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Mission Statement

USCF is a 501(c)(3) 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



Welcome to Orlando for the celebration of USCF's 75th anniversary. We are delighted to be in Orlando, nicknamed "The City Beautiful,"—its symbol is the fountain at Lake Eola.

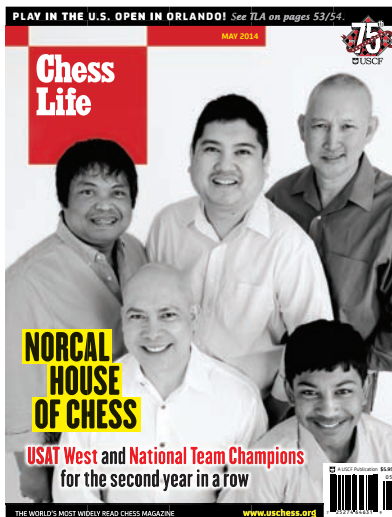
Over the past year the executive board and USCF staff have spent time with members, parents, staff, coaches and supporters of chess in the wonderful cities hosting our key events where we work to spread excitement about the game of chess. At the All-Girls Nationals in Chicago, I enjoyed meeting with many rising stars, their parents, coaches, sponsors, and other supporters. These are the people who make our organization successful!

In Louisville, Kentucky the board and staff met to create a plan to take USCF forward as a 501(c)(3) charity. In Crossville, we held an all hands at USCF headquarters and we celebrated achievement and ideas for improvement together and played a handicap blitz tournament.

In Santa Clara at the U.S. Amateur Team (USAT) West, I awarded the prizes, including to the champions NorCal House of Chess, who went on to win the USAT national playoffs.

In St. Louis the board met coincident with the last weekend of the U.S. Championship. Congratulations again to GMs Irina Krush and Gata Kamsky on their victories. In Las Vegas, I played in the Women's Open, and the two-day National Open. Thanks to all of our hardworking organizers and TDs for the great work they do in partnership with USCF. I look forward to another year of **empowering people through chess one move at a time!**

This past year my role as president has been very fulfilling. As a board we have been focussed on fiscal discipline and chess growth. As a personal ambassador of chess, I have been enthusiastically focused on enriching our community by spreading interest in the game of chess in schools, communities, and clubs wherever possible. We celebrate the people who participate and volunteer in all ways to increase the play, study and appreciation of chess. Thank you to all!



Accomplishments

MEMBERSHIP

USCF continues to see increasing memberships and we now have just over 11 percent female members.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Participation in national events is steady with growth in scholastic and women's events year over year, and record attendance of 330 at the All Girls Nationals. Imagine the impact to other national events, like the U.S. Open were it to have 330 women players.

501(c)(3) GRANTED

USCF has been granted 501(c)(3) tax status and look forward to new programs to grow chess.

FINANCIALS

USCF had a good year showing a healthy surplus.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Created a new mission and vision statement, and set long-term organizational goals.

SUPPORT YOUR USCF

Next year we will send teams to both the Olympiad in Aug./Sep. 2014 and the World Youth in spring 2015. We need your support. Donate Now, directions on page 3.

WCM Ellen Xiang
2014 All-Girls Champion



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BECOME A BENEFACTOR

VP of Finance Report

By Allen Priest



This is my third report as the USCF Vice President of Finance. Over the last three years we have seen the USCF finances stabilize after a long period of struggle.

Over the prior two years we have been focused on paying off liabilities. Our USCF incurred debt due to legal issues. Some of that debt was due to attorneys, some to the bank and some to our Life Member Asset fund. The only amounts remaining due are about \$65,000 due back to the LMA which is being paid down at the rate of \$1,000 per month.

Now our focus has turned to building up our reserves while still making critical investments. During the financial struggles we deferred upgrading our technology. We reached the point that we could no longer defer investing in this area. This year we updated the office technology infrastructure. We still have technology investments in our website. Our website needs work in all areas—the look and feel, the back end software and the hardware/hosting. We are studying the issue so that we invest wisely.

In 2012 the delegates approved a change in the governance structure of the USCF, part of which was the creation of the LMA Trust. The legal formation of the trust was completed in the current fiscal year. The LMA investment accounts were re-titled to the Trust, and the building was transferred to the Trust by deed. As part of those changes the LMA trustees choose to take some of their reserve funds and pay off the bank mortgage. The bank lien on the building also secured the line of credit. So the bank released the lien when the LMA paid off the building note. While there is no legal obligation to do so, the USCF is continuing to make the same payment to the LMA that was being made to the bank for the building note. Under the current payment schedule the last of these payments will be made in about seven years.

The bank's release of the mortgage was part of a broader restructuring of our borrowing arrangements with the bank. With the mortgage resolved we have focused on our line of credit.

We have an uneven cash flow pattern with summer being very slow and the fall and spring being our high months. We have regularly borrowed on our line of credit in the summer and paid it back in the fall and spring. Over the last three years we have been able to borrow later and pay it back earlier. With our improving cash flow and bottom line and the reduction in our other liabilities, we have been able to get the bank to agree to reducing the amount of collateral they have required to secure our line. During the cash flow crisis of the legal battles, the bank required that our line of credit be secured by equity in the building as well as CD's at their bank that exceeded the amount of the line. So the bank was over-collateralized on their loans. With the release of the mortgage, the pledged CDs about equaled the line of credit. But half of those CDs are assets of the LMA. In early 2014 we opened discussions with the bank asking them to release the LMA CDs. Just recently they agreed to do that. So we will be able to return an additional \$100,000 to the LMA for investment shortly. That will leave the line of credit secured by our Professional Players' Health and Benefits (PPHB) CDs as it has been for a number of years.

After a lengthy application process with the IRS, we received word in the spring that they have approved our request to change our tax exempt status from 501(c)4 to 501(c)3. This allows the USCF to accept tax deductible contributions. Bequests to the USCF also qualify for special tax treatment. The staff and EB are studying how best to use our new tax status to raise funds to support our current programs and to develop new programs. Part of this process is exploring how we best fulfill the goals of the mission statement that the delegates adopted in 2008 and that were included in our 2009 changes to our articles of incorporation. This delegate action broadened our educational mission not just to young people, but

to the community as a whole. This change in status does not change our current tax reporting requirement significantly, but we may have certain additional filings to make if we actively solicit contributions. Those requirements may vary by state, but we will primarily be required to meet the standards of our state of domicile which is Tennessee.

The USCF accounting staff is now complete with the addition of our new senior accountant. Debra Robison joined us early in 2014 and is assuming the higher-level accounting duties. This is allowing me to return to a more appropriate role for the VP-Finance.

After my 2013 report, the audit committee and the audit firm came together to consider the way the USCF recognizes revenue from memberships. Prior to this project the USCF recognized 100% of the revenue for a single year membership in the year the membership was sold. So if the membership started May 1, then all of the revenue from that membership was included in income for that fiscal year ended May 31, even though there were still 11 months of the membership to service. There was a valid basis for that policy as no memberships are refundable so the amount paid for the membership remains with the USCF regardless. But the accounting principle of matching revenue and expenses also has to be considered. So we came up with a new revenue recognition model that was used for the final numbers for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2013. This new accounting policy caused us to delay recognizing a portion of single year memberships so that we better match the membership income with the expenses of servicing the membership. This change did cause the USCF to again report liabilities in excess of assets at the end of the year, but the difference is that the liability to service the membership is recognition of our normal cost to operate the organization and is not money we owe to others for past services.

Our fiscal year ended May 31, 2014 will show a significant surplus. We celebrate that. The positive results reflect increased memberships, positive national scholastic events, continued cost controls, and a favorable FIDE calendar. 2014-2015 will not be nearly so good. Indeed it will be a struggle for us to break even for that year due to the FIDE calendar. Our next fiscal year will include the costs of sending teams to both the 2014 Olympiad this fall and the 2015 World Team next spring. This schedule doubles up our costs and neither of these events generate much revenue to help pay for those costs. So we are looking for other ways to save money in the new year so that we at least break even for the fiscal year. We may not be able to do that.

Dues have remained unchanged for several years. Costs have continued to increase. Our change to 501(c)3 is allowing us to obtain lower mailing costs, and changes to our employee benefit plans have helped to mitigate some of the rise in medical costs. We will be looking for additional funding sources that may be available to us now that we are a 501(c)3 organization. But the time is coming when the delegates will need to consider increases in dues so that we continue to have the resources necessary to provide all of the programs and services that our members have said they want.

It has been a pleasure to serve the USCF over these last three years. I think we have made significant progress toward a much more financially stable organization. We are laying the foundation for a stronger future. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and energy to make our shared goal of a better USCF a reality.



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

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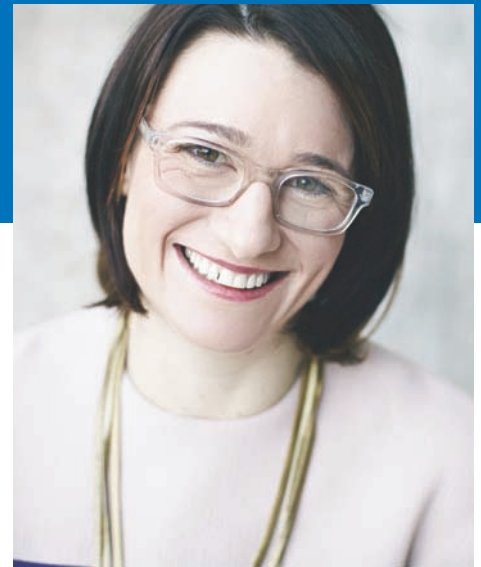
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Executive Director's Report

By Jean Hoffman, USCF Executive Director



Dear Delegates,

I am pleased to present to you my first Executive Director's Report during a particularly exciting and historic time for the USCF. This year, we not only commemorate the USCF's 75th anniversary, but we also celebrate our new status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Together, these events celebrate our past and help steer a course for our future.

Over the past year, the USCF has undergone many changes and accomplished much.

Our successes are due to the hard work of our dedicated staff, a tireless Executive Board, and hundreds of loyal volunteers who have brought stability to the organization during a period of transition. The strength of our organization is highlighted in our stable financials, positive customer feedback, and steady membership.

I am excited to share with you some of our recent accomplishments, including the product of a comprehensive strategic planning process we started this January. Beginning with a two-day workshop led by Executive Board member Randy Bauer, the USCF staff and Executive Board have been wrestling with what strategic planning guru Peter Drucker considers "the five most important questions you will ever ask about your organization." These are:

What is our mission? Who is our customer? What does the customer value? What are our results? What is our plan?

These are hard and important questions that have led to hours of productive debate and discussion among members of the Executive Board and the USCF staff. These topics and resulting work product have also been vetted with USCF stakeholders. It goes without saying that these discussions will continue at the Delegates meeting and in other appropriate venues.

As a result of this process, we crafted a new mission, complemented it with our first-ever vision statement and also developed long-term organizational goals that align with our status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We look forward to continuing the strategic planning process through the creation and evaluation of annual objectives and through ongoing stakeholder engagement.

As the USCF enters a new era as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, this is the time to ask questions, communicate with members, and collect stories. Two-months ago, we conducted a customer service survey and received feedback from over 4,000 members, former members, and nonmembers. This is the first of three annual surveys we will conduct in an effort to engage our membership and improve our services. Throughout this report, I have included results from the survey, including both quantitative data and qualitative commentary.

I hope that the materials presented in this report will re-affirm your commitment to the USCF and inspire you to continue to get involved as volunteers, members and donors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Hoffman".

Jean Hoffman
USCF Executive Director

Mission, Vision, Values and Goals for Nonprofit Organizations

During the strategic planning retreat, the Executive Board (EB) spent a lot of time familiarizing itself with 'best practices' related to nonprofit organizations, particularly as it relates to mission, vision and values statements. As a starting point, the following, from the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, provides some useful guiding principles:

1. Nonprofits should establish and regularly review mission, vision and values statements that are specific enough to effectively guide the overall goals and activities of the organization.
2. The mission statement should be linked to the values of the organization and its vision for the future.
3. The mission, vision and values should be evaluated regularly by the board to determine if they still meet the evolving needs of the organization's constituents and the public.

From that review, and using 'The Drucker Foundation Self-Assessment Tool' (published by the Peter F. Drucker Foundation for Nonprofit Management), the Executive Board determined that:

The **MISSION STATEMENT** is generally described as a one-sentence statement describing the reason an organization exists, its purpose. The mission statement should be:

- Short and focused (according to Drucker 'it should fit on a t-shirt')
- Broad and inspirational
- Easily explained by others

Similarly, the **VISION STATEMENT** is a one-sentence statement describing the clear and inspirational long-term change, resulting from the work of an organization. In determining the areas to be included in a vision statement, Drucker suggests the organization consider the following questions:

- What needs to be changed?
- What is our dream end-state?
- What would success look like?

Finally, **CORE VALUES** reflect the organization's guiding principles—there areas where there is little or no compromise on how the organization will conduct itself. That which satisfies customers' needs, wants and aspirations.

Most organizations then develop **GOALS** to provide a sort of high level roadmap for positive change. According to Drucker, 'goals are few, overarching and approved by the Board.' They are typically a set of 3-5 aims that set the organization's fundamental, long-range direction. Besides being overarching and few in number, goals should also:

- Build on an organization's strengths
- Address opportunities
- Outline the desired future

Based on this explanation, the following have been developed by the Executive Board (see next column):

USCF MISSION

"Empowering people through chess one move at a time."

USCF VISION

"Our vision is to enrich the lives of all persons and communities through increasing the play, study, and appreciation of the game of chess."

USCF CORE VALUES

Education. Chess is an educational tool aiding in the learning of planning, cause and effect relationships, pattern recognition, and research, all key skills for success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).

Customer Service. We strive to be responsive, adaptive and pro-active in providing services to our customers, including all necessary follow through to resolve issues.

Excellence. We recognize the value of excellence both in chess as an activity and the services we provide to our customers.

Communication. We will continually inform and be responsive to our members and customers.

Integrity. We respect and maintain good relationships with our customers and stakeholders as well as the game of chess itself.

Accessibility. Chess can and should be enjoyed by individuals regardless of social or economic status or physical or developmental capability.

Love of the Game. Chess is a historic and iconic game, and we celebrate its history, growth and evolution in our activities and services.

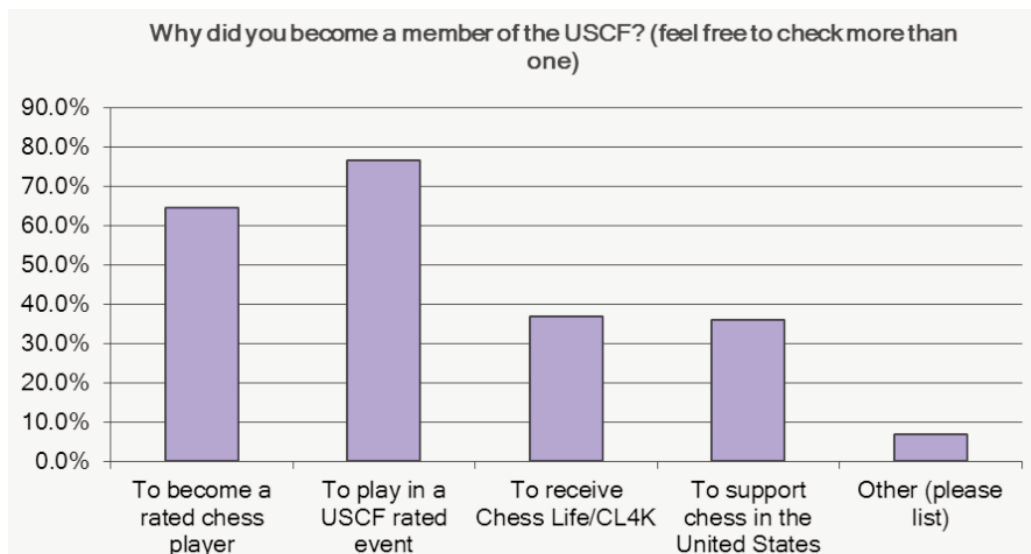
Outreach. We work to extend the knowledge and appreciation of chess.

USCF GOALS

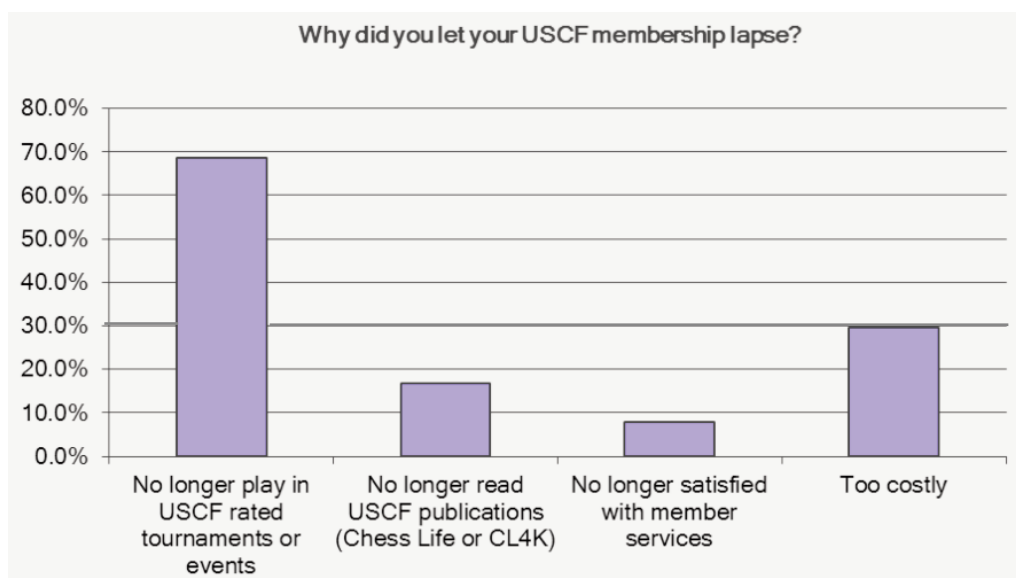
- Expand the knowledge, enjoyment and playing of chess to under-represented segments of society (geography, gender, economic status).
- Educate children, parents, teachers and school administrators on the benefits of chess as a part of a school curriculum and as an extra-curricular activity.
- 'Grow the game' by expanding the membership base and increasing the retention of existing members.
- Improve the overall strength and security of the USCF as an organization, including improving finances, internal systems and operations and governance.
- Expand the depth and breadth of chess partnerships with benefactors, other chess stakeholders and the business and civic communities.

USCF Survey Results

The following are a selection of results from the USCF Membership Survey we recently conducted via *surveymonkey.com* in order to receive feedback from our members, former members, and other people associated with the USCF.



Total participants who answered this question: 2,607 Total participants who skipped this question: 1,432



Total participants who answered this question: 795 Total participants who skipped this question: 3,244

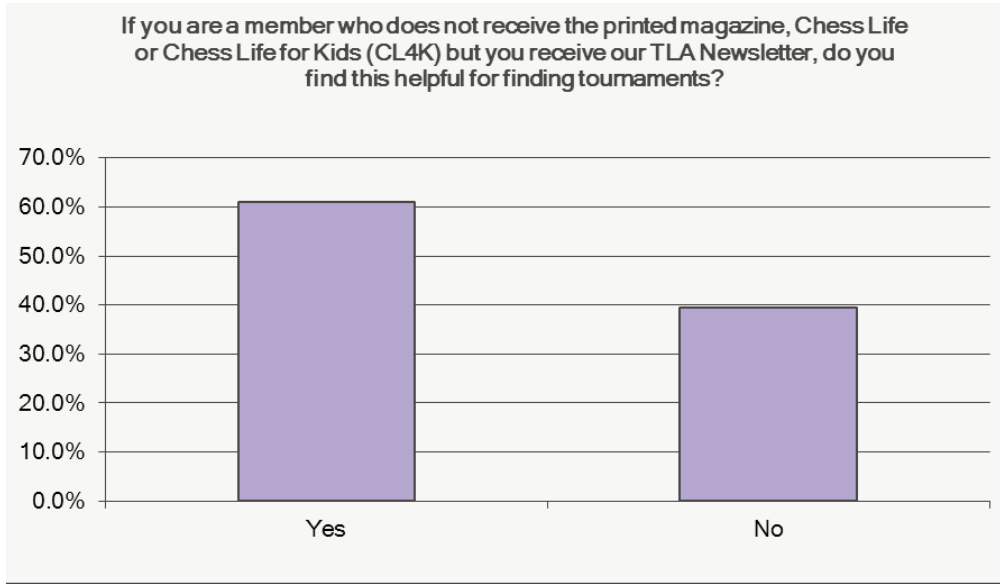
Why did you become a member of the USCF?

“To become qualified to tutor chess and share my love the chess experience.”

“To keep my mind working. Chess is great for making one have to think and solve problems.”

“I LOVE CHESS!!!”

