

MOTIONS OF THE US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2017 - 2018

Key: C = Phone Conf. Call, E = E-Mail, M = Physical Meeting,
I = Internet Conf. Call, O = Objections Procedure

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB18-001	Board	08/06/17 M	Officers Named	PASS 7-0
EB18-002	Board	08/06/17 M	Committee Chairs and Liaisons Named	PASS 7-0
EB18-003	Board	08/06/17 M	Committee Membership Changes	PASS 7-0
EB18-004	Board	08/06/17 M	Committees Dissolved	PASS 7-0
EB18-005	Board	08/06/17 M	Trading Authorization for Reserve Fund	PASS 7-0
EB18-006	Priest	08/09-10/17 E	Add Chuck Unruh to Personnel Committee	PASS 6-0-1
EB18-007	Hoffpauir	08/09-10/17 E	Add Allen Priest to Top Players Committee	PASS 6-1
EB18-008	Nietman	08/15-16/17 E	Changes to Committees	PASS 7-0
EB18-009	Nietman	08/17-19/17 E	Jeff Wiewel named TDCC Vice Chair	PASS 7-0
EB18-010	Belakovskaia	08/16-21/17 O	Add Sabina Foisor to Top Players Committee	PASS – No Obj
EB18-011	Hoffpauir	09/09-13/17 O	David Hater named Chair of the Ethics Comm	PASS – No Obj
EB18-012	Hoffpauir	09/22-10/04/17 E	Signatory Change on Bank Accounts	PASS 7-0
EB18-013	Unruh	10/07-12/17 O	Add Members to Accessibility Committee	PASS – No Obj
EB18-014	Unruh	10/11-16/17 O	Add Member to States Committee	PASS – No Obj
EB18-015	Nietman	10/15-17/17 E	Accept Revised Pan Am Intercollegiate Guidelines	PASS 6-1
EB18-016	Nietman	10/15-21/17 E	Accept Minutes of August EB Meetings	PASS 7-0
EB18-017	Meyer	10/23-11/06/17 E	National K-12 Trophies	PASS 7-0
EB18-018	Priest	11/11/17 M	Profit Sharing Contribution to 401K Plan	PASS 7-0
EB18-019	Meyer	11/11/17 M	Bank Account Resolution	PASS 7-0
EB18-020	Nietman	11/11/17 M	Scholastic Council Membership Change	PASS 7-0
EB18-021	Nietman	11/11/17 M	FIDE World Youth and U16 Olympiad	PASS 7-0
EB18-022	Nietman	11/11/17 M	Rating Thresholds for All-America Team	PASS 6-1
EB18-023	Board	11/12/17 M	Ethics Committee Decision	PASS 6-0-1
EB18-024	Unruh	11/12/17 M	Funding of 2018 Tmt of State Senior Champions	PASS 7-0
EB18-025	Hoffpauir	11/12/17 M	Affiliates Committee	PASS 7-0
EB18-026	Priest	11/12/17 M	Adult Invitational Rules	PASS 7-0
EB18-027	Unruh	11/12/17 M	Accessibility and Special Circumstances Comm.	PASS 7-0
EB18-028	Priest	11/12/17 M	Use of Terms “Complainant” and “Respondent”	PASS 7-0
EB18-029	Hoffpauir	11/12/17 M	Claims Involving Members Under Age 18	PASS 7-0
EB18-030	Priest	11/12/17 M	Under 16 Olympiad Team	PASS 7-0
EB18-031	Belakovskaia	11/12-17/17 O	Add Sean Manross to the Outreach Committee	PASS-No Obj
EB18-032	Nietman	11/14-19/17 O	Add Sandeep Alampalli to Chess in Ed Committee	PASS-No Obj
EB18-033	Meyer	11/28-30/17 E	Lease of New Copier and Maintenance Contract	PASS 6-1
EB18-034	Meyer	12/12-19/17 E	Update Administrator on Brokerage Account	PASS 7-0
EB18-035	Priest	12/12-23/17 E	Update Administrator on Brokerage Account	PASS 7-0
EB18-036	Nietman	12/23-24/17 E	Accept minutes of November Meeting	PASS 7-0

