

## Proceedings of the 2013 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting

The 2013 Delegates' Meeting was held at the Madison Marriott West, Middleton, Wisconsin, August 3-4, 2013. This document is an overview of the meeting and includes the official documentation of motions. More details and the discussions may be found on the video files located on the USCF website.

### **SESSION 1**

At 9:00a.m. Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> USCF President Ruth Haring called the meeting to order. She asked Secretary Mike Nietman to read the names of those from the chess community who had passed away in the last year (see attachment 1). A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

Chief Operations Officer, Pat Smith, then called the roll. After which Secretary Nietman reported there were 82 Delegates present creating a quorum. (see attachment 2)

Harold Winston introduced the first motion.

**DM 13-01 (ADM 13- 01 Harold Winston IL):** The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present in person at this meeting - Frank Camaratta, Mike Nolan and Tim Redman.

**PASSED**

**DM 13-02 (ADM 13-02 Harold Winston IL):** Move that the minutes of the 2012 Delegates meeting as distributed to the Delegates present in Middleton, be accepted.

**PASSED**

**DM 13-03 (ADM 13-03 Bill Goichberg NY)** Move that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian.

**PASSED**

**DM 13-04 (ADM 13-04 Ruth Haring CA-N)** Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2013 Delegates' Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates' Call.

**PASSED**

### **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Results of the 2013 Executive Board election were reported by Election Committee Chair, Ken Ballou. 2049 Ballots were cast. 2046 qualified. The results were Ruth Haring 1722 votes, Mike Atkins 1667, Randy Bauer 1646, Charles D. Unruh 1556, Beatriz Marinello 478 and Tim Redman 450. Ruth Haring and Mike Atkins are elected to three year terms. Randy Bauer and Charles D. Unruh are elected to two year terms.

**DM13-05 (ADM 13-05 Ken Ballou MA, Election Committee)** The Delegates certify the Executive Board election results. The new Executive Board members will take office at the conclusion of this meeting.

**PASSED**

Harold Winston noted that the new Board members are now entitled to receive credentials for this meeting if they have not already done so. Randy Bauer of IA and Charles D. Unruh of OK received their Delegate credentials

ADM 13-06 was explained by Harold Winston and a vote was taken.

**DM13-06 (ADM 13-06 Harold Winston IL)** The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board made available to the Delegates present in Middleton in the form of either Executive Board Resolutions or Executive Board Minutes since the conclusion of the 2012 Delegates meeting through December 31, 2012.

RATIONALE: Until December 31, 2012, the Delegates were the Board of Directors.

**PASSED**

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President, Ruth Haring began her report with thanks to the local organizations and players who supported the 2013 U.S. Open events. She also thanked the committee members and other chess volunteers for their continued grass roots support. She commented on the status of women in chess and USCF membership trends in general. Haring announced that in the coming year the Board will be seeking to keep the organization on track financially while at the same time working to grow the USCF membership base, offer valued services to our members, and grow organized chess in America.

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director, Francisco Guadalupe, touched on the highlights of his printed report from the Delegates' Call. He acknowledged the contributions of Allen Priest, Pat Smith, Phil Smith, Robert McLellan, Jerry Nash, Dan Lucas and the rest of the USCF staff. Guadalupe advised that discussions were underway with Random House regarding publication of the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the rule book. He also mentioned online play; staff contracts; promotional membership and upcoming national and international events.

Greetings from the Wisconsin Chess Association were formally presented by WCA President, Mike Nietman. He thanked the USCF for allowing the meeting to take place in Middleton.

### **REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Vice-President Gary Walters gave a brief report. He thanked his fellow Board members for their contributions to the organization - Ruth Haring for her ability to keep things on track; Mike Atkins for being the Board's conscience; Mike Nietman for his rocklike support and for being a primary voice for scholastic community; Allen Priest for his

financial acumen and spirit of service; Jim Berry for his love and support of chess; and Bill Goichberg for his tireless promotion of chess across the country. Franc Guadalupe was acknowledged for his exceptional organizational talents and thanked for stepping up in time of need.

### **REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**

Vice-President of Finance, Allen Priest, was next to report. He noted that significant progress has been made in the USCF's accounting area and that audited financials will be available in September. Internal financial statements covering the Olympiad, World Youth, Women's World Team and Pan Am Youth costs; LMA; increased membership and ratings revenue; USCF tournaments profit and loss; and the need to create a reserve were included in his presentation. Priest advised that his accounting philosophy is to be very conservative in budgeting revenue and very aggressive in budgeting expenses.

**DM 13-07 (ADM 13-07 Executive Board)** The 2013-2014 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted.

**PASSED**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS**

Publications Director, Dan Lucas, then took the floor. He reported that the redesign to full color for Chess Life, new member friendly articles, a year-long focus on people that play chess and an emphasis on articles that are useable for outreach and marketing have generated positive comments from members. For the future Lucas wants more interaction with members through social media. He is working to make Chess Life available through cross-platform devices. A redesign of CL4K to divide content between 8 and under and 9-13 age groups is also under discussion.

A brief question and answer period followed. Lucas received suggestions about the children's magazine revamp and compliments for the redesigned Delegates' Call and SuperNationals booklets and for the positive view of the USCF the magazines present.

