

MOTIONS OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2013 – 2014

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

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB14-001	Board	08/04/13 M	Officers Named	PASSED 7-0
EB14-002	Board	08/04/13 M	Committee Chairs and EB Liaisons	PASSED 7-0
EB14-003	Board	08/04/13 M	Committee Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-004	Nietman	08/04/13 M	International Youth Events	PASSED 7-0
EB14-005	Atkins	08/04/13 M	TD Awards	PASSED 7-0
EB14-006	Priest	08/12-08/13/13 E	Renew Line of Credit	PASSED 7-0
EB14-007	Atkins	08/26-09/04/13 E	Senior Chess Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB14-008	Nietman	09/21-09/24/13 E	Approval of August EB Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-009	Guadalupe	10/01-10/02/13 E	Online Play	PASSED 7-0
EB14-010	Nietman	11/16/13 M	National Scholastic Tournament Regulations	PASSED 7-0
EB14-011	Nietman	11/16/13 M	US Open EF for Denker, Barber, NGIT players	PASSED 7-0
EB14-012	Atkins	11/16/13 M	USCF FIDE Events Committee Creation	PASSED 7-0
EB14-013	Atkins	11/16/13 M	USCF FIDE Events Committee Members	PASSED 7-0
EB14-014	Atkins	11/16/13 M	Franc Guadalupe added to TDCC as of 01/01/14	PASSED 7-0
EB14-015	Priest	11/16/13 M	Finance Committee membership Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-016	Priest	11/16/13 M	Magazines for 3 Month Trial Memberships	PASSED 7-0
EB14-017	Walters	11/16/13 M	Non-member Participation Fee	PASSED 6-1
EB14-018	Atkins	11/16/13 M	Accept TDCC's decision for sanctions (2 cases)	PASSED 7-0
EB14-019	Unruh	11/16/13 M	Replace 3 Mo Trial Memb. with a \$10 Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB14-020	Priest	11/16/13 M	Add E.D. Jean Hoffman as signatory to accounts	PASSED 7-0
EB14-021	Walters	12/10-12/26/13 E	Delay implementation of EB14-019 (3 mo. Memb.)	PASSED 6-0-1
EB14-022	Walters	12/10-12/26/13 E	Discontinue magazines from 3 month memberships	PASSED 6-0-1
EB14-023	Atkins	01/03-01/07/14 E	Extend Magazines for 3 months for 3 mo. membs	FAILED 1-6
EB14-024	Nietman	01/21-01/24/14 E	Accept Nov. 2013 EB Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-025	Board	02/22/02/23/14 E	2014 US Open Millenium contract	PASSED 7-0
EB14-026	Hoffman	02/22/14 C	Website Advisory Committee change	PASSED 7-0
EB14-027	Atkins	02/22/14 C	FIDE Events Committee change	PASSED 7-0
EB14-028	Atkins	02/22/14 C	TD Certification – Category T	PASSED 7-0
EB14-029	Atkins	02/22/14 C	TD Lifetime Achievement	PASSED 6-1
EB14-030	Atkins	02/22/14 C	National Chess Day	PASSED 7-0
EB14-031	Board	02/22-02/23/14 C	Ethics Committee Decision - Xue-Harper	PASSED 7-0
EB14-032	Board	02/22-02/23/14 C	Ethics Committee Decision – Gray-Censore/Ozbek	PASSED 7-0
EB14-033	Board	02/22-02/23/14 C	TDCC Decision – Constance-Tulman/Coleman	PASSED 7-0
EB14-034	Atkins	02/23/14 C	Rating System – Bonus Threshold	PASSED 7-0
EB14-035	Haring	02/23/14 C	Remove Bonuses from Invitational Rules	PASSED 7-0
EB14-036	Atkins	02/23/14 C	Rating System - Floating Point Ratings	PASSED 7-0
EB14-037	Hoffman	02/25-02/26/14 E	Transfer Crossville Property to LMA Trust	PASSED 7-0
EB14-038	Haring	03/11-03/14/14 E	Nominate Rex Sinquefield and Kasparov Ticket	PASSED 7-0
EB14-039	Nietman	04/06-04/07/14 E	Accept Minutes of February Conference Call	PASSED 7-0
EB14-040	Hoffman	04/18-04/19/14 E	Consulting Services	PASSED 7-0
EB14-041	Atkins	05/17/14 M	Add Bill Pursel to Senior Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB14-042	Nietman	05/17/14 M	Add Constnatine Ananiadis to College Chess Cmte	PASSED 7-0
EB14-043	Unruh	05/17/14 M	Two Month Membership	PASSED 4-3
EB14-044	Bauer	05/17/14 M	Woman Chessplayer of the Year	PASSED 7-0
EB14-045	Board	05/17/14 M	Awards	PASSED 6-0-1
EB14-046	Walters	05/18/14 M	Changes to Website Advisory Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB14-047	Priest, Nietman	05/18/14 M	Accept Weeramantry Resignation from Schol. Council	PASSED 7-0
EB14-048	Bauer	05/22-05/23/14 E	CSFI Contract Addendum	PASSED 7-0
EB14-049	Hoffman	05/28-06/07/14 E	D&O Insurance	PASSED 7-0
EB14-050	Hoffman	05/28-06/07/14 E	Quad Graphics Agreement	PASSED 7-0
EB14-051	Hoffman	05/29-05/30/14 E	USCF Account Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-052	Hoffman	06/09/14 E	Line of Credit	PASSED 7-0
EB14-053	Atkins	06/03-06/16/14 E	FIDE Events Committee Chair	FAILED 3-4
EB14-054	Nietman	06/21-06/25/14 E	Approval of Minutes of the May Meeting	PASSED 7-0