EB18-037	Meyer	12/21-25/17 E	IT and Network Infrastructure	PASS 7-0
EB18-038	Unruh	01/04-09/18 O	Tournament of Senior State Champions	No Objections
EB18-039	Meyer	01/15/18 M	Phone Services	PASS 7-0
EB18-040	Priest	01/15/18 M	US Open Ending Date	PASS 7-0
EB18-041	Belakovskaia	01/15/18 M	Women's Chess Fund	PASS 7-0
EB18-042	Belakovskaia	01/15/18 M	Regional Women's Championships	TABLED
EB18-043	Belakovskaia	01/15/18 M	Encourage Women's Events and Women's Prizes	TABLED
EB18-044	Belakovskaia	01/15/18 M	Support World Jr. Championship for Disabled	See EB18-045
EB18-045	Nietman	01/15/18 M	Substitute Wording for EB18-044	PASS 6-0-1
EB18-046	Unruh	01/15/18 M	Accessibility & SC Person of the Year Award	PASS 7-0
EB18-047	Hoffpauir	01/17-22/18 O	Add Maret Thorpe to TDCC	No Objections
EB18-048	Meyer	01/18-27/18 M	Update Signatories on Bank Accounts	PASS 7-0
EB18-049	Meyer	01/25-27/18 M	Trophies Plus Contract	PASS 7-0
EB18-050	Hoffpauir	01/30/18 M	New Chair for Military Chess Committee	PASS 7-0
EB18-051	Hoffpauir	01/25-30/18 O	Clock Working Group co-chairs	No Objections
EB18-052	Nietman	02/07-09/18 E	2018 National Scholastic Tournament Regulations	PASS 7-0
EB18-053	Nietman	02/09-14/18 O	Add Saul Ramirez to Chess in Education Commte	No Objections
EB18-054	Nietman	02/10-15/18 O	Add Mark Wood To Scholastic Committee	No Objections
EB18-055	Belakovskaia	02/14-19/18 O	Add Eric Yussman to Clubs Committee	No Objections
EB18-056	Hoffpauir	02/14-19/18 O	Add Franc Guadalupe to TDCC	No Objections
EB18-057	Board	02/27/18 C	Northwest Design T-Shirt Bid	PASS 6-0-1
EB18-058	Board	02/27/18 C	Accept House of Staunton Bookstore Bid	PASS 6-1
EB18-059	Board	02/27/18 C	Leonard Fusselman Suspension	PASS 7-0
EB18-060	Board	02/27/18 C	Leonard Fusselman Suspension	PASS 7-0
EB18-061	Nietman, Belakovskaia	02/28-03/06/18	Fine Designs T-Shirt Bid	PASS 7-0
EB18-062	Nietman	03/04-05/18 E	Approve Minutes of January EB Meeting	PASS 7-0
EB18-063	Nietman	03/28-29/18 E	Approve Minutes of February EB Conference Call	PASS 7-0
EB18-064	Hoffpauir	04/01-02/18 E	Approve Agreement with US Chess Trust	PASS 7-0
EB18-065	Belakovskaia	04/20-25/18 O	Add Abel Talamantez to Outreach Committee	No Objections
EB18-066	Nietman	04/21-26/18 O	Add Bruce R. Davis to Chess in Education Comm	No Objections
EB18-067	Board	05/19-20/18M	Transgender Policy	PASS 7-0
EB18-068	Board	05/19-20/18 M	ADM re: EB Appoints ED, Approves Others	PASS 7-0
EB18-069	Priest	05/19-20/18 M	Accept Planning Budget	PASS 7-0
EB18-070	Board	05/19-20/18 M	2018 Award Winners	PASS 7-0
EB18-071	Nietman	05/20/18 M	Add Members to College Chess Committee	PASS 7-0
EB18-072	Nietman	05/20/18 M	Add Member to Chess in Education Committee	PASS 7-0
EB18-073	Nietman	05/20/18 M	Information Technology Advisory Committee	PASS 7-0
EB18-074	Hoffpauir	06/30-07/01/18 E	Nominate Nigel Short FIDE Presidential Ticket	PASS 7-0
EB18-075	Nietman	06/30-07/06/18 E	Approve Minutes of May 19-20 EB Meeting	PASS 7-0
EB18-076	Nietman	07/06-09/18 E	Connecticut State Chapter Recommendations	PASS 7-0

EB18-077	Viswanath	07/25-30/18 O	Add Dr. Stephanie Beth Berk to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (ASCC)	No Objections
EB18-078	Belakovskaia	08/02/18 M	Provide Annual Support for World Senior Team	FAIL 1-5-1
EB18-079	Belakovskaia	08/02/18 M	Travel Stipend for World Senior Open	FAIL 1-5-1
EB18-080	Board	08/04/18 M	Uphold Ethics Ruling on Adam Kutikoff Appeal	PASS 7-0
EB18-081	Board	08/04/18 M	Uphold Ethics Ruling on Bruce Kutikoff Appeal	PASS 7-0
EB18-082	Board	08/04/18 M	Uphold Ethics Ruling on Christian Hauser Appeal	PASS 7-0

The first meeting of the 2017-2018 US Chess Executive Board took place on August 6, 2017, at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. Welcome to new EB members Hal Sprechman and Lakshmana Viswanath (aka Vish). Thanks to Gary Walters and Jean Hoffman for their years of service.

The following five motions arose from closed session and were voted in open session later the same day:

EB18-001 – Board - The Executive Board names the following officers for 2017-2018: PASSED 7-0

President	Mike Hoffpauir
Vice President	Allen Priest
Vice President of Finance	Chuck Unruh
Secretary	Mike Nietman

EB18-002 – Board – The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs for 2017-2018: PASSED 7-0 – Please see Appendix A for the list of committee chairs and liaisons named in this motion. It will be updated throughout the year as needed.

EB18-003 – Board – The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes: PASSED 7-0

- a. Anti-Cheating: Add Ruth Haring, Tom Langland, Jeff Wiewel, Sunil Weeramantry, Alex Relyea, Harold Stenzel, Ken Regan and Alex Shabalov. Remove Bryan Smith and Mike Hoffpauir
- b. Scholastic Committee: Add John Rockefeller, Brian Yang, Elizabeth Tejada, Josh Sinanan, Judit Sztaray, Shiva Maharaj, Christina Schweiss, Tony Chen, Juan Guajardo, Luis Salinas, Jay Stallings, Garrett Scott and Michele Martinez. Remove: Mark Ritter, Tania Kranich, Dr. Robert Ferguson, Elizabeth Vicary, Michael Khodarkovsky
- c. Scholastic Council: Add Joe Lonsdale and Elliott Neff Remove Jay Stallings and Garrett Scott
- d. States: Add David Grimaud
- e. Finance: Add Carl Dolson, Charles M. Unruh
- f. Senior: Add Fun Fong and Al Lawrence
- g. TDCC: Add Brian Yang
- h. Website Advisory: Add Richard Koepcke and Lakshmana Viswanath
- I. Clubs: Add Gary Walters and Sophia Rohde
- j. Chess in Education: Add Ryan Velez

EB18-004 –Board The Executive Board votes to dissolve the following committees: PASSED 7-0

- a. Corporate Connections Task Force
- b. Correspondence Chess
- c. Hall of Records
- d. Player Opportunity Fund

EB18-005 – Board - The Executive Board grants trading authorization for Allen Priest and Chuck Unruh on the Reserve Fund Ameritrade/Scottrade account. PASSED 7-0

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on August 9 to add Chuck Unruh to the EB's Personnel Committee to replace Gary Walters who has left the EB. The vote was completed on August 10.

EB18-006 - Priest– I move to add Chuck Unruh to the Personnel Committee to replace former EB member Gary Walters. PASSED 6-0-1 with Chuck Unruh abstaining

Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mail on August 9 to replace himself with Allen Priest on the Top Player Committee. Voting was completed on August 10.

EB18-007 – Hoffpauir - I move to replace Mike Hoffpauir with Allen Priest on the Top Player Committee. Please note: This motion makes Allen Priest the Alternate Liaison of the Top Players Committee. PASSED 6-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on August 15 changes to five committees as requested by the committee chairs or primary liaisons. Voting was completed the next day. One of the changes was naming John Donaldson a Vice-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. That is the only change that will affect the list of chairs and liaisons in Appendix A.