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

Harold Winston introduced the Trustees in attendance, Secretary Myron Lieberman, VP for Chess in Education Tim Redman, and Scholastic VP Sunil Weeramantry. He then presented his report, a synopsis of the printed document. He noted that a two year cooperative agreement had been reached with the USCF. The Trust continues to support chess in schools with sets and membership, the Trust donated 284 chess sets to schools nationwide; events such as World Youth, U.S Blind Tournament, U.S. entry to the World Junior, Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, National Girls Invitational Tournament, Scholar Chessplayer Program; and inductions in the Chess Hall of Fame. The World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum in St. Louis, has received twenty-one thousand visitors to date, hosted free family days and provided tours for school children. Winston mentioned an upcoming museum exhibit on Jacqueline Piatigorsky and urged

Delegates to visit the Museum next year when the U.S. Open will be in St. Louis. He said that “every dollar donated to the Chess Trust helps American chess”.

### **REPORT OF THE FIDE DELEGATE**

Michael Khodarkovsky, FIDE Delegate and Chairman of the International Affairs Committee, combined his reports. He commented on U.S. team’s multiple accomplishments on the international stage in 2012 and attentions received. Khodarkovsky suggested that the USCF would benefit if the Scholastic Council and Committee work more closely with the International Affairs Committee to make future trips as successful as those in 2012. In the FIDE arena, he reported that the U.S. delegation was working with other countries toward changes in FIDE election procedures for the 2014 election with a conclusion expected after the October 2013 meeting of the FIDE Congress.

### **REPORT OF THE FIDE ZONAL PRESIDENT**

FIDE Zonal President, Francisco Guadalupe began his narrative by naming those representing the U.S. on various FIDE commissions and advising that he stays in close touch with his FIDE counterparts. Guadalupe then described U.S. player results in the Continental Championships, World Cup Championship, Women’s Championship, World Senior, Women’s World Team Championship, recent U.S. vs. China match, and the Pan Am Under 20. He expressed concern over the location for the World Under 20 Junior Championships. Guadalupe advised that members of the U.S. delegation to the FIDE Congress look forward to productive meetings in October.

### **ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

Vice-President Gary Walters presided over the election of Delegate Appointed Committees.

Allen Priest commended the current Audit Committee and nominated all for re-election.

**DM 13-08 (Allen Priest, KY)** Move to elect Bob Howe of MO, Bill Brock of IL, and Mike Mulford of GA to the Audit Committee.

**PASSED**

Harold Winston gave his list of nominees for the Bylaws Committee. Ken Ballou of MA declined to serve.

**DM 13-09 (Harold Winston, IL)** Move to elect Guy Hoffman of WI, Myron Lieberman of AZ, John McCrary of SC, Richard Koepcke of N-CA, Mike Mulford of GA, Sevan Muradian of IL, Randy Hough of S-CA, Robert Persante of FL, Gerald Larson of AL, David Mehler of MD, Gary Kitts of MI, Joe Lux of NJ, Bob Howe of MO, and Harold Winston of IL to the Bylaws Committee.

**PASSED**

Election Committee chairman, Ken Ballou, brought his nominees to the floor.

**DM 13-10 (Ken Ballou, MA)** Move to elect Ken Ballou of MA, Myron Lieberman of AZ, Roger Gotschall of IA, Richard Koepcke of CA-N to the Election Committee with Ernie Schlich of VA as alternate.

**PASSED**

Richard Buchanan, committee chair, advised that all members of the Ethics Committee were willing to serve again.

**DM 13-11 (Richard Buchanan, CO)** Move to elect Selby Anderson of TX, Richard Buchanan of CO, Roger Gotschall of IA, Jim Gray of OK, Jim Mennella of NJ, Alex Relyea of NH, Andy Thall of TX, Ken Sloan of AL and Harold Stenzel of NY to the Ethics Committee.

**PASSED**

VP of Finance, Allen Priest commented that the LMA Committee is now the LMA Trust and this election will be for trustees. LMA Committee chair, Tim Redman, presented his list of nominees.

**DM 13-12 (Tim Redman, TX)** Move to elect Steve Doyle of NJ, Leroy Dubeck of NJ, Peter Dyson of FL, Beatriz Marinello of NY, Fred Townsend of CT, Harold Winston of IL, Tim Redman of TX, Dov Gorman of NJ, Jim Bedenbaugh of OK, Frank Camaratta of AL and the VP of Finance as an ex officio member of the LMA Trust.

**PASSED**

The meeting was recessed until 2pm.

## **SESSION 2**

At 2pm on Saturday, August 3, 2013 President Haring called the meeting to order.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Boyd Reed of the Website Advisory Committee presented an overview of the committee's work. He said that consistent design guidelines and a development plan are critically needed. The committee spent three months discussing how to attack the 250,000 page USCF website behemoth. Reed advised that the committee expects to write the technical requirements in the next 4-6 weeks including an estimate of cost. Implementation can take place in one move or in a series of steps depending on available finances and the decision of the Board.

Reed then answered questions from Mike Atkins and Bill Feldman regarding the size of the website and the possibility of integrating revenue generating elements to offset costs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Referring to a handout on the subject, Harold Winston introduced the first item of Old Business.

