

MOTIONS OF THE USCHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2015 - 2016

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

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB16-001	Board	08/09/15 M	Officers Named	PASSED 7-0
EB16-002	Board	08/09/15 M	Committee Chairs and Liaisons	PASSED 7-0
EB16-003	Board	08/09/15 M	Committee Membership Changes	PASSED 7-0
EB16-004	Walters, Atkins	08/09/15 M	Anti-Cheating Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB16-005	Belakovskaia	08/09/15 M	Corporate Connections Task Force	PASSED 7-0
EB16-006	Board	08/09/15 M	Special Needs and Circumstances Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB16-007	Board	08/09/15 M	Growth and Retention Task Force	PASSED 7-0
EB16-008	Walters	08/09/15 M	Disband the Governance Task Force	PASSED 7-0
EB16-009	Priest, Hoffman	08/09/15 M	Adopt a 401K Plan for Eligible Employees	PASSED 7-0
EB16-010	Walters	08/09/15 M	Add Sophia Rohde to Hall of Fame Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB16-011	Walters	08/09/15 M	Add Boyd Reed to the FIDE Events Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB16-012	Haring	08/09/15 M	Add Ken Regan, Jon Haskel to FIDE Events Com	PASSED 7-0
EB16-013	Atkins	08/11-12/15 E	TD Certification Rule 17 change in Rulebook	PASSED 7-0
EB16-014	Atkins	08/11-17/15 E	Add Ernie Schlich back to the Rules Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB16-015	Haring	08/19/15 E	Member Acquisition and Retention Task Force	PASSED 7-0
EB16-016	Belakovskaia	08/16-09/01/15 E	Add Fun Fong and Eric Vigil to Outreach Comm.	PASSED 7-0
EB16-017	Nietman	09/10-11/15 E	Approval of Minutes of August EB Meetings	PASSED 7-0
EB16-018	Bauer	09/16-18/15 E	Publications Committee Membership Change.	PASSED 7-0
EB16-019	Atkins	11/21/15 M	Accept Resignation of Senior Cmte Chair	PASSED 7-0
EB16-020	Haring	11/21/15 M	Change Name of NGIT to NGTOC	PASSED 7-0
EB16-021	Haring, Belakovskaia	11/21/15 M	Females as Underserved Community	PASSED 7-0
EB16-022	Haring	11/21/15 M	Texas Tech Scholarship for NGTOC	PASSED 7-0
EB16-023	Walters	11/21/15 M	Committee Member-At-Large Resignations	PASSED 6-1
EB16-024	Nietman	11/21/15 M	Electronic Devices at Pan Am Intercollegiate	PASSED 7-0
EB16-025	Nietman	11/21/15 M	Player Eligibility at Pan Am Intercollegiate	PASSED 7-0
EB16-026	Atkins	11/21/15 M	TD Certification Change	PASSED 7-0
EB16-027	Board	11/21/15 M	Ethics Committee Decision	PASSED 5-1-1
EB16-028	Belakovskaia	11/21/15 M	Corporate Connections Task Force	PASSED 7-0
EB16-029	Priest	11/21/15 M	National Event Advisory Committee	PASSED 6-1
EB16-030	Belakovskaia	11/22/15 M	Support for World Senior and Women's World Sr.	PASSED 5-2
EB16-030A	Bauer	11/22/15 M	Motion to table 16-030 before final vote	FAILED 3-4
EB16-031	Belakovskaia	11/22/15 M	Status of Benefits of Chess Research	PASSED 7-0
EB16-032	Priest	11/22/15 M	National Event Advisory Committee Members	PASSED 5-0
EB16-033	Priest	11/22/15 M	401K Plan Trustee	PASSED 5-0
EB16-034	Priest	11/22/15 M	401K Plan Investment Options	PASSED 5-0

