

# Proceedings of the 2014 USCF Board of Delegates Meeting

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The 2014 Delegates' Meeting was held at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida, August 2-3, 2014. This document is an overview of the meeting and includes the official documentation of motions. More details and the discussions may be found on the sound files located on the USCF website.

## **SESSION 1**

At 9:00a.m. Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> USCF President Ruth Haring called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed in memory of those of the chess community who had passed on in the last year, including Rev. Edward J. Boyle, Curt Brasket and Anarae Schunk.

National Events Director, Franc Guadalupe then called the roll. After which Secretary Nietman reported that a quorum was present. (attachment 1)

Harold Winston introduced the first two motions.

**DM 14-01 (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 – Anthony Cottell of FL, Leroy Dubeck of NJ, Bill Goichberg of NY, Randy Hough of CA-S, Myron Lieberman of AZ, Beatriz Marinello of NY and Harry Sabine of TN.

**PASSED**

**DM 14-02 (ADM 14-02 Harold Winston IL):** Move that the minutes of the 2013 Delegates meeting as available to the Delegates present in Orlando, be accepted. **PASSED**

President Haring introduced the next items.

**DM 14-03 (ADM 14-03 Ruth Haring CA-N)** Move that Mike Nolan be appointed parliamentarian. **PASSED**

**DM 14-04 (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. **PASSED**

## **CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Results of the 2014 Executive Board election were reported by Elections Committee Chair, Ken Ballou. There were 4,074 registered voters for this year's Executive Board election. A total of 650 ballots were returned, of which three were disallowed in their entirety because they had votes for more than three candidates. After the ballot count had completed, but before the Delegates' Meeting started, an additional 320 ballots were discovered at the post office. As it would have been impossible for the found ballots to have altered the outcome of the election, the Election Committee voted to validate the additional ballots and to include those voters in the list of members who voted in the election. However, the additional ballots would not be opened and counted. Gary Walters with 563 votes, Allen Priest with 558 votes and Mike Nietman with 580 votes were elected to 3 year terms ending in 2017.

**DM14-05 (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. **PASSED**

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President, Ruth Haring began her report with a statement of profound and continued appreciation to those who make all chess events possible. Her report covered this year's accomplishments, results and stories of empowering people through chess, one move at a time. She commented on the 501(c)(3) tax status milestone and the cultural changes it precipitated; and the progress being made in the goal of doubling membership through the quest for and retention of female members.

She said the USCF is moving forward with a new strategy, vision and mission to enrich the lives of all persons and communities through increasing the play, study and appreciation of the game of chess. In the coming year the Board will continue to manage operations in line with best practices; continue policies to insure fiscal stability of the organization and will roll out new programs in line with our charitable status.

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

Vice-President of Finance, Allen Priest, was next to report. He touched on the new 501(c)(3) tax status; the line of credit; changes in accounting staff; completion of the 2013 financial audit; and book and equipment contract changes. Priest advised that the financials are very good. He explained the financial challenges USCF faces in FY 2014 due to the additional expenses for the Olympiad and World Team events falling in the same fiscal year.

His long term goals are to create a reserve within USCF proper that will allow the release of all LMA funds and to have cash in the bank to cover 3-6 months expenses at the beginning of the year. Priest then brought ADM 14-06 to the floor.

**DM14-06 (ADM14-06 Executive Board)** The 2014-2015 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted. **PASSED**

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director, Jean Hoffman began her report with an exhortation to dream about chess and what we want for the future. The USCF is entering a new, era as a 501(c)(3) that will transform both the organization and the world of chess in the United States.

Hoffman has been developing an organizational road map for this transition and laying the ground work for fundraising efforts. An updated mission statement and an organizational vision, fruits of the ongoing strategic planning process, give direction to her work.

She listed - increasing the number of scholastic affiliates by 20%; conducting a minimum of three stakeholder surveys each year; and launching a 501(c)(3) fundraising website by the end of the year as her objectives.