**DM 13-13 (ADM 13-08 Harold Winston IL)** Pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2012-2013 and authorize their continuation.

**PASSED**

Winston then presented the next two motions which are alternatives. He advised that the Bylaws Workshop and Bylaws Committee voted overwhelmingly to reject both motions and the Bylaws Committee was split on the substance, 5-5, but all three lawyers on the committee opposed action.

**DM 13-14 (ADM 13-09, DM12-21, 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 for 2013.

**FAILED**

**DM 13-15 (ADM 13-10, DM12-22, 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. REFERRED TO BYLAWS FOR 2013.

**FAILED**

Harold Winston introduced the next three motions dealing with an age limit for Delegates. After much discussion in the Bylaws Workshop Winston advised that a substitute motion had been devised. Winston presented that motion and a lengthy discussion began. Randy Bauer of IA, Fun Fong of FL, Gerald Larson of AL, Rodney Vaughn of MO, Mike Mulford of GA, and Jim Mennella of NJ spoke against the substitution. Garrett Scott of IL, Jalen Wang of MI, Steve Shutt of PA, Tim Redman of TX, Richard Koepcke of CA-N, Bob Messenger of MA and Fun Fong of FL spoke for the substitution. Ernie Schlich of VA called the question and a vote was taken.

**DM 13-16 (NDM 13-01 Harold Winston IL and Bylaws Workshop)** Move to substitute NDM 13-02 for ADM 13-11, ADM 13-12 and ADM 13-13.

**PASSED**

**ADM 13-11 (DM12-46, NDM12-9, Ed Westing MD)** The USCF Bylaws should be amended to include the following: The Bylaws should have a requirement that Delegates be of a minimum age of 16, or the same age as the voting age requirement for the general membership who vote for the Executive Board members. REFERRED TO BYLAWS for 2013. **REPLACED WITH DM 13-17**

**ADM 13-12 (Harold Winston IL, Guy Hoffman WI, Bylaws Committee):** Amend Art. V, sec 4 by adding a new final sentence: "Delegates must be age 16 or older."  
**REPLACED WITH DM 13-17**

**ADM 13-13 (Harold Winston IL, Guy Hoffman WI, Bylaws Committee):** Amend Art. V, sec. 4 by adding a new final sentence: "Delegates must be age 16 or older as of June 30 of their term."

RATIONALE: An age limit should be clearly stated if it applies to Delegates. The second alternative mimics wording in the Voting Member section, Art. IV, sec. 2, which requires voting members to be "age 16 or over as of June 30 of the election year."

**REPLACED WITH DM 13-17**

Discussion on the topic continued with Harold Winston of IL and Steve Shutt of PA speaking for the substitute motion and Jennifer Skidmore of MI standing against. Tim Just of IL called the motion and a vote was taken.

**DM 13-17 (NDM 13-02 Harold Winston IL and Bylaws Workshop)** Amend Article V, sec 4 by adding the following sentences at the end:

States may designate one delegate under the age of 16 provided that the delegate is so designated on or before July 15 and that the delegate is at least 14 years of age as of the start of their term of office. Other State delegates must be at least age 16 at the start of their term of office.

RATIONALE: States should be able to recognize and encourage participation by young persons interested and able to do so. There have been state officers and organizers and TDs who are age 14-15.

**FAILED**

Frank Camaratta, sponsor of ADM 13-14 brought the motion to the floor. He asked if the EB had considered the motion and they had not. David Kuhns, responded for the Rules Committee saying Ken Sloan had a substitute motion. Sloan then explained the substitution motion. Kuhns reported that although he supported the substitution, the Rules Workshop had voted for the main motion and against the substitution. Bill Goichberg of NY, Ken Ballou of MA, Jim Mennella of NJ, Allen Priest of KY, David

Kuhns of MN, Bill Feldman of IL and Frank Niro of ID participated in the discussion that followed. Tim Just of IL called the question and a vote was taken.

**DM 13-18 (NDM 13-03 Ken Sloan AL)** Move to substitute DM13-19 for ADM 13-14 and ADM 13-15.

**PASSED**

**ADM 13-14 (DM 12-23, DM11-58, NDM11-14, Frank Camaratta FL)** With the proliferation of increasingly more powerful and sophisticated hand-held devices such as the I-Phone, Android among others (many will soon have 1-2 terabyte memories), USCF must start now to modify the USCF Rules of Chess to address and plan for these eventualities.

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

Computer consultation has already made correspondence chess less attractive to many players, myself included. REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2013

**REPLACED BY DM 13-19**

**ADM 13-15 (David Kuhns MN, Rules Committee)** Move to adopt the FIDE rules on the conduct of the players, therefore (with power to enact and match any changed FIDE wording as of 1-1-14):

Replace the opening paragraph of 20 E with:

20E. Soliciting or using advice prohibited. During play the players are forbidden to make use of any notes, sources of information or advice (solicited or not), or analyze on another chessboard.

See also 1C2. Director discretion; 21K. Use of director's powers; and 20N. Electronic communication devices. For all USCF sponsored and National events.