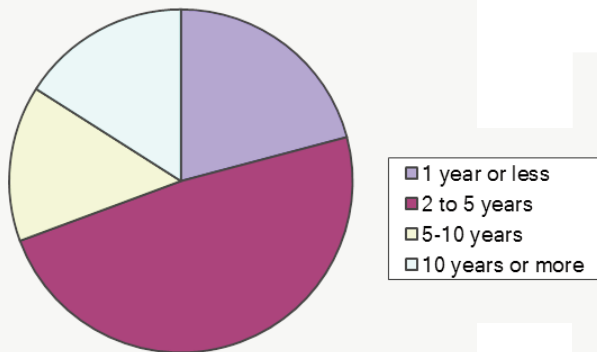
“Planning is frequently misunderstood as making future decisions, but decisions exist only in the present. The question is, what must we do *today* to achieve results. Planning is not an event. It is the continuous process of strengthening what works and abandoning what does not, and making ongoing adjustments as conditions change.” ~Peter Drucker”



Total participants who answered this question: 1,100

Total participants who skipped this question: 2,939

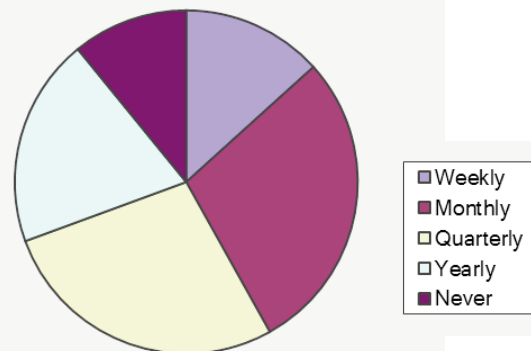
How long were you a member before you let your membership lapse?



Total participants who answered this question: 959

Total participants who skipped this question: 3,080

When active, how often do you/did you play in USCF-rated tournaments?



Total participants who answered this question: 2,451

Total participants who skipped this question: 1,588

Chess Trust Report

By Harold Winston, Trust Chairman

I recently returned from the opening ceremony of the U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship in St. Louis and my report on the Hall of Fame inductions is in the Hall of Fame Committee report. The Trust plays an important part in these inductions, working with the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum and the USCF Hall of Fame Committee. I greatly enjoyed seeing the Jacqueline Piatigorsky exhibit, including a visual montage of photos from Jackie's collection and listening to oral history recollections, on which Assistant Curator Emily Allred and John Donaldson worked. I had positive meetings with Rex Sinquefield, Museum Director Susan Barrett, Museum Curator Shannon Bailey, and Assistant Curator Emily Allred. I also survived a "name that Hall of Famer quiz" from John Donaldson, who asked me to identify persons from 1950s and 1960s photographs. I urge all USCF delegates to visit the museum. At the opening ceremony, numerous speakers, including the Executive of St. Louis County and the Mayor of St. Louis' chief of staff, acknowledged a recent U.S. Senate vote naming St. Louis chess capital of the nation.

The U.S. Chess Trust is a federally tax exempt Massachusetts Trust that supports chess nationwide by donating sets and boards and USCF memberships to schools. We are the major sponsor of the Scholar Chessplayer program, own many of the World Chess Hall of Fame permanent exhibits, fund the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, with the aid of the Denker family, and also support the Dewain Barber Tournament of Grade K-8 Champions and the U.S. Girls Championship, all three held during the U.S. Open. The Trust, which participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has for many years supported American players in the World Youth and World Junior Championships and we are proud of their success.

I am pleased to announce the Denker family is continuing its support of the Denker tournament and I thank Jaye Denker, Mitchell Denker's widow, for honoring Mitchell's wishes to continue family backing of this event. The late Mitchell Denker was a trustee who cared greatly about this tournament and delighted in watching games during the rounds. I will miss him as will his fellow other trustees. He died just weeks after the 2013 Denker was held. I enjoyed participating in the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2013 Denker, Barber, and Girls tournaments at Madison, Wisconsin, accompanied by our Managing Director Barbara DeMaro. I salute the continued fine work of Dewain Barber, Steve Shutt, Jon Haskel, Jennifer Skidmore, and those who work with them to promote these events.

The Trust voted to join USCF in supporting the North American Youth Championship to be held in the USA to cover free housing expenses for participants and I thank five trustees who made donations to cover this expense: Rex Sinquefield, Jim Eade, Leroy Dubeck, Mark Fins, and Steve Doyle.

Barbara DeMaro has rendered great services to the Chess Trust over many years and her forthcoming retirement is justly earned. We are currently searching for her successor as Managing Director. Barbara has worked hard to make the Trust a success and many USCF members have had positive contacts with her.

Congratulations to GM Daniel Naroditsky, the 2014 Samford Fellow and to GM Sam Shankland who continues for a second year. The Trust is proud to administer this fellowship program and appreciates the support of Frank P. Samford III. Congratulations also to our Scholar-Chessplayer winners: Jeevan Karamsetty (VA), Varun Krishnan (CA), Aleksandr Ostrovsky (NY), Arthur Shen (NJ), and Atulya Shetty (MI). Sunil Weeramantry's National Scholastic Chess Foundation works with the Trust in funding the Scholar-Chessplayer awards. Each winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship based on both chess and academic accomplishment.

The Trust is pleased to support the collegiate Final Four, due to the commitment of Booz Allen Hamilton. We recognize the work of Mike Hoffpauir of Virginia in obtaining this support and appreciate the fine work of college chess chair Russell Harwood of Texas.



I welcome two new trustees. Stuart Chagrin of New York is the President of the Marshall Chess Club and has been active promoting junior chess. Dr. Norman Saba of Arizona, is a pediatrician who persuaded the American Academy of Pediatrics to endorse the value of chess. Our trustees came from all parts of the nation and serve without compensation. As usual, I greatly benefit from the advice of President Jim Eade, Treasurer Leroy Dubeck, and Chairman Emeritus Harold Dondis. Secretary Myron Lieberman keeps us informed through his minutes and lists of resolutions passed. I thank all the trustees for their participation and ideas: Jim Eade (N CA), Leroy Dubeck (NJ), Harold Dondis (MA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Chess in Education VP Tim Redman (TX), Scholastic VP Sunil Weeramantry (NY), Steve Doyle (NJ), Mark Fins (MA), Beatriz Marinello (NY), Rex Sinquefield (MO), Stuart Chagrin (NY), Dr. Norman Saba (AZ) and President Emeritus Shane Samole (FL).

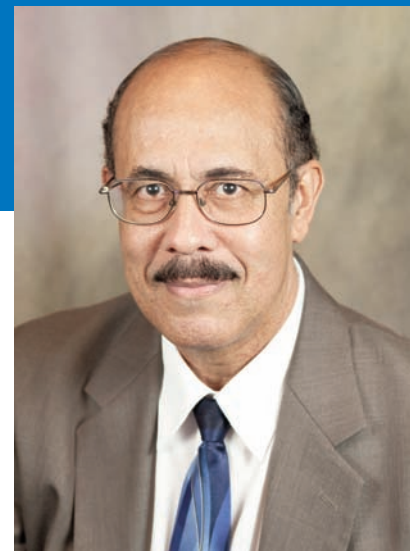
We continue to receive donations to honor the memory of persons when chess was an important part of their lives and we recognize such donations on our website: www.uschesstrust.org. Contact Managing Director Barbara DeMaro to arrange such donations at bduscf@aol.com. We greatly appreciate the work of Webmaster Dora Leticia and Web Editor Beatriz Marinello in keeping our website up to date and the contributions of Jim Eade, who chairs our website committee. Donations can be made through our website.

Our Managing Director, independent contractor Barbara DeMaro, processes requests for chess sets and memberships, administers the Samford Fellowship program, keeps our filings up to date, and works on legacy donations to the Trust. Contact her at bduscf@aol.com if you wish to include the Trust in your will.

Our annual meeting is open to the public. All are welcome on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at the U.S. Open hotel in Orlando, Florida at 4 p.m. Donations can be mailed to U.S. Chess Trust, P.O. Box 838, Walkkill, NY 12589: Attention Barbara DeMaro. Barbara and I will collect donations in person during the U.S. Open and at the workshops and Delegates meeting. To make certain the Trust receives your full donation, write a check or donate in cash. You can contact me at HJWinston@aol.com.

FIDE Zonal President's Report

By Francisco L. Guadalupe, FIDE Zonal President



This report covers the period of 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014.

FIDE titles of USA players/arbiters approved during this period:

GRANDMASTER:

Irina Krush
Mackenzie Molner
Daniel Naroditsky
Bryan Smith
Kayden Troff
Darwin Yang (Conditional; Rating as of June - 2482)

INTERNATIONAL MASTER:

Thomas Bartell
John Bryant
Luke Harmon-Vellotti
Aleksandr Ostrovskiy
Tatev Abrahamyan (Conditional; Rating as of June - 2378)

WOMAN INTERNATIONAL MASTER

Sarah Chiang (Conditional; Rating as of June - 2073)

INTERNATIONAL ARBITER

Tony Rich
Thomas Langland

FIDE ARBITER

Mike Hoffpauir
Tracey Vibbert
Oscar Garcia
Korey Kormick

FIDE transfers to/from USA approved:

GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez – from Cuba
GM Holden Hernandez-Carmenate – from Cuba
WGM Anna Sharevich – from Belarus
FM Zivorad Djuric – from Bosnia & Herzegovina
CM Bharat Arjun – from India
WCM Arab Kiana – from Iran
FM Paul Truong – to Cambodia

Note: GM Wesley So, currently #15 in the World has requested transfer to the U.S. (from the Philippines).

84th FIDE Congress, Tallinn, Estonia – Representing the USCF at the Congress were USCF President Ruth Haring, Zonal President Francisco Guadalupe, USCF Delegate to FIDE Michael Khodarkovsky, Chess in Schools Commission Member Jerry Nash, Qualification Commission Member (now Councilor) Walter Brown, and Social Project Commission Councilor Tony Rich. Also attending from the U.S. were FIDE

VP Beatriz Marinello, Chair of the Women's Commission GM Susan Polgar, and Consultant to the Chairman of the Chess in Schools Commission and Member of the Rules and Tournament Regulations Commission Sevan Muradian. Professor Ken Regan (*Chess Life* cover, June 2014) from University of Buffalo, the State University of NY, Member of the Anti-Cheating Committee also attended the Congress and made a presentation on anti-cheating issues. Detailed report from the delegation is available at <http://www.uschess.org/content/view/12388/729>. The FIDE Congress Executive Board Minutes and Annexes are available at <http://www.fide.com/fide/minutes/7537-84th-fide-congress-executive-board-minutes-and-annexes.html>. FIDE issues update from Zonal President is available at <http://www.uschess.org/content/view/12330/721>.

2013 FIDE World Cup, Tromsø, Norway – A record nine U.S. players participated:

GM Hikaru Nakamura – by rating (*Lost in round 4*)
GM Gata Kamsky – by rating (*Lost in round 5- final 8*)
GM Gregory Kaidanov – Continental 2012 (*Lost in round 1*)
GM Alexander Shabalov – Continental 2012 (*Lost in round 1*)
GM Alejandro Ramirez – Zonal 2.1 (*Lost in round 1*)
GM Alexander Onischuk – Zonal 2.1 (*Lost in round 2*)
GM Conrad Holt – Zonal 2.1 (*Lost in round 1*)
GM Larry Christiansen – Zonal 2.1 (*Lost in round 1*)
GM Ray Robson – Zonal 2.1 (*Lost in round 2*)

2013 FIDE World Youth Chess Championships, Al-Ain, UAE – 94 U.S. players participated. Both medal winners came from the Open U10 Section: Awonder Liang won the Gold and David Peng won the Silver.

2013 Continental (Pan-American) Youth Chess Championships, Pocos de Caldas, Brazil

David Peng – Gold, U10
Kevin Chor – Gold U8
Aksithi Eswaran – Gold, Girls U8
Cole Frutos – Silver, U10
Naomi Bashkansky – Silver, Girls U10
Jessica Regam – Bronze, Girls U18
Agata Bykovtsev – Bronze, Girls U14
Aasa Dommalapati – Bronze, Girls U10

Upcoming 2014 FIDE and Continental Events:

85th FIDE Congress
Tromsø, Norway, 4-15 August 2014

41st FIDE World Chess Olympiad
Tromsø, Norway, 1-15 August 2014

World Youth Chess Championships
Durban, South Africa, 18-30 September 2014

World Junior U20 Chess Championships
Pune, India, 5-20 October 2014

Women's World Chess Championship Tournament
11-31 October 2014, Site TBD

World Senior Chess Championship
Karerini, Greece, 23 October-5 November 2014

World Schools Individual Championships
Juiz de Fora, Brazil, 26 November-5 December 2014

World Cities Team Championship
Al-Ain, UAE, 17-29 December 2014

Pan-American Youth Championships
Ciudad Mexico, Mexico, 17-24 July 2014

Pan-American Women's Championship
Bogota, Colombia, 1-7 September 2014

Pan-American Senior Championships
Brazil, 4-8 December 2014

Pan-American Schools Chess Championships
El Salvador or Venezuela, 13-19 December 2014

Advance Agenda for the 2014 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting

Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida, August 2-3, 2014

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 14-01 (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 2013 DELEGATES' MEETING AND APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

ADM 14-02 (Harold Winston, IL):

Move that the minutes of the 2013 Delegates meeting as distributed to the Delegates present in Orlando, be accepted.

ADM 14-03 (Ruth Haring, CA-N)

Move that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian.

ADM 14-04 (Ruth Haring, CA-N)

Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2014 Delegates' Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates' Call.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULT

ADM 14-05 (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.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

Report of the President (Ruth Haring)

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

ADM 14-06 (Executive Board)

The 2013-2014 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted.

Report of the Executive Director (Jean Hoffman)

Report of the Director of Publications (Daniel Lucas)

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

REPORT OF THE FIDE ZONAL PRESIDENT

ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Audit Committee Election

Bylaws Committee Election

Election Committee Election

Ethics Committee Election

LMA Committee/Trust Election

ADM 14-07 (Tim Redman, TX; LMA Trust)

The Delegates reappoint the members of the LMA Trust.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

ADM 14-08 (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 2013-2014 and authorize their continuation.

ADM 14-09 (DM 13-40, ADM 13-39, Ken Ballou, MA)

Replace rule 32B3 with the following:

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

RATIONALE: Please refer to the thread titled "Rule 32B3 Question" in the "Running Chess Tournaments" forum (<http://www.uschess.org/forums/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=17537>). The second sentence of the proposed rule 32B3 is new. REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014

ADM 14-10 (DM 13-41, ADM 13-40, Steve Immitt, NY)

Resolved, that effective immediately, Rule 32B3, Ties For More Than One Prize, will be amended to read as follows:

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

The 28 words inserted in boldfaced italics above constitute the actual change

in wording to Rule 32B3. The TD Tip to Rule 33B3 remains unchanged.

RATIONAL: This rule change is being proposed because of an actual prize fund division issue arising from a tournament this past August. This situation was discussed in detail in the USCF Issues Forum, "Running Chess Tournaments (Topic: "Rule 32B3 Question)" and the suggested wording is a result of examples and recommendations made there by Ken Ballou, Bob Messenger and Jeff Wiewel. REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014

ADM 14-11 (DM 13-42, NDM 13-07, Harold Winston, IL; Richard Koepcke, CA-N)

Amend Art. VI, sec. 7 to add a sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "No person shall serve more than 12 years on the Executive Board."

RATIONALE: Any organization benefits by having new blood. In the most recent USCF election five of the six candidates had prior services on the Executive Board. 12 years allows for 4 full terms of 3 years each. REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014

ADM 14-12 (Harold Winston, IL; Richard Koepcke, CA-N):

Addition to DM 13-42

Add the following sentence, amending Article VI, section 7: "Anyone who has already served 12 years or more by July 31, 2014, may serve one more 3 year term."

RATIONALE: Since one person has served more than 12 years on the Executive Board and its predecessor the Policy Board, that person should be allowed to serve one additional term since the restriction proposed in DM 13-42 was not in effect when that person was elected previously.

ADM 14-13 (DM13-45, NDM 13-10, Ken Ballou, MA)

Amend Bylaws Article IV Section 3 to replace "March 31" with "May 5" in the first sentence. REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014

ADM 14-14 (Harold Winston, IL)

substitute for DM 13-45:

Amend Article IV, section 3 to replace "March 31" by "April 15" in the final sentence, which provides when a lapsed member who rejoins has to register by to vote that year.

RATIONALE: The office considers the DM 13-45 proposed "March 31" date not workable.

ADM 14-15 (DM 13-46, NDM 13-11, Ken Ballou, MA)

Amend Bylaws Article VI Section 4 to remove "2. A filing fee of \$250 made payable to the USCF" and to renumber the following item as item 2. REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT IN 2014

ADM 14-16 (Harold Winston, IL)

substitute for DM 13-46:

Amend Article VI, section 4 to read "2. A filing fee of \$100 made payable to the USCF"

RATIONALE: As an alternative to abolishing the filing fee, a reduction from \$250 to \$100 would help encourage more candidates to run for the Executive Board but still retain the fee idea.

ADM 14-17 (DM 13-47, NDM 13-12, Ken Ballou, MA)

Repeal Delegate Action of Continuing Interest (DACI) number 40.

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

ADM 14-18 (DM 13-48, NDM 13-13, Tim Just, IL; Wayne Clark, IL)

Make the time control for the traditional schedule and six day schedule at all

U.S. Open tournaments: 40/90; sd/30; inc. 30.

Benefits:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

ADM 14-19 (Harold Winston, IL; Bill Goichberg, NY; Mike Atkins, MD; Allen Priest, KY; Mike Nietman, WI; Ruth Haring, CA-N):

Resolved, the Delegates elect former USCF President Jim Berry a Delegate at Large.

ADM 14-20 (Harold Winston, IL; Guy Hoffman, WI):

Amend Article IV, section 3 final sentence to read "to be eligible to vote" Instead of the current "to eligible to vote."

RATIONALE: This is a technical amendment to clarify wording.

ADM 14-21 (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 14-22 (Harold Winston, IL; Bylaws Committee):

Amend Article IV, section 2 to replace "Any USCF member except those with memberships of less than one year, is entitled to register as a voting member" by "Memberships that, when purchased, are valid for a period of less than one year, including but not limited to three-month memberships, are not eligible to become voting members. All other USCF members are eligible to vote ..."

RATIONALE: This clarifies that full year members can vote even if in the last few months of their membership. The current wording has led to inquiries to the office.

ADM 14-23 (Harold Winston, IL; Allen Priest, KY):

Reword the first sentence of Article VI, section 3, par. 2 to read as follows: "All

meetings of the Executive Board, including conference calls, shall be recorded in their entirety with a clear record by a means determined by the Executive Board and preserved for six years." This replaces current wording that calls for permanent preservation.

RATIONALE: Old tapes of closed sessions have deteriorated and become inaudible so the "permanent" wording cannot be complied with. Minutes will continue to be preserved permanently.

ADM 14-24 (Harold Winston, IL; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Allen Priest, KY; Bylaws Committee):

Amend Art. VI, sec. 3 to replace the words "audio tapes or video tapes" and "audio tapes" by the word "recordings."

RATIONALE: This is really a technical amendment to replace obsolete language.

ADM 14-25 (Harold Winston, IL; Bylaws Committee):

Amend Art. VIII, sec. 1, the first sentence to read "Each State Chapter" instead of "Each State."

RATIONALE: A technical amendment which would make the first sentence consistent with the next two sentences which both start "Each State Chapter."

ADM 14-26 (Bill Goichberg, NY)

Effective no later than Sept. 1, 2014, the following USCF memberships shall be available through affiliates which choose to sell them. They shall not be sold directly to players by USCF, and shall not be valid for entry in national tournaments.

- A) 2 months Adult with 1 issue of *Chess Life*, \$20
- B) 2 months Young Adult (25 or under at expiration) with 1 issue of *Chess Life*, \$15
- C) 2 months Scholastic (13 or under at expiration) with 1 issue of *Chess Life for Kids*, \$10

ADM 14-27 (Steve Immitt, NY)

The Delegates authorize the reinstatement of the three month-membership option for junior players as well as for adults. The membership dues for this period shall be \$20 for Adults, \$15 for Young Adults (age 24 and below) and \$10 for Scholastic (age 12 and below). These 3-month membership options shall be made available to tournament directors and organizers through the USCF's online TD/Affiliate area at all times and shall not be limited to an option which is only available with the submission of the tournament rating report.

The changes in the terms of this membership may be made only by the Delegates, or by the Executive Board, with a minimum of 90 days advance notice until the change is to become effective.

RATIONALE: The availability of a lower-cost membership option for a shorter membership duration will help to promote tournament attendance, particularly among junior players, who currently do not have such an option. However, the pricing of such an option must be set so as to pay for the costs of these memberships and also not to discourage players from joining the USCF as a standard one-year member.

Organizers and tournament directors should be provided advance notice of any changes sufficient to adjust their tournament policies and advertising accordingly.

ADM 14-28 (Steve Immitt, NY)

The Delegates authorize the establishment of a special USCF endowment fund to help sponsor USCF memberships for needy individuals.

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The USCF's new 501(c)(3) status will make this an excellent way to solicit donations from corporations, particularly as publicity-sensitive organizations would be much more likely to make contributions if they could be designated as having helped to sponsor players in tournaments (the memberships for the chess team from an underprivileged school to attend the national championships were donated by IBM, for example). Or HP donated the funds to pay the membership dues for 5,000 kids to play in the world's largest rated tournament, etc.

