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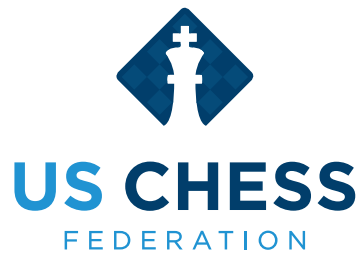
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US CHESS VISION

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Founded in 1939 with the merger of the American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation, US Chess has grown to serve over 85,000 members.

Every year, US Chess sanctions and rates over 10,000 tournaments and over 700,000 games. We host over 25 national championships and award titles to both amateurs and professionals, ranging from elementary school students to senior citizens.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Gary Walters
US Chess President

US CHESS & VOLUNTEERISM

Dear US Chess Members,

Our Federation is fortunate to have so many do so much so thanklessly. So, to begin—to all our volunteers—thank you.

I had a number of false starts as I prepared this year's President's Report. When I first began, I thought that I would delve into the details of the US Chess Case for Support. That Case for Support is what we take out to all of you, and to the non-chess playing world, as we tout our great game and compete for an ever-shrinking pool of philanthropic dollars. I hope that it is readily evident that switching from a 501(c)(4) to a (c)(3) is a tremendous amount of work. It is an important transition on which we are spending an increasing amount of time. As an organization, as an endeavor, US Chess and our great game are worthy of support. For the moment, I'm happy to report, "we've got this ... with your help." And, of course, we'll be asking for more help as we go forward.

So, in preparing this Report, I paused to look both backward and forward.

I arrived on the US Chess scene in 1970 and began participating in our governance in 2010. I am humbled when I think about how much longer some of you have been here both as players and as volunteers. You have seen many things during that time. Pause for just a moment to remember the best and strangest of those "things." But don't dwell!

As I now have one year remaining, I would like to briefly reflect with you on the past half-dozen years. To the extent that you have something to add to this, or if you would like to share a different perspective, do not hesitate to pull me or any other Board or staff

member aside wherever you may find us around the country or electronically. I have said it many times in the past, and I'll say it here in this Report: Our volunteers are essential to the organization. The current good health of our organization bodes well for our future.

To begin, our Federation is stable overall and we have made enormous progress on the financial front. I want to thank Allen Priest and Randy Bauer—present and past VPs for Finance—for their Herculean efforts in this area, along with one of our best and most active committees—the Finance Committee. The difference in the financial health of the Federation between now and six years ago is palpable. Please do not miss, for example, Allen's comment in his own report about our not borrowing to get through the summer of 2015. It wasn't that long ago that the summer "slowdown" dominated the Federation's economic consciousness for much of the year. The question a few years ago was not would we have to borrow, but would we have enough credit line to borrow all we needed. Times have changed and are changing.

Two dedicated members of the **US Chess Women's Committee**, which is this year's Committee of the Year.



“Our volunteers are essential to the organization.”

Our office and staff have undergone their own changes, but they actually now do more with less. That has never been one of my favorite expressions, but I don't know how else to put it. There's a responsiveness permeating the Federation that has not always been present. Our staff members form a cohesive and high-performing group of which we should all be proud. As we go forward, we will continue to have a presence in Crossville, Tennessee, as well as in St. Louis, Missouri, and the Board will work with our states' delegates to determine the best location for our future operations. As we promised a couple of years ago, we're not in a rush. In sum, office operations are better tuned today than they have been in decades. Thank you, to our Executive Director, Jean Hoffman and all her staff.

At the Board level, the organization has calmed and stabilized significantly in recent years. The days of acrimony are behind us, and the Board has more lately operated in a collegial manner in order to bring the Federation back to level. This is paramount as we step further and further into the charitable world where colle-

giality and stability are watchwords not to be ignored. Indeed, over the past six years, this Board has been the model of stability. Four of us have been together every day of my six years and another has been here five of the six years. And yet another will bookend my service, being here when I arrived and again when I leave. This longevity invites comments of "time for some new blood" and I agree. This is obviously also the spirit of our present term limits. In that vein, we are about to say goodbye to Ruth Haring and Mike Atkins. I thank them both deeply on behalf of myself and

the Federation. I served as Ruth's vice president every year of her presidency, and I can say most personally that US Chess owes her a bottomless debt of gratitude, although she would deny it. A couple more of us or more will turn over next year.

This all, however, brings us to the title of the Report—Volunteerism. US Chess thrives on the backs of its volunteers. As an organization, it is rather astounding just how far this goes. We have folks who volunteer to set up chessboards at our events, who direct nearly countless numbers of chess tournaments in every state every week, who serve as club officers, who donate space for our game, who tirelessly and for decades travel from coast to coast to serve as a delegate, and those who even volunteer to run for the US Chess Executive Board. I doubt that we could open our doors tomorrow without our volunteers. We certainly wouldn't keep them open very long without them.

