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FAMILY PLAN 1 (6)	\$75	N/A	N/A	N/A
FAMILY PLAN 2 (7)	\$47	N/A	N/A	N/A
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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.

President's Report

By Ruth Haring, USCF President



Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 2013 Annual Delegates Meeting. We are happy to be in Middleton, Wisconsin to celebrate chess at the U.S. Open. As Wisconsin welcomes USCF with Bucky Badger, we as visitors to the area can take in attractions such as Middleton Area Historical Society Rowley House Museum, the Middleton Train Depot & Museum and the National Mustard Museum. In *CNN Money's* "2011 Best Places to Live," Middleton ranked #8. It is part of the tradition of the U.S. Open to look for opportunities to rotate the event geographically, and so plan now for the 2014 U.S. Open in St. Louis, and the 2015 U.S. Open in Phoenix.

This year has been an exciting year for American chess, with superb results by our players and more excitement to come. Congratulations to 2013 U.S. Champion Gata Kamsky and U.S. Women's Champion Irina Krush. GM Hikaru Nakamura (**Photos below, l-r**) won the Tal Memorial Blitz tournament in Moscow, finished in clear second place at the Grand Prix in Zug, Switzerland and finished in a tie for second place with World #1-ranked Magnus Carlsen at the Norway Chess 2013, ahead of World Champion Viswanathan Anand and Levon Aronian. Gata Kamsky finished tied for second in the Grand Prix tournament in Thessaloniki. And saving the best for last, Irina Krush won the gold medal at the Women's World Team in Astana, Kazakhstan! Our recent National Open had 21 grandmasters participating. We had record turnouts for our SuperNationals in Nashville and we can only be optimistic about the future. Surely a chess renaissance is upon us.



"Bucky" Badger, the University of Wisconsin mascot.

USCF is fortunate to have strong sponsorship from the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, Rex and Jeannie Sinquefield, and the Kasparov Foundation and Garry Kasparov. We also have sponsorships from Trophies Plus, the U.S. Chess Trust, the Middleton Tourism Commission, the University of Texas at Dallas scholarships, Meeting Link scholarships, Nashville Visitors and Convention Center scholarships, and ChessMagnetSchool.com.

During the year, we marked some changes at the USCF office. Our former Executive Director Bill Hall resigned and his backup Pat Smith stepped in as executive director for several weeks until USCF signed Franc Guadalupe as interim executive director. We are actively searching for candidates for the executive director position. Pat Smith has resumed her duties as national events director and chief operating officer at the USCF office. Another big change at headquarters is the IT infrastructure upgrade which includes the phone system, servers and software. These upgrades should help productivity in the office.

With the record-breaking SuperNationals tournament in Nashville as a backdrop it is easy to understand that USCF again had membership growth. As with every year, going into the summer season we will need to mind the cash flow since our revenues are seasonal, and the summer months are usually our slow months. It must be imperative in the future to find sponsors for the Olympiad and World Youth events as well as achieving 501(c)(3) status. The new tax status should position the organization to start fund raising for key events, rather than depleting from our cash flow. USCF has no reserve fund and this year we had no budget allocated for the Women's World Team event, which with the Kasparov Chess Foundation, we were happy to co-sponsor.

For the 2012-2013 budget year, we expected our budget to be tight and slightly in the green. In the coming year, the board will be seeking to ensure the organization stays on track financially, while at the same time working to grow organized chess in America through marketing and publicity efforts as well as programs to welcome more players into the USCF. I am looking forward to productive discussions with USCF members, delegates, USCF staff, the executive board, and others who join us at our annual delegates meeting.

Welcome to Middleton, Wisconsin.

Ruth Haring, USCF Executive Board President



VP of Finance Report

By Allen Priest



This is my second report as Vice President-Finance. Last year showed significant improvements in the finances of the USCF. We knew this year would be a struggle since this was an Olympiad year. The costs of supporting our teams are substantial and come almost entirely from our operating budget. Further, we were represented in certain international youth tournaments on 2012-2013 that were not on our calendar in the prior year. We had adopted a budget for 2012-13 that was balanced even with these higher costs. We did not expect to generate much toward the building of a reserve fund during this fiscal year. But I am pleased to report that we have increased our net cash position at May 31, 2013 over the 2012 total by around \$25,000.

This very positive result came in a year when we funded our Olympiad teams, paid for participation in the Women's World Team that FIDE unexpectedly moved up into our fiscal year, and paid off the rest of the legal bills incurred due to the lawsuits involving Polgar and Truong. We closed the year with nothing borrowed against our line of credit for the second year in a row.

This occurred because we continued to maintain tight fiscal discipline. But we also recognized that we could maintain all of the austerity measures introduced three years ago. So we found a way to invest in updating the technology both in the office and for our web services. The office technology was antiquated and not easy to maintain. Tasks that should be simple were inefficient and difficult. Our new systems provide us with opportunities for greater efficiency as well as higher levels of reliability. We are financing these systems through a vendor leasing program which allows us to spread the cost over the next three years.

The Life Member Asset committee chose to pay off the building note for our headquarters. This note was being paid from the operating budget. Consequently, the payments from the operating account that were being made to the bank are now being sent to the LMA investment account to replenish that cash. This also removed the building from direct security for our line of credit. This has made it more difficult for us to increase our line capacity if such is needed.

We did experience a cash shortfall in the fall of 2012. This was expected. For many years our membership revenues have fallen off through the summer and then trend up starting in October through April. This causes a decline in our available cash and has generally caused us to borrow against our line of credit each summer. In 2012 this normal cash flow cycle and the Olympiad costs would have presented a challenge, but the situation was compounded by the request of our book and equipment vendor to make monthly payments rather than paying us a lump sum for the year up front. We managed to work through this period by increasing our line of credit by \$50,000. Without the building as collateral LMA purchased a CD at the bank to secure the increase. Those funds were repaid to the bank ahead of schedule and the CD was released once it matured.

We have seen an increase in membership for two years in a row. That is a significant positive development. Membership fees provide three quarters of our revenue. Membership revenue is up both over last year and over budget, and on both the cash and accrual basis.

My goal for the USCF remains to develop sufficient cash reserves so that we can weather the next storm without endangering the life of the organization. The budget we have recommended maintains the conservative and realistic revenue estimates from recent years and provides additional cash reserves. The USCF has weathered some serious financial challenges. We have invested in tools our team needs to work efficiently. We must continue to grow our 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.

Our application to change in our tax status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3) is still pending before the Internal Revenue Service. 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.

Thank you for your patience and your support. As we successfully move beyond some very serious challenges we have the opportunity to establish long-term stability in USCF finances for the first time in a long time and then we can concentrate on the development of chess.

VOLUNTEER EXPENSE REPORT

Paid during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2013

NAME	CAPACITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
Ruth Haring	Executive Board	\$5,689.49
Michael Atkins	Executive Board	\$936.80

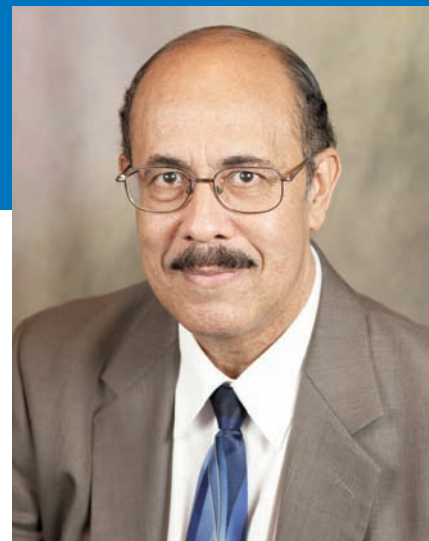
LEGAL EXPENDITURES 2012-13

NAME	CAPACITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
POLGAR, ALEXANDER	Hirsch & Westheimer, PC	\$21,194.73
SLOAN	Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, PC	\$3,150.00
GOVERNANCE & MISC	Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, PC	\$10,208.18
	Lucas, Mercaniti - Trademark	\$575.00

TOTAL LEGAL FEES 2012-2013 **\$35,127.91**

Executive Director's Report

By Francisco L. Guadalupe, USCF Executive Director



ANOTHER YEAR HAS ENDED. As you know, I am in the unique position of having to report at this year's Delegates' Meeting but I commenced my duties as Executive Director the day after the end of the fiscal year. In many ways, as you will read below, it was a very successful but, at the same time, somewhat tumultuous year. Bill Hall left at the end of this period after serving as our Executive Director honorably and diligently for over eight years. I am thankful for his friendship and advice. I have been asked by the Executive Board to manage our operations until a permanent Executive Director is hired. I agreed to it and I will do my best to keep things going and improve operations during my likely short tenure.

I am particularly excited about this year's U.S. Open, for a couple of reasons. First, I think it is going to be a smashing success which will be possible with the support of our hosts in the Badger State! In addition, since I had been asked to be the Chief Tournament Director of the event, I will be wearing "two hats" at this event and that is not likely to happen often.



Patricia K. Smith, Assistant Executive Director

Getting back to last year, I must recognize those who contributed to its success and are now working under my direction. The first name that comes to mind is that of Pat Smith, our Director of National Events and my Assistant Executive Director. She has worked tirelessly in the planning and execution of our national events, including last year's U.S. Open in Vancouver, Washington, followed by the National Grades in Orlando, Florida, and culminating with a record-smashing SuperNationals V in Nashville, Tennessee. This last event drew 5,335 participants, eclipsing the previous record. Since I was the Chief Tournament Director of the last event, I worked very closely with Pat so I have first-hand knowledge of all the planning, time and effort she invested in making that event a success for participants and our organization. Of course, we could not do it alone, so Pat hired a (large!) group of competent tournament directors and staff members who followed our plans and directions. We are very thankful to all of them. After Bill's departure and before my arrival, Pat also performed duties as the Interim Executive Director.

In order to better serve our members, we have implemented some programs and others are still in the planning and execution process. In the office, led by our IT Director, Phil Smith, we have been working with equipment and phone system upgrades. We are really excited about these upgrades and by the time we meet in Wisconsin, they should have been completed. For our employees, we have new health insurance options that are more cost effective for them and the organization. We are also working on cross-training our employees. Our goal is to continue providing timely and professional service even when they are out on scheduled as well as unscheduled absences. After all, our USCF members deserve uninterrupted service and benefits.

Last year, we started issuing the new USCF membership cards and the response has been very positive! The new cards are very stylish and professional looking! Although there have been talks about new membership cards for awhile, our new Marketing Director, Robert McClellan coordinated the final product.

Robert's goal was, and still is, to grow the USCF both in membership and influence. To that end, he has been working on forging stronger relationships within the membership and creating greater rates of retention while also reaching out to new groups in order to attract members and extend the role of chess in American society. Robert has also been working with outside agencies to support and leverage the efforts of publishers, producers and others who can help build the broad "brand" of chess, especially as it relates to chess in education. He has worked on developing media coverage of chess in order to build better public awareness of chess in society, and he has built new relationships with educational institutions that can help us introduce or expand chess within the nation's school systems.

As you may already know, chess has been expanding into the entertainment arena. One example is the new feature film *The Life of a King* with Cuba Gooding, Jr. One partnership was created with the publisher Scribner to help promote the book *The Queen of Katwe* from which we were able to arrange appearances on the original book tour in November 2012 and then again in April 2013 when *Newsweek* brought the girl featured in the book, Phiona, along with her coach Robert Katende, back to the U.S. for its Women in the World Summit. From feature stories in the *Los Angeles Times* to CNN, ESPN, and local news shows from San Diego to New York City, we were instrumental in sharing the wonderful story of how chess helped a young girl overcome some of the most challenging circumstances imaginable and in many markets promote the affiliates who hosted events in schools, chess clubs and even on the USS Wisconsin. We will continue to build that partnership as Disney is now working on a feature film based on the story.

Of course the biggest chess public relations story of the past year was what brought Robert to the USCF in the first place—the award-winning documentary *Brooklyn Castle*. The media campaign for the film reached over 100 million people with appearances on the Today Show, CNN, the Daily Show with Jon Stewart, and every major network and newspaper in the nation. The film made chess accessible to people who may have



Phillip R. Smith, IT Director

had no prior interest in the game. As one reviewer from the *Chicago Tribune* put it “I don’t know diddly about chess, and I still loved it.”

More importantly, along with a book about chess in education called *How Children Succeed* by Paul Tough who featured the same I.S. 318 program as in the film, *Brooklyn Castle* helped expand the discussion of chess in education. The USCF was able to leverage its relationship with the film to reach educators in most states, from local schoolteachers, principals and superintendents all the way up to one state’s Commissioner of Education and top people in the federal government. We were invited to participate in film festival panels and community events and to present the film at major education conferences such as the After School Alliance and America’s Promise Alliance events in Washington, D.C., the largest after school provider conference in the nation in Palm Springs, California and the American Library Association conference in Chicago. Chess outreach tied to the film will continue throughout 2013 as more screenings are arranged, an education version is promoted to schools nationwide and PBS Television airs *Brooklyn Castle* in October.

National Chess Day in 2012 was a success with many more events reaching out to the broad public instead of just being an event to promote a local tournament. This year’s celebration promises to be even better! With the PBS broadcast date for *Brooklyn Castle* now set as October 7, we have gone back to our U.S. Senate associates to change the proclamation from Chess Day to National Chess Week and hope to expand our reach to adult player groups with events for veterans, the military and for our adult and college clubs, as well as increasing the number of events in our schools.



Robert McLellan, Director of Marketing

Our FIDE delegate will report of some of the Pan American and World Youth events, but before the events take place, a great deal of work goes into the planning and coordination with our players, and the person who makes that happen is Jerry Nash. He wears many hats, including Director of Educational Research and Training, International Youth Events, and Titles and Certifications. In his areas, the past year was busy and productive. Our international youth teams set records in two events, the Pan American Youth and the World Youth. The Pan American Youth in Lima, Peru, concluded with the U.S. team in second place in the country prize list. U.S. players brought home a total of 10 medals—six gold, three silver, and one bronze. The World Youth saw a record of 89 players compete in Maribor, Slovenia. With over 200 players, coaches, and parents attending, the U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia observed that it was the largest American delegation to ever visit that country. The United States team won third place and walked away with four medals—two gold, one silver, and one bronze.



Director of Educational Research and Training, International Youth Events, and Titles and Certifications

Since November, our office has been at work to efficiently register FIDE arbiters, process changes of federation, and facilitate title and norm applications. In addition, response time for processing tournament director applications and renewals has been dramatically decreased. Walter Brown and Susan Houston have worked diligently in processing FIDE rated tournaments, assisting tournament directors in submitting tournaments, and processing chess coach certification requests.

This year, we have seen an increase in the number of opportunities to assist local members and affiliates in expanding their scholastic chess programs. Jerry has made presentations at regional literacy conferences as well as professional development seminars for educators which have provided the local chess community greater visibility and credibility within the education community. Additionally, we benefit by the increased visibility and the prospect of new memberships.

Of course, we could not inform our membership and recognize the contributions of our organizers, tournament directors and players without our publications department. Led by Dan Lucas, his superb team has met the deadlines 100 percent of the time, putting our various publications in the members’ hands in the time frame they have come to expect. Most of Dan’s staff of eight has been with him almost since he started seven years ago, a fact of which he is very proud. This has saved the USCF costs associated with hiring and training and given them valuable institutional knowledge.

Some of the member-friendly departments that were introduced in the August 2012 issue of *Chess Life*, “Faces Across the Board,” “My Best Move,” and “Knight’s Tour,” are gaining traction and proving popular. Our publications department also redesigned our program book for SuperNationals V, adding full color. The advertising in that booklet generated revenue of almost \$5,000. *Chess Life* articles over the last few years have reflected the diversity of USCF interests: correspondence chess, military chess, college chess, women players, collectors, scholastic chess, and seniors’ chess among others.