EB18-008 – Nietman - I move that: PASSED 7-0

- 1) John Buky be added to the Chess in Education Committee
- 2) Janelle Losoff be added to the Outreach Committee
- 3) John Donaldson be named as Vice-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee
- 4) Harold Scott be added to the Anti-Cheating Committee
- 5) David Kuhns be removed from the Anti-Cheating Committee
- 6) Eric Yussman be removed from the Clubs Committee

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on August 17 to name Jeff Wiewel Vice Chair of the TDCC at the request of TDCC Chair Alex Relyea. Voting was completed on August 19.

EB18-009 – Nietman - I move that Jeff Wiewel be named TDCC Vice-Chair. PASSED 7-0

Motion EB18-010 was made by Anjelina Belakovskaia by objections procedure on August 16 and passed without objection on August 21. It was documented on September 9.

EB18-010 – Belakovskaia - I move to add Sabina Foisor to the Top Players Committee (as per her request and Co-Chairs agreement) in 5 days with no objection. PASSED Without Objection

The Ethics Committee named David Hater as its chair. Motion EB18-011 was made by objections procedure by Ethics Committee liaison Mike Hoffpauir on September 9. It was documented at that time and it passed five days later without objection. As it affects the chairmanship of the committee it will be noted in Appendix A.

EB18-011 – Hoffpauir - I hereby move that David Hater be named Chair of the Ethics Committee following Harold Stenzel's recent completion of the final case he was working. PASSED Without Objection

Jean Hoffman moved by e-mail on September 22, 2017, to replace herself with Carol Meyer as signator on the US Chess bank accounts. The motion passed unanimously the same day. While progressing with a proper transition of the Executive Director it was determined that Carol Meyer's business name could not be used on the signatory paperwork for the Putnam County Bank. A substitute motion was proposed by Mike Hoffpauir by e-mail on October 2 and was adopted unanimously on October 4. It replaces the original wording of motion EB18-012.

EB18-012 – Hoffpauir - I move that the Executive Board authorize Carol Beaton Lenhardt, Executive Director of US Chess Federation, 137 O'Brien Dr., Crossville, TN 38555, to execute whatever documents are required by our depository banks to add Carol Beaton Lenhardt and remove Jean Hoffman as a signer of checks effective October 2, 2017. The Executive Board authorizes Carol Beaton Lenhardt and Judith Misner to execute any transactions necessary for the Line of Credit account at the Putnam County Bank which is not due to be renewed until July 3, 2018. Bank accounts are at the Putnam County Bank and Regions Bank in Crossville, TN. PASSED 7-0 - Please note that the line of credit renewal does not take place during this fiscal year.

Chuck Unruh, liaison to Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee, moved by e-mailed objections procedure on October 7 to add two members to the committee at the request of the committee's Chair, Janelle Losoff. The motion passed without objection on October 12.

EB18-013 – Unruh - I move Dr. Judit Sztarary (USCID 14708926) and Mr. Bruce Davis (USCID 10153743) become a member of the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee in 5 days with no objections. PASSED Without Objection

Chuck Unruh, liaison to the States Committee, moved by e-mailed objections procedure on October 11 to add Sreenivas Alampalli to the States Committee at the request of committee Chair Guy Hoffman. The motion passed without objection on October 16.

EB18-014 – Unruh - I move that Mr. Sreenivas Alampalli (USCID 14812978) become a member of the States Committee in 5 days with no objections. PASSED Without Objection

The College Chess Committee has adopted changes to the Pan Am Tournament Rules and requested EB approval in time for them to be effective this December. Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on October 15 to approve the changes. Voting was completed on October 17.

EB18-015 – Nietman - I move that the Executive Board approves these changes to the *PAN-AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS: OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES*. PASSED 6-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

Mike Nietman moved acceptance of the minutes of the August EB meetings by e-mail on October 15. The vote was completed on October 21.

EB18-016 – Nietman - I move that we accept the minutes to the August 3, 2017, and August 6, 2017, Executive Board meetings. PASSED 7-0

Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on October 23, 2017, to obtain trophies for the 2017 National K-12 Championships from Trophies Plus. The vote was completed on November 6.

EB18-017 – Meyer - I move that the Executive Board authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Trophies Plus for the trophies for the 2017 National K-12 Grade Championships. PASSED 7-0

The US Chess Executive Board met in Nashville on November 11-12, 2017. The following five motions were voted on

November 11, 2017, at that meeting.

EB18-018 – Priest – I move that the Executive Board approves a one-time profit sharing contribution to the US Chess 401K Plan for calendar year 2017 in the amount of 2% of compensation for all eligible employees. PASSED 7-0

EB18-019 – Meyer – I move the following resolution: PASSED 7-0

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT OWNERSHIP
AND RELATED MATTERS FOR THE US CHESS FEDERATION**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the US Chess Federation, from time to time, experiences turnover in its Executive Board Officers and staff;

WHEREAS, the US Chess Federation wishes to assign ownership of its bank accounts with Cumberland County Bank consistent with updates to its Officers and staff;

RESOLVED THAT, the US Chess Federation names the following Officers and staff to open and close bank accounts upon appropriate Executive Board motion;

Name	Officer / Staff
Allen Priest	Vice President
Chuck Unruh	Vice President, Finance
Carol Meyer	Executive Director
Judy Misner	Director of Administration

FURTHER RESOLVED, the US Chess Federation allows its currently named account signatories to also initiate electronic, telephonic or oral instructions for the transfer or payment of funds on deposit with Cumberland County Bank

The undersigned, Michael Nietman, certifies that he is the duly elected Secretary of this Corporation, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution that was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, which was held in accordance with State law and the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Date

Secretary

President

EB18-020 – Nietman - I move that the EB accepts Aviv Friedman’s resignation from the Scholastic Council and to name Eric Vigil (IA) to the Scholastic Council. PASSED 7-0

EB18-021 – Nietman - I move to insert the following as a new paragraph 8 into the Scholastic National Invitational Event and Award Requirements web page: PASSED 7-0

8 FIDE World Youth U16 Olympiad Selection Criteria: The World Youth U16 Olympiad is an annual tournament featuring team play. Teams are composed of four players and an alternate. Players who attend as part of the U.S. Team must be approved by US Chess in order to participate. The age cutoff is based on January 1st of the year of the tournament. In the

event that any FIDE rules or regulations are determined to be in contradiction with these selection criteria, FIDE rules and procedures will supersede these criteria. FIDE does not limit the number of teams that can participate. Any group of four or five US Chess players with "USA" as their FIDE country who meet the age criteria can attend the World Youth U16 Olympiad as a member of the U.S. Delegation. Only the sponsored team members must meet the rating and activity requirements as defined below. All other players may be allowed to participate; however, these additional players will not be offered any financial assistance by US Chess. They must pay their own way, to include the administrative fee established by US Chess. These players do not need to meet the activity requirement but they must still be eligible to represent the U.S. under FIDE rules. Players who transfer their FIDE country to the USA may not represent the U.S. until the date established by FIDE.