“You know the benefits of our great game. No other game has stood the tests for so long and in so many parts of the world.”

And so, as we go out into the world of chess every day, please remember that we must nurture a new generation of volunteers. You know the benefits of our great game. No other game has stood the tests for so long and in so many parts of the world. Everyone here has been astounded at some point by the depth of a combination or the genius behind a winning strategy. Chess at its best makes us better in many ways. In those many ways lies the US Chess Case for Support; that is, why we should receive your support, ranging from improving our cognitive processes to teaching us to be gracious in victory and calm in defeat. Our organization is working diligently to bring that Case to you so that you may take it to others. In the meantime, though, we need you to be unrelenting in introducing new players to a beautiful game and in going out to find new volunteers. At every level of volunteerism that I've just described above, there is ample room for inclusion.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln, “He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help.” Continue to help US Chess build both its power as a membership organization and as a national charity. While the membership and charitable components of US Chess are separate in some respects, ultimately, in my view, they are properly and completely intertwined. Please never forget the power of the game of chess. At its lowest, it is a hanging piece or a knight fork, which have their own little agonies and joys, but at the higher levels, I would ask you to think about what the game has meant to you and those you know. I will not attempt to give that voice because you know the game's good effects on your life far better than I could ever describe. Continue to give back to the game that has given much to you. Go out with a positive spirit, expecting no thanks or recognition.

That said, however, and to end as well as begin, I and the Federation thank you from the bottoms of our collective hearts for all that you as volunteers do. Thanks to those on every committee, at every chess tournament, at every club meeting, and especially to all those who serve as delegates.

If I traded every minute I have spent at a chessboard for a dollar, I would be much less rich.

Sincerely,

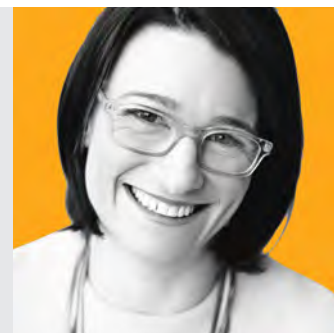
Gary
US Chess President



**INFORM AND ENGAGE
THE EDUCATIONAL
COMMUNITY ABOUT THE
BENEFITS OF CHESS.**

#USCHESSGOALS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Jean Hoffman
US Chess Executive Director

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Over the past year, US Chess has rated more games and chess tournaments than ever before. This record-breaking milestone speaks to our expanding impact, historic growth, and bright future as a charitable organization. This is a pivotal time for US Chess, and I am pleased to share with you some of our recent accomplishments and achievements.

It is important to celebrate our successes. However, in order to build upon our recent period of stability and growth, we must also identify our weaknesses, mitigate our risks, and plan for our future. Throughout our annual report, you will find examples of how we are continuing the process of self-assessment, accepting the challenges of accountability, and tracking our progress.

One of the ways that we are working to steer our course for the future is by continuing the comprehensive strategic planning process started two years ago. Earlier this year, the Executive Board and key staff revised our organization's long-term goals in order to build upon our strengths as an organization, address opportunities, and outline the desired future. Moving forward, our new goals—presented throughout this report—offer a high level roadmap for positive change and provide an important framework for how we will evaluate our success.

In addition to our continued strategic planning efforts, we are also preparing for our future as a charitable organization. Last year, we worked with the national nonprofit management firm Graham-Pelton to conduct a comprehensive Fundraising Planning Study. The purpose of the Study was to assess the existing level of support for US Chess fundraising efforts, identify any obstacles to fundraising success, and recommend the necessary infrastructure and resources needed to launch an effective fundraising

campaign. The Study findings provided valuable feed-back and laid the groundwork for the launch of our first fund-raising initiative.

As we plan for the future and build upon our legacy of achievement, we are grateful for the loyal support and dedication of US Chess staff, volunteers, members and supporters throughout the country. Moving forward, our success and advancement as a charitable organization will rely upon igniting your passion for US Chess and our mission: empowering people through chess one move at a time. I hope that the materials presented in this report affirm your commitment to our organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Hoffman".

