

Proceedings of the U.S. Chess Federation Membership Meeting August 2, 2013 Middleton, WI

This document is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. It includes motions made and subjects discussed. Details of discussions, etc., may be obtained from the sound files online.

At 4pm Mike Nietman announced the meeting. Executive Board President, Ruth Haring called the proceedings to order and welcomed everyone. Those in attendance included Steve Lampkin (FL), Chuck Unruh (OK), Tim Just (IL), Bill Brock (IL), Mike Nolan (NE), Ken Sloan (AL), Richard Koepcke (CA-N), Michael Khodarkovsky (NJ), Dewain Barber (CA-S), Steve Morford (CA-S), Al Lawrence (TX), David Kuhns (MN), Joel Berez (IL), Joan DuBois (TN), Brian Ribnick (MN), Guy Hoffman (WI), Harry Sabine (TN), Russell Harwood (TX), Richard Buchanan (CO), Andrew Rea (VA), Bob Messenger (MA), Ken Ballou (MA), Alex Relyea (NH), Jim Bedenbaugh (OK), Michael Langer (TX), Bob Howe (MO), Thomas Rehmeier (MO), Harold Winston (IL) and others.

Executive Board members Ruth Haring, Mike Atkins, Jim Berry, Mike Nietman, Gary Walters, Allen Priest, Bill Goichberg and Executive Director Francisco Guadalupe each gave a brief autobiographical sketch. Incoming EB member Chuck Unruh also made some short remarks.

President Haring announced that per the USCF Bylaws Article V Section 9 up to five Additional Delegates may be elected at the Membership Meeting. Harold Winston of IL advised the requirements and read his proposed candidates: Jim Gray of OK, Rodney Vaughn of MO and Roger Gotschall of IA. There was no discussion and no additional names added to the motion by those present.

MM13-01 (Harold Winston, IL) Move to elect Jim Gray of OK, Rodney Vaughn of MO, and Roger Gotschall of IA as Additional Delegates. **PASSED**

Harold Winston then brought up an item that had been discussed in the Bylaws Workshop. It concerned a requirement that Executive Board members must be 21 years old to serve. He said the workshop attendees voted 23 in favor, 7 against and 2 abstaining. Allen Priest advised that the Illinois attorney had said that having under age Executive Board members could call into question the validity of Board decisions and contracts. Bill Goichberg offered an amendment to change the minimum age to 18, which was not accepted by Winston.

MM13-02 (Harold Winston, IL) Move to recommend to the Delegates that in Article VI Section 1 of the Bylaws "and be at least 21 years of age" be added to the last sentence. **PASSED**

President Haring then opened the meeting to questions from the floor and Ken Ballou of MA asked about new style membership cards for Life Members. Executive Director Francisco Guadalupe answered that with over 10,000 Life Members our card machine

could not handle the load, but cards were being sent to Life members upon request. Myron Lieberman of AZ asked if there was a fee and Guadalupe advised not to Life Members.

John Hartman of NE asked about an accounting procedure he heard was to be brought up at the Delegates' meeting. Allen Priest, VP of Finance, answered that the topic which had been covered in the Finance Workshop and in a 5-page rationale he had prepared was about the method used to recognize membership revenue.

Haring reminded everyone about the President's Reception at 5pm in the Monona Room.

The meeting was adjourned.