The following four motions were voted at the first meeting of the 2014 EB, which took place on Sunday, August 04, 2013, at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton, WI.

EB14-001 – Board - The Executive Board names the following officers for 2013-2014: **PASSED 7-0**

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

EB14-002 – Board - The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs: **PASSED 7-0**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>EB Liaison</u>
Audit	Bill Brock	Allen Priest
Awards	John Donaldson	Randy Bauer
Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions	Jon Haskel Stephen Shutt	Mike Nietman
Bylaws	Harold J. Winston Guy Hoffman	Allen Priest
Chess in Education	F. Leon Wilson	Mike Nietman
Clubs	Bob Rasmussen	Chuck Unruh
College Chess	Russell S. Harwood	Mike Nietman
Correspondence Chess	Brad Rogers	Gary Walters
Cramer Awards	Frank Brady	Randy Bauer
Denker Invitational	Stephen Shutt Jon Haskel	Mike Nietman
Election	Ken Ballou	Chuck Unruh
Ethics	Richard Buchanan	Gary Walters
Finance		Allen Priest
Forum		Randy Bauer
Hall of Fame	Harold J. Winston	Gary Walters
Hall of Records	Steve Immitt	Mike Nietman
International Affairs	Michael Khodarkovsky	Ruth Haring
Military	Colonel Mike Hoffpaur, U.S. Army (ret)	Gary Walters
Outreach	Myron Lieberman	Chuck Unruh
PPHB Fund Management	John Donaldson	Allen Priest
Prison		Ruth Haring
Publications	Ramon Hernandez	Randy Bauer
Ratings	Mark Glickman	Ruth Haring & Mike Atkins
Rules	David Kuhns	Mike Atkins
Scholastic Chess Council	Mike Hoffpaur, Co-Chair Sunil Weeramantry, Co-Chair	Mike Nietman
Senior	Charles Hatherill	Mike Atkins

States	Guy Hoffman	Gary Walters
Top Players		Ruth Haring
Tournament Director Certification	Jeff Wiewal, Chair Tim Just, Vice-Chair	Mike Atkins
US Open	Hal Terrie III	Chuck Unruh
Web Site Advisory (WSAC)	Boyd Reed	Mike Nietman
Woman's Chess	Jennifer Skidmore	Ruth Haring