A committee could be set up to coordinate the applications for the membership donations, because once we started receiving corporate donations, we will also be getting a lot of applications.

The committee and/or EB should set up some kind of criteria for eligibility. For junior memberships, perhaps that the applicants also have to be eligible for state or federal free lunch programs at their schools? Or maybe that the family income has to fall within a certain limit above the federal criteria defined as poverty level for a family of their size in their area? The USCF and/or the committee would not be able to screen each application (for one thing, privacy issues might be involved). However, we could stipulate that all applications are subject to verification and possible audit, and possible forfeiture of benefits if the verification of the application failed (the audits or verifications might need to be done by the office or by the USCF accountants if necessary).

There would also have to be a limit on the number of membership applications submitted by any one affiliate (or perhaps by any one TD as well).

The memberships awarded under such a grant should be premium options, so the recipient receives a magazine. Because this is a grant from USCF, the USCF should be able to set its own requirements for the recipients. The individual applicants should also supply the own actual mailing addresses, and NOT have all the memberships sent to one bulk address, where the players might never even see them.

If such a fund were to be established by USCF, it would be an excellent way to promote membership and increase tournament activity, benefiting the USCF, the new members and tournament organizers and directors as well.

ADM 14-29 (Steve Immitt, NY)

The Delegates authorize the Office, working with the USCF Scholastic Council, to develop a merit-based system of criteria to select qualified tournament directors for the National Scholastics.

RATIONALE: The National Scholastics provide a unique opportunity for tournament directors from around the country to hone their directing skills and learn about new ways to ply their craft. It is a privilege to work at a USCF National Scholastic. The USCF should seek out TDs who are eager to earn this privilege by encouraging TDs to apply for these positions and evaluating the applicants based on their experience and aptitude. A private organizer is free to use whatever criteria he wishes to use to hire his tournament directing staff. The USCF, on the other hand, is a national membership organization whose mission is to promote Chess in the U.S. It is therefore incumbent on such an organization to give unfettered consideration to all qualified applicants. It is also very much in the organization's interests to develop a continuously expanding pool of experienced talent to meet this objective.

ADM 14-30 (Steve Immitt, NY)

TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF DELEGATE ACTIONS OF CONTINUING INTEREST

The Delegates remind all those involved with the USCF National tournaments that these tournaments are for the benefit of the players. It is because of the support of the players, as well as the parents and coaches, that these events are even possible. Though inevitably there may arise disagreements among those involved as how best to realize this objective, the primacy of this goal must never be forgotten.

RATIONALE: This is something which should be emphasized most emphatically and often.

ADM 14-31 (Al Lawrence, TX; Camilla Baginskaite; Top Players Committee)

Regarding the U.S. Championship, Olympiad, and World Team, USCF's invitational requirements will disallow those residing in the U.S. on student visas (currently, "F" or "M" visas) or tourist visas (currently, "B" visas).

RATIONALE: To be eligible for these invitational events, a more committed status of residency must be required.

ADM 14-32 (Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Mike Nietman, WI; Mike Atkins, MD; Russell Harwood, TX; Beatriz Marinello, NY-Downstate; Jay Stallings, CA-S; Robert Messenger, MA)

The purpose of this ADM is to amend DM 12-27 passed in Vancouver at the Delegates Convention in 2012. This ADM is necessary to enact additional measures and help prevent the recurrence of an incident that happened at the 2014 National Elementary (K6) Championships in Dallas.

Here is the original text of DM 12-27: *“When taking entries for all National Scholastic Chess tournaments with ‘under’ sections, the USCF will require players to disclose whether they have one or more ratings in other over the board rating system(s). The USCF may use this rating information to determine section and prize eligibility in accordance with USCF rules 28D and 28E. This policy will take effect immediately and will be in effect for the 2013 Super-Nationals and all future USCF national scholastic tournaments that have ‘under’ sections.”*

Proposed Revision: *When taking entries for National Scholastic Chess tournaments with ‘under’ and/or ‘unrated’ sections, the USCF will require players to disclose at the time they enter a tournament whether they have one or more ratings in other over the board (OTB) rating system(s). At a minimum, the USCF shall use this rating information to determine section and prize eligibility in accordance with USCF rules 28D and 28E. Additionally, for OTB rating systems that have a rating translation formula approved by the USCF Ratings Committee, the USCF shall use a player’s other OTB rating information and translate it into a rating for the player for purposes of the tournament if the translated rating is higher than the player’s existing USCF rating. This policy will take effect immediately and will be in effect for all future USCF national scholastic tournaments that have ‘under’ and/or ‘unrated’ sections. The USCF shall apply rules 28H and 28I to address instances of players entered in an ‘under’ or ‘unrated’ section who have not disclosed their other OTB ratings.*

REVISED RATIONALE: There are areas of the country where many scholastic tournaments are being held that are not submitted to the USCF for rating. As a result, some players come to the national scholastic tournaments playing at a level that does not reflect their current USCF rating or what it should be. To insure fair competition, we need to be able to use all appropriate information about these players’ playing strength. Therefore, when a player’s other OTB rating is from a system for which the USCF Ratings Committee has approved a specific rating translation formula (RTF), the intent is that the USCF shall apply the RTF to assign a rating to PAIR the player in the appropriate section of the tournament if the player’s calculated rating is higher than the player’s USCF rating. If the player’s other OTB rating is not from a system for which the Ratings Committee has developed a RTF, then the USCF shall use the information to place the player into the appropriate section of the tournament.

The intent of this ADM also is to prompt the USCF to change the registration procedures for scholastic Spring National events so that players entering “Under” or “Unrated” sections disclose their other OTB rating information at the time they register for the tournament. To do this, the Registration processes need to query players entering “Under” or “Unrated” sections as to whether they have another OTB rating (e.g. FIDE, foreign, Northwest, Chess Express, etc.). This includes registration by mail, online, and at the tournament site. Then, when a player does disclose s/he has another OTB rating, the Chief Tournament Director can be alerted by the Front Office to look into the matter more closely for appropriate action.

USCF Rules 28H and 28I were added to the ADM to provide a means for the USCF to handle cases where players fail to disclose their rating information.

At this writing the Scholastics Committee and Council are working with the Front Office to develop and test appropriate changes to the Registration process for the USCF’s Spring National Scholastic Tournaments. The Scholastics Council also is collaborating with the Ratings Committee on a possible Ratings Translation Formula to be used to translate ratings from the Northwest Rating System to USCF ratings for players attempting to enter an “Under” or “Unrated” section.

ADM 14-33 (Steve Immitt, NY)

In the case of players in USCF national tournaments who have ratings achieved in foreign or regional rating systems, the Delegates expect that serious consideration will be given to such players’ ratings, based upon the players’ rating histories in such systems as compared to their USCF rating histories, and in consultation with the USCF Ratings Committee as needed.

The USCF Executive Director shall reserve the right, based upon the above considerations, to assign an estimated rating to any player in a USCF national tournament based on the player’s non-USCF rating and any recommended adjustments, either prior to the event, during the event or, in exceptional circumstances, after the event’s conclusion.

RATIONALE: In cases where a player has an established rating history in an alternate, foreign or regional rating system, and has achieved from this a rating higher than his or her USCF rating, after any necessary rating adjustments are incorporated (or has no USCF rating), it may very well be inaccurate to disregard that player’s non-USCF tournament rating history and experience. The necessary or recommended adjustments should be made to the player’s tournament rating, based upon the player’s non-USCF rating and rating history and the alternate rating system involved, especially for the purposes of assigning him or her to the correct tournament section or class. Not to do so would be unfair to the other players in the section or class, who would then be forced to compete against a player whose correctly adjusted tournament rating would make him or her otherwise ineligible for that section or class.

ADM 14-34 (Jeff Wiewel, IL)

When the ratings committee has a conversion formula it has approved for converting a qualified rating from a different over-the-board system to USCF then that converted rating will be used for national scholastic tournament purposes if the result of the conversion is higher than the player’s USCF rating. The definition of qualified rating is “a rating that has enough games in the alternate rating system to be considered a valid rating.”

Justification: There are various rating systems that are used in places around the country that give a more recent and valid approximation of relative strength than a lesser used USCF rating. Players in such systems are often stronger than the upper limit of ratings-limited sections at the national scholastics. Also players in such systems are often significantly stronger than their USCF ratings and the pairings should take the better approximation of their strength into account when doing pairings, which is especially important when using accelerated pairings in championship sections.

Example: There were numerous players in the 2014 national elementary that had NWSRS ratings much higher than their USCF ratings (even after taking the 200-point deduction for U1400 that the provisional NWSRS -> USCF conversion formula would have done). The provisional conversion formula for NWSRS ratings currently considers 50 games to be enough to be considered a valid NWSRS rating. The most USCF-active of those was one of the K-3 U800 co-champions who was a 587-rated player that had played 34 USCF-rated games in the 7-month period before the event (including 10 games in the national junior chess congress that took him from 571P24 to 592).

That second-grader had played 58 games year-to-date (113 total) in the NWSRS and had a 1321 NWSRS rating, which would translate to 1121 USCF. If the conversion had been done then the player would have been recognized as too strong to play in the U800 section.

The fifth-place team in the K-3 championship section was anchored by USCF-rated 1594, 822, 805 and 698 players (using the NWSRS conversion would have given 1594, 1073, 1094, 975 - note the 1594 USCF rating was higher than the 1568 that would have resulted from converting a 1676 NWSRS rating), a half-point ahead of Hunter’s team anchored by 1585, 1491, 1309, 1194, 1129 and 897 players.

ADM 14-35 (Mike Atkins, MD)

In the sixth edition, the wording for replacing increment clocks with an analog clock is below. If neither a delay clock nor an increment clock is available for a game using increment, you have the situation described in 5F2d: (See below) It presents 2 possibilities, the first one essentially punishes a player for not having an increment clock stating that the game “may” be played without increment or delay. The variant is that the incremental time is adjusted, e.g. 30 second increment becomes 30 minutes, and added to the total time of the game. This provides no explanation as to how to do that and there are tournaments which have added the 30 minutes to the second time control only. This punishes someone for not having an increment capable clock and playing a fast game. The logical addition to a dual time control game, e.g. 40/90, G/30, would be to add 20 minutes to the first time control and 10 minutes to the

second time control in order to fairly distribute the adjusted time. The proposed new wording is:

- If neither an increment capable clock nor a delay capable digital clock (e.g. analog clock) is available, then the game shall be played with adjusted time being added to the entire time control (if only one control like G/90) or equitably divided between 2 time controls, e.g. 40/90 SD/30 Inc 30, would be the addition of 20 minutes to first time control and 10 minutes to sudden death control.

TD TIP: The adjusted time is one minute for each second of increment.

Current wording in Fifth/Sixth Edition

5F2. Standard timer for increment.

An increment clock (a clock with added time capabilities) is the standard timer.

a. The increment clock is set to add time for each move, called an increment. The standard increment is 30 seconds per move. For quick chess the standard increment is 10 seconds per move. A game with an increment time control should be set with the increment in effect from move one, even if the time control is mixed (e.g. 40/90 SD/30 Inc/30). A game started without an increment-capable clock should remain the clock for the game.

TD TIP: Increment mode, added time, and Fischer modes are equivalent.

b. If an increment clock or a similar clock is not available, 5F applies and the increment time may be applied as a delay.

c. If an increment clock is not available, and the only delay clock available cannot be set to the equivalent delay time, then the delay clock may be set to the maximum allowable delay time (for the clock) not to exceed the increment time.

- Variant: Total time may be adjusted to compensate for increment time lost.

TD TIP (variant): Suggested time adjustment is one minute for each second of increment or delay time lost.

d. If neither an increment capable clock nor a delay capable digital clock (e.g. analog clock) is available, then the game may be played without increment or delay, and follow the time control rules (regular or sudden death) as appropriate.

- Variant: Total time may be adjusted to compensate for increment.

TD TIP (variant): Suggested adjusted time is one minute for each second of increment.

ADM 14-36 (Mike Atkins, MD; Ken Ballou, MA)

This is an ADM to make an addition to The rulebooks description of Category I tournaments. The change is part c.

14. Category I.

A Tournament held in the United States that will be submitted to both FIDE and the USCF for rating.

a. FIDE events that award title norms for GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs and will be submitted to FIDE for rating must be directed by an onsite International Arbiter (IA) or FIDE Arbiter (FA).

b. U.S. events that are also FIDE rated should be directed by an onsite USCF Senior TD or higher, or IA/FA that meets USCF requirements for Senior TD and for the expected size of the event.

c. *Effective January 1, 2014, no tournament will be rated by FIDE without the arbiter being licensed which applies to FIDE Arbiters and International Arbiters. A new category was introduced called the National Arbiter. In the USCF, the National Arbiter must be a SrTD or higher and apply/pay the license fee through the USCF office in order to direct FIDE rated events.*

ADM 14-37 (Mike Atkins, MD; Ken Ballou, MA)

ADM to redefine Chief TD under Rulebook's description of TD certification rules:

Currently, the rule is worded as:

The Chief TD has the ultimate authority and responsibility for the tournament. In general, the Chief TD must be physically present during play and should not himself be a player in a tournament he or she directs.

The proposed new wording strikes out "In general" and explains that brief absences are ok and that another TD should supervise if possible and the chief cannot supervise from off-site.

New proposed wording

10. Chief TD.

The Chief TD has the ultimate authority and responsibility for the tournament. In general, the Chief TD must be physically present during play, except for brief absences during which the co-chief, or other USCF Certified TD will be in charge, and should not himself be a player in a tournament he or she directs. In the case of a single TD who is chief at a tournament, any absences should be very brief. The Chief TD cannot supervise from off-site.

ADM 14-38 (Bob Messenger, NH)

Move to amend the Official Rules of Chess to use a notation without a slash to indicate time delay, e.g. d5 instead of d/5 for 5 second delay.

In rule 5B1a, change "the abbreviation d/ is used" to "the abbreviation d is used".

In rule 5B1c, change "d/0" to "d0".

In rule 5B2, change "e.g. G/90 inc/30 (or +30); G/30 d/5; G/10 d/3; G/5 d/0" to "e.g. G/90 inc/30 (or +30); G/30 d5; G/10 d3; G/5 d0".

In rule 5C, change "G/60 d/5" to "G/60 d5" and make the corresponding changes in the TD Tip and in Note 1.

RATIONALE: The notation with the slash was used in the initial version of the rules specifying the notation to be used for delay time controls, but this has been superseded by the notation without a slash in Tournament Life Announcements and other tournament publicity. The proposed rule changes reflect current practice.

Although d5 is fairly standard now to indicate 5 second delay, various notations have been used for increment. Using d5 for delay and inc/30 for increment may seem inconsistent but it does have the advantage of being easy to read.

ADM 14-39 (Bob Messenger, NH)

Move to amend rule 5B2 by replacing the current rule with the following:

5B2. In all advance publicity which specifies the time control, the organizer is to indicate the full time control, including the delay or increment, as minutes (mm) and seconds (ss), e.g. G/90 inc/30 (or +30); G/30 d5; G/10 d3; G/5 d0. The time control must be specified in Tournament Life Announcements and should be specified in other publicity such as flyer mailings, email and on web sites. It is acceptable for abbreviated publicity to refer the reader to more complete tournament details posted elsewhere.

RATIONALE: The current version of rule 5B2 is:

5B2. The organizer is to indicate the time control, including the delay or increment in all advance publicity as minutes (mm) and seconds (ss). e.g. G/90 inc/30 (or +30); G/30 d/5; G/10 d/3; G/5 d/0.

This could be interpreted as requiring the time control, or possibly multiple time controls, to be indicated in all advance publicity, including, for example, a list of tournaments being run by an organization or a small display ad with abbreviated details. The proposed amendment clarifies that abbreviated tournament details don't need to include the time control if the information is posted elsewhere.

The notation d/5 etc. used in the current rule has in practice been replaced by d5 etc. Another ADM will propose using the notation without a slash throughout the rules.

ADM 14-40 (Bob Messenger, NH; Ken Ballou, MA)

Blitz Rule 14: Claiming a win after an illegal move

In Chapter 11 of the USCF rulebook (Blitz Chess), at the end of rule 14, change "whereupon the opponent may claim a win" to "whereupon the opponent may claim a win under rule 7d if the opponent has mating material or a draw under rule 8d if the opponent does not have mating material."

RATIONALE: The last sentence of rule 14 in the current blitz rules is “An illegal move is completed when the player presses the clock, whereupon the opponent may claim a win.” The proposed change clarifies that the opponent can only claim a draw if he doesn’t have mating material.

ADM 14-41 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Delete blitz rule 16

RATIONALE: the language of this rule (“... is a cheap shot and will not be tolerated”) is not fitting rules language. The rule is redundant. Rule 8A1 already establishes that moving the king adjacent to the opponent’s king is an illegal move. Blitz rules 7d and (in passing) 14 establish that that an opponent having sufficient mating material may claim a win after a player completes an illegal move.

ADM 14-42 (Ken Ballou, MA; Michael Atkins, MD)

Effective January 1, 2015, in rule 21L1, delete this sentence:

“A good-faith deposit of \$25 must be included with the appeal.”

In its place, insert the following:

“A good-faith deposit, currently of \$25, must be included with the appeal. The executive director shall from time to time review and set the required deposit amount in consultation with those committees that handle appeals.”

RATIONALE: The \$25 deposit amount was established many years ago and does not reflect current economic conditions and does not serve as an effective deterrent to frivolous complaints. The executive director should have the authority to set the required deposit amount as a matter of USCF office policy.

ADM 14-43 (Ken Ballou, MA)

Delete rule 14K.

RATIONALE: Rule 14K is either misplaced or redundant. It logically belongs in the text of rule 14H1. If it intends to rule out insufficient losing chances claims in games played using an analog clock with an increment time control, it should say so clearly (and still be moved to 14H1). If that is not the meaning, then it duplicates the first sentence of rule 14H1.

ADM 14-44 (Alex Relyea, NH; Ken Ballou, MA)

Create a new article 14L as of 1 January 2015 to say:

14L. Director declares draw for lack of progress.

If one or both of the following occur(s) then the the TD may declare the game drawn:

1. the same position has appeared, as in 14C, for at least five consecutive alternate moves by each player;
2. any consecutive series of 75 moves have been completed by each player without the movement of any pawn and without any capture. If the last move resulted in checkmate, that shall take precedence.

RATIONALE: This rule is based on FIDE rule 9.6 which went into effect on July 1, 2014. This deals with the situation that arises when either neither player knows how to claim a draw, or one (or both) player is trying to win on time in an obviously drawn position.

ADM 14-45 (Alex Relyea, NH; Ken Ballou, MA)

Amend 10I2 as of 1 January 2015 to say:

10I2. Rook touched first.

If a player intending to castle touches the rook first, castling is not allowed and the player must move the rook as required by rule 10B.

RATIONALE: Castling is a king move and should be treated as such.

ADM 14-46 (Chris Kim, MD)

Replace rule 10I2 with the following:

10I2. Rook touched first. If a player intending to castle touches the rook first

and then the king, the player is not allowed to castle on that side on that move. The situation will be governed by Rule 10B.

RATIONALE: This rule is to mirror the FIDE Laws of Chess 4.4.b.

In USCF Rule 8A2: castling is a move of the king and either rook, counting as a single move and executed as follows: the king is transferred from its original square two squares toward either rook on the same rank; then that rook is transferred over the king to the square adjacent to the king on the same rank. This is also mirrored in Rule 9C (Castling) - In the case of legal castling, the move is determined with no possibility of change when the player’s hand has released the king, which has moved two squares toward a rook, and completed when that player, having legally transferred the rook to its new square, pressed the clock.

Nowhere do the rules of castling in USCF or FIDE state that castling starts with the rook move. Therefore, if a player touches the rook first, that player is only allowed to move that rook if a legal move exists.

ADM 14-47 (Chris Kim, MD)

Replace Rule 13C1 with the following:

13C1. Only players or tournament directors may call flag. A flag is considered fallen (5G) when a tournament director observes the fact or when either player has made a valid claim to that fact.

Note: last sentence in TD Tip that follows this rule may be superfluous and could be stricken.

RATIONALE: This rule mirrors the FIDE Laws of Chess 6.8: as noted in the last sentence of the TD Tip that follows this rule. Players should not be allowed to have more time than allocated. In every major sport with a clock, a referee calls the end of the game when time runs out; there is no justification now for the TD not to have the same authority when the flag falls. If chess were like golf in this case, where the players referee themselves and call penalties on themselves, the honor code would have the player whose flag fell to call his own flag (which in real life doesn’t happen often). Just because a player’s opponent does not notice a player’s flag has fallen shouldn’t mean that player be entitled to additional time. This will also prevent situations where two players continue to play ignoring the clock and the TD has to invoke 14G2 only when both flags are down or 18G2 (Director declares game over).

In the Introduction page xxv last paragraph, the USCF rules were modified in 1972 to have the time forfeits called by players only in order to address the unfairness of directors claiming on behalf of some players and not others.