EB16-035	Priest	11/22/15 M	401K Plan Sponsor Review of Investment Options	PASSED 5-0
EB16-036	Nietman	12/10-17/16 E	Scholastic Regulations	PASSED 6-1
EB16-037	Hoffman	12/23/15-01/11/16 E	Invitational Requirements	PASSED 7-0
EB16-038	Atkins	01/13-23/16 E	Money Based Floors	PASSED 4-3
EB16-039	Priest	02/20/16 C	Regions Bank Savings Account	PASSED 6-0
EB16-040	Nietman	01/23-02/20/16 C	Accept Minutes of November EB Meeting	PASSED 7-0
EB16-041	Priest	01/26-02/20/16 C	Repeal Motion EB-030	FAILED 3-4
EB16-042	Priest	01/26-02/20/16 C	Senior Travel Stipend	PASSED 6-0
EB16-043	Atkins	02/20/16 C	Add NTD Rudy Abate to TDCC	PASSED 7-0
EB16-044	Atkins	01/29-02/20/16 C	Procedure for adding Committee Members	PASSED 5-1
EB16-045	Haring	02/20/16 C	Rescind Motion PB97-29 re: Regional Commitmnt	PASSED 6-0
EB16-046	Haring	02/20-25/16 E OP	Add Gabby Kay to Women's Committee	NO OBJ
EB16-047	Hoffman	02/29-03/01/16 E	Royle Printing Agreement	PASSED 7-0
EB16-048	Hoffman	03/15-17/16 E	Millionaire Chess Agreement	PASSED 7-0
EB16-049	Hoffman	02/22-03/15/16 E	USATE Agreement	PASSED 7-0
EB16-050	Atkins	03/20-27/16 E	Name William Daly Senior Committee Chair	PASSED 7-0
EB16-051	Nietman	03/31-04/09/16 E	Accept Minutes of February EB Meeting	PASSED 6-0
EB16-052	Hoffman	04/14-27/16 E	FIDE Ratings Fees and Policies	PASSED 7-0
EB16-053	Priest	05/14/16 M	Auditors	PASSED 6-0
EB16-054	Priest	05/14/16 M	Approve Budget	PASSED 6-0
EB16-055	Priest	05/14/16 M	Contribution to Employee Plan	PASSED 6-0
EB16-056	Priest	05/14/16 M	Transfer LMA Account from Oberweis to Scott Trade	PASSED 6-0
EB16-057	Bauer	05/14/16 M	Add Claudia Munoz to Website Advisory Comm	PASSED 6-0
EB16-058	Bauer	05/15/16 M	US Chess Development Committee	PASSED 6-0
EB16-059	Bauer	05/15/16 M	FIDE Zonal President	PASSED 4-0-2
EB16-060	Priest	05/15/16 M	Reimburse FIDE Meeting Expenses for our Reps	PASSED 6-0
EB16-061	Board	05/15/16 M	Affirm Ethics Committee Decision	PASSED 6-0
EB16-062	Board	05/15/16 M	2016 Awards	PASSED 6-0
EB16-063	Bauer	05/15/16 M	Accept US Chess Sales Bookstore Bid	PASSED 6-0
EB16-064	Bauer	05/15/16 M	Accept Northwest Designs T-Shirt Bid	PASSED 6-0
EB16-065	Hoffman	04/11-05/25/16 E	Additions to Website Advisory Committee	PASSED 6-0
EB16-066	Nietman	05/26-06/06/16 E	Approve Minutes of the May EB Meeting	PASSED 6-0
EB16-067	Hoffman	06/07-08/16 E	Chess Federation Sales, Inc. Agreement	PASSED 6-1
EB16-068	Hoffman	06/27-30/16 E	Membership Services Website	PASSED 6-1
EB16-069	Haring	06/29-07/01/16 E	Chair of Special Needs and Services Committee	PASSED 7-0
EB16-070	Board	08/04/16 M	Olympiad Medal Bonus Schedule	PASSED 7-0
EB16-071	Priest	08/04/16 M	Approve Budget	PASSED 7-0
EB16-072	Priest	08/04/16 M	DACI Cleanup	PASSED 6-1
EB16-073	Bauer	08/04/16 M	US Chess Discussion Forums	FAILED 1-6

EB16-074	Belakovskaia	08/04/16 M	Promotion of Chess by Chess Champions	PASSED 6-0-1

The following nine motions arose from the closed session of the first meeting of the 2016 EB, which took place on Sunday, August 09, 2015, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, AZ. They were voted on in open session later the same day.

EB16-001 – Board - The Executive Board names the following officers for 2015-2016: - **PASSED 7-0**

President	Gary Walters
Vice President	Randy Bauer
Vice President of Finance	Allen Priest
Secretary	Mike Nietman

EB16-002 – Board – The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs for 2015-2016: **PASSED 7-0**

*=Please note that the Anti Cheating Committee (See EB16-004), the Corporate Connections Task Force (See EB16-005), the Special Needs and Circumstances Committee (See EB16-006), and the Growth and Retention Task Force (See EB16-007,15) were not included in this motion but were added in subsequent motions as shown. TBD indicates To be determined.

**Please note that the name of the Growth and Retention Task Force was changed in EB16-015 to “Membership Acquisition and Retention Task Force” (MAR Task Force).