The sponsored team members must meet the rating requirement as well as the activity requirement of 30 rated games in the 12-month qualification period. The 30-rated games can be either US Chess or FIDE-rated. If the games are FIDE rated, the player may request US Chess verification.

1. The sponsored team shall consist of 5 players + one coach/Head of Delegation. Per FIDE requirements at least one of the players must be female who will play in at least 1/3 of the games.
2. The team will be comprised of the 5 highest rated eligible players by peak supplement rating in the six months prior to selection. Selection will be six months prior to the event.
3. Only US Chess ratings will count for selection. FIDE ratings will not be averaged in. This will ensure that players from areas without access to FIDE rated events will not be discriminated against.

EB18-022 – Nietman - I move to revise current paragraph 9 of the Scholastic National Invitational Event and Award Requirements web page to include the following rating thresholds for the All-America Team beginning for the 2018 team. PASSED 6-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

Age	New
08	1950
09	2050
10	2150
11	2225
12	2300
13	2350
14	2400
15	2425
16	2450
17	2475
18	2500

The following motion was discussed in closed session and presented in open session on November 12, 2017.

EB18-023 – Board - The Executive Board moves to set aside the Ethics Committee decision in the case of Chachere vs. Eustache but directs the coaches of Tim Eustache to re-emphasize proper tournament procedures with him. PASSED 6-0-1 with Allen Priest absent during discussion and therefore abstaining.

The following seven motions were voted at the meeting in open session on November 12, 2017:

EB18-024 – Unruh - I move that US Chess provide up to \$10,000 in prize funding for the 2018 Tournament of State Senior Champions. Participants completing all rounds in the event are eligible for a reduced entry fee into the US Open. The entry fee incentives are the same offered in the invitational tournaments coincident with the US Open event. PASSED 7-0

EB18-025 – Hoffpauir - I move in response to ADM17-40, the Executive Board directs establishment of an Affiliates Committee to advise the EB on matters related to affiliate activities and issues, and to enhance the ability of affiliates to organize and conduct chess tournaments in accordance with the Rules of Chess and organizational best practices. PASSED 7-0

EB18-026 – Priest - I move that the Executive Board adopt the revised adult invitational rules as presented by Franc

Guadalupe effective immediately. The board recognizes that the changes are not substantive but are administrative and clean up in nature. PASSED 7-0

EB18-027 – Unruh - I move to expand the leadership positions in the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee to include a Vice Chairperson. Furthermore, Sean Manross a current member of the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee will fill the new leadership position. PASSED 7-0

EB18-028 – Priest - I move that the Executive Board directs the office staff, TD Certification, Rules, FIDE Events, and Affiliates committees to adopt the delegates' recommendation to use the terms complainant and respondent in dealing with cases before them. PASSED 7-0

EB18-029 – Hoffpauir - I move that the Executive Board direct that the Chairs / Co-Chair / Vice Chair of TDCC, Rules and FIDE Events, when dealing with cases that involve member(s) under the age of 18, reach out to the Scholastic Council to request support from a member of the council in deliberating the merits of the case. The Scholastic Council member would not have any voting authority in the case, but is there to serve as a resource to advise the committee on the matter. Further, the Executive Board requests the Delegate-appointed Ethics Committee consider the same action when dealing with such cases. PASSED 7-0

EB18-030 – Priest - I move that the Executive Board provide \$12,500 support for an official Under 16 Olympiad team beginning with the 2018 tournament. The team will be selected according to criteria approved by the Executive Board. PASSED 7-0

At the request of the Outreach Committee Chair, Liaison Anjelina Belakovskaia moved the addition of Sean Manross to the Outreach Committee by e-mail objections procedure on November 12, 2017. No objections were received.

EB18-031 – Belakovskaia - I move that Sean Manross becomes an additional member of the Outreach Committee in 5 days with no objection. PASSED Without Objection

Mike Nietman moved on November 14, 2017, by e-mail objections procedure the addition of Sandeep Alampalli to the Chess in Education Committee. No objections were received.

EB18-032 – Nietman - I move by 5-day objections procedure to add Sandeep Alampalli (14815042) as a student member to the Chess in Education Committee. PASSED Without Objection

Carol Meyer noted that the current office copier needs to be replaced as it can no longer be serviced due to scarcity of parts. She moved that a new copier lease and maintenance contract be authorized.

EB18-033 – Meyer - I move that the Executive Director be authorized to contract for a 60-month new copier lease totaling \$11,340, with maintenance costs based on estimated usage of \$17,190 over 60 months. PASSED 6-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

The following two motions updated the administrator for the USCF brokerage account to reflect the transition of Executive Directors. Carol Meyer moved to be authorized to be the administrator for the account by e-mail on December 12, 2017. The vote concluded on December 19. Allen Priest moved, also on December 12, to remove Jean Hoffman as administrator of the account. The vote was completed on December 23.

EB18-034 – Meyer - I move that the Executive Board authorize Carol Meyer to be added as an authorized account administrator with Edward Jones Co. on behalf of the United States Chess Federation. PASSED 7-0

EB18-035 – Priest - I move that the Executive Board remove Jean Hoffman as an authorized account administrator with Edward Jones Co. on behalf of the United States Chess Federation. PASSED 7-0

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on December 23, 2017, the acceptance of the minutes of the November, 2017, EB meeting. Voting was completed the next day

EB18-036 – Nietman - I move to accept the minutes to our November 2017 meeting. The minutes were previously distributed for review. PASSED 7-0

Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on December 21, 2017, to approve a contract for IT and Network infrastructure. The vote was completed on December 25.