Chess Life covers over the last few years have shown the diversity of USCF membership, including Asian, Black, Indian, seniors, college, women, teens, and children. Our cover story on the Queen of Katwe in the November 2012 *Chess Life* recently won an award for our writer Jamaal Abdul-Alim from the National Association of Black Journalists in the category of “Best International Article.”

In closing, I appreciate the trust and confidence the Executive Board has in me. I also appreciate the group of professionals who I now humbly lead. Although I will be the Executive Director for a short period, I know that there is much to be done and I will do my best to justify that trust. Our USCF members deserve nothing less.



Daniel Lucas, Director of Publications

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Chess Trust Report

By Harold Winston, Trust Chairman



The U.S. Chess Trust, a federally tax exempt Massachusetts Trust, supports chess nationwide and participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The Trust supports chess in the schools by donating sets and boards and USCF memberships, is the major sponsor of the Scholar Chessplayer Program, owns many of the permanent exhibits in the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum, funds the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions and supports the Dewain Barber Tournament of Grade K-8 Champions, and the new Girls' Tournament, to be held at the same time as the Denker and Barber during the U.S. Open. We also support U.S. players in the World Youth and World Junior Championships.

This April I spoke for the Trust at the opening ceremony of the SuperNationals in Nashville and met with members of the scholastic council and executive board scholastic liaison Mike Nietman to discuss many aspects of scholastic chess. I also discussed Trust matters with USCF President Ruth Haring and USCF Vice President for Finance Allen Priest. Before the Sunday morning round of the high school championship section, I spoke to the players about how to organize a college chess club if high school players arrive at a college without a club. In Nashville, I also announced this year's winners of the Scholar Chessplayer Awards: Miles Hinson (PA), Anna Matlin (NJ), Kevin Mo (PA), Benjamin Tong (CA), and Thomas Ulrich (WI). Each award winner receives a \$1,500 college scholarship based on both chess and academic achievement and the program is also supported by Sunil Weeramantry's National Scholastic Chess Foundation.

One of the greatest pleasures of being Trust chairman is participating in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions and the Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions and I enjoyed doing so at Vancouver, Washington in 2012, accompanied by Trust Managing Director Barbara DeMaro. I am very impressed by the fine work Dewain Barber, Steve Shutt, Jon Haskel, and their colleagues do in setting up these events, which are proven successes.

Congratulations to GM Sam Shankland of Orinda, California, the 2013 Samford Fellow, who won both team and individual gold medals at the 2013 Pan American Team Championship. The Chess Trust is proud to administer the Samford Fellowship program, whose winners are chosen by a committee of Frank P. Samford III, GM Arthur Bisguier, and IM John Donaldson. The first Samford Fellow was Joel Benjamin back in 1987.

We are delighted to support the collegiate Final Four, due to the enthusiasm of Booz Allen Hamilton and we appreciate the work of Mike Hoffpauir of Virginia and current and former college chess chairs, Russell Harwood and Jim Stallings, both of Texas.

I visited the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum in St. Louis twice for induction ceremonies: in the fall of 2012 for GM Alex Yermolinsky and in the spring of 2013 for GM Gregory Kaidanov and WIM Mona May Karff. Each time I viewed current exhibits and met with museum patron and Chess Trust trustee Rex Sinquefield, Director Susan Barrett, Museum Curator Shannon Bailey and other museum officials. I particularly enjoyed an exhibit on chess and U.S. Presidents. I urge next year's U.S. Open players and delegates to be sure to visit the World Chess Hall of Fame when the Open comes to St. Louis.

The Trust's funding of the Denker Tournament of High School Champions is made possible through the generosity of Arnold's son, trustee Mitchell Denker.

The Trust continues to support chess in the armed forces and prison chess. This May I was present at an Internet match between Cook County (Illinois) Jail inmates and Russian prison and jail inmates, set up by Anatoly Karpov and Mikhail Korenman, under the auspices of Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, who recognized the value of chess in his remarks to the media. This match was well covered by Chicago TV and radio stations and the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Russia won 15½-4½ but this may have been the first match between prisoners in these two countries. In April, I visited the 2013 KCF All-Girls National Chess Championships in Chicago.

Consider donations to the Chess Trust to honor the memory of a person when chess was an important part of their life. We recognize such donations on our website: www.uschesstrust.org. We recently received donations in honor of three loved ones. Family members and friends made donations to honor Alberto Fernandez Vila of Florida and we also received donations to honor the memory of Paul Adams and Mike Morris. Contact Trust Managing Director Barbara DeMaro at bduscf@aol.com to arrange such donations.

We are proud of our website being up to date thanks to Webmaster Dora Leticia and Web Editor Beatriz Marinello. Take a look: www.uschesstrust.org. I thank Beatriz and Dora for their fine work and also Jim Eade, chair of our website committee. We also have a newsletter which Jim, Beatriz, and Dora work on. You can make online donations to the Trust through our website.

In the last year I have greatly benefited from the advice of President Jim Eade and Treasurer Leroy Dubeck, as well as Chairman Emeritus Harold Dondis. I greatly appreciate the quick work of President Emeritus Shane Samole in notifying us that the family of Alberto Fernandez Vila wished to honor him with Trust donations.

Secretary Myron Lieberman has improved our record keeping by putting in place a system to keep us updated on significant motions passed.

Our managing director, independent contractor Barbara DeMaro, not only solicits donations, administers the Samford Fellowship fund, processes requests for chess sets and donations but makes sure we keep tax filings up to date and our current status as part of the Combined Federal Campaign, CFC No. 10212. She has worked on and received legacy donations to the Trust. Donors who want to include the Chess Trust in their wills, can contact Barbara for details at bduscf@aol.com.

I thank all the trustees for their involvement and ideas: President Jim Eade (N-CA), Treasurer Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Chairman Emeritus Harold Dondis (MA), Secretary Myron Lieberman (AZ), President Emeritus Shane Samole (FL), Chess in Education Vice President Tim Redman (TX), Scholastic Vice President Sunil Weeramantry (NY), Mitchell Denker (FL), Mark Fins (MA), Steve Doyle (NJ), Beatriz Marinello (NY), and Rex Sinquefield (MO). Our trustees represent all parts of the nation and serve without compensation.

Our annual meeting is open to the public and all are welcome on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at the U.S. Open hotel in Madison, Wisconsin at 1 p.m. Donations can be mailed to U.S. Chess Trust, P.O. Box 838, Wallkill, NY 12589: Attention Barbara DeMaro. Barbara and I will collect donations in person at the U.S. Open and at the workshops and delegates meeting. To make sure your full donation goes to the Trust write a check or donate in cash. You can contact me at HJWinston@aol.com.

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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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Advance Agenda for the 2013 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting

Madison Marriott West, Middleton, Wisconsin, August 3-4, 2013

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 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND STANDING RULES, MINUTES OF THE 2012 DELEGATES' MEETING AND APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

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.

ADM 13-03 (Bill Goichberg, NY)

Move that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian.

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*.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULT

ADM 13-05 (Ken Ballou, MA; Elections Committee)

The Delegates certify the Executive Board election results. The new Executive Board members will take office at the conclusion of this meeting.

RATIFICATION

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.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

Greetings from the Wisconsin Chess Association and USCF Executive Board Secretary, Mike Nietman.

Report of the President (Ruth Haring)

Report of the Vice-President (Gary Walters)

Report of the Executive Director (Francisco Guadalupe)

Report of the Vice-President of Finance (Allen Priest)

ADM 13-07 (Executive Board)

The 2013-2014 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)

ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Audit Committee Election

Bylaws Committee Election

Election Committee Election

Ethics Committee Election

LMA Committee/Trust Election

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

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.

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

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

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

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."

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."

ADM 13-14 (DM 12-23, DM11-58, NDM11-14, Frank Camaratta, FL)

With the proliferation of increasingly more powerful and sophisticated handheld 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

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, unless 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.

ADM 13-16 (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 teenage years.

REFERRED TO THE SCHOLASTIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEES FOR STUDY AND A REPORT IN 2013

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 score-keeping 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.

REFERRED TO RATINGS AND RULES COMMITTEES

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 web site, 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

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

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business will be any motions endorsed by the USCF Members Meeting.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

ADM 13-26 (Executive Board)

Amend Article 6, 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.

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.

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."

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."
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*.

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.

ADM 13-31 (Marcus Roberts, TX)

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 web site, 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 web site. **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.**

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.

ADM 13-33 (Marcus Roberts, TX)

The Delegates instruct the Executive Board of the U.S. 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.

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.

ADM 13-35 (Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

An individual who has served for nine consecutive years on the Executive Board must wait one full board term before being re-nominated for the Executive Board.

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 too 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, REFERRED, OR DELAYED.

ADM 13-37 (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's Articles of Incorporation must be approved by a two thirds majority of the Executive Board, and a two thirds majority of the Voting Members.

RATIONALE: Since the Articles of Incorporation supersede the Bylaws, it should be at least as hard to change them as it is to change a Bylaw.

ADM 13-38 (Dan Heisman, PA)

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."

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/view_topic.php?f=2&t=17537). The second sentence of the proposed rule 32B3 is new.

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.

RATIONALE: 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.

INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

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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.

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Motions of the USCF Executive Board in FY 2012-2013

MOTION #	SPONSOR	DATE/METHOD	SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
EB13-001	Atkins	08/12/12 M	Add Brennan Price (VA) to the TDCC	PASSED 7-0
EB13-002	Nietman	08/12/12 M	Add Jon Haskel (FL) to the Denker Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-003	Priest	08/12/12 M	Hire Auditors for three years	PASSED 7-0
EB13-004	Priest	08/12/12 M	Add Boyd Reed (PA) to Finance Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-005	Board	08/22/12 E	Committee Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB13-006	Board	08/22/12 E	Committee Liaison Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB13-007	Atkins	08/23/12 E	Blitz Grand Prix Events	PASSED 5-1-1
EB13-008	Nietman	10/26/12 E	Acceptance of August EB Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB13-009	Atkins	11/09/12 M	TD Certification – Blitz experience	PASSED 7-0
EB13-010	Nietman	11/09/12 M	Accept Pan Am Rules Revision	PASSED 7-0
EB13-011	Atkins	11/09/12 M	Mike Hoffpaur is Chair of Military Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-012	Walters	11/10/12 M	Book and Eqpmt Contracts to be approved by EB	PASSED 7-0
EB13-013	Nietman	11/10/12 M	Changes to the College Chess Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-014	Nietman	11/10/12 M	Change to the Denker Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-015	Berry	11/10/12 M	Ramon Hernandez is chair of Publications Comm.	PASSED 7-0
EB13-016	Nietman	11/10/12 M	Accept Revisions to Scholastic Tmt. Regulations	PASSED 7-0
EB13-017	Nietman	11/10/12 M	Additions to the Barber Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-018	Priest	11/10/12 M	Approve Three Year IT Plan	PASSED 7-0
EB13-019	Hall	11/10/12 M	Membership Promotion	PASSED 7-0
EB13-020	Hall	11/10/12 M	Foreign Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB13-021	Atkins	11/10/12 M	FIDE Protest	PASSED 6-0
EB13-022	Haring	11/10/12 M	Amend USCF Invitational Requirement Rules	PASSED 6-0
EB13-023	Nietman	11/27/12 E	Add Elliott Neff to the Scholastic Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-024	Hall	01/19/13 E	Signatories on PPHBF Money Market Account	PASSED 7-0
EB13-025	Haring	01/19/13 E	Rules and Budget for Girls Invitational	PASSED 7-0
EB13-026	Walters	01/25/13 E	Web Site Advisory Committee	PASSED 7-0

MOTION #	SPONSOR	DATE/METHOD	SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
EB13-027	Priest	02/02/13 EC	Oberweis Account	PASSED 7-0
EB13-028	Priest	02/02/13 EC	Oberweis Account	FAILED 3-3-1
EB13-029	Priest	02/02/13 C	IT System	PASSED 7-0
EB13-030	Nietman	02/02/13 C	Approve November EB Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB13-031	Goichberg	02/04/13 CE	Rating Formula – Effective Number of Games	PASSED 7-0
EB13-032	Goichberg	02/04/13 CE	Rating Formula – K for dual rated games	PASSED 7-0
EB13-033	Board	02/04/13 CE	FIDE Academies - Application	PASSED 6-0-1
EB13-034	Board	02/04/13 CE	FIDE Academies - Plan	PASSED 6-1
EB13-035	Haring	02/04/13 CE	FIDE Letter of Protest re: Player Registration	PASSED 7-0
EB13-036	Hall	02/04/13 E	Line of Credit account closure	PASSED 7-0
EB13-037	Haring	02/04/13 E	Update USCF Invitational Requirements	PASSED 7-0
EB13-038	Priest	02/04/13 E	Oberweis Account Signatories	PASSED 6-0
EB13-039	Walters	03/01/13 E	Web Site Advisory Committee	PASSED 6-0
EB13-040	Nietman	03/06/13 E	World Youth Selection Criteria	PASSED 7-0
EB13-041	Nietman	03/14/13 E	Revision to World Youth Minimum Ratings	PASSED 7-0
EB13-042	Hall	03/26/13 E	Online National Championships	PASSED 7-0
EB13-043	Atkins	04/08/13 E	National Chess Day - 2013	PASSED 7-0
EB13-044	Atkins	04/18/13 E	National Chess Day Addition	PASSED 7-0
EB13-045	Nietman	05/02/13 E	Approval of February 2013 EB Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB13-046	Walters	05/02/13 E	EB Personnel and Appraisal Subcommittee	PASSED 6-1
EB13-047	Haring	05/06/13 E	Signatory Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB13-048	Walters	05/09/13 M	Resolution to thank Bill Hall for his service as ED	PASSED 6-0
EB13-049	Nietman	05/11/13 M	World Youth and Pan Am Selection Criteria	PASSED 7-0
EB13-050	Walters	05/11/13 M	Accept Bill Hall resignation	PASSED 7-0
EB13-051	Haring	05/11/13 M	Prison Chess Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB13-052	Atkins	05/11/13 M	Senior Grand Prix	PASSED 7-0
EB13-053	Haring	05/13/13 M	Outstanding Player Achievement Award	PASSED 7-0
EB13-054	Board	05/13/13 M	Awards for 2013	PASSED 6-0
EB13-055	Priest	05/13/13 M	Senior Accountant	PASSED 6-0
EB13-056	Goichberg	05/13/13 M	2014 Grand Prix	PASSED 6-0

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

The following four motions were voted at the first meeting of the 2013 EB, which took place on Sunday, August 12, 2012, at the Vancouver, WA, Hilton.

EB13-001 – ATKINS

Moved, that Brennan Price (VA) be added to the TDCC.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-002 – NIETMAN

Moved, that Jon Haskel (FL) be added to the Denker Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-003 – PRIEST

Moved, that the Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director to sign the proposal from Bible Harris Smith to serve as auditors for the USCF for three years.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-004 – PRIEST

Moved, that Boyd Reed (PA) be added to the Finance Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

The Executive Board moved by e-mail on August 17 to make changes to the committee structure and to committee liaisons. Any committee that is not mentioned in these motions will continue and will have the same Board Liaison as in 2012. The voting was completed on August 22.

EB13-005 – BOARD

The USCF Executive Board moves that the following changes be made:

1. The **Governance Task Force** be dissolved with its mission moved to Bylaws.
2. The **Survey Committee** be dissolved.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-006 – BOARD

The USCF Executive Board moves that the following changes to Board Liaisons be made: **Hall of Records:** - Jim Berry, **Ratings:** - Bill Goichberg and Ruth Haring, **Senior:** Ruth Haring

PASSED 7-0.

The Executive Board discussed and voted on a proposal that certain blitz events be eligible for Grand Prix points. Mike Atkins moved the following by e-mail on August 17. The vote was completed on August 23.

EB13-007 – ATKINS

Moved, that once the new USCF Blitz Rating system is in effect, that properly organized blitz events shall be eligible for Grand Prix points under the current structure of Grand Prix tournaments.