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

Publications Director, Dan Lucas, then took the floor. He reported that the new 501(c)(3) status brought an immediate \$30k annual savings on mailing fees. He commented on Chess Life stories; the retirement of Pal Benko; introduction of long form journalism; success in interactivity through contests; and analysis of the Chess Life for Kids vocabulary.

Lucas said a goal was increased diversity and coverage of under-represented segments of society.

A brief question and answer period followed with Dewain Barber and Rachel Lieberman participating.

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

Harold Winston began his report by introducing the other Trustees in attendance Leroy Dubeck, Treasurer; Myron Lieberman; Secretary; Beatriz Marinello, Trustee; and Stewart Chagrin, Trustee. Chairman Winston then recounted the passing of Trustee Mitchell Denker last year and that the Denker family will continue to support the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. He reported that the Trust promoted chess in the schools nationwide by supplying 262 sets and boards and 80 memberships last year; in the future the Trust will focus on serving underprivileged children and supporting research about chess as a tool to fight Alzheimer's disease; Managing Director, Barbara DeMaro, will retire in May 2015; two meetings with USCF about constructive cooperation for the good of American chess were held; donations to North American Youth, World Youth, US Blind, World Junior, Scholar Chess Player Program and Collegiate Final Four had been made; a new oral history project had been initiated; and 12,745 people from forty-eight states and five countries plus 1,270 students had visited the World Chess Hall of Fame and Sidney Samole Museum from 7/1/13 to 7/1/14.

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

In his report, FIDE Zonal President, Francisco Guadalupe named the U.S. players who achieved FIDE titles last year; recounted highlights of the 84<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress and introduced the representatives for the 85<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress about to convene in Tromso, Norway. He gave account of the 2013 FIDE World Cup, 2013 FIDE World Youth, Continental Championships and Pan Am players and results. When presenting the list of player's requesting transfer to the USA, which included Super GM Wesley So from the Philippines and IWM Nazi Pakidze from Georgia, Guadalupe announced "things are looking up on the international level". He thanked Beatriz Marinello for organizing the North American Youth, giving two players the opportunity to achieve titles and drew attention to upcoming events including the World Chess Championship. Guadalupe then asked for questions from the floor.

## **ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

Harold Winston brought the Bylaws Committee election to the floor.

**DM 14- 07 (NDM 14-01 Harold Winston, IL)** Move that the following be named to the 2015 Bylaws Committee: Harold Winston, IL, Guy Hoffman, WI; Richard Koepcke, N-CA; Randy Hough, S-CA; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Gerald Larson, AL; Michael Mulford, GA; David Mehler, MD; Gary Kitts, MI; John McCrary, SC; Robert Messenger, MA; Joe Lux, NJ; and Sevan Muradian, IL. **PASSED**

Allen Priest thanked the current Audit Committee and made the following motion for 2015 members.

**DM 14- 08 (NDM14-02 Allen Priest, KY)** Move that Mike Mulford, GA; Bill Brock, IL; and Jon Haskel, FL be elected as the Audit Committee. **PASSED**

Ken Ballou thanked the current Election Committee members and nominated them all for re-election.

**DM14-09 (NDM 14-03 Ken Ballou, MA)** Move that Ken Ballou, MA; Roger Gotschall, IA, Richard Koepcke, N-CA; Myron Lieberman, AZ; with Ernie Schlich, VA as alternate be elected as the Election Committee. **PASSED**

Ken Sloan commented that per usual the Ethics Committee chair will change and made the following motion.

**DM14-10 (NDM 14-04 Ken Sloan, AL)** Move the Richard Buchanan, CO; Jim Gray, OK; Jim Menella; NJ; Alex Relyea, NH; Kenneth Sloan, AL; Howard Stenzel, NY; Andrew Thall, OH; and Kenneth Ballou, MA be elected as the Ethics Committee. **PASSED**

President Haring continued to ADM14-07. Tony Cottell questioned whether a report had been submitted by the LMA Trust. Since Trust Chair, Leroy Dubeck had stepped out of the room, VP of Finance, Allen Priest, and Trustee Beatriz Marinello responded.