Now in 2014 (32 years later), the first counterpoint is that those rules were made in the era of analog clocks - we are now in an era where digital clocks are the standard. If the argument is made that there are too many games to be observed by the TD for flag fall, then a counterargument can be made that digital clocks (now standard) can be set to halt on end (some digital clocks [eg DGT brand] have this as default), so that it is clear which player’s flag has fallen first, and the clocks stop at that point. A second counterpoint is that only in a small number of large tournaments are there multiple games with flag fall for directors to watch - this can be mitigated to some extent by requiring players to have their clock in same direction for easier observation for the TD. The third counterpoint is that it is expected that a TD would make time forfeit claims fairly for all players.

ADM 14-48 (Chris Kim, MD)

Add a TD Tip after 20D (Use of additional board or computer prohibited) as follows:

TD Tip: Occasionally players when determining a move will transfer a piece to a vacant square but will not release a piece immediately to determine the move. Rather, a player will hold a hand on the piece while analyzing the board. The player may release the hand over time to determine the move or move the piece back to the original square for more analysis. This should be considered a minor violation of 20D, as the player is analyzing a board with one move in advance, so with director discretion the usual initial penalty should be a warning rather than loss of game.

RATIONALE: As a player and tournament director, I have been annoyed playing an opponent (or watching players) move a piece to a vacant square and pause

to analyze. In my mind this is cheating, as this is like using an analysis board (even for one half-move). It is not usually an illegal move if the piece is transferred back to the original square, as this piece was going to be moved anyways.

There is no precedence in the USCF nor FIDE rules for this - not sure if FIDE rules were designed for professionals and not amateurs.

The closest precedence is FIDE Law 4.4.d - If a player having the move promotes a pawn, the choice of the piece is finalized when the piece has touched the square of promotion.

I have suggested this as a TD Tip rather than a rule for discussion- however, if there is enough support in the Rules Committee, then this could be made into a rule.

ADM 14-49 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Rule 32B1: One cash prize per player.

Resolved: That the following sentence (shown here in boldface italics), ***“Prizes such as Best Junior, Best Girl, Best Senior, etc.” may also be considered to be standard exceptions from this rule*** shall be inserted immediately after the sentence “Prizes such as biggest upset, best game, or brilliancy are standard exceptions from this rule.” The complete text of the revised rule, including the additional language (shown below in boldface italics) is as follows:

Rule 32B1: One cash prize per player. No winner shall receive more than one cash award. The award may be one full cash prize if a clear winner, or parts of two or more cash prizes if tied with others. Prizes such as biggest upset, best game, or brilliancy are standards exceptions from this rule. ***Prizes such as Best Junior, Best Girl, Best Senior, etc. may also be considered to be standard exceptions from this rule.*** A clear winner of more than one cash prize must be awarded the most valuable prize. For examples see 32B5: Offering a choice of prizes.

EXPLANATION: This is a situation which is not specifically addressed by the current rules, unless you already make an a priori assumption about what types of prizes these are in the first place. It would be preferable not to have to force the TDs to make that assumption. Some TDs might assume these are straight class prizes, while others might assume that they are more akin to bonus prizes. Organizers would always still have the flexibility to award the prizes in the way they wish, by specifying which type of prizes they are deemed to be, in advance. This ADM would serve as a guide to what to do, and what not to do, in cases where there is no other information for the TDs to use.

ADM 14-50 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Rule 33D1: One non-monetary prize per player.

Resolved: The first paragraph of Rule 33.D1 is reworded as follows.

Rule 33D1: One non-monetary prize per player. No winner shall receive more than one non-monetary award. A clear winner of more than one non-monetary prize must be awarded the highest-ranked prize (ranking is described below). Prizes such as biggest upset, best game, or brilliancy are standards exceptions from this rule. ***Prizes such as Best Junior, Best Girl, Best Senior, etc. may also be considered to be standard exceptions from this rule.***

EXPLANATION: This is a situation which is not specifically addressed by the current rules, unless you already make an a priori assumption about what types of prizes these are in the first place. It would be preferable not to have to force the TDs to make that assumption. Some TDs might assume these are straight class prizes, while others might assume that they are more akin to bonus prizes. Organizers would always still have the flexibility to award the prizes in the way they wish, by specifying which type of prizes they are deemed to be, in advance. This ADM would serve as a guide to what to do, and what not to do, in cases where there is no other information for the TDs to use.

ADM 14-51 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Resolved: Add the following sentence to the end of USCF Rule 32G. Other non-cash prizes:

“But also see Rule 33D1 (as amended above).”

EXPLANATION: This ADM seeks to align two current USCF Rules which appear to contradict each other. If ADM 14-43 and ADM 14-44 both pass, then the phrase “(as amended above)” is unnecessary at the end of the above ADM 14-45.

ADM 14-52 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Rule 21J: The Special Referee.

Resolved: That the following be appended to Rule 21J, effective immediately: “In a USCF National Tournament, the USCF Executive Director may serve as a special referee, and may consult with the Executive Board, as needed, in cases of sufficient importance.”

The complete text of the revised rule, including the additional language (shown below in boldface italics) is as follows:

21J. The Special Referee. A special referee is a director with substantial experience who is available to provide advice or make a ruling by telephone. Phone numbers of special referees appear in USCF rating lists. To ensure impartiality a special referee is preferred over an appeals committee. ***In a USCF National Tournament, the USCF Executive Director may serve as a special referee, and may consult with the Executive Board, as needed, in cases of sufficient importance.***

RATIONALE: In a USCF national tournament, the Executive Director should have the option to consider an appeal of a matter of sufficient urgency and gravity to the outcome of the tournament.

ADM 14-53 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Rule 29E4: Reversing Colors in Event of a Rematch

Resolved: Add the following variation to Rule 29E4: Equalization, alternation, and priority of color.

“Variation 29E4e. Reversing Colors in Event of a Rematch

If two players play each other again in the same tournament, their colors in the second game are the opposite of what they were in the first game.”

RATIONALE: The rules for assigning color priorities in a Swiss probably assume that players face a different opponent each round. However, in cases where the number of rounds in a tournament is large, relative to the number of players, sometimes it may be unavoidable to have the same players face each other more than once. The rules for color assignment do not address the natural inclination to provide an opportunity for both players to face each other with an equal number of Blacks and Whites, should the unusual situation arise where they are playing each other multiple times in the same event.

ADM 14-54 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Rule 29E: Color allocation.

Resolved: The following section is added to Rule 29E. Color Allocation.

“29E8. Team pairings take precedence over color equalization. In a combined Swiss individual and team tournament, the need to avoid pairing players from the same team shall take precedence over the need to equalize colors.”

RATIONALE: This conflict is not currently addressed by the rules. However, the general importance of avoiding intra-team pairings should trump the need to equalize colors; otherwise the final standings of the team competition may be affected solely by a requirement to equalize colors. Furthermore, the lack of an unambiguous rule governing this situation may very well lead to a demand by rival team(s) of the necessity of color equalization to force two members of the same to be paired with each other if that be the only pairing which equalizes colors, instead of avoiding intra-team pairings even if that results in the colors remaining unequalized.

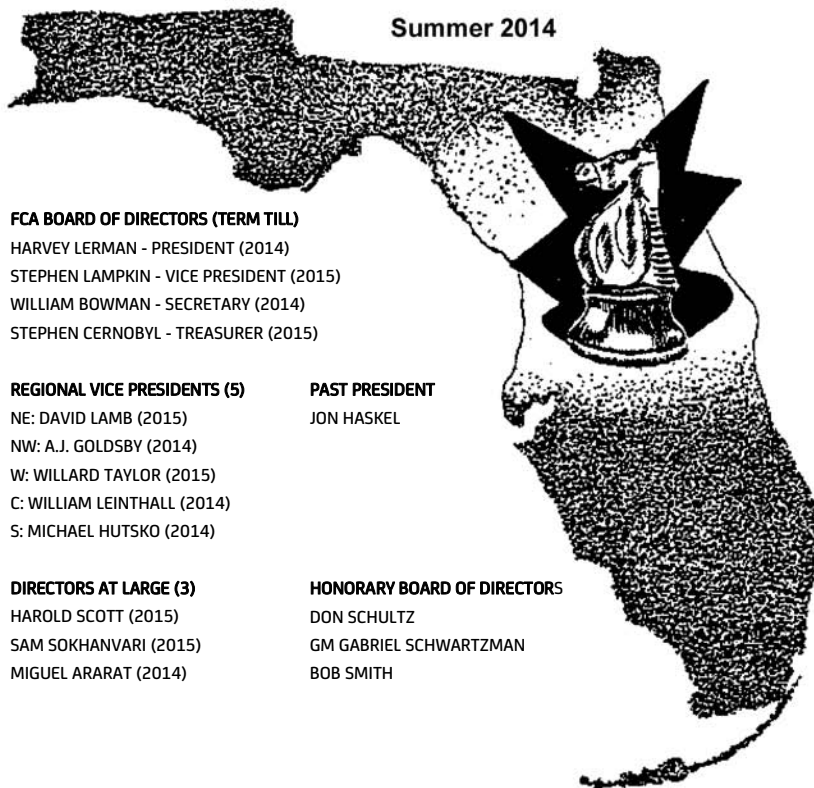
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EB14-001	Board	08/04/13 M	Officers Named	PASSED 7-0
EB14-002	Board	08/04/13 M	Committee Chairs and EB Liaisons	PASSED 7-0
EB14-003	Board	08/04/13 M	Committee Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-004	Nietman	08/04/13 M	International Youth Events	PASSED 7-0
EB14-005	Atkins	08/04/13 M	TD Awards	PASSED 7-0
EB14-006	Priest	08/12-08/13/13 E	Renew Line of Credit	PASSED 7-0
EB14-007	Atkins	08/26-09/04/13 E	Senior Chess Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB14-008	Nietman	09/21-09/24/13 E	Approval of August EB Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-009	Guadalupe	10/01-10/02/13 E	Online Play	PASSED 7-0
EB14-010	Nietman	11/16/13 M	National Scholastic Tournament Regulations	PASSED 7-0
EB14-011	Nietman	11/16/13 M	U.S. Open EF for Denker, Barber, NGIT players	PASSED 7-0
EB14-012	Atkins	11/16/13 M	USCF FIDE Events Committee Creation	PASSED 7-0
EB14-013	Atkins	11/16/13 M	USCF FIDE Events Committee Members	PASSED 7-0
EB14-014	Atkins	11/16/13 M	Franc Guadalupe added to TDCC as of 01/01/14	PASSED 7-0
EB14-015	Priest	11/16/13 M	Finance Committee membership Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-016	Priest	11/16/13 M	Magazines for 3 Month Trial Memberships	PASSED 7-0
EB14-017	Walters	11/16/13 M	Non-member Participation Fee	PASSED 6-1
EB14-018	Atkins	11/16/13 M	Accept TDCC's decision for sanctions (2 cases)	PASSED 7-0
EB14-019	Unruh	11/16/13 M	Replace 3 Mo. Trial Memb. with a \$10 Membership	PASSED 7-0
EB14-020	Priest	11/16/13 M	Add E.D. Jean Hoffman as signatory to accounts	PASSED 7-0
EB14-021	Walters	12/10-12/26/13 E	Delay implementation of EB14-019 (3 mo. Memb.)	PASSED 6-0-1
EB14-022	Walters	12/10-12/26/13 E	Discontinue magazines from 3 month memberships	PASSED 6-0-1

MOTION #	SPONSOR	DATE/METHOD	SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
EB14-023	Atkins	01/03-01/07/14 E	Extend Magazines for 3 months for 3 mo. membs.	FAILED 1-6
EB14-024	Nietman	01/21-01/24/14 E	Accept Nov. 2013 EB Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB14-025	Board	02/22-02/23/14 E	2014 U.S. Open Millenium contract	PASSED 7-0
EB14-026	Hoffman	02/22/14 C	Website Advisory Committee change	PASSED 7-0
EB14-027	Atkins	02/22/14 C	FIDE Events Committee change	PASSED 7-0
EB14-028	Atkins	02/22/14 C	TD Certification – Category T	PASSED 7-0
EB14-029	Atkins	02/22/14 C	TD Lifetime Achievement	PASSED 6-1
EB14-030	Atkins	02/22/14 C	National Chess Day	PASSED 7-0
EB14-031	Board	02/22-02/23/14 C	Ethics Committee Decision – Xue-Harper	PASSED 7-0
EB14-032	Board	02/22-02/23/14 C	Ethics Committee Decision – Gray-Censore/Ozbek	PASSED 7-0
EB14-033	Board	02/22-02/23/14 C	TDCC Decision – Constance- Tulman/Coleman	PASSED 7-0
EB14-034	Atkins	02/23/14 C	Rating System – Bonus Threshold	PASSED 7-0
EB14-035	Haring	02/23/14 C	Remove Bonuses from Invitational Rules	PASSED 7-0
EB14-036	Atkins	02/23/14 C	Rating System – Floating Point Ratings	PASSED 7-0
EB14-037	Hoffman	02/25-02/26/14 E	Transfer Crossville Property to LMA Trust	PASSED 7-0
EB14-038	Haring	03/11-03/14/14 E	Nominate Rex Sinquefield and Kasparov Ticket	PASSED 7-0
EB14-039	Nietman	04/06-04/07/14 E	Accept Minutes of February Conference Call	PASSED 7-0
EB14-040	Hoffman	04/18-04/19/13 E	Consulting Services	PASSED 7-0
EB14-041	Atkins	05/17/14 M	Add Bill Pursel to Senior Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB14-042	Nietman	05/17/14 M	Add Constantine Ananiadis to College Chess Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB14-043	Unruh	05/17/14 M	Two Month Membership	PASSED 4-3
EB14-044	Bauer	05/17/14 M	Woman Chessplayer of the Year	PASSED 7-0
EB14-045	Board	05/17/14 M	Awards	PASSED 6-0-1
EB14-046	Walters	05/18/14 M	Changes to Website Advisory Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB14-047	Priest, Nietman	05/18/14 M	Accept Weeramantry Resignation from Scholastic Council	PASSED 7-0
EB14-048	Bauer	05/22-05/23/14 E	CSFI Contract Addendum	PASSED 7-0
EB14-049	Hoffman	05/28-06/07/14 E	D&O Insurance	PASSED 7-0
EB14-050	Hoffman	05/28-06/07/14 E	Quad Graphics Agreement	PASSED 7-0
EB14-051	Hoffman	05/29-05/30/14 E	USCF Account Changes	PASSED 7-0

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

EB14-001 – BOARD

The Executive Board names the following officers for 2013-2014:

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-002 – BOARD

The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs:

PASSED 7-0.

Committee	Chair	EB Liaison
Audit	Bill Brock	Allen Priest
Awards	John Donaldson	Randy Bauer
Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions	Jon Haskel Stephen Shutt	Mike Nietman
Bylaws	Harold J. Winston Guy Hoffman	Allen Priest
Chess in Education	F. Leon Wilson	Mike Nietman
Clubs	Bob Rasmussen	Chuck Unruh
College Chess	Russell S. Harwood	Mike Nietman
Correspondence Chess	Brad Rogers	Gary Walters
Cramer Awards	Frank Brady	Randy Bauer
Denker Invitational	Stephen Shutt Jon Haskel	Mike Nietman
Election	Ken Ballou	Chuck Unruh
Ethics	Richard Buchanan	Gary Walters
Finance		Allen Priest
Forum		Randy Bauer
Hall of Fame	Harold J. Winston	Gary Walters
Hall of Records	Steve Immitt	Mike Nietman
International Affairs	Michael Khodarkovsky	Ruth Haring
Military	Colonel Mike Hoffpauir U.S. Army (ret)	Gary Walters
Outreach	Myron Lieberman	Chuck Unruh
PPHB Fund Management	John Donaldson	Allen Priest
Prison		Ruth Haring
Publications	Ramon Hernandez	Randy Bauer
Ratings	Mark Glickman Mike Atkins	Ruth Haring
Rules	David Kuhns	Mike Atkins
Scholastic Chess Council	Mike Hoffpauir, Co-Chair Sunil Weeramantry, Co-Chair	Mike Nietman
Senior	Charles Hatherill	Mike Atkins
States	Guy Hoffman	Gary Walters
Top Players		Ruth Haring
Tournament Director Certification	Jeff Wiewal, Chair Tim Just, Vice-Chair	Mike Atkins
U.S. Open	Hal Terrie III	Chuck Unruh
Web Site Advisory (WSAC)	Boyd Reed	Mike Nietman
Woman's Chess	Jennifer Skidmore	Ruth Haring

EB14-003 – BOARD

The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes:

PASSED 7-0.

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

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

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

Ratings: Add Bill Goichberg

Rules: Add Bill Goichberg

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

Senior: Add Bob Mahan, Mike Eberhardinger and Garrett Scott

EB14-004 – NIETMAN

The Board accepts the recommendation of the Scholastic Council and names the following as "Core Group Coaches" for international youth events.

PASSED 7-0.

Aviv Friedman
Michael Khodarkovsky
Armen Ambartsoumian
John Fedorowicz
Semion Palatnik
Andranik Matikozyan

EB14-005 – ATKINS

The TDCC has accepted the task of providing recommendations for the winner of the TD of the Year and TD - Lifetime Achievement awards. They asked for more definition in those awards so I am submitting the following:

PASSED 7-0.

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

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

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

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

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

EB14-006 – PRIEST

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

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-007 – ATKINS

I move the following:

PASSED 7-0.

Bob Mahan of NC (*bob.mahan@queencitychess.com*) be named Senior Chess Chair

Bob Messenger of MA (*bob.messenger@myfairpoint.net*) be added to the committee and
Gregory Kearse of Maryland (*Gregory.S.Kearse@uscg.mil*) be added to the committee that already consists of
Charles Hatherill of Florida (*kingsgambit50@earthlink.net*)
Mike Eberhardinger (*mike.eberhardinger@queencitychess.com*)
Garrett Scott (*garrett.scott@gmail.com*)

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

EB14-008 – NIETMAN

I move that we accept the minutes from the 8/1/13 and 8/4/13 Executive Board meetings.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-009 – GUADALUPE

I make the motion that the USCF Executive Board approve the "On Line Chess Play" Agreement that was previously submitted, subject to minor modifications which will be discussed during implementation.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-010 – NIETMAN

The Executive Board accept the proposed changes to the National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations as proposed by the Scholastic Council.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-011 – NIETMAN

The Executive Board approve for participants of the Denker, Barber and National Girls Invitational Tournament a one half reduction in the U.S. Open entry fee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-012 – ATKINS

Moved, that a USCF FIDE Events committee be created. It will have the authority to make decisions on FIDE rule infractions, Arbiter mistakes, and misconduct and also prepare FA exams when the USCF is the presenter.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-013 – ATKINS

Moved, that the following USCF members to be on the USCF FIDE Events committee, with the Chair listed first.

PASSED 7-0.

Chair: NTD/IA Franc Guadalupe

NTD/IA Carol Jarecki ("A" level FIDE IA)

SrTD/IA Sevan Muradian ("B" level FIDE IA and on the FIDE Arbiter's Disciplinary Subcommittee)

SrTD/FA/IM John Donaldson

NTD/IA Chris Bird

ANTD/FA Alex Relyea

NTD/FA Ken Ballou

NTD/FA Tom Langland

NTD/IA Thad Rogers

EB14-014 – ATKINS

Moved, that Franc Guadalupe is to be added back to the TDCC committee effective January 1, 2014.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-015 – PRIEST

Moved, that Grant Perks be added to the Finance Committee and Grant Neilley be removed from the Finance Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-016 – PRIEST

Moved, that Three Month Trial Memberships will no longer include any mailed copies of magazines for trial memberships sold after 12/31/2013.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-017 – WALTERS

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

PASSED 6-1 with Allen Priest opposed.

EB14-018 – ATKINS

Moved, that the Executive Board accept the TDCC's recommendations for sanctions to the affiliate in the following two decisions.

PASSED 7-0.

Taylor V Gupta

Inform affiliate Metropolitan Chess Inc. (A6033300)

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

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

Constance V Coleman

Inform affiliate International Chess Academy (H6014810)

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

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

EB14-019 – UNRUH

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

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-020 – PRIEST

Moved, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute new bank supplied board resolution forms to add Jean Hoffman to the authorized signers for all USCF bank accounts and line of credit.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-021 – WALTERS

I move that the Motion passed in Louisville approving a \$10 fee per event (EB14-019) be delayed until at least June 1, 2014, with further discussion at the Spring EB meeting.

PASSED 6-0-1 with Randy Bauer not voting.

EB14-022 – WALTERS

I move that all USCF magazines be discontinued for Three-Month memberships, effective January 1, 2014.

PASSED 6-0-1 with Randy Bauer not voting.

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

EB14-023 – ATKINS

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

FAILED 1-6 with Mike Atkins in favor.

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

EB14-024 – NIETMAN

I move that we accept the minutes to the November 16-17, 2013, EB meeting.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-025 – BOARD

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

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-026 – HOFFMAN

The EB replace Robert McLellan with Jennifer Shahade on the Website Advisory Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-027 – ATKINS

With John Donaldson leaving the FIDE Events Committee, Mike Atkins moves that IA Sophia Rohde be added to the FIDE Events committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-028 – ATKINS

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

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

Change to:

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

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-029 – ATKINS

I move that the TDCC will expand its recommendations for TD – Lifetime

Achievement over the next 4 years to be: 2014 and 2015 – 4 picks; 2016 and 2017 – 2 picks. It will return back to one a year starting 2018.

