

**Proceedings of the US Chess Membership Meeting
August 5, 2016
Indianapolis, IN**

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 audio files online.

The following Executive Board members were present:

Gary Walters, Allen Priest, Randy Bauer, Mike Nietman, Mike Atkins, Ruth Haring, Anjelina Belakovskaia, Jean Hoffman

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Myron Lieberman, AZ	Kenneth Sloan, AL
Rachel Lieberman, AZ	Alan Losoff, NV
Richard Koepcke, CA-N	Grant Perks, OH
Bob Messenger, NH	David Day, UT
Hal Terrie, NH	David Grimaud, SC
Luis Salinas, TX	Maureen Grimaud, SC
Russell Harwood, TX	John McCrary, SC
Alex Relyea, NH	William Daly, NM
Danny Rohde, NY	Charles M. Unruh, OK
Sophia Rohde, NY	Dewain R. Barber, CA-S
Harold Winston, IL	Steve Immitt, NY
Michael Regan, MD	

Executive Board President, Gary Walters, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. All Board members were present. The members of the Board introduced themselves and shared how they got started in chess and US Chess. President Walters spoke of the departure of Ruth Haring and Mike Atkins, and new Board members coming on, Chuck Unruh and Mike Hoffpauir.

Walters encouraged people to run for the Executive Board.

Harold Winston introduced the following motion.

MM16-01 - (Harold Winston) The US Chess Membership Meeting elects the following as additional delegates for 2016:

- Hal Terrie (NH)
- Kenneth Sloan (AL)
- Charles M. Unruh (OK)
- Maureen Grimaud (SC)
- Al Losoff (NV)

Passed

Winston introduced the next motion, reporting it was endorsed by both the States Workshop and Women's Workshop.

MM16-02 - DM 16- (Maureen Grimaud NC, Harold Winston IL, Janelle Losoff NV, Ruth Haring NCA, Anjelina Belakovskaia AZ, Mike Nietman WI, Dewain Barber SCA, Gary Walters OH, Sophia Rohde NY, Al Lawrence TX)

Add to DACI 8 State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations the following recommendation:

A new paragraph 10. The state should designate a coordinator to promote participation and events for women and girls within their state."

Passed

Bob Messenger introduced the next motion. Harold Winston, Gary Walters and others participated in discussing the motion.

MM16-03 - (Richard Koepcke and Robert Messenger) Amend Article VI, section 4, paragraph 2 in the sentence "An Executive Board member who has served nine or more consecutive years may not be nominated...", replace with "No person can be nominated for the Executive Board for more than three consecutive terms. Partial terms of less than half a full term shall not be counted when applying this restriction".

Amend Article VII, section 7, paragraph 1 in the sentence "No individual shall serve more than nine consecutive years on the Executive Board...", replace with "No individual shall serve more than three consecutive terms on the Executive Board, not counting partial terms of less than half of a full term".

Passed

Secretary Nietman presented the next motion. Priest and Winston commented on the motion.

MM16-04 - (Executive Board) The Executive Board asks the membership meeting to place on the agenda for the delegates meeting changes to two items listed as Delegates Actions of Continuing Interest.

1. Daci 7 Smoking – Remove Sentence 1 requiring the TLA’s for tournaments that prohibit smoking list that prohibition.
2. Daci 12 Chess Life – Remove from the section titled "Composition of Chess Life" the sentence requiring publication of campaign statements in the July issue. Remove the sentence requiring that the January issue of Chess Life contain an annual rating list.

Passed

MM16-05 - (Allen Priest) Change the item listed as Delegates Action of Continuing Interest #12 as follows: Delete the section labeled "Yearbook". Change the section labeled "Composition of Chess Life" final paragraph to read: The March, April or May issue of Chess Life shall be the yearbook issue...

Passed

Nietman introduced the next motion. John McCrary, Harold Winston, Allen Priest, Andrew Rea, Beatriz Marinello and others discussed the motions. Winston reported that the FIDE Workshop supported it.

MM16-06 - (John McCrary, Harold Winston, Beatriz Marinello and Dan Rohde) The US Chess Federation takes the position that the world chess championship must be based solely on the merits of the

players involved, as determined by a system of competition that is fair to all, and does not depend upon the financial backing of any challenger. The incumbent world champion must be obligated to accept only such challenges as are determined by a system of competitions recognized by FIDE, in accordance with those principles.

Passed

Secretary Nietman introduced MM16-07. After the discussion it was agreed to combine MM16-06 and MM16-07 for the Delegates meeting.

MM16-07 - (Steve Immitt) It is the position of the US Chess Federation that the Women and Open World Chess Championships shall continue to be decided by the formal FIDE World Championship cycles.

Tabled

The next motion was introduced by Mike Nietman. Michael Regan, Allen Priest, Steve Immitt, Anjelina Belakovskaia, Ruth Haring and others participated in discussing MM16-08. Priest moved that the motion be tabled.

MM16-08 - (Michael Regan) Resolve that the Ratings Committee develop a numerical representation of a player's rating. This would take into consideration both the staleness due to a lack of activity and variation in a player's rating. Use of the information would be at the discretion of tournament organizers.

Tabled

Steve Immitt introduced the next motion. Allen Priest moved to table this motion.

MM16-09 - (Steve Immitt, Chris Kim, Daniel Rohde, Sophia Rohde and Michael Regan) The membership approves of the idea of the creation of an ad hoc advisory group to advise our membership of the desirable features which it believes would enhance and improve the operation of modern chess clocks.

This advisory group would consist of tournament directors and clock aficionados, who have experience with the operation of various chess clocks.

This advisory working group shall serve purely in an advisory capacity to make recommendations to the Executive Board and to the membership.

Tabled

Anjelina Belakovskaia reported briefly on the Corporate Connections Task Force.

President Walters adjourned the meeting.