Committee	Chair	EB Liaison
Anti-cheating*	TBD	TBD
Audit (DEL)	Bill Brock	Allen Priest
Awards	John Donaldson	Randy Bauer
Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions	Jon Haskel, Stephen Shutt Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman
Bylaws (DEL)	Harold J. Winston, Guy Hoffman Co-Chairs	Allen Priest
Chess in Education	John Buky	M. Nietman, A. Belakovskaia
Clubs	Sevan Muradian	A. Priest, A. Belakovskaia
College Chess	Al Lawrence	Mike Nietman
Corporate Connections Task Force*	TBD	Anjelina Belakovskaia
Correspondence Chess	Brad Rogers	Gary Walters
Cramer Awards	Frank Brady	Randy Bauer
Denker Invitational	Stephen Shutt, Jon Haskel Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman
Election (DEL)	Ken Ballou	Randy Bauer
Ethics (DEL)	Alex Relyea	Gary Walters
FIDE Events	Carol Jarecki	Ruth Haring
Finance	Jim Bedenbaugh	Allen Priest
Forum	Bob Messenger	Randy Bauer
Growth & Retention Task Force (MAR)*, **	John McCrary	Ruth Haring
Hall of Fame	Harold J. Winston	Gary Walters
Hall of Records	TBD	Mike Nietman
International Affairs	Michael Khodarkovsky	Ruth Haring
Military	Colonel Mike Hoffpauir, US Army (ret)	Ruth Haring
Outreach	Myron Lieberman	Anjelina Belakovskaia
Player Opportunity Fund	TBD	Gary Walters
PPHB Fund Management	John Donaldson	Allen Priest
Prison	Steve Frymer	Ruth Haring
Publications	John Hartmann	Randy Bauer
Ratings	Mark Glickman	Mike Atkins
Rules	David Kuhns Chair, Kenneth Sloan Vice-Chair	Mike Atkins
Scholastic Chess Council	Mike Hoffpauir, Beatriz Marinello Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman
Senior	Mike Eberhardinger	Mike Atkins
Special Needs and Circumstances*	TBD	Ruth Haring
States	Guy Hoffman	Mike Atkins

Committee	Chair	EB Liaison
Top Players	Camilla Baginskaite	Ruth Haring
Tournament Director Certification (TDCC)	Jeff Wiewel, Chair, Tim Just Vice Chair	Mike Atkins
US Open	Hal Terrie III	Randy Bauer
Web Site Advisory (WSAC)	Boyd Reed	Mike Nietman
Woman's Chess	Janelle Losoff, Maureen Grimaud Co-Chairs	Ruth Haring, A. Belakovskaia

EB16-003 – Board – The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes: **PASSED 7-0**

- a. Publications: Add Ramon Hernandez
- b. FIDE Events: Add Jon Haskel, Mike Atkins, Ken Regan
- c. Prison: Add Larry Storch, Scout Veitch, Shawn Johnson and Will Barela
- d. Women's: Add Nisha Digs, Kimberly Doo, Jennifer Smith, Sophia Rohde and Martha Underwood
- e. Chess in Education: Remove Tony Pabon
- f. States: Remove Harvey Lerman
- g. Rules: Add Bob Messenger, Steve Immitt, David Hater. Remove Ernie Schlich
- h. Senior: Add Gordon Simons
- i. Denker: Add Al Lawrence. Remove Joe Lux
- j. Barber: Add Al Lawrence. Remove Joe Lux
- k. Scholastic: Add Garrett Scott to the Scholastic Council and move Elizabeth Shaughnessy to the Committee

EB16-004 – Walters, Atkins – Move to create an Anti-Cheating Committee with Al Losoff, Mike Hoffpauir and David Kuhns as members with additional members and a chair to be named. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-005 – Belakovskaia – Create a Corporate Connections Task Force that will eventually form a committee with the charter to identify opportunities to partner with corporations in the areas of leadership development, critical thinking, decision making and problem solving. Anjelina Belakovskaia will be the liaison **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-006 – Board – The Executive Board moves to form a Special Needs and Circumstances Committee for the purpose of enjoying the benefits of serious chess in a tournament environment. Members and a chair will be named later. Ruth Haring as liaison. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB16-007 – Board– The Executive Board creates a Growth and Retention Task Force with the purpose of improving the membership growth and retention rate of members. Ruth Haring will be the liaison **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-008 – Walters – Disband the Governance Task Force (GTF) **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-009 – Priest, Hoffman - Allen Priest and Jean Hoffman move to adopt a 401(k) plan for eligible employees of the US Chess Federation using the Vanguard Small Plan 401(k). **PASSED 7-0**

The above motions arose from discussions in closed session. The next three motions originated in open session.