EB14-003 – Board - The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes: **PASSED 7-0**

Barber: Consists of Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro, Tom Brownscombe, Sunil Weeramantry, Dewain Barber and Mitchell Denker

Denker: Consists of Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro, Tom Brownscombe, Sunil Weeramantry, Dewain Barber and Mitchell Denker

Finance: Consists of Boyd Reed, Jon Haskel, Tim Redman, Bill Brock, Jim Bedenbaugh, Grant Neilley and Terry Vibbert

Ratings: Add Bill Goichberg

Rules: Add Bill Goichberg

Scholastic Council: Replace Garrett Scott with Robby Adamson. Committee: Add Bob Messenger, Eric Vigil, Brian Ribnick, Steven Shutt, Jennifer Skidmore and Mark Ritter. Garrett Scott moves to the Committee. Remove Javier Pinedo, Mark Nibbelin, Jim Celone and Robert Tanner.

Senior: Add Bob Mahan, Mike Eberhardinger and Garrett Scott

EB14-004 – Nietman - The Board accepts the recommendation of the Scholastic Council and names the following as “Core Group Coaches” for international youth events. **PASSED 7-0**

Aviv Friedman

Michael Khodarkovsky

Armen Ambartsoumian

John Fedorowicz

Semion Palatnik

Andranik Matikozyan

EB14-005 – Atkins - The TDCC has accepted the task of providing recommendations for the winner of the TD of the Year and TD - Lifetime Achievement awards. They asked for more definition in those awards so I am submitting the following: **PASSED 7-0**

The Tournament Director of the year is a current, active TD, usually an ANTD/NTD but can be a Senior TD. They have functioned at a high level, and haven't had any complaints sent to TDCC about them or the complaints were frivolous and unwarranted. They are generally seen by their peers to be an excellent TD and players usually feel the same way.

The Tournament Director - Lifetime Achievement is a TD who has had very distinguished career as a director and has contributed to the field of Tournament Directing. They will be typically be directing less tournaments now having slowed down or are retired. They have influenced other TDs in their career and have probably served as mentors to many beginning directors.

The TD Lifetime Achievement award should not be seen as a duplication of the TD of the Year award. Someone can win Lifetime Achievement ten years after having won TD of the Year.

To avoid the appearance of conflict of interest or being seen as self-serving, while also recognizing that many excellent TDs are also on the committee, the TDCC each year can recommend one of their own for One of the two awards, but not both.

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on August 12, 2013, that the USCF's line of credit with the Cumberland County Bank be renewed. The vote was completed on August 13.

EB14-006 – Priest - I move that the board authorize President Ruth Haring to sign the Cumberland County Bank supplied corporate resolution to grant Pat Smith the power to sign a renewal of the existing \$200,000 line of credit with the Cumberland County Bank under the same terms and conditions as exist now. The renewal will be for 1 year. **PASSED 7-0.**

Michael Atkins moved by e-mail on August 26, 2013, changes in the Senior Chess Committee. Voting was completed on September 04.

EB14-007 – Atkins - I move the following: **PASSED7-0**

Bob Mahan of NC (bob.mahan@queencitychess.com) be named Senior Chess Chair
Bob Messenger of MA (bob.messenger@myfairpoint.net) be added to the committee and
Gregory Kearse of Maryland (Gregory.S.Kearse@uscg.mil) be added to the committee that already consists of

Charles Hatherill of Florida (kingsgambit50@earthlink.net)

Mike Eberhardinger (mike.eberhardinger@queencitychess.com) Garrett
Scott (garrett.scott@gmail.com)

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on September 21 the approval of the minutes of the August, 2013, meetings of both the old and new EB. The vote was completed on September 24, 2013.

EB14-008 – Nietman - I move that we accept the minutes from the 8/1/13 and 8/4/13 Executive Board meetings. **PASSED7-0**

Franc Guadalupe moved by e-mail on 10/01/13 to approve an online play arrangement with ICC and Chess.com. The vote was completed the next day.

