer
Silver: Howard Gaba
 Fred Gruenberg
 Al Hansen
 1982 *Gold:* Rea Hayes
Silver: Nobert Leopoldi
 1983 *Silver:* Stephen Jones
 Don Richardson
 John Rylowski
 Ralph Slottow
 1984 *Gold:* Jose Cuchi
Silver: M. Vacheron
 1985 *Gold:* Frank Normali
Silver: R. W. Twombly
 1986 *Gold:* Shelby Lyman, NCR Corp.
Silver: Faneuil Adams, Jr.
 Paul Arnold Associates
 Equitable Life
 Assurance
 Prudential Insurance
 1987 *Gold:* Frank Samford
 1988 *Gold:* Sid Samole
 1989 *Gold:* Novag Industries
 1990 *Gold:* Arnold Denker
 Helen Warren
 1991 *Gold:* Ted Field
Silver: Neil Falconer
 1992 *Gold:* Banker's Trust
 1994 *Silver:* Dr. Martin Katahn
 1996 *Gold:* Saitek Industries, Ltd.
Silver: Zamagias Properties
 1997 *Gold:* Interplay Productions
Silver: Wizards of the Coast
 Novag Industries
 1998 *Gold:* Chess in the Schools
Silver: Internet Chess Club (ICC)
 2000 *Gold:* The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
Silver: The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
 2001 *Gold:* Seattle Chess Foundation
 2002 *Gold:* Floyd and Bernice SarisohnDato' Tan
 Chin Nam

2003 *Gold:* Dr. Martin (Dick) Katahn
Gold: Tennessee Tech University
 2004 *Gold:* Kasparov Chess Foundation
 2005 *Gold:* Al Blowers (from HB Foundation)
 2006 *Gold:* America's Foundation for Chess (AF4C)
 2007 *Gold:* Frank K. Berry
 2008 *Gold:* Hanon Russell
 2009 *Gold:* Rex Sinquefeld
 2010 *Gold:* Rex Sinquefeld, Phil LeCornu
 2011 *Gold:* Rex Sinquefeld
Silver: Doyle Engelen, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.
**2012 Gold: Rex Sinquefeld
 Jeanne Sinquefeld**

LIFETIME TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2011 Myron Lieberman
2012 Martin Morrison

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

1980 Robert Tanner
 1985 Joseph Wagner
 1986 Lincoln Chess Foundation, Glenn Meachum, Ben Munson, Sunil Weeramantry
 1987 Don Maddox, Charles Pashayan, Jules Stein
 1988 Harry Lyman
 1991 Imre Konig, George Leighton
 1992 David Mehler
 1993 Dale Brandreth, Allen Kaufman
 1994 Randall Hough, Paul Shannon
 1995 Frank Brady, Billy Colias, Ernest Marx
 1996 Paul Gold, Myron Lieberman
 1997 Alan Sherman, Randall Swanson, Jim Warren
 1998 James Bolton, Richard Verber
 1999 Selby Anderson, Erv Sedlock, Ken Smith (posthumously)
 2000 No award
 2001 Gary Prince
 2002 Joe Ippolito, Ollie LaFreniere, Beatriz Marinello
 2003 Mike Nolan, Harry Sabine
 2004 Sunil Weeramantry

2005 Herman Drenth
 2006 Jim Brotsos, Jon Haskel, Wilder Wadford, Jon and Barbara Fortune
 2007 Richard Shorman, John Hilbert, Dan Heisman, Grant Perks
 2008 Luis Salinas, Gary Dorfner, Lloyd Hunter
 2009 Jennifer and Mike Skidmore, Steve Steppe
 2010 Jim Stallings, Dewain Barber, Richard Buchanan, Alan Anderson, Danny Rensch
 2011 David Causey, Caesar Lawrence, Barbara Reed, Scott Park
**2012 Russell "Rusty" Miller
 Kevin Korsmo**

ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR

1994 Bill Goichberg
 1995 Al Losoff
 1996 Nick Conticello, Manhattan Chess Club
 1997 Jose Cuchi, E. Steven Doyle
 1998 Robert Tanner
 1999 John Donaldson, De Knudson
 2002 Yasser Seirawan and America's Foundation for Chess (formerly the Seattle Chess Foundation)
 2003 Arden Dilley, Phillip Simpkins
 2004 Michael Korenman
 2005 Maurice Ashley
 2006 Cris Collinsworth Foundation
 2007 Sevan Muradian
 2008 Jerry Weikel, Tom Braunlich
 2009 Tony Rich
 2010 Tony Rich
 2011 Ankit Gupta
2012 Chad Schneider

OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

1986 Allen Hinshaw, Helen Hinshaw, Bob Dudley, Robert Erkes, George Mirijanian
 1987 Alan Benjamin, Phyllis Benjamin
 1989 Peter Lahde, Alina Markowski, Larry Paxton, Glenn Petersen

1990 Roger Blaine,
Lee Hyder,
Russell Miller

1991 Mike Goodall,
Ira Lee Riddle,
Fjola Vandenburg

1993 Robert Karch,
Robert P. Smith

1994 Clarence Callaway

1995 Pete Nixon,
Warren Pinches

1996 Burt Hochberg

1997 Leroy Dubeck,
Bill Snead,
J.C. Thompson

1998 Steve Frymer

1999 Robert Fischer,
James Hurt,
Stuart Laughlin,

2000 Harold Dondis

2001 John Collins

2002 Robert Ferguson,
Jerry Hanken,
Carol Jarecki

2003 John Donaldson,
Thad Rogers

2004 Jay Bonin

2005 Ralph Bowman

2006 Gus Gosselin,
Fred Goldhirsch/
Doug Bellizzi,
David McEnulty,
Jerry Weikel

2007 Fred and Carol Kleist,
Gordon Barrett,
Stephen Dann

2008 Selby Anderson,
Glen Buckendorf,
John Hillery

2009 Tim Sawmiller,
Gary Fox,
Tim Just

2010 Val Zemitis,
Hal Terrie,
Check Ensey,
Mike Nagaran

2011 Frank Berry,
Tom Martinak,
Bob Smith,
Mike Zacate

**2012 Duane Polich
Michael Morris
Neil Dale
Barry Eacker**

OUTSTANDING TEAM PERFORMANCE AWARD

**2011 U.S. Women's
Olympiad Team**
IM Irina Krush,
IM Anna Zatonskih,
SM Tatev Abrahamyan,
WGM Camilla Baginskaite,
WGM Sabina Foisor,
Captain: FST Michael
Khodarkovsky
Coach: GM Melikset
Khachiyani

SCHOLASTIC SERVICE

1994 Harry Sabine

1995 Ron Lohrman

1996 Lee LaFrese

1997 Robert Ferguson

1998 Sunil Weeramantry

1999 Faneuil Adams
(posthumously)

2000 Jack Mallory

2001 Beatriz Marinello

2002 Dewain Barber

2003 Ralph Bowman

2004 GM Arnold Denker (IND.)
Gilbert Unified School
District #41,
Gilbert, Arizona (ORG.)

2005 Elizabeth Tejada

2006 Tim Redman

2007 GM Susan Polgar (IND.)
Brownsville,
Texas School District (ORG.)

2008 Steve Shutt,
Michael Khodarkovsky (IND.)
Southern Arizona Chess
Association (ORG.)

2009 Aviv Friedman (IND.)
After School Activities
Partnership (ORG.)

2010 Greg Shahade (IND.)
Berkeley Chess School (ORG.)

2011 Bruce Pandolfini (IND.)
NY Chess in the Schools
(ORG.)

**2012 David Mehler (IND.)
U.S. Chess Center (ORG.)**

SPECIAL SERVICES

1983 Hal Bogner,
Arnold Denker,
Thad Rogers,
Hyman Rogosin,
Eric Schiller,
Don Schultz

1985 Lackland Bloom,
Martin Morrison

1986 Fred Gruenberg,
Richard O'Keefe,
C. Norman Peacor,
Ron Warnicki

1988 Fred Townsend,
David Welsh

1991 Lev Alburt,
Larry Evans

1992 Ron Lohrman,
Les Leroy Smith

1993 Jeremy Gaige,
John Varis

1994 John McCrary,
Warren Pinches,
Garrett Scott

1995 Jo Eglen,
Doris Thackrey

1996 Herb Hickman,
Hanon Russell,
Helen Warren

1997 Denis Barry,
Robert John McCrary,
Jim Pechac

1998 Harold Stenzel,
Gary and Addie Prince

1999 Tim Just,
Mike Carr,
Alice Loranth
(posthumously)

2000 Ken Horne (posthumously),
Rachel Lieberman,
Sid Samole

2001 Tom Doan,
Pat Hoekstra,
Myron Lieberman

2002 Dewain Barber,
Ralph Bowman,
Mark Glickman,
Al Lawrence,
Mike Nolan

2003 Lynne Chapman,
Kelly Jacobs,
Ken Sloan

2004 Don Mihokovich,
Bob Persante

2005 Neil Falconer

2006 Kim Cramer,
John Donaldson,
Mikhail Korenman,
Greg Shahade

2007 Steve Doyle,
Ernie Schlich

2008 Hal Karlsson,
Tim Tobiason,
Alexey Root,
Jim Stallings,
Russell Harwood,
Kerry Lawless

2009 Calvin Olsen,
David Moeser

2010 Jay Stallings,
John Blackstone

2011 Andy Ansel,
Jeff Smith,
Mark Herman

**2012 Jeff Roland
Eric Holcomb
Elliott Neff**

SPECIAL TASK FORCE

2000 President's Special
Committee on Finances,
Computer Evaluation
Task Force

2003 Rulebook Revision
Task Force

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

2004 Carol Jarecki

2005 Steve Immitt

2006 Walter Brown

2007 Mike Atkins

2008 Frank K. Berry

2009 Francisco Guadalupe

2010 Jon Shacter

2011 Luis Salinas

2012 Tim Just

U.S. CHESS HALL OF FAME

1986 Reuben Fine,
Robert Fischer,
Isaac Kashdan,
George Koltanowski,
Frank Marshall,
Paul Morphy,
Harry Pillsbury,
Sammy Reshevsky

1987 Sam Loyd,
Wilhelm Steinitz

1988 Arpad Elo,
Hermann Helms

1989 I.A. Horowitz

1990 Hans Berliner

1991 John Collins,
Arthur Dake

1992 Arnold Denker,
Gisela Gresser,
George MacKenzie

1993 Pal Benko,
Victor Palciauskas

1994 Arthur Bisguier,
Robert Byrne,
Larry Evans

1995 Ed Edmondson

1996 Fred Reinfeld

1997 Kenneth Harkness

1998 Dr. Milan Vukcevic

1999 Benjamin Franklin

2000 Edmar Mednis

2001 Lubomir Kavalek

2002 Donald Byrne

2003 Lev Alburt,
Walter Browne

2004 Anatoly Lein,
Leonid Shamkovich

2006 Yasser Seirawan

2007 Irving Chernev,
Jeremy Gaige

2008 Joel Benjamin,
Larry Christiansen,
Nick de Firmian

2009 Burt Hochberg,
John Fedorowicz

2010 Diane Savareide,
Herman Steiner,
Jackson Showalter

2011 Andy Soltis
Boris Gulko

SPECIAL FRIEND OF USCF

2006 Phil Haley

2007 Garry Kasparov

2011 Alexandra Kosteniuk

2012 Barbara Pryor

Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest

- 1. Sites of USCF-Sponsored Tournaments.** Since the U.S. Chess Federation is open to all players, regardless of race, sex, creed, religion, or national origin, and is interested in promoting chess among all groups, all tournaments sponsored by USCF are to be conducted at sites accommodating the right to play of all USCF members. (1960)
- 2. Tournament Coordination.** The USCF shall exert its influence through Officers to coordinate and schedule sanctioned tournaments sponsored by regional or state chess organizations (without conflict of time and place). (1964)
- 3. Speed of Rated Games.** Any change in the speed of rated games requires approval by the Board of Delegates. (1971)
- 4. Rating Lists and Supplements.** The Executive Board is required by the Delegates to publish annually the ratings of active players and to make available by download a bi-monthly or monthly Supplement. By request any member or affiliate who wishes to pay may receive a copy of the supplements via mail at cost. (1972)(2002)(2006)
- 5. Annual U.S. Championship.** It is the intent of the Board of Delegates that a U.S. Championship be held annually. (1972) (1982) (1983) (1997)
- 6. Unfinished Delegate Business.** All motions not acted on by the Delegates at the Annual Meeting that deal with matters which the Executive Board can act on under the Bylaws, shall be acted upon by the Board. These actions shall be reported in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and at the next year's Delegates Meeting. (1978) Motions limiting the Executive Board or disagreeing with the decisions made by the Executive Board shall automatically retain their place on next year's Delegates Agenda. (1980)
- 7. Smoking.** Tournaments which prohibit smoking in the playing room of a USCF-rated tournament shall be so indicated in the Tournament Life Announcement in *Chess Life*. Smoking is prohibited at the following National Tournaments: U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior Open, U.S. Class. There shall be no smoking permitted in any contract areas of all national scholastic tournaments. (1998)
- 8. State Chapter Recommendations.** 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. directly sponsor and hold (or arrange for) annual USCF rated Scholastic State High School, Junior High or Middle School and Elementary School Championships;
 6. 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;
 7. 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;
 8. 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
 9. 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. (2010)

9. USCF Regions.

- I. MA, CT, RI, NH, ME, VT
- II. NY, NJ
- III. PA, MD, VA, WVA, DE, DC
- IV. FL, GA, NC, SC
- V. OH, MI, IN, KY
- VI. MN, WI, ND, SD
- VII. IL, MO, IA, NE
- VIII. TN, AL, LA, MS, AR
- IX. CO, UT, KS, WY
- X. TX, OK, NM
- XI. SCA, NCA, AZ, NV, HI
- XII. WA, OR, ID, MT, AK

10. Paid Tournament Directors at National Tournaments. No Executive Board member shall serve as the paid TD of more than one USCF National Tournament or International Tournament during a calendar year unless the same opportunity has been declined by all non-members of the Executive Board who are qualified to direct the tournament. (1975) No Executive Board member shall be awarded a paid directorship or concession at a National Tournament on which he/she participated in the award vote, except in the case of an uncontested bid. An Executive Board will not be restricted in the number of awarded paid directorships or concessions received at any National Tournament when the award vote and the acceptance of a paid directorship or concession for the National Tournament occurred before the Executive Board member was elected to office. (1984, 1993, 1994)

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.

12. Tournament Cancellation. Tournaments announced in *Chess Life* may not be cancelled unless the cancellation notice appears in *Chess Life*. Cancellations which occur too late to appear in *Chess Life* are permitted only if it is physically impossible to hold the tournament (for example, in the case of extreme weather conditions). Cancellations for any other reasons without notice are not permitted. Disappointing advance entries do not constitute a valid reason for cancellation. Organizers violating this rule shall be prohibited from listing their tournaments in "Tournament Life" or advertising in *Chess Life* for 3 years. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. (1979) (2002)

13. Chess Life.

GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION.

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

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

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

and international news, and providing coverage of international, national, and regional events, are suggested, but do not delimit areas of concentration.

Consistent with our stated goal, advertising in *Chess Life* is a service to readers as well as a significant source of revenue. The editor and publisher (Executive Director) will be responsible for ensuring that the overall advertising content in *Chess Life* and subject matter are appropriate. The editor and publisher, in their best judgment, have discretion to refuse any advertisement.