Jean Hoffman
Executive Director, US Chess

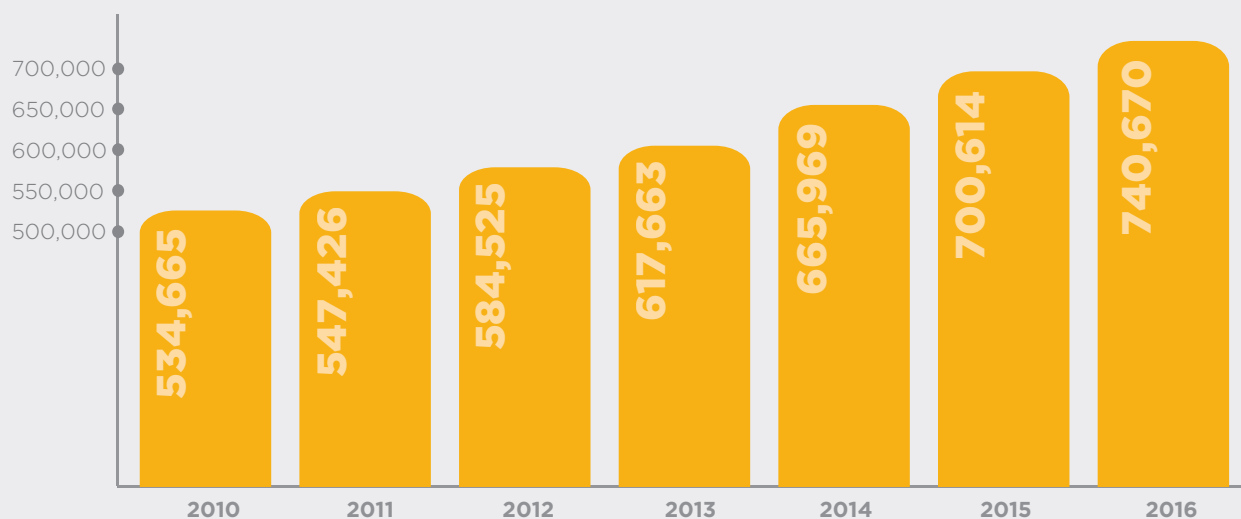
LOOKING BACK: HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR YEAR



MEASURING OUR IMPACT

US Chess is continually growing and the popularity of tournament play has never been higher. Just since 2010, the number of tournament games that US Chess has rated has increased from 534,665 to an all-time high of over 740,000 in 2016.

US CHESS RATED GAMES PER YEAR



SUCCESS STORIES



XIN LI

WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK

Xin Li came to the U.S. from China when she was adopted last year. "My new sister Lydia and I played lots of games as we were getting to know each other. She taught me to play chess and my dad taught me too." What does she like most about chess? "All the thinking and learning in order to get better."



DAVID PAULINA

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

When David came to the U.S. from Haiti as a little boy, his godmother taught him the chess moves. Neither of them would have predicted that, some 20 years later, the game would become his full-time profession. After college, "I stumbled into teaching chess. I got passionate about chess." David's a compelling advocate for the game. "Chess teaches critical analysis and how to make decisions." After a pause, he sums up, "It teaches you how to find the truth in situations."

A high-angle, wide shot of a large, modern indoor arena filled with people playing chess. The room has a high ceiling with colorful, illuminated structural elements in shades of blue, orange, and purple. Numerous long tables with white tablecloths are arranged in rows, each with several chessboards and players. The players, mostly children and young adults, are focused on their games. In the background, there are large windows and a balcony with more people. The overall atmosphere is busy and organized.

GROW

THE

GAME

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STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTIVITIES

It is generally recognized that strategic planning is not an “event.” According to the Drucker Foundation Self-Assessment Tool, (Drucker):

“it is the continual process of strengthening what works and abandoning what does not, of making risk-taking decisions with the greatest knowledge of their potential effect, and of setting objectives, appraising performance and results through systematic feedback, and making ongoing adjustments as conditions change.”

Two years ago, the US Chess Executive Board identified longer-range strategic planning as a key organizational need. To address this issue, the Executive Board and members of the US Chess full-time staff participated in a two-day strategic planning retreat in January 2014. As a result of this process, US Chess crafted a new mission, complemented it with our first-ever vision statement and also developed long-term organizational goals that align with our status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Since then, the Executive Board and staff have spent a lot of time familiarizing themselves with “best practices” related to nonprofit organizations, particularly as they relate to mission, vision, values and goals.

This year, the Executive Board determined it would be useful to consider any necessary revisions or augmentations to the work that had been done to date. Another two-day planning session was planned for the Executive Board and key full-time staff for January 2016.

In most strategic planning exercises, some analysis of the existing internal and external environment is necessary: no organization exists in a vacuum, and plans should reflect the expected current/future state of its environment and not simply react to past events. As the hockey great Wayne Gretzky once said, “I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been.”

The following provides a brief description of the current/future state of the organization as the Executive Board envisioned it prior to the 2016 strategic planning session.

Led by US Chess Vice President Randy Bauer, the Executive Board and key staff focused their time and attention on the following key activities:

- Reviewing and modifying (as needed) the mission, vision, values statements and the organization’s goals
- Reviewing the results of past activities and any new initiatives that may align with the organization’s goals
- Reviewing the results of the Graham-Pelton fundraising feasibility study and recommendations
- Devising (as appropriate) a framework for a fundraising/development campaign in light of the Graham-Pelton findings and recommendations

Organization Mission, Vision and Values Statements

There was significant discussion around each of these subject areas. While the sentiment was not universal, it was decided that no changes would be made to these at this time. The general consensus appears to be to allow these statements to “grow” on the membership and the organization and to not constantly tinker with them. At the same time, there is an understanding that they should be regularly revisited and could be changed in the future.