Passed 6-1 with Allen Priest opposed.

EB14-030 – ATKINS

I move that the USCF will celebrate National Chess Day each year on the Second Saturday of October, this year being Oct. 11. The office will put the program below into effect each year. And be promoted in *Chess Life* and *CL Online* by a program of free TLAs for tournaments with National Chess Day in the title and free rating fees as established in a recent motion. National Chess Day 2014 will be Saturday, October 11th. In order to promote National Chess Day as a day for special activities and promotion of chess throughout the country, the following is proposed:

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

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-031 – BOARD

The Executive Board upholds the decision of the Ethics Committee in the Xue (Li) vs. Harper case.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-032 – BOARD

The Executive Board upholds the decision of the Ethics Committee in the Gray vs. Censore and Ozbek case.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-033 – BOARD

The Executive Board upholds the decision of the TDCC in the Constance vs. Tulman and Coleman case.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-34 – ATKINS

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

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-035 – HARING

I move that the EB accept the recommendation of the Top Players Committee to remove Peak Rating Bonuses, Medal Bonuses, and Junior Bonuses from Invitational rules. New invitational rules effective 1 Jan. 2015.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-036 – ATKINS

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

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-037 – HOFFMAN

I move that the executive board authorize the Executive Director, Jean Hoffman, to sign the deed to transfer the Crossville headquarters property to the LMA Trust in compliance with the Delegates motion.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-038 – HARING

I move that: USCF nominates Rex Sinquefield and the Kasparov ticket for the 2014 FIDE Presidential Board election. Board authorizes the USCF President to submit the Letter of Nomination in accordance with FIDE electoral regulations.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-039 – NIETMAN

I move that we accept the minutes from the February 22-23, 2014, Conference Call Meeting.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-040 – HOFFMAN

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

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-041 – ATKINS

I move to add William (Bill) L. Pursel to the Senior Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-042 – NIETMAN

I move to add Constantine Ananiadis of Oberlin College to the College Chess Committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-043 – UNRUH

I move to create a two month membership priced at \$20 to include one printed copy of the current *Chess Life* magazine. The membership is a promotional membership to be implemented as soon as possible.

PASSED 4-3 (Gary Walters, Mike Atkins, Mike Nietman opposed).

EB14-044 – BAUER

I move to create a Woman Chessplayer of the Year Award.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-045 – BOARD

The Executive Board names the following 2014 award winners:

PASSED 6-0-1 with Allan Priest abstaining.

- a. Distinguished Service Award – Jim Berry (OK)
- b. Outstanding Career Achievement Award – Gary Kitts (MI) and Harvey Lerman (FL)
- c. Special Services Award – Alan Kaufman (MI)
- d. Meritorious Services Award – Justin Morrison (GA), Daniel Fuller (MS), Dr. Rose Marie Stutts (AL)
- e. Committee of the Year – Senior
- f. Chess City of the Year – Brownsville, TX
- g. Koltanowski Awards - Gold – Bill Goichberg and the Continental Chess Association

h. Scholastic Service Award - Individual – Mitchell Denker (Posthumously) (NC)

i. Organizer of the Year – The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis

j. Frank J. Marshall Award – IM Greg Shahade (PA)

k. Grandmaster of the Year – GM Alex Onischuk (TX)

l. Honorary Chess Mate – Joan Priest (KY)

m. Chess Club of the Year – Central Florida Chess Club

n. College of the Year – Texas Tech University

o. Tournament Director of the Year – Bob Messenger (MA)

p. Tournament Director Lifetime Achievement Award – Denis Barry (Posthumously) (AZ), E. Steven Doyle (NJ), Thad Rogers (GA), Stephen Dillard (KY)

q. Special Friend of the USCF Award – Harris Rosen (FL)

r. Outstanding Player Achievement Award – Awonder Liang (WI)

s. Outstanding Team Performance Award – Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School (PA)

t. Woman Chessplayer of the Year Award – Tatev Abrahamyan (CA)

EB14-046 – WALTERS

I move that William Mills, Jr. (TX) and Mike Eberhardinger (NC) replace Brennan Price and Jared Collins on the Website Advisory Committee. The Executive Board thanks Brennan and Jared for their service on this committee.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-047 – PRIEST & NIETMAN

Allan Priest and Mike Nietman move to accept Sunil Weeramantry's resignation from the Scholastic Council. The Executive Board thanks Sunil for his service on the Scholastic Council.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-048 – BAUER

I move that the Executive Board authorizes Executive Director Jean Hoffman to execute the CSFI Contract addendum as presented to the Executive Board.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-049 – HOFFMAN

I move that the Executive Board authorize Executive Director Jean Hoffman to accept the proposal from Navigators Insurance for D & O Insurance.

PASSED 7-0.

EB14-050 – HOFFMAN

I move that the Executive Board authorize Executive Director Jean Hoffman to approve the amendment to the USCF agreement with Quad/Graphics.

PASSED 7-0.

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

EB14-051 – HOFFMAN

I move that the Executive Board authorize Executive Director, Jean Hoffman to make the following changes to the U.S. Chess Federation Bank accounts at the Cumberland County Bank in Crossville and the Bank of Putnam County in Cookeville removing Patricia K. Smith from all accounts and adding Jean Hoffman, Executive Director to the CD 12 Month (LMA) account.

PASSED 7-0.

Bylaws of the U.S. Chess Federation

Includes all changes passed at the 2013 Annual meeting.

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 U.S. 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. Information regarding nominees and voting instructions shall appear in an appropriate issue of *Chess Life* and on the USCF website.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION.

Any USCF member 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. 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 be 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 no 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 2/3 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 9:30 am 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 2 pm 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. A member in good standing is a member whose dues are paid and is not suspended.
- 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 June 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 three 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 and be at least 18 years of age.

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 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. 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. An Executive Board member who has served nine or more consecutive years may not be nominated until at least two years have elapsed since the end of his/her term.

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 than 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 mailed ballots or ballots in *Chess Life*. 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 Executive Board may choose to waive any filing fees for a Special Election.
- C.** 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 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. 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 of USCF National events during their tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends. Elected members of the Executive Board may not be awarded the bid to serve as the organizer of a USCF national event (or as an officer or owner of a USCF affiliate serving as the organizer of a USCF national event) during their actual tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends unless the agreement to serve as the organizer of that national event was signed prior to that person's becoming a candidate for election to the Executive Board. State chapter and not-for-profit Affiliates with Board members who are also on their board are exempt from this restriction. In unusual circumstances, elected Executive Board members may be assigned tasks dealing with day-to-day operations of the USCF. No compensation for these tasks beyond the reimbursement of direct out-of-pocket expenses may be paid.

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

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

such arbitration shall be solely in the city in which the USCF is headquartered at the time of filing of the arbitration notice.

SECTION 13. WEBSITE ACCESS.

Executive Board members and candidates for the Executive Board are subject to the same rules, restrictions and sanctions as other USCF members with regards to information posted by them on the USCF website, such as in the USCF Forums. This includes the option of temporarily or permanently banning an EB member or candidate from posting. The Election 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. 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. 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: 8/28/13

Notes

2013-2014 Delegates and Alternate Delegates

ALABAMA 1,1	DAL FRANK CAMARATTA	Del	Gerald Larson
	Alt	Ken Sloan	
ALASKA 1,1	Del		
	Alt		
ARIZONA 3,3	DAL MYRON LIEBERMAN	Del	Jennifer Schacter
	DAL RACHEL LIEBERMAN	Del	Norman Saba
	Del	Martha Underwood	
	Alt		
	Alt		
ARKANSAS 1,1	Del	Richard Kohl	
	Alt	Ronald C. Sanders	
N. CALIFORNIA 7,7	EB RUTH HARING*	Del	Richard Koepcke
	Del	Tony Pabon	
	Del	John McCumiskey	
	Del	Tom Langland	
	Del	Elizabeth Shaughnessy	
	Del	John Donaldson	
	Del	Salman Azhar	
Alt			
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			Frank Elley AAD
S. CALIFORNIA 6,6	DAL RANDY HOUGH	Del	Philip Chase
	DAL DEWAIN BARBER	Del	Charles Ensey
	Del	Isabelle Minoofar	
	Del	Steven Morford	
	Del	Jay Stallings	
	Alt		
	Alt		
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Alt			
COLORADO 1,1	Del	Richard Buchanan	
	Alt	Dean Brown	
CONNECTICUT 2,2	Del	Jim Celone	
	Del	David Aldi	
Alt			
Alt			
DELAWARE 1,1	Del		
	Alt		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1,1	Del	Salvador Rosario	
	Alt	Ralph Mikell	
FLORIDA 5,5	DAL ANTHONY COTTELL	Del	Harvey Lerman
	Del	Jon Haskel	
	Del	Steve Lampkin	
	Del	Michael Hutsko	
	Del	Miguel Ararat	
	Alt	Robert Persante	
	Alt	Peter Dyson	
	Alt	William Bowman	
Alt	John Salisbury		
Alt	Willard Taylor		
Alt	Don Schultz AAD		
GEORGIA 3,3	Del	Mike Mulford	
	Del	Frank Johnson	
	Del	Fun Fong	
	Alt	Thad Rogers	
	Alt	Elena Gratskaya	
HAWAII 1,1	Del	Larry Reifurth	
	Alt	Guy P. Ontai	
IDAHO 1,1	Del	Jeff Roland	
	Alt	Adam Porth	
ILLINOIS 5,5	DAL HAROLD J. WINSTON	Del	Tim Just
	Del	Sevan Muradian	
	Del	Garrett Scott	
	Del	Jeff Wiewel	
	Del	Carl Dolson	
	Alt	Bill Brock	
	Alt		
Alt			
Alt			
			Helen Warren AAD
INDIANA 2,2	Del	Drew Hollinberger	
	Del	Craig Hines	
	Alt	Roger Blaine	
	Alt	Steffen Thieme	
IOWA 1,1	EB RANDY BAUER*	Del	Eric Vigil
	Del	Roger Gotschall	
	Alt		
KANSAS 1,1	Del	C.J. Armenta	
	Alt	Brian Yang	
KENTUCKY 2,2	EB W. ALLEN PRIEST*	Del	Steve Dillard
	Del	Joan Priest	
Alt	Thomas Priest		
Alt	Mary Priest		
LOUISIANA 1,1	Del	Leila D'Aquin	
	Alt	Michael Tisserand	
MAINE 1,1	Del	Andrew Bryan	
	Alt	Dan Fishbein	
MARYLAND 3,3	EB MICHAEL ATKINS*	Del	Larry Kaufman
	Del	Chris Y. Kim	
	Del	Denis Strenzwilk	
	Alt		
Alt			
Alt			
MASSACHUSETTS 2,2	Del	Kenneth Ballou	
	Del	Robert Messenger	
	Alt	Walter Driscoll	
	Alt	Stephen Dann	
Alt	Harold Dondis AAD		
MICHIGAN 3,3	Del	Jennifer Skidmore	
	Del	Michael Smith	
	Del	Jalen Wang	
	Alt		
Alt			
Alt			
MINNESOTA 2,2	Del	David Kuhns	
	Del	Ned Wahl	
	Alt	Chris Kalina	
	Alt	Dan Vojte	
MISSISSIPPI 1,1	Del	Mark O. Nicholas	
	Alt	Ralph McNaughton	
MISSOURI 2,2	Del	Thomas Rehmer	
	Del	Bob Howe	
	Alt	Selden Trimble	
	Alt	Tony Rich	
MONTANA 1,1	Del		
	Alt		
NEBRASKA 1,1	Del	John Hartmann	
	Alt		
NEVADA 1,1	Del	Tom Brownscombe	
	Alt	John Trivett	



*Delegate at Large (DAL), Additional Alternate Delegates (AAD), *Current EB Members, Past EB members (PEB)
(These do not count toward State allocations.)*



NEW HAMPSHIRE 1,1	Del Alex Relyea Alt Hal Terrie	OHIO 3,3	EB GARY WALTERS* Del Joe Yun Del Riley Driver Del Sharon Driver Alt Cunyed Tolek Alt Steve Charles Alt	Del Gary Gaiffe Del Michael Langer Del Russell Harwood Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt
NEW JERSEY 5,5	DAL LEROY DUBECK Del James Mennella Del Hal Sprechman Del Joe Lux Del Todd Lunna Del Dov Gorman Alt Michael Khodarkovsky Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt Steve Doyle AAD Maxim Dlugy AAD	OKLAHOMA 1,1	EB CHARLES D. UNRUH* PEB JIM BERRY Del James C. Gray Alt Charles M. Unruh	Del Alt
NEW MEXICO 1,1	Del Jeff Sallade Alt	OREGON 1,1	Del Carl Haessler Alt Michael J. Morris	UTAH 1,1
NEW YORK, DOWNSTATE 7,7	Del Phyllis Benjamin Del Dr. Frank Brady Del Mark Kurtzman Del Lenny Chipkin Del Ed Frumkin Del Steve Immitt Del Gata Kamsky Alt Sophia Rohde Alt Harold Stenzel Alt Carol Jarecki Alt Polly Wright Alt Alt Alt Alt Beatriz Marinello AAD	PENNSYLVANIA 5,5	Del Stephen D. Shutt Del Boyd M. Reed Del Stanley N. Booz Del Daniel E. Heisman Del Tom M. Martinak Alt Alt Alt Alt Alt	VERMONT 1,1
NEW YORK, UPSTATE 4,4	PEB BILL GOICHBERG Del William Townsend Del Shelby Lohrman Del Karl Heck Del Ron Lohrman Alt Alt Alt Alt Gerard Dullea AAD	RHODE ISLAND 1,1	Del Frank Vogel Alt Frank DelBonis	VIRGINIA 5,5
N. CAROLINA 3,3	Del Rudolph D. Abate Del Walter High Del Tom Kabasakalian Alt Thad Rogers Alt Alt	S. CAROLINA 1,1	DAL JOHN McCRRARY Del David Grimaud Alt David Causey	Del Mike Hoffpaur Del Adam Chrisney Del Ernie Schlich Del Andrew Rea Del Gerard Wasserbauer Alt John Farrell Alt Helen Hinshaw Alt Alt Alt
N. DAKOTA 1,1	Del Alt	S. DAKOTA 1,1	Del Terry Likens Alt	WASHINGTON 2,2
		TENNESSEE 2,2	DAL HARRY SABINE Del Chris Prosser Del Angela McElrath-Prosser Alt Alt	Del Fred Kleist Del Murlin Varner Alt Alt
		TEXAS 12,12	DAL TIM REDMAN DAL AL LAWRENCE Del Luis Salinas Del Jim Stallings Del Forrest Marler Del Barbara Swafford Del Lakshmana Viswanath Del Robert Jones Del Eddie Rios Del Victor Flores Del Lori Balkum	WEST VIRGINIA 1,1
				WISCONSIN 2,2
				WYOMING 1,1
				Del Brian Walker Alt

2014 U.S. Open Schedule

JULY 26-AUGUST 3

GUIDE

 Barber/Denker/Scholastic/Girls Invitational (NGIT)
 Quads/Game 15/Weekend Swiss, Bughouse, Blitz

 U.S. Open—Traditional, 6-day, 4-day, Merged
 Other

 Governance

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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 27

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 28

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 29

10:00 AM	Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Round 6
10:00 AM	Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, Round 6
10:00 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 30

Early AM	Golf Tournament
9:00 AM	Senior Committee Meeting
9:00 AM	Denker and Barber Committee Meeting
10:00 AM	Forum Committee Meeting
10:00 AM	College Chess Committee Meeting
NOON	Wednesday Quads, Round 1
NOON	Game/15 Championship, Round 1
NOON	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 2
1:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 2

1:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 2
1:00 PM	Women's Chess Committee Meeting
1:00 PM	Outreach Committee Meeting
1:30 PM	Wednesday Quads, Round 2
2:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 3
2:00 PM	Scholastic Committee Meeting
2:00 PM	States Committee Meeting
3:00 PM	Wednesday Quads, Round 3
3:00 PM	Game/15 Championship, Round 4
3:00 PM	Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC) Meeting
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, JULY 31

9:00 AM	Executive Board Meeting (closed)
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
1:00 PM	Chess in Education Committee Meeting
1:00 PM	Workshop: Rules Workshop
1:30 PM	Thursday Quads, Round 2
3:00 PM	Thursday Quads, Round 3
3:00 PM	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 2
3:00 PM	Ratings Committee Meeting
3:00 PM	Clubs Committee Meeting
4:00 PM	Chess Trust Committee Meeting
4:00 PM	International Affairs Committee Meeting
4:00 PM	Audit Committee Meeting (closed)
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 1

9:00 AM	Bylaws Committee Meeting
10:00 AM	Prison Committee Meeting
11:00 AM	Top Players Committee Meeting
NOON	Friday Quads, Round 1
NOON	U.S. Open 6-day Schedule, Round 6
NOON	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 5
1:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
1:00 PM	Publications Committee Meeting
1:30 PM	Friday Quads, Round 2
2:00 PM	Chess Journalists of America Meeting
3:00 PM	Friday Quads, Round 3
3:00 PM	U.S. Open 4-day Schedule, Round 6
3:00 PM	Website Advisory Committee Meeting
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 2

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 AM	Delegates' Meeting
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



Dewain Barber with the four winners from the 2013 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions (l-r): Craig Hilby (CA), Vignesh Panchanatham (CA), Andrew Tang (MN), Andrew Liu (MA).

Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions

DEWAIN BARBER, CHAIR

A FOUR-WAY TIE LEADS THE FIELD

The 2013 Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions provided its own share of excitement this year. This event had the largest field of participants to ever compete for the title of Barber Champion of Champions.

Composed of fifty players from around the nation, this group had eight national masters with all of them drawing or losing a game. Never in the history of this event has there been a four-way tie for first place. Leading that group was NM Andrew Liu (MA) who had the best tiebreaks and will be one of the U.S. representatives at the World Youth. The other players who tied for first place were

NM Andrew Tang (MN), NM Vignesh Panchanatham (CA-N) and NM Craig Hilby (CA-S). All four struggled to reach the magic score of 6/6, but no one could reach even 5½/6. Three of the four winners lost a game with the other player giving up two draws.

Another rising star, NM Roland Feng (WA) scored a clear 4½/6 for fifth place. Roland along with many others took on the challenge of playing in the U.S. Open after the conclusion of this event.

I would like to recognize our new sponsor, Internet Chess Club (ICC) which provided a two year membership to each participant.

Results for all participants can be found at:
http://www.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtbiMain.php?201307301612

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. 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 four motions to the committee concerning term limits for executive board members, time limit for voter registration, the filing fee for running for the executive board, and abolishing vote count by regions. The first proposal by Harold Winston and Richard Koepcke would amend Art. VI, sec. 7 to add a sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "No person shall serve more than 12 years on the Executive Board." Only one person has; others have not served more than 10 years. Those supporting the motion believe provision can be made to allow that one person to run again if he so chooses and that any organization needs new blood. Those opposed, including our executive board liaison, believe it unnecessary and directed against that one person. One committee member, Sevan Muradian, believes 12 years is too much and the limit should be nine years. The committee was split on the proposal, 6-6-0-1 with also one vote for nine years.

Next the committee considered DM 13-45 from Ken Ballou to amend Art. IV, sec. 3 to replace "March 31" by "May 5" in the final sentence, which provides when a lapsed member who rejoins has to register by to vote that year. Guy and I consulted the office and were advised by Mike Nolan such a change would be a problem. Instead, I suggest an April 15 date. The committee voted against May 5: 3-6-3-1 but strongly favored April 15 by 10-1-2-1. There is a connected technical amendment that Guy and I are proposing in Art. IV, sec. 3 to change "to eligible to vote" to "to be eligible to vote." The committee strongly favored that by 11-2-1.

Ken Ballou also proposed abolishing the filing fee of \$250 to run for the executive board in Art. VI, sec. 4, item 2. The committee also considered reducing the filing fee from \$250 to \$100. The committee opposed the original proposal by 4-10, the majority believing frivolous candidates should be discouraged. The \$100 alternative fee had a bit more support but the committee still voted against it by 6-8. Ken further proposed not counting votes by region, by repealing Delegate Action of Continuing Interest (DACI) 40, and that had some heated supporters, including our liaison, arguing it would save money and regions were meaningless. The majority opposed such a change, 3-9-1-1. Regions are listed in DACI 9 and some regions historically have held regional championships such as I (New England) and V (OH, IN, MI, KY).