PASSED 5-1-1 with Gary Walters opposed and Ruth Haring abstaining.

Secretary Mike Nietman moved the acceptance of the August EB Minutes by e-mail on October 20. They were accepted by unanimous vote on October 26.

EB13-008 – NIETMAN

I move that we accept the minutes of the August 9 and August 12 Executive Board Meetings as presented.

PASSED 7-0.

The Executive Board met November 9-10, 2012, in Mason, Ohio. The following motions came out of that meeting.

EB13-009 – ATKINS

Effective immediately; in the TD certification rules make Blitz chess TD experience equivalent to Quick chess TD experience by appropriately replacing the wording Quick chess with Quick/Blitz chess.

PASSED 7-0. Please see Appendix A.

EB13-010 – NIETMAN

Accept the 2012 Pan Am Rules Revision.

PASSED 7-0. Please see Appendix B.

EB13-011 – ATKINS

Col. Mike Hoffpaur (U.S. Army - retired) be named chair of the Military Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

The following motions arose from the closed session on Saturday, November 10:

EB13-012 – WALTERS

Effective immediately, the primary Books and Equipment contract and the contracting process for all national tournaments organized by the USCF will be approved by the Executive Board.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-013 – NIETMAN

Add Al Lawrence and remove Rich Rice from the College Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-014 – NIETMAN

Remove Shelby Lohrman from the Denker Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-015 – BERRY

Ramon Hernandez is named chair of the USCF Publications Committee replacing Jonathan Hilton.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-016 – NIETMAN

Accept the revisions to the Scholastic Tournament Regulations as presented by the Scholastic Council.

PASSED 7-0. Please see Appendix C.

EB13-017 – NIETMAN

Add Sunil Weeramantry and Tom Brownscombe to the Barber Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-018 – PRIEST

The EB approves the concept of the three year IT plan submitted by Phil Smith and authorizes him to develop an implementation plan with contracts to be submitted to the EB for approval.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-019 – HALL

The Executive Board approves a membership promotion for the month of November for adult memberships where an adult premium membership for three years may be purchased at the two year premium price. Alternatively a one year premium membership may be available for the regular adult price, or the purchase of a one year premium adult membership may result in an upgrade to premium from regular adult for the balance of a current regular adult membership.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-020 – HALL

The Executive Board approves the Foreign Membership as a promotional membership available for \$20 for members with a foreign address only and

to be purchased through the TD/Affiliate area of the website.

PASSED 7-0.

The following motions were made in Open Session on Saturday, November 10:

EB13-021 – ATKINS

The USCF Executive Board authorizes President Ruth Haring to contact the Dutch Federation in order to join their protest of the way FIDE handled the implementation of the Arbiter's License Fee program. She will also send the letter to FIDE.

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

EB13-022 – HARING

Amend the USCF Invitational Requirement rules effective immediately to change the invitational rating adjustment for the activity criteria from three invitational rating points deducted to one invitational rating point deducted.

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

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on November 27, 2012, to add Elliott Neff to the Scholastic Committee. The motion passed on December 1, 2012.

EB13-023 – NIETMAN

Add Elliott Neff (WA) to the Scholastic Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

Bill Hall moved on January 11, 2013, to update signatories to the PPHBF money market account, which is the distribution account for the fund. The vote was completed on January 19.

EB13-024 – HALL

The USCF Executive Board directs the Bank of Putnam County to list Bill Hall, Peggy Eberhart, and Pat Smith as the signatories for the Professional Players Health and Benefits Fund money market account.

PASSED 7-0.

Ruth Haring moved the rules and budget for the Girls' Invitational by e-mail on January 17, 2013. The vote was completed on January 19.

EB13-025 – HARING

Move that the following Rules and budget commitment for the 2013 Girls' Invitational be approved:

- 1) If eligible, the 2013 National Girls' Invitational Champion will be a qualifier for the World Youth Championship provided there is space available and sections have not been otherwise limited. In the event of a tie, the player finishing highest on tiebreaks will be the qualifier.
- 2) All participants in the 2013 Girls' National Championship are eligible for FREE entry into the 2013 U.S. Open upon completion of the event.
- 3) USCF will budget for a \$6,000 expense for the 2013 event. (This amount is based on the past experience holding the Denker and Barber tournaments with an \$8,000 budget and factoring in our known sponsorship commitments from the Chess Trust and Trophies Plus for \$1,000 each.)
- 4) The USCF will be the official sponsor of the event. Other sponsors include U.S. Chess Trust and Trophies Plus. The organizing committee will continue to look for additional sponsors.
- 5) The prize fund is 1st \$800, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300 (all players who tie for 3rd will be guaranteed a minimum of \$300).
- 6) If a celebrity appearance is scheduled, USCF will host a reception event if no outside sponsor is found.

PASSED 7-0.

Gary Walters moved the formation of a web site advisory committee by e-mail on January 22, 2013. The vote was completed on January 25, 2013.

EB13-026 – WALTERS

I move that the Executive Board immediately solicit Member volunteers for, and select and constitute as soon as possible, a USCF Web Site Advisory Committee (WSAC), which will have the charge to report back to the Executive Board within 120 days (but not later than June 1, 2013) to present the EB with advice and a proposed action plan for the upgrade/improvement of the USCF Web site. The form of the advice may include more than one option based on budgetary considerations. The Committee will be chaired by a volunteer Member named by the Executive Board, but who is not on the Executive Board or the staff of the USCF. The Executive Board will be represented by President Haring and Secretary Nietman, and will include at least two members of the USCF staff. To the extent possible, the WSAC will have one-half of its members who are not on the Executive Board or the USCF staff.

PASSED 7-0.

The following two motions were presented by e-mail on December 11, 2012 with the vote finalized during the February 2-3 conference call.

EB13-027 – PRIEST

The Board approves the resolution submitted in September 2012 authorizing Tim Redman, Leroy Dubeck, and Joe Nanna as signatories on the Oberweis account.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-028 – PRIEST

The Board authorizes the Executive Director to execute a new authorization form for the Oberweis account. The new form will require 2 signatures to authorize transactions on behalf of the USCF and will include the following approved signatories: Tim Redman, Leroy Dubeck and Peggy Eberhart.

Failed 3-3-1 with Allen Priest, Mike Atkins and Jim Berry in favor; Ruth Haring, Gary Walters and Mike Nietman against and Bill Goichberg abstaining. Note: The dissenters wished to have two office employees named for backup purposes.

The following motions were voted during the Executive Board conference call on Saturday, February 2, 2013:

EB13-029 – PRIEST

The IT director is authorized to complete the negotiations of a four year lease agreement for a Dell based IT system in accordance with the DataSource proposal presented to the EB at the 2/2/13 phone meeting. The lease agreement will provide for transfer of ownership of the equipment to the USCF at the end of the lease term at a price not to exceed \$1. The monthly lease price shall not exceed the monthly amount presented to the board of \$2,663.67. The Executive Director will present the final contract to the EB for final approval before signing the contract.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-030 – NIETMAN

Accept the minutes of the November 2012 Executive Board meeting that were distributed via e-mail.

PASSED 7-0.

The following two motions were submitted Saturday, February 2 with the final version voted on by e-mail February 3-4.

EB13-031 – GOICHBURG

USCF revises the formula for determining the effective number of games to the following:

$$N_{eff}(r) = \begin{cases} 50/\sqrt{0.662 + 0.00000739(2569 - r)^2} & \text{if } r \leq 2355 \\ 50.0 & \text{if } r > 2355 \end{cases}$$

where $N(r)$ is the effective number of games, and r is the pre-tournament rating.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-032 – GOICHBERG

USCF reduces the K factors for the regular rated part of dual rated play for players rated over 2200, which will cause these ratings to change more slowly at time controls of G/30 to G/65. The formula enacted to implement this change is as follows:

$$K_{new}(r) = \begin{cases} K(6.5 - 0.0025R) & \text{if } 2200 < R < 2500 \\ K/4 & \text{if } R \geq 2500 \end{cases}$$

where K is the starting K factor, $K(r)$ is the new K factor, and R is the pre-tournament rating.

PASSED 7-0.

The following three motions were discussed in closed session Sunday, February 3 and voted on by e-mail February 3-4.

EB13-033 – BOARD

Because the authority outlined for FIDE academies would grant them powers that have long been reserved for national federations, the USCF does not approve the application for a FIDE academy made by Sevan Muradian.

PASSED 6-0-1 with Mike Atkins abstaining.

EB13-034 – BOARD

Because the authority outlined for FIDE academies would grant them powers that have long been reserved for national federations, the USCF will establish any future FIDE academy in the United States. The Executive Board directs the Executive Director to develop a plan to establish such an academy for review and approval at the May EB meeting.

PASSED 6-1 with Mike Atkins voting No.

EB13-035 – HARING

The board strongly endorses the common letter of protest authored by Mr. Hamers from the Royal Dutch Chess Federation addressed to the FIDE Presidential board on the subject of new regulations for registration and licensing of players.

PASSED 7-0.

The following motions were submitted by e-mail from Friday, February 1-Sunday, February 3 and finalized on February 4.

This is an old housekeeping item for Cumberland County Bank for our unsecured Line of Credit. It was accessed for \$50,000 and was paid back in December.

EB13-036 – HALL

Mr. Bill Hall was authorized to sign on behalf of the U.S. Chess Federation for a loan with Cumberland County Bank. The loan was a line of credit in the amount of \$50,000.00. The loan was closed on 10/10/2012.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-037 – HARING

Update the document "USCF Invitational Requirements" in accordance with the recommendations of the invitation requirements advisory committee. Changes recommended are:

- 1) Change the first bullet under 2. Federation listed USA at FIDE to eliminate the phrase, "if not a U.S. Citizen" at the end of the sentence. New wording is: "Player must be registered with FIDE as a USA player to participate in these events."
- 2) Remove the entire section entitled, "Medal Bonuses Adjustments: Olympiad and World Team:"

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-038 – PRIEST

Moved, that it is resolved that the Executive Board authorizes the following as signatories on the Life Member Asset account at Oberweis Securities:

Leroy Dubeck, Tim Redman, Peggy Eberhart.

This serves to remove Joe Nanna as an authorized signer on this account.

The Executive Board authorizes the office staff to execute whatever documents are required by Oberweis to effect this change.

PASSED 7-0.

Gary Walters moved to establish a Web Site Advisory Committee on February 20, 2013. The vote was completed on March 1.

EB13-039 – WALTERS

I move that the Web Site Advisory Committee (WSAC) be constituted by the Executive Board with the below listed 10 members, that the WSAC be charged to develop a recommendation for a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the USCF web site, including phases if necessary, that the WSAC develop a timeline and recommended working budget as part of its plan, that the chair and WSAC work with the EB for the inclusion of some portion of its recommended budget in the next fiscal year (understanding that the budget meeting for next year will be held on May 10, 2013) that a working meeting open to all members and delegates be scheduled for Madison (2013) on the Friday before the Annual Meeting, that the WSAC receive 15 minutes at the 2013 Annual Meeting for a preliminary report to be rendered by the chair (or his designated representative) to the Executive Board and delegates, that the chair (or his designated representative) receive \$500 to defray expenses incurred at the 2013 Annual Meeting, that the aspirational date for completion of the WSAC's initial plan will be on or before the 2013 Annual Meeting, but in no event will a final initial plan and report be recommended and submitted to the Executive Board later than October 1, 2013, and the WSAC will continue in existence beyond the completion of the initial website plan indefinitely or until such time as the Executive Board decides that it is no longer needed. The WSAC shall consist of:

- Boyd Reed—WSAC Chair
- Ruth Haring—President, EB, Mike Nietman—Secretary, EB
- Bill Hall—Executive Director
- Phil Smith—Director of Information Technology
- Robert McClellan—Director of Marketing
- Brennan Price, Joshua Rofrano, Jared Collins, and Alex Evers—Volunteers

PASSED 6-0 with Bill Goichberg not voting.

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on March 6, 2013, to adopt the revised World Youth Selection Criteria presented by the Scholastic Council with some modifications (EB13-039). The vote was completed on March 14, 2013. An additional adjustment was moved and passed unanimously on March 14, 2013 (EB13-40). Please note: The revised World Youth Selection Criteria as modified by motions EB13-039 and EB13-040 can be found as Appendix D in the 2013 Appendices file.

EB13-040 – NIETMAN

I move that the Board accept the revised World Youth Selection criteria as presented by the Scholastic Council and modified by Mike Nietman. This process will be in effect for the 2013 World Youth.

PASSED 7-0.

Michael Khodarkovsky and the Scholastic Council amended their recommendation for the minimum ratings for the Boys and Girls <8 World Youth categories. Mike Nietman moved acceptance of these changes to the selection criteria passed in motion EB13-039.

EB13-041 – NIETMAN

I move that the following ratings be adjusted: Boys U8 from 1500 to 1600, Girls U8 from 1100 to 1200.

PASSED 7-0.

Bill Hall made the Board aware of an opportunity to have the Online Under 10 and the Online Girls Under 13 National Championships organized by Chess.com/Chesskid.com and broadcast live on Chesskid.com at no expense to USCF. The participants will play at a public venue with a USCF Certified TD as a proctor. After extensive discussion the vote was completed on March 26, 2013.

EB13-042 – HALL

I move the USCF Executive Board establishes the Online Under 10 National Championship and the Online Girls Under 13 Online National Championship. These tournaments will be organized this year by *chesskid.com* in conjunction with the U8 and U12 Online National Championships established last year.

PASSED 7-0.

Michael Atkins moved by e-mail on April 5, 2013, a plan to promote National Chess Day. Voting was complete by April 8, 2013.

EB13-043 – ATKINS

Moved that this year's National Chess Day, Saturday, October 12th, 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 2013 will be Saturday, October 12th. 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 1-day event for October 12 which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets a free TLA.

Any 2-3 day event held over a period which encompasses October 12-13, which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title, will get a free TLA and free rating fees.

For organizers/affiliates, in the TLA, be sure to mention National Chess Day in the title and that it actually happens on Saturday, October 12, and then expect to receive an e-mail from the office explaining how to get the free rating fee.

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 22 to enable organizers to have six weeks to plan events before the June 10 TLA deadline for getting *Chess Life* TLA's in August and September.

PASSED 7-0.

Mike Nietman moved approval of the minutes of the February, 2013, EB minutes by e-mail on April 11, 2013. The vote was completed on May 2, 2013.

Mike Atkins proposed a change to the National Chess Day motion passed earlier (EB13-043) in which one day events would also get free rating fees. The change was moved by e-mail on April 16, 2013. The vote was completed on April 18, 2013.

EB13-044 – ATKINS

I am proposing a slight change to the National Chess Day motion that was passed on Monday, April 8. The change below is in red. It allows one day events to also get free rating fees.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-045 – NIETMAN

I move that we accept the minutes of the February 2-3 Executive Board Meeting.

PASSED 7-0.

Gary Walters moved by e-mail on April 20, 2013, the formation of an EB Personnel and Appraisal subcommittee. The vote was completed on May 2, 2013.

EB13-046 – WALTERS

I move to form the Executive Board's Personnel Appraisal and Communications Committee (the "Sub-Committee"). Specifically, this Sub-Committee will be responsible for overseeing the appraisal of and communications to any on the USCF staff over whom the bylaws provide for a level of EB oversight, including but not limited to the Executive Director, Publications Director, and CFO. The purpose of this Sub-Committee is not to assume and perform the roles and responsibilities of the entire Executive Board, but rather to streamline discussions and to provide for clear communications to the staff of the USCF where required by the bylaws, and in particular, to the Executive Director. The Sub-Committee's actions and communications will be approved by the full Executive Board as may be required, including any hiring decisions, termination decisions, and performance appraisals. The Committee shall keep the full Executive Board apprised of all significant events and issues involving staff members. The members of this Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Vice President for Finance, or as may be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

PASSED 6-1 with Mike Atkins opposed.