Insert the following replacement for the current 20N

20N. Electronic communication devices. For all USCF sponsored and National events.

Without the permission of the arbiter a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue, they are completely switched off. If any such device produces a sound, the player shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. However, if the opponent cannot win the game by any series of legal moves, his score shall be a draw.



TD TIP: It is highly recommended that State Championship and State Scholastic Championship events adopt Rule 20N.

And renumber 20N and 20N1 as appropriate variations.

**REPLACED BY DM 13-19**

**DM13-19 (NDM 13-04 Ken Sloan AL)** Replace the opening paragraph of 20E with:

20E. Soliciting or using advice prohibited. During play the players are forbidden to make use of any notes, sources of information or advice (solicited or not), or analyze on another chessboard.

See also 1C2. Director discretion; 21K. Use of director's powers; and 20N. Electronic communication devices.

Insert the following replacement for the current 20N:

20N Electronic communication devices.

Without the permission of the director a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue unless it is completely switched off.

Players are not allowed to leave the playing venue without permission from the Arbiter/TD. The playing venue is defined as the playing area, restrooms, refreshment and smoking area and adjacent hallways and other places as designated by the Arbiter/TD.

TD TIP: "Permission of the director" allows for maximum flexibility. No specific penalty is prescribed. In the absence of announced rules for a specific event, the standard penalties apply (see 20N1). Organizers are free to announce whatever penalty is appropriate for their event. This rule addresses possession of a communications device. In practice, the device ringing or making some other sound may be the only practical way to detect a cell phone – but this rule is not aimed at penalizing the noise; it is aimed at penalizing the possession of a communications device.

Remove the existing TD TIP.

**PASSED by 2/3 majority**

Jim Berry of OK, sponsor of ADM 13-16, introduced the motion and started the discussion. Sunil Weeramantry of NY reported the Scholastic Council endorsed the motion. Allen Priest of KY, Tim Redman of TX, Chris Kim of MD, Rachel Lieberman of AZ, Randy Bauer of IA, Carl Haessler of OR, Bob Messenger of MA, Steve Shutt of PA and Ken Ballou of MA participated in the dialogue. Tim Just of IL failed to call the question and consideration continued with Jim Mennella of NJ, Michael Smith of MI, Randy Hough of CA-S, Mark Taylor of GA and John Hartman of NE adding their opinions. Tim Just of IL successfully called the question and a vote was taken.

**DM 13-20 (ADM13-16, DM12-32, 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 teen age years. REFERRED TO THE SCHOLASTIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEES FOR STUDY AND A REPORT IN 2013  
**FAILED**

Ken Ballou of MA, maker of ADM 13-17 and ADM 13-18 announced that the motions were moot and asked they be withdrawn.

**WITHDRAWN - ADM 13-17 (DM12-39, 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 vs quick) can be determined from the time control alone. There is no overlap. The proposed ADM would extend this non-overlapping property to quick vs 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.

REFERRED TO RATINGS AND RULES COMMITTEES

**WITHDRAWN in 2013**

**WITHDRAWN - ADM 13-18 (DM12-40, 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 2a through 2c 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. REFERRED TO RULES AND RATINGS COMMITTEES.

### **WITHDRAWN in 2013**

Tim Just of IL brought the next motion to the floor asking if it had been implemented through the office. Mike Nolan of NE reported. Bill Goichberg of NY and Bob Messenger of MA took part in the discussion which followed. Tim Just of IL then moved that ADM 13-19 be referred to the office for implementation and the vote was taken.

### **DM13-21 (ADM 13-19, DM12-41, ADM 12-29, Steve Immitt, NY; Tim Just, IL)**

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).

**REFERRED TO THE OFFICE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The first item of new business was a motion endorsed by the USCF Members Meeting and introduced by Harold Winston. Winston advised that the Bylaws Workshop had entertained the subject and supported the idea. Allen Priest of KY reiterated the IL Attorney's opinion about minimum age requirements. Andrew Rea of VA and Bill Goichberg of NY joined the discussion. After a straw vote, Winston accepted a friendly amendment on the age and a vote was taken.

### **DM 13-22 (NDM 13-03 Harold Winston IL from the Membership Meeting)**

The members recommend to the Delegates to amend Article VI, section 1 of the Bylaws "Executive Board Composition" to add to the last sentence on page 29 of the Delegates' Call: "and be at least 18 years of age."

**PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

Harold Winston of IL, co-chair of the Bylaws Committee, put forward a series of technical amendments. He reported the results of votes taken in the Bylaws Committee and the Bylaws Workshop regarding each.

### **DM 13-23 (ADM 13-20 Guy Hoffman WI, Harold Winston IL, Bylaws Committee)**

Amend Art. VI, sec. 1 so Exec Board terms are defined as "three years", not "four years" to comply with the change back to 3 year terms. The first sentence of Art. VI, sec. 1

would then read: "The Executive Board shall consist of seven members elected for staggered terms of three years."

RATIONALE: Technical amendment.

**PASSED**

**DM13-24 (ADM 13-21 Guy Hoffman WI, Harold Winston IL, Bylaws Committee):**

Delete the following sentence from Art. IV sec. 2 which no longer applies: "For the 2011 elections only, all Delegates credentialed for the 2009 or 2010 annual meeting are voting members."