The Bylaws Committee also considered some technical amendments. The committee was much more united in favoring these amendments. Art. IV, sec. 2 states "Any USCF member except those with memberships of less than one year, is entitled to register as a voting member ..." This has caused some confusion in members who only have a few months left in their term before renewing. Mike Nolan has suggested alternative wording which the committee prefers: "Memberships that, when purchased, are valid for a period of less than one year, including but not limited to three-month memberships, are not eligible to become voting members. All other USCF members are eligible to vote ..." The committee supports this clarification by 12-1-1. Next, the issue of records preservation has been brought to the committee's attention by our liaison. The current bylaws wording requires permanent preservation of tapes of closed executive board sessions but many of those tapes have become inaudible. Harold Winston and Allen Priest propose to reword Art. VI, sec. 3 to only require maintenance of such records for six years and delete any mention of the word "permanent." An alternative for nine years of preservation was also discussed by the Bylaws Committee. The committee favored the six year

preservation by a vote of 11-2, the alternative of nine years was supported by 7-3, with three other votes for nine years only if six years did not pass. A related technical amendment to Art. VI, sec. 3 would replace the words "audio tapes or video tapes" and "audio tapes" by the word "recordings" to avoid obsolete language. That proposal is co-sponsored by Harold Winston, Myron Lieberman, and Allen Priest and supported by a 12-0 vote of the committee.

The final technical amendment considered by the committee was again suggested by Mike Nolan, who pointed out the word "Chapter" is missing from the first sentence of Art. VIII, sec. 2. Sec. 1 of that article deals with "State Chapters" and the second and third sentences of Sec. 2 begin "Each State Chapter" but the first sentence starts "Each State." The committee agrees that sentence should start "Each State Chapter" to be consistent and meaningful by a vote of 14-0.

It is likely that there will be additional bylaws changes proposed, but the committee has not yet seen wording on those proposals. All USCF members are welcome at the annual Bylaws workshop to be held at the U.S. Open in Orlando, Florida on Friday, August 1 at 9 a.m.

I thank the current Bylaws Committee members for their service: Co-Chair Guy Hoffman, Richard Koepcke (NCA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), John McCrary (SC), David Mehler (MD), Sevan Muradian (IL), Michael Mulford (GA), Robert Persante (FL), Gary Kitts (MI), Joe Lux (NJ), Randy Hough (SCA), Gerald Larson (AL), and Robert Howe (MO). I also appreciate the active involvement of our liaison Allen Priest. Delegates submitting proposed motions dealing with bylaws or governance should copy HJWinston@aol.com.

College Chess Committee

RUSSELL HARWOOD, CHAIR

The 2013 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships were hosted for the first time by Texas Tech University this past December 27-30. The tournament was held at the beautiful Overton Hotel in downtown Lubbock, Texas. There were 42 teams in attendance, representing 23 different colleges and universities. There were two teams from Canada and one team from the Caribbean, with the remainder coming from U.S. colleges and universities. This compares favorably with the 44 teams that attended the 2012 Pan Ams in Princeton, which had the advantage of having many colleges and universities in close geographic proximity. The 42 teams is an increase of approximately 40 percent over what the Pan Ams had been averaging in the 10 years before the Princeton tournament. Special thanks to the great team at Texas Tech University who organized what can only be described as a first-class event. The College Chess Committee would especially like to thank Co-Organizers Al Lawrence and Dr. Hal Karlsson, The Knight Raiders, GM Alex Onischuk, Peggy Flores, Olga Achourkina, Franc Guadalupe and Pat Smith. In terms of titled players and ratings, this was one of the strongest Pan Am tournaments ever, with 23 grandmasters! Congratulations to Webster University A for finishing in clear first with a perfect score of 6. University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) A team and University of Illinois A tied for second place with 5 points, with UMBC placing second on tiebreaks. Webster University B and Texas Tech University A tied for fourth place with 4½ points. The top international team was University of Toronto A. The four universities who qualified for the 2014 President's Cup (Final Four) were Webster, UMBC, Illinois, and Texas Tech. The other division champions were:

Division II Champions (2000-2199 average rating)	University of Toronto A
Division III Champions (1800-1999 average rating)	Harvard University
Division IV Champions (1600-1799 average rating)	Oberlin College A
Division V Champions (under 1600 average rating)	UMBC B
Top Community College	Miami Dade



The 2013 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships were hosted for the first time by Texas Tech University (TTU) this past December 27-30. Here, GM Alex Onischuk, the team coach for the TTU Knight Raiders, plays the team mascot. Faculty Adviser to the Knight Raiders, Professor Hal Karlsson, holds a school-colored iPad to take a photo.

Board Prizes: Top Board 1, GM Yaroslav Zherebukh, TTU (5); Top Board 2, GM Anatoly Bykhovskiy, Webster (5½); Top Board 3, GM Wesley So, Webster (6); Top Board 4, GM Ray Robson, Webster (6); Top Alternate, Nolan Hendrickson, Lindenwood (3)

The 2014 Pan Ams will be hosted by The University of Texas Brownsville on South Padre Island, Texas, from Dec. 27-30. The tournament will be held at the beach-front Hilton Garden Inn.

The 2014 President's Cup (Final Four) was again sponsored and hosted by Booz Allen Hamilton. This year's event was held at the prestigious New York Athletic Club in New York City. This is the fourth consecutive year that Booz Allen has sponsored the Final Four, and Mike Hoffpauir 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 again this year, held at the exclusive New York Athletic 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 Texas Tech University faced off in the final round with Webster holding a slim 6½ to 5½ lead. This final match ended with two Webster victories and two draws, giving Webster the championship with 9½ points. University of Maryland Baltimore County placed second with 7 points, Texas Tech University placed third with 6½ points, and Illinois was fourth with 1 point. 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 6th Duncan Oxley Collegiate Online Tournament was held on Sunday, October 20, 2013. This was a one-day blitz tournament that attracted 35 participants, slightly down from last year's 40 participants. Alex Ding, from The University of Illinois, and Aura Salazar, from The University of Texas at Brownsville, tied for first place with 4½ out of 5 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 held on February 9, 2014. After having to cancel this tournament the past two years because of not getting enough teams registered, we decided to change this tournament to an individual, rather than team event. We had 30 players participate, and first place (4½ out of 5) was shared by GM Leonid Kritz and Daniel Gater, both from The University of Texas at Dallas. Again, thanks to Jon Haskel and the folks at ICC for organizing and running this event!

The College Chess Committee recommended Texas Tech University (TTU) for the Chess College of the Year Award. Texas Tech did an outstanding job of organizing and hosting the 2013 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships, attracting 42 teams to Lubbock, Texas. There was an impressive opening ceremony,



The 2013 Denker Tournament of High School Champions produced a three-way tie for first. (l-r): Michael Brown (CA-S), Safal Bora (MI), the late Mitchell Denker, Kapil Chandran (CT), USCF International Youth Events Director Jerry Nash.

complete with a string quartet and color guard. The buffet offerings were very impressive, and many TTU and local government officials were present. The accommodations and facilities were outstanding, and the tournament was run very well. There were more team trophies offered than ever before, and TTU did a great job of lining up sponsors for the event. Their team was the number two seed at the tournament, and they did qualify for the 2014 President's Cup (Final Four). In addition to the fantastic Pan Ams, the Texas Tech Chess Program provides weekly outreach to area K-12 chess students, hosts monthly school and community tournaments, holds on-campus workshops, and writes the tests for the University Interscholastic League's state-wide competitions. It should be noted that although TTU has shared this award in the past, they have never been the sole recipient.

Denker Invitational Committee

DEWAIN BARBER, CHAIR

A DENKER FRESHMAN LEADS THE FIELD

Dr. Tim Redman of the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) awarded a four year scholarship to Freshman Kapil Chandran (CT) for his tiebreak performance over Freshman Safal Bora (MI) and Sophomore Michael Brown (CA-S). All three players scored 5/6 and were declared co-champions in the 2013 Denker Tournament of High School Champions. This year's field totaled 48 players.

Kapil played in the Inaugural Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions in Orlando and followed that up by playing in the Barber last year as an eighth grade student in Vancouver. In addition, he received the Ursula Foster award for best player under 16 this year and will be one of the U.S. representatives in the World Youth.

Safal Bora (MI) had only two draws. The draws were against Kapil and Alexander Katz (NJ). Michael Brown (CA-S) played in the first Barber two years ago and was co-champion of that event. Last year Michael played in the Denker in Vancouver and tied for third. These three players as well as seven other players were 2300+ entering this event. This is the strongest Denker top ten in the 29 year history of the event.

Alexander Katz (NJ) and Kevin Zhou (VA) tied for fourth/fifth place and showed a strong result of 4½/6 in the tournament.

I would like to recognize our new sponsor, Internet Chess Club (ICC) which provided a two year membership to each participant.

Results for all participants can be found at:
http://www.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201307301602

Ethics Committee

KENNETH SLOAN, CHAIR

The Ethics Committee is a Delegate-appointed committee which hears complaints about unethical behavior of USCF members, based on complaints sent to the Office.

As a matter of policy, the Ethics Committee does NOT consider hypothetical questions, and does not investigate or prosecute ethics violations.

Ethics complaints start with a statement sent to the Office, accompanied by a \$25 “good faith deposit”. The Committee reads and discusses the complaint and either accepts or declines jurisdiction. In general, the test is: “if all of the claims made in the initial complaint are true, was there a violation of the USCF Code of Ethics?”

If the complaint is accepted, the Office generates a packet consisting of two statements from the plaintiff (starting with the initial complaint) and the defendant. It is the responsibility of both parties to present evidence relevant to the complaint.

When the four-statement packet is complete, it is sent to the Committee for a decision. Decisions are made based only on the information in this packet. The Committee makes a decision on the merits of the case, and recommends action to the Office and the executive board (EB).

This year, the Committee considered fourteen (14) cases, a few of which are still active. All details of these cases are considered strictly confidential. In rare cases, a decision may be appealed to the EB, and the Board of Delegates.

FIDE Events Committee

FRANCISCO GUADALUPE, CHAIR

NTD/IA/IO Franc Guadalupe—Chairperson

NTD/FA Ken Ballou

NTD/IA Chris Bird

NTD/IA Carol Jarecki

NTD/FA/IO Tom Langland

STD/IA/IO Sevan Muradian

ANTD/FA Alex Relyea

NTD/IA/IO Thad Rogers

NTD/IA/IO Sophia Rohde

EB Liaison—NTD/FA/IO Mike Atkins

Office Liaison—Susan Houston

This new USCF Committee was approved during the November 2013 executive board meeting. It was created with the goal of dealing with FIDE issues in USCF tournaments. The Committee is responsible for dealing with arbiter mistakes or misconduct based on reports or appeals submitted to the USCF. It is also considering the creation of practice tests for potential FIDE arbiter applicants.

Hall of Fame Committee

HAROLD WINSTON, CHAIR

For 2014, the Hall of Fame Committee nominated and the trustees of the U.S. Chess Trust elected two notable Americans. Abraham Kupchik (1892-1970)

came to the U.S in 1903 and won a record 13 Manhattan Chess Club Championships between 1913 and 1937. He shared first place with Frank Marshall at the 9th American Chess Congress in 1923. In 1926 he took second at Lake Hopatcong, behind Capablanca, but ahead of Geza Maroczy, Marshall, and Edward Lasker. Kupchik went undefeated at the 1935 Olympiad playing board three for the USA and won an individual bronze medal as well as sharing in team gold. He played board nine in the 1945 USA-USSR radio match. Two of his granddaughters, Diane Gilmore and Kathy Celia, attended the induction ceremony as well as his great granddaughter, Sarah Gilmore, and his great grandson, Josh Gilmore.

Jacqueline Piatigorsky (1911-2012), transformed American chess by her multiple activities as an organizer, sponsor and player. She won a bronze medal on board two at the first women’s Olympiad in 1957 and took second in the 1965 U.S. Women’s Championship and fourth in the 1955 Championship. She organized two of America’s greatest events: the 1963 and 1966 Piatigorsky Cups, which brought World Champion Tigran Petrosian, Boris Spassky, Paul Keres and other top players to the U.S. She also began the U.S. Junior Closed Championship and organized U.S. Championship playoffs. She supported chess for underprivileged and disabled children in southern California through the Piatigorsky Foundation and created scholastic programs. Her son, Joram Piatigorsky, attended the induction and stated: “chess was more than a game for my mother; it was a savior of sorts.”

I inducted Kupchik and Piatigorsky at the 2014 U.S. Championship and U.S. Women’s Championship opening ceremony at the World Chess Hall of Fame in St. Louis on May 7, 2014. U.S. Hall of Famer GM Yasser Seirawan was present, as were Committee members John Donaldson and Jennifer Shahade, defending U.S. Champion Gata Kamsky and U.S. Women’s Champion Irina Krush. Tournament Sponsors, Rex and Jeanne Sinquefield, were present and spoke at the opening ceremony, as did Museum Curator Shannon Bailey. Also, acting under the authority of FIDE Vice President Beatriz Marinello, I inducted Paul Keres of Estonia (1916-1975) and Maya Chiburdanidze (1961-) into the World Chess Hall of Fame. Keres, considered one of the strongest players who was not world champion, won top tournaments at AVRO 1938 and the 1963 Piatigorsky Cup, as well as placing second four straight times in Challengers tournaments. Chiburdanidze held the World Womens Championship for 13 years.

My thanks to the other committee members: John Donaldson, John McCrary, John Hilbert, Al Lawrence, Joel Benjamin, Arthur Bisguier, Jennifer Shahade, and Shane Samole. I want to thank GM Bisguier for his service on the Committee, which ended this year; his historic memory has been invaluable to our work.

LMA Trust Committee

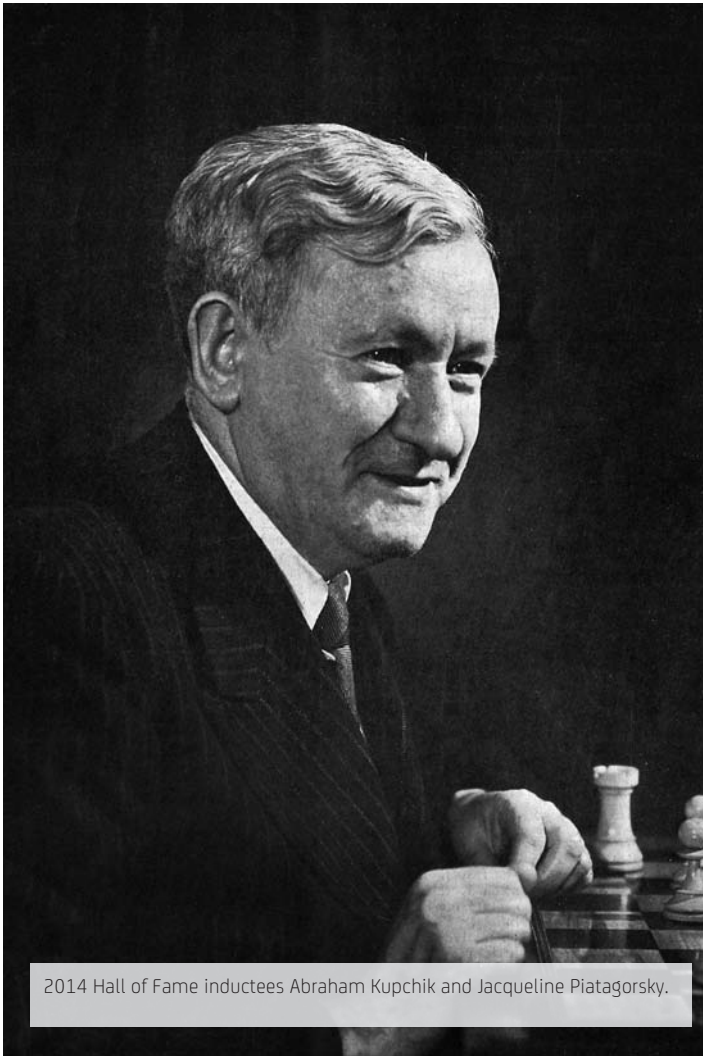
TIM REDMAN, CHAIR

Operations and the LMA continued to have positive relations in the last year. I am still checking on incoming revenue from Operations to the Trust, but everything seems fine so far. Thanks to our new senior accountant, Debra, for keeping us posted.

The easiest way to understand the difference between Operations and the LMA Trust is to think of Operations as the checking account of the USCF and the LMA Trust as the savings account. Operations transfers each month the mortgage payment, the note due from previous borrowing, and a variable amount depending on revenues received from sustaining and life memberships.

The changes during the last year have been as follows:

- 1) Operations has transferred the deed to the property in Crossville, TN, to the Trust. My profound thanks goes to Harry Sabine who made the transfer at a cost of \$17. That’s right, seventeen dollars. No zeroes attached.



2014 Hall of Fame inductees Abraham Kupchik and Jacqueline Piatagorsky.



2) After extensive debate, the LMA Trust has decided to invest monthly in an Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) of the S&P 500, ticker name SPY. We will continue doing so. The value will go up and it will go down, but we do not try to time the target. We are investing about \$10,000 a month in SPY through Oberweis. Thanks to Bill Brock for helping us to settle on that vehicle. Great thanks to Jim Oberweis who gives us a no load access to his investment company.

3) A discussion between LMA Vice Chair Leroy Dubeck and new Executive Director Jean Hoffman will probably lead to a mailing to the current life members, paid for by the LMA. We will simply inquire if they wish to continue to receive the print copy of *Chess Life* or if Internet access is acceptable. Life members who opt for Internet access will always be able to change their decision to a print copy instead. The result could be a significant savings to Operations, paid for by the LMA.

USCF Vice President for Finance, Allen Priest, continues as *ex officio* and voting member of the LMA Trust. An ongoing matter of concern is how Operations reports its annual accounting results. Operations insists on accrual reporting, which has shown a break-even result in recent years, but the LMA believes that a cash reporting, which shows a negative balance of \$100,000 in those years better reflects what has actually happened. The LMA is pleased that Operations is now planning for a more conservative report.

I recommend that the Delegates reappoint the following to the LMA Trust:

Jim Bedenbaugh	Peter Dyson	Tim Redman
Frank Camaratta	Dov Gorman	Fred Townsend
Steve Doyle	Beatriz Marinello	Harold Winston
Leroy Dubeck	Allen Priest (<i>ex officio</i>)	

Should they be reappointed, the LMA Trustees will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair.

Outreach Committee

MYRON LIEBERMAN, CHAIR

CREATIVE ARTISTS—Most of us are aware of well known artists, writers and musicians who have been strongly influenced by or devoted to chess. Samuel Beckett's play *Endgame*, which premiered in 1957, is still considered one of Beckett's most important plays. *The Guardian* ran an article on August 29, 2013, on *Endgame* and Beckett's obsession with chess. It can be found online at <http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2013/aug/29/samuel-beckett-obsession-chess-influence>.

The Chess Journalists of America (CJA) devoted two recent issues of their magazine, *The Chess Journalist* to chess in music. Needless to say, not every-

thing could be covered (for example: it did not include Shelly Manne's *Checkmate* or *en passant* although they are on *YouTube*), but it is a highly recommended resource for chess in music.

The media coverage of the movies *Computer Chess* and *The Machine* in 2013 indicate that acceptance of chess in the mainstream media continues to progress.

PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP—Congratulations to Hikaru Nakamura for his sponsorship by Red Bull. Hikaru Nakamura and Magnus Carlsen underscore the viability of chess personalities as “Rock Stars” to the general public. Church’s Fried Chicken, thanks to Bill Church, sponsored tours by top players in the seventies and a number of sponsors have been found for specific events or programs throughout our history. Yes, chess personalities such as Yasser Seirawan and Maurice Ashley have had well-deserved success in the media in the context of chess events. Nonetheless Hikaru Nakamura is the first to show that personal sponsorship is within the reach of current top U.S. players. The new challenge is to recognize the opportunity for our top players to become the Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods of chess. Go for it!

PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS—A proven formula for success is through partnerships with other people or organizations with which we share a common goal or goals. If both parties can benefit, everybody wins. We need to think about new logical partners, as well as previously lost opportunities. Please stop by the Outreach Workshop and let us know your thoughts. Just because something didn’t work out before doesn’t mean it can’t now. Some examples follow.

Jamaal Abdul Alim—Congratulations to Jamaal Abdul Alim for being named Journalist of the Year by the CJA. He writes for both *Chess Life* and *Youth Today* and is an excellent example of how everyone can benefit when individuals or organizations with similar or overlapping goals get together.

Charles Krauthammer—Best known as a political writer for both liberal and conservative media, but who is viewed as an independent thinker, he included some of his columns about chess in his Pulitzer Prize winning book *Things that Matter* in 2013. These include his Nov. 19, 1990, *Time* column entitled *Beauty, Truth and Hitchcock* (which captures the essence of watching a World Championship match from the skittles and analysis room), his Feb. 26, 1996, *Time* column entitled *Be Afraid* (which focuses on the importance of Deep Blue’s first win against Garry Kasparov and an advantage computers will have over human players) and the Dec. 27, 2002, *Washington Post* article (about the weekly chess club that he hosts). He played in the Atlantic Open in 2002. His USCF membership expired in 2008. He still loves chess.

David Kane—A long-time member of the Capitol Steps, he has been very successful in writing and playing both jazz and classical music. As was mentioned in a previous report he stated on the Capitol Steps website that his defeating GM Leonid Shamkovich in 1992 in a game later published in *Chess Life* was an important event in his life. We believe his *Chess Life* subscription expired in 2008.