Ruth Haring moved changes to the signatories for a number of different accounts by e-mail on May 5, 2013. The vote was completed on May 6, 2013.

EB13-047 – HARING

Move that the Executive Board of the U.S. Chess Federation makes the following signatory changes to the U.S. Chess Federation accounts at Cumberland County Bank in Crossville, Tennessee:

Operational Account
Checking Account
2 Signatures Required
Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Judith Misner, Director of Quality Control
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

Office Account
Checking/Debit Cards
1 Signature Required
Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Judith Misner, Director of Quality Control
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

Crenshaw Account
Money market investment
1 Signature Required
Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Judith Misner, Director of Quality Control
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

Scholarship Account
Money market investment
1 Signature Required
Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Judith Misner, Director of Quality Control
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

PPHB Account
Money market investment
1 Signature Required
Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Judith Misner, Director of Quality Control
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

Line of Credit
1 Signature Required
Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

LMA CD

1 Signature Required

Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

PPHB CD

1 Signature Required

Patricia K. Smith, Chief Operations Officer
Jerry Nash, Director of Titles and Certification

PASSED 7-0.

The Executive Board met in St. Louis, MO, on May 9-13, 2013. The following motions were voted:

EB13-048 – WALTERS

UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE BOARD—BOARD RESOLUTION EXPRESSION OF THANKS FOR THE SERVICES OF BILL HALL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE USCF MAY 10, 2013

WHEREAS, the United States Chess Federation is the governing body of chess in the United States, and the representative organization to the world chess governing body, the Fédération Internationale Des Échecs;

WHEREAS, Bill Hall served honorably, with diligence, skill, and enthusiasm as the Executive Director of the United States Chess Federation from 2005 to 2013;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United States Chess Federation Executive Board extends its formal appreciation to Bill Hall for his extraordinary service and dedication as the United States Chess Federation's Executive Director.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the United States Chess Federation, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Executive Board of the United States Chess Federation on May 10, 2013, at which a quorum was present and voted.

PASSED 6-0 with Jim Berry not present.

EB13-049 – NIETMAN

Amend the WY and PanAm Youth selection criteria to use peak post tournament rating.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-050 – WALTERS

Accept the resignation letter of USCF Executive Director Bill Hall dated 7 pm May 9, 2013.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-051 – HARING

Create a Prison Chess Committee with the chair and members to be determined with Ruth Haring as EB Liaison.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-052 – ATKINS

Mike Atkins moves that the USCF study and report back to the EB by the U.S. Open the creation of a Senior Grand Prix starting in 2014.

PASSED 7-0.

The following two motions came out of the closed session on Sunday, May 12, 2013, and were read into the record on Monday, May 13, 2013.

EB13-053 – HARING

Create an Outstanding Player Achievement Award.

PASSED 7-0.

EB13-054 – BOARD

The winners of the 2013 awards awarded at the Awards Luncheon at the 2013 U.S. Open on Saturday, August 3, 2013, are:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Walter Brown (TN)

OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Garrett Scott (IL), Luke Ludwig (WI), Mike Selig (WI), David Kuhns (MN), Curt Brasket (MN)

SPECIAL SERVICES AWARD: Bill Williams (WI)

MERITORIOUS SERVICES AWARD: Peter Webster (WI), Henry Meifert (WI) (Posthumously), Stephen Dillard (KY)

COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR: Bylaws

CITY OF THE YEAR: Chicago, IL

KOLTANOWSKI AWARDS (Gold and Silver):

Gold: Rex and Jeanne Sinquefield and the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis

Gold: Garry Kasparov and the Kasparov Chess Foundation

Silver: Trophies Plus

SCHOLASTIC SERVICE AWARDS (Individual): Elizabeth Spiegel (NY)

ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR: Mike Regan (MD)

FRANK J. MARSHALL AWARD: William Martz (WI) (Posthumously)

GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR: GM Hikaru Nakamura (MO) and WGM and IM Irina Krush (NY)

HONORARY CHESS MATES: Olga Ashurkina (TX)

CHESS CLUB OF THE YEAR: Franklin-Mercantile Chess of Philadelphia (PA)

COLLEGE OF THE YEAR: Princeton University (NJ)

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR: Wayne Clark (IL)

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Harry Sabine (TN)

OUTSTANDING PLAYER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Erik Karklins (IL), GM Alex Onischuk (TX) and GM Gata Kamsky (NY)

PASSED 6-0 with Jim Berry not present.

EB13-055 – PRIEST

The Interim ED is authorized to proceed with the hiring of a senior accountant and not with the hiring of a CFO at this time.

PASSED 6-0 with Jim Berry not present.

EB13-056 – GOICHBURG

Moved, that for the 2014 USCF Grand Prix, tournaments limited to seniors, juniors, woman or college students shall be eligible, providing they satisfy the other Grand Prix requirements (sufficient guaranteed prizes, all rated 2200 or over are eligible, etc.)

PASSED 6-0 with Jim Berry not present.

Membership Appreciation Program (MAP)

MAP winners for 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
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	1080
SILVER KNIGHTS CHESS	VA	583
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	441
SUCCESS CHESS SCHOOL	CA	384
GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	307
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	290
BOCA RATON CHESS CLUB	FL	267
EN PASSANT CHESS CLUB	TX	244
NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC CHESS FOUNDATION, INC	NY	243
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	201

Small State Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
MAINE ASSOC OF CHESS COACHES	ME	111
METRO CHESS	DC	63
WELLS MEMORIAL SCHOOL	NH	53
OMAHA CHESS COMMUNITY	NE	48
SIOUX EMPIRE CHESS FOUNDATION	SD	47
CMC-LLC	RI	42
MESA CHESS CLUB	NM	39
NEW MEXICO SCHOLASTIC CHESS ORG	NM	29
WETZEL COUNTY CHESS CLUB	WV	26
WEST VIRGINIA SCHL CHESS ASSN	WV	16

State Chapter Affiliate Standings

Name	State	Count
MICHIGAN CHESS ASSOCIATION	MI	415
MARYLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION	MD	241
PENNSYLVANIA ST CHESS FED	PA	219
TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION INC	TX	93
MASSACHUSETTS CHESS ASSOCIATION	MA	86
MINNESOTA STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION	MN	86
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION	NH	68
OKLAHOMA CHESS ASSOCIATION	OK	60
WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION	WA	59
NEW JERSEY STATE CHESS FEDERATION	NJ	51

Adult Membership Standings

Name	State	Count
MARSHALL CHESS CLUB	NY	141
JERSEY SHORE HS CHESS LEAGUE	NJ	137
SAN DIEGO CHESS CLUB	CA	107
CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CTR	MO	104
DALLAS CHESS CLUB	TX	68
BOCA RATON CHESS CLUB	FL	68
GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	61
LOS ANGELES CHESS CLUB	CA	60
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	59
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	56

Scholastic and Youth Membership Standings

Name	State	Count
PAPERCLIP PAIRINGS	TX	1024
SILVER KNIGHTS CHESS	VA	578
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	382
SUCCESS CHESS SCHOOL	CA	379
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	281
GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	246
NATL SCHOLASTIC CHESS FOUND. INC.	NY	238
EN PASSANT CHESS CLUB	TX	232
BOCA RATON CHESS CLUB	FL	199
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	199

Member Standings

Name	State	Count
LUNA, GILBERTO LUIS, II	FL	60
DOCKERY, JOHN T	FL	57
KRANICH RITTER, TANIA	FL	42
YEE, JERRY B	CA	26
CAMPBELL, TIM V	MO	16
SMITH, CHARLES A	AL	16
WHITFILL, SAMUEL JONATHAN	TX	16
BERRY, FRANK K	OK	15
FUSSELMAN, LEONARD, III	TX	15
CHENEY, WILLIAM G	AZ	14

PCT GAIN STANDINGS

State	2011	2012	PCT	State	2011	2012	PCT	State	2011	2012	PCT	State	2011	2012	PCT
WY	34	43	26.5	AL	640	763	19.2	GA	1627	1852	13.8	ND	58	63	8.6
HI	139	171	23.0	UT	410	484	18.0	ID	176	192	9.1				
OK	368	441	19.8	VA	3044	3485	14.5	NH	394	428	8.6				

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Bylaws of the U.S. Chess Federation

Includes all changes passed at the 2012 Annual meeting. Approved March 6, 2013.

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 Life, 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 paper copy *Chess Life* to the household, plus one paper 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. Infor-

mation 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 except those with memberships of less than one year, 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.

SECTION 7. 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. The Board of Directors must present any such amendment for discussion at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Delegates before submitting such amendment to the Voting Members. 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.

Article V: Board of Delegates

SECTION 1. 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 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, establish, amend or revoke one or more trusts for the management of Life Member assets and appoint or remove one or more Trustees for the purpose of administering said trusts, and supervise the ethics compliance process of the Federation.

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.

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. 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. 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 audio tapes 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 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 or 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 4 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.

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 at the same time: Audit Committee, Finance Committee, or the Life Member Asset Trust Board of Trustees.

E) 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.

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, disburseable 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 disburseable 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.

When a trust has been established for the management of Life Member assets, the trust can only be revoked or amended by a 2/3 vote of the Delegates present at an Annual or Special Delegates' Meeting provided that a proposal to revoke is included in the Delegates' advance agenda. Upon revocation all assets will revert to the USCF.

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, 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.

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 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.

SECTION 14. RELIANCE ON RECORDS.

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.

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.

Revision Date: 2/19/13

2012-2013 Delegates and Alternate Delegates

ALABAMA 1,1	Del Gerald Larson Alt Ken Sloan Frank Camaratta AAD		Alt	1,1	Alt Eric Vigil
ALASKA 1,1	Del Alt			KANSAS 1,1	Del Alt
ARIZONA 3,3	DAL MYRON LIEBERMAN DAL RACHEL LIEBERMAN Del Del Del Norman Saba Alt Alt	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1,1	Del Salvador Rosario Alt Ralph Mikell	KENTUCKY 2,2	W. ALLEN PRIEST* Del Steve Dillard Del Thomas Priest Alt Joan Priest Alt
ARKANSAS 1,1	Del Stephen Paulson Alt Stan Carter	FLORIDA 6,6	DAL ANTHONY COTTELL Del Harvey Lerman Del Jon Haskel Del Steve Lampkin Del Michael Hutsko Del David Lamb Del Robert Persante Alt Peter Dyson Alt William Bowman Alt Miguel Ararat Alt William Taylor Alt Don Schultz AAD	LOUISIANA 1,1	Del Mario Rodriguez Alt Leila D'Aquin
N. CALIFORNIA 7,7	RUTH HARING* Del Richard Koepcke Del Tony Pabon Del John McCumiskey Del Tom Langland Del Elizabeth Shaughnessy Del Scott Mason Del Salman Azhar Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Frank Elley AAD	GEORGIA 2,2	Del Mark Taylor Del Mike Mulford Alt Frank Johnson Alt Fun Fong	MAINE 1,1	Del Andrew Bryan Alt Dan Fishbein
S. CALIFORNIA 6,6	DAL DEWAIN BARBER DAL RANDY HOUGH Del Steven Morford Del Isabelle Minoofar Del Philip Chase Del Jay Stallings Del Charles Ensey Del James Bullock Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	HAWAII 1,1	Del Beau Mueller Alt Cornelius Rubsamen	MARYLAND 3,3	MICHAEL ATKINS* Del Larry Kaufman Del Denis Strenzwillk Del Chris Y. Kim Alt Alt
COLORADO 1,1	Del Richard Buchanan Alt Dean Brown	IDAHO 1,1	Del Alt	MASSACHUSETTS 3,3	Del Kenneth Ballou Del Robert Messenger Del Richard "Doc" Kinne Alt Walter Driscoll Alt Nathan Smolensky Alt Andrew Wang Alt Harold Dondis AAD
CONNECTICUT 2,2	Del Jim Celone Del David Aldi Alt	ILLINOIS 5,5	DAL HAROLD J. WINSTON Del Tim Just Del Sevan Muradian Del Garrett Scott Del Jeff Wiewel Del Bill Feldman Alt Bill Brock Alt Mark Nibbelin Alt Jim Egerton Alt Helen Warren AAD	MICHIGAN 3,3	Del Jennifer Skidmore Del Michael Smith Del Jalen Wang Alt Alt
		INDIANA 2,2	Del Drew Hollinberger Del Roger Blaine Alt Nathan Criss Alt Craig Hines	MINNESOTA 2,2	Del David Kuhns Del Sisira Amarasinghe Alt Ed Conway Alt
		IOWA	Del Roger Gotschall	MISSISSIPPI 1,1	Del Ralph McNaughton Alt Steve Perry
				MISSOURI 2,2	Del Thomas Rehmeier Del Bob Howe Alt Tony Rich Alt Selden Trimble

2013 U.S. Open Schedule

JULY 27-AUGUST 4

GUIDE

	Barber/Denker/Scholastic/Girls Invitational (NGIT)		U.S. Open—Traditional, 6-day, 4-day, Merged		Governance
	Quads/Game 15/Weekend Swiss, Bughouse, Blitz		U.S. Womens' Open		

SATURDAY, JULY 27

NOON	Weekend Swiss, Round 1
3:00 PM	Weekend Swiss, Round 2
3:00 PM	Denker/Barber/NGIT Opening Ceremony
7:00 PM	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 1
7:00 PM	Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Round 1
7:00 PM	Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Round 1
7:00 PM	National Girls' Invitational Tournament, Round 1
7:30 PM	Bughouse Tournament

SUNDAY, JULY 28

10:00 AM	Weekend Swiss, Round 3
NOON	Scholastic Championship, Round 1
NOON	Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Round 2
NOON	Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Round 2
NOON	National Girls' Invitational Tournament, Round 2
12:30 PM	Weekend Swiss, Round 4
1:30 PM	Scholastic Championship, Round 2
3:00 PM	Weekend Swiss, Round 5
3:00 PM	Scholastic Championship, Round 3
4:30 PM	Scholastic Championship, Round 4
6:00 PM	Scholastic Championship Awards Ceremony
7:00 PM	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 2
7:00 PM	Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Round 3
7:00 PM	Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Round 3
7:00 PM	National Girls' Invitational Tournament, Round 3

MONDAY, JULY 29

NOON	Monday Quads, Round 1
NOON	Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Round 4

NOON	Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Round 4
NOON	National Girls' Invitational Tournament, Round 4
1:30 PM	Monday Quads, Round 2
3:00 PM	Monday Quads, Round 3
7:00 PM	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 3
7:00 PM	Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Round 5
7:00 PM	Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Round 5
7:00 PM	National Girls' Invitational Tournament, Round 5

TUESDAY, JULY 30

11:00 AM	Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Round 6
11:00 AM	Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Round 6
11:00 AM	National Girls' Invitational Tournament, Round 6
NOON	Tuesday Quads, Round 1
1:30 PM	Tuesday Quads, Round 2
3:00 PM	Tuesday Quads, Round 3
4:00 PM	Denker/Barber/NGIT Awards Ceremony
7:00 PM	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 4
7:00 PM	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 1

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

<i>Early AM</i>	<i>Golf Tournament</i>
9:00 AM	Forum Committee Meeting
9:00 AM	Denker and Barber Committee Meeting
10:00 AM	Workshop: Forum
10:00 AM	Workshop: College Chess
NOON	Wednesday Quads, Round 1
NOON	Game/15 Championship, Round 1
NOON	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 2
NOON	Women's U.S. Open, Round 1

1:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 2
1:00 PM	Workshop: Outreach
1:00 PM	Workshop: Women's Chess
1:30 PM	Wednesday Quads, Round 2
2:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 3
2:00 PM	Workshop: States Committee
3:00 PM	Wednesday Quads, Round 3
3:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 4
3:00 PM	Workshop: Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC)
3:00 PM	Workshop: Scholastic Committee
4:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 5
4:00 PM	Workshop: TDCC/Problem Solving
7:00 PM	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule, Round 5
7:00 PM	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 AM	Executive Board Meeting (closed)
9:00 AM	Workshop: Senior Chess Committee
9:00 AM	FIDE Trainer's Seminar
10:00 AM	Executive Board Meeting (open)
NOON	Thursday Quads, Round 1
NOON	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 4
NOON	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 1
NOON	Women's U.S. Open, Round 2
1:00 PM	Workshop: Chess in Education
1:00 PM	Workshop: Rules Workshop
1:00 PM	Workshop: Chess Trust
1:30 PM	Thursday Quads, Round 2
3:00 PM	Workshop: USCF Legal
3:00 PM	Thursday Quads, Round 3
3:00 PM	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 2
4:00 PM	Workshop: Ratings Committee
4:00 PM	Workshop: International Affairs
7:00 PM	U.S. Open Traditional Schedule Round 6
7:00 PM	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 5
7:00 PM	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 3
10:00 PM	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 AM	Workshop: Bylaws
9:00 AM	FIDE Trainer's Seminar
NOON	Friday Quads, Round 1
NOON	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 6
NOON	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 5
NOON	Women's U.S. Open, Round 3
1:00 PM	Workshop: Finance/Life Members Assets
1:30 PM	Friday Quads, Round 2
2:00 PM	Workshop: Clubs Committee
3:00 PM	Friday Quads, Round 3
3:00 PM	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 6
3:00 PM	Workshop: Web Site Advisory
3:00 PM	Workshop: Chess Journalists Association
4:00 PM	Staff Forum & General Membership Meeting
5:30 PM	Executive Board Reception
7:00 PM	U.S. Open, Round 7—All three Schedules MERGE.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM	Delegates' Meeting
NOON	U.S. Open Blitz Championship Round 1, other rounds to follow.
NOON	Women's U.S. Open, Round 4
NOON	USCF Awards Luncheon
2:00 PM	Delegates' Meeting resumes
7:00 PM	U.S. Open, Round 8

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM	Delegates' Meeting
10:00 AM	Women's U.S. Open, Round 5
3:00 PM	U.S. Open, Round 9
3:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting (closed)
6:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting (open)
11:00 PM	Prize Check Pickup

Committee Reports



Tommy He, clear first at the 2012 Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, with GM Yasser Seirawan.

Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions

DEWAIN BARBER, CHAIR

Clear First for Texas

Our congratulations go to Tommy He (TX) for placing clear first in the 2012 Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. A tie for second place occurred between Praveen Balakrishnan (NJ) and Mika Brattain (MA). Clear fourth was won by Roland Feng (WA). A seven-way tie for fifth place occurred between Jackson Chen (CO), Jalen Wang (MI), Andrew Tang (MN), Matt Fishbein (ME), Craig Hilby (CA-S), Maggie Feng (OH), and Zhaozhi Li (IL). The Ursula Foster Award was won by Tommy He (TX), Best Game went to Roland Feng (WA), and Top Upset was Tinglin Shi (WI). I would like to thank GM Yasser Seirawan for attending the closing ceremony and presenting awards. This was a record setting year with 47 state affiliates represented.

Bylaws Committee

HAROLD WINSTON AND GUY HOFFMAN, CHAIRS

The Bylaws Committee advises the Delegates and the Executive Board on issues relating to bylaws and governance. Last year at Vancouver, there was a joint workshop for Bylaws and Governance Task Force, which Guy and I co-chaired with Allen Priest, preceded by a dinner meeting. As a result, the Delegates adopted a series of changes that made the Executive Board the Board of Directors, while preserving almost all of the traditional responsibilities of the Delegates. I thank all those who participated in the workshop and served on last year's committee and task force. When votes are given below, the first is in favor, the second against, the third is abstentions, and the fourth needs more thought.

The Delegates referred three motions to the committee, the first two on the same subject: should those who sue the USCF be barred from serving as Executive Board Members, Delegates, and committee members. Of the two proposals, the committee prefers DM 12-22, with wording suggested by committee member Robert Persante, a Florida attorney, to DM 12-21, the original proposal by Sandra Pah (WI). (8-2-0-3) The Pahl proposal would bar service on committees as well; DM 12-22 does not but also applies to attorneys representing those suing USCF. However the committee also voted in favor of letting Delegates continue to serve if their suit was limited to questioning the legal authority of a group to act for USCF. (9-1-1-2) Further, all the lawyers on the committee had reservations about the legality of any such resolution. As one attorney, David Mehler, put it: "removing privileges from members because they exercise their right to go to court is very bad." He further states that such resolutions "will be costly to the USCF (both in terms of legal fees and in terms of alienating people with good judgment who might

otherwise have wanted to help us.)” I agree with David Mehler. Former committee co-chair Allen Priest, who consulted an Illinois civil attorney about this matter last year, believes there are legitimate reasons one does need to sue, such as to clarify disputed language. The committee voted 5-5-0-3 on whether to recommend the Delegates pass a Bylaw on this subject, with all three attorney committee members voting no. My co-chair, Guy Hoffman, supports such a measure, but I believe it unwise.

The third referral concerned whether there should be an age limit for Delegates. Ed Westing (MD) proposed, in DM 12-46, that Delegates have a minimum age of 16 or the same voting age as voting members (which is they must be age 16 as of June 30 of an election year, now every year). I asked for comments from both Westing and Jennifer Skidmore of Michigan, the main speaker against at the 2012 meetings. Westing stated: “it is only logical and proper ... [for] a minimum voting age (16) to become a delegate. The rule should be no different from that for the voting general membership.” He pointed out delegates “make policy motions, study them, debate them, and vote on the complex issues regarding the USCF.” Skidmore pointed out that scholastic members are “the largest membership group in USCF; there is also a significant problem with the retention of these members as they grow older ... I think that the largest membership group should be given a voice, and I think that if we engage these young players in USCF policy decisions that they will become invested in the organization and more likely to be retained as members.” She also noted “there is no age limit on the youth of tournament directors. Many of the decisions made during the course of the delegates meeting affect the rules that these TDs are asked to enforce.” In addition, she argued: “it is the responsibility of the states to choose their delegates, not anyone else.” There was a Michigan delegate under age 16 at the 2012 meetings and I believe there have been a few in the past. The current bylaws specify an age limit for voting members, but do not specify one for delegates.

Three committee members had comments. Sevan Muradian (IL) is concerned that some states cannot fill their delegate slots and that there could be “numerous” young people under age 16 filling in which could sway a vote on an issue which might not be in the best interest of USCF. Michael Mulford (GA) believes if a state affiliate considers a person under age 16 qualified they should be allowed to serve. David Mehler (MD) considers an age limit a bad idea.

There is certainly a paradox in having an age 16 requirement for voting member and not for delegate. While I consider this a difficult issue, I do believe we should have the same rules for both positions. The committee voted in favor of an age 16 requirement for Delegates by 11-1-1. We are putting two substitute motions on the agenda: the first for a simple age 16 requirement, the second, which I believe makes the most sense, for age 16 as of June 30 of the year of appointment, which would be identical with the voting member requirement. The committee favors placing age limit wording in the Delegate section of the bylaws. (9-3-1)

The Bylaws Committee also considered some technical amendments, most suggested by co-chair Guy Hoffman, some of which result from the changes made last year. The committee was much more united in favoring these amendments. First, change the term listed for Executive Board members from “four years” to “three years” in Art. VI, sec. 1 to reflect the restoration of 3 year terms. (12-0-0-1) Next, to delete an outdated sentence concerning the 2011 elections in Art. IV, sec. 2. (12-0-0-1) Third, to change the expiration date for Additional Delegates to June 30, since the January 1 date was only for one year to accommodate the change involved in the Executive Committee becoming the board of directors. (11-1-0-1) Finally, the committee favored a suggestion of Allen Priest to define what members in good standing means, which the current bylaws do not define. We suggest it be defined in Art. V, sec. 5D as follows: “A member in good standing is a member whose dues are paid and is not suspended.” The committee favors that approach. (13-0-0-0)

I know there will be additional bylaws changes proposed, including one specifying that all USCF members age 16 and over can sign nominating petitions,

not just registered voting members, but the committee has not yet seen final wording on those proposals. All USCF members are welcome at the annual Bylaws workshop to be held at the U.S. Open in Madison, Wisconsin on Friday, August 2 at 9 a.m. I thank the current Bylaws Committee members for their service: co-chair Guy Hoffman, Myron Lieberman (AZ), John McCrary (SC), David Mehler (MD), Sevan Muradian (IL), Michael Mulford (GA), Robert Persante (FL), Gary Kitts (MI), Richard Koepcke (N. CA), Joe Lux (NJ), Randy Hough (S. CA), and Gerald Larson (AL). Delegates submitting proposed motions dealing with bylaws or governance should copy HJWinston@aol.com.

Chess in Education Committee

F. LEON WILSON, CHAIR

The USCF Chess in Education Committee is a step closer to locating, organizing and creating a central web based repository of information related to chess in education. Committee member Alexandra F. Wiener has created a Facebook page and group that will make it easy for anyone interested in the various topics associated with chess in education, chess in education research, chess research bibliography, chess and a school curriculum to quickly access or contribute information. Although several websites provide outstanding hyperlinks and information, there is no one web portal which acts as an index to these websites. An individual could spend hours searching only to find redundant information by the same authors in different places.

The USCF Chess in Education Committee Facebook page will be enhanced and be differentiated by adding real world models of both successful and unsuccessful ventures into getting chess into a school curriculum and other areas of interest. Additionally, e-mail queries will be answered in a timely manner.

This topic will be an agenda item during our Chess in Education Committee meeting during the 2013 U.S. Open. A consensus will determine the direction and scope of our activities.

In addition to the USCF website of <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/7863/131/>, the USCF Chess in Education Committee has a website at: www.thechessacademy.org/USCF_Chess_Education_Committee.htm.

The USCF Chess in Education committee members, as well as completed events (including Chess in Education workshops), are all updated by John P. Buky at this website.

The 2013 Chess in Education Committee workshop will be held at the U.S. Open on Thursday, August 1st from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

A number of Chess Education Committee members have presented over the past year. Committee member Fernando Moreno presented at a break out session at the National Conference on Innovative Counseling Skills & Strategies in Atlanta, Georgia on June 20-22, 2013. Fernando presented a breakout session: *Social Emotional Development through the Game of Chess*. The web site is: <http://www.innovativecounselors.com/>.

The Koltly conference was sponsored by the U.S. Chess Trust and University of Texas at Dallas, and co-sponsored by the Texas Chess Association. Additional support was provided by the USCF. There are a number of links to the official brochure and presentations. For more information see: <http://www.utdallas.edu/chess/education-camp/second-koltanowski-conference.html>.

University of Texas at Dallas offers college-credit.

The University of Texas at Dallas offers college-credit, chess in education courses. Dr. Alexey Root, author of five books on chess in education including *Children and Chess: A Guide for Educators*, is the instructor.

For more information about the courses, go to: <http://www.utdallas.edu/chess/education-camp/chess-in-education.html>.

If there are any questions or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to e-mail or telephone (614-231-9591).

College Chess Committee

RUSSELL HARWOOD, CHAIR

The 2012 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships were held in the Frick Chemistry Laboratory on the beautiful campus of Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey, this past December 27-30. There were 44 teams in attendance, representing 28 different colleges and 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 an increase of approximately 50% over what the Pan Ams have been averaging over the past 10 years. This dramatic increase can most likely be attributed to holding the tournament in the Northeast, in close proximity to many colleges and universities, and the great job Princeton did in getting the word out. Special thanks to Princeton student and College Chess Committee member Jack Hutton, who took the lead in organizing this great event! In terms of titled players and ratings, this was one of the strongest and most competitive Pan Am tournaments ever. Five teams finished as co-champions with five out of a possible six points. They were (in tiebreak order from first to fifth place): University of Texas (UT) at Dallas A, Webster University B, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Webster University A, and University of Illinois A. This makes the third year in a row that UT Dallas has placed first at the Pan Ams! Webster University had two teams finish among the five co-champions, which is a very impressive feat, especially since they are in their first year of collegiate chess competition. The top international team was University of Toronto A. The four universities who qualified for the President's Cup (Final Four) were UT Dallas, Webster, UMBC, and Illinois. The other division champions were:

Division II Champions (2000-2199 average rating)
Washington University A (on tiebreaks over UT Austin)

Division III Champions (1800-1999 average rating)
Texas Tech B

Division IV Champions (under 1800 average rating)
Texas Tech C

Top U1600 Team
Toronto A

Board Prizes: Top Board 1, Andrew Shvartsman, New York University (5); Top Board 2, Axel Bachmann, UT Brownsville A (5½); Top Board 3, Faik Aleskerov, Texas Tech (5½); Top Board 4, Xin Luo, University of Illinois A; Top Alternate, Manuel Leon Hoyos, Webster A (3½)

The 2013 Pan Ams will be hosted by Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, from December 27-30.

The 2012 President's Cup (Final Four) was again sponsored and hosted by Booz Allen Hamilton. This year's event was held at Booz Allen Hamilton's offices in Rockville, Maryland. This is the third consecutive year that Booz Allen has sponsored the Final Four, and Mike Hoffpaur and Mark Herman are again to be commended for their outstanding work in organizing and running a great tournament! The Friday-night dinner for the teams was an upscale event this year, held at the exclusive Bethesda Country Club. This year's President's Cup was an extremely strong and competitive event, with the outcome again in doubt until the very end. Webster University and UT Dallas faced off in the final round with Webster holding a slim 6½ to 6 lead. This final match ended with two Webster victories and two draws, giving Webster the championship with 9½ points. UT Dallas placed second with 7 points, University of Maryland Baltimore County placed third with 5 points, and Illinois was fourth with 2½ points. Webster's championship was especially impressive given the fact that this is their first year of collegiate chess competition! Booz Allen Hamilton is exploring the possibility of holding the Final Four at the prestigious New York Athletic Club next year. In the event that Booz Allen is not able to secure those facilities, the President's Cup will most likely be held again in Rockville, Maryland. 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 5th Duncan Oxley Collegiate Online Tournament was held on Sunday, November 4, 2012. This was a one-day blitz tournament that attracted 40 participants, a significant increase over last year's 27 participants. Finishing in first place was GM Mauricio Flores, from The University of Texas at Brownsville, who scored a perfect 5 out of 5 points. Five players tied for second place with 4 points. 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. We had quite a few individuals register, but not very many complete teams. As a result, we are looking at the possibility of making this an individual event next year.

The College Chess Committee recommended Princeton University for the Chess College of the Year Award. Since winning the Division II National Championship at the 2009 Pan Ams, the Princeton chess program has really taken off. They have organized Ivy League Championship tournaments and most recently organized and hosted the 2012 Pan Ams in an amazing building on their campus. In addition to having four teams of their own competing, they managed to draw the highest number of teams to the Pan Ams in over 25 years. To further validate the recommendation of Princeton University for this award, Princeton University A recently took top honors at the 2013 U.S. Amateur Team East. Team Captain Jack Hutton and the Princeton team are featured on the cover of the May 2013 issue of *Chess Life*.



Denker co-champions Atulya Shetty (left) and Darwin Yang (right) with GM Yasser Seirawan.

Denker Invitational Committee

DEWAIN BARBER, CHAIR

UTD scholarship goes to Michigan player

Congratulations go to Atulya Shetty (MI) for winning the UTD Scholarship. His draw in the last round of the 2012 Denker Tournament with Darwin Yang (TX) created this year's Denker Co-Champions result, Shetty (MI) and Yang (TX). Third through fifth was a tie between Sam Schmakel (IL), Michael Brown (CA-S), Deepak Aaron (NY), and Kevin Bu (MN). The \$500 Ursula Foster Award was won by Darwin Yang (TX), Best Game was awarded to Eldon Nakagawa (HI) and Top Upset congratulations go to Carl Steele (ND). I would like to thank GM Yasser Seirawan for attending the closing ceremony and presenting awards.