COMPOSITION OF CHESS LIFE.

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

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

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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

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

YEARBOOK

(Annual Yearbook in *Chess Life*).

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

DELEGATE INFO

(*Chess Life* Publication).

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

14. Free Membership to Grandmasters and Woman Grandmasters.

USCF memberships shall be awarded upon request to International Grandmasters, including Women Grandmasters, when it is determined by the Executive Director that a player is registering with FIDE as an American player; or when an American player is awarded the title by FIDE. (1980, 1991)

- 15. Profits from Scholastic Tournaments.** Any profits generated by National Scholastic Tournaments that are earned by USCF will be retained by USCF and earmarked for Scholastic Chess. (1998)
- 16. Calling the Question.** At USCF Delegates meetings, the practice of a speaker calling the question immediately after speaking to the merits of a motion shall not be permitted. (1993)
- 17. Review of DMs.** At every Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board shall review the resolutions passed by the last annual Delegates' meeting to make certain those resolutions are being enforced. (1993)
- 18. Choosing Committees.** It is the sense of the Delegates that committee chairmen shall be fully consulted prior to selection of committees and there shall be continuing consultation concerning committee membership and work through the liaison. (1994)
- 19. Presenting Committee Reports.** All annual committee reports not published in the annual report will be presented to the Delegates after the published committee reports have been presented to the Delegates and will be limited to a ten-minute presentation. (1994)
- 20. Investment of Life Membership Assets.** The LMA Committee shall establish an investment policy that is expected to produce an aggregate return equaling or exceeding 6% on its invested assets (excluding the USCF office building). (2002)
- 21. Personnel.** All Board-approved changes to employee compensation will be subject to a vote of the full Board and the vote will be recorded in open session. The text of any Board-approved change to employee compensation will be recorded as a confidential BINFO item.

Any Board-approved change to an employee incentive plan must be finalized no later than 90 days after the plan has been approved. Any Board-approved employee contract must have the signature of no fewer than one officer and one other Board member. Board-conducted employee reviews must be discussed and written before presented. (1997)

- 22. Standards of Conduct for the USCF Executive Board.** The USCF Board of Delegates establishes the following standards of conduct for Executive Board members in the performance of their duties:

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

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

(1) Executive Board members are expected to contribute to the functioning of the Board as a cohesive unit, with information flowing comfortably among all its members. Actions that interfere with comfortable and open communication among all Board members should be avoided.

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

or the Bylaws, that officer must keep all Board members fully and accurately informed of all decisions made and factors influencing those decisions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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

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

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

THE USCF ETHICS COMMITTEE

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

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

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

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

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

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

(d) Deliberately misrepresenting one's playing ability in order to compete in a tournament or division of a tournament intended for players of lesser ability; players with foreign ratings are expected to disclose those ratings.

(e) Participating in a tournament under a false name or

submitting a falsified rating report.

(f) Participating in a tournament while under suspension.

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

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

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

PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SANCTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

sanctions recommended.

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

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

1. The USCF cannot accept any regulation that limits journalistic freedom or freedom of expression for any individual, or interferes with the efforts of free enterprise to promote chess. The USCF cannot recognize a censure, boycott, sanction, or other restrictive or punitive action that contradicts our principles of freedom of action, speech, or the press, or that is imposed for behavior that does not violate the USCF's Code of Ethics.

2. The USCF must reserve the right to recognize or withhold recognition of any world championship event or title, in accordance with the principles established by our Board of Delegates regarding the validity of the world championship title. The USCF endorses the principle of compromise in helping to bring about a universally accepted world championship.

3. The USCF endorses working toward a more logical program of high-profile tournaments and toward cooperative Internet ventures, and might be willing to consider entering contractual arrangements toward those ends. Questions of open accounting and of legitimacy of funding must be addressed prior to any such arrangement and as part of any such arrangement.

4. The USCF considers that conflict-of-interest issues must be satisfactorily addressed in any plan to grant economic interest in any venture to any person or organization within FIDE, or any organization affiliated with FIDE, or to give voting rights to any individual or organization whose financial gain would be affected by the exercise of such voting rights.

5. The USCF considers that any plan to be put into effect must have the approval of the FIDE General Assembly and must not be inconsistent with the principles in this position statement.

6. The USCF Delegate or representative to FIDE is instructed to act in accordance with this motion.

25. U.S. Open Round Schedule. No rounds of the U.S. Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. (2001) (2010)

26. Binfo System. In the interest of both history and accountability, the Board information (BINFO) system should be maintained and used in the following manner:

1. The Executive Board and Executive Director will place documents relating to their decisions and discussions in this record system.

2. An effort will be made to include all relevant documents bearing on the making of USCF policy and other decisions.

3. At the request of any single Executive Board member or the Executive Director, a document will be placed in the system.

4. BINFO documents may be classified as confidential, using strict, documented criteria.

5. Classified BINFO's will be reviewed periodically for declassification. This will include but not be limited to documents now in the system and placed there by previous Boards.

6. Non-classified documents will be supplied to members on request; a reasonable duplication fee may be charged.
7. Binders of non-classified documents will be maintained at the USCF office and will be available on request to visiting adult members to examine while in the office.
8. Updated, descriptive indexes of the BINFO system will be available on the USCF website in the most expeditious manner possible, and available in hard copy on request for a reasonable duplication fee. (2000)
9. Non-confidential BINFOs are to be made available electronically without cost to any Delegate or Alternate Delegate that asks to receive them. This is to be done by making them available on the USCF website in a public area and/or setting up a read-only mailing list and adding to the list anyone who wants to receive the BINFO's via e-mail. (2001)
27. **U.S. Open Scheduling.** The U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15th. (1999)
28. **Scholastic Chess.** The USCF shall have a full-time Scholastic Director, working in consultation with the Scholastic Committee. The job description and workload priorities of the Scholastic Director will be developed jointly by the Scholastic Committee and the Executive Director.
- The Finance Committee shall include at least one member recommended by the Scholastic Committee.
- The USCF shall implement an income and expense system, which separately identifies scholastic chess activities. (1999)
29. **ADM votes on the Website.** The final decision of the Board of Delegates on ADMs shall be recorded and published on the USCF website. All available information regarding the vote shall be included. (1999)
30. **Ballots.** Ballots shall contain only a candidate's name and state. No titles, credentials or other honors shall appear on ballots. (1999)
31. **World Championship.** The U.S. Chess Federation officially recognizes the following principles regarding the World Championship of Chess:
1. The title of World Champion is a symbol of the recognition given by the chessplayers of the world to the most skilled chess competitor at any point in time. As such it cannot logically be an object of property subject to ownership.
 2. It follows from point one that the title of World Champion, to be valid, must be conferred by an organization representing the world's chessplayers. The Championship must be awarded as the result of a system of competition, which is fairly and objectively organized to determine the strongest competitor at that point in time. Such a competition must eliminate, to the extent possible, the effects of luck or other factors irrelevant to skill.
 3. The U.S. Chess Federation directs its leadership and its representatives to strive to help create a unified system of competition for the World Championship that is fully consistent with principles one and two. (1998)
32. **Committee Actions.** USCF Committees, excepting those appointed by the Delegates, exist to advise and recommend, but may not make any ruling that affects the status of any member without ratification by the Executive Board, Office or Delegates. (1998)
33. **Delegate Committees.** All newly-created Delegates Committees must have a statement of purpose defining their function. (1998)
34. **LMA Annual Report.** The LMA Management Committee shall publish an annual report showing the performance of the fund's investments, the investments owned, the investment strategy, and an assessment of investment risks. (1998)
35. **Based on Prizes.** Effective January 1, 1999, all tournaments without exception advertised in *Chess Life*, Tournament Life, or elsewhere shall be required to pay at least 50% of any based-on prize advertised if the prize fund is over \$500. Based-on prizes in tournaments with an advertised total prize fund of \$500 or less must be paid in proportion to turnout. Minimum penalty for violation of this rule shall be disqualification from advertising in *Chess Life* for one year. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Director. If a tournament is affected by an act of God, then the organizer may appeal to the Executive Board. Exceptions can be made by the USCF President or Executive Director in extreme circumstances. *Chess Life* shall print no display ads for "based-on" tournaments which mention the "based-on" prize fund without indicating that this prize fund is based on entries. (1998) (2002)(2004)
36. **Volunteer Expenses.** A summary of all reimbursements to each member of the Executive Board, International Delegations, and all other volunteers shall be published in the *Executive Board Newsletters* and on the USCF website. (1990, 1998)
37. **Membership Accounting.** 90% of the income from life memberships and 50% from sustaining memberships shall be deposited directly in to the LMA. Services provided to life and sustaining members shall be funded quarterly. (1996, 1999)
38. **Bylaws Committee.** To aid the Delegates and the Executive Board in informed decision making, the Bylaws Committee shall advise the Executive Board and the Delegates concerning both the substance and the wording of proposed bylaws changes. (1987)
39. **Drug Testing.** The Delegates believe that drug testing is unnecessary in chess and urge FIDE to limit testing only to events where it is absolutely essential for qualification into the Olympic Games. (2001)
40. **Candidate Disclosure (Executive Board Candidate Disclosure).** Executive Board candidates are asked to disclose if they are employed full time or are a candidate for full-time employment with any organization that is a vendor for the USCF, a competitor to USCF in any area, or has any significant other business interest (including substantial ownership of a business) that could be affected by decisions made by the USCF. Failure to disclose these interests would not disqualify a candidate from running, but could affect the voters' evaluation of the candidate. (2001)
41. **Delegates Call (Report in Delegates Call).** A report on compliance or noncompliance with the previous year's Delegate Motions will be provided in the *Delegates Call* each year. (2001)
42. **Committees (No Pay for Committee Members).** Members of USCF Committees shall not be paid for committee work without authorization of the Delegates. They may continue to receive reimbursement for expenses. (2001)
43. **Rating Lists (Via Hard Copy or Electronic).** Rating Lists (annual lists and supplements) can be received via hard copy or electronic media at the discretion of the affiliate or subscriber at no additional cost. (2001)
44. **USCF Regions.** Executive Board election results shall once again be tabulated by region, beginning in 2003. There shall be twelve regions, each consisting of the same states that the region included before the discontinuation of regions. (2002)
45. **Financial Reports on Website.** Comprehensive USCF financial reports including at least a balance sheet and statement

of all activities will be posted on the USCF website on at least a quarterly basis. (2002)

- 46. California Borders.** The border between Northern and Southern California shall be set along county lines. Where San Luis Obispo, Kern and Inyo are the northern most counties of Southern California, and Monterey, Kings, Tulare, Fresno and Mono are the southernmost counties of Northern California. The USCF may use zip codes to approximate this border. The two California state affiliates are responsible for maintaining the zip code mapping used for this border approximation. (2005)
- 47. TDCC Changes.** Changes in the Tournament Director certification program proposed by the TDC Committee may be approved by the Executive Board without approval of the delegates. (2006).
- 48. USCF National Scholastic Events.** The following USCF

Scholastic Championships shall not be outsourced, sold or part of any contractual agreement to organize the tournament with any third parties or any other organization without the prior review of the Scholastic Council and approval of the USCF Board of Delegates:

National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championship
 National Elementary Grade Championship
 National Junior High- Middle School Championship
 National High School Championship
 SuperNationals
 (2007) (2010)

- 49. Delegates & Financial Reports.** The Board of Delegates is the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chess Federation. Any Delegate has the right to access the official monthly financial reports. The USCF may charge Delegates for the costs incurred in accessing and copying the official monthly financial reports. (2008)

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GOLD

Any affiliate that has submitted at least 50 USCF memberships during the current or previous calendar year, or is the recognized State Affiliate, is eligible to become a Gold Affiliate. Gold Affiliates are honored in a special list in larger type in Tournament Life each month, giving the affiliate name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and website. Gold Affiliation costs \$350 per year, and existing affiliates may subtract \$3 for each month remaining on their regular affiliation, or \$20 for each month remaining on their Silver Affiliation. **As of August 6, 2007, by paying an annual payment of \$500 (instead of \$350), Gold Affiliate status may be obtained with no minimum requirement for memberships submitted.**

SILVER

Any affiliate that has submitted at least 25 USCF memberships during the current or previous calendar year, or is the recognized State Affiliate, is eligible to become a Silver Affiliate. These affiliates will be recognized in a special list in Tournament Life each month, giving the affiliate name, state, and choice of either phone number, e-mail address, or website. Silver Affiliation costs \$150 per year, and existing affiliates may subtract \$3 for each month remaining on their regular affiliation. **As of August 6, 2007, by paying an annual payment of \$250.00 (instead of \$150), Silver Affiliate status may be obtained with no minimum requirement for memberships submitted.**

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Committee Reports

Awards Committee

CHAIR, JOHN DONALDSON

The Awards Committee is tasked each year with providing a list of candidates to present to the USCF Executive Board for consideration. The categories range from the earliest, the Koltanowski and Distinguished Service Awards, which were established in 1979, to more recent ones like Tournament Director of the Year which was first awarded in 2004. The nominations for some of the awards like those for College of the Year and Scholastic Service come directly from their respective committees.

One concept the Awards Committee has gravitated to the last few years is that of looking to the area where the U.S. Open is being held for candidates for its awards that are based on local, state and regional service. The thought is not only to make it easier for those being awarded to attend but also their family and friends.

We hope you will be in Vancouver this August to honor the latest list of those who have done so much to support American chess.

Chairman John Donaldson and fellow committee members Bill Goichberg (EB liaison), Randy Hough, John McCrary, and Harold Winston.

Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions

DEWAIN BARBER

The 2011 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions was positioned beside the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in Orlando, FL. There was a tie between Justus Williams (NY) and Michael Brown (CA-S) with a score of 5½/6. Their draw occurred in round 5 making it necessary to win the last game in order to win or tie for first place. This Championship had six national masters and five experts in a field of 44 participants. Since this represented the first year of this event, I am confident that the future is bright. It also shows that the strength of the younger players is better today than in the past.

A special thanks to the U.S. Chess Trust, American Chess Equipment, Inc. and Dwight Barber for their support of this event.

Clear second place went to Christopher Gu (RI) with a score of 4½/6. Third to fifth place was a tie between the following players: Jeevan Karamsetty (VA), Kapil Chandran (CT), Arthur Shen (NJ), Neel Apte (CA-N), Grant Xu (MA), Matthew Fishbein (ME), Benjamin Moon (GA), Sean Vibbert (IN), Gabriel Katz (VT) and Andrew Tang (MN).

Finally, the Barber Tournament Committee would like to thank the USCF for making this a qualifier for the World Youth Event now and in the future.

Bylaws Committee

CHAIRS: HAROLD WINSTON (IL), GUY HOFFMAN (WI)

The Bylaws committee advises the Delegates and the Executive Board on matters pertaining to bylaws and governance. Last year at Orlando there was a joint workshop for the Bylaws and Governance Task Force committees, which I co-chaired with Allen Priest, who headed the task force and co-chaired Bylaws. As a result there was a consensus for a motion that preserved most of the Delegates' powers while making the Executive Board the board of directors. However, there were questions about treatment of committees, especially the Life Member Assets Committee (LMA), which appeared to require legal guidance, so the Delegates re-referred the proposal to Bylaws and GTF. The workshop was very positive with many helpful contributions. Also, there was a dinner meeting of bylaws and GTF that preceded the workshop and that was helpful as well. One issue that arose was with the Delegates at Large and those present submitted written advance resignations of the director portion of their position in case the proposal passes this August. In the fall, the Bylaws committee reviewed questions to be submitted to the attorney about committees and in particular about LMA.