EB18-037 – Meyer - I move that the Executive Director be authorized to contract with Epsilon to provide IT and network management services for US Chess which will include hosting and maintenance of virtual servers. The estimated one time implementation costs are \$13,500. The maintenance and support will be on a month to month basis and the arrangement can be canceled at any time. The estimated current ongoing monthly maintenance and support costs are \$3,710. PASSED 7-0

At the request of the Senior Chess Committee, Chuck Unruh moved by e-mailed Objections Procedure on January 4, 2018, to add the word “National” to the Tournament of Senior State Champions. The motion passed without objection on January 9.

EB18-038 – Unruh - EB 18-024 approved up to \$10,000 dollars for the Tournament of Senior State Champions. The events are one in the same with the addition of the word National. If there are no objections in 5 days, I request the addition of "National" in front of the word Tournament (EB 18-024.) PASSED Without Objection

The Executive Board met in Orlando, FL, on January 15, 2018. The following motions arose from that meeting.

Please note that motion EB18-039 originally passed with a clause that was removed by unanimous agreement afterwards. The wording below represents the final wording.

EB18-039 – Meyer - I move that the Executive Director be authorized to enter a 3-year contract with Skytel to provide phone services to US Chess. PASSED 7-0

EB18-040 – Priest - I move that the board of directors affirms a prior board of director’s policy requiring that the US Open end no later than August 15. However, given that US Chess had a US Open previously scheduled in St Louis that had to be moved due a hotel issue, our desire to hold that event in St Louis, and difficulty in finding a way to schedule a St Louis area US Open within the time guideline, we make a one-time exception to the policy and authorize the events staff to schedule the 2020 US Open in St Louis to end on August 16. PASSED 7-0

EB18-041 – Belakovskaia - I move that US Chess authorize \$5,000 in additional funds for the Women’s Chess Fund (“WCF”) created and approved by EB17-041-Priest with a vote of 6-0 in favor. An anonymous gift was received by US Chess to offset the additional requested funds. WCF is authorized to spend up to the aforementioned amount in support of volunteer activities at US Chess events. Furthermore, Women’s committee members shall submit detailed expense reports with receipts to the Committee Chair and Executive Director for their approval of the requested reimbursements no later than sixty days after the event. PASSED 7-0

Anjelina Belakovskaia moved to support the Regional Women's Championships by providing free TLAs to organizers of those events in 2018. A motion to table passed and the motion was tabled.

EB18-042 – Belakovskaia - I move that US Chess support the new Regional Women's Championships - a movement recently initiated throughout the U.S., by providing the organizers of those events with free online TLAs during 2018, to encourage growth in the under-represented segment of US Chess female membership. TABLED

Anjelina Belakovskaia moved to reduce TLA costs for organizers of local and state mixed doubles or women's events or who offer women's prizes in their events. A motion to table passed and the motion was tabled.

EB18-043 – Belakovskaia - I move for US Chess to promote and encourage inclusion of female and mix doubles prizes in local and state tournaments, by offering 15% reduction in TLA cost to the organizers who offers women/girls prizes, mix doubles and/or for all female events, to incentivize the organizers to attract more female players to the game of chess and increase female participation at events. TABLED

Anjelina Belakovskaia moved to support 2018 FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled with a \$1,000 donation (EB18-044). After discussion, Mike Nietman moved to substitute the wording in EB18-045 for the original wording.

EB18-044 – Belakovskaia - I move that US Chess authorize a \$1,000 contribution to support 2018 FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled that will be organized and run in the United States. Such contribution is aligned with one of the main US Chess Core Values of Accessibility - "Chess can and should be enjoyed by individuals regardless of social and economic status or physical and developmental capability". SUBSTITUTE WORDING PASSED (See **EB18-045**)

EB18-045 – Nietman - I move to substitute that US Chess authorize \$1000 for two \$500 grants to the top two rated US Chess members pre-registered to the 2018 FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled. The \$1000 is coming from donations and if not received, the stipends will not be paid. PASSED 6-0-1 with Allen Priest abstaining.

EB18-046 – Unruh - I move that the Executive Board create a "US Chess Accessibility and Special Circumstances: Person of the Year Award." The award name change complies with the recommendations of A&SCC, Executive Director and the Executive Board as requested in NDM 17-01. PASSED 7-0

At the request of TDCC Chair Alex Relyea, Mike Hoffpauir moved the addition of NTD Maret Thorpe to the TDCC on January 17, 2018 by e-mailed objections procedure. No objections were received.

EB18-047 – Hoffpauir - If there are no objections NTD Maret Thorpe will become part of the TDCC effective Tuesday, January 23rd. PASSED Without Objection

Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on January 18, 2018, to update signatories on US Chess bank accounts. The vote was completed on January 27.

EB18-048 – Meyer - I move that the office be directed to remove Francisco Guadalupe and Jerry Nash as signatories to US Chess bank accounts and that Boyd Reed be added as a signatory to same. PASSED 7-0

Carol Meyer moved on January 25, 2018, to approve a long term contract for trophies with Trophies Plus. The vote was completed on January 27.

EB18-049 – Meyer - I move that the Executive Director be authorized to contract with Trophies Plus to provide US Chess with trophies for its events through SuperNationals 2021. PASSED 7-0

The chairmanship of the Military Chess Committee was being transferred from retired US Navy Captain Thomas Belke to US Army Colonel David Hater by mutual agreement. As liaison to the committee Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mail on January 30, 2018, to change the chairs. The vote was completed the same day.

EB18-050 – Hoffpauir - I move for the Executive Board to accept the resignation of Captain (Ret) Thomas Belke as Chairperson of the Military Chess Committee, and I further move for the Executive Board to approve Colonel (Ret) David Hater as the new Chairperson. PASSED 7-0

Mike Atkins resigned as chair of the Clock Working Group. Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mail objections procedure on 1/25/18 to remove Mike Atkins from that position. Without objection the motion would pass on 01/16/18

EB18-051 – Hoffpauir – Mike Atkins has submitted his resignation as Co-Chair of the Clock Working Group. Ryan Velez and Dan Rohde remain as Co-Chairs. PASSED Without Objection

After extensive discussion the Scholastic Council has submitted its recommendations for the 2018 National Scholastic

Chess Tournament Regulations. Mike Nietman moved their acceptance on February 04, 2018, by e-mail. The vote was completed on February 09.