University of Texas at Dallas A team, winners on tiebreaks over four other teams at the Pan Am Intercollegiate.

Election Committee

KEN BALLOU, CHAIR

The committee examined nominating petitions for six candidates for the 2013 Executive Board election and determined that all six nominees had met the requirements in the bylaws to be candidates in the election.

During the course of the nominating process, it was brought to the committee's attention that there was an error in the published call for nominations. The call for nominations did specify that petitions had to be signed by at least fifty (50) voting members. However, the definition of voting member provided in the call for nominations did not agree with the definition in the bylaws. The bylaws require a member to register to vote in order to be considered a "voting member." The incorrect description in the call for nominations only provided a definition of who is eligible to register to vote. Fortunately, all six nominees submitted petitions that were signed by at least fifty members who met the definition of "voting member" in the bylaws.

The committee is troubled by the requirement that members be registered to vote before signing nominating petitions. The committee's opinion is that this is an oversight resulting from the addition of the registration requirement to the bylaws at the 2010 Delegates' meeting. The committee believes it should be sufficient for a member to be eligible to register to vote in order to sign a nominating petition. It is also problematic that the MSA main page for individuals uses the potentially confusing language "Voting Member, but not Registered" as the "Voting Member Status" for any member who meets the

requirements to register. This should be corrected to agree with the definition of voting member in the bylaws.

The committee thanks Dan Lucas and his staff for the excellent work supporting the election. Not only does Dan coordinate with the candidates for publication of three candidates' statements, but he also works with the committee in the design and production of the ballot and mailing envelopes. The committee also thanks Harry Sabine for generously agreeing to serve as the chief teller for the 2013 election.

Ethics Committee

RICHARD BUCHANAN, CHAIR

The Ethics Committee has had an amazingly easy year, with only one case (at least so far), which is now in the information-gathering stage. One could only hope that this light load means that U.S. chess is no longer afflicted with ethics problems.

Much controversy is going on these days about the use of computers to cheat in tournament games. While the Ethics Committee does not discuss problems in the abstract or consider hypothetical cases, it is still everyone's concern to prevent this cheating while still respecting the rights of accused players.

We welcome new committee members, who are appointed at the annual Delegates' meeting. If anyone has questions about how we operate, they may contact me at buckpeace@pcisys.net.



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GM Gregory Kaidanov

wins the 38th Eastern Open

Mona May Karff (top left), GM Alex Yermolinsky (left), and GM Gregory Kaidanov were all inducted into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame this year.

Hall of Fame Committee

HAROLD WINSTON, CHAIR

I inducted GM Alex Yermolinsky into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame on October 23, 2012 in St. Louis. This took place at a dinner at the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum with the board of directors of the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. Those present included Hall of Fame Committee Members Al Lawrence and Jennifer Shahade, as well as Chess Trust trustee and museum sponsor Rex Sinquefeld. During my visit to St. Louis I met with many Hall of Fame officials, including Executive Director Susan Barrett and Chief Curator Shannon Bailey.

For 2013, the Hall of Fame Committee nominated and the trustees of the U.S. Chess Trust elected two notable American players. GM Gregory Kaidanov

(1959-) came to the United States in 1991 and won the 1992 World Open, 1992 U.S. Open, 2002 Areoflot Open and the 2008 Gausdal Classic. Kaidanov played for the USA in the Olympiads six times between 1996 and 2006 and won an individual silver medal in 2004, a team silver medal in 1998, and team bronze medals in 1996 and 2006. At the World Team Championships he won a team gold and individual silver medals in 1993 and a team silver and individual gold medals in 1997. Kaidanov coached the U.S. Women's Olympiad team to third place in 2008 and is an excellent chess teacher and coach.

Mona May Karff (1908-1998), won the U.S. Women's Chess Championship seven times: 1938, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1948 (tied), 1953, and 1974. Born in Russia, she began playing in tournaments, when her family moved to Palestine and in 1937, represented Palestine in the Women's World Championship. After coming to the United States, she represented the U.S. in the 1939 and 1949/50 Women's World Championships, and the 1952 and 1955 Women's Candidate

tournaments. Karff was also one of the first four persons to receive the FIDE women's international master title.

I inducted Kaidanov and Karff at the 2013 U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship opening ceremony at the Peabody Opera House in St. Louis on May 2, 2013. Three other U.S. Hall of Famers were present: GMs Joel Benjamin, Larry Christiansen, and Yasser Seirawan. In addition, the tournament sponsors, Rex and Jeanne Sinquefield, were present and spoke at the opening ceremony, as did Museum Executive Director Susan Barrett. At the same time, FIDE Vice President Beatriz Marinello inducted Mikhail Chigorin and two former women world champions, Elizabeth Bykova and Nona Gaprindashvili into the World Chess Hall of Fame. I met with a variety of museum officials on this trip to St. Louis.

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.

International Affairs Committee

MICHAEL KHODARKOVSKY, CHAIR

FIDE Presidential Board met on May 4-6 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The summary of all Board decisions were not posted on FIDE's website, except for the final decision selecting Chennai, India as the place for the World Championship match between GMs Viswanathan Anand and Magnus Carlsen. The match will be begin in Chennai on November 6, 2013. The press release explaining why Chennai was selected over Paris, France could be seen on the FIDE website www.fide.com. The Norwegian Chess Federation protested this decision and their protest was posted on the ChessBase website: www.chessbase.com.

The FIDE Congress and General Assembly (GA) were also moved from Hatay, Turkey to Tallinn, Estonia. The dates of the Congress and GA were also changed to September 30- October 10, 2013.

Unfortunately, the FIDE Presidential Board did not change the site of the Junior World Championship U/20. The Junior Championships will remain in Hatay, Turkey, despite numerous requests by the USCF and other federations to have the Championships moved to a different location due to dangerous conditions in the region.

LMA Management Committee

TIM REDMAN, CHAIR

Relations between USCF Operations (the checkbook, to use a metaphor) and the LMA Trust (the savings account, to continue the metaphor) were cooperative and cordial during the past year. The purpose of the LMA Trust is to safeguard and increase its assets acting as stewards for the life members. Oberweis reported in early May that the total value of the LMA portfolio was \$248,505.08. In addition, we hold the mortgage on the land and building in Crossville (about \$200,000 still outstanding), a loan to Operations being paid off monthly (\$1,000 plus interest), and \$100,000 in two cds at Cumberland.

There are few opportunities these days for good yields on safe investments. The LMA decided to assume the mortgage, paying it off at Cumberland, and charging Operations 4%. Good for Operations (Cumberland had charged 5%) and a good investment for the LMA. Further, it kept the money "in-house," Operations and LMA being two branches of the same entity, the U.S. Chess Federation.

Late last summer, Operations experienced a serious cash shortage, and the LMA helped by loaning it money, in the form of a \$50,000 cd at Cumberland to cover an expanded line of credit, which had been maxed out at \$200,000, secured by the \$100,000 in LMA cds and, I believe, an additional \$100,000 secured by the Players' Health and Benefit fund. The line of credit has been completely paid down and the additional \$50,000 cd money was returned

promptly, as agreed, to Oberweis.

Our LMA Vice-Chair, Dr. Leroy Dubeck, and I promoted the idea of insuring the SuperNationals against catastrophic loss due to weather or terrorist disasters. To provide an incentive, the LMA agreed to pay half of the roughly \$3,000 premium for this one time only. Our reasoning was that since the SuperNational events were a vital source of USCF revenue during this period, they needed to be protected against catastrophic loss. Operations agreed.

One point of disagreement lies in the calculation of the payments from new Life and ongoing Sustaining Members due to Operations and due to the LMA. Because of this disagreement, Operations has unilaterally suspended its monthly payment to the LMA. I have asked Dr. Dubeck to investigate the basis for the new calculations and verify their validity. A second point of disagreement lies in the signatory authority for the Oberweis account. It currently resides in the Chair and Vice-Chair of the LMA and the former CFO of the Federation, Joe Nanna. Since Joe left the employ of the USCF in December, we need to replace him (two signatures are needed for use of the Oberweis account. The USCF Executive Board has twice proposed that two members of the Crossville staff replace Mr. Nanna as authorized signatories and the LMA has twice rejected that proposal, asking that either one designated staff member or another member of the LMA Trust be added instead.

The LMA Trust document has not as yet been finalized. To clarify the intent of the Delegates in establishing this revocable trust, the LMA offers the following Delegate motion for the advance agenda:

The Delegates reaffirm their understanding that the assets of the LMA Trust include the land and building in Crossville, held in custody of the LMA Trust for the benefit of the Life Members, and that neither the land nor the building may be sold, mortgaged, or otherwise encumbered without a motion of approval from the Delegates.

The LMA thanks Oberweis for its services during the past year.

I would like to personally thank the following members of the LMA Trust for their hard work over the past year: Randy Bauer, Frank Camaratta, Steve Doyle, Leroy Dubeck, Peter Dyson, Beatriz Marinello, Allen Priest, Fred Townsend, Chuck Unruh, and Harold Winston.

I encourage the Delegates to reappoint the same individuals. However, since four of them are running as candidates for the Executive Board, at least two of them will need to be replaced.

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The 2012 U.S. Armed Forces Open was held aboard the USS WASP.

Military Committee

COLONEL MIKE HOFFPAUIR, U.S. ARMY (RETIRED), CHAIR

Armed Forces Committee Report: The 2012 (53rd) U.S. Armed Forces Open (USAFO) Chess Championships was sponsored by the U.S. Navy, with Captain (Ret.) Tom Belke doing a superb job as Chief Organizer for the annual Columbus-Day weekend tournament. Thirty-six players from all the Services, as well as cadets from West Point and the Air Force Academy, thoroughly enjoyed their games aboard the **USS WASP**, an active duty aircraft carrier! The weather on day one of the tournament was perfect, enabling players to enjoy the sun and the view during rounds one and two from their boards on the flight deck of the 844-foot long “flat top.” Days two and three, though, featured horrible weather, but the chess inside the officers’ mess was kept vibrant by a constant supply of good ‘ole hot and caffeine-rich Navy coffee (or was it sludge from the bowels of the ship?). When the pawns finally stopped moving, Air Force retiree Dan Ranario defended his title as overall champion, besting a field that included two other former champions. Navy Lieutenant Franco Jose placed second, and Navy retiree (and past champion) Larry Larkins was third. The Navy brought home honors as top team, beating out last year’s winner, the U.S. Air Force. First place honors, and “The President’s Cup” for the top military academy team, went to the cadets from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), upending the team from the Air Force Academy who had a run for several years as champion.

We would like to extend special thanks to NTD and Navy retiree Ernie Schlich for his work as the Chief TD of the 53rd USAFO, and also our corporate sponsors

DOTMLPfi and Booz Allen Hamilton for their support to the tournament. NTD and Army Colonel (ret.) Mike Hoffpauir is organizing the 2013 (54th) USAFO tournament. It is scheduled for October 12-14 at Fort Eustis, Virginia, in the U.S. Army Transportation Museum. The 2014 (55th) USAFO organizer will be the U.S. Air Force, with the U.S. Marine Corps scheduled for the honor of hosting the event in 2015.

In other matters, chess players serving on active duty have informed the Military Chess Committee that their commands have little or no money to support travel for chess activities. The ability of active-duty servicemen and women to qualify for and play in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s (NATO) annual Team Championships appears to be gone except for those who can fund their own way. At least one player has voiced ideas of tapping into the Chess Trust as a source of funds for military chess.

The military academies have echoed similar impacts of sequestration. In April, as the government began to digest the effects of the deep budget cuts, the situation prompted the officer-in-charge of the U.S. Air Force Academy chess team to propose that the President’s Cup for 2013 (top academy team) be awarded through an Internet-based tournament involving the academies, as opposed to the traditional method of games played during the USAFO. We are exploring this idea. Already, all four of the service academies, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy, have indicated that an Internet venue would be far more feasible for them to participate in the tournament. Whether or not the event would be “USCF-Rated” is another matter, but we may be able to leverage the fact that all of the Academies have a very strict “Honor Code.”

Outreach Committee

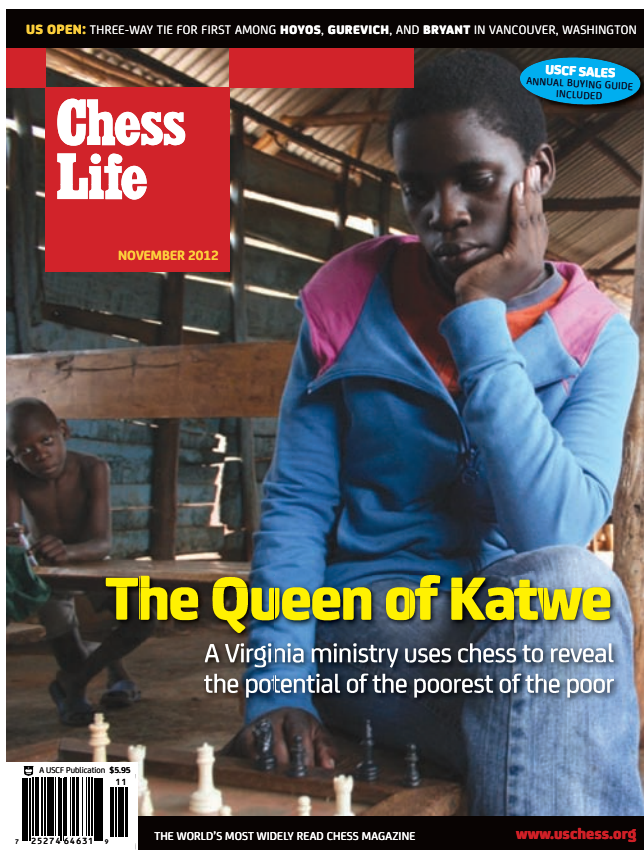
MYRON A. LIEBERMAN, CHAIR

This year's outreach message is THANKS and in August it will be YOUR TURN.

THANKS - Thank you to everyone involved in making this year a breakthrough in Outreach.

Thanks to Bill Hall and the USCF office for recognizing and following through on opportunities to put chess in the public eye by understanding the interests of the media and for making sure that press releases focus in those areas. Thanks to Bill Hall also for his years of service to USCF.

Thanks to Marketing Director Robert McLellan for the strong emphasis that he placed on IS 318 and the film *Brooklyn Castle*. We were first made aware of that story at the Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education in late 2011 (Thanks to Tim Redman and University of Texas at Dallas for including IS 318 in the presentations). *Brooklyn Castle* did well in media coverage. We saw it on its first showing in general release in the Phoenix area. The audience was primarily from outside of the chess community.



The "Queen of Katwe" was extensively publicized in the chess world and the mainstream media.

Who can forget Phiona Mutesi, the Ugandan girl that captured the world's attention through chess? The "Queen of Katwe," as she has been called, was extensively publicized in the chess world and especially in the public media. Starting with an ESPN interview (Thanks to Jennifer Shahade for her coverage of Phiona Mutesi on *Chess Life Online* and the hospitality that she, 9 Queens, and ASAP [Philadelphia's After Schools Activities Partnerships] showed Phiona Mutesi on her visit to the U.S.) Phiona Mutesi toured the talk show circuit and became a favorite.

ASAP uses chess as one of their featured after school activities. Why? CNN answered that question with an interview you can see at <http://www.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/us/2013/03/16/pkg-hoye-chess-saves.cnn.html>.