DM 11-18, the structure resolution from last year as amended, was endorsed 10-1-1 by the Bylaws Committee. That would make the Executive Board the Board of Directors while preserving the Delegates' overall supremacy as the legislative body of the USCF and specifically keep the powers to approve the budget, amend the bylaws and official rules of chess, and supervise ethics compliance with the Delegates. The Executive Board could act subject to Illinois laws, the bylaws, and mandates of the Delegates. If we have, as expected, a solution to the LMA Committee problem, possibly by creating a subsidiary trust with trustees elected by the Delegates for a one year term, then after that is voted on DM 11-18 will come up for a vote.

College Chess Committee

CHAIR, RUSSELL HARWOOD

The 2011 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships were held in Fort Worth, Texas, this past December 27-30. There were 28 teams in attendance, representing 19 different universities. There were two teams from Canada and two teams from the Caribbean, with the remainder coming from U.S. colleges and universities. These numbers were almost exactly what we have been averaging over the past 10 years. The University of Texas at Dallas A team repeated as Pan Am champions with a perfect 6-0 score against very tough competition. This is the second year in a row that UT Dallas has won all of their matches in the Pan Ams, which is quite impressive given the growing number of extremely strong teams. The University of Maryland Baltimore County finished a clear second, with 5 points out of a possible 6. Texas Tech University's A team and New York University scored 4½ out of 6, with TTU placing third on tiebreaks and NYU finishing in fourth place. The top international team was University of Toronto A. The four universities who qualified for the President's Cup (Final Four) were UT Dallas, UMBC, TTU and NYU. The other division champions were:

Division I Champions (Over 2200 average rating): University of Texas at Dallas B

Division II Champions (2000-2199 average rating): University of Texas at Dallas C

Division III Champions (1800-1999 average rating): University of New Mexico

Division IV Champions (under 1800 average rating): Washington University B

The 2012 Pan Ams will be hosted by Princeton University on their campus from December 27-30.

The 2012 President's Cup (Final Four) was again sponsored and hosted by Booz Allen Hamilton in Herndon, Virginia, near Washington, D.C. This is the second consecutive year that Booz Allen has sponsored the Final Four, and Mike Hoffpauir is again to be commended for his outstanding work in organizing and running a great tournament! This was an extremely strong and competitive event, with the outcome again in doubt until the very end. Texas Tech University scored 8 points to repeat as Final Four champions. University of Texas at Dallas and University of Maryland, Baltimore County both finished with 7½ points, with UTD taking second on tiebreaks and UMBC placing third. New York University finished in fourth place. Booz Allen Hamilton is planning to hold the Final Four in Herndon, Virginia, again next year. After that, they are looking at the possibility of moving the tournament around the country to other cities where they have a corporate presence. The College Chess Committee is very appreciative of Booz Allen Hamilton's support of collegiate chess and the opportunities they are providing for college chess players to intern with their company during the summer.

The 4th Duncan Oxley Collegiate Online Tournament was held on November 6, 2011. This was a one-day blitz tournament that attracted 27 participants. Finishing in first place was Zhichao Li, from the University of Texas at Dallas, who scored 4½ out of a possible 5 points. Three players tied for second place with 4 points; Jeremy Shar from Brown University, Erik Elbieh from Bard at Simon's Rock, and WGM Nadya Ortiz from the University of Texas at Brownsville. On tiebreaks, Jeremy placed second, Erik placed third, and Nadya placed fourth. The College Chess Committee would like to thank Jon Haskel for organizing and running the online tournaments and maintaining the College Chess website, which is <http://www.collegechess.org/>. The spring online team event was cancelled due to an insufficient number of teams registering in advance for the tournament.

The Delegates also referred DM 11-55, proposed by Sandra Pahl of Wisconsin, which provides that anyone who has sued USCF or is in the process of suing, "except if the Federation exceeds its authority" may not serve on any USCF Board or committee nor be a state Delegate. That would amend Art. IX. The committee had problems with the idea and the wording and took multiple votes. The committee voted it should not include past lawsuits by 6-3-2-2 (last two figures are first abstentions and then needs more thought). Next, the committee believes any such restrictions should not apply to committee members by vote of 5-2-2-2. Considering the concept as a whole, the committee split 4-6-0-2; some think the idea is not legal.

Florida attorney Robert Persante came up with alternative wording: "No party, nor any attorney representing a party, in litigation, arbitration, or administrative proceedings against the USCF may serve as a state Delegate or as a member of the Executive Board: except that members of the Executive Board may continue to serve if any such legal action is brought solely in his or her capacity as a member of the Executive Board."

No person who is an officer, director, partner, trustee, shareholder or member of an entity in litigation, arbitration, or administrative proceedings against the USCF can serve as a state Delegate or member of the Executive Board."

The committee considered this wording an improvement by vote of 8-2-1 and agreed any such restriction should apply to attorneys for persons or entities suing USCF by 9-2, but split on similar exception wording for Delegates, 5-4-1-1. Even with this improved wording, there are concerns about the legality of such a change. If the Delegates wish to pursue the idea, I would personally recommend holding off for a year and obtaining a firm legal opinion.

Third, the committee was notified of a proposal that may be brought forward by the Scholastic Council mandating seven Scholastic Council delegates be added to the current number of USCF Delegates. The Council pointed out that the majority of USCF members are scholastic and junior members but the scholastic community needs better representation and so doing might help convince states not holding USCF rated scholastic events to do so. The Council was recently increased from five to seven members. The committee appreciates the contributions of those in scholastic chess but has a problem singling out one element in the chess community as a whole. The Bylaws Committee took four votes. The first was on an amendment providing there could never be more than seven scholastic council delegates and that vote was 4-2-3-3. The second was to require written acceptance by any such delegates just as State delegates have to accept. The vote was 8-1-2-1.

The third was on what the right number of Scholastic Council Delegates would be if the concept was accepted and the committee went with the proposed seven by 4-1-5-1. The final vote was on the concept of Scholastic Council delegate votes as a whole and the committee was against it by 1-9-1-2. It should be noted that many Scholastic Council members are already Delegates.

On Friday morning August 10, 2012, at the Vancouver Hilton Hotel, in Vancouver, Washington, there will be another combined Bylaws-GTF workshop and I urge all interested persons to participate. There will likely be other advance Delegate proposals relating to bylaws and governance that will also be discussed then. I thank all the members of this year's committee, my co-chair Guy Hoffman (WI), Myron Lieberman (AZ), John McCrary (SC), David Mehler (MD), Richard Koepcke (N. CA), Ernie Schlich (VA), Robert Persante (FL), Gerald Larson (AL), Joe Lux (NJ), Gary Kitts (MI), Randy Hough (S. CA), and Brian Mottershead (MA).

The College Chess Committee recommended the University of Texas at Dallas for the Chess College of the Year Award. This recommendation was based on UTD's performance (undefeated at the Pan Ams and a close second at the Final Four), and the fact that they organized and hosted the Second International Koltanowski Conference this past November. Everyone associated with the University of Texas at Dallas and the UTD Chess Program is to be commended for their efforts to further chess in education.

Denker Invitational Committee

CHAIR, DEWAIN BARBER

The 2011 Denker Tournament of High School Champions that was held beside the U.S. Open in Orlando, Florida had a clear first with Michael Vilenchuk (OH) winning the title of High School Champion of Champions with a score of 5½/6. His victory earned him the four-year scholarship to University of Texas at Dallas. This Championship had 13 national masters and 11 experts in a field of 50 participants.

Clear second place was possessed by Nick Thompson (AZ) with a score of 5/6. Third-fifth place tie occurred between Andrew Shvartsman (NJ), Jialin Ding (MO), Bob S. Shao (TX), Andrew C. Wang (MA) and Trevor S. Magness (IL).

Special thanks to our sponsors, Mitchell Denker, the U.S. Chess Trust and American Chess Equipment, Inc. In addition, great appreciation goes to the Ursula Foster family for the Foster Scholarship Award (\$500) for the best performance from a player under the age of 16 won by ninth grader, Jialin Ding (MO).

Finally, the Denker Tournament Committee would like to thank the USCF for making this a qualifier for the World Youth Event now and in the future.

Dues Structure Review Committee

CHAIR, BILL GOICHBURG

Our committee considered possible changes to the USCF dues structure that would promote membership, increase revenue, and/or simplify our menu of possible choices.

Simplification would require the elimination of membership classes, or possibly the rewording of some of the options, for example by saying "\$6 extra with magazine" or "\$6 less for seniors age 65/over." No committee members voiced support for such elimination or rewording.

However, the committee did appear to believe that it would be confusing to add still more membership options to our menu. Our discussion involved not such an expansion of choices, but rather the offering of special limited time membership offers to players of certain ages, to be promoted by direct mail or e-mail.

One such possible offer, suggested by Jim Berry (and submitted as an ADM), is a life membership without magazine for \$500, to be available only to scholastic members who are about to turn age 13. Jim's idea is that most of these players are likely to soon drop out of USCF, so collecting \$500 from some of them would not only be profitable, but also would increase the chances that they would continue as part of organized chess. Those opposed to this idea were concerned that it might appeal mainly to our stronger young players, who would otherwise be likely to pay USCF far more than \$500 in dues over their lifetimes.

At the National Elementary Championship, Scholastic Council member Elizabeth Shaughnessy visited many team rooms and spoke to about 50 parents, and reported that none expressed interest in purchasing such a membership.

In a straw poll of the committee, two members supported Jim's idea, one was neutral and thought it required further study, and three others felt it was probably not a good idea, but did not object to further study.

Other special dues offers were discussed for those about to turn 13, as well as those about to turn 18 (which could be high school graduation presents). Most committee members favored considering special offers at both age 13 and 18, while one member preferred age 18.

The possibility of special 10-year or 20-year memberships for those about to become 13 or 18 was also discussed, with five members supporting the idea of a 10-year membership without magazine, four for 10 years with the magazine, and three for 20 years both with and without the magazine. One member suggested a \$50 scholastic membership for any age good through high school graduation, with the option after that of another six years for about \$100.

Hall of Fame Committee

CHAIR, HAROLD J. WINSTON

The World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum opened in St. Louis in September, thanks to the generosity of Rex and Jeanne Sinquefield and the hard work of Rex's St. Louis team, led by Susan Barrett, Laura Reeves, and Shannon Bailey. Those attending the opening ceremony included persons active in St. Louis and Missouri government, GM Yasser Seirawan and Ben Finegold, USCF President Ruth Haring, USCF Executive Director Bill Hall, USCF VP for Finance Allen Priest, and trustees of the U.S. Chess Trust (see the Trust Report). Shane and Susan Samole were also present; the Samole family supported the original incarnation of the Hall of Fame in Miami for many years. Hall of Fame Committee members present included former Chairman and former USCF President John McCrary, former USCF Executive Director Al Lawrence, Shane Samole, Jennifer Shahade and Harold Winston. The Museum is open Wednesday through Friday. I inducted GMs Boris Gulko and Andy Soltis into the Hall of Fame at the opening ceremony.

For 2012, both the committee and the trustees of the U.S. Chess Trust have unanimously nominated and chosen Alexander Yermolinsky. He won the U.S. Championship in 1996 and shared that title in 1993. He won the U.S. Open outright in 1995, 1997, and 2000 and tied for first at the U.S. Open in 1999 and 2009. He won the World Open in 1993, 1995, 1996 and shared first in 1991. He was the first person selected as Grandmaster of the Year when the award was created in 1997. He has authored two books: *The Road to Chess Improvement* and *Chess Explained: The Classical Sicilian*.

Yermolinsky has a wonderful record representing the USA in team competition. He was a mainstay of our Olympiad teams in 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000. He lost no games at the 1998 and 2000 Olympiads and only one game in both 1994 and 1996. He also represented the USA at the World Men's Team Championships in 1993 and 1997 and lost no games at either event!

My thanks to the other members of the committee: John Donaldson, John McCrary, John Hilbert, Al Lawrence, Shane Samole, Joel Benjamin, Arthur Bisguier, and Jennifer Shahade.

LMA Management Committee

CHAIR, TIM REDMAN

The LMA is one of three committees appointed by the USCF Board of Delegates. It reports directly to the Delegates. USCF accounts fall under two separate areas of responsibility, Operations and

LMA. You might think of Operations as managing the Federation's checkbook, and LMA managing the Federation's savings account and its property in Crossville.

LMA undertook one significant initiative last year. Last year, I reported that the LMA considered an investment plan, but due to a cogent objection from one of our members, I postponed consideration of it. This year I appointed an LMA investment subcommittee of Leroy Dubeck, chair, Chuck Unruh, and Jack Adamo to study an investment strategy. The subcommittee was split. Mr. Adamo, who is a very well regarded investor, favored rapid trades and turnarounds, his area of undoubted expertise. Dr. Dubeck, who is also Vice-Chair of the LMA, thought that this was a form of day trading and that the LMA needed stable, long-term investments. I concurred. Since his area of greatest expertise was not being utilized, Jack Adamo stepped down from the LMA. We thank him for his dedicated service. I have asked Steve Doyle to serve on the investment subcommittee in his place.

The subcommittee did recommend that we take a small position in gold. I left it up to them to decide the timing. Fred Townsend offered us an investment opportunity but we declined since we didn't fully understand it and we thought it would not look good to be investing with an LMA member, even one with such sterling credentials. We still haven't resolved on an investment course and it will be the task of next year's committee to make some decisions. Clearly CDs are not earning much at all, but stocks seem uncertain and bonds poised to fall in price. The uncertainty in Europe and the fate of tax rates in the United States on January 1, 2013 makes it even harder to plan long term investments. USCF President Ruth Haring has offered to share her investment expertise with the committee, and we appreciate that offer. These days in investments, however, it seems that you're damned if you do and damned if you don't.

The one initiative that Leroy Dubeck, Joe Nanna, and I have been discussing for next year is for the LMA to buy event insurance for the SuperNationals. With all three national scholastic championships being held over one weekend and at one location, a catastrophic weather or terrorist event could cause significant financial loss to the Federation. Joe estimates that the cost would be \$5,000.

The LMA would like to thank Jim Oberweis for his company's key role in maintaining our investment account.

We would like to thank our Executive Board liaison, Allen Priest, and our Office liaison Joe Nanna. Joe especially deserves commendation for his outstanding work.

LMA members all helped with these efforts. They are Jack Adamo, Frank Camaratta, Steve Doyle, Leroy Dubeck, Peter Dyson, Beatriz Marinello, Randy Bauer, Tim Redman, Fred Townsend, and Chuck Unruh.

I recommend that the entire LMA Committee be reelected by the Delegates. Since Jack Adamo has resigned, I recommend that Harold Winston be elected to take his place. As a former USCF president, he has a comprehensive understanding of the Federation reaching back forty years. He is also an attorney so he adds legal expertise.

Military Committee

CHAIR, THOMAS J. BELKE, CAPT., USNR RETIRED

This report covers USCF military chess topics for the nominal reporting period of June 2011 through May 2012.