**DM 14-11 (ADM 14-07 Tim Redman, TX and LMA Trust)** Move that Jim Bedenbaugh, Frank Camaratta, Steve Doyle, Leroy Dubeck, Peter Dyson, Dov Gorman, Beatriz Marinello, Tim Redman, Fred Townsend, and Harold Winston be re-elected as LMA Trustees. **PASSED**

NOTE: The VP of Finance also serves as an ex-officio member of the Trust.

## **Committee Reports**

David Kuhns made the following motion.

**DM 14-12 (NDM 14-05 David Kuhns, MN, Rules Committee Chair)** The Rules Committee and the Delegates move to thank Tim Just and the rulebook team for the publication of the *6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the USCF Official Rules of Chess* now available in electronic format and soon to be available in print. **PASSED**

Dewain Barber then recognized the winners of the Denker, Christopher Gu of RI; the Barber, Advait Patel of WV; and NGIT Jennifer Yu of VA. The Delegates gave a round of applause.

The meeting was recessed for the Awards Luncheon until 2pm.

## **SESSION 2**

At 2pm on Saturday, August 2, 2014 President Haring called the meeting to order.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Harold Winston introduced the first item of Old Business –promotional memberships. Mike Nolan reported on the Voucher Program, 3-Month, International On-line and JTP memberships.

**DM 14-13 (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. **PASSED**

Ken Ballou, maker of DM 14-09 briefly explained his motion regarding prize distribution rules. David Kuhns, Rules Committee chair reported the Rules committee and workshop straw poll results and recommendations. He then moved to combine DM 14-09 and DM14-10 since wording was the same. Steve Immitt, DM14-10 sponsor, was not in the room so Ballou withdrew his motion and a vote was taken on Immitt's version.

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

**DM 14-14 (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. . **(VOTE: 42 YES, 15 NO, 3 ABSTAIN) PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY IN 2014**

Harold Winston and Richard Koepcke introduced the next two motions asking they be combined. Discussion followed with Mike Mulford, Allen Priest, Jim Menella, Gerald Larson, Ken Ballou and Steve Shutt speaking against and Richard Koepcke, Ernie Schlich and Harold Winston speaking in favor. Mike Hoffpaur called the question.

**Combined in DM 14-15 (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."

**DM 14-15 (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." **FAILED 15-45-2**

Ken Ballou asked Harold Winston to report on the Bylaws Workshop results. Winston advised an amended motion had been created by the Workshop which Ballou accepted.

**DM 14-16 (ADM 14-13, DM13-45, NDM 13-10 Ken Ballou, MA)** Amend Bylaws Article IV Section 3 to replace "March 31" with "May 1" in the first sentence and in the last sentence. **PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Harold Winston withdrew his motion ADM 14-14.

**WITHDRAWN- 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.

Ken Ballou gave his rational for ADM 14-15. Harold Winston gave the Bylaws committee and workshop results.

**DM 14-17 (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. **FAILED**

**DM 14-18 (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" **(VOTE 40 YES, 20 NO, 4 ABSTAIN) PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Ken Ballou asked Harry Sabine to speak on the next motion. Sabine explained why he recommended passage. Harold Winston then gave the results from Bylaws workshop and committee straw polls. Discussion began with Bill Goichberg and Rachel Lieberman speaking against the motion and Richard Koepcke, Myron Lieberman and favoring it. Ernie Schlich offered a friendly amendment which was rejected. Tim Just called the motion. Steve Immitt asked for a procedural clarification. The vote was taken