Thanks also to Garry Kasparov and the Kasparov Chess Foundation not only for their support of scholastic chess but also for Garry Kasparov's publicized encounter with Phiona Mutesi and his visit to Harlem's Success Academy, where he held a discussion with the team that finished second in its class at the SuperNationals and focused on the benefits of chess to youth. Kasparov said he's seeing a resurgence in chess in schools throughout the United States. Chess has innumerable benefits such as teaching kids how to learn from their mistakes, boosting confidence and teaching planning skills. Their teacher, Fritz Gaspard, added much more.

Thanks to Rex and Jeanne Sinquefeld and the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis for all they have done to blend chess with art and expand the overall media interest in and around St. Louis. Thanks to them as well for taking chess in scouting to the next level and for hosting the World Chess Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

Thanks to Michael Atkins and the Executive Board for resurrecting National Chess Day in a way that should assure better press coverage than in the past.

A quick scan of international chess news on Google shows countless articles from local media around the world that refer to chess and its role in prevention and what many cities and schools are doing toward that end. There is also a reference to a *Hindustan Times* article about a 3-year-old chess prodigy in Bihar, India. MOST IMPORTANT—This is evidence that local media coverage WORKS. Please remember to notify your local media whenever you or someone you are close to goes to a major chess event. It can provide coverage of the individual, the event, and the sponsoring organizations.

YOUR TURN—Please plan to attend the USCF Outreach Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at the U.S. Open site in Middleton, Wisconsin, to let us have your ideas for public media coverage of chess, for chess for prevention of antisocial behavior and development of positive attributes in youth.

Professional Players Health & Benefit Committee

JOHN DONALDSON, CHAIR

Today our checking balance is \$10,874.86. The CDs held for the PPHB total \$102,907.12.

Eric is the only one collecting benefits right now. After the May check he has two payments of \$500 remaining and then he will have collected the lifetime maximum.

Publications Committee

RAMON HERNANDEZ, CHAIR

The USCF Publications Committee underwent a change of chairperson and of committee members. For several months and until the middle of November 2012 this committee sat without a chairperson. Our prior committee chairman resigned and the vacancy was filled by promoting a member with 5½ years on the committee to the position. (Executive Board Motion #EB13-015) The committee chairman then brought in USCF members with a vast array of experience in editorial or new media background. The infusion of such members was needed to bring vocal members from all over the USA to the committee. Just as the committee's chairman, they each bring years of background and experience in journalism, public relations and/or new media. A majority of those who comprise this committee are lifetime members of the Federation.

One of the faults from this committee has been that a majority of its members were not actively doing any work. Prior to accepting the roles, new members were told that there'd be work to do. The chairman has set up a schedule for which to report back with items needing to be reviewed and act upon.

Another major fault of this committee has been that we had not engaged the full membership. To compensate for this, the committee will utilize

<http://uscfpc.org> as a venue for which to keep the full membership abreast and yet receive issues needing to be reviewed or act upon. This in essence brings us two-fold ahead in a positive direction. On the one hand, this gives us unfettered 24/7 365 days a year access to the full membership—rather than to a handful of members at the U.S. Open. Second, it provides us as a committee a venue for which to be transparent to the full membership. Transparency has always been key to me as a chairman in any committee I've served on. As a committee we respond not only to the USCF Executive Board but just as they to the entire membership. We welcome your concerns and due to our website do not need to await for a day in the summer to have it be heard and noted.

The membership of the committee having accepted their roles in recent months were given a task to evaluate top to bottom areas for which this committee has oversight over. This monumental task (which in my years as a committee had never been sadly done), its results and stages of rectifying will be reported on in next year's committee report.

The committee website itself is set up through the Joomla framework which allows for some access by the general public. After obtaining a password, the full membership can login for additional features and committee information. The committee website does have a forum (separate to the USCF's website forum) for members to engage the committee members on issues. Where circumstances require, the idea, question, concern and/or suggestion will be taken into a private area within the website where the committee members can act upon it. A committee is not as strong if not for the input of its members; I ask that you read the FAQ on the committee website to learn how to obtain a password.

Having reviewed, addressed and rectified issues related to this committee we can now move forward to placing the USCF Publications Committee back as a vital component of this organization. The USCF Publications Committee is the committee of the United States Chess Federation with oversight over:

- *Chess Life*
- *Chess Life for Kids*
- The yearly *Delegates' Call* (given to members at and online before the U.S. Open)
- *Chess Life Online* (all content of and within *uschess.org* minus the Forums and the TD area)
- All communication (media related) documents printed by the USCF national office
- and any and all pamphlets and brochures published by the USCF national office

I reiterate what I posted on the committee's website: "the best role this committee can perform is in bridging the communication between the membership of the USCF and the publications, communications and new media offices at our national office in TN." To the full membership and to the USCF staff I apologize for both the lack of work and in oversight in past years by this committee. I can however assure you that the buck stops here and we will operate vigorously and do so in an oversight manner. The days of this important committee sitting idle are gone and we are once more a key committee of the USCF and as such we will provide aide in providing guidance to both of our executive board and our full membership.

We could not have moved forward as a committee had we not revamped our committee membership, assessed our committee's flaws, acknowledged and corrected them. I established goals for this committee, developed and designed a website for the committee and as a means of communications for the full membership and staff. I also created a timeline of activity on matters and meeting dates for the committee members. In addition, I have kept our executive board liaison apprised of all actions and have posted online and will continue to keep the committee membership abreast of any item I do as committee chairperson. Keeping these key individuals informed comes in full circle to my nature of operating in full transparency. Today we are better off and able to carry on with our responsibilities.

On a personal note, as chairman of this committee I wish to thank the members of the committee for volunteering their time. In addition, I wish to thank the excellence in leadership from both our USCF President Ruth I. Haring and USCF Executive Board Liaison to the USCF Publications Committee and Immediate Past USCF President Jim Berry. Their profound support has made us as a committee much stronger and united us as members and for that I cannot overemphasize my gratitude. I'd also like to thank Ms. Cheryl Bruce for all her amazing and tireless help in coordinating correspondence with all USCF committees. Lastly the USCF Publications, Communications and New Media Departments for whom as individuals and collectively accomplish a lot with such few personnel. The work these fine men and women perform go noticed and overwhelmingly appreciated by this oversight committee.

Ratings Committee

MARK E. GLICKMAN, PH.D.

The Ratings Committee (RC) had a busy year, tackling a number of tasks that led to some important milestones and implementations. The two main accomplishments were the completion of testing the candidate formulas to change the K-factor and effective number of games in the regular rating system, and the implementation of the new blitz rating system. As of the date of this report, the ratings committee is also involved in finalizing modifications to the blitz and quick rating system, the focus of which involves shared rating changes across the regular, quick and blitz systems. We describe these accomplishments below, in addition to several other minor issues that had ratings committee involvement.

With substantial help from Mike Nolan, the committee completed the testing of several changes to the rating system that affected the K-factor in the established rating formulas. Due to computing hardware failures at the USCF office, the final testing was delayed until December 2012 - January 2013. We tested two aspects of the formulas simultaneously, and examined them through a simulation analysis. 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 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 were compared to the ratings of the current system to check for increases or decreases in particular rating ranges. 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. The results of the testing concluded that (1) candidate changes to the "effective N" formula made predictive accuracy worse than under the current system and created greater variation in ratings compared to the current system, and (2) candidate changes to the K-factor for high-rated players made negligible change to ratings, nor affected the predictability of ratings in any substantive way. While our recommendation was to not change the "effective N" formula, the Executive

Board in its February 2013 meeting passed a motion for a set of new and untested formulas. Because these approved formulas were not explicitly tested, the ratings committee is working with Mike Nolan on testing the approved formulas for unintended consequences before they are rolled out officially. We hope to complete this testing by the late spring, and make the rating system changes effective as of mid-May.

In addition to the new regular ratings formulas, the RC was involved in discussions to set up the blitz rating system. The new system is modeled off the quick chess rating system. The main issues that required RC involvement was to identify the features of the blitz rating system that would need to differ from the quick chess system, or from the regular system. The primary differences all had to do with initializing ratings in the blitz system. For example, if an unrated blitz player does not have a regular USCF rating, a FIDE rating, or a CFC (Canadian) rating, but had a quick rating, then we would use the quick rating based on 0 games as the initialized blitz rating. If unrated blitz players have both USCF regular and quick ratings, the system will give precedence to the regular rating in initializing the blitz rating, though this may change once the quick system is viewed as producing more reliable ratings. The new blitz system was rolled out officially on March 1, 2013.

One of the tasks charged to the committee back in November 2009 was to propose changes to the quick rating system that would enable ratings to track players' abilities more reliably. Because many players that play quick chess events do so infrequently, quick ratings are often stale relative to players' current abilities. The proposed remedy to this problem is to increase the impact of regular (slow) game events on quick ratings, as well as increase the K-factor for quick events in general, and even more so as a function of infrequent play. The current system already has quick ratings impacted by games played in the "dual-rated" time controls of G/30-G/60, but the proposed changes will attempt to expand the scope of the impact. The proposed changes will also create similar connections to the blitz rating system so that changes in quick or regular ratings can impact blitz ratings as well. To date, the RC is working with members of the executive board to solidify the details of the modifications. We anticipate producing a final implementation during the summer of 2013.

In response to the news in April that FIDE is changing their ratings formula this year, a question was raised whether the FIDE-to-USCF conversion needed to be updated. The last official update occurred in 2008, though a more recent informal conversion formula was determined by the RC chair in 2011 but never adopted. Given that even the 2011 conversion is likely out of date, the office decided in conjunction with the RC chair that a new conversion be determined. This task will be carried out in the near future.

With the implementation of the blitz rating system, we were informed by Mike Nolan that he has begun work on revising the rating system programming, intended to significantly reduce the time it takes to perform rerates. Based on initial tests, Mike explained that the revised code does indeed speed up time considerably, but the code does not fully account in its current form for inconsistencies in USCF historical data, such as rating floors. This new version of the code has therefore not been implemented, but is ongoing work that could eventually lead to large gains in efficiency.

During the course of the year, several specific ratings-related issues arose that generated discussions about particular fixes to ongoing ratings problems. For example, the USCF office received complaints about the resulting rating by a player who competed in a section of a large tournament and then played extra games in the event. Under the current rating system implementation, extra games in large events are treated as a separate section, and each section in an event is rated in sequence as if each were a different tournament. This means that if a player is in two sections of a large tournament (the actual section in which he played, and the "extra-games" section), the overall rating calculation acts as if these were two separate tournaments. Whichever section was rated second would have more impact on the player's current rating. It has been suggested that all games in a single event, even large multi-section

events, should be rated simultaneously. The RC will work with the USCF office to investigate whether the simultaneous rating of games in single events can be implemented.

Another issue that arose had to do with players who repeatedly compete against much lower rated players, and gain one rating point per victory, as the rating system calculates a one-point increase for a win against a much lower-rated player. This is done because ratings are stored as integers. An idea that may be investigated is whether ratings should be stored in floating point precision, and then published ratings would be rounded to the nearest integer. Under this scenario, if a player repeatedly defeated a much lower-rated player, it might take five-10 wins (or more) before the player's published rating increased by one point while the stored rating would increase by fractional amounts.

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's goal has been to re-inflate and then maintain rating levels roughly 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. In recent years, the average rating for this group has been steadily increasing, though we are still about 20 points shy of our goal. Because of the recent acceleration of the increase, we recommended to increase the established rating system bonus threshold from B=6 to B=8, and this change was made effective August 2012. Now that a new set of formulas for the K-factor have been approved by the USCF executive board, and that these changes are likely to be somewhat inflationary, the recommendation of the RC is not to make any changes to the bonus threshold and instead wait until next year to assess the impact on the ratings of this stable group of players.

Rules Committee

DAVID KUHN, CHAIR

The Rules Committee addressed the old business question regarding advances in technology and their impact on chess tournaments. The motion is given in the Delegate's motion, which is to apply the FIDE laws to the appropriate sections of the USCF Rules.

FIDE Laws of Chess

Article 12 The Conduct of the Players

12.3

- a. During play the players are forbidden to make use of any notes, sources of information or advice, or analyses on another chessboard.
- b. 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, unless 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.

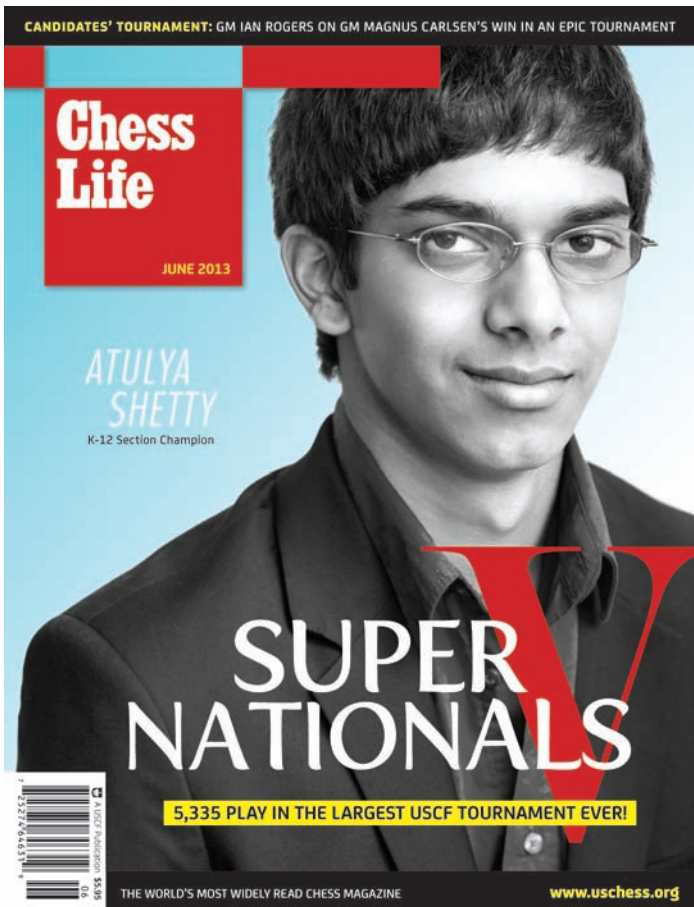
Part a will replace the opening paragraph of 20E and part b will be placed at the beginning of 20N for USCF National events with the existing renumbered as appropriate, and as optional variations for other USCF rated events (lesser importance, prizes and statures.)

A more detailed report and other activities of the Rules Committee will be available during the Rules Workshop in Madison.

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Simultaneous exhibition featuring Justus Williams at the Cleveland Public Library, an outreach event created for National Chess Day 2012.



Scholastic Committee

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE USCF SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE.
COMPILED BY SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL MEMBERS.

COMMITTEE & COUNCIL MEMBER NEWS

- Elliott Neff was nominated to join the Committee. After approval, he agreed and joined.
- New Scholastic Council members are Mike Hoffpauir, Russell Harwood, and Sunil Weeramantry.
- Beatriz Marinello and Jay Stallings were selected as co-chairs, but Beatriz later stepped down and Sunil Weeramantry took her place.

SCHOLASTIC REGULATION CHANGES (SUMMARY)

1. Suspended controversial rule 12.5 in favor of 12.6, a.k.a. "local rating disclosure rule."
2. Converted Rule 21.12 regarding Electronic Devices (ED's) into two rules: 21.12 and 21.13. The former deals with player rules regarding ED's while the latter refers to spectator rules regarding ED's.
3. Updated Blitz Regulations to "touch-move" for national scholastic tournaments effective January 1, 2013. This ensured that Blitz games would be rated, beginning with SuperNationals V.
4. Mike Hoffpauir wrote the majority of the new regulations and also modified the Blitz rules from 2006 that were still posted online.

AWARDS

1. Scholar Chessplayer Awards

- a. Mike Hoffpauir created a 19-point timeline/checklist to insure that this



process would occur in a timely and complete manner from this year forward.

- b. An anonymous committee was assembled (our thanks to the committee) and the process went smoothly and on time.

2. Scholastic Service Award

Two nominations were received and the Scholastic Council made its recommendation to the executive board in early February.