EB18-052 – Nietman - I move that we accept the revised Scholastic Regulations as proposed by the Scholastic Council. PASSED 7-0

At the request of Chess in Education Committee Chair Renate Otterbach Mike Nietman moved to add Saul Ramirez to the Chess in Education Committee by e-mailed objections procedure on February 9, 2018.

EB18-053 – Nietman - I move that Saul Ramirez will become a member of the Chess in Education Committee in 5 days with no objections. PASSED Without Objection

At the request of Scholastic Council co-chair Sunil Weeramantry, Mike Nietman moved on February 09 by e-mail Objections Procedure to add Mark Wood to the Scholastic Committee. The motion would automatically take effect if no objections were received by February 14.

EB18-054 – Nietman - I move that Mark Wood will become a member of the Scholastic Committee in 5 days with no objections. PASSED Without Objection

At the request of Clubs Committee Co-Chair Frank Niro, Anjelina Belakovskaia moved by e-mail objections procedure on February 14, 2018, to add Eric Yussman to the Clubs Committee.

EB18-055 – Belakovskaia - I move that Eric Yussman of Louisville (ID #12478327) will become a member of the Clubs committee in 5 days with no objections. PASSED Without Objection

At the request of TDCC Vice Chair Jeff Wiewel, Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mail objections procedure on February 14, 2018, to add Franc Guadalupe to the TDCC

EB18-056 – Hoffpauir – I move that NTD and IA Francisco (Franc) Guadalupe of Texas be added to the TDCC effective Tuesday, Feb 20th, after a 5-day period to see whether any EB member has objections to be discussed. PASSED Without Objection

The US Chess Executive Board met by telephone conference call on February 27, 2018. Four motions arose in closed session and were then read in open session. Two of the motions involved tournament vendor bids and the other two involved a membership suspension.

EB18-057 – Board – The Executive Board moves to authorize Executive Director Carol Meyer to accept the bid for tournament T-shirts from Northwest Design for our 2018-2021 events. PASSED 6-0-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia abstaining. This motion was reconsidered the next day and a substitute (EB18-061) passed on March 6. President Mike Hoffpauir explained that “As regards EB18-057, on February 28, 2018 (the day after the EB conference call), Anjelina Belakovskaia highlighted an error in the calculations that appeared to have substantial implications on EB18-057. The error was confirmed and corrected by the Director of Events. Mike Nietman moved by e-mail to reconsider EB18-057. The vote for reconsideration passed 7-0. On March 1, 2018, Anjelina Belakovskaia offered a substitute motion to accept the bid of Fine Designs. Mike Nietman, as the maker of EB18-057, accepted the substitute, which passed 7-0 on March 6, 2018.”

EB18-058 – Board – The Executive Board moves to authorize Executive Director Carol Meyer to accept the flat fee bid for the tournament bookstore vendor from House of Staunton/US Chess Sales for our 2018-2019 events with two one year options. PASSED 6-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia opposed.

EB18-059 – Board – The Executive Board moves to approve the action of the Executive Director in suspending the membership of Mr. Leonard Fusselman (US Chess ID: 13687096). PASSED 7-0

EB18-060 – Board – The Executive Board moves that we suspend the membership of Mr. Leonard Fusselman (US Chess ID: 13687096) with cause under Article III Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws until such time as his case is

adjudicated. This would also suspend him as a tournament director. PASSED 7-0

EB18-061 – Nietman, Belakovskaia – The Executive Board moves to authorize Executive Director Carol Meyer to accept the bid for tournament T-shirts from Fine Designs for our 2018-2021 events. PASSED 7-0

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on March 4, 2018, the acceptance of the minutes of the January, 2018, EB meeting. The vote was completed the next day.

EB18-062 – Nietman – I move that we accept the minutes to the January 13-15, 2018, Executive Board meeting that were previously distributed. PASSED 7-0

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on March 28, 2018, to accept the minutes of the February 27 EB Conference Call. Voting was completed the next day.

EB18-063 – Nietman – I move to accept the minutes of our February 27 conference call as previously distributed. PASSED 7-0

Mike Hoffpauir moved on April 1, 2018 to approve the signed copy of the agreement with the US Chess Trust. The agreement had already been signed by the Trust. The vote was completed the following day.

EB18-064 – Hoffpauir – I move that the agreement between the US Chess Federation and Chess Trust, signed by both parties, be approved as is and implemented with an effective date retroactive to Feb 1, 2018. PASSED 7-0

Anjelina Belakovskaia, as Liaison to the Outreach Committee, at the request of Outreach Committee Chair Myron Lieberman moved by e-mailed objections procedure on April 20 to add Abel Talamantez to the Outreach Committee. Two objections were received due to a question about his membership and withdrawn when the question was resolved. He joins the Outreach Committee on April 25

EB18-065 – Belakovskaia – I move to add Abel Talamantez to the Outreach Committee. PASSED Without Objection.

Mike Nietman, at the request of Chess in Education Committee Chair Renate Otterbach, moved on April 21, 2018, by e-mail objections procedure, the addition of Bruce R. Davis, Sr., to the Chess in Education Committee.

EB18-066 – Nietman – I move that Bruce R. Davis, Sr. (10153743) will become a member of the Chess in Education Committee in 5 days with no objections. PASSED Without Objection.

The US Chess Executive Board met at the Galt House in Louisville, KY, on May 19 and 20, 2018. Four motions were discussed in closed session and read into the record in open session on May 20. They were:

EB18-067 – Board – The Executive Board moves to adopt the following transgender policy as provided by legal counsel: Allow a person to identify as they choose, and allow each person one change to their gender identification. If an individual attempts a second change to gender identification, at that time the individual must provide US Chess a birth certificate, and the birth gender indicated on the birth certificate will be used to determine gender for US Chess purposes. PASSED 7-0 - Please note: This motion was distributed to the US Chess mailing list, where its effective date was noted as May 25, 2018.