1. Historical Context

The United States military chess community is now in its 53rd year of consecutive organized activity and events. Over the years, military chess activities have included both government-sponsored chess events funded through the services? Morale, Welfare

and Recreation (MWR) budgets and volunteer-sponsored chess events that do not rely upon government funding. During the course of the last 53 years, there have been some years where there was both an official government-funded closed military chess championship [i.e., The (annual) Inter-Service (closed) Military Chess Championship] and the volunteer-funded open military chess championship [i.e., The (annual) U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship.] Both championships are officially recognized by the USCF as Category N2 chess tournaments (small national championship events) within the official rules of chess.

2. Inter-Service (closed) Chess Championship

The way the Inter-Service (closed) tournament has worked in recent years is that each of the four services selects their top six active duty chess players by some sort of (service-specific) criteria. For example, the Navy holds a qualifying five-round Swiss tournament where the approximately top 12 available Navy chess players are invited, and the top six finishers are provided with funded travel to compete in the Inter-Service (closed) tournament. Services have not always had such qualifier tournaments, and have, at times, used other criteria (such as USCF ratings) to determine who their six representatives would be at the Inter-Service (closed) tournament. Top finishers at the Inter-Service Championship representing the various services then represent the U.S. at the annual NATO chess championship, which typically occurs in August each year.

3. Discussion regarding MWR-funded military chess events

The USCF Military Chess Committee, at best, serves only in an advisory capacity to government MWR-funded chess events. And MWR policies are geared more to accommodate their own funding rules rather than fielding the strongest possible chess team to represent the United States at the NATO Chess Championship. For example, though the NATO criteria for participation on national chess teams is very inclusive (including permitting military reservists), the United States team composition, driven by MWR-funding policies, has self-restricted the U.S. team composition, with possibly rare exceptions, to only including active duty personnel. Arguably, the current MWR funding policy for chess does not reflect the policy changes over the last decade moving toward "Total Integration of the Guard and Reserves." However, a consistent MWR counter-argument is that they use the same funding criteria for inter-service chess event participation as they do for other MWR-sponsored sporting events.

4. Recent cutbacks in government funding of military chess events

Aside from such friendly policy discussions, official MWR-funding for military chess event sponsorship is otherwise in trouble. NTD Ernie Schlich has reports (31 May 2012) that (1) both the Army and Air Force have cancelled all funding for chess, and (2) the Navy and Marines may be able to send some players to the NATO championships as Navy MWR has some obligated funds. Though the U.S. Defense budget exceeds the combined sum of all of the other defense budgets in the world, service-funding by the Army and Air Force MWR for military chess has been cut.

5. Bright spots and inconsistencies pertaining to official military chess events

The situation at the military service academies is exactly the opposite. For most of the last decade, both the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY/Army) and the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO) have consistently fielded chess teams to compete in the annual Service Academy Chess Championship that occurs in conjunction with the U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship. In contrast, the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD), except for in 2004, has opted not to participate in this event, even though it tends to be in the greater-Washington DC area not far from Annapolis. So official funding support from defense officials for chess events has had many bright spots over the years, but remains inconsistent.

One of the recent bright spots for official military chess was the All-Navy Chess Qualifier tournament (i.e., the 2012 Navy/Sea Services [closed] Chess Championship) hosted at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia from 2-4 March 2012. This five-round Swiss event had 12 top U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard players and featured use of MonRoi electronic scoring by all participants that enabled each of the six games each round to be streamed live over the Internet via the MonRoi website. The chief tournament director for this event was NTD Ernie Schlich, and the assistant TD was local TD Tom Belke.

6. 52nd Annual U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship (AFOCC or USAFO), 10-12 October 2011

In 2011, the 52nd U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship (AFOCC) was held at Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall (Arlington) over Columbus Day weekend (10-12 October 2011) and was won by Air Force retiree Dan P. Ranario. The top active duty player was Air Force Senior Airman Kiel Russell. The Air Force Academy won the Commander-in-Chief trophy as the top service academy team. The event had 53 participants, was organized by Staff Sergeant John F. Farrell, USMC (ret.) and was directed by Col. Michael E. Hoffpauir, USA (ret.), who is an NTD.

7. Rollins Military Team Tiebreak System

The Armed Forces Open features use of one of the new 2012 revisions to the USCF Rules of Chess: The Rollins Military Team Tiebreak System. This tiebreak system was developed by retired Marine Master Sergeant Steven Rollins. This innovative system allows for the possibility of having an event that permits determining both an individual champion and a champion team within a Swiss format without penalizing teams for pairings against teammates. Congratulations to Master Sergeant Rollins for his innovation and perseverance!

8. Upcoming (53rd Annual) U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship (AFOCC)

The next (53rd Annual) U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship (AFOCC) will be hosted by the U.S. Navy and held in the Hampton Roads area of southeastern Virginia. Several venues currently under consideration include the Nauticus Museum/battleship USS Wisconsin, NATO Allied Command Transformation, and Naval Air Station Oceana (which successfully hosted the 2012 Navy Chess Championship in March 2012). The 2012 AFOCC format will be similar to that of previous years (including use of the Rollins Military Team Tiebreak System) except that it is anticipated to be both a dual USCF and FIDE-rated Swiss event.

One of the features of this event is that, for the last decade, the chief organizer and host service for this event rotates among the various military services in a set rotation (i.e., 2011—Marine Corps, 2012—Navy, 2013—Army, 2014—Air Force, and so on. Veteran organizers for this event are consistently seeking venues at military sites that are both cost-effective and of military cultural interest to the participants.

Recent venues have included the U.S. Naval Academy (MD), Fort Meade (MD), the Armed Forces Retirement Home (DC), Headquarters Marine Corps (VA), National Naval Medical Center Bethesda (MD), the Gettysburg Battlefield National Visitor's Center (PA), and Andrews Air Force Base (MD). We organizers are thankful for the ongoing partnership and support of the U.S. Chess Trust directors who enable USAFO contributors to donate tax free contributions to the event such that the volunteer AFOCC organizers do not have the additional administrative burden of establishing a separate not-for-profit charitable chess-related entity. Though the chief organizer rotates each year, our group of veteran volunteer organizers at large who coordinate to host this event year after year work closely together to ensure the AFOCC remains a strong and vibrant part of the United States chess culture under the oversight of the USCF.

Though the participants at the USAFO event benefit from an

exciting no-entrance fee annual championship event, they get spared the annual headaches that often accompany securing an acceptable venue.

For example, over the course of a four-year rotation, in 2008 the new administration at the U.S. Naval Academy would not agree to the host playing conditions/venue arrangements that were acceptable four years before in 2004. This year in 2012, Pentagon officials (after many months of deliberation and red tape) wanted to charge volunteer USAFO organizers in excess of \$9,000 in fees as a precondition for the Pentagon to host the 2012 event which would have equated to them charging service personnel over 25 cents for each time a military person touched a chess piece! The venue charges they sought to impose included chess organizers paying for Pentagon security costs during the event! As a result, an alternative venue will be identified that is led by more accommodating officials.

9. 2012 U.S. Amateur Team East (USATE)/World Amateur Team Chess Championship

Each year three or more military teams participate in the USATE/World Amateur Team Chess Championship in Parsippany, New Jersey. NTD E. Steven Doyle has consistently featured the West Point color guard and the pledge of allegiance as part of the opening ceremony for this event. And he and the other USATE organizers have taken other deliberate actions to promote military chess team participation including (1) establishing a top military team prize, (2) upon request scheduling an Army-Navy chess match during a round, and (3) frequently donating one or two free team entries to the USATE to top military teams competing in the annual AFOCC/USAFO (see #8 above). Steven's consistently pro-military chess stance has, on average, at least doubled the military chess participation in the USATE and made it into an annual pilgrimage for many military chess players.

10. Strategic perspective

The current state of the U.S. military chess community is strong. We have a veteran group of chess organizers consisting of retired and active veteran chess organizers from all of the military services, senior service members (both officer and enlisted) who are long-time USCF members. The Armed Forces Open Chess Championship is the only event of its kind that does not charge any entrance fee. The outlook for this event to continue as a no entrance fee volunteer-led annual military chess event is strong.

While AFOCC organizers are consistently pro-military chess, we organizers serve in a volunteer unpaid capacity and have no official control over government-sponsored chess events and related policies other than to make ourselves available as advisors, tournament directors and organizers. Thus, we regard our top priority as ensuring that the USAFO is a successful event each year, and the promotion of other military chess events to be a secondary (yet significant) role, as well. Our ability to share and pool organizer resources and information has resulted in the establishment of a strong military chess organizer community with "no single point of failure." And we continue to seek new military chess organizer talent to mentor for future generations.

11. Way Ahead

My top priority for 2012 is to ensure the 2012 U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship is a success.

For the present, the outlook for fielding a U.S. chess team to the NATO Chess Championship using volunteer funds represents a multi-faceted administrative challenge even beyond identifying the necessary philanthropist(s)! Without apology, my primary focus this year does not include influencing military MWR funding policies for chess. Instead, my focus is on the 2012 AFOCC and other military chess events that do not have a government-funding dependency.

12. Recommendations

My preference is to keep my recommendations to the USCF suffi-

ciently simple and low-cost to enable win-win “quick wins.” They include:

1. The possibility of getting the cover of *Chess Life* with a photo on the deck of the battleship USS Wisconsin with a military chess theme.

2. Requesting the USCF provide a recurring free ad in *Chess Life* (and on the www.uschess.org website) that requests military chess players to self-identify (including active, reserve, guard, academy, ROTC/cadet, and Coast Guard members). [This option seems preferable to the administrative barriers that have occurred in the past by my predecessors who requested USCF members to identify their military affiliation on membership forms and/or databases.] I would coordinate with other military chess organizers to determine the specific content for such an ad. Right now, I am only seeking “agreement-in-principle pending the submission of a more detailed recommendation that is acceptable to the USCF.” Discussion: The idea is to use self-identification of military chess members to promote participation in both the annual AFOCC and other military chess events around the world.

3. Requesting the USCF to continue its past policy to provide a free TLA for the annual U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship, and other (unspecified) pro-military good deals as the USCF may be able to accommodate given varying resource constraints and priorities.

4. Expressing the ongoing thanks of and recognition by the military chess community for the USCF, the U.S. Chess Trust, American chess organizers, U.S. chess stars/titled players, and international stars such as former world champion Garry Kasparov, and private and corporate sponsors for their consistent long-term support and promotion of military chess. Your ongoing support for military chess is deeply appreciated.

13. — Special Thanks —

Though I am sure to have missed some people, a very special thanks to the following people for their support of military chess during 2011-2012:

1. The U.S. Chess Federation staff and USCF Executive Committee;
2. 2011 Military Committee Chairman John Farrell [SSGT, USMC (ret)];
3. NTD Mike Atkins;
4. NTD Ernie Schlich;
5. NTD Mike Hoffpauir;
6. NTD E. Steven Rollins;
7. NTD David Hater (for sustained support of military chess in past years);
8. Col. Mike Donovan, USA (ret.);
9. GM Garry Kasparov;
10. GM Susan Polgar (gave simul for 2012 Navy Chess qualifier participants);
11. former MCC Chairman Steven Rollins [Master Sgt., USMC (ret.)];
12. Col. Bryan Goda, USA (ret.) for many years of promotion of chess at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY;
13. Professors Eyo Ita and Jay Gutzler at the U.S. Naval Academy, for many years of promotion of chess at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland;
14. Major Zack Kinney, USAF (ret.) for being his ongoing service as the historian of the military chess community;
15. Ms. Sara Walsh for long-term service as a local chess organizer in support of chess events for Marines in North Carolina;
16. Ms. Jane Westbay, Navy Fleet & Family Readiness, for organizing the 2012 Navy Chess Qualifier tournament;
17. L. Col. Doug Taffinder, USAF (ret.) (now on the West Coast) for ongoing support as a USAF chess organizer;
18. Cdr. Bob Collins, USN (ret.) for organizing the 2012 USATE

top military team;

19. Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. for their sustained corporate sponsorship of the U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship;

20. GM Lev Alburt, for generously donating numerous chess sets, clocks and books to deployed U.S. service personnel in combat zones;

21. NTD E. Steven Doyle (again) and the NJSCF for their sustained sponsorship of “Sets for Vets” to coordinate the distribution of countless chess sets and computer games to be distributed to over 146 VA hospitals and Care Centers, as well as to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan;

22. Vice Admiral Adam Robinson, USN (ret), former Surgeon General of the Navy

14. Final anecdote

During my last go-around as the Navy host organizer for the 2008 U.S. Armed Forces Open, I was encountering unexpected administrative roadblocks in securing a venue. I was contacted by a young Navy Yeoman/Petty Officer/USCF member named Erick Toribio. Erick happened to be serving as the driver for Vice Admiral Adam Robinson (then the Navy Admiral in charge of the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda). When the Admiral found out how Erick’s volunteer grassroots efforts to promote chess among wounded veterans at NNMC Bethesda, he rolled out the red carpet for NNMC to host the 2008 U.S. Armed Forces Open Chess Championship. When former world champion Garry Kasparov found out about Erick, he sent him a personal congratulatory letter, autographed photo, and autographed chess book in recognition of his use of chess to encourage, serve and help the recovery of wounded military service men and women.

Outreach Committee

CHAIR, MYRON LIEBERMAN

Welcome to new Outreach Committee member Dave Lame (MI). Dave is primarily concerned with helping promote chess in low population density areas. Assuming the USCF continues the Outreach Committee in its existing structure in August it is the Chair’s intention to name Dave Lame to be Project Leader of a new project focused on USCF chess availability, accessibility, and affordability in all parts of the country. It would also be the chair’s intention to continue Rachel Lieberman’s CAPA (Chess as a Positive Alternative) project as well as continuing the chess in the media efforts. Dave offers the following comments:

“When interacting with players on various chess discussion sites, a frequent complaint is ‘There are no tournaments in my area.’ Sometimes those complaints are legitimate; there really are no tournaments in the area where they live. Sometimes, those complaints arise due to the fact that there is no easy way to find tournaments that already exist in those areas. Over the course of the next year, we wish to reduce those complaints and make sure that USCF chess is available and accessible in every corner of the United States. To make this happen, we will take several steps:

1. Identify those areas where there are no USCF chess tournaments.
2. Work with state and local affiliates in those areas to identify potential tournament directors and organizers in those areas. Find people who might be interested in hosting (or sponsoring) tournaments.
3. Provide assistance to identified individuals to help them hold their first tournament.
4. For all tournaments, established and new, provide assistance in publicizing tournaments so first time players can more easily locate whatever tournaments exist in their areas.”

These points have been a focus of the committee for years and we are glad to now have someone who can put full effort and energy

to achieve that end. This is a good topic for discussion to generate ideas at the Outreach Workshop.

Brownsville, Texas—It is important to note that Brownsville, Texas, is an excellent example of what can happen when chess becomes part of a city's culture. Not only at the college level, where UT Brownsville has become one of the top chess colleges, but especially at the scholastic level. Thanks to Russell Harwood and JJ Guajardo, whose success with bringing chess to Brownsville schools has been the subject of an HBO special and a proposed movie. Brownsville, at the extreme southern tip of Texas, is a very low income area which has been beset with immigration and drug problems, which made life for those who live there very dangerous and unpredictable. Chess has given Brownsville youth a way to develop positive attributes, self confidence, and the knowledge that they can win. Win they have, with their scholastic team doing very well in the national scholastic chess tournaments.