RATIONALE: Technical amendment.

**PASSED**

**DM13-25 (ADM 13-22 Harold Winston IL, Guy Hoffman WI, Bylaws Committee):**

Amend Art. V, sec. 9 to change the expiration date of the term of Additional Delegates since the current Jan. 1 date was only temporarily added because the Board of Delegates was no longer to be the Board of Directors as of Jan. 1 change "for a term that expires of January 1 of the following year" to "for a term that expires on June 1 of the following year"

RATIONALE: Technical amendment

**PASSED**

**DM 13-26 (ADM 13- 23 Allen Priest KY, Harold Winston IL, Guy Hoffman WI,**

**Bylaws Committee):** Amend the bylaws to define what a member in good standing is since Art. V, sec. D refers to that phrase twice. Add, at the end of Art. V, sec. D the following wording: "A member in good standing is a member whose dues are paid and is not suspended."

RATIONALE: We should avoid using undefined terms in the bylaws. **PASSED**

**DM 13-27 (ADM 13-24 Harold Winston IL, Guy Hoffman WI, Ken Ballou MA):**

Amend Art IV, sec. 3, 2d sentence to read "There is no registration fee." It currently reads "There is not registration fee."

RATIONALE: Technical amendment

**PASSED**

**DM 13-28 (ADM 13-25 Ken Ballou MA, Harold Winston IL, Guy Hoffman WI) Amend**

Art. VI, sec 5B, last sentence to read "The Executive Board may choose to waive any filing fees for a Special Election." it currently reads "The Board may choose to waive..."

RATIONALE: This change is consistent with other wording in the Bylaws which specifies Executive Board and prevents any ambiguity since we also have a Board of Delegates.

## **PASSED**

Executive Board Secretary, Mike Nietman of WI, brought the next item to the floor. Harold Winston of IL reported the Bylaws Workshop and Bylaws Committee favored the motion. Guy Hoffman of WI offered a friendly amendment which was accepted.

**DM13-29 (ADM 13-26 Executive Board)** Amend Article VI Section 6 of the bylaws so that the second sentence reads "The term of each officer shall be for one year, 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."

Rationale: The only change is to make officer terms one year instead of two and to force annual elections. The old bylaws assumed biennial Executive Board elections. We have now changed to annual elections for three year terms and with the change it is possible that an elected officer could only have one year remaining on their Executive Board term or a change in board members may allow for a majority of members (four) not supporting an officer and being unable to make a change because 2/3 or 5 members is needed to make a change.

## **PASSED**

Harold Winston of IL recounted the purpose of the next motion and the favorable results of straw polls in the Bylaws Committee and Bylaws Workshop. Randy Bauer of IA and Mike Mulford of GA spoke against ADM 13-27 and Mike Nolan of NE and Ken Ballou of MA spoke for it. Tim Just of IL called the question and a vote was taken.

**DM 13-30 (ADM 13-27 Ken Ballou MA; Harold Winston, IL)** Replace the fourth sentence of Bylaws Article VII Section 3.A.3 with the following: "No member of the Election Committee may be a candidate for the USCF Executive Board during his or her service on the Election Committee. No member of the Election Committee may sign nominating petitions for any candidate for the Executive Board, campaign on behalf of any candidate, or make an endorsement for or against any candidate for the Executive Board."

RATIONALE: Since Election Committee members may have to make decisions affecting candidates, restricting committee members from signing nominating petitions and endorsing candidates prevents there being any appearance of impropriety in the committee members making those decisions.

## **PASSED**

ADM 13-28 was introduced by Harold Winston of IL noting it is a clarification of the Bylaws and supported by the Bylaws Committee and Bylaws Workshop participants. Sponsor Ballou added his thoughts and responded to a question from Bob Messenger.

**DM 13-31 (ADM 13-28 Ken Ballou MA)** Replace the first sentence of Article VI Section 4.1 of the Bylaws with the following: "A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of fifty (50) or more members who meet the requirements specified in Article

IV Section 2 to be eligible to register to vote, of whom at least fifteen (15) shall be Delegates at the time of signing the petition."

**PASSED**

The next motion was also introduced by Harold Winston of IL saying a substitution for part 1 was drafted by the Bylaws Workshop. The substitution was accepted by the motion's sponsor.

**DM 13-32 (ADM 13-29 Ken Ballou MA)** Amend Article VI Section 5.A of the Bylaws as follows.

1. Replace the sentence "Electronic voting may be used in addition to the ballots in Chess Life" with "Electronic voting may be used in addition to mailed ballots or ballots in Chess Life".
2. Delete the sentence "Ballots shall be authenticated by use of official mailing labels provided with the ballots."

Rationale: This motion removes assumptions in Article VI Section 5.A that ballots are distributed in Chess Life.

**PASSED**

Harold Winston of IL presented ADM 13-34 for consideration and reported the Bylaws Committee and Bylaws Workshop support.

**DM 13-33 (ADM 13-30 Ken Ballou MA)** Delete the first three sentences of Bylaws Article VI Section 5.C.

Rationale: The first three sentences of Article VI Section 5.C are also in Article VI Section 5.A.