EB18-068 – Board – The Executive Board moves to submit the following ADM for 2018: Amend Article VII, Section 1 of the US Chess Bylaws to read: The Executive Board shall appoint an Executive Director. The Executive Board shall also give approval to the hiring of a chief financial officer and a communications director by the Executive Director. PASSED 7-0

EB18-069 – Priest – I move to accept the 2018-2019 budget as presented. The budget must be presented to the delegates for approval. PASSED 7-0

EB18-070 – Board – The Executive Board names the following 2018 award winners: PASSED 7-0

2018 US CHESS AWARDS

- a. Distinguished Service Award – Gary Walters (OH)
- b. Outstanding Career Achievement Award – Jim Nickell (WI), Guy Hoffman (WI), Jim Eade (CA)

- c. Special Services Award – Richard Reich (WI), Eduardo Bauza Mercere (NY)
- d. Meritorious Services Award – Brad Phillips (WI), Fred Lange (WI), Randy Bubolz (WI), Jerry Neugarten (IL)
- e. Committee of the Year – Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee
- f. Chess City of the Year – Charlotte, NC
- g. Koltanowski Awards
 - i. Gold – Dewain Barber (CA)
 - ii. Silver – Two Sigma, Richard and Barbara Schiffrin (PA)
- h. Scholastic Service Award
 - i. Individual – Elizabeth Shaughnessy (CA)
- i. Organizer of the Year – Sophia Rohde (NY), Glenn Panner (IL)
- j. Frank J. Marshall Award – Viktors Pupols (WA), Franc Guadalupe (TX)
- k. Grandmaster of the Year – GM Fabiano Caruana (MO)
- l. Honorary Chess Mate – Bonnie Guadalupe (TX), Edith Just (IL)
- m. Chess Club of the Year – Bay Area Chess, Inc (CA)
- n. Chess College of the Year – University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
- o. Tournament Director of the Year – Chris Bird (MA)
- p. Tournament Director Lifetime Achievement Award – Erv Sedlock (FL)
- q. Outstanding Player Achievement Award – Andrew Karklins (IL), GM Timur Gareyev (KS)
- r. Outstanding Team Performance Award – 2017 US World Cadet Team
- s. Woman Chessplayer of the Year Award – WGM Sabina Foisor (NC)
- t. Special Friend of US Chess – Flynn Sign Co., Inc. (TN)
- u. Accessibility and Special Circumstances Person of the Year – Michael Lenox (IL), Michael Aigner (CA)

The following three motions arose in the May 20 open session of the meeting.

EB18-071 – Nietman – I move to add Andrew Schley and Jonathon Lee Singler to the College Chess Committee. PASSED 7-0

EB18-072 – Nietman – I move to add Phillip J. Simpkins, Jr. Esq., Ret. (DE) (12409855) to the Chess in Education Committee. PASSED 7-0

EB18-073 – Nietman – I move to change the name of the Website Advisory Committee to “Information Technology Advisory Committee”. PASSED 7-0

FIDE’s presidential election is rapidly approaching and there will be a new President of FIDE (Kirsan I. is not a candidate.). Each presidential candidate runs with a ticket that includes many other officers. The vote is for the entire ticket. Ruth Haring has requested that the US support Nigel Short’s nomination. Nigel Short’s ticket, which includes Ruth Haring, will compete against at least two other candidates. Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mail on June 30 to support Nigel Short’s nomination. The vote was completed on July 1.

EB18-074 – Hoffpauir – I move that the Executive Board support the Nomination Form of the Nigel Short Ticket as provided by US Chess Member Ruth Haring, and that the EB authorize the US Chess President to sign the Nomination Form and forward it to Ms. Haring. PASSED 7-0

Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on June 30, 2018, the approval of the minutes of the May 19-20 EB meeting. Voting was completed on July 6, 2018.

EB18-075 – Nietman – I move to accept the attached minutes of the May 19-20, 2018, Executive Board meeting. PASSED 7-0

A challenge regarding the seating of the State Chapter for Connecticut (CSCA) by a group that wishes to replace them as State Chapter (RCSCA) will be considered by the Delegates. A closed session EB discussion took place by e-mail. One motion came out of that discussion, which was documented in an e-mail on July 9, 2018. Based on that discussion a letter was prepared for the Delegates on July 6, 2018, that provided the details of the application by the RCSCA (which was filed on May 29, 2018), their credentials, the response by the CSCA, the Bylaws involved, and the Executive Board’s recommendations. President Mike Hoffpauir made the motion and signed the letter.

EB18-076 – Hoffpauir – I move that the attached Letter of Recommendation from the US Chess Executive Board to the Delegates, and its two Enclosures, be approved and distributed to the Delegates in accordance with Article VIII, Section

1 of the US Chess ByLaws. PASSED 7-0

At the request of Committee Chair Janelle Losoff, Lakshmana Viswanath moved to add Dr. Stephanie Beth Berk to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (ASCC) by e-mailed objections procedure on July 25, 2018. The motion passed without objections on July 30, 2018.

EB18-077 – Viswanathan – I move to add Dr. Stephanie Beth Berk to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee, with no objections and the usual five day waiting period. PASSED without objections.

The EB met in closed session on August 2, 2018. No motions arose from that meeting. The following motions were made at the open session EB meeting that followed:

EB18-078 – Belakovskaia – I move to amend motion EB17-052 to read as follows: For US Chess to provide annual support for travel and hotel accommodations for the US Chess Senior Team participation in the FIDE World Senior Team Championship (ages 50+) and in the amount of up to \$3,000 per participant (up to 5 players), with the total amount not to exceed \$15,000. Players' selection criteria, invitational cut-off dates and other guidelines shall generally follow the same requirements as for Olympiad and World Team, and be added to the "US Chess Invitational Requirements" accordingly. Team Members shall actively contribute in identifying additional funding sources and help US Chess to advance the goal of growing the game, through providing free post-event article(s) about their experience with annotated games to our Publications Department and increase participation in promoting chess around the U.S. FAILED 1-5-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia in favor and Lakshmana Viswanath abstaining.