EB14-009 – Guadalupe - I make the motion that the USCF Executive Board approve the "On Line Chess Play" Agreement that was previously submitted, subject to minor modifications which will be discussed during implementation. **PASSED 7-0.**

The Executive Board met in Louisville, KY on November 16 and 17, 2013. The following motions were voted at that meeting:

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EB14-010 – Nietman - The Executive Board accept the proposed changes to the National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations as proposed by the Scholastic Council. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-011 – Nietman - The Executive Board approve for participants of the Denker, Barber and National Girls Invitational Tournament a one half reduction in the US Open entry fee. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-012– Atkins - Moved, that a USCF FIDE Events committee be created. It will have the authority to make decisions on FIDE rule infractions, Arbiter mistakes, and misconduct and also prepare FA exams when the USCF is the presenter. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-013– Atkins - Moved, that the following USCF members to be on the USCF FIDE Events committee, with the Chair listed first. **PASSED 7-0**

Chair: NTD/IA Franc Guadalupe
NTD/IA Carol Jarecki (“A” level FIDE IA)
SrTD/IA Sevan Muradian (“B” level FIDE IA and on the FIDE Arbiter’s Disciplinary Sub-committee)
SrTD/FA/IM John Donaldson
NTD/IA Chris Bird
ANTD/FA Alex Relyea
NTD/FA Ken Ballou
NTD/FA Tom Langland
NTD/IA Thad Rogers

EB14-014– Atkins - Moved, that Franc Guadalupe is to be added back to the TDCC committee effective January 1, 2014. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-015– Priest - Moved, that Grant Perks be added to the Finance Committee and Grant Neilley be removed from the Finance Committee. **Passed 7-0**

EB14-016– Priest - Moved, that Three Month Trial Memberships will no longer include any mailed copies of magazines for trial memberships sold after 12/31/2013. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-017– Walters – Moved, that the Office develop a per-game non-membership participation fee that will be tested in at least two states, the purpose of which is to grow chess and allow nonmembers to play USCF-rated chess without a USCF membership. This test will be prepared for implementation not later than January 15, 2014. **PASSED 6-1** with Allen Priest opposed.

EB14-018– Atkins - Moved, that the Executive Board accept the TDCC’s recommendations for sanctions to the affiliate in the following two decisions. **PASSED 7-0**

Taylor V Gupta

Inform affiliate Metropolitan Chess Inc (A6033300)

The EB requires the organizer to follow FIDE rule 1.16 and supply onsite FA’s and/or IA’s of the FIDE-required level for all future events that require FA/IA’s

The EB requires the organizer to follow FIDE rule 1.17 that states arbiters in FIDE norm events cannot also be players in those events, not even as single-round fill-in players.

Constance V Coleman

Inform affiliate International Chess Academy (H6014810)

The affiliate is informed that it has systematically violated the player’s right to an on-site TD and all such tournaments run with no on-site TD show extremely questionable judgment on the part of the officers of the affiliate

The affiliate is warned that if it runs any further events with no on-site TD then it risks immediate suspension or revocation.

EB14-019– Unruh - Moved, that the USCF shall replace the Three Month Promotional Trial Membership with a membership fee of \$10.00 per event without printed magazine. Furthermore, the membership is only offered through the TD/A. The Tournament Membership is not available for any National events. The effective date for the amended membership change is January 1st, 2014. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-020– Priest – Moved, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute new bank supplied board resolution forms to add Jean Hoffman to the authorized signers for all USCF bank accounts and line of credit. **PASSED 7-0.**

Gary Walters offered two motions by e-mail on December 14, 2013. One would delay the implementation of motion EB14-019 and discuss it further at the Spring EB Meeting. The other was to discontinue USCF magazines for 3 month memberships. The vote was completed on December 26, 2013.