Seattle, Washington—Congratulations to Denise Bouldin, a Seattle police officer who teaches children about life through chess. Seattle's KING 5 TV ran a feature about her in their "Making a Difference" series in November, 2011. The feature included a video. Among her quotes in the KING 5 feature were "Chess is like in the real world ... you gotta be careful, you gotta think, you gotta make the right decision," she tells fourth graders at Van Asselt Elementary School. "Because if you do something too quickly something could happen, there could be consequences." and "Maybe somebody wants you to join a gang or maybe somebody wants you to do something that's negative. Let's put that whole situation on the chessboard." One student said about his chess pieces, "It's kind of like this is your family and you have to try to protect them so nothing bad happens to them." She is also setting up chess and sudoku clubs at the Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club. Thanks for your involvement, Ms. Bouldin.

St. Louis, Missouri—World Chess Hall of Fame (HOF) rededication and Chess Merit Badge for Scouting Launch—Congratulations and appreciation are expressed to Rex and Jeanne Siquefield, the U.S. Chess Trust, and the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (CCSCSL) for the successful rededication of the World Chess Hall of Fame in St. Louis and bringing the Boy Scouts chess merit badge (a long time goal for Outreach) to fruition. Special thanks to Al Lawrence for helping the transition of the Hall of Fame from Miami to St. Louis. Special thanks to Jeanne Siquefield for her achievement in finally making the chess merit badge happen. An excellent public program, celebrating these two major events in St. Louis, was held starting September 8, 2011. The CCSCSL is directly across the street from the new location for the HOF. The street crossing was blocked and the celebration spanned both buildings and the width of the street between them. The scouting celebration was held on September 10 and included a live chess game with scouts playing the pieces, led by Kings Hikaru Nakamura and Ben Finegold. Astronaut Greg Chamitoff presented a NASA video and spent much of his time playing and socializing with the kids, especially the scouts. Special thanks to Greg Chamitoff for making this a memorable occasion in the lives of many kids. The celebration was very well organized and enough can't be said about the dedication of the CCSCSL staff and the HOF staff for its successful presentation. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

Dallas, Texas—Kolty Conference a Major Success—The second Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education was held November 18 and 19, 2011, in Dallas, Texas. Congratulations to Dr. Tim Redman and Dr. Alexey Root for organizing a very successful conference. Thanks also to them and to all of the sponsors and participants who made it a valuable resource for chess in education. We recommend that you go to either the UT Dallas website (www.utdallas.edu/chess/kolty2) for all of the presentations or the U.S. Chess Trust website ([\[trust.org\]\(http://trust.org\)\) for complete coverage of what was presented. There are so many Outreach situations reported there that it could be treated as an extension of this Outreach Report.](http://www.uschess</p></div><div data-bbox=)

New York City - Brooklyn—Congratulations to Brooklyn's IS 318. Not only have their chess teams become national champions many times but they are also the subject of an upcoming documentary film, "Brooklyn Castle." Thanks to IS 318 assistant principal and chess coach John Galvin and chess teacher Elizabeth Vicary, who are responsible for the program. They explained at the Kolty Conference how chess and other after school activities benefit students in acquiring academic and other skills. The film shows that despite severe financial crises IS 318 has assembled the best junior high chess team in the U.S.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Plant, a Brooklyn power company, has donated \$25,000 to IS 318 to help fund the school's chess program. A December 2, 2011, *New York Daily News* article quoted company spokesman Sean Lane as saying, "We rely on New York to be successful so that we can be successful and that starts with the kids in our own community ... It's a way for us to give back to the community we work in every day." The article then pointed out that, "The team spent yesterday (December 1) at Google's offices in Chelsea wiping the floor with the search engine's best and brightest on the chessboard, cruising to an easy 45-9 win." John Galvin was quoted as saying, "It just reinforced our belief that our kids are the intellectual equals of anyone ... They're proud of what they've accomplished and they're proud to show it off." The article can be found at <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/brooklynpower-company-donates-25-000-needy-318-chess-team-article-1.986212#ixzz1fbOsN2Tp>

New York City - Harlem—Thanks to Anthonyquaiame Jackson-Bey, who, with the help of his Bey Foundation, started the "Chess Lords" program at Harlem's PS 36 to improve his students' discipline and critical thinking, reading, math, and comprehension skills. The program provides a place to work together rather than fight. Many of the students are from two feuding public housing complexes, whose feuds are reputed to have led to killings. Interactive living chess games are used as the vehicle to keep the kids interested and involved.

"This shows they can work together, that there is so much more than their feuds," said Jackson-Bey who grew up in Grant Houses and is an alumni of PS 36. "There's more than limiting yourself to the corner or the block." He also said that, "It's a way to bring the two developments back together. We've had issues but never to the extent to the passing of a child. We said we have to do something."

A full article and a video are included at <http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20120430/central-harlem/human-chess-program-prevents-harlem-kids-from-becoming-gang-pawns#ixzz1usYzQu9X>

Chess in the Mainstream Media—Outreach Chair Myron Lieberman notified the Executive Board on November 23, 2011, that an article about the NBA lockout was posted on *NBA.com*. It was written by David Aldridge and used *Searching for Bobby Fischer* as a metaphor for his prognosis for the NBA lockout. The link is as follows:

http://www.nba.com/2011/news/features/david_aldrige/10/31/nba-lockout-next-steps/?ls=iref:nbahpt1

If anyone knows Mr. Aldridge, this could be a good time to see if he might either be an appropriate contact for the possibility of some sort of joint promotional effort between USCF and/or the U.S. Chess Trust and the NBA or know who the proper contact would be.

Chess would be an effective tool for the NBA's "Stay in School" program and the Chess Trust's "Scholar Chessplayer" program. There may well also be possibilities for joint fundraising efforts. Historically there have been a number of high profile NBA players who were also chess enthusiasts that might be willing to help in those efforts. We would be happy to send packets of information

on behalf of the USCF and/or the U.S. Chess Trust to any NBA representative who would like to further explore chess/NBA possibilities.

Chess in advertising—The use of chess in ads continues to increase, which is another sign that chess and its values are getting mainstream acceptance. Whether it is national ads by large companies (such as Geico or Costco) or more localized ads (such as the Fennimore-Craig law firm) chess has taken its place in mainstream advertising. Congratulations to the Chandler, Arizona, Chamber of Commerce. They placed a very effective ad which gave the simple message, “Need help with your business strategy? Give us a call—We can help your game plan.” printed above a chessboard which shows the position after 1. e4 e5. The ad designer clearly understood both chess and how to communicate ideas. The ad could apply equally to businesses and chess players.

Unsung heroes everywhere—A notice to the unsung heroes from Rachel Lieberman: We know that many of you are working in the trenches to help kids and adults learn chess and enjoy its benefits. Please know that we appreciate what you are doing and stand ready to help you if we can. Some of you do not want recognition while others want their work to be recognized. If you are doing something that you want to share with others, please let us know and please keep up the good work. Your efforts are very important and necessary.

Professional Players Health and Benefit Committee

CHAIR, JOHN DONALDSON

This was a quiet year for the Professional Players’ Health and Benefit Fund which to date has provided assistance to seven individuals, each of whom has contributed significantly to American chess. The resources of the Fund do not permit large-scale programs like providing health care to all titled players, but do allow for grants of up to \$10,000 per person. This amount has made the difference in many ways from providing physical therapy not covered by medical insurance to supplying a safety net for those in danger of being forced to live on the street. The aim with the latter has been not only to meet a short term need but also find a long term solution by helping the individual apply for Veterans Benefits, SSI or state and county programs as appropriate. To date all those who have applied are back on their feet leading productive lives.

The Professional Players’ Health and Benefit Fund would like to thank Bill Hall and Joe Nanna for their assistance in administering the Fund and is especially grateful to the many tournament organizers who have provided support throughout the years. The \$1 per player per event voluntary donation in return for enhanced Grand Prix status has provided much good.

Chairman John Donaldson and fellow committee members Jim Eade, Steve Immitt and Dr. Anthony Saidy.

Ratings Committee

CHAIR, MARK E. GLICKMAN, PH.D.

The Ratings Committee (RC) was involved in a number of tasks throughout the year. After nearly a year of the USCF testbed server being inoperable, the RC was able to continue testing changes to the system that had been charged by the Executive Board in 2010. Additionally, the RC was involved in various minor activities, some of which have led to issues that will need to be discussed in the coming year. We describe our accomplishments below.

The most important task of the committee was the testing of several potential changes to the rating system that affected the K-factor in the established rating formulas. We tested two aspects of the formulas simultaneously, and examined them through a

simulation analysis which we describe briefly below. The first aspect we examined was the formula for the “effective N” based on the player’s rating that ultimately determines the value of K in the established rating formula. We considered two alternatives to the current system formula, both of which were designed to increase the value of K by as much as 45% in the 2000-2200 rating range, but keep K relatively unchanged at low and high rating levels. The other aspect was to revise the impact on K for games played under time controls of G/60-G/30 among strong players. The two alternatives to the current system we considered involved variations of lowering the value of K in the higher one’s rating. Along with these two types of changes, we also investigated the simultaneous effect of varying the bonus factor. In total, we considered a total of 18 different rating formula changes to explore, coming from three formulas for “effective N” (including the current system), Three formulas for the value of K for fast time controls in established events (including the current system formula), and two different bonus thresholds ($3 \times 3 \times 2 = 18$). For each of the 18 systems, all USCF-rated events were retroactively re-rated starting in 2004, and two types of information were recorded. The first was the final 2012 ratings of all players based on each of the 18 different systems. To summarize this information, these final ratings will be compared to the ratings of the current system to check for increases or decreases in particular rating ranges, and among scholastic and adult players separately. Also, Top 50 rating lists will be produced according to these different systems. The second was a measure of the predictability of ratings on a game-by-game basis, and this measure was summed for all games from 2010 onward. The reason for only including games starting in 2010 was that the changes to the system were implemented starting in 2004, so that games played in 2010 and after would likely have evidenced the effects of rating system changes noticeably six years after implementation. These predictability measures will be summarized overall, and by rating ranges. Summaries of these results are planned to be presented at the May 2012 EB meeting.

Over the past year, the RC began testing and optimizing the Glicko-2 rating system. Initially, a system was being tested that was an approximation to the Glicko-2 formulas, but the properties of the approximating system appeared to be worse than the actual Glicko-2 system. The Glicko-2 system is being analyzed for possible adoption by the USCF to address many of the ongoing problems with the current system. Currently, the system has been successfully implemented and applied to a set of USCF game results, though certain parameters of the system need to be optimized for predictability. While thorough testing is necessary and essential, the advantages of such a system include the following: (1) Each player would have not only a rating, but a measure of its reliability—players with reliable ratings will typically not change by large amounts, and players with unreliable ratings could undergo larger rating swings before stabilizing; (2) results against opponents with unreliable ratings would have very little impact on one’s own rating; and (3) if a player had an unusually strong performance relative to his/her rating, the player’s rating would be estimated to be less reliable, and the player’s rating would increase by larger-than-normal amounts—in effect, a bonus-type mechanism would be an essential feature of the system. We anticipate presenting the results of the testing and optimizing to the EB in the coming year.

The RC was involved in a number of issues on a smaller scale. One issue involved whether extra games from a player re-entering a tournament could be counted towards norms and titles. The issue arose based on tournaments that were submitted earlier this year in which extra games were initially being counted towards norm/title eligibility. After discussions, it was felt that the intention of the norm/title system was to count only games that were anticipated to be played at the start of a tournament, and any additional games that were “tacked on” would not count towards norm/title eligibility. Enforcing such a rule would

prevent situations where players may give themselves extra opportunities to earn norms beyond the number of games advertised for an event.

Another issue in which the RC participates from time to time is in the evaluation of research proposals, and making recommendations to the USCF office about whether to provide requesters with data in such situations. In one particular instance, a proposal was made to the USCF to acquire ratings data, along with age and gender, from an identified set of players, as part of a research proposal. While the RC is generally favorable about using ratings data for research, this particular instance involved the researcher having access to information that would compromise the privacy of certain USCF members, a clear violation of the USCF privacy policy. The discussion helped the RC frame a basis by which to evaluate proposals to obtain USCF ratings data by researchers.

The current rules for having a match rated require both players in the match having established and published ratings when the match is held. A situation arose this year in which players who were not both established began a match, but by the time the match ended both players had established ratings. It was argued that the spirit of the rules was meant to discourage starting a match unless the match prerequisites were met. To that end, the RC will work with the USCF office to work on a clarification of the match rules so that players would not begin matches unless they both had published ratings that indicated they were established.

During the year, an incident came up in which a player gained 200 points over many one-two game events by defeating low-rated players. It was discovered that the player had taken advantage of a ratings rule that says that a player must gain at least one rating point per event, even if the player is almost certain to win every game according to the winning expectancy formula. The RC chair suggested that ratings be computed and stored in decimal form, rather than as integers as is currently carried out, and publish ratings rounded to the nearest integer. Such an approach would ensure that fractional gains in rating points would be much slower to accumulate in instances where a player constantly defeats only much weaker players. The USCF office will examine this possibility over the coming year.

In another unusual ratings-related occurrence, a player who recently started tournament competition ended up with an established rating that was clearly much higher than the player's ability. It was noted that the player had won all his games in rated events. While determining ratings based on all wins or all losses has the potential to produce unreliable results, the RC chair suggested two approaches going forward. First, if there is some prior information that the player is not at a very high or very low playing strength, then the formulas could be revised to take that into account. One way to do this is to add a fictitious drawn game against a player with a rating that might estimate the player's strength, and use this result in the provisional rating formulas. Second, when a player has all wins or all losses, we should reconsider using the resulting rating from the provisional rating formulas as the starting point for the established rating (the source of the problem). Instead, the formulas could be revised by saving all the game outcomes and begin using the established rating formula once a provisional rating was no longer based on all wins or all losses. This procedure would not use the fictitious drawn game described above. The RC will work with the USCF office and the EB liaison over the coming year to address this issue further.

Each year the RC performs a set of diagnostic analyses to monitor trends in the rating pool. Overall rating levels have deflated from the mid-1990s through 2000 when rating floors were decreased by 100 points without a counteracting inflationary mechanism. With the new rating system implemented in 2001, ratings started to re-inflate. The RC has the goal of restoring rating levels back roughly to where they were at the end of 1997. The focus of RC work has been on players with established ratings who have been active over the current and previous three years and who are aged 35-45 years old in the current year. Based on the continued

decline in ratings for this group, the RC recommended four years ago lowering the bonus point threshold from $B=10$ to $B=6$ to accelerate the re-inflation of the rating pool. This change was applied retroactively to the beginning of 2008. Over the past three years, the average rating for this group has increased by about 20 points in 2009, only about three points in 2010, and by 16 points in 2011. The average rating is currently about 23 points lower than the average rating at the end of 1997. Based on the continued increase in ratings for this group, the RC would recommend increasing the bonus threshold to $B=8$ to slow down the rating increases, and continuing to monitor rating movement in this subset of players, but our recommendation depends on the EB's reactions to the K-factor analyses described at the start of this report.

Rules Committee

CHAIRS, DAVID KUHNS

Proposed rules changes/clarifications:

Penalizing (compensation) for an illegal move:

ADM: Rule 11A remove the words "except in sudden death (11D), the time on the clocks shall not be adjusted; however," and "this rule is not in effect during sudden death time pressure."

11D remove the references to sudden death:

Rule 11D, "Illegal move: If, a player completes an illegal move by pressing the clock, in addition to the usual obligation to make a legal move with the touched piece if possible, the standard penalty specified in rule 1C2a applies (i.e. two minutes added to the opponents clock).