**DM 14-19 (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. (VOTE: 23 YES, 41 NO, 2 ABSTAIN) FAILED**

Tim Just introduced the next motion asking Hal Terrie of the US Open Committee to give the committee's view. Dewain Barber asked for clarification. Steve Immitt, Bill Goichberg spoke on the topic. Jennifer Skidmore offered an amendment. Discussion continued with Ken Ballou, Garrett Scott, Walter Brown, and Thad Rogers participating. Tim Just called the question on Skidmore's amendment which failed. John Hartman, David Kuhns, Andrew Rea, Steve Immitt, Gerald Larson continued the discussion. Steve Immitt then offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Jim Menella, Tim Just, Hal Terrie, Carl Haessler expressed their views. Ken Sloan offered another friendly amendment which was accepted. Walter High, Ken Ballou, Fun Fong, Boyd Reed, Steve Shutt, David Kuhns, and Bill Goichberg continued the debate. Steve Immitt offered another amendment which failed. Ken Ballou, Jon Haskel, Al Losoff, Gerald Larsen and Ken Ballou added more thoughts. Fun Fong called the question on the amended motion.

**DM 14-20 (ADM 14-18, DM 13-48, NDM 13-13 Tim Just IL, Wayne Clark IL) Allow the time control for the traditional schedule and six day schedule for at least one US Open tournament in the next five years to be: 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—**(VOTE:31 YES, 21 NO, 5 ABSTAIN) PASSED AS AMENDED IN 2014**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Harold Winston then introduced the following motion from the Membership Meeting. Beatriz Marinello and Ruth Haring spoke to the issue. Al Lawrence called the question. This change removes the requirement that our eligibility criteria for international competition may not be more restrictive than eligibility required by FIDE and allows USCF to make its own eligibility rules.

**DM 14-21 (NDM 14-06 Ruth Haring, CA; Harold Winston, IL; Top Players Committee)** Delete Article IX, Sec. 16 and renumber sections 17-20 as 16-19. **(VOTE 58 -YES, 1- NO, 5 ABSTAIN) PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Luis Salinas brought the next item from the Membership Meeting to the floor. Gerald Larsen, Ernie Schlich, Harold Winston, Steve Morford, Ken Ballou and Mike Hoffpaur participated in the discussion that followed. Tim Just offered a friendly amendment which was accepted and the vote was taken.

**DM 14-22 (NDM 14-07 Luis Salinas, TX)** Move to refer the issue of e-cigarettes to the Executive Board with power to act. **PASSED**

Harold Winston introduced ADM 14-19 giving background on the motion.

**DM 14-23 (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. **PASSED**

Harold Winston presented the following technical amendment.

**DM 14-24 (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.” **PASSED**

Winston explained the next motion. Allen Priest reported that no new claims had been approved; \$1000 was paid in pre-approved claims; the fund had increased by approximately \$5000; checking account balance is \$15,477.29; and CDs for \$103,742 are held. The total assets of the fund are just over \$119,000.

**DM 14-25 (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. **PASSED**

Harold Winston introduced ADM 14-22 giving background and the results of the Bylaws committee and workshop consideration. An amended version was presented. Ken Ballou and Allen Priest participated in the discussion that followed.

**DM 14-26 (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 “Members with memberships of less than one year duration at their start are not eligible to become voting members. All other USCF members are entitled to register as a

voting member provided that any voting member must be age 16 or older as of June 30 of the election year. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

Harold Winston presented the next two motions along with favorable straw poll results from the Bylaws Committee and Workshop. Gerald Larson offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Allen Priest gave the findings of an USCF attorney on the matter and read from his letter. Jim Menella asked for clarification. Minutes will continue to be preserved permanently.

**DM 14-27 (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 open 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. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

**DM 14-28 (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." **PASSED**

The rules were suspended at this point by unanimous consent to consider NDM 14-08. Dewain Barber offered a friendly amendment which was accepted.

**DM 14-29 (NDM 14-08 Allen Priest, KY; Harold Winston, IL; and Bylaws Committee)** In accordance with the changes made in Article VI, Section 3, par. 2 to require audio recordings of open meetings only, audio recordings made of any prior closed meetings may be destroyed immediately. **PASSED**

Harold Winston presented background on the next motion.