EB14-021– Walters – I move that the Motion passed in Louisville approving a \$10 fee per event (EB14-019) be delayed until at least June 1, 2014, with further discussion at the Spring EB meeting. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Randy Bauer not voting.

EB14-022– Walters – I move that all USCF magazines be discontinued for Three-Month memberships, effective January 1, 2014. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Randy Bauer not voting.

Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on January 3, 2014, to extend magazines for 3 month promotional memberships until March 31. The motion failed.

EB14-023– Atkins – I move that the promotional \$15 three month membership be ended as of March 31 (2014) and the magazine ended as of that date as well. No magazines will be mailed after April 1 and no memberships of this type sold after March 31. The Board apologizes for its failure to adequately announce this plan and hopefully this new schedule allows organizers better time to plan their events . **FAILED 1-6** with Mike Atkins in favor.

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on January 21, 2014, to accept the minutes of the November, 2013, EB Meeting. The minutes were approved on January 24 with a unanimous vote.

EB14-024– Nietman – I move that we accept the minutes to the November 16-17, 2013, EB meeting. **PASSED 7-0**

A meeting by conference call was held on February 22 and 23, 2014. The following motions were made at that meeting.

EB14-025 – Board - The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to settle the 2014 US Open contract between it and the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis for a payment to the USCF of \$20,000, with the understanding that the ED will attempt to bargain for an earlier payment date than the "within 90 days" period currently being offered. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-026 – Hoffman - The EB replace Robert McLellan with Jennifer Shahade on the Website Advisory Committee. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-027 – Atkins - With John Donaldson leaving the FIDE Events Committee, Mike Atkins moves that IA Sophia Rohde be added to the FIDE Events committee. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-028 – Atkins - I move that the TDCC Certification in #21 – Category T be changed as follows:
As present

21. Category T. - A USCF-rated team-vs.-team, or scholastic individual/team, Swiss system tournament involving at least twelve teams of four or more players. It is strongly recommended that for these types of tournaments, TDs have experience with computer pairing programs, back room pairing procedures, and on site player contact, or “floor,” problem solving procedures.

Change to:

21. Category T. - A USCF-rated team-vs.-team, or individual/team, Swiss system tournament involving at least fifty players. It is strongly recommended that for these types of tournaments, TDs have experience with computer pairing programs, back room pairing procedures, and on site player contact, or “floor,” problem solving procedures. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-029 – Atkins - I move that the TDCC will expand its recommendations for TD – Lifetime Achievement

over the next 4 years to be: 2014 and 2015 – 4 picks; 2016 and 2017 – 2 picks. It will return back to one a year starting 2018. **Passed 6-1** with Allen Priest opposed.

EB14-030 – Atkins - I move that the USCF will celebrate National Chess day each year on the Second Saturday of October, this year being Oct 11. The office will put the program below into effect each year. And 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 2014 will be Saturday, October 11th. In order to promote National Chess Day as a day for special activities and promotion of chess throughout the country, the following is proposed:

- a. Any Rated Beginner Open that includes "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets both a free TLA and free rating fees.
- b. Any 1-day event for Oct 11 which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets a free TLA
- c. Any 2-3 day event held over a period which encompasses Oct 11-12, which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title, will get a free TLA and free rating fees
- d. For organizers/affiliates, In the TLA, be sure to mention National Chess Day in the title and that it actually happens on Saturday Oct 11, and then expect to receive an e-mail from the office explaining how to get the free rating fee.
- e. Organizers are encouraged to submit articles and photographs for publication for Chess Life Magazine and Chess Life Online. Affiliates are encouraged to plan a tournament or an event of any kind in order to promote chess on National Chess Day. The USCF will send out at least one e-mail blast to all TDs and Affiliates before April 1 to enable organizers to have multiple weeks to plan events before the June 10 TLA deadline for getting Chess Life TLA's in August and September. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-031 – Board - The Executive Board upholds the decision of the Ethics Committee in the Xue (Li) vs Harper case. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-032 – Board - The Executive Board upholds the decision of the Ethics Committee in the Gray vs. Censore and Ozbek case. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-033 – Board - The Executive Board upholds the decision of the TDCC in the Constance vs. Tulman and Coleman case. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-034 – Atkins - I move that the bonus threshold in the Rating System be increased to B=10 from the current level of B=8. This is being proposed by the Ratings Committee to help ratings get back to the point they were in 1997 before serious ratings deflation began. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-035 – Haring - I move that the EB accept the recommendation of the Top Players Committee to remove Peak Rating Bonuses, Medal Bonuses, and Junior Bonuses from Invitational rules. New invitational rules effective 1 Jan 2015. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB14-036 – Atkins – I move that the USCF Rating System will be computed using floating point values as recommended by the Ratings Committee. Ratings will be stored internally with floating point accuracy to at least two digits after the decimal place but published to the nearest whole number. Members will be able to click on a button on their MSA page in order to see the actual rating rounded to the hundredths place. The system is to be implemented as soon as the office can implement it. **PASSED 7-0.**