Revised Goals

There was substantial discussion about changes to the organization’s goals. There was a general consensus that the original goals were, in several cases, too specific or focused. After several exercises to identify key themes and areas of most need for the organization (which are to be reflected in the overarching goals), the following were agreed upon as the new goals (in no order of priority):

- **Grow the game.**
- **Inform and engage the educational community about the benefits of chess.**
- **Continuously improve US Chess operations and member services.**
- **Expand the depth and breadth of chess partnerships.**
- **Increase chess opportunities for under-represented segments of society.**

Key Activities for 2016 to Align with Revised Goals

Discussion among Executive Board members identified a strong belief that the organization is poised to make substantial progress on its goals in several areas. However, the consistent constraint on that progress is the ability to do so within the existing budget. Given the lack of significant growth on the revenue side and the need to maintain (or expand) investments in customer service and our staff, it was generally agreed that it is time for a significant commitment to a fundraising program along the lines of the recommendations within the Graham-Pelton report.

Based on those recommendations and the Executive Board’s discussion, the following are identified as next steps in undertaking a development campaign to begin no later than January 2017:

1. **Develop an infrastructure for a campaign, including a committee to lead the campaign, a committee charter, and supporting materials;**
2. **Hire a fundraising consultant to assist with preparation of campaign materials and to assist with campaign coordination;**
3. **Determine the optimal targets for the campaign and sources and uses of funds;**
4. **Create communication tools for the campaign and for reporting on its progress and ultimate outcomes.**

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VP OF FINANCE'S REPORT



Allen Priest

US Chess VP of Finance

This is my fifth report as the US Chess Vice President of Finance. Over the years I have been able to report steady and significant progress in restoring our Federation to financial stability. While we are not quite there just yet, this last year has seen us make a giant stride toward that goal.

Over the years we have focused on getting out of debt. During a recent prior fiscal year the Life Member Asset Trust paid off the Crossville headquarters building loan. Then in this 2015-16 fiscal year the operating account restored all of that money to the LMA Trust. In the 2014-15 fiscal year the LMA Trust was repaid all funds advanced to the operating account to cover lawsuit costs from the late 2000s. Any of the assets of the LMA Trust that were supporting our bank line of credit were released to free up the LMA Trust to more properly invest for the long-term.

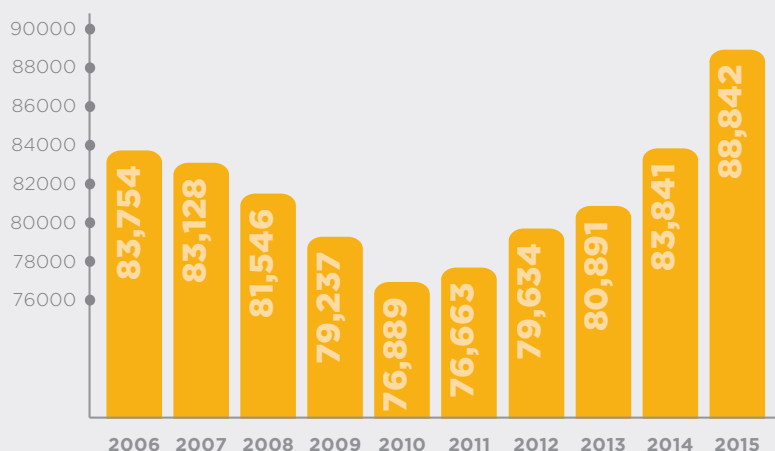
The LMA Trust has been developing investment guidelines and changing the securities account structure they have in order to more fully follow those guidelines. Ever since I have been in this

position we have worked to restore the LMA Trust funding levels, and we have not drawn from the LMA any funding to support services provided to life and sustaining members. Shortly I expect that the LMA will be able to begin transfers back to the operating accounts each quarter to fund these services, as the delegates have called for the fund to do.

While we have still focused on cost control in the office, we have also worked to restore some benefits to our team that had been ended due to financial difficulties. We have changed the health insurance plans to provide opportunities for our team members to fund costs with pre-tax dollars. This year we have added a 401k retirement plan to at least allow for our team members to set their own money aside for retirement on a pre-tax basis. We are planning to add a contribution from US Chess to that plan to benefit all team members in the 2016-17 fiscal year.