Floyd Mayweather is a boxing champion who is very outspoken and therefore is quoted frequently in the public media. He appeared on Stephen Colbert’s *Sport Report* show on September, 25, 2013. He said he loved chess and noted “For kids in a tough neighborhood, chess is the only way out.” A video of this appearance, entitled *Cranium Coddlers and San Francisco Street Chess*, is available on a number of websites but not on *YouTube*. We suggest *Chessbase.com*. Magnus Carlsen’s appearance with Stephen Colbert can also be seen there.

Charities and Foundations—Partnership with popular charities can usually benefit everyone. The charitable organization obtains a location for an event

in a public high traffic area (such as a mall) and can receive donations and distribute literature. The chess organizer provides sets and possibly clocks, if appropriate, for use at the event and becomes visible in the community.

Sports figures, entertainers, and other major celebrities often see a need to give back to the community that supported them. Usually they set up a foundation, generally a 501(c)(3) foundation that focuses what they believe can make a difference in their targeted area. While many are specifically supportive of fighting specific diseases, a common target is improvement in the lives of today’s youth. USCF and local organizers can help them achieve their goals through chess.

PROGRESS OF CHESS IN SCHOOLS—Alive and well! A check of Google’s chess news will yield dozens of positive articles regarding a variety of scholastic chess programs worldwide.

Committee member Fernando Moreno pointed out that Peggy McEwen’s article *Chess is a Game for Life: Children use spring break to hone their game, learn social and emotional skills* in the April 23, 2014, issue of *Gazette.net* (*Maryland Community News Online*) is available at *Gazette.net*. It is worth reading.

The Fountain Hills (AZ) Times of September 11, 2013, features the article *Chess Club About a Game - And Leadership*. It can be found at http://www.fh-times.com/features/featured_stories/article_22a757ec-1a5c-11e3-a78b-001a4bcf6878.html and describes an interesting albeit controversial method of teaching chess at the K-3 level.

Thank you to the members of the Outreach Committee for your work.

Publications Committee

RAMON HERNANDEZ, CHAIR

The committee will present their full report at our workshop Friday, August 1st at 1:00 P.M.

The committee pauses to pay tribute to our departed friend and member Steve Ferrero (NJ). Steve Ferrero offered his unwavering dedication to the committee and provided some excellent knowledge. It was so kind of him to join the committee, words cannot express the gratitude the committee chairman has to state for the assistance he provided. The committee and I wish to offer our heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to his family and the New Jersey State Chess Federation for their loss of such a good individual.

In addition, we want to recognize USCF immediate past president Jim Berry (OK) for having served as the executive board’s liaison to our committee. We were fortunate to have him donate his time and provide guidance and further leadership. Joined by the full committee, the chair recognizes both gentlemen and expresses his sincere thanks for all the service and contribution they have each given.

The committee chair wishes to thank its members for their time on our committee as it has exceeded all measures of selflessness and devotion.

Ratings Committee

MARK E. GLICKMAN, PH.D.

The Ratings Committee (RC) had another busy year. We proposed two changes to the rating system that were approved by the Executive Board (EB) in February, 2014, as well as addressing several other issues in an advisory role. Some of the ongoing tasks, such as developing a method to connect the Quick

Outreach successes: GM Hikaru Nakamura appeared in a Red Bull ad. *The Chess Journalist* devoted two issues to music and chess; *Chess Life* also covered the chess/jazz connection; below left is jazz trumpeter Jonathan Finlayson. Bottom right is 2013 Chess Journalist of the Year Jamaal Abdul-Alim.



Chess (QC), blitz, and regular rating systems, have been hindered by the lack of a testbed server at the USCF office on which to perform the testing. We have been assured that the backlog work can proceed imminently, so we can expect progress on some of our outstanding tasks. In this report, we describe our main achievements over the year, several of the minor issues we have addressed, and provide a sense for some of our upcoming work in the next few months.

Each year the RC performs a set of diagnostic analyses to monitor trends in the rating pool. Overall rating levels 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. Our analyses have focused on players with established ratings who have been active over the current and previous three years and who are aged 35-45 years old in the current year. Based on our analyses of rating changes, current ratings are now at the levels that they were at the end of 1997. However, with the change in the "effective N" formula and K-factor formula made effective in May 2013, we have estimated from simulation analyses that players on average should experience noticeable inflation relative to the formulas previously in place. Even though ratings are now currently at appropriate levels, the concern of ongoing rating inflation due to the new formulas has resulted in our proposing to change the bonus point threshold from B=8 to B=10 in the rating formula. The EB has approved this motion, and the change went into effect in late March 2014.

In late January 2014, we reviewed a particular aspect of the rating system in which players' ratings always increase or decrease by at least one point after an event is rated. This is an artifact of the rule that ratings are rounded up when the post-event rating is greater than the pre-event rating, and rounded down when the post-event rating is less than the pre-event rating. Interest in this issue was motivated by players who were defeating much lower-rated players in one-game events, but still gaining one rating point per event based on this rule. Players can take advantage of this feature of the system by repeatedly winning in one-game events against much lower-rated opponents and increase in rating by potentially large amounts over many events. The reason this rule existed in the first place was that an earlier EB felt it was important for players to see their rating change after an event even if the performance in the event would have resulted in no rating change. The solution proposed by the ratings committee chair was to change the rating system updates from integers to floating point precision, and store ratings as floating point values. The underlying idea is that if a higher-rated player defeats a much lower-rated player, then instead of gaining one point the player would only gain a small fraction of a point. Along with storing ratings as floating point values, ratings would still be presented as rounded to the nearest integer, though players would have the ability to see their ratings as floating point values on the MSA pages online. The motion to store ratings and compute rating changes in floating point accuracy was approved by the EB in February 2014. Mike Nolan is in the process of implementing the motion, and performing tests to make sure the updated system is accurate before the floating point system is rolled out.

The USCF has partnered with the Internet Chess Club (ICC) and *chess.com* so that some games and tournaments on these platforms will be under USCF jurisdiction. The USCF and these partnering groups agreed that USCF-sanctioned games/tournaments with quick and blitz time controls will be rated under a newly created online blitz and online quick system. The systems will be set up for now to follow the over-the-board rating computations. The USCF office asked the ratings committee for input on initializing unrated online ratings. After RC discussion, we agreed upon a procedure to initialize the different rating systems. To initialize an over-the-board/online rating in the blitz/QC/regular system, we suggested using the following order of precedence:

- A rating that matches the over-the-board/online dichotomy first (e.g., for initializing over-the-board ratings, use an over-the-board system); if that's not possible, use a rating from the other branch.
- Within over-the-board or online systems, choose the blitz/QC/regular system closest to the one being initialized.
- When initializing QC, blitz is closer than regular.
- Have the rating be based on 10 games when initializing based on regular or blitz ratings; have the rating be based on 0 games when initializing based on QC ratings.

As an example, to initialize an online QC rating, the order of precedence would be to choose the rating (if it exists) from online blitz, online regular (if/when implemented), over-the-board QC, over-the-board blitz, and over-the-board regular.

The RC chair was asked to review the FIDE-to-USCF conversion in September, 2013, for the purpose of initializing unrated USCF players who have FIDE ratings. The most recent conversion was performed in 2008, so the formulas being used were out of date. Based on all players with both FIDE and USCF ratings at the time of the analysis in September, the following conversion was determined:

$$\text{USCF} = 180 + 0.94 \times \text{FIDE}, \text{ if FIDE} \leq 2000$$

$$\text{USCF} = 20 + 1.02 \times \text{FIDE}, \text{ if FIDE} > 2000$$

Similarly, for players who are under 20 years old, the following conversion was determined:

$$\text{USCF} = 560 + 0.76 \times \text{FIDE}, \text{ if FIDE} \leq 2000$$

$$\text{USCF} = 80 + 1.0 \times \text{FIDE}, \text{ if FIDE} > 2000$$

The first set of conversions would be used in general for initializing USCF



ratings from FIDE ratings, and the second set would be used for updating USCF ratings from FIDE youth events.

The RC was asked to consider how to initialize an unrated USCF player who has a FIDE title but not a FIDE rating. Players can earn candidate master or FIDE master titles at events such as the World Youth Championship without actually earning a FIDE rating, so it is important to assign these players an initialized rating when they first compete in a USCF event. After some discussion by the RC, we agreed with Mike Nolan's recommendation to assign the following initial ratings based on the earned FIDE titles:

CM 2000; FM 2100; IM 2200; GM 2400; WCM 1800; WFM 1900; WIM 2000; and WGM 2200. After further discussion, we agreed that these assigned ratings would be based on five games in all cases.

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. We have also recently noticed a substantial divergence between regular ratings and blitz ratings, even though the blitz system is only one year old. The proposed remedy to this problem is to increase the impact of regular (slow) game events on quick and blitz 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 development of this system has been hindered by the lack of availability of a testbed server on which to perform simulation analyses to test the proposed connections among the different systems. We have been informed that the testbed server is now running, and we should imminently be able to perform the required testing. While waiting for the testbed server availability, the RC has come up with an alternative approach to the original "activity point" method derived from the original proposal. The new method proposes to update QC ratings from regular events using a value of K given by

$$K = 800 / (1.5 \times (N^* + r^t A) + m)$$

where N^* is the effective number of games for the regular system, m is the number of games in the current event, A is an activity measure for the QC system, t is the time since the last time the player has competed in a QC event (measured in, say, months), and r is a constant (to be estimated from simulations) between 0 and 1 that discounts activity due to the passage of time. This activity measure, A , measured at the last time the player has competed in a QC event, is defined recursively as

$$A = m_{QC} + r^s A_{prev}$$

where m_{QC} is the number of rated games the player played in the last QC event, r is as defined above, s is the time in months since the previous event, and A_{prev} is the activity measure prior to the last event. In our development of this system, we will optimize the parameter r , as well as explore the impact of the multiplier 1.5 in the K-factor formula above, on the predictability of QC ratings when we perform our testing.

Tournament Director Certification Committee

JEFF WIEWEL, CHAIR

This past year the Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC) considered one waiver request that was subsequently withdrawn, one waiver request that was actually unnecessary (for an ANTD to be the chief of an N2 event, which is already allowed), one waiver request that was approved (using

Schiller pairings in a strong tournament to count for the category R event), and four appeals. This was the second straight year the TDCC was given the task to nominate individuals for the TD of the year and Lifetime TD achievement awards.

The exams were reviewed and revised to comply with the new rules passed in 2013.

The committee modified, and sent to the board for approval, changes in the definition of the category T event (team tournament) to use verifiable numbers. A change to the Club TD form was also approved.

The chair coordinated with the USCF office testing liaison, Jay Sabine.

There were 863 e-mails sent to the group mailbox.

For on-line CTD/LTD tests the USCF is looking into the feasibility of software to randomly choose questions but still have a good subject mix for those questions.

Thanks to the TDCC members for their service:

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U.S. Open Committee

HAL TERRIE, CHAIR

The committee considered a motion referred to it by the Delegates. Below I give the wording of the motion and the sponsors' rationale. After that I will give the committee's reaction.

DM 13-47 (NDM 13-12, Tim Just, IL; Wayne Clark, IL)

Make the time control for the traditional schedule and six day schedule at all U.S. Open tournaments: 40/90; sd/30; inc. 30.

Sponsors' rationale:

- All traditional and six day scheduled players can finish ONE hour earlier each evening. There is more time for rest, preparation, and socialization.
- Six day scheduled players would also receive an extra hour between their morning rounds, before the merge, to be able to enjoy a meal, prepare for the next round, or simply relax.

• There is only a maximum total time difference of 13 minutes and 33 seconds for the first time control and players would always have a minimum of 30 seconds per move. The players wouldn't have to try and blitz out moves in five seconds in order to make time control.

• The quality of chess improves because each player always has a minimum of 31 seconds remaining on their clock. The effects accumulate allowing for quality calculations throughout the whole game.

• Players no longer need lament about having to finish their game with only five seconds per move using a delay. Won games can be won, drawn games can be drawn.

• Towards the end of the tournaments, players are less fatigued because of the accumulated effect of an additional hour after each round. The quality of play doesn't diminish as the tournament proceeds deep into the rounds.

• This is a serious internationally recognized time control being used at such notable chess tournaments as The Chess Olympiad and the National Open.

• This time control is recognized by FIDE and allows the USCF to FIDE rate the tournament if they choose to do so.

• The staff has an extra hour between the merge of the traditional schedule and six day schedule to insure fewer errors. This also increases the probability of starting the merged rounds on schedule.

• Players get to leave sooner and they are less fatigued after the tournament is concluded.

One member of the committee favors this motion, while four oppose it as written. Two of the four opposed indicated possible support for a modified version. I'll summarize the views of the other members and then use my prerogative as Chair to give my own views at greater length.

R. Miller supports the motion as written but gave no reasons. J. Mennella notes that the Traditional and Six-Day schedules need to be considered separately; with one game per day, all the points about time between rounds, socialization and fatigue are irrelevant. Even with two games per day, only a small number of games will "go the distance," so he and R. Hernandez don't see a problem that requires a time control change. D. Strenzwilk likes the six-hour playing session and would prefer not to have it shortened (or lengthened). He could accept an increment control if it didn't expand the likely playing session past six hours.

Now my opinion. Let me begin by saying that I have no inherent objection to increment time controls. I have experienced this particular increment control (40/90, SD/30, incr. 30 sec.) and others both as a player and as a TD. However, I oppose the motion as it appears now.

My view of the U.S. Open has always been that it is the one national open tournament which is about optimizing the playing conditions in each game for all the players—amateurs as well as professionals. One game per day, with the longest possible time controls so that those who are serious about their play have maximum opportunity to play the best they are capable of. That there are now multiple schedules (adopted out of expediency) which do not fully implement this principle should not lead to its abandonment.

My experience has been that overall quality of play is directly related to the amount of base time available in each time control. For the best play, I think it is necessary to have at least 60 minutes of base time in each control. It frequently occurs that a critical position arises where a player needs to invest 15-20 minutes to figure everything out. One can usually do this if there is 60

minutes or more to play with—and still have enough time left to play at a reasonable rate. However, with only 30 minutes one "big think" immediately puts the player under pressure, requiring a much more rapid pace of play. That's OK for an average weekend Swiss but this is not what I want to see happen at the U.S. Open.

I think that 40/90, incr. 30 "plays" pretty much the same as 40/120, d5. However, with respect to overall quality of play SD/30, incr. 30 is very inferior to SD/60, incr. 30 or even SD/60, d5. Of course it is better to have a minimum of 30 seconds for a move than five seconds but **it's all about the base time, not the delay or increment.**

I might be able to support a modified motion to implement 40/90, SD/60, incr. 30. I could live with that. I have found that control to be fully acceptable for the most serious play. The playing session for a 60 move game would be about the same as it is now.

Let me make a few comments about the points made by the motion sponsors. First of all, I don't consider it very compelling that the time control being suggested is used in important international tournaments. I am not a big fan of FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, who in my opinion has been destroying the quality of chess for years. I watch a LOT of online live broadcasts of GM tournaments and, over and over again (including in the U.S. Championships underway as I write these words), I see the quality of play deteriorate in the second time control. The players quickly get below 10 minutes apiece and just don't have time to handle the intricacies of complex endings.

I am also not persuaded by the other arguments made by the sponsors about time between rounds, socialization and TD convenience. I hope to address these points at greater length this summer.

In other committee news, to help verify U.S. Open attendance award claims, I am working on compiling printed crosstables for all U.S. Opens before the MSA era. I have the 1950s and 1960s pretty much complete and am working now on the 1970s and 1980s.

Women's Committee

JENNIFER SKIDMORE, CHAIR

The last 12 months have been an exciting time for women's chess in the USA. Highlights included Irina Krush earning the grandmaster title. Special congratulations to Irina on this impressive accomplishment! The World Chess Hall of Fame hosted the special exhibit entitled Jacqueline Piatigorsky: Patron, Player, Pioneer, honoring one of America's great female chess stars. In the spring of 2014, more than 300 players attended the All Girls Nationals for a record turnout. The success of the All Girls Nationals are in no small part due to the efforts of the Kasparov Chess Foundation (KCF) and the Renaissance Knights.

In 2013, USCF introduced the National Girls Invitational Tournament (NGIT). Held at the U.S. Open as a companion event to the Denker and Barber invitational tournaments, the NGIT boasted representatives from 39 states. Akshita Gorti of Virginia finished first on tiebreaks over Apurva Virkud from Michigan. This annual event is also shaping up well for 2014.

A few years ago, a U.S. Women's Open event was also added to the national events calendar. In the past, it has been difficult to find dates which satisfy the elusive combination of availability to players and cost effective venue. As I write this report, I am excited to find that the early pre-registrations for this year's event have surpassed the attendance of the last two tournaments.

I look forward to increased participation of women and girls in open tournaments and larger fields for women's and girl's tournaments around the country.

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Name	Capacity	Total Amount
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Michael Atkins	Executive Board	\$1,794.24

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Sam Sloan	Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C.	\$ 315.00
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Total Legal Expenses 2013-2014		\$6,337.53

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GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	398
SUCCESS CHESS SCHOOL	CA	358
EN PASSANT CHESS CLUB	TX	331
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	275
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	249
BOCA RATON CHESS CLUB	FL	244

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Name	State	Count
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TOURNAMENT IN A BOX	NH	42
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OMAHA CHESS COMMUNITY	NE	28
WEST VIRGINIA SCHL CHESS ASN	WV	25

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MARYLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION	MD	304
PENNSYLVANIA ST CHESS FED	PA	183
MINNESOTA ST CHESS ASSN	MN	98
MASSACHUSETTS CHESS ASSOC	MA	82
WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION	WA	78
NEVADA CHESS INC	NV	64
KENTUCKY CHESS ASSOCIATION	KY	60
NEW JERSEY ST CHESS FED	NJ	57
RHODE ISLAND CHESS ASSOCIATION	RI	45

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SAN DIEGO CHESS CLUB	CA	84
BAY AREA CHESS	CA	79
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Name	State	Count
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SILVER KNIGHTS CHESS	VA	391
SUCCESS CHESS SCHOOL	CA	356
GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE	MO	328
EN PASSANT CHESS CLUB	TX	322
LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS	NY	266
WESTERN PA YOUTH CHESS CLUB	PA	234
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CONTINENTAL CHESS ASSN	NY	220

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LARSON, GERALD A	AL	23
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CAMPBELL, TIM V	MO	20

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State	Dec13	May14	PCT	State	Dec13	May14	PCT	State	Dec13	May14	PCT	State	Dec13	May14	PCT
KS	338	484	43.2	CO	1039	1190	14.5	TERR	51	55	7.8	RI	266	284	6.8
VT	191	257	34.6	NC	2380	2632	10.6	DE	189	202	6.9				
MS	240	282	17.5	LA	613	672	9.6	NH	410	438	6.8				

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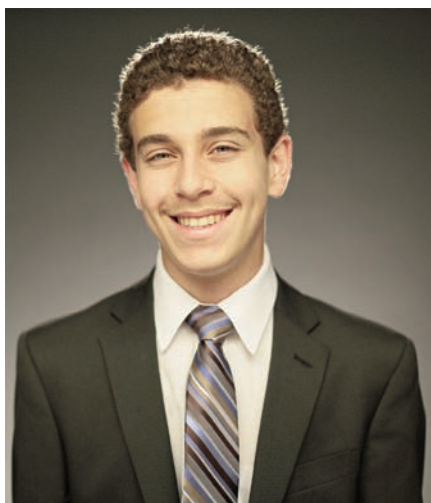
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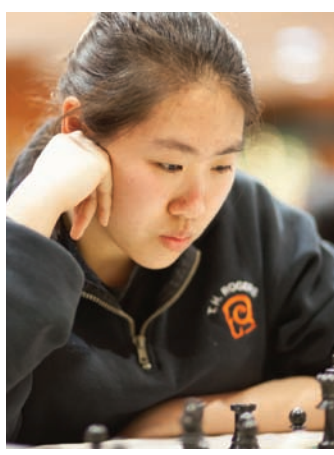
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2014 U.S. Championship: Gata Kamsky

2014 U.S. Women's Championship: Irina Krush

2014 National Open: Gata Kamsky

2014 National High School (K-12) Championship: Darwin Yang

2014 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship: Vignesh Panchanatham, Andrew Liu

2014 National Elementary (K-6) Championship: Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan

2014 All-Girls Championship: Ellen Xiang

2013 U.S. Open Championship: Josh Friedel, Mackenzie Molner, Julio Sadorra

2013 Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Championship: Kapil Chandran, Safal Bora, Michael William Brown

2013 Dewain Barber K-8 Championship: Andrew Liu, Andrew Tang, Vignesh Panchanatham, Craig Hilby

2013 National Girls Invitational Championship: Akshita Gorti, Apurva Virkud

2013 U.S. Senior Open: Alexander Ivanov, Sergey Kudrin, James Rizzitano, Nathan Resika

2013 Armed Forces Championship: Gordon Randall (Air Force)

2013 U.S. Class Championship: Master—Andrey Gorovets, Ioan Cristian Chirila; X—Daniel J. Ng, Akshay Malhotra, Arthur D. Mitchell, Christopher Todd Hobart; A—Michael David Ingram; B—Jie Liu; C—Karthikeyan L; D—Cecilia Martine Tisserand; E—Albert Sean Yau; Unrated—Antonio Jose Alvarado-Rivera III