This is closer to the FIDE rule (with the further complexities of the 3rd illegal move removed).

ADM: add to rule 15A: The scoresheet shall be visible to the arbiter (tournament directors) and the opponent throughout the game.

This is the FIDE rule. With the "(tournament director) and the opponent" added to the wording.

A similar rule is not currently present in our rules.

Note: There was a recent incident that a player was caught cheating by pretending to use an electronic scoresheet, but using "pocket Fritz" instead. He had a cover on the electronic "scoresheet" and he kept the cover closed, so the program he was using was more difficult to detect. This rule would help mitigate that situation.

ADM:

Add to rule 5F:

A player who arrives late, and has not determined their first move is allowed to replace a standard analog clock (or any non-standard clock) with their own properly set more standard delay or more standard increment clock. In a game without an increment or delay capable clock, where both players have determined their first move, the initial clock shall remain the timer for the game (unless 42D applies).

We will report on progress for a new revision to the rulebook at the Rules Workshop.

Scholastic Chess Council Committee

CHAIRS, TOM BROWNSCOMBE & BEATRIZ MARINELLO

We have a very active Scholastic Committee and Scholastic Council. During the 2011-2012 year the members of the Scholastic Council, in conjunction with the Scholastic Committee, have been working on several issues. We would like to thank all

members of the Scholastic Committee and Scholastic Council for their work and contributions during this academic year.

One of the issues that we faced this year was that some discrepancies were noticed between the original delegate motion to create the Scholastic Council (which was referred by the delegates to the EB) and the EB motion to create the Scholastic Council. After long discussions between Bill Hall, the Executive Board, and the Council, the EB passed a new motion defining the structure, role, and responsibilities of the Scholastic Council. We would like to thank the USCF Executive Board members and the Executive Director for supporting this new motion.

Motion Passed at the Feb. 18, 2012 U.S. Chess Federation's Executive Board Meeting:

The Scholastic Council (the Council) is a seven-person body.

Purpose: The Council has the following primary duties:

1. Representing the interests of the scholastic community to the Executive Board and also conveying the interests of the Executive Board to the scholastic community. The scholastic community includes Scholastic, Youth and Young Adult members, their parents, scholastic affiliates and organizers, State Scholastic Coordinators, and institutions of primary and secondary education.
2. Serving as a body to oversee, organize and prioritize scholastic projects for the Scholastic Committee.
3. Providing expertise and recommendations to the Executive Board and the Executive Director as to the scholastic objectives and policy to be set by the USCF.

Organization:

To accomplish its duties, the Council shall be organized as follows:

1. Members are elected by a simple plurality by the Scholastic Committee from among the members of the Committee. The election will be held in May or June after the Spring National Championships are concluded. There will be a nomination period that will be no less than two weeks and Committee members may self-nominate. Voting may be electronic as defined by the Committee and votes will be counted by the USCF office staff.
2. Members shall serve two year terms. Three shall be elected in odd numbered years, while four shall be elected in even numbered years. Vacancies will be filled by election to the unexpired term.
3. Officers of the Council shall be elected annually by the Council.
4. The chairperson of the Council also serves as chairperson of the Scholastic Committee.
5. The chairperson of the Council is the primary scholastic advisor to the Executive Board and the USCF office and is encouraged to be present or represented at all open meetings of the Executive Board Meetings. The Council will meet at the U.S. Open and at least two other times each year to be determined by the Council. Such meetings may be conducted by electronic means.

Consultative Scope: The Council and Executive Board shall consult on decisions regarding national scholastic event policies, USCF scholastic objectives including management objectives for the Scholastic Director or other USCF scholastic personnel, scholastic policies, scholastic projects, scholastic regulations, and hiring of the Scholastic Director or other USCF scholastic personnel.

Consultative Process:

The Council will provide its expertise and representation of the scholastic community to the Executive Board using the following process:

1. The Council (or a sub-committee of the Scholastic Committee appointed by the Council) will submit proposals for policies, changes in regulations, and scholastic projects to the Executive Board for final approval.
2. The Executive Board will consider the guidance provided by

the Council in its decision making process. If the Executive Board does not agree with the Council's proposal it will communicate its concerns to the Council within 30 days.

3. The Council shall provide advice and expertise to assist the Executive Director and/or the Director of National Events in the organization and operation of all national scholastic events.

4. The Scholastic Council shall appoint one member of the Council to attend the national scholastic events. The role of the Scholastic Council Representative is:

To obtain feedback on scholastic issues from coaches, parents, participants, and the USCF office.

Be available for ceremonial duties.

Write a report concerning the scholastic meeting and policy issues to the Scholastic Council and Executive Director.

To be an ambassador for chess and the USCF.

5. The USCF shall provide up to four room nights for the Scholastic Council Representative attending a national scholastic event. The USCF shall provide a report to the Scholastic Council and USCF Executive Director concerning the site, hotel, and organization of the event.

6. When the USCF national office organizes a national scholastic event, the Executive Director is responsible to make sure that the event adheres to all national scholastic policies and regulations. The Council will provide assistance to the Executive Director and/or Director of National Events in the interpretation of those policies and regulations. The Council can always express any concerns about these events to the Scholastic Liaison of the Executive Board. Any Council member who may be in attendance at a national scholastic event organized by the USCF national office may be asked to assist to conduct a scholastic meeting, attend the opening ceremony, present trophies, and otherwise be an ambassador for the USCF.

7. In the situation where a national scholastic event is organized by a bidder other than the USCF, the Council shall designate a representative who, in cooperation with the Scholastic Director, Executive Director and Director of National Events, shall oversee the organization of the event on behalf of the USCF to provide assurance that the organizer adheres to all national scholastic policies, regulations and bid/contract terms.

8. The Council shall recommend to the Executive Board members of the scholastic community for appointment to the Scholastic Committee.

9. The Council will make recommendations to the Executive Board as to qualifications for national and international scholastic and youth invitational events.

10. The USCF will provide five room nights and travel costs (with limitations as provided for in USCF policy) for each of the Scholastic Council members to attend the USCF annual business meeting and related workshops.

The Council was notified that one of the directors at the Virginia State Scholastic Chess Championship noticed that a player was using an electronic device loaded with both eNotate and pocket Fritz to analyze one of his tournament games while the game was in progress. The Council determined that this is a matter for the Rules committee and forwarded the complaint to the chair of the Rules committee. However, the Council would like to express its concern regarding the apparent ease with which the player in question was able to use an electronic device loaded with pocket Fritz while his game was in progress, and the Council hopes that the Rules committee will reevaluate its procedures for approving electronic scorekeeping devices.

As part of our continuing efforts to improve the **National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations**, the Council made two major additions to the Regulations. We added a new regulation (21.12) requiring that players and spectators turn off elec-

tronic devices in the playing hall. We also added a new regulation (12.5) limiting "Under" section eligibility for players who have not played in many USCF rated tournaments within the last six months. You can find the exact wording of these new regulations at http://main.uschess.org/images/stories/scholastic_chess_resources/CurrentRegulations.

Regulation 12.5 was suspended for the 2012 Spring Nationals. The feedback from the Scholastic Meetings at the National Scholastic Championships indicates that the majority of coaches who attended the meetings are not in favor of regulation 12.5. The main issue here is that local and regional rating systems continue to cause problems for the USCF. The USCF needs to do something to encourage the organizers of such systems to return to USCF rated play. As long as there are regions of the country that choose to use local and regional rating systems instead of the USCF rating system, we need to take some sort of action to ensure that players entering "under" sections have USCF ratings that reflect their current playing ability.

Concerning regulation (21.12), The Scholastic Council, in conjunction with the USCF Executive Director, will continue to monitor the use of electronic devices at National Scholastic Chess Tournaments.

Every year the scholastic committee forms a subcommittee to select the winners of the National Scholar Chess Player Awards. This year's winners are Andrew Ng (NJ), Joshua Mu (NC), Alexandra Wiener (CT), Yang Dai (VA), and Jesse Orlovski (CA). The subcommittee also suggested some technical changes to the Scholar Chess Player application procedure, and scholastic EB liaison Mike Nietman has worked with the Council to create a Scholar Chess Player selection timeline to serve as a guideline for the process. The Council would like to thank the members of the subcommittee for their time and efforts, and we would also like to thank the U.S. Chess Trust and National Scholastic Chess Foundation for their support of these awards.

More than ever, young players are interested in participating in world championship events. Due in part to some changes in the USCF's World Youth Invitational procedures, the U.S. delegation to the 2011 World Youth Championship was larger than any previous U.S. delegation. All of the U.S. players achieved respectable results, and the scholastic committee would like to congratulate all of the players for representing the U.S. admirably. We would especially like to congratulate Awonder Liang (WI) for winning the gold medal in the boys under 8 division and Ruifeng Li (TX) for winning the silver medal in the boys under 10 division. The Scholastic Council has recommended some further refinements to the World Youth Invitational procedures for 2012, and the EB has approved those changes.

We would like to express our appreciation for the efforts of the Executive Director and the Executive Board members, especially our EB liaison Mike Nietman, for a very good and productive 2011-12 academic year.

The Scholastic Council and Committee welcome any and all comments and feedback. The 2011-2012 Council members are: Tom Brownscombe, and Beatriz Marinello (Co-Chairs), Garrett Scott, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, and Jay Stallings (elected members), Sunil Weeramantry and Steve Shutt (members emeritus).

Tournament Director Certification Committee

CHAIR, TIM JUST

The committee had a light workload this year with only one case to consider.

A TD was also a player in their own club event. They had to enter late due to a scheduling conflict with another club event. All players entering late in the same ratings class as the TD were offered

one-point byes for the missed rounds by the club officers (one of which was the TD). Only the TD accepted the bye offer. The TD won prize money at the end of the event. A complaint was filed by another player against the TD. The committee reprimanded the TD and placed them on probation. Vice-Chair Jeff Wiewel coordinated the final TDCC reprimand. The TDCC reprimand was forwarded to the Ethics Committee. The TD is appealing the TDCC ruling to the Board.

The TDCC reinstated a TD after their suspension once they met the conditions of the TDCC ruling: (1) pass a prize fund distribution exam created just for them and (2) see to it that the prizes from an earlier tournament were adequately distributed. Note: some prize winners did not want their prizes and other players could no longer be located; therefore, their prize money was donated to the charitable trust.

The committee denied a variance request on TD experience.

The committee continued with its normal business of evaluating ANTD and NTD exams while also coordinating with the office regarding TD experience concerns. One non-committee member was appointed to help evaluate ANTD and NTD exams. The identities of exam evaluators are not released to the entire committee to help insure their anonymity.

Here are some interesting numbers from Vice Chair Jeff Wiewel regarding total and active USCF TDs:

NTDs: 78 total with 45 active in the past year (57.7%)
ANTDs: 14 total with 14 active in the past year (100%)
SrTDs: 183 total with 149 active in the past year (81.4%)
LTDs: 639 total with 499 active in the past year (78.1%)
CTDs: 941 total with 543 active in the past year (57.7%)
Total: 1,855 total with 1,250 active in the past year (67.4%)

Thanks to committee members for their continued work: Guy Hoffman, Carol Jarecki, Joe Lux, John McCumiskey, Mike Somers, Ernie Schlich, Edward Conway, Charles Hatherill, Francisco Guadalupe, Ken Ballou, Alex Relyea, Tom Langland, Tracey Vibbert, Jabari McGreen, Thad Rogers, Jeff Wiewel (**Vice Chair**), Tim Just (**Chair**).

Women's Chess Committee

CHAIR, ISABELLE MINOOFAR

One way to increase membership, promote chess and inspire new players is to focus on young women. A national survey was conducted requesting information about a Girl's State Championship from all state scholastic coordinators. Some of the states responded. One commonality with the response was the interest in advice we had to offer to better girls' involvement in chess and competitions.

States responses varied from Iowa Girls State Championship which runs annually now for about 10 years to New Jersey which has never run a girls only championship or even a section. Others, such as Louisiana do not have many girls who play chess in the area, but hold two All-Girls Tournaments a year with approximately 20 participants. Colorado maintains this mission by having a quad tournament between the four highest rated K-12 female players. South Carolina reported that at its peak, it attracted 40 plus girls.

A National Girl's State Championship Month, in the month of March is recommended. A team effort is needed. North Carolina suggested, from the national standpoint, an up-to-date video showing more girls having fun with chess may help coaches and educators to promote chess.

One of Women's Committee goals this year is to further this mission.

Two other matters of interest:

On November 18-19, 2011 the Second Koltanowski International Conference on Chess and Education was held alongside the National K-12. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. Chess Trust and UT Dallas, and co-sponsored by the Texas Chess Association. Additional support was provided by the U.S. Chess Federation.

Presentations can be downloaded from www.utdallas.edu/chess/kolty2

Ten of the 28 presentations were by women, including Claire Grothe of the World Chess Hall of Fame and Leah Dagher, author of *Classroom Chess: The Primary Teacher's Handbook*.

Former U.S. women's chess champion Dr. Alexey Root teaches chess and education courses online. For more information about

the courses, go to: <http://www.utdallas.edu/chess/education-camp/chess-in-education.html>

Dr. Root's sixth book, *Thinking with Chess: Teaching Children Ages 5-14* will be published in October 2012 by Mongoose Press (<http://www.mongoosepress.com/>)

The following committees have not submitted a written report as of deadline; an oral report may be given at the Delegates Meeting:

Audit, Chess in Education, Clubs, Correspondence Chess, Cramer Awards, Election, Ethics, Finance, Governance Task Force, Hall of Records, International Affairs, Publications, Senior, States, Survey, Top Players, U.S. Open.

Membership Appreciation Program (MAP)

The MAP program continues in 2012. See details at main.uschess.org/go/MAP. Top standings will appear every two months in *Chess Life*.