**DM 14-30 (ADM 14-25 (Harold Winston IL; Bylaws Committee):** Amend Art VIII, sec. 2, the first sentence to read "Each State Chapter" instead of "Each State." **PASSED**

Motion maker, Bill Goichberg, made an amendment then gave his purpose for ADM 14-26. Ken Ballou, Garrett Scott, Gerald Larson, Harold Winston, Jennifer Skidmore, Allen Priest spoke to the issue. Since this is a promotional, membership Bill Goichberg agreed to refer the motion to the Executive Board.

**DM 14-31 (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.

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

**REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD AS AMENDED**

ADM 14-27 was withdrawn by its maker, Steve Immitt.

**WITHDRAWN - 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.

Steve Immitt introduced ADM 14-28 and explained his rationale. Ken Ballou, Tim Just, Allen Priest, Mike Hoffpaur, and Dewain Barber participated in the exchange that followed. During the discussion, Immitt made three amendments to his motion.

**DM 14-32 (ADM 14-28 Steve Immitt NY)** The Delegates encourage the Executive Board to establish and administer a special USCF endowment fund to help sponsor USCF memberships for needy individuals. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

In his introduction of ADM 14-29, Steve Immitt amended the motion. Ken Ballou, Jennifer Skidmore, Steve Shutt, Dewain Barber, Jeff Weiwei and Allen Priest participated in the discussion. Bill Brock called the question.

**DM 14-33 (ADM 14-29 Steve Immitt NY)** The Delegates encourage 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. **(VOTE: 17 YES; 39 NO) FAILED**

Steve Immitt explained his next motion. Ken Ballou asked for clarification.

**DM 14-34 (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. **(VOTE: 29 YES; 22 NO) PASSED**

Al Lawrence brought ADM 14-31 to the floor. Harold Winston offered an amendment to add the U.S. Women's Championship which was accepted. Mike Hoffpaur, Ken Ballou, David Kuhns, Ernie Schlich, Luis Salinas, Andrew Rea, Boyd Reed, Ruth Haring, Bill Brock and Allen Priest took part in the discussion which followed.

**DM 14-35 (ADM 14-31 Al Lawrence, TX; Camilla Baginskaite, Top Players Committee) as amended** Regarding the U.S. Championship and U.S. Women's Championship, Olympiad, and World Teams, 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). **PASSED**

President Haring recessed the meeting until 9am, Sunday, August 3, 2014.

## **SESSION 2, SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014**

At 9:02am President Haring called the meeting to order.

Mike Hoffpaur gave an extensive presentation on ADM 14-32 and explained the process involved in creating the substitute motion. Andrew Rea, Miguel Ararat, Steve Immitt, Ernie Schlich, C.J. Armenta gave their thoughts. Carl Haessler explained the benefits of the NWSRS rating system. Ken Ballou,

Steve Shutt, Bill Goichberg, Fred Kleist, Gary Walters, and David Kuhns continued the discussion. Russell Harwood offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Ken Ballou, Randy Bauer, Harold Winston, Steve Immitt, Allen Priest, Ken Sloan, Jeff Wiewel, and Jennifer Skidmore expressed their opinions. Ken Ballou called the question.

**DM 14-36 (ADM14-32 Mike Hoffpauir, VA; Mike Nietman, WI; Mike Atkins, MD; Russell Harwood, TX; Beatriz Marinello, NY-Downstate; Jay Stallings, CA-S; Robert Messenger, MA) as amended**

When taking entries for all National Scholastic Chess tournaments with 'under' and/or unrated sections, the USCF will require players to disclose at the time they enter the tournament whether they have one or more ratings in other over the board rating system(s). The USCF shall seriously consider, in consultation with the Scholastic Council and the Ratings Committee, using 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 all future USCF national scholastic tournaments that have 'under' and/or unrated sections. **PASSED**

ADM 14-33 was withdrawn by its maker.

**WITHDRAWN - 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.

Jeff Wiewel withdrew his motion ADM 14-34.