EB16-010 – Walters– Add Sophia Rohde to the Hall of Fame Committee. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB16-011 – Walters – Add Boyd Reed to the FIDE Events Committee. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB16-012 – Haring – Add Ken Regan and Jon Haskel to the FIDE Events Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

The TDCC by an 8-0 vote requested a change to Rule 17 in the USCF Rulebook. Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on 08/11/15 to accept their recommendation. The vote was completed the next day.

EB16-013 – Atkins - Below is the resulting change in the rulebook language and I move that the EB accept the proposed change. **PASSED 7-0**

REVISION (in its entirety)

17. Category B. - A USCF-rated Swiss system tournament or section of a tournament, except Category I, N, or A, drawing 100 or more entrants. Such tournaments or sections of tournaments may be directed by senior TDs. See also 32, Limitations. 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.
- Subcategory B1: A Category B tournament, or any one section considered as a stand-alone event, of any tournament, that by itself meets the Category B requirements, where the TD is limited to solving problems and making rulings on the floor only (floor TD) for the entire tournament or any one section, of any tournament, that by itself meets the Category B requirements.
 - Subcategory B2: A Category B tournament, or any one section considered as a stand-alone event, of any tournament, that by itself meets the Category B requirements, where the TD is limited to the duties of pairings in a backroom capacity using a pairing program (backroom TD) for the entire tournament or any one section, of any tournament, that by itself meets the Category B requirements.

TD TIP: B, B1 or B2 TD experience credit can be claimed for an entire tournament meeting the requirements of a Category B tournament or for any tournament section (of any category tournament) that by itself, as a stand-alone section, would qualify as a Category B tournament.

Ernie Schlich had been inadvertently left off of the Rules Committee. When it was clarified that he wanted to remain on the Rules Committee Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on 08/10/15 to add Ernie Schlich back to the committee. The unanimous vote was completed on 08/17/15.

EB16-014 – Atkins - I move to add back to the Rules Committee NTD/NA Ernie Schlich of Virginia. **PASSED 7-0**

Ruth Haring moved to confirm the structure of the Member Acquisition and Retention Task Force.

EB16-015 – Haring – I move that the Member Acquisition and Retention task force be confirmed with: Chair: John McCrary, Members: Ryan Velez, Chuck Unruh, Jay Stallings and EB Liaison: Ruth Haring **PASSED 7-0**

At the request of Outreach Committee Chair Myron Lieberman Anjelina Belakovskaia moved by e-mail on 08/26/15 to add Fun Fong and Eric Vigil to the Outreach Committee. The vote was completed on 09/01/15.

EB16-016 – Belakovskaia - I move to add Fun Fong and Eric Vigil to the Outreach Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Nietman moved the approval of the minutes of the August, 2015, meetings of the 2015 and 2016 Board by e-mail on September 10, 2015. Voting was completed the following day.

EB16-017 – Nietman – I move that we accept the minutes from our August 06, 2015, and August 09, 2015, meetings as previously distributed. **PASSED 7-0**

Randy Bauer moved by e-mail on September 16, 2015, to accept Ramon Hernandez' request to resign from the Publications Committee. Voting was completed on September 18, 2015.

EB16-018 – Bauer – I move that, at the request of the individual, Ramon Hernandez be removed from the Publications Committee. A replacement may be named at a later date. **PASSED 7-0**

The Executive Board held a meeting in Norfolk, VA, on the weekend of 11/21-22, 2015. The following motions arose from that meeting.

EB16-019 – Atkins - I move to accept the resignation of Mike Eberhardinger as chair and member of the Senior Committee. **PASSED 7-0.**

EB16-020 – Haring – I move to accept the tournament name change suggested by the Women’s Committee for the National Girls Invitational Tournament. Note: The new name will be the “National Girls Tournament of Champions (NGTOC)”. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-021 – Haring, Belakovskaia – Moved, that the Executive Board, in its continuing effort to support underserved communities, formally recognize the female chess population as an "Under Served Community". **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-022 – Haring – I move to accept in principle the offer of the Texas Tech University scholarship for the National Girls Tournament of Champions and asks the office to work out the details. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-023 – Walters– I move that resignations of members at large of USCF committees do not require a motion by the Executive Board and will be administered by the office. **PASSED 6-1** with Mike Atkins opposed.