We also see a need to selectively add team members or to add contract resources to

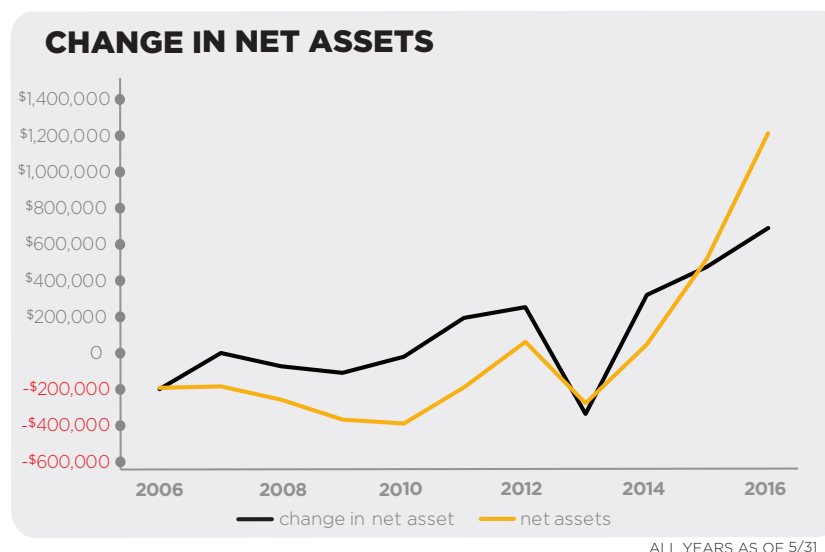
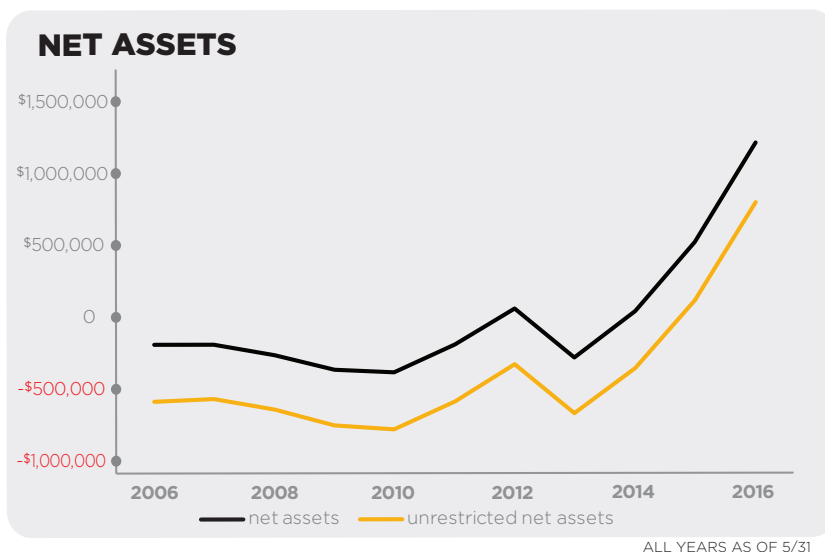
US CHESS MEMBERSHIP



administer new programs, replace retiring team members, and to deal with the fundraising efforts from being a 501(c)(3). We will be losing some long-term team members and a whole bunch of institutional knowledge over the next few years. We will have transition costs. We will also have an opportunity to re-think how we deliver certain services and programs.

The team continues to work to adjust to the change from a 501(c)(4) tax exempt entity to a 501(c)(3) educational and charitable tax exempt entity. This has not changed the tax form that we file, but it has changed the reporting and licensing that we have to obtain from each state to be able to solicit charitable contributions. It took months to complete that task, and now we are working to manage the renewal process. At the same time the Executive Board and the management team of US Chess have been developing a comprehensive strategy for fundraising. Some have expressed impatience with the deliberateness of our efforts

This last year has seen us make a giant stride toward restoring our Federation to financial stability.



but I believe it is critical to have a coordinated plan and then follow it. This is a new experience for this organization, and to do it right involves changing the culture as well as developing internal structures to properly coordinate and manage the process. I believe one of the worst things we can do is to ask the wrong people for the wrong things, or the right people of the wrong things or amounts.

As we reported to you in the past, we continue have an uneven cash flow pattern with summer being very slow and the fall and spring being our high months. This pattern is likely to always be with us. To even out the cash flow, we have historically borrowed on our line of credit in the summer and paid it back in the fall and spring. Over the last several years we have been able to borrow later and pay it back earlier. In the spring of 2015 and then through the summer of the 2015-16 fiscal year we were able to build up

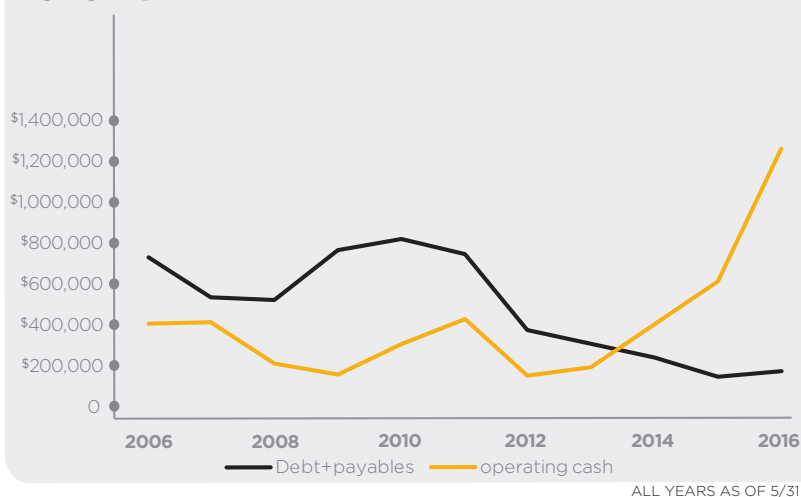
enough in reserves through the spring that we didn't have to borrow on the line of credit at all. And that was with paying off the LMA note as mentioned above. This was a year ahead of the goal that we had set.