**WITHDRAWN - 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."

Mike Atkins deferred to David Kuhns to explain the next motion. He advised that the Rules workshop suggested the motion be referred to the Rules Committee for study and the maker agreed. Eric Vigil, David Kuhns, Ken Ballou made some brief comments.

**DM 14-37 (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.

## **REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE**

Mike Atkins explained the need for ADM 14-36. Jennifer Skidmore and Carl Haessler asked for clarification.

**DM 14-38 (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. PASSED*

Mike Atkins introduced the next motion. Jim Mennella offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Tim Just, Jeff Wiewel offered comments. Bill Goichberg suggested another friendly amendment which was accepted. Garrett Scott, Steve Immitt, Andrew Rea. Tim Just moved the motion be referred to the TDCC.

**DM 14-39 (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. The Chief TD must be physically present during the great majority of play, except for 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. REFERRED AS AMENDED TO TDCC WITH POWER TO ACT*

Bob Messenger withdrew ADM 14-38.

**WITHDRAWN - ADM 14-38 (Bob Messenger, MA)** 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.

Bob Messenger introduced ADM 14-39 in an amended form.

**DM 14-40 (ADM 14-39 Bob Messenger, MA)** 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 d/5; G/10 d3; G/5 d/0. 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. **PASSED AS AMENDED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Bob Messenger then brought a substitute version of ADM 14-40 to the floor. David Kuhns presented the results of the Rules committee and workshop votes.

**DM 14-41 (ADM 14-40 Bob Messenger, NH; Ken Ballou, MA)** In Chapter 11 of the USCF rulebook (Blitz Chess), at the end of the Rule 14 delete "whereupon the opponent may claim a win." **PASSED AS SUBSTITUTED**

Ken Ballou introduced a modified version of ADM 14-41. David Kuhns gave the Rules committee and workshop poll results. Tim just offered an amendment which was accepted. Jim Mennella asked for clarification. Ken Sloan, David Kuhns and Ernie Schlich responded.

**DM 14-42 (ADM 14-41 Ken Ballou, MA)** Delete blitz rule 16. Add the following sentence to the end of blitz rule 7d: "A player who moves his king adjacent to the opponent's king and then attempts to claim a win under this rule based on the opponent's failure to notice the check shall lose the game."

Renumber subsequent rules accordingly. **PASSED AS AMENDED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Ken Ballou introduced an amended version of ADM 14-42. David Kuhns gave the results of the Rules committee poll. John Hartman made comment.

**DM 14-43 (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 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." **PASSED AS AMENDED**

Ken Ballou gave his rationale for ADM 14-43. David Kuhns reported that the Rules committee and workshop concurred. Kevin Chen and Dewain Barber made additional observations.

**DM 14-44 (ADM 14-43 Ken Ballou, MA)** Delete rule 14K. **PASSED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

Ballou then introduced an amended ADM 14-43. David Kuhns gave the Rules Committee and Workshop votes on the original motion. Steve Shutt, Steve Immitt, and Ken Sloan commented.

**DM 14-45 (ADM 14-44 Alex Relyea, NH; Ken Ballou, MA)** Create a new article 14K (replacing a now-deleted rule) as of 1 January 2015 to say:

14K. Director declares draw for lack of progress.

If one or both of the following occur(s) then 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. **PASSED AS AMENDED BY 2/3 MAJORITY**

The next motion was brought to the floor by co-sponsor, Ken Ballou. David Kuhns reported the Rules committee and workshop views and offered an amended, version which was accepted. A lengthy and involved discussion followed in which Steve Immitt, Jim Menella, Tim Just, Boyd Reed, Steve Shutt, Chris Kim, Chris Prosser, Bill Goichberg, David Kuhns, Bob Messenger, Richard Koepcke, Jeff Wiewel, Mike Nolan, Harold Winston and John Haskel took part. Numerous amendments were made, accepted, rejected withdrawn and voted down. Harold Winston called the question on the main motion and a vote was taken.