EB16-024 – Nietman – I move that the Executive Board accept the recommendation from the College Chess Committee to add a new rule regarding electronic devices to the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships: Official Tournament Rules document. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-025 – Nietman – I move the Executive Board accept the recommendation from the College Chess Committee to revise Rule 5 of section 2c of the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships: Official Tournament Rules document regarding player eligibility. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-026 – Atkins - Mike Atkins moves that the Executive Board accept this proposed change in TD Certification from TDCC. **PASSED 7-0**

32. Limitations. A senior TD may not be the Chief TD of Category N tournaments and should not be the Chief TD of Category A tournaments or of any tournament or section of a tournament expected to draw more than 300 players. Computer assisted Senior TDs may be the Chief TD of a tournament or section of a tournament (excluding category A or category N tournaments) expected to draw up to 360 players with the aid of one assistant TD.

EB16-027 – Board – (From closed session) The Executive Board affirms the decision of the Ethics Committee in the case of Breeding vs. Moon and accepts the two year membership suspension for Kyle Moon effective Monday, November 23, 2015. **PASSED 5-1-1** with Ruth Haring opposed and Allen Priest recusing himself.

EB16-028 – Belakovskaia – I move to add Beatriz Marinello, Vladimir Naroditsky, Rodney Thomas and AJ Steigman to the Corporate Connections Task Force. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-029 – Priest – I move that the board create a National Event Advisory Committee. This committee is charged with:

- a. developing standard operating procedures for both the back room and the front side of national events;
- b. serving as an advisory committee to the Executive Director, National Events Director, Scholastic Council, Scholastic Committee, College Chess Committee, US Open Committee and The Executive Board as to issues with the implementation of proposed changes in events and with potential changes in the standard operating procedures;
- c. proposing changes in the standard operating procedures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of tournament operations to the advised groups; and
- d. serving as a general resource for the National Events Director as needed.

The committee will consist of a small group of National Tournament Directors with significant experience in the administration of national events and US Chess staff involved in tournament administration to include the National Events Director. They will ask for the advice and assistance of others as necessary. **PASSED 6-1** with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

EB16-030 – Belakovskaia – I move to support the World Senior Championship and Women’s World Senior Championship age 50 and 65 at the level of \$500 per event as long as the recipients play in the preceding US Senior Open. **PASSED 5-2** with Randy Bauer and Allen Priest opposed. Please note: Randy Bauer moved to table this motion prior to the vote. The motion to table failed 3-4 with Randy Bauer, Mike Nietman, and Allen Priest in favor of tabling.

EB16-031 – Belakovskaia – I move that the Executive Board ask the Chess In Education Committee to provide the status of the current state of published and peer reviewed research of the benefits of chess in education. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-032 – Priest – Members of the National Event Advisory Committee will be National Events Director Franc Guadalupe, US Chess team member Susan Kantor, National Tournament Directors Mike Hoffpauir, Alan Losoff, and Allen Priest. **PASSED 5-0** with Randy Bauer and Anjelina Belakovskaia not present and not voting.

The next three motions, regarding the 401K plan, arose from closed session.

EB16-033 – Priest – I move that as the plan sponsor the board appoints the Executive Director as the 401K plan Trustee. **PASSED 5-0** with Randy Bauer and Anjelina Belakovskaia not present and not voting.

EB16-034 – Priest – I move that the board recognizes the need to provide the lowest cost options and diversification for participants. The board adopts the investment options highlighted in yellow listed in the board meeting exhibit for the Vanguard 401K Plan. If the plan does not qualify for the Admiral Shares of the plans listed we approve the use of the investor class shares of those funds. **PASSED 5-0** with Randy Bauer and Anjelina Belakovskaia not present and not voting.

EB16-035 – Priest – I move that the board commits to a sponsor review of the investment options every year. The sponsor review may be done by the Trustee, the Personnel Committee, or the Executive Board as deemed necessary by the Trustee. **PASSED 5-0** with Randy Bauer and Anjelina Belakovskaia not present and not voting.

Mike Nietman presented the Scholastic Council's suggested 2016 US Chess Scholastic Tournament Regulations to the Executive Board by e-mail on December 10, 2015 and moved their approval. The vote was concluded on December 17.

EB16-036 – Nietman – I move that the EB accept the changes to the National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations as presented by the Scholastic Council. **PASSED 6-1** with Michael Atkins opposed. Please note:

The approved regulations can be found at

http://www.uschess.org/images/stories/scholastic_chess_resources/us_chess-scholasticregs_jan2016.pdf

Jean Hoffman moved by e-mail suggested changes to the requirements for participation in invitational events on December 23, 2015. After considerable discussion the vote was completed on January 12, 2016. The revised invitational requirements will replace the 2015 invitational requirements on the website.

EB16-037 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board approve the attached changes to the Invitational Requirements. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on January 13, 2016, to increase money based rating floors, which raised a more general discussion of money based floors. The vote was completed on January 23 but related issues may remain.