EB18-079 – Belakovskaia – I move to amend Motion EB16-042 by Allen Priest – to read as follows: US Chess to provide a \$1,000 travel stipend to the highest finishing US flagged players in US Senior Open in each of four categories – open age 50+, open age 65+, female age 50+ and female age 65+, as well as to the Winner of the National Senior Tournament of Champions. 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. FAILED 1-5-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia in favor and Lakshmana Viswanath abstaining.

At the request of Committee Chair Steve Frymer, Chuck Unruh moved to add David Leclair to the Prison Chess Committee on August 3, 2018. Secretary Mike Nietman indicated that this can be done when the new Board reviews committees on August 5.

The following motions were made in closed session on August 3, 2018, and read into a special open session on Saturday, August 4 before the Delegates Meeting. All were Board motions and were passed unanimously. The EB also presented its wording for the EB response on the Connecticut State Affiliate issue. The Delegates agreed to suspend their rules to consider that issue as the first item of new business, before the motions from the Membership Meeting.

EB18-080 – Board – The Executive Board moves to deny the appeal of Adam Kutikoff and uphold the Ethics Committee recommendation in the case of Scott v. Kutikoff, Kutikoff and Hauser. PASSED 7-0

EB18-081 – Board – The Executive Board moves to deny the appeal of Bruce Kutikoff and uphold the Ethics Committee recommendation in the case of Scott v. Kutikoff, Kutikoff and Hauser. PASSED 7-0

EB18-082 – Board – The Executive Board moves to deny the appeal of Christian Hauser and uphold the Ethics Committee recommendation in the case of Scott v. Kutikoff, Kutikoff and Hauser. PASSED 7-0

APPENDIX A – US CHESS COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

See motion EB18-002. Please note that some Delegate appointed committees name their own chairs and the chair was listed as TBD (To Be Determined) in the motion. This list includes those chairs that became known after the motion passed. This year an Alternate Board Liaison was named for each committee. Please note: The list of Chairs and Liaisons may be modified by subsequent motions and will be updated throughout the year as needed. Changes are indicated by a * by the committee name.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	PRIMARY LIAISON	ALTERNATE LIAISON
ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES*	Janelle Losoff Sean Manross Vice Chair	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)	Chuck Unruh
AFFILIATES*	TBA	TBA	TBA
ANTI-CHEATING	Mike Atkins	Mike Hoffpaur	Hal Sprechman
AUDIT (DEL)	TBD	Chuck Unruh	Allen Priest
AWARDS	John Donaldson	Mike Nietman	Hal Sprechman
BARBER TOURNAMENT OF K-8 CHAMPIONS	Jon Haskel, Stephen Shutt Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)
BYLAWS (DEL)	Harold J. Winston, Guy Hoffman Co-Chairs, Richard Koepeke Vice-Chair	Allen Priest	Mike Hoffpaur
CHESS IN EDUCATION	Renate Otterbach	Mike Nietman	Anjelina Belakovskaia
CLOCK WORKING GROUP	Ryan Velez, Dan Rohde Co-Chairs	Mike Hoffpaur	Allen Priest
CLUBS	William Barela, Frank Niro Co-Chairs	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Hal Sprechman
COLLEGE CHESS	Al Lawrence	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpaur
CRAMER AWARDS	Frank Brady	Allen Priest	Chuck Unruh
DENKER INVITATIONAL	Stephen Shutt, Jon Haskel Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)
ELECTION (DEL)	Ken Ballou	Mike Nietman	Allen Priest
ETHICS (DEL)*	David Hater (Per 18-011)	Mike Hoffpaur	Hal Sprechman
FIDE EVENTS	Carol Jarecki	Mike Hoffpaur	Hal Sprechman
FINANCE	Jim Bedenbaugh	Chuck Unruh	Allen Priest
FORUM	Robert Messenger	Allen Priest	L. Viswanath (Vish)
HALL OF FAME*	Harold J. Winston John Donaldson Vice-Chair	Chuck Unruh	Mike Hoffpaur
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	Michael Khodarkovsky	Allen Priest	Mike Hoffpaur
MEMBERSHIP ACQUISITION AND RETENTION TASK FORCE	John McCrary	Chuck Unruh	Mike Nietman
MILITARY*	David Hater (Per 18-050)	Mike Hoffpaur	Chuck Unruh
NATIONAL EVENT ADVISORY	TBD	Allen Priest	Mike Hoffpaur
OUTREACH	Myron Lieberman	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Chuck Unruh
PPHB FUND MANAGEMENT	John Donaldson	Chuck Unruh	Allen Priest

PRISON	Steve Frymer	Chuck Unruh	L. Viswanath (Vish)
PUBLICATIONS	John Hartmann	Allen Priest	Chuck Unruh
RATINGS	Mark Glickman	Mike Hoffpauir	Anjelina Belakovskaia
RULES	David Kuhns, Al Losoff Co-Chairs	Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest
SCHOLASTIC CHESS COUNCIL	Sunil Weeramantry, Russell Harwood Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)
SENIOR	David Grimaud	Chuck Unruh	Hal Sprechman
STATES	Guy Hoffman	Chuck Unruh	Hal Sprechman
TOP PLAYERS*	Tatev Abrahamyan, Robert Hess Co-Chairs	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Allen Priest
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (TDCC)*	Alex Relyea Jeff Wiewel Vice-Chair	Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest
US CHESS DEVELOPMENT	TBD	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Mike Hoffpauir
US OPEN	Hal Terrie III	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpauir
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY (FORMERLY WEBSITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE)*	Anand Dommalapati, GP Sinha Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Anjelina Belakovskaia
WOMEN'S CHESS	Maureen Grimaud	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Chuck Unruh

Allen Priest replaced Mike Hoffpauir as Alternate Liaison of the Top Players Committee on Motion 18-007.

John Donaldson was named Vice-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee on Motion 18-008.

David Hater was named Chair of the Ethics Committee on Motion 18-011

Jeff Wiewel was named Vice-Chair of the TDCC on Motion 18-009.

The Affiliates Committee was created by Motion 18-025.

Sean Manross was named Vice Chair of the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee on Motion 18-027.

US Army Colonel David Hater was named Chair of the Military Chess Committee on Motion 18-050.

Mike Atkins resigned as Co-Chair of the Clock Working Group. See Motion 18-051.

The name of the Website Advisory Committee was changed to the Information Technology Advisory Committee on Motion 18-073.