

Proceedings of the U.S. Chess Federation Executive Board Meeting August 4, 2013 Middleton, WI

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

At 6pm Executive Board Secretary Mike Nietman announced the meeting was to begin. Executive Board President, Ruth Haring, called the meeting to order saying all board members (Gary Walters, Allen Priest, Mike Nietman, Mike Atkins, Chuck Unruh and Randy Bauer) were present. Also in attendance were Steve Lampkin, Bob Messenger, Walter Driscoll, Joan DuBois, Walter Brown, Pat Smith, Mike Nolan, Rachel Lieberman, Myron Lieberman, David Kuhns, Bill Goichberg, Benjamin Swiszczy, Richard Koepcke, Frank Johnson, Jennifer Skidmore, Tim Redman, Ken Sloan, Murlin Varner and Chuck Miller.

Secretary Nietman stated there were several motions from closed session to be read into the minutes and voted on.

EB 14-01 (Board) The Executive Board names the following officers for 2013-2014: Ruth Haring President; Gary Walters Vice President; Allen Priest Vice President of Finance; and Mike Nietman Secretary.

Passed 7-0

EB 14-02 (Board) The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>EB Liaison</u>
Audit	Bill Brock	Allen Priest
Awards	John Donaldson	Randy Bauer
Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions	Jon Haskel Stephen Shutt	Mike Nietman
Bylaws	Harold J. Winston Guy Hoffman	Allen Priest
Chess in Education	F. Leon Wilson	Mike Nietman
Clubs	Bob Rasmussen	Chuck Unruh
College Chess	Russell S. Harwood	Mike Nietman
Correspondence Chess	Brad Rogers	Gary Walters
Cramer Awards	Frank Brady	Randy Bauer
Denker Invitational	Stephen Shutt Jon Haskel	Mike Nietman
Election	Ken Ballou	Chuck Unruh
Ethics	Richard Buchanan	Gary Walters
Finance		Allen Priest

Forum		Randy Bauer
Hall of Fame	Harold J. Winston	Gary Walters
Hall of Records	Steve Immitt	Mike Nietman
International Affairs	Michael Khodarkovsky	Ruth Haring
Military	Colonel Mike Hoffpaur, U.S. Army (ret)	Gary Walters
Outreach	Myron Lieberman	Chuck Unruh
PPHB Fund Management	John Donaldson	Allen Priest
Prison		Ruth Haring
Publications	Ramon Hernandez	Randy Bauer
Ratings	Mark Glickman	Ruth Haring & Mike Atkins
Rules	David Kuhns	Mike Atkins
Scholastic Chess Council	Mike Hoffpaur, Co-Chair Sunil Weeramantry, Co-Chair	Mike Nietman
Senior	Charles Hatherill	Mike Atkins
States	Guy Hoffman	Gary Walters
Top Players		Ruth Haring
Tournament Director Certification	Jeff Wiewal, Chair Tim Just, Vice-Chair	Mike Atkins
US Open	Hal Terrie III	Chuck Unruh
Web Site Advisory (WSAC)	Boyd Reed	Mike Nietman
Woman's Chess	Jennifer Skidmore	Ruth Haring

Passed 7-0

EB14-03 (Board) The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes:

- a. Barber: Consists of Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro, Tom Brownscombe, Sunil Weeramantry, Dewain Barber and Mitchell Denker
- b. Denker: Consists of Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro, Tom Brownscombe, Sunil Weeramantry, Dewain Barber and Mitchell Denker
- c. Finance: Consists of Boyd Reed, Jon Haskel, Tim Redman, Bill Brock, Jim Bedenbaugh, Grant Neilley and Terry Vibbert
- d. Ratings: Add Bill Goichberg

- e. Rules: Add Bill Goichberg
- f. Scholastic Council: Replace Garrett Scott with Robby Adamson.
Committee: Add Bob Messenger, Eric Vigil, Brian Ribnick, Steven Shutt, Jennifer Skidmore and Mark Ritter. Garrett Scott moves to the Committee. Remove Javier Pinedo, Mark Nibbelin, Jim Celone and Robert Tanner.
- g. Senior: Add Bob Mahan, Mike Eberhardinger and Garrett Scott

Passed 7-0

Mike Nietman introduced the next motion saying he has been working with the Scholastic Council to set up rules for naming coaches and heads of delegations for World Youth, Pan Am youth and international invitational events. He presented the list the Scholastic Council suggests.

EB 14-04 (Mike Nietman) Moves: the Scholastic Council recommends that the Executive Board names the following as “Core Group Coaches” for international youth events:

- a. Aviv Friedman
- b. Michael Khodarkovsky
- c. Armen Ambartsoumian
- d. John Fedorowicz
- e. Semion Palatnik
- f. Andranik Matikozyan

Passed 7-0

Mike Atkins, TDCC Liaison, introduced the next item. He said this was the TDCC’s first year of making recommendations for the TD of the Year and TD Lifetime Achievement awards. They asked for criteria on which to base their choices.

EB14-05 (Mike Atkins) Moves: 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:

- a. 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.
- b. 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 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.

- c. 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.
- d. 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.

PASSED 7-0

President Haring then asked the two new Executive Board members to introduce themselves and make a few remarks. Randy Bauer commented he was enjoying the company and camaraderie of the Board. Chuck Unruh thanked the voters and said he looked forward to being on the Board.

The meeting was opened to questions from the floor and Bob Messenger of MA asked about *Chess Life* and 3-month memberships for those outside the U.S., Canada or Mexico. Bill Goichberg advised as the original maker of the Board motion, the idea was that players in the U.S., Canada and Mexico would receive the magazine and all others would not. EB member Allen Priest concurred. It was also agreed the 3-month membership was not designed to include the right to vote.

Rachel Lieberman then asked for and received permission from the Board to allow her continued use of the honorary title Director of Prevention Programs in her efforts to promote chess as a tool to prevent delinquency and gangs.

Frank Johnson of GA asked about tournaments being FIDE and USCF rated. Executive Director Francisco Guadalupe answered that according to USCF policy all FIDE tournaments are also USCF rated for players with ratings of 2200 and up. Players below 2200 must opt in or out for all FIDE tournaments. Bill Goichberg added that the policy was passed several years ago but had not been implemented. Mike Nolan said a registration process with possible fee was supposed to be effected but the previous ED had not set up the process. Walter Brown commented that a clear policy was needed. Francisco Guadalupe said the policy is there, implementation procedures are needed. Gary Walters said to make sure all affected players are notified.

Secretary Nietman questioned if Dave Lame was on the Outreach Committee. Chairman Myron Lieberman advised yes.

Lieberman then asked if the Board wanted to continue the agreement that he and Rachel would maintain the Executive Board motions file in exchange for two tickets to the next year's Awards Luncheon. The Liebermans received a round of applause for their work. President Haring asked that they continue maintaining the motions file.

President Haring announced that the next Board meeting would be in November. The location and exact date will be posted online.

She thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.