**DM 14-46 (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.

The current rule will become a variant. This variant does not need to be announced in advance publicity but should be announced at the start of the tournament. **(VOTE 40 YES; 11 NO) PASSED AS AMENDED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

President Haring ruled ADM 14-46 moot, based on the result of ADM 14-45. She moved on to ADM 14-47.

**MOOT - 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.

Chris Kim introduced an amended version of his motion ADM 14-47. Rules committee and workshop views were reported by David Kuhns. Steve Shutt, and Bill Goichberg gave their opinions. Ken Ballou moved to refer the motion the Rules Committee. Steve Immitt, and David Kuhns added their thoughts and a vote was taken.

**DM 14-47 (ADM 14-47 Chris Kim, MD)** Replace Rule 13C1 with the following:

13C1. Only players in the game or tournament directors may call attention to the fall of a 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.

**REFERRED AS AMENDED TO RULES COMMITTEE**

Chris Kim withdrew ADM 14-48.

**WITHDRAWN - 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.

Maker of ADM 14-49, Steve Immitt, yielded the floor to David Kuhns, Rules Committee Chair, for an amended version of the motion agreed upon at the Rules Committee workshop combining ADM 14-49 and ADM 14-50.

**DM 14-48 (ADM 14-49 Steve Immitt, NY)** Rule 32B1: One cash prize per player.

Resolved: That the following sentence (shown here in boldface italics), “**Any other special prizes should be announced and designated as such.**” 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. **Any other special prizes should be announced and designated as such.** 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. **PASSED AS AMENDED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

Steve Immitt and David Kuhns spoke on ADM 14-50. Immitt withdrew the motion.

**WITHDRAWN- 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.***

Steve Immitt and David Kuhns introduced an amended version of ADM 14-51.

**DM 14-49 (ADM 14-51 Steve Immitt, NY)** Resolved: Add the following sentence to the end of USCF Rule 32F and 32G. Other non-cash prizes:

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

**PASSED AS AMENDED WITH 2/3 MAJORITY**

Steve Immitt withdrew ADM 14-52.

**WITHDRAWN - 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.***

Steve Immitt then introduced his next motion. David Kuhns gave the results of the straw polls from the Rules committee and workshop. Ken Ballou added his opinion. Ernie Schlich called the question.

**DM 14-50 (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.” (VOTE: 13 YES; 35 NO; 3 ABSTAIN) **FAILED**

Steve Immitt brought ADM 14-54 to the floor. David Kuhns gave the Rules workshop and committee meeting straw poll results. Ernie Schlich moved that the motion be referred to the Scholastic Committee for study. Jeff Wiewel and Bill Goichberg added their thoughts. Chris Prosser called the question.

**DM 14-51 (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.” **REFERRED TO SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE FOR STUDY**

Tim Just introduced NDM 14-09 giving his reasoning. Ken Ballou, Chris Prosser, and Steve Immitt participated in the discussion which followed. David Kuhns offered a friendly amendment which was accepted.

**DM 14-52 (NDM 14-09 Tim Just, IL)** The Rules Committee and Rulebook Editor are allowed to make technical changes to the rulebook and rulebook updates, such as typographical errors and renumbering. **PASSED AS AMENDED**

Andrew Rea introduced his motion asking it be referred to Rules Committee for study. Mike Atkins, Steve Shutt, Ernie Schlich, Bill Brock spoke to the motion. Harold Winston called the question.

**DM 14-53 (NDM 14-10 Andrew Rea, VA)** It is requested that the delegates specify what constitutes “the start of the game.” Preferably by stating the game starts when the TD directs the player’s that the round has started, start the clocks. **REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE**

Gary Walters introduced the next motion. Harold Winston moved to refer. Steve Immitt, Allen Priest, Al Lawrence and Ken Ballou gave their opinions before Al Lawrence called the question.