**PASSED**

The maker of ADM 13-31 was not present, however Allen Priest of KY offered to become a co-sponsor so the motion could be considered. Harold Winston of IL advised that neither the Bylaws Workshop nor Bylaws Committee favored the motion.

**DM 13-34 (ADM 13-31 Marcus Roberts TX, Allen Priest KY)** It is proposed that Article VI, Section 13, shall read:

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. **However, all USCF members shall have a right to appeal any temporary or permanent ban from posting to the forums to the USCF Board of**



**Delegates, with the effective date of any successful appeal being the date of meeting of the Board of Delegates.**

**FAILED**

Tim Redman of TX, Co-chair of the LMA Committee, announced that much progress had been made in this area and he asked to withdraw ADM 12-32.

**WD - ADM 13-32 LMA Committee** The delegates reaffirm their understanding that upon the establishment of the LMA Trust, the assets of the LMA Trust shall include, among other assets, the land and building in Crossville. TN.

Rationale for the motion: This is to make absolutely clear that the land and building are part of the LMA assets since the LMA made the down payment for the building when USCF moved its offices to Crossville and recently the LMA paid off the outstanding mortgage on the property.

The motion was supported within the LMA Committee by the following: Tim Redman, Leroy Dubeck, Steve Doyle, Beatriz Marinello, Harold Winston, Peter Dyson, W. Allen Priest, Randall Bauer, Chuck Unruh, and Frank Camaratta.

**WITHDRAWN**

The sponsor of ADM 13-33 was not present. Allen Priest of KY offered to co-sponsor the motion to make discussion possible. Harold Winston of IL announced that the Bylaws Workshop and Bylaws Committee opposed the motion. Vice President of Finance, Allen Priest of KY, advised that salary information was available as required by IRS tax forms.

**DM 13-35 (ADM 13-33 Marcus Roberts TX, Allen Priest KY)** The Delegates instruct the Executive Board of the US Chess Federation to publish the salary of all USCF Executive Directors that have served in the past year in the annual report beginning in 2014 as a distinct line item expense near the gross payroll costs of all USCF employees. This motion shall be published as an item of continuing interest in all future annual reports.

**FAILED**

The next motion was introduced by Harold Winston of IL questioning whether the report had been made. It was agreed that the LMA report printed in the Delegates' Call and a verbal report from Allen Priest of KY satisfied the requirements.

**DM 13-36 (ADM 13-34 Harold Winston IL, Leroy Dubeck 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.

**PASSED**

A substitution for ADM 13- 35, originating in the Bylaws Workshop, was presented by Harold Winston of IL and Richard Koepcke of CA-N maker of the advance motion. Allen

Priest of KY, Steve Lampkin of FL, Guy Hoffman of WI, Jim Mennella of NJ, Ken Ballou of MA, Frank Camaratta of FL, Harold Winston of IL, Rachel Lieberman of AZ, Bob Howe of MO, and Fun Fong of FL took part in the deliberations that followed. The question was called by Tim Just of IL.

**DM 13-37 (substitute for ADM 13-35 Richard Koepcke CA-N, Bylaws Committee)**

Add a third sentence to Article VI, Section 4, paragraph 5: An Executive Board member who has served nine or more consecutive years may not be nominated until at least two years have elapsed since the end of his/her term.

**PASSED**

ADM 13-36 was withdrawn by its maker James Mennella of NJ.

**WD - ADM 13-36 Leroy Dubeck NJ, James Mennella NJ** The Board of Delegates directs the Executive Director and the Executive Board to cause the USCF Articles of Incorporation to be amended as follows:

Changes to the USCF Articles of Incorporation must be approved by a majority of the Executive, Board, The Board of Delegates, and the Voting Members.

**RATIONALE:** As a matter of law, a corporation's Articles of Incorporation supersede any Bylaw. By giving the Executive Board the power to change the articles, you give the Executive Board the power to ignore any bylaw and essentially do anything it wants, provided they can get a simple majority of the voting members to agree. They could, for example, assert that the Board of Delegates is a costly relic of the past and no longer needed. Then, amend the Articles of Incorporation to replace it with a Board Appointed Committee, or nothing at all. This is hardly the meaningless cosmetic change the Executive Board claimed it was in 2012. It is a radical shift in power away from the Delegates. This motion will address the Executive Board's concerns that the Executive Board must be the Board of Directors because a list of directors must be provided to the State of Illinois and the membership of the Board of Delegates is too large and changes to often to serve as such, without vastly changing the balance of power between the Delegates and the Executive Board.

**IN THE EVENT THE ABOVE IS DEFEATED, TABLED, REFERED, OR DELAYED.**

**WITHDRAWN**

Allen Priest of KY addressed the next item, ADM 13-37. Jim Mennella of NJ explained his reasoning for the motion. A substitute motion was then accepted by Mennella. Ken Ballou of MA, Richard Koepcke of N-CA discussed the topic. Harold Winston of IL advised that the Bylaws Workshop and Bylaws Committee straw polls were in favor of the concept. Andrew Rea of VA called the question and a vote was taken.

**DM 13-38 (substitute for ADM 13-37 Leroy Dubeck, NJ; James Mennella, NJ)**

Modify Article IV Section 7 of the Bylaws to change "majority" to "2/3 majority".

**PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Author of ADM 13-38 was not present. Tim Just of IL agreed to co-sponsor the motion which allowed discussion to proceed. David Kuhns of MN, Rules Committee Chair reminded that rules changes require a 2/3 majority vote. He reported the Rules Committee and Rules Workshop attendees approved the motion.

**DM 13-39 (ADM 13-38 Dan Heisman PA, Tim Just IL)** Move to change rules:

"1) In the final sentence of 29L1, change "withdrawals, and odd-player rules are applied..." to ", and withdrawals are applied...." (i.e., strike "odd-player rules" from the list of items not affected by the 1 vs 2 pairing system)

2) Add a sentence before the final sentence of 29L1: "Odd-players should be paired to the player in the next lower score group who closest matches with them in rating, using normal color allocation priorities."

Rationale: Since the "1 vs 2" pairing system is designed for equitable pairings with regard to ratings and the "odd-man" rule is designed to knock out higher scoring low rated players by lower scoring high rated players, the goals are incompatible. Therefore, it makes sense to continue the spirit of "1 vs 2" pairings with regard to odd man pairing rules but pairing the odd person in a scoring group with the most compatible player in the next scoring group, rather than the highest rated player (which would produce, paradoxically, the exact opposite result). For small tournaments using "1 vs 2" pairings where there are not many players in each scoring group, this would be especially important since a high percentage of pairings after the first round may be odd-player pairings."

**PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Ken Ballou of MA, maker of ADM 13-39, referred to a handout as he introduced the item for consideration. David Kuhns of MN reported that neither the Rules Committee nor Rules Workshop favored the motion. Jeff Wiewel of IL offered his views. Tim Just moved that the motion be referred to Rules Committee for study and a report at the 2014 Delegates' Meeting.

**DM 13-40 (ADM 13-39 Ken Ballou, MA)** Replace rule 32B3 with the following:

32B3. Ties for more than one prize. If winners of different prizes tie with each other, all the cash prizes involved shall be summed and divided equally among the tied winners unless any of the winners would receive more money by winning or dividing only a particular prize for which others in the tie are ineligible. No player, however, may receive more from the division of the summed prizes than the largest prize for which he would be eligible if there were no tie. No more than one cash prize shall go into the pool for each winner. For examples see 32B5, Offering a choice of prizes.

Rationale: Please refer to the thread titled "Rule 32B3 Question" in the "Running Chess Tournaments" forum (<http://www.uschess.org/forums/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=17537>). The second sentence of the proposed rule 32B3 is new.

**REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014**

Maker of ADM 13-40 was not present. After a brief discussion it was agreed that ADM 13-40 concerned the same rule change as ADM 13-39. Mike Nolan suggested it also be sent to Rules Committee for study and a report in 2014.

**DM 13-41 (ADM 13-40 Steve Immitt, NY)** Resolved, that effective immediately, Rule 32B3, Ties For More Than One Prize, will be amended to read as follows:

If winners of different prizes tie with each other, all the cash prizes involved shall be summed and divided equally among the tied winners unless any of the winners would receive more money by winning or dividing only a particular prize for which others in the tie are ineligible. ***No player may receive an amount greater from the division of those prizes than the largest prize for which he would be eligible if there were no tie.*** No more than one cash prize shall go into the pool for each winner. For examples see 32B5, Offering a choice of prizes.

The 28 words inserted in boldfaced italics above constitute the actual change in wording to Rule 32B3. The TD Tip to Rule 33B3 remains unchanged.

Rational: This rule change is being proposed because of an actual prize fund division issue arising from a tournament this past August. This situation was discussed in detail in the USCF Issues Forum, "Running Chess Tournaments (Topic: "Rule 32B3 Question)" and the suggested wording is a result of examples and recommendations made there by Ken Ballou, Bob Messenger and Jeff Wiewel.

**REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014**

The next motion was brought to the floor by Mike Nolan. Harold Winston moved to refer it to the Bylaws Committee for study and a report in 2014.

**DM 13-42 (NDM 13-07 Harold Winston IL; Richard Koepcke N.CA)** Amend Art VI, sec. 7 to add a sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "No person shall serve more than 12 years on the Executive Board."

RATIONALE: Any organization benefits by having new blood. In the most recent USCF election five of the six candidates had prior services on the Executive Board. 12 years allows for 4 full terms of 3 years each.

**REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014**

Ken Ballou of MA brought the next motion to the floor and started a discussion which included Steve Shutt of PA, Ken Sloan of AL, Tim Just of IL and Jim Gray of OK.

**DM 13-43 (NDM 13-08 Ken Ballou MA, David Kuhns MN)** Amend rule 21L1 to replace “A good-faith deposit of \$25” with “A good-faith deposit of an amount to be set as policy by the Executive Director”.

**FAILED**

A technical amendment from Ken Ballou of MA was then considered. Harold Winston of IL voiced his support.

**DM 13-44 (NDM 13-09 Ken Ballou MA)** Amend Bylaws Article VI Section 13 to replace “Elections Committee” with “Election Committee” in the final sentence.