A motion was made by e-mail on 02/25/14 to transfer the property at Crossville to the LMA Trust. The vote was completed the following day.

EB14-037 – Hoffman - I move that the executive board authorize the Executive Director, Jean Hoffman, to sign the deed to transfer the Crossville headquarters property to the LMA Trust in compliance with the Delegates motion. **PASSED 7-0**

Ruth Haring moved by e-mail on March 11, 2014, to nominate Rex Sinquefield and the Kasparov ticket for the upcoming FIDE election. The vote was completed on March 14, 2014.

EB14-038 – Haring - I Move that: USCF nominates Rex Sinquefield and the Kasparov ticket for the 2014 FIDE Presidential Board election. Board authorizes the USCF President to submit the Letter of Nomination in accordance with FIDE electoral regulations. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-039 – Nietman - I move that we accept the minutes from the February 22-23, 2014, Conference Call Meeting. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-040 – Hoffman - I move that the Executive Board authorize Executive Director Jean Hoffman to accept the quote from Burk Consulting for \$9,692.66 for consulting services plus up to an additional \$1,000 for travel expenses. **PASSED 7-0**

The following motions were made at the Executive Board meeting held in St. Louis on May 17-18, 2014:

EB14-041 – Atkins – I move to add William (Bill) L. Pursel to the Senior Committee. **Passed 7-0**

EB14-042 – Nietman – I move to add Constantine Anadiadis of Oberlin College to the College Chess Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

EB014-043 – Unruh – I move to create a two month membership priced at \$20 to include one printed copy of the current Chess Life magazine. The membership is a promotional membership to be implemented as soon as possible. **PASSED 4-3** (Gary Walters, Mike Atkins, Mike Nietman Opposed)

EB14- 044 – Bauer – I move to create a Woman Chessplayer of the Year Award. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-045 – Board - The Executive Board names the following 2014 award winners: **PASSED 6-0-1** with Allan Priest abstaining.

- a. Distinguished Service Award – Jim Berry (OK)
- b. Outstanding Career Achievement Award – Gary Kitts (MI) and Harvey Lerman (FL)
- c. Special Services Award – Alan Kaufman (MI)
- d. Meritorious Services Award – Justin Morrison (GA), Daniel Fuller (MS), Dr. Rose Marie Stutts (AL)
- e. Committee of the Year - Senior
- f. Chess City of the Year – Brownsville, TX
- g. Koltanowski Awards - Gold – Bill Goichberg and the Continental Chess Association
- h. Scholastic Service Award - Individual – Mitchell Denker (Posthumously) (NC)
- i. Organizer of the Year – The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis
- j. Frank J. Marshall Award – IM Greg Shahade (PA)
- k. Grandmaster of the Year – GM Alex Onischuk (TX)
- l. Honorary Chess Mate – Joan Priest (KY)
- m. Chess Club of the Year - Central Florida Chess Club
- n. College of the Year – Texas Tech University
- o. Tournament Director of the Year – Bob Messenger (MA)
- p. Tournament Director Lifetime Achievement Award – Denis Barry (Posthumously) (AZ), E. Steven Doyle (NJ), Thad Rogers (GA), Stephen Dillard (KY)
- q. Special Friend of the USCF Award – Harris Rosen (FL)
- r. Outstanding Player Achievement Award – Awonder Liang (WI)
- s. Outstanding Team Performance Award – Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School (PA)
- t. Woman Chessplayer of the Year Award – Tatev Abrahamyan (CA)