EB16-038 – Atkins - Moved,

- 1.) that the money-based floors in the rating system be reset to \$4,000 for the 1400-1500-1600-1700-1800-1900-2000 and 2100 levels.
- 2.) That any player, retroactive to Oct 1, 2015, who earned between \$2,000 and \$3999.99 and was given a money based floor be reset back to their actual achieved rating after that tournament and all subsequent tournaments be re-rated
- 3.) The \$4000 limit will then take effect for the rest of US Chess starting April 1, 2016 and be advertised in Chess life and an e-mail blast to TDs and Affiliates. **PASSED 4-3** with Anjelina Belakovskaia, Ruth Haring and Gary Walters opposed.

Discussions were started by e-mail on four motions in late January, however the votes were not completed by February 19. The motions were:

Mike Nietman moved on 1/23/16 to approve the minutes of the November EB Meeting.

Allen Priest moved on 1/26/16 to repeal motion EB16-30 and to provide a travel stipend for the highest finishing US payers in the US Senior Open who go to the World Senior and Women's World Senior championships.

Michael Atkins moved on 1/29/16 to change the procedures for appointing committee members between scheduled EB meetings.

The EB met by conference call on February 20, 2016 to consider these and other motions. The final vote total includes votes made by e-mail and on the call. The following motions arose from that conference call:

EB16-039 – Priest – I move the EB authorize the office to take the steps necessary to set up a savings account at Regions Bank. This is being done to establish an additional banking relationship and to expand our coverage under the FDIC program. **PASSED 6-0** with Anjelina Belakovskaia absent and not voting.

EB16-040 – Nietman – I move that we accept the minutes of the November 21-22 EB Meeting **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-041 – Priest – I move to repeal motion EB16-030. **FAILED 3-4** with Mike Atkins, Randy Bauer and Allen Priest in favor and Anjelina Belakovskaia, Ruth Haring, Mike Nietman and Gary Walters opposed.

EB16-042 – Priest – I move to provide a \$500 travel stipend to the highest finishing US flagged players in US Senior Open in each of four categories – open age 50 and up, open age 65 and up, female age 50 and up and female age 65 and up. The travel stipend is only to be used to offset costs to participate in the succeeding World Senior Championship or Women's World Senior Championship. **PASSED 6-0** with Anjelina Belakovskaia absent and not voting. Please note that the above wording is the wording that passed and differs from the original e-mailed wording.

EB16-043 – Atkins - Moved, that NTD Rudy Abate of NC be added to the TDCC. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-044 – Atkins - Moved, that in between scheduled meetings of the EB, that appointments of regular committee members (non-chair or co/vice chair) will be presented by an EB member by e-mail who posts “Mr/Ms ____ will become a member of ____ committee in 5 days with no objections” These posts will continue to be all EB members, BINFO and Myron/Rachel Lieberman. **PASSED 5-1** with Ruth Haring opposed and Anjelina Belakovskaia absent and not voting.

The following motion was discussed in closed session and confirmed in open session afterward.

EB16-045 – Haring – Move to rescind PB97-29. **PASSED 6-0** with Anjelina Belakovskaia absent and not voting.

Please note: PB97-29, which is now rescinded, stated “\$100 per region is allocated for Women's and College Championships. Conflicts within regions will be settled by the Senior RVP in a region.”

Ruth Haring moved on February 20, 2016, by Objections Procedure that Gabby Kay be approved as a member of the Women's Chess Committee. No objections were received by February 25, so Gabby Kay is automatically approved as a member of the Women's Chess Committee with no need for a full vote.

EB16-046 – Haring – Move that Gabby Kay be approved as a member of the Women's Chess Committee. **PASSED** without objection.

Jean Hoffman moved approval of an agreement with Royle Printing by e-mail on February 29. The vote was completed on March 1.

EB16-047 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board approve the proposed agreement with Royle Printing. **PASSED 7-0**

Jean Hoffman moved approval of an agreement with Millionaire Chess on March 15. The vote was completed on March 17.

EB16-048 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board approve the proposed agreement with Millionaire Chess. **PASSED 7-0**

Jean Hoffman moved by e-mail on February 22 to approve the USATE agreement with the NJSCF. The vote was completed on March 15.

EB16-049 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the proposed USATE Agreement with the New Jersey State Chess Federation. **PASSED 7-0**

The US Chess Senior Chess Committee chairmanship is currently vacant. Mike Atkins moved by e-mail on 03/20/16 that the vacancy be filled by Bill Daly of NM, who helped coordinate the Senior Workshop at the 2015 US Open and is willing to accept the position.