Overall Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
CONTINENTAL CHESS ASSN	NY	493
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	322
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	258
SILVER KNIGHTS CHESS	VA	246
SCHOLASTIC CHESS OF INDIANA	IN	195
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	160
NATIONAL SCHOL CHESS FOUND INC	NY	154
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	134
TRI-STATE CHESS	NY	133
MAINE ASSOC OF CHESS COACHES	ME	111

Small State Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
MAINE ASSOC OF CHESS COACHES	ME	111
METRO CHESS	DC	38
NEW MEXICO SCHOL CHESS ORG	NM	29
CMC- LLC	RI	29
WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL	NH	28
OMAHA CHESS COMMUNITY	NE	28
SIOUX EMPIRE CHESS FOUNDATION	SD	18
WEST VIRGINIA SCHL CHESS ASN	WV	15
ST MARYS PARISH SCHOOL CC	ME	9
MESA CHESS CLUB	NM	7

State Chapter Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
MICHIGAN CHESS ASSOCIATION	MI	298
PENNSYLVANIA ST CHESS FED	PA	169
MARYLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION	MD	122
TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION INC	TX	93
MINNESOTA ST CHESS ASSN	MN	83
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHESS ASSN	NH	62
MASSACHUSETTS CHESS ASSOC	MA	59
NEW JERSEY ST CHESS FED	NJ	50
WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION	WA	32
VIRGINIA CHESS FEDERATION	VA	26

Adult Membership Standings

Name	State	Count
CONTINENTAL CHESS ASSN	NY	344
MARSHALL CHESS CLUB	NY	73
SCHOLASTIC CHESS OF INDIANA	IN	49
JERSEY SHORE HS CHESS LEAGUE	NJ	48
MAINE ASSOC OF CHESS COACHES	ME	40
SAN DIEGO CHESS CLUB	CA	38
AFTER SCH ACT PARTNERSHIPS	PA	37
BOCA RATON CHESS CLUB	FL	30
ROCHESTER CHESS CENTER	NY	30
CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CTR	MO	29

Scholastic and Youth Membership Standings

Name	State	Count
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	305
SILVER KNIGHTS CHESS	VA	242
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	237
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	158
NATIONAL SCHOL CHESS FOUND INC	NY	152
CONTINENTAL CHESS ASSN	NY	149
SCHOLASTIC CHESS OF INDIANA	IN	146
TRI-STATE CHESS	NY	132
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	131
COLUMBIA GRAMMAR SCHOOL	NY	90

Member Standings

Name	State	Count
DOCKERY, JOHN T	FL	33
SYGIEL, CHET	KY	20
KRANICH RITTER, TANIA	FL	20
SMITH, CHARLES A	AL	15
BERRY, FRANK K	OK	13
CHENEY, WILLIAM G	AZ	9
WHITFILL, SAMUEL JONATHAN	TX	9
FANGMAN, LARRY	NE	8
DZURICKSKO, GEORGE J, III	IL	8
CAMPBELL, TIM V	MO	8

PCT Gain Standings

State	Dec11	Apr12	PCT	State	Dec11	Apr12	PCT	State	Dec11	Apr12	PCT	State	Dec11	Apr12	PCT
WY	34	41	20.6	MN	1045	1187	13.6	NE	320	341	6.6	CT	1302	1371	5.3
AL	641	765	19.3	VA	3043	3304	8.6	NH	393	415	5.6				
UT	410	471	14.9	AR	235	251	6.8	WI	1165	1227	5.3				

A Guide to Robert's Rules of Order for USCF Delegates

Written by Mike Nolan, USCF Parliamentarian. Revised June 2001. Reference: *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition* (published in 2000), edited by Robert, Evans, Honemann and Balch, Perseus Publishing, 0-7382-0307-6. (List price \$17 in paperback.) This is a simplified selection of some key points from Robert's Rules of Order, with a few explanatory remarks and examples and some exceptions and extensions that have come into general use by the Delegates.

Definitions

Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian serves as a resource to the chair, offering advice on rulings and other matters to assist the chair in keeping the meeting orderly and productive. The Parliamentarian never 'rules' on a question, the chair has that privilege and may ignore or not solicit the advice of the Parliamentarian before making any ruling. The Parliamentarian also serves as a resource to Delegates, to advise them on proper parliamentary procedure.

2nd

Indicates a willingness to have the Delegates consider the motion, not any support for it. Except for motions on the advance agenda, motions arising from a committee and motions arising from the Membership Meeting, all main and subsidiary motions and most privileged or incidental motions require a 2nd in order to be considered by the Delegates further. While the maker of a motion is expected to argue in favor of it during debate, the seconder is under no such requirement.

Debatable

Discussion of the merits of the motion is permitted. An undebatable motion must be voted upon immediately without discussion unless an amendment or higher-ranking motion is in order and offered.

Majority

A simple majority means that more people vote 'yes' than 'no.' A 2/3 majority means that at least twice as many people vote 'yes' as 'no.' To abstain from voting means to yield to the will of the majority that does vote, whatever that majority is. It does not matter whether the number of 'yes' and 'no' votes adds up to a quorum or not, as long as a quorum is present. Although a count of abstaining Delegates is sometimes requested of the chair, it is not mandatory under *Robert's Rules*.

Reconsider

A motion to reverse an earlier vote. A motion to reconsider may only be offered by someone who voted on the prevailing side on the earlier vote. A motion to reconsider always requires a simple majority, even if the motion being reconsidered required a larger majority to succeed. When a motion to reconsider is successful, the matter becomes active again, although it might not be the current order of business if some other business is also pending. Some motions may not be reconsidered, such as a failed motion to postpone indefinitely.

Chair

The person running the meeting. The chair assigns the floor during debate and recognizes members, including responding to points of order or privilege (and making rulings as required), parliamentary inquiries, and to request whether a speaker will yield to a point of information. All questions should be addressed to the chair, not to other members, including the member who currently has the floor. The chair is expected to remain impartial and must refrain from debate on the merits of any issue. A chair who wishes to speak to the merits should yield the chair by passing the gavel to another person for the duration of the debate on that issue.

Agenda

The agenda is the order in which business is to be conducted. Many organizations have adopted a standard agenda for meetings, indicating in which order officer and committee reports are to be given, etc. It is also common for organizations to prepare an advance agenda of matters likely to come before the body. Sometimes the Bylaws specify that certain matters cannot be enacted unless pre-announced in the advance agenda, or require a different majority to pass if not pre-announced, such as amendments to the Bylaws. But the advance agenda is an informational document only until such time as it is adopted by the body during the meeting once a quorum is established.

The 13 Ranking Motions

(Larger numbers indicate motions that take precedence over lower-ranking ones.) Except where indicated, none of these motions are in order when someone else has the floor:

1. Main motion.

Requires a 2nd (except for motions on the advance agenda or arising from a committee), debatable, amendable, may be reconsidered, passes by a simple majority unless the subject matter requires a higher majority, such as Bylaws changes which were not in the advance agenda. A main motion may not be made when some other motion is pending. The chair will call up as main motions items printed in the advance agenda in the order in which they appear, though motions may be called up by a committee out of the preprinted order if the motion was sponsored by or referred to the committee. Motions may be brought up in any order either by unanimous consent of the Delegates or by suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority.

The following are subsidiary motions, and generally apply only to a main motion or a motion relating to a main motion. These motions are in order of increasing priority. For example, a motion to commit takes precedence over a motion to amend, and a motion to table takes precedence over all other subsidiary motions.

2. Postpone indefinitely.

Requires a 2nd, debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may only be reconsidered in the affirmative. If successful, the main motion to which it applies is killed for the duration of the meeting and may not be reintroduced. Because of its low ranking, this motion may only be made when the main motion is under discussion, not when any amendments or other motions are pending.

3. Amend.

Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is debatable, amendable (but an amendment to an amendment is not further amendable, because it gets too confusing to keep track of things), may be reconsidered, requires a simple majority. (See below on the 'friendly amendment'.)

4. Commit (refer).

Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may be reconsidered. If successful, the current main motion including all pending motions such as amendments, is referred to the designated committee(s) and the order of business is now the next item on the agenda. With some exceptions, such as a motion to amend the Bylaws, the Delegates may refer a matter to the Executive Board or to a committee with the power to implement it. Motions may also be referred to the Executive Board or to a committee with instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting. By convention, unless otherwise indicated a referral to a committee includes instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting, but referrals to the Board do not include instructions to report back at the next Delegates Meeting, unless the Board does not have the authority to implement and that power is not attached in the motion to refer.

5. Postpone to a definite time.

Requires a 2nd, debatable, amendable, generally requires a simple majority, may be reconsidered. (If made a special order, requires a 2/3 majority. See 'call for the orders of the day'.)

6. Limit debate.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a 2/3 majority to pass, may be reconsidered if still possible. Used to limit the rights of the Delegates to debate an issue, such as placing a time limit on an item of business, limiting the length of individual speeches, or the number of times a Delegate can speak on any one issue during debate on a motion.

7. Previous question (call the question).

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a 2/3 majority to pass, may be reconsidered. Used to end debate on a motion and proceed to an immediate vote on it. In its basic form it applies only to the current pending motion (such as an amendment), but may also be applied to motions below that one in order, all the way back to the current main motion.

8. Lay on the table.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority to pass, may not be reconsidered. Often used improperly to kill a motion, but more properly used to permit the Delegates to set aside a subject in order to move on to a more pressing one, since the tabled matter may be brought back to the floor by a simple majority vote later on, whereas one that is postponed indefinitely may not be brought to the floor later in the meeting. Tabled matters that are still tabled at the end of the meeting are automatically referred to the Executive Board, which may act upon a motion, refer it to appropriate committees, or place it on the agenda for the next year's meeting, although the EB is not required to take any of these actions. Motions for which the Executive Board does not have the authority to take final action, such as a Bylaws change, may still be referred by the Executive Board to committees or placed on next year's agenda, but unlike motions specifically referred to the Board this is not mandatory.

The following motions are privileged, may be made at any time, and do not refer to a pending main or subsidiary motion.

9. Call for the orders of the day.

Does not require a 2nd, may be made when someone else has the floor, not debatable, not amendable, does not require a vote, may not be reconsidered. The orders of the day are any motions that have been passed calling for consideration of a particular subject at a particular time as a special order. When the appointed time arises, any member may call the chair's attention to the matter by calling for the orders of the day, and the current pending matter must be set aside and the subject of the special order brought to the floor immediately.

10. Raise a question of privilege.

Does not require a 2nd, may be made when someone else has the floor, not debatable, not amendable, is acted upon by the chair without a vote, and may not be reconsidered. A question of privilege deals with the rights of the Delegates or an individual Delegate to participate in the business at hand or correct the record on previous business. For example, if the speaker system isn't working and a Delegate can't hear the debate, that would be a question of privilege. Similarly, a loud disturbance from elsewhere would be a question of privilege. A question of personal privilege is often invoked when a member's name is mentioned in debate, but this is not proper unless this has been done in such a fashion as to incorrectly place into the record the member's participation or lack of participation in matters previously dealt with or to circulate a charge against that member's character. (The more proper motion to deal with an imprudent remark about you made by the speaker during debate is to raise a point of order to 'call the member to order,' that is to have the chair request that the speaker refrain from making further improper personal comments about other members.)

11. Recess.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. Once a motion to recess is passed, the Delegates are in recess until the time specified for the meeting

to resume, at which time the chair may resume the meeting as soon as a quorum is present.

12. Adjourn.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. Properly used as it applies to the Delegates meeting, this motion is only used to end the meeting. A motion to

adjourn to 9 AM tomorrow morning should actually be made as a motion to recess until 9 AM, and the chair should rephrase it as such.

13. Fix the time to which to adjourn.

This motion has no practical application to the Delegates meeting, since the meeting is short and of a fixed duration and except in special circumstances would not continue beyond that time frame.

Other motions

The following motions are restorative, they bring a matter back before the Delegates that had previously been tabled or voted upon:

A. Take from the table

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. (But a new motion to take the matter from the table may be offered later on.) This motion is only in order when there is no main motion pending, and it brings a matter before the Delegates that had been tabled earlier in the meeting, in the exact form it was in at the point at which it was tabled. See discussion above as to the disposition of motions left on the table at the end of the meeting.

B. Reconsider

Requires a 2nd, debatable if the motion to which it applies is also debatable, may not be amended, requires a simple majority, may not be made a 2nd time if unsuccessful. If a vote is reconsidered, any earlier disposition is reversed and whatever action is taken on the motion after reconsideration overrides any earlier action. If an action is irreversible, the matter cannot be reconsidered. This motion must be made by someone who voted on the prevailing side of the motion being reconsidered.

The following are some incidental motions that may arise, there is no order to these motions.

A. Suspend the rules.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, not amendable, requires a 2/3 majority, may not be reconsidered. This is a motion to suspend *Robert's Rules* or any standing rules or customs. The Bylaws may not be suspended, they must be amended. Suspending the rules is often requested to change the order of business to consider something ahead of its place in the agenda. Although not debatable, the maker of the motion generally offers a short explanation as to why the rules should be suspended or what action will be taken once the rules are suspended. If a motion to suspend the rules for a particular purpose is unsuccessful, it may not be renewed without unanimous consent of the Delegates.

B. Point of Order.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd, is not debatable, is not amendable, may not be reconsidered, and is ruled upon by the chair rather than voted upon by the Delegates. A point of order is a request for the chair to enforce the rules under which the Delegates operate, such as dealing with a motion or member being out of order. For example, if an amendment to an amendment is offered, it would be out of order and if the chair doesn't rule it out of order, a Delegate should raise a point of order to have the chair enforce the rules and declare the amendment out of order. A ruling by the chair is made, possibly after consulting with the Secretary or Parliamentarian, and once made the ruling may be appealed by any two Delegates (an appeal requires a 2nd), a simple majority being needed to reverse the ruling of the chair. A point of order can also be made to enforce the rules on decorum in debate, to enforce a time limit on debate or the number of times a speaker is recognized, or to clarify the status of the motion(s) currently before the Delegates.

C. Parliamentary Inquiry.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd,

is not debatable. Similar to a point of order, but generally limited to inquiring as to the proper motion to make under some circumstance or to ascertain the effect of such a motion or any pending motion. The chair answers the inquiry and may consult with others, such as the Parliamentarian or Secretary, for advice before answering. Since this is not (yet) a ruling, it may not be appealed.

D. Point of Information.

May be made when someone else has the floor. This is not a motion, per se, but a request for permission to seek further information about the pending matter from the current speaker or for a brief answer from someone else with expertise in the subject, generally another Delegate or a USCF staff member. The speaker is not obliged to yield the floor to hear the question. This motion is often improperly used to interrupt a speaker just to rebut the speaker's debate, and in proper usage the interrupter should not make the rebuttal argument immediately but limit the interruption to a request that the speaker yield for a question, since the proper means for rebuttal in debate is to gain the floor through the usual means.

E. Object to the consideration of a question.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd, is not debatable, is not amendable, requires a 2/3 majority, may not be reconsidered. This motion may only be applied to a main motion when it is first introduced, its purpose is to prevent *any* discussion or debate on the motion, including any discussion as to why the question should not be considered. Another way to think of it is as the opposite of a 2nd, it indicates a lack of willingness to have the motion considered by the Delegates. An immediate vote on the objection should be taken and, if successful, the motion is killed and may not be reintroduced during the remainder of the meeting.

F. Division of a question.

Requires a 2nd, not debatable, amendable, requires a simple majority, may not be reconsidered. This is a request to split a motion into several parts, and is only in order when the motion is easily severable.

Division of the assembly.

May be made when someone else has the floor, does not require a 2nd, is not debatable, is not amendable, may not be reconsidered, does not require a vote. Used to request a tabulated vote when the vote announced by the chair is disputed by the Delegates. A first request for a division should almost always be granted, as should a second request for a very close vote, but repeated requests for recounts of a close vote are a stalling tactic and after a vote has been carefully tabulated twice unless there is still a reasonable doubt as to the outcome the chair may ignore further requests for a division of the assembly and declare the vote concluded. Though it has been done on occasion, there is no specific provision in Robert's Rules or in the USCF Bylaws for ordering a roll call vote, and due to the time involved such an order should be used sparingly.

Appeal.

May be made when someone else has the floor, requires a 2nd, is debatable if applied to a question which was debatable, requires a simple majority. Decisions of the chair regarding points of order, points of privilege, or assignment of the floor during debate may be appealed. Such an appeal must occur immediately after the

ruling to which it applies, and the motion to appeal takes precedence over the motion which was pending at the time the decision was made. Rulings regarding decorum in debate or the priority of business are not debatable, and a ruling made while a nondebatable motion is pending is also nondebatable. However, the chair is entitled to explain the ruling even if an appeal is nondebatable.

Standing rules or customary rules

Used by the USCF Delegates at past meetings, including procedural rules initially developed by the USCF President for use at the 1998 Delegates meeting:

A. A speaker may not move the previous question (call the question) after speaking to the merits of a question in that turn at the microphone. [Passed by the Delegates as a standing rule.]