**DM 14-54 (NDM 14-11 Frank Camaratta, AL, Gary Walters, OH)** If the number of qualified candidates for a seat on the USCF Executive Board is equal or less than the number of open seats during an election year. No ballots will be mailed to the electorate and the qualified candidates will be



deemed elected to the Executive Board and will be seated at the end of the Annual Meeting of the USCF Delegates. **REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Eric Vigil introduced his motion. David Kuhns, Steve Shutt, and John Hartmann presented their thoughts. Ken Ballou moved to refer the motion to the Executive Board.

**DM 14-55 (NDM 14-12 Eric Vigil, IA)** As an outreach we offer a “wizard’s chess” tournament at next year’s Leaky Con (All Things Harry Potter), and have a special one day USCF tournament membership for tournament participants who are not USCF members. **REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Jennifer Skidmore and Jalen Wang introduced NDM 14-13. Mike Nietman added his view. Hal Terrie, Chair of the U.S. Open Committee offered a friendly amendment which was accepted.

**DM 14-56 (NDM 14-13 Jennifer Skidmore, MI; Jalen Wang, MI; Robert Messenger, MA)**

The following items regarding the U.S. Open are referred to the Office:

The scheduling of the Bughouse side-event

a. Registration: 9:30 – 10:20 am

b. Rounds:

i. 1 – 10:30am

ii. 2 – 11:15am

iii. 3 – 12:00noon

iv. 4 – 12:45pm

v. 5 – 1:30pm

c. Prize Claims:

i. 2:30

2. Category prizes for Mixed Doubles tournaments

a. Husband and wife

b. Mother and son

c. Father and daughter

d. Brother and sister

e. Coach and student

**REFERRED AS AMENDED TO THE OFFICE WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT**

Robert Messenger brought his motion to the floor. It was determined the content was in DM 14-45 so the motion was ruled moot.

**MOOT - NDM 14-14 Robert Messenger, MA**

Add the following sentence at the end of USCF Rule 32F, Trophies: “But also see Rule 33D1.”

C.J Armenta introduced the next new motion. Allen Priest and Ken Ballou began the discussion. Jennifer Skidmore offered a friendly amendment which was accepted. Steve Immitt, Dewain Barber, Mike Nietman, Steve Shutt, Allen Priest, Harvey Lerman, Guy Hoffman, Jennifer Skidmore and Bill Goichberg took part in additional deliberations. Harold Winston called the question.

**DM 14-57 (NDM 14-15 C.J. Armenta, KS)** USCF give one-day temporary memberships to scholastic members so state affiliates can encourage USCF scholastic state championship. Limited to three related tournaments. **REFERRED AS AMENDED TO THE EB**

Bill Goichberg introduced the next motion explaining the logic. Steve Immitt and Dewain Barber spoke to the motion. Robert Messenger offered an amendment which was accepted. Tim Just called the question.

**DM 14-58 (NDM 14-16 Bill Goichberg, NY; Steve Immitt, NY)** Add to the Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest: In order to increase participation, especially female participation, USCF shall encourage affiliates to offer mixed doubles prizes at tournaments.  
**PASSED AS AMENDED**

Harold Winston brought the final motion to the floor.

**DM 14-59 (NDM 14-17 Harold Winston, IL)**

The Delegates give votes of thanks to the following:

to USCF President Ruth Haring for ably chairing the Delegates meeting;

to Mike Nolan for his services as parliamentarian;

to Franc Guadalupe for his service as convention manager;

to Jean Hoffman for her first year as USCF Executive Director;

to Allen Priest for all his work on the USCF finances

to Cheryle Bruce for handling the Awards Luncheon and the Delegate packets;

to Debra Robison for helping with Delegate motions;

to Harris Rosen and the Rosen Centre Hotel for providing an excellent site for the 2014 U.S.Open

**PASSED BY ACCLAMATION**

Robert Messenger asked about the wording of DM14-44 which was a combination of ADM 14-49 and ADM 14-50. After discussion it was agreed that the rule book Editor and Rules Committee, under the technical amendment language of DM 14-52, will clear up DM 14-44.

Newly elected Board members were then installed.

The meeting was adjourned.