EB16-050 – Atkins – I move that William Daly (10004926) be named Chair of the Senior Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on March 31, 2016, the approval of the minutes of the February EB Meeting. The vote was completed on April 9, 2016.

EB16-051 – Nietman – I move that we accept the February 2016 EB Meeting Minutes as previously distributed. **PASSED 6-0** with Anjelina Belakovskaia, who did not attend the meeting, abstaining.

After discussions and revisions to the motion Jean Hoffman moved an update to US Chess policies regarding FIDE ratings and fees by e-mail on April 14, 2016. The vote was completed on April 27, 2016.

EB16-052 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board authorize the following: **PASSED 7-0**

Effective August 1, 2016:

US Chess will charge a \$60 administrative fee to US Chess affiliates for all FIDE rated events, except for those submitted by exempt organizations.

US Chess will offer a \$40 discount off the administrative fee for all FIDE events submitted with the FIDE rating reports prepared using a pairing program that is compatible with FIDE requirements and the FIDE General Data Exchange Format (also known as the Krause format).

US Chess will charge affiliates the rating fees collected by FIDE and as defined by the FIDE Financial Regulations. The Executive Director or the ED's designee will adjust the fees on a monthly basis based on changes to FIDE policy, the current currency exchange rate and bank fees.

After January 1, 2017, US Chess will require affiliates to submit FIDE rating reports using a pairing program that is compatible with FIDE requirements and the FIDE General Data Exchange Format (also known as the Krause format). Any events not submitted in accordance with these standards will not be submitted to FIDE for rating and will be returned to the affiliate for re-submission in the proper format.

The Executive Board met in St. Louis on the weekend of May 14-15, 2016. The following motions were voted at that meeting. Motions EB16-053 through EB16-057 were voted on May 14, while motions EB16-058 through EB16-064 were voted after closed session discussions on May 15. **Please note that Gary Walters was not present at the meeting and did not vote on any motions.**

EB16-053 – Priest – I move to engage the Bible, Harris auditors for three years for a fee between \$12,000 and \$13,750 per year plus out of pocket fees. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-054 – Priest – I move to accept the 2016-2017 budget as presented. The budget must be presented to the delegates for approval. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-055 – Priest – I move that the Board authorizes the plan administrator to begin a 2% contribution of payroll for all eligible participants in the plan. This is to be effective as soon as possible. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-056 – Priest – I move that the Executive Board authorizes the office to take the necessary steps to close the Oberweis LMA account, transfer the funds and open an account with Scottrade in the name of the LMA Trust, the names of those authorized to trade in the account will be determined by the LMA Trust. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-057 – Bauer – I move to add Claudia Munoz to the Website Advisory Committee. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-058 – Bauer – I move that the Executive Board create an Executive Board committee called the "US Chess Development Committee" and the Executive Director is authorized to seek potential committee members whose membership on the committee the Executive Board will approve. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-059 – Bauer – I move that Ruth Haring be named FIDE Zonal President upon completion of the current Zonal President's term. **PASSED 4-0-2** with Anjelina Belakovskaia and Ruth Haring abstaining.

EB16-060 – Priest – I move that US Chess will reimburse its official representatives and US zonal representatives for reasonable expenses related to FIDE meetings. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-061 – Board – The Executive Board moves to affirm the Ethics Committee decision in the case of Hater (on behalf of Castle Chess, Inc.) vs. Thomas and rules that their recommendation of a reprimand be in effect and a six month probationary period for Mr. Thomas begin Tuesday, May 17, 2016. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-062 – Board – The Executive Board names the following 2016 award winners: **PASSED 6-0**

2016 US Chess Award Winners

AWARD	WINNER(S)
Distinguished Service	Bill Goichberg (NY), Dewain Barber (SCA)
Outstanding Career Achievement	Carl Dolson (IL), Riley Dan Driver (OH), Sharon Driver (OH), Larry Bell (KY), Roger Gotschall (IA) (Posthumously)
Special Services	David Moody (MI), John Hilbert (NY), Dennis Monokroussos (IN), Guy Hoffman (WI), David and Sheila Heiser (IL)
Meritorious Services	Mike Joelson (OH), Hans Multhopp (OH), Joe Riegsecker (IN), Roger Blaine (IN)
Committee of the Year	Women's Chess Committee
Chess City of the Year	Louisville, KY
Koltanowski Gold - i	Dr. Jeanne Sinuefield and Rex Sinuefield (MO)
Koltanowski Gold - ii	Frank P. Samford III (AL)
Scholastic Service (Individual)	Kevin Fite (MI)
Organizer of the Year	Alex Relyea (NH)
Frank J. Marshall Ambassador	GM Alex Onischuk (TX), GM Irina Krush (NY)
Grandmaster of the Year	GM Fabiano Caruana (MO)
Honorary Chess Mate	David Grimaud (SC)
Chess Club of the Year	Sacramento Chess Club
College of the Year	Oberlin College (OH)
Tournament Director of the Year	Tom Langland (NCA)
TD Lifetime Achievement	Walter Brown (TN), Sevan Muradian (IL) (Posthumously)
Outstanding Player Achievement	Jeffrey Xiong (TX)
Outstanding Team Performance	2015 World Team Championship (GM Sam Shankland, GM Alex Lenderman, GM Alex Onischuk, GM Daniel Naroditsky, GM Varuzhan Akobian, Coach GM Gregory Kaidanov)
Woman Chessplayer of the Year	Carissa Yip (MA)
Special Friend of US Chess	Fracis Slay (MO)