B. Except for motions arising from the USCF Membership Meeting, if the sponsor or co-sponsor of a motion is not present at the time it is reached in the agenda, it goes to the end of the agenda, after all other advance motions and motions filed with the Secretary before or during the meeting but not included in the advance agenda. A request for unanimous consent or a motion to suspend the rules may be offered to bring the motion back to the floor ahead of then. (Congratulatory motions generally made at the end of the meeting are usually deferred until all other Delegate motions are dealt with, including those moved to the end of the agenda.) Motions on the advance agenda do not require a second, a Delegate who objects to such a motion should raise an objection to consideration of the question, either during adoption of the advance agenda or when the motion is reached in the meeting. Delegate motions not printed in the advance agenda do require a second.

C. A Delegate may withdraw a motion as long as it is still in its original form, even during debate, but once a motion has been revised from its initial form it may only be withdrawn by unanimous consent. All co-signers to the original motion must also consent to its withdrawal. (The person who seconded the motion does not need to consent to its withdrawal, since seconding a motion does not express an opinion on the merits of the motion, and the seconder is always free to attempt to gain the floor to make the motion again, at which time it requires another Delegate to second it.) When a motion is divided into multiple questions, each of the parts is now a separate motion and such a separated motion may be withdrawn if it is still in its original form.

D. The maker of a motion may accept as an improved version a 'friendly amendment' from another Delegate. Such a motion is still considered to be in its original form. The seconder does not have to consent to the friendly amendment, since the person offering the improvement is obviously willing to have the motion considered, which is the point of requiring a second. [This is a deviation from *Robert's Rules*, which now has a reference to the friendly amendment in the 10th edition, but in a much more restricted sense than found in common practice, including at USCF Delegates Meetings.]

E. Committee chairs may only bring to the floor during their reports motions that were referred to them by the previous or current Delegates meeting, motions referred to them by the Executive Board and printed in the Executive Board Newsletter or (preferably) placed on the advance agenda, or motions that the committee, or the committee chair on the committee's behalf, placed on the advance agenda. In specific, motions from workshops have no special standing with the Delegates, though they may be brought to the floor as main motions later in the meeting in the usual manner or offered as amendments during debate.

F. Straw polls may be made at the sole discretion of the chair, although the speaker may request them of the chair. The chair will conduct all

straw polls and votes. [Because they neither advance nor defeat the issue, the use of straw polls is not sanctioned by Robert's Rules, which suggests that a form of 'committee of the whole' be used instead.]

G. All main motions and amendments not appearing in the advance agenda should be submitted to the Secretary in written format, to assist the chair in the orderly conduct of the meeting and the Secretary in preparing an accurate set of minutes.

Pro and Con microphones will be placed on the floor. All Delegates wishing to debate a motion should stand in line at the appropriate microphone and wait to be assigned the floor by the chair. If an amendment or other debatable motion is offered, the Pro and Con microphones will now refer to that motion, and Delegates wishing to speak on that subject should move to the appropriate microphone, others should stand aside or sit down.

A podium may be provided for committee chairs to make their committee reports from. A committee chair or other Delegate at the podium is not entitled to any preference in debate but may be called upon to answer points of information regarding a committee's views on motions referred to it, in the advance agenda, or arising from the committee workshop. Makers of main motions may also be requested to present their motions from the podium and to remain at the podium to answer points of information.

Motions introduced and passed at the USCF Membership Meeting for consideration by the Delegates are entered on the agenda as the first items under New Business, and are brought to the floor in order at that point in the agenda. These motions do not require a second. The maker of the motion during the Membership Meeting, if not a Delegate, is not entitled to speak at the Delegates meeting without the unanimous consent of the Delegates.

Delegates who have already spoken to the merits of a pending question are requested to defer to Delegates who have not yet spoken to the merit of that question. The chair may recognize Delegates who have not yet spoken to the merits of a pending question ahead of those who have already spoken on it. Where possible the chair will alternate between speakers for and speakers against the pending question. The maker of a motion is always entitled to the first opportunity in debate to speak to the merits of that motion. The chair assigns the floor, a Delegate may not yield the floor to another Delegate without the unanimous consent of the Delegates. Except for committee chairs giving their report, the Parliamentarian (if not a Delegate) and USCF staff members presenting a staff report or answering a point of information, non-Delegates are not entitled to speak to the Delegates without unanimous consent.

As indicated above, motions not reached by the Delegates or motions tabled by the Delegates are automatically referred to the Executive Board at the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting, but without the power to implement (where applicable) and without instructions to report back to the Delegates, so they will not appear on the advance agenda of the next Delegates Meeting except by specific action of the Executive Board, nor does progress on these motions need to be reported upon in the *Executive Board Newsletter*.

2011-2012 Delegates and Alternate Delegates

Delegate at Large (DAL) or Additional Alternate Delegates. *Current EB Members. +Former EB members (These do not count toward State allocations.)
(NR) No response—has not acknowledged selection

ALABAMA 1,1	DAL FRANK CAMARATTA Del Gerald Larson Alt Kenneth Sloan	CONNECTICUT 2,2	Del Jim Celone Del Alt Alt	INDIANA 2,2	Del Terry Vibbert Del Tracey Vibbert Alt Alt
ALASKA 1,1	Del Mike Stabenow Alt Frederick Toenies	DELAWARE 1,1	Del Harold Dean Miller Alt	IOWA 1,1	RANDY BAUER + Del Roger W. Gotschall Alt
ARIZONA 3,3	DAL MYRON LIEBERMAN DAL RACHEL LIEBERMAN Del Norman M. Saba Del Marty Schneider Del Ramie Jimenez Alt William Wharton Alt Alt	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1,1	Del Salvador Rosario Alt Ralph Mikell	KANSAS 1,1	Del David Blair Alt
ARKANSAS 1,1	Del Alt	FLORIDA 6,6	DAL ANTHONY COTTELL DAL DON SCHULTZ Del Harvey Lerman Del Jon Haskel Del Steve Lampkin Del Michael Hutsko Del Dennis Dunn Del Joe Diskin Alt Stephen Cernobyl Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	KENTUCKY 2,2	W. ALLEN PRIEST* Del Steve Dillard Del Thomas Priest Alt Joan Priest Alt
N. CALIFORNIA 7,7	RUTH HARING* Del Richard Koepcke Del Tony Pabon Del Tom Langland Del Robert Rasmussen Del Elizabeth Shaughnessy Del Salman Azhar Del Aditya Kumar Frank Elley AAD Alt John McCumiskey Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	GEORGIA 2,2	Del L. Thad Rogers Del Mark Taylor Alt Gavin Francis Alt	LOUISIANA 1,1	Del Patrick Hardy Alt Mario Rodriguez
S. CALIFORNIA 6,6	DAL RANDY HOUGH Del Steven Morford Del Isabelle Minoofar Del Charles Ensey Del Elliot Landaw Del Philip M. Chase Del Jay Stallings Randy Hough AAD Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	HAWAII 1,1	Del Lawrence Reifurth Alt Guy Ontai	MAINE 1,1	Del Dan Fishbein Alt
COLORADO 1,1	Del Richard Buchanan Alt Dean Brown	IDAHO 1,1	Del Jeff Roland Alt Hugh Myers	MARYLAND 3,3	Del Larry Kaufman Del Denis Strenzwilk Del Ed Westing Alt Alt Alt
		ILLINOIS 6,6	DAL HAROLD J. WINSTON Del Tim Just Del Sevan Muradian Del William H. Brock Del Garrett Scott Del Del Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	MASSACHUSETTS 3,3	Del Kenneth R. Ballou Del Brian Mottershead Del Robert D. Messenger Harold Dondis AAD Alt Stephen A. Dann Alt Alt
				MICHIGAN 3,3	Del Jennifer Skidmore Del Stan Beckwith Del Michael Smith Alt Alt Alt
				MINNESOTA 2,2	Del David Kuhns Del Sisira Amarasinghe Alt Alt
				MISSISSIPPI 1,1	Del Alex Cibotarica Alt Mark Nicholas

MISSOURI 2,2	Del Thomas R. Rehmeier Del Bob Howe Alt Tony Rich Alt Ron Luther	NORTH CAROLINA 3,3	Del Walter High Del Del Alt Alt Alt	TEXAS 12,12	DAL TIMOTHY REDMAN Del Luis B. Salinas Del Russell Harwood Del James A. Stallings Del Michael Langer Del Francisco Guadalupe Del Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt
MONTANA 1,1	Del Ed McLaughlin Alt	NORTH DAKOTA 1,1	Del Mike Sailer Alt	UTAH 1,1	Del Alt
NEBRASKA 1,1	DAL MIKE NOLAN Del Michael D. Gooch Alt	OHIO 3,3	GARY WALTERS * Del Riley Driver Del Cunyed Tolek Del Joe Yun Alt Steve Charles Alt Sharon Driver Alt	VERMONT 1,1	Del Parker Montgomery Alt David Carter
NEVADA 1,1	Del Tom Brownscombe Alt	OKLAHOMA 1,1	JIM BERRY * Del Jim Gray Alt Charles M. Unruh	VIRGINIA 4,4	MICHAEL ATKINS * Del Michael Hoffpaur Del Andrew Rea Del John Farrell Del Ernest Schlich Woodrow Harris AAD Alt Peter Snow Alt Helen Hinshaw Alt Alt
NEW HAMPSHIRE 1,1	Del Alexander Relyea Alt Henry (Hal) Terrie	OREGON 1,1	Del Carl Haessler Alt Michael Morris	WASHINGTON 2,2	Del Josh Sinanan Del Duane J. Polich Alt Fred Kleist Alt
NEW JERSEY 5,5	DAL LEROY DUBECK Del James Mennella Del Roger Inglis Del Michael Somers Del Noreen Davisson Del Hal Sprechman Steve Doyle AAD Alt Joe Ippolito Alt Aaron Kiedes Alt Alt Alt	PENNSYLVANIA 5,5	Del Stephen D. Shutt Del Boyd M. Reed Del Stanley N. Booz Del Daniel E. Heisman Del Tom M. Martinak Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	WEST VIRGINIA 1,1	Del Charles McCallister Alt Gary Cummings
NEW MEXICO 1,1	Del Alt	RHODE ISLAND 1,1	Del Frank DeIBonis Alt Frank Vogel	WISCONSIN 2,2	MIKE NIETMAN * Del Guy Hoffman Del Sandra Pahl Alt Alt
NEW YORK, DOWNSTATE 7,7	DAL BEATRIZ MARINELLO Del Phyllis Benjamin Del Steve Immitt Del Sunil Weeramantry Del Ed Frumkin Del Polly Wright Del Joe Felber Del Carol Jarecki Gary Sperling AAD Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	SOUTH CAROLINA 1,1	DAL JOHN MCCRARY Del David Grimaud Alt Mickey Lauria	WYOMING 1,1	Del Brian Walker Alt
NEW YORK, UPSTATE 3,3	BILL GOICHBERG * Del Brenda Goichberg Del Shelby Lohrman Del Ashok Aaron Gerard Dullea AAD Albert Lawrence AAD Alt Alt Alt	SOUTH DAKOTA 1,1	Del Terry Dean Likens Alt		
		TENNESSEE 2,2	DAL HARRY SABINE Del C.J. Houston Del Chris Prosser Alt Alt		

LETTER OF INTENT

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In future support of the work of the **U.S. Chess Trust**, I want to provide for future generations and to ensure the continuity of services by the U.S. Chess Trust.

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- establishing an endowment or special fund at the U.S. Chess Trust.
- directing the trustees or directors of my foundation to continue beyond my lifetime making an annual gift to the U.S. Chess Trust.
- Making an outright gift to the U.S. Chess Trust during my lifetime in the sum of \$ _____.

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2012 Open Correspondence Chess Golden Knights Championship

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(plus title of USCF's Golden Knights Champion and plaque)

2nd place \$600 • 3rd place \$400 • 4th place \$300 • 5th place \$200
6th thru 10th place \$100 each • ENTRY FEE: \$25

These USCF Correspondence Chess events are rated and open to all USCF members who reside on the North American continent, islands, or Hawaii, as well as those USCF members with an APO or FPO address. USCF members who reside outside of the North American continent are welcome to participate in e-mail events. Your USCF membership must remain current for the duration of the event, and entry fees must be paid in U.S. dollars. Those new to USCF Correspondence Chess, please estimate your strength: **Class A:** 1800-1999 (very strong); **Class B:** 1600-1799 (strong); **Class C:** 1400-1599 (intermediate); **Class D:** 1399 and below (beginner level). **Note:** Prize fund based on 300 entries and may be decreased proportionately per number of entries assigned.

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ANNUAL

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Win A Correspondence Chess Trophy

Four-player, double round-robin with class-level pairings.

1st-place winner receives a trophy.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.

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Seven-player class-level pairings, one game with each of six opponents.

1st-place winner receives \$130 cash prize and a certificate signed by Victor Palciauskas.

ENTRY FEE: \$25.

John W. Collins Memorial Class Tournaments

Four-player, double round-robin with class-level pairings (unrateds welcome).

1st-place winner receives a John W. Collins certificate.

ENTRY FEE: \$7.

E-MAIL RATED EVENTS (NEED E-MAIL ACCESS):

Lightning Match

Two players with two or six-game option. ENTRY FEE: \$5.

Swift Quads

Four-player, double round-robin format.

1st-place prize merchandise credit of \$30.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.

Walter Muir E-Quads (webserver chess)

Four-player, double round-robin e-mail format tournament with class-level pairings.

1st-place receives a certificate.

ENTRY FEE: \$7.

Please circle event(s) selected.

NOTE: Except for Lightning Matches, Swift Quads, Walter Muir E-Quads & Electronic Knights, players will use post office mail, unless opponents agree to use e-mail.

Schedule for 2012 U.S. Open Workshops & Committee Meetings

Time	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	NOON	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	
WEDNESDAY Aug. 8	Forum Committee Mtg.	Workshop: College Chess		LUNCH	Workshop: Women's Chess	Workshop: States	Workshop: TDCC	Workshop: TDCC/ Problem Solving	
	Denker & Barber Committee Mtg.	Workshop: Forum			Workshop: Outreach	Workshop: Scholastic Committee			
	FIDE Trainer's Seminar				FIDE Trainers Seminar				
THURSDAY Aug. 9	Executive Board Mtg. (closed)	Executive Board Mtg. (open)		LUNCH	Workshop: Chess in Education				
	Senior Chess Committee Mtg.				Workshop: Rules Workshop	Workshop: USCFLegal		Workshop: Ratings Committee	
	FIDE Trainer's Seminar				FIDE Trainers Seminar				
					Workshop: Finance/LMA Committee			Workshop: International Affairs	
					Workshop: Clubs Committee	Workshop: Publications/CJA		Staff Forum & Membership Meeting	
FRIDAY Aug. 10	Workshop: Bylaws/GTF			LUNCH					
SATURDAY Aug. 11	Delegates' Meeting			USCF AWARDS LUNCHEON	Delegates' Meeting resumes				
SUNDAY Aug. 12	Delegates Meeting								
SATURDAY Aug. 4: Denker/Barber Opening Ceremonies, 3 pm									
FRIDAY, Aug. 10: Executive Board Reception, 5:30 pm									
SUNDAY Aug. 12: Executive Board Meeting (open), 3 pm and Executive Board Meeting (closed), 6 pm									
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