All of these are very positive signs of the recovery in our Federation's finances. But it is not a sign that we can be complacent.

Some dues were raised last year. We need to plan periodic increases in dues to keep up with costs. We are still seeing increases in memberships with the younger categories' growth outstripping our older categories'. It is important that we continue to grow and that we increase the rate of retention between the scholastic ranks and the older age groups. I think we will always lose a significant number of players who test out

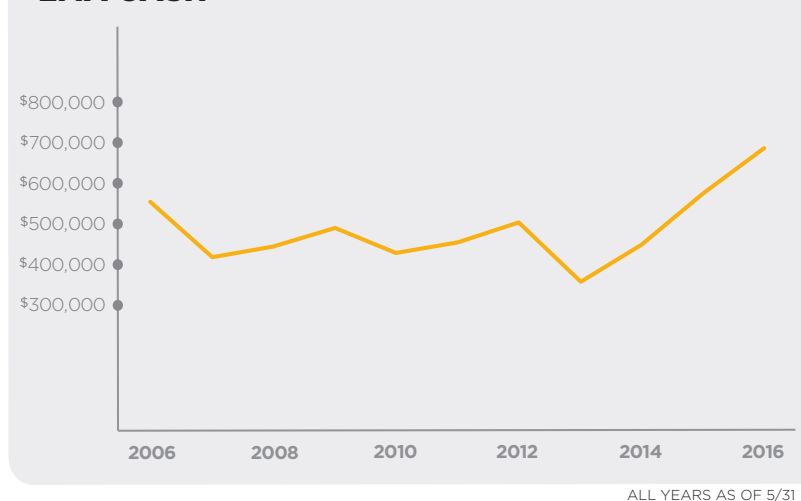
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CASH VERSUS DEBT + PAYABLES



the game as kids and find other things that they like to do better. But the more people we expose to the game, the more we will grow even without an increase in the retention rate. We are seeing that happen right now as our largest growth categories by percentage are youth and young adult.

LMA CASH



While our scholastic national events have been very strong the last several years, in 2016-17 we face a SuperNational year and a move of the grade level event out of Florida. Florida is generally a popular spot for the grade level event which is held in early winter. So a move north is a risk. Also while the prior SuperNationals have been a success both in the number of players and financially, we are "putting our eggs in one basket." By only having one event rather than three in the spring, we are at greater risk of disruption by events beyond our

control. We will insure as much of this risk as we can, but we cannot insure it all away.

The 2016-17 fiscal year is also a year in which we must fund both our Olympiad teams and our World Team efforts. Further, the World Youth is being split into two events this year which we know will increase our overhead costs.

We must continue to upgrade our IT systems. We are in the middle of a significant transition of our websites. We will also need to make some major changes in our underlying databases. This will take time to do correctly, and it will take money.

While we had an outstanding result for 2015-16, we do not expect the bottom line for 2016-17 to be anywhere close. I think we will struggle to make the bottom line positive. The costs of the events

coupled with the continued investments in systems and people will offset any revenue gains. But that is why we have been building up a reserve fund. And I believe we will add to that fund in 2017-18, even with just a break-even 2016-17.

Sincerely,

Allen Priest
VP of Finance

SUCCESS STORIES



AUDREY HU

WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

A second-grader at Jefferson Elementary School, Audrey got started in chess when she joined a chess summer camp led by U.S. Amateur Team East regular GM Leonid Yudasin and three-time All-Army Champion Arthur Macaspac. After checkmating a rated opponent in her very first tournament, Audrey now belongs to the ChessMates Chess Club in Rahway, New Jersey, with the lofty aim of becoming a grandmaster. "Chess is challenging. I don't know if I'll win or lose. Either way, it's fun."



KALIND PARISH

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Now a JD-Ph.D. student at Penn State, Kalind founded the Oberlin College Chess Club four years ago. Parish admits he "didn't even know all the rules of chess or notation," but that didn't stop him. "I walked into The Slow Train Café and found Constantine Ananiadis, the college women's tennis coach, sitting at a chess board," Kalind said. "I asked him if there was a chess team." There wasn't, but Kalish had bumped into the man who would help him make things happen. The club has competed in the last four PanAms, hosted the Ohio State Championships, runs two after-school chess programs, and brought the first PanAm to Cleveland since 1958.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



In early 2015, after spending ten years as a member of the Italian Chess Federation, **GM FABIANO CARUANA** rejoined the US Chess Federation and became **U.S. Champion** in his first appearance.