2013 U.S. Blind Championship: William P. Gibson, Jr.

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2013 U.S. Junior Open Championship: Under 21—Justus D. Williams; Under 15—Andrew Liu, Alexander J. Crump; Under 11—Daniel Levkov, Edwin Jin; Under 8—Maximilian Lu, Hamilton Shillingford, Benjamin R. Medina, Nathaniel Lande Shuman, Jay Lalwani, Merric Hu, Caden Li Jung

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS ROLL CALL: TEAM EVENTS

2014 U.S. Amateur Team East: "Princeton A" (Michael Lee, Andrew Ng, Jason Altschuler, Darek Johnson)

2014 U.S. Amateur Team West: "NorCal House of Chess National Champions (NorCal)" (Enrico Sevillano, Ricardo De Guzman, Ron Cusi, Shafieen Ibrahim)

2014 U.S. Amateur Team North: "The Illini Samwich" (Sam Schmakel, Eric Rosen, Michael Auger, Shreya B. Mangalam)

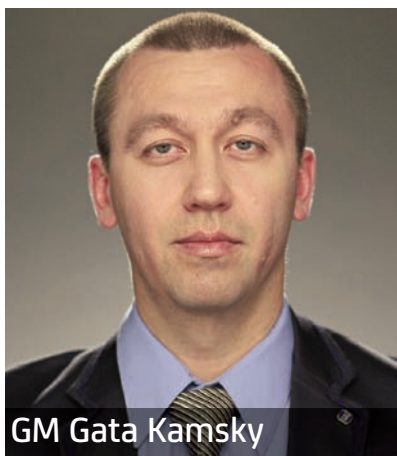
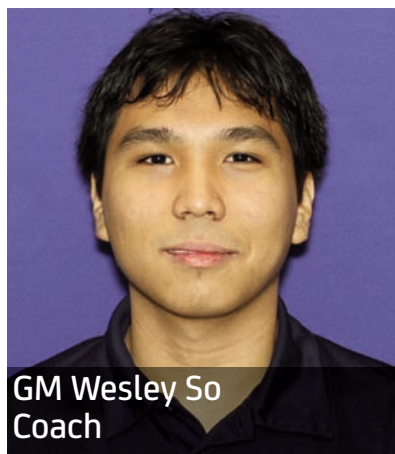
2014 U.S. Amateur Team South: "Russians Never Retreat" (Daniel Gurevich, Richard Francisco, Michael Corallo, Elena Gratskaya)

2014 National High School (K-12) Team Champions: Catalina Foothills High School (Bryan Hu, Derek Chen, Kinsleigh Wong, Emma Wing, Rohan Mittal)

2014 National Junior High School (K-9) Team Champions: Julia R. Masterman (Srisa Changolkar, Angel Hernandez-Camen, Shira Moolten, Torin Kuehnle, Nalin Clement Khanna)

2014 National Elementary (K-6) Team Champions: Gomes Elementary (Joanna Liu, Jason Shuhe Zhang, Ganesh M. Murugappan, William Jiarui Sartorio)

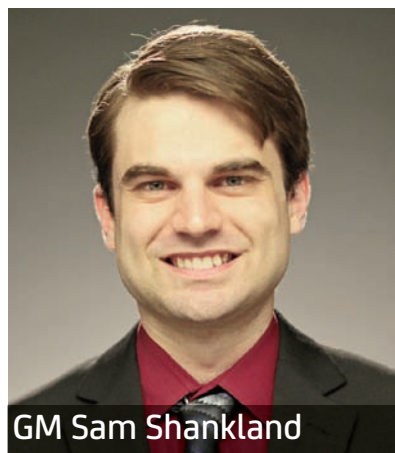
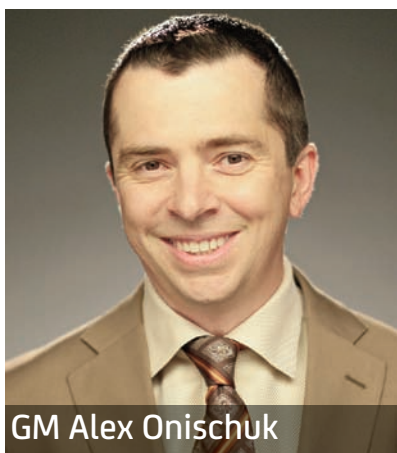
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What have the USCF Olympiad Teams accomplished?

In 2012 the United States team defeated the heavyweights from Russia but were squeezed out of the medals to take fifth place at the 40th Olympiad in Istanbul, Turkey. Gata Kamsky earned an individual bronze medal.

In 2010, the U.S. Women took fifth place at the 39th Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk (Siberia), Russia.

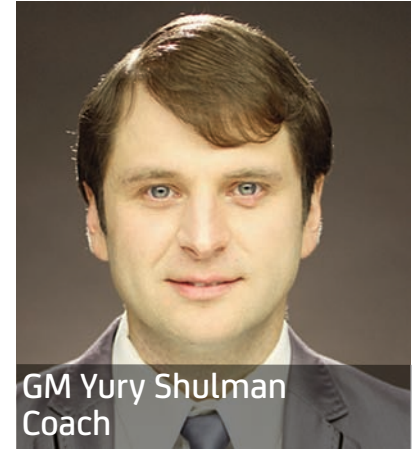
In 2008, the United States earned two bronze team medals and one individual gold medal at the 38th Chess Olympiad in Dresden.

In 2006, the United States took the bronze medal at the 37th Chess Olympiad in Turin, Italy.

In 2004, the United States women took the silver medal at the 36th Chess Olympiad in Calvia, Spain.



GM Melikset Khachiyan
Captain



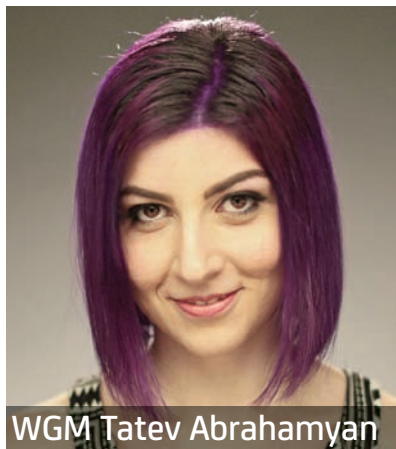
GM Yury Shulman
Coach



GM Irina Krush



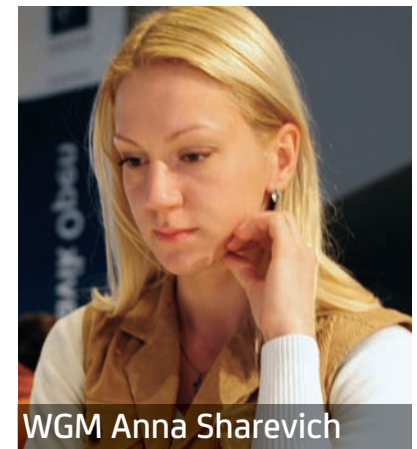
IM Anna Zatonskih



WGM Tatev Abrahamyan



WGM Katerina Nemcova



WGM Anna Sharevich

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Left: GM Alexander Onischuck, the GM of the Year.
Right: Awonder Liang, winner of the Outstanding Player Achievement Award.



1979-2014 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
- 2014** **Brownsville, TX**

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)
- 2014** **Central Florida Chess Club**

CHES 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)
2014 **Texas Tech University**

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
2014 **Senior**

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
2014 **Jim Berry (OK)**

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)
2014 **IM Greg Shahade (PA)**

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
2014 **GM Alex Onischuk (TX)**

HONORARY CHES 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
2014 **Joan Priest (KY)**

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
- 2014 Gold** **Bill Goichberg and the Continental Chess Association**

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
- 2014** **Justin Morrison (GA)**
Daniel Fuller (MS)
Dr. Rose Marie Stutts (AL)

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
- 2014** **The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis**

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

- 2014** **Gary Kitts (MI)**
Harvey Lerman (FL)

OUTSTANDING TEAM PERFORMANCE AWARD

- 2011** U.S. Women's Olympiad Team
IM Irina Krush,
IM Anna Zatonskih,
SM Tatev Abrahamyan,
WGM Camilla Baginskaite,
WGM Sabina Foisor,
Captain: FST Michael Khodarkovsky
Coach: GM Melikset Khachiyanyan
- 2014** **Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School (PA)**

SCHOLASTIC SERVICE

- 1994** Harry Sabine
- 1995** Ron Lohrman
- 1996** Lee LaFrese
- 1997** Robert Ferguson
- 1998** Sunil Weeramantry
(posthumously)
- 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
- 2014 **Mitchell Denker
(posthumously) (NC)**

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
- 2014 **Alan Kaufman (MI)**

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
- 2014 **Denis Barry
(posthumously) (AZ)
E. Steven Doyle (NJ)
Thad Rogers (GA)
Stephen Dillard (KY)**

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
- 2014 **Bob Messenger (MA)**

U.S. CHESS HALL OF FAME

- 1986 Reuben Fine
Robert Fischer
Isaac Kashdan
George Koltanowski
Frank Marshall
Paul Morphy
Harry Pillsbury
Sammy Reshevsky
- 1987 Sam Loyd
Wilhelm Steinitz
- 1988 Arpad Elo
Hermann Helms
- 1989 I.A. Horowitz
- 1990 Hans Berliner
- 1991 John Collins
Arthur Dake
- 1992 Arnold Denker
Gisela Gresser
George MacKenzie
- 1993 Pal Benko
Victor Palciauskas
- 1994 Arthur Bisguier
Robert Byrne,
Larry Evans
- 1995 Ed Edmondson
- 1996 Fred Reinfeld
- 1997 Kenneth Harkness
- 1998 Dr. Milan Vukcevic
- 1999 Benjamin Franklin
- 2000 Edmar Mednis
- 2001 Lubomir Kavalek
- 2002 Donald Byrne
- 2003 Lev Alburt
Walter Browne
- 2004 Anatoly Lein,
Leonid Shamkovich
- 2006 Yasser Seirawan
- 2007 Irving Chernev
Jeremy Gaige
- 2008 Joel Benjamin
Larry Christiansen
Nick de Firmian
- 2009 Burt Hochberg
John Fedorowicz
- 2010 Diane Savareide
Herman Steiner
Jackson Showalter
- 2011 Andy Soltis
Boris Gulko
- 2012 Alex Yermolinsky
- 2013 Gregory Kaidanov
Mona May Karff
- 2014 **Abraham Kupchik
Jacqueline Piatigorsky**

SPECIAL FRIEND OF USCF

- 2006 Phil Haley
- 2007 Garry Kasparov
- 2011 Alexandra Kosteniuk
- 2012 Barbara Pryor
- 2014 **Harris Rosen (FL)**

OUTSTANDING PLAYER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 2013 Erik Karklins
Alex Onischuk
Gata Kamsky
- 2014 **Awonder Liang (WI)**

WOMAN CHESSPLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- 2014 **Tatev Abrahamyan (CA)**

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 media. (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 be acted upon by the Board. These actions shall be reported in the *Executive Board Newsletter* and at the next year's Delegates Meeting. (1978) Motions limiting the Executive Board or disagreeing with the decisions made by the Executive Board shall automatically retain their place on next year's Delegates Agenda. (1980)
 - 7. Smoking.** Tournaments which prohibit smoking in the playing room of a USCF-rated tournament shall be so indicated in the Tournament Life Announcement in *Chess Life*. Smoking is prohibited at the following National Tournaments: U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior Open, U.S. Class. There shall be no smoking permitted in any contract areas of all national scholastic tournaments. (1998)
 - 8. State Chapter 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 to 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 privileges of USCF membership, including, but not limited to, the privilege of participating in tournaments, events, or other activities as a member of the USCF.
3. The standards, procedures, and sanctions set forth in this code of ethics shall apply only to: (a) actions and behavior by members of the USCF that occur in connection with tournaments or other activities sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF; and (b) individuals and entities acting in an official capacity as officers or representatives of the USCF. Each member of the USCF and each participant in a USCF activity shall be bound by this code of ethics.

THE USCF ETHICS COMMITTEE

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

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

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

- (b) Cheating in a game of chess by illegally giving, receiving, offering, or soliciting advice; or by consulting written sources; or by tampering with clocks; or in any other manner.
- (c) Deliberately losing a game for payment, or to lower one's rating, or for any other reason; or attempting to induce another player to do so. Deliberately failing to play at one's best in a game, in any manner inconsistent with the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, or fair play.
- (d) Deliberately misrepresenting one's playing ability in order to compete in a tournament or division of a tournament intended for players of lesser ability; players with foreign ratings are expected to disclose those ratings.
- (e) Participating in a tournament under a false name or submitting a falsified rating report.
- (f) Participating in a tournament while under suspension.
- (g) Purposely giving false information in order to circumvent or violate any rule or regulation or goal recognized by the USCF.
- (h) Attempting to interfere with the rights of any USCF member, such as by barring someone from entering a USCF-sanctioned event for personal reasons. Generally, no individual should be barred from a USCF-sanctioned event for which he or she meets the advertised qualifications, without appropriate due process, and for behavior inconsistent with the principles of this code and/or the rules of chess. If a ban on future participation is imposed, the individual should be notified of the ban prior to his attempting to appear at future events.
- (i) Violating federal, state, or local laws while participating in activities that are associated with the USCF.

PROCEDURES

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

- (a) A factual inquiry shall be made by the Ethics Committee, assisted as necessary by the USCF staff. Previous findings of the Ethics Committee or other USCF entities may be included among the evidence considered by the Ethics Committee, if relevant to the circumstances of the present case. As a part of such an inquiry, any person accused of unethical conduct shall have the right to examine the evidence against him or her, the right to respond to the accusation, and the right to produce written evidence in his or her behalf.
- (b) Appropriate sanctions, if any, shall be recommended by the Ethics Committee. In recommending sanctions, the Ethics Committee may consider any previous ruling or finding of the Ethics Committee, or other USCF entity, pertaining to the past conduct of the person being sanctioned. In recommending sanctions, the person being recommended for sanctions must be informed. Any person against whom sanctions have been recommended shall be promptly notified.
- (c) Except as specified in 6(e) recommended sanctions shall be deemed final unless appealed to the Executive Board by the person or persons upon whom the sanctions have been imposed, or upon the initiative of any member of the Executive Board. Such an appeal must be made within 30 days of the date that notification of recommended sanctions occurred, except that the Executive Board may extend the deadline for appeal if in its judgment an unavoidable delay in communications or other valid cause prevented a timely appeal. If an appeal has not been filed by the deadline the recommended sanctions shall be placed into effect.

- (d) Upon appeal, a review of the facts and the appropriateness of the recommended sanction shall be undertaken by the Executive Board. The person against whom the sanction has been recommended, as well as the person filing the initial complaint, shall be given notice of the time and place the Executive Board will review the case. The person against whom sanctions have been recommended shall have the right to appear before the Board and present evidence. In all appeals the recommended sanctions imposed by the Ethics Committee shall not be in effect until the appeal hearing is completed. The recommended sanctions shall be either confirmed, modified, or revoked by the Executive Board.
- (e) If the person against whom sanctions have been recommended is a member of the USCF Executive Board, he or she may not appeal the sanctions to the Executive Board, but may appeal to the USCF Board of Delegates at its next scheduled meeting.
- (f) If any member of the Ethics Committee or of the USCF Executive Board has a conflict of interest of any kind that might preclude objective participation in the consideration of any case, that person may not act in the capacity of a committee or board member on the case.

SANCTIONS

7. The following are some of the sanctions that may be imposed as a result of the procedures specified above. In unusual cases, other appropriate sanctions may be imposed, or these sanctions may be varied or combined.
 - (a) Reprimand. A determination that a member has committed an offense warranting discipline becomes a matter of record, but no further sanction is imposed at the time. A reprimand automatically carries a probation of at least three months, or longer if so specified. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during the probation, he or she is then liable to further sanctions for both offenses.
 - (b) Censure. A determination that a member has committed a serious offense warranting discipline becomes a matter of record, but no further sanction is imposed at the time. Censure automatically carries a probation of at least one year, or longer if so specified. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during the probationary period, he or she is then liable to further sanctions for both offenses.
 - (c) Suspended sentence with probation. A determination is made that the member has committed an offense warranting discipline. When the discipline is imposed and execution thereof suspended, such suspension shall include probation for at least six months longer than the discipline imposed. If the member is judged guilty of another offense during this period, unless otherwise decreed, the original discipline shall be added to such new discipline as may be imposed for the new offense.
 - (d) Suspension. Suspension is a determination that the member has committed an offense warranting abrogation, for a specified period of time, of all membership rights and privileges.
 - (e) Expulsion. Expulsion is a determination that a member has committed an offense warranting permanent abrogation of all membership rights and privileges. An expelled member may be readmitted to membership only by the USCF Executive Board or by the USCF Board of Delegates.
 - (f) Exclusion from events. This is a more selective determination that a member has committed an offense warranting abrogation of the right to participate in certain specified events or activities.
8. If the person being sanctioned is a member of the USCF Executive Board, the Ethics Committee may recommend no sanctions other than censure or reprimand, but may also recommend to the Board of Delegates other actions.
9. In the case of every sanction that involves suspension or expulsion, a member may not hold any office in the USCF or participate in any capacity in any event or activity sponsored by or sanctioned by the USCF.

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

Robert's Rules of Order

A Guide for USCF Delegates

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Definitions

Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian serves as a resource to the chair, offering advice on rulings and other matters to assist the chair in keeping the meeting orderly and productive. The Parliamentarian never 'rules' on a question, the chair has that privilege and may ignore or not solicit the advice of the Parliamentarian before making any ruling. The Parliamentarian also serves as a resource to Delegates, to advise them on proper parliamentary procedure.

2nd

Indicates a willingness to have the Delegates consider the motion, not any support for it. Except for motions on the advance agenda, motions arising from a committee and motions arising from the Membership Meeting, all main and subsidiary motions and most privileged or incidental motions require a 2nd in order to be considered by the Delegates further. While the maker of a motion is expected to argue in favor of it during debate, the seconder is under no such requirement.

Debatable

Discussion of the merits of the motion is permitted. An undebatable motion must be voted upon immediately without discussion unless an amendment or higher-ranking motion is in order and offered.

Majority

A simple majority means that more people vote 'yes' than 'no.' A 2/3 majority means that at least twice as many people vote 'yes' as 'no.' To abstain from voting means to yield to the will of the majority that does vote, whatever that majority is. It does not matter whether the number of 'yes' and 'no' votes adds up to a quorum or not, as long as a quorum is present. Although a count of abstaining Delegates is sometimes requested of the chair, it is not mandatory under *Robert's Rules*.

Reconsider

A motion to reverse an earlier vote. A motion to reconsider may only be offered by someone who voted on the prevailing side on the earlier vote. A motion to reconsider always requires a simple majority, even if the motion being reconsidered required a larger majority to succeed. When a motion to reconsider is successful, the matter becomes active again, although it might not be the current order of business if some other business is also pending. Some motions may not be reconsidered, such as a failed motion to postpone indefinitely.

Chair

The person running the meeting. The chair assigns the floor during debate and recognizes members, including responding to points of order or privilege (and making rulings as required), parliamentary inquiries, and to request whether a speaker will yield to a point of information. All questions should be addressed to the chair, not to other members, including the member who currently has the floor. The chair is expected to remain impartial and must refrain from debate on the merits of any issue. A chair who wishes to speak to the merits should yield the chair by passing the gavel to another person for the duration of the debate on that issue.

Agenda

The agenda is the order in which business is to be conducted. Many organizations have adopted a standard agenda for meetings, indicating in which order officer and committee reports are to be given, etc. It is also common for organizations to prepare an advance agenda of matters likely to come before the body. Sometimes the Bylaws specify that certain matters cannot be enacted unless pre-announced in the advance agenda, or require a different majority to pass if not pre-announced, such as amendments to the Bylaws. But the advance agenda is an informational document only until such time as it is adopted by the body during the meeting once a quorum is established.

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*.

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2015

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U.S. GAME 10

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2017

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Schedule for 2014 U.S. Open Workshops & Committee Meetings

Time	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	NOON	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM
WEDNESDAY July 30	Senior	Forum		LUNCH	Women's Chess	States	TDCC	TDCC/ Problem Solving
	Denker H.S. & Barber K-8	College Chess			Outreach	Scholastic Committee		
THURSDAY July 31	Executive Board CLOSED	Executive Board OPEN		LUNCH	Chess in Education			Chess Trust
					Rules Workshop	Ratings	International Affairs	
FRIDAY Aug 1		Bylaws		LUNCH	Finance			Audit (closed)
		Prison	Top Players		Publications	CJA	Website Advisory	
SATURDAY Aug 2	Delegates Meeting			AWARDS LUNCHEON	Delegates Meeting			
SUNDAY Aug 3	Delegates Meeting				Delegates Meeting			
<p>SATURDAY, July 26, Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, and the National Girls Invitational Tournament Opening Ceremony</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY, August 1, Executive Board Reception 5:30 pm</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, August 2, USCF Awards Luncheon Noon</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, August 3, Executive Board Meeting (CLOSED) 3 pm and Executive Board Meeting (OPEN) 6 pm</p>								
<p style="text-align: center;">**Schedule Subject to Change - Check www.uschess.org for updates**</p>								