**PASSED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

Ken Ballou of MA offered NDM 13-09 as a technical amendment. Jennifer Skidmore of MI spoke in favor. Harold Winston asked that it be sent to Bylaws Committee for study and a report in 2014.

**DM13-45 (NDM 13-10 Ken Ballou, MA)** Amend Bylaws Article IV Section 3 to replace “March 31” with “May 5” in the first sentence.

**REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014**

Harold Winston of IL asked that the next item be referred to the Bylaws Committee for study and a report next year.

**DM 13-46 (NDM 13-11 Ken Ballou, MA)** Amend Bylaws Article VI Section 4 to remove “2. A filing fee of \$250 made payable to the USCF” and to renumber the following item as item 2.

**REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014**

As Chair of the Election Committee, Ken Ballou of MA, gave his rationale for the next motion. Randy Hough of CA-S, Allen Priest of KY; Bill Goichberg of NY, and Harry Sabine of TN all spoke to the motion. Harold Winston of IL advised that the Bylaws Committee had not had the opportunity to consider this and that while the Bylaws workshop was favorable by the time this came up most participants in the workshop had left. Myron Lieberman of AZ asked that the motion be referred to the Bylaws and Election Committees for study and reports next year.

**DM 13-47 (NDM 13-12 Ken Ballou, MA)** Repeal Delegate Action of Continuing Interest (DACI) number 40.

**REFERRED TO ELECTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEES FOR STUDY AND REPORTS IN 2014**

Co-sponsor of NDM 13-13, Tim Just of IL, asked that the motion be referred for study by the US Open Committee and a report given in 2014.

**DM 13-48 (NDM 13-13 Tim Just IL, Wayne Clark IL)** Make the time control for the traditional schedule and six day schedule at all US Open tournaments: 40/90; sd/30; inc. 30.

Benefits:

- All traditional and six day scheduled players can finish ONE hour earlier each evening. There is more time for rest, preparation, and socialization.
- Six day scheduled players would also receive an extra hour between their morning rounds, before the merge, to be able to enjoy a meal, prepare for the next round, or simply relax.
- There is only a maximum total time difference of 13 minutes and 33 seconds for the first time control and players would always have a minimum of 30 seconds per move. The players wouldn't have to try and blitz out moves in 5 seconds in order to make time control.
- The quality of chess improves because each player always has a minimum of 31 seconds remaining on their clock. The effects accumulate allowing for quality calculations throughout the whole game.
- Players no longer need lament about having to finish their game with only 5 seconds per move using a delay. Won games can be won, drawn games can be drawn.
- Towards the end of the tournaments, players are less fatigued because of the accumulated effect of an additional hour after each round. The quality of play doesn't diminish as the tournament proceeds deep into the rounds.
- This is a serious internationally recognized time control being used at such notable chess tournaments as The Chess Olympiad and the National Open.
- This time control is recognized by FIDE and allows the USCF to FIDE rate the tournament if they choose to do so.
- The staff has an extra hour between the merge of the traditional schedule and six day schedule to insure fewer errors. This also increases the probability of starting the merged rounds on schedule.
- Players get to leave sooner and they are less fatigued after the tournament is concluded.

**REFERRED TO U.S. OPEN COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014**

Tim Just of IL introduced the next new item of business urging its passage. Boyd Reed of PA spoke in favor.

**DM13-49 (NDM 13-14 Tim Just IL)** A new rulebook will be published before the 2014 Delegate's Meeting

And, the Delegates approve the publication of this rulebook, incorporating rules changes already approved and necessary editorial (not substantive) changes, without further Delegate review upon its completion before the 2014 Delegates convention.

Reasoning: Let us take one more excuse away from the "powers that be" for not publishing an updated/new rulebook for the last 5 years. A completely updated rulebook

now exists. A few editorial chores may need to be done on some chapters and some rules (no substantive changes), but necessarily.

**PASSED**

Mike Mulford of GA introduced a technical amendment.

**DM 13-50 (NDM 13-15 Mike Mulford, GA)** DACI 8.2 is amended to replace the phrase “state voting member(s)” with “delegates”.

RATIONALE: The position of “state voting members” has not existed for years. This is a technical correction.

**PASSED**

**DM 13-51 (NDM 13-16 Harold Winston of IL)** The Delegates give a vote of thanks to:

1. Ruth Haring for ably presiding over the Delegates meeting
2. Mike Nolan for his services as parliamentarian.
3. Mike Nietman and Franc Guadalupe for their fine work as co-master of ceremonies at the Awards Luncheon.
4. Franc Guadalupe for ably serving as USCF Executive Director.
5. VP for Finance Allen Priest, for his extraordinary service, including his preparation of the yearend financial information and audit schedules and work on the budget and LMA Trust.
6. Pat Smith, Joan DuBois, and Walter Brown for their help with the Delegates meeting.
7. Pat Smith, Mike Nietman, and the Wisconsin Chess Association for their organization of the highly successful 2013 U.S. Open in Madison, Wisconsin.

**PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

President Ruth Haring presented plaques to outgoing Board members, Jim Berry and Bill Goichberg who received a standing ovation in recognition of their service. New Board members Randy Bauer of IA and Chuck Unruh of OK were welcomed to the Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.