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“I will do everything I can to help more girls get into chess.”

—IM NAZI PAIKIDZE
2016 U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPION



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



**JEFFERY
XIONG**

2016 U.S. JUNIOR
CHAMPION



**ANUPAMA
RAJENDRA**

2016 KASPAROV
CHESS FOUNDATION
ALL-GIRLS CHAMPION



**GM ALEXANDER
SHABALOV**

2015 U.S. OPEN CHAMPION



**GM ALEXANDER
VELIKANOV**

2015 DENKER CHAMPION



**VIGNESH
PANCHANATHAM**

2016 NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL CHAMPION



**GM ALEXANDER
IVANOV**

2015 U.S. SENIOR OPEN
CHAMPION

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS ROLL CALL

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

2016 U.S. Championship:
Fabiano Caruana

2016 U.S. Women's Championship:
Nazi Paikidze

2015 U.S. Open Championship:
Alexander Shabalov

2016 U.S. Junior Closed Championship:
Jeffery Xiong

2016 All-Girls Championship:
Anupama Rajendra

2016 Game/10 Championship:
Tigran L. Petrosian

2016 National Elementary (K-6) Championship:
Arthur Guo

2016 National Elementary (K-5) Championship:
Daniel Hung

2016 National Elementary (K-3) Championship:
Lucas Foerster-Yialamas, Ming Lu, Liran Zhou, Adi Murgescu, Ziyang Qiu, Vishnu Vanapalli

2016 National Elementary (K-1) Championship:
Ryan Wang

2016 National High School (K-12) Championship:
Vignesh Panchanatham, Kesav Viswanadha, Andrew Tang, Justus D. Williams, Kyle Haining, Bryce Tiglon

2016 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship:
Maggie Feng

2016 National Junior High School (K-8) Championship:
Danial Asaria, Wesley Wang

2016 National Open:
Ruifeng Li, Daniel Fridman

2016 U.S. Junior Open Championship:
Under 21—Justin Wang, Bovey Liu; Under 15—Rannon Huo; Under 11—Hersh Singh; Under 8—Sunil Amitha Aryan Surya, Kai Forbach, Pulak Agarwalla

2016 U.S. Women's Open Championship:
Vera Nebolsina

2016 U.S. Girls Junior Championship:
Emily Quynh Nguyen

2015 Armed Forces Championship:
Larry R. Larkins (Navy)

2015 Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Championship:
Alexander Velikanov

2015 Dewain Barber K-8 Championship:
Advait Patel

2015 Game/15 Championship:
Aleksandr Lenderman

2015 National Girls Invitational Championship:
Jennifer R. Yu, Anupama Rajendra, Veronika Zilajeva, Evan Xiang

2015 U.S. Blind Championship:
Albert Pietrolungo

2015 U.S. Class Championship:
Master—Andrey Stukopin, Jeffery Xiong, Andrey Gorovets; X—Nicholas F. Matta; A—Jhonel Baldago Baniel; B—Nephtali T. Diaz; C—Andy Scott Hudson, Dylan Traber Kaye; D—Albert Rodriguez, Benjamin Hughes; E—Sasa Pocek; Unrated—Charles Adney Moore

2015 U.S. Senior Open Championship:
Alexander Ivanov

TEAM EVENTS

2016 U.S. Amateur Team East: "Academy of Talented Youth I" (Ethan Li, Henry Qi, Warren Wang, Wesley Wang)

2016 U.S. Amateur Team West: "Rainbow Unicorns" (Cameron Wheeler, Albert Lu, Siddharth G. Banik, Alvin Kong)

2016 U.S. Amateur Team North: "Got Mate"
(Jacob Furfine, Todd M. Freitag, Vincent Do, Daniel Bronfeyn;
U.S. AMATEUR TEAM NATIONAL PLAYOFF WINNER)