EB16-063 – Bauer – I move to accept the 2016-2017 book store bid from USCF Sales for a lump sum payment. The ED is authorized to negotiate a contract with them. **PASSED 6-0**

EB16-064 – Bauer – I move to accept the 2016-2017 T-shirt bid from Northwest Designs, Inc. The Executive Director is authorized to negotiate a contract with them. **PASSED 6-0**

Jean Hoffman moved the addition of two members to the Website Advisory Committee on April 11, 2016. As the requirements to pass this motion by objections procedure per motion EB16-044 did not apply, the vote was finalized by e-mail on May 25, 2016.

EB16-065 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board add Brennan Price and Anand Dommalapati to the Website Advisory Committee. **PASSED 6-0** with Ruth Haring not voting.

Mike Nietman moved approval of the minutes of the May EB meeting by e-mail on May 26, 2016. The vote was completed on June 06, 2016.

EB16-066 – Nietman – I move to approve the previously distributed minutes to the May, 2016 EB Meeting. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer not voting.

Jean Hoffman moved by e-mail on June 7, 2016, to execute an agreement with Chess Federation Sales, Inc. The vote was completed the next day.

EB16-067 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the proposed agreement with Chess Federation Sales Inc. **PASSED 6-1** with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

Jean Hoffman moved by e-mail on June 27, 2016, to authorize a Statement of Work with Rocket Lift for a Membership Services Website. The vote was completed on June 29.

EB16-068 – Hoffman – I move that the Executive Board authorize the ED to execute the proposed Statement of Work with Rocket Lift for the Membership Services Area website project. **PASSED 6-1** with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

Ruth Haring moved by e-mail on June 29, 2016, to approve Janelle Losoff to be chair of a new Special Needs and Circumstances Committee. Voting was completed on July 1.

EB16-069 – Haring – I move that Janelle Losoff be approved as Chair of the Special Needs and Circumstances Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

The 2015-2016 Executive Board met for the last time on August 4, 2016, at the site of the US Open in Indianapolis, IN. They held a brief closed session after which they met in open session. The following Board motion arose from closed session and was voted in open session.

EB16-070 – Board - The Board moves to accept the following medal bonus schedule for players, coaches and captains for the 2016 Open and Women's Olympiad Teams: Gold = \$4,000, Silver = \$3,000, Bronze = \$2,000. **PASSED 7-0**

The following motions then arose in open session:

EB16-071 – Priest – I move to adopt the proposed budget as modified. **PASSED 7-0**

EB16-072 – Priest – I move that the Executive Board authorizes Allen Priest to present two motions to the membership meeting. The first is asking the delegates to remove the first sentence from DACI 7-Smoking that requires that tournaments that prohibit smoking so indicate that prohibition in Chess Life. The second is to remove from DACI 12-Chess Life section “Composition of Chess Life” two sentences. The first sentence addresses that Chess Life publishes Executive Board candidate statements in the July issue. The second sentence requires that the January issue of Chess Life contains an annual rating list. **PASSED 6-1** with Mike Atkins opposed.

EB16-073 – Bauer – I move that effective September 1, 2016, US Chess maintains five US Chess Discussion Forums:

- a. Announcements
- b. All Things Chess
- c. Chess Clubs
- d. Running Chess Tournaments
- e. Chess Life Articles

FAILED 1-6 with Randy Bauer in favor

EB16-074 – Belakovskaia - - I move that US Chess develop a program to reach out to current and past chess champions, not just US Chess Champions, but also GMs, WGMs, IMs, WIMs and National Junior Champions - Denker, Barber and NGTOC, etc. and get them involved in promoting chess through local events organized under the US Chess umbrella – in the local libraries, universities and other venues. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Allen Priest abstaining.