EB14-046 – Walters – I move that William Mills, Jr. (TX) and Mike Eberhardinger (NC) replace Brennan Price and Jared Collins on the Website Advisory Committee. The Executive Board thanks Brennan and Jared for their service on this committee. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-047 – Priest and Nietman - Allen Priest and Mike Nietman move to accept Sunil Weeramantry's resignation from the Scholastic Council. The Executive Board thanks Sunil for his service on the Scholastic Council. **Passed 7-0**

The Executive Board has been discussing changes to the Books and Equipment contract. Randy Bauer made the following motion be e-mail on May 22, 2014. Voting was completed the next day.

EB14-048 – Bauer - I move that the Executive Board authorizes Executive Director Jean Hoffman to execute the CSFI Contract addendum as presented to the Executive Board. **PASSED 7-0.**

Executive Director Jean Hoffman presented two motions by e-mail on May 28, 2014, to authorize her to act on two contractual issues. Both Passed unanimously.

EB14-049 – Hoffman - I move that the Executive Board authorize Executive Director Jean Hoffman to accept the proposal from Navigators Insurance for D & O Insurance. **PASSED 7-0**

EB14-050 – Hoffman - I move that the Executive Board authorize Executive Director Jean Hoffman to approve the amendment to the USCF agreement with Quad/Graphics. **PASSED 7-0**

Patricia Knight Smith is no longer with USCF. Executive Director Jean Hoffman moved by e-mail on May 29, 2014, to update the signatories for USCF accounts to reflect this change. The motion passed unanimously.

EB14-051 – Hoffman - I move that the Executive Board authorize Executive Director, Jean Hoffman to make the following changes to the US Chess Federation Bank accounts at the Cumberland County Bank in Crossville and the Bank of Putnam County in Cookeville removing Patricia K. Smith from all accounts and adding Jean Hoffman, Executive Director to the CD 12 Month (LMA) account. **PASSED 7-0**

Executive Director Jean Hoffman moved by e-mail on June 9, 2014 to apply for a \$200,000 line of credit. The motion passed unanimously the same day.

EB14-052 – Hoffman - I move that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to apply for a line of credit with Cumberland County Bank in the amount of \$200,000. The loan being applied for would be partially secured by a certificate of deposit with Cumberland County Bank in the amount of \$100,000. Individuals authorized to sign on the loan are Jean Hoffman and Judy Misner. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Atkins noted that the FIDE Events Committee would need a new chair because of Franc Guadalupe's move to the USCF's National Events position. He moved by e-mail on June 3, 2014, that Carol Jarecki be named the FIDE Events Committee Chair. He pointed out that Carol Jarecki is the only "A" Level IA living in the US and has more international experience than anyone else in the country. She was past Chair of the Rules Committee for many years. Voting was completed on June 16. The motion failed as Franc Guadalupe's position would be temporary and there may be no vacancy. Discussion is expected to continue through the next EB meeting.

EB14-053 – Atkins - I move that International Arbiter Carol Jarecki be named as the new Chair of the FIDE Events Committee. **FAILED 3-4** with Mike Atkins, Randy Bauer and Mike Nietman in favor.

Secretary Mike Nietman moved approval of the minutes of the May, 2014, meeting by e-mail on June 21, 2014. The vote was completed on June 25 with unanimous approval.

EB14-054 – Nietman – I move that we accept the minutes of the May 17-18, 2014, EB meeting. **PASSED 7-0.**