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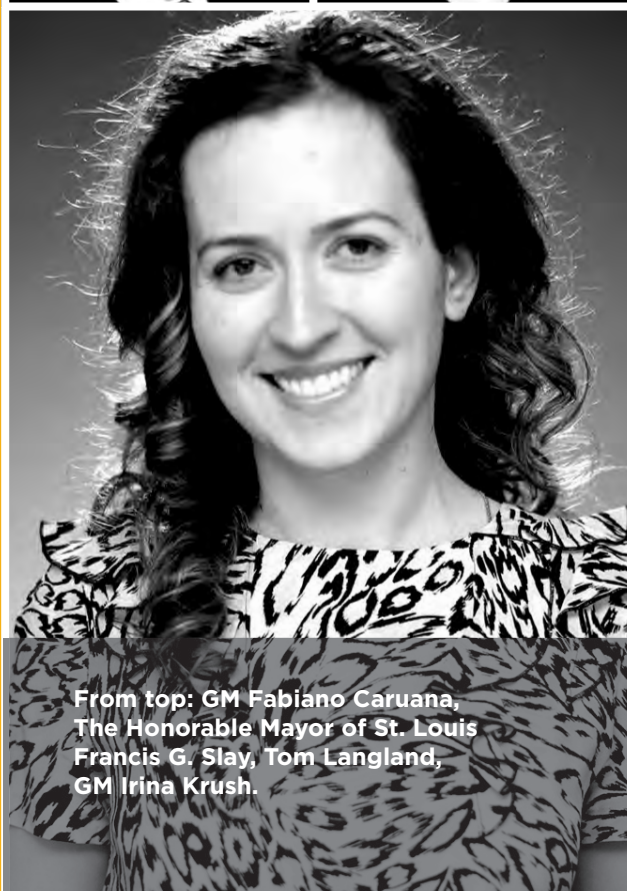
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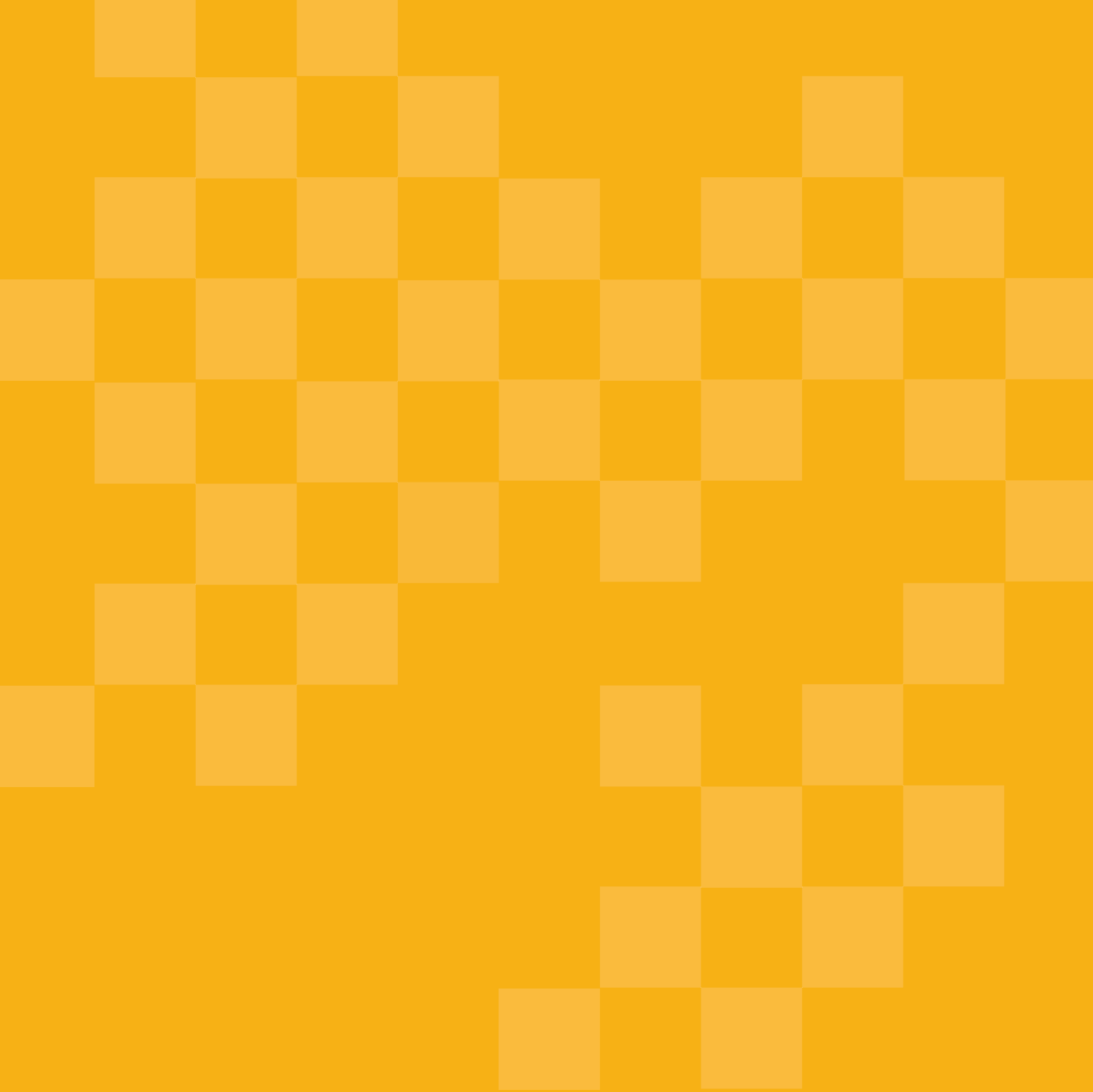
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