SPECIAL TEAM SELECTION ISSUES

1. All-America Team

- a. Pat Smith and Susan Houston modified the previous year's criteria slightly to create balanced teams amongst the age groups.
- b. With an assist from the computer, a slight error jumped the number of recipients this year from 51 to 64. Trophies Plus generously agreed to sponsor all 64 with custom jackets.

2. World Youth Team

- a. Rating limits were maintained except in the lower-aged group where the number increased by 100 points to help create a team whose members were consistently strong enough to not need additional coaching to understand the group instruction sessions.
- b. "Peak Post-tournament" ratings will be used instead of supplement ratings.

3. Under 16 Youth Olympiad in China

- a. Two teams were assembled and asked to be the official team.
- b. The lower-rated team asked first
- c. The Scholastic Council declared neither as the official team, leaving it to the organizers to declare should they deem it necessary.



Awonder Liang set the record for the youngest USCF master.

NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. National Grade Level Championships

- a. Attendance rose by over 100 from the previous year (1,301).
- b. Two incidents stood out to NTD Mike Hoffpauir:
 - A child took his MonRoi out of the playing hall presumably to “show his parents how he was doing,” and,
 - A coach was reprimanded for sending his players back into the tournament room (after their game was complete) to report on the other games.

2. U.S. Junior Chess Congress (run by Bay Area Chess in San Jose, California)

- a. Attendance was up by about 50 players (375).
- b. The event ran smoothly and on time.

3. SuperNationals V

- a. Largest tournament in the history of USCF events (over 5,300 players)
- b. Seminars were popular and well-attended.
- c. Blitz tournament ran behind schedule due to huge numbers (900), a late cut-off for registration, and the placement of all sections in the same room.
- d. Overall, attendees reported having a great time.
- e. Congrats to Pat Smith (organizer), Franc Guadalupe (Chief TD) and Phil Smith (back room director).

SCHOLASTIC SPECIAL EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Brooklyn Castle** (documentary movie about IS 318’s chess program) was very well-received in the chess and education communities.
2. **Phiona Mutesi** (young girl from the Ugandan national team) toured the U.S. giving chess exhibitions. Disney bought the rights to her story.
3. **National Chess Day** (2nd Saturday of October) continued to grow. The

Scholastic Committee encourages players of all ages to use this day to promote chess nationwide.

4. Awonder Liang became youngest master at nine years, 11 months, and eight days.

5. U.S. Youth Improving Drastically—IM Greg Shahade reported that to make it into the top 100 for their age, today’s young players have to be over 100 points higher than just five years ago.

6. Kayden Troff (U14) and Samuel Sevian (U12) won gold at World Youth in Slovenia!

COACHING FOR AMERICAN SCHOLASTIC PLAYERS

1. The Scholastic Council recommended to the executive board that the coaches hired by USCF for the Pan Am event would be dedicated to the official players only.
2. Sunil Weeramantry created a document “Duties and Responsibilities of International Youth Coaches” to address the issue of inconsistencies in the quality of the coaching at the World Youth.
3. Sunil also created a document “Selection Policy for U.S. Coaching Staff at International Events” to assist in creating a fair and effective selection process, and to facilitate the introduction of new coaches.
4. After incorporating some recommendations from the scholastic council, the document was presented to the executive board for approval.

MARKETING & PROMOTIONS

1. Scholastic council & committee members worked all year with Robert McLellan (Director of Marketing) at big events to help promote scholastic chess in general and USCF in particular. This included numerous television, radio, newspaper, and Internet blog interviews, as well as speaking to various groups.
2. At the executive board meeting in May 2013, Sunil Weeramantry represented the scholastic council and recommended that the creation of a new affiliate category to maximize the number of official scholastic members be explored.

Tournament Director certification Committee

BY TIM JUST

This year the Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC) considered two waivers. One was granted and the other was altered. In the first instance a tournament director (TD) that had not directed in many years recently failed all three exams for his former TD certification level. He was granted a waiver to be certified at a lower level.

The other waiver was altered. The waiver requested was to be reinstated, after a long lapsed TD certification, as a TD at the same level. The normal procedure is to take an exam to be reinstated after a lengthy TD certificate lapsed time. This person had already taken all three exams some time ago. Given the lapsed time, and the number of revisions the exam had undergone, he was allowed to retake the first exam in the series.

This was the first year the TDCC was given the task by the board to nominate individuals for the TD of the Year and the TD Lifetime Achievement awards.

As usual we are reviewing and revising the TD exams to comply with the new rules passed in 2012. The question of creating a fourth exam for TDs that failed all three current exams came up. The TDCC is currently exploring alternatives to a fourth exam.

The committee approved, and sent to the board for approval, wording in the TD certification document regarding TD credit for Blitz tournaments. The change replaces the word "Quick" with "Quick/Blitz" where it is appropriate. The board approved the measure.

The chair coordinated with the new USCF office liaison, Jerry Nash, regarding TD certification procedures.

The committee exchanged 263 plus e-mails conducting business.

Thanks to the TDCC members for their service: Ken Ballou, NTD, FA; Ed Conway, SrTD; Franc Guadalupe, NTD, IA; Charles Hatherill, SrTD; Guy Hoffman, ANTD; Carol Jarecki, NTD, IA; Tim Just, NTD (Chair); Tom Langland, NTD, FA; Joe Lux, NTD; John McCumiskey, NTD; Jabari McGreen, NTD; Brennan Price, ANTD; Thad Rogers, NTD, IA; Alex Relyea, ANTD, FA; Ernie Schlich, NTD; Tracey Vibbert, SrTD; and Jeff Wiewel, NTD (Vice Chair).

Web Site Advisory Committee

BOYD REED, CHAIR

The Web Site Advisory Committee (WSAC) was created by a vote of the USCF executive board (EB) on March 1, 2013. The purpose of the WSAC is to provide strategic guidance as the USCF looks to update its web site. It has been over five years since its last refresh, and the site is in need of serious reassessment. The EB decided to leverage its members to help build a set of recommendations that would result in the improvement of this important communications tool. The WSAC is charged with developing these recommendations and an associated budget no later than October 1, 2013. Our goal is to have this ready by the U.S. Open.

Volunteers were solicited by USCF to serve on the committee. The WSAC's composition reflects a balance between national officials and rank-and-file members, as well as between technical professionals and laymen.

The WSAC started its work by asking, "What should USChess.org do? What services or utilities should it provide?" There was significant discussion about these questions, from both technical and philosophical points of view. The discussions were highly productive. We have built a list of priority services that are, or should be, delivered by the USCF web site. This list of services is being used to drive the next set of deliberations, which will pivot the committee's focus from "What should USChess.org do?" to "How should USChess.org do it?"

The WSAC's membership changed on May 9, when former USCF Executive Director (ED) Bill Hall resigned his position. Interim ED Pat Smith was named

to the committee to fill the open slot. The ED will continue to have a presence on the WSAC.

Several USCF members asked to serve on the WSAC after its work began. We appreciate the continued interest from such volunteers. At this time, the committee's size and balance seem to be well suited to our work, especially given the tight deadlines that are part of our charge. We may well choose to expand the committee at some point, and those who have already asked to be included will be the first considered when open positions arise. In the meantime, we welcome additional feedback from USCF members. The USCF Issues Forum (<http://main.uschess.org/forums/viewforum.php?f=5>) has a thread called "Web Site Advisory Committee." Suggestions may be posted there.

I look forward to the continued development of our strategic plan, and to presenting it to the delegates this August. It is my continuing privilege to serve USCF on this committee, alongside a remarkably talented and diverse group of fellow USCF members. My sincere thanks to Jared Collins, Alex Evers, Bill Hall, Ruth Haring, Robert McLellan, Mike Nietman, Joshua Rofrano, Patricia Smith and Phillip Smith.

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1979-2013 Award Recipients

CHESS CITY OF THE YEAR

- 1983** Pasadena, CA
- 1984** New York, NY
- 1985** Foxboro, MA
- 1986** Charlotte, NC
Somerset, NJ
- 1987** Pulaski, VA
Terre Haute, IN
- 1988** Albuquerque, NM
Memphis, TN
Southfield, MI
- 1989** Knoxville, TN
Peoria, IL
Seattle, WA
Tempe, AZ
Lexington, KY
- 1993** Durango, CO
Reno, NV
- 1994** Bloomington, IL
New York, NY
- 1995** Chicago, IL
Key West, FL
- 1996** Tucson, AZ
New York, NY
- 1997** Knoxville, TN
Sioux Falls, SD
- 1998** Peoria, AZ
- 1999** San Francisco, CA
Gilbert, AZ
- 2000** Louisville, KY
Dallas, TX
- 2001** Kansas City, MO
- 2002** Miami, FL
New York City, NY
Seattle, WA
- 2003** Nashville, TN

- 2004** Lindsborg, KS
- 2005** Minneapolis, MN
- 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
- 2013** **Chicago, IL**

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
- 2013** **Franklin-Mercantile Chess
of Philadelphia (PA)**

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
2013 Princeton University (NJ)

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
2013 Bylaws 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
2013 Walter Brown

FRANK J. MARSHALL AWARD

- 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 Saidy
2013 William Martz (posthumously)

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
2013 GM Hikaru Nakamura, WGM and IM Irina Krush

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
2013 Olga Ashurkina

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
- 2013 Gold:** **Rex and Jeanne Sinquefeld and the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis**
Gold: **Garry Kasparov and the Kasparov Chess Foundation**
Silver: **Trophies Plus**

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
- 2013** **Peter Webster**
Henry Meifert
(posthumously)
Stephen Dillard

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
- 2013** **Mike Regan**

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 Eaker

- 2013** **Garrett Scott**
Luke Ludwig
Mike Selig
David Kuhns
Curt Brasket

OUTSTANDING TEAM PERFORMANCE AWARD

- 2011** U.S. Women's
Olympiad Team
IM Irina Krush,
IM Anna Zatonskih,
SM Tatevi 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
Gilbert Unified School
District #41,
Gilbert, Arizona
- 2005** Elizabeth Tejada
- 2006** Tim Redman
- 2007** GM Susan Polgar
Brownsville, Texas
School District
- 2008** Steve Shutt
Michael Khodarkovsky
Southern Arizona
Chess Association
- 2009** Aviv Friedman
After School Activities
Partnership
- 2010** Greg Shahade
Berkeley Chess School
- 2011** Bruce Pandolfini
NY Chess in the Schools
- 2012** David Mehler
U.S. Chess Center (DC)
- 2013** **Elizabeth Spiegel**

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
Arun Sharma
- 2013** **Bill Williams**

SPECIAL TASK FORCE

- 2000** President's Special
Committee on Finances,
Computer Evaluation
Task Force
- 2003** Rulebook Revision
Task Force

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 2011** Myron Lieberman
- 2012** Martin Morrison
- 2013** **Harry Sabine**

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
- 2013** **Wayne Clark**

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 Vukceвич
- 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
- 2012** Alex Yermolinsky
- 2013** **Gregory Kaidanov**
Mona May Karff

SPECIAL FRIEND OF USCF

- 2006** Phil Haley
- 2007** Garry Kasparov
- 2011** Alexandra Kosteniuk
- 2012** Barbara Pryor

OUTSTANDING PLAYER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 2013** **Erik Karklins**
Alex Onischuk
Gata Kamsky

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 bimonthly or monthly Supplement. Rating lists (annual lists and supplements) can be received via electronic edia. (1972)(2002)(2006)(2011)
 - 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 by 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 Requirements and Recommendations.** The first four items of the following list are required of each State Chapter and the remaining items are recommendations for each State Chapter:
 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. 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)

12. 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)

13. 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)

14. 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)

15. 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)

16. 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)

17. 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)

18. 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)

19. 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)

20. 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)

21. 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)

22. 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 privi-leges 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.
23. **FIDE Policy.** The U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) endorses the concept of a strong world organization of chessplayers, which supports a system of competitions for the strongest players in the world culminating in a valid world championship. The USCF also firmly embraces the principles of freedom of action and freedom of speech. The USCF cannot accept any regulation that limits journalistic freedom or freedom of expression, or interferes with the efforts of free enterprise to promote chess. The USCF endorses the principles of compromise in helping to maintain a universally-accepted world championship. (2011)
24. **U.S. Open Scheduling.** No rounds of the U.S. Open may be scheduled to conflict with the Delegates Meeting. The U.S. Open shall finish no later than August 15th. (1999, 2001, 2010)
25. **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)
26. **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)
27. **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)
28. **Ballots.** Ballots shall contain only a candidate's name and state. No titles, credentials or other honors shall appear on ballots. (1999)
29. **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)
30. **Delegate Committees.** All newly-created Delegates Committees must have a statement of purpose defining their function. (1998)
31. **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)
32. **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)
33. **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)
34. **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)
35. **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)
36. **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)
37. **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)
38. **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)
39. **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)
40. **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)
41. **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)

42. 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)

43. 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).

44. 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)

45. 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)

46. Annual Report of Players Health and Benefit Fund. The USCF shall report annually to the Board of Delegates the following financial information about the Players Health and Benefits fund:

1. Any expenditures made during the fiscal year ending the prior May 31 including the amount awarded to each person without identifying the person.
2. The status of the funds as of the prior May 31 including any encumbrances against these funds. (2011)

47. USCF Life Member Asset Trust

1. The trust shall be called the USCF Life Member Asset Trust.
2. The United States of America Chess Federation (USCF) is the beneficiary of the trust.
3. The trust may be revoked or amended by the USCF Board of Delegates by a 2/3 vote of the Delegates present at an Annual or Special Delegates Meeting provided that a proposal to revoke is included in the Delegates' advance agenda.
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 in its Articles of Incorporation.
5. There shall be 11 trustees. The Trustees shall elect a chair and a vice-chair.
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 have purchased life and sustaining memberships in the USCF after December 31, 2007. 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 Delegates 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 have purchased and sustaining memberships in the USCF after December 31, 2007.

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.

(2012)

48. USCF Articles of Incorporation

Effective January 1, 2013

The Board of Delegates shall be the legislative body of the USCF. The Board of Delegates shall be the 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, establish, amend or revoke one or more trusts for the management of Life Member assets and appoint or remove one or more Trustees for the purpose of administering said trusts, 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 Board of Directors must present any such amendment for discussion at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Delegates before submitting such amendment to the voting members. The voting procedure will be as provided for in the bylaws of the corporation.

(2012)

Notes

Robert's Rules of Order

A Guide 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 v '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.

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 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 inter-

ruption 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*.

Notes

Notes

2013 Workshop & Committee Meeting Schedule

TIME	9AM	10AM	11AM	NOON	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM
Wednesday July 31	Forum Committee	Forum Workshop		LUNCH	Women's Chess	States	TDCC	TDCC/ Problem Solving
	Denker H.S. & Barber K-8	College Chess			Outreach		Scholastic Committee	
Thursday August 1	Executive Board (closed)	Executive Board (open)		LUNCH	Chess in Education		USCF Legal	Ratings
	Senior Chess				Rules Workshop			International Affairs
					Chess Trust			
	FIDE Trainers Seminar				FIDE Trainers Seminar			
Friday August 2	Bylaws			LUNCH	Finance / LMA		Website Advisory	Staff Forum/ General Membership Meeting
						Clubs	Publications/ CJA	
	FIDE Trainers Seminar				FIDE Trainers Seminar			
Saturday August 3	Delegates Meeting			AWARDS LUNCHEON		Delegates Meeting		
Sunday August 4	Delegates Meeting							

SATURDAY JULY 27, 3:00 PM

Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, and the National Girls' Invitational Tournament Opening Ceremony

FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 5:30 PM Executive Board Reception

SUNDAY AUGUST 4, NOON Awards Luncheon in Monona

SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 3:00 PM (CLOSED) AND 6:00 PM (OPEN) Executive Board Meetings

Schedule subject to change - check www.uschess.org for updates