

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2017 US CHESS BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

(Revised August 16, 2018)

The 2017 Delegates' Meeting was held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA on August 5th - 6th, 2017. This document is an overview of the meeting and includes the official documentation of motions. More details and the discussions may be found in the video files located on the US Chess website.

SESSION I – Saturday, August 5, 2017

At 9:00am, Saturday, August 5, 2017, Executive Board President Gary Walters called the meeting to order. Jay Stallings called the roll. A quorum was present.

A list of names was read and a moment of silence observed for those of the chess community who had passed on in the last year. (See Appendix A)

DM 17- 01/ADM 17-01 (Harold Winston, IL): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and are present in person at this meeting. (Myron Lieberman, AZ; Beatriz Marinello, NY)
PASSED

DM 17-02/ADM 17-02 (Harold Winston, DAL- IL): Move that the minutes of the 2016 Delegates meeting, as available to the Delegates present in Norfolk, VA be accepted.
PASSED

DM 17-03/ADM 17-03 (Gary Walters, OH) Move that Ken Ballou be appointed parliamentarian.
PASSED

DM 17-04/ADM 17-04 (Gary Walters, OH) Move the Delegates approve the advance agenda for the 2017 Delegates' Meeting and approve the standing rules as printed in the Delegates' Call. **ADM 17- 29 and ADM 17-30 ruled duplicative by Parliamentarian and struck by President.**
PASSED

Ken Ballou, Election Committee Chair, made the following motion as he presented the Executive Board election results:

DM 17-05/ADM 17-05 (Ken Ballou, MA, Election Committee) The Delegates certify the Executive Board election results. The new Executive Board members elected to full three-year terms will take office at the conclusion of this meeting. The candidate elected to fill the existing Executive Board vacancy will take office upon passage of this motion.

Election results:

4,212 ballots mailed; 1,221 ballots returned by deadline

Mike Nietman – 830
Allen Priest – 776
Hal Sprechman – 654
Lakshmana Viswanath – 578
Ryan Velez – 555
Fun Fong – 544
Others – 95

PASSED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

Report of the President

Gary Walters
In Annual Report, page 4

Report of the Vice-President of Finance

Allen Priest
In Annual Report, page 8-9

DM 17-06/ADM 17-06 (Executive Board) The 2017-2018 budget as presented by the Vice President of Finance is adopted.

PASSED

Report of the Executive Director

Jean Hoffman
In Annual Report, page 6-7

DM 17-07/NDM 17-04 (Kenneth Ballou, MA)

The Delegates express their gratitude and appreciation for Jean Hoffman's leadership of US Chess and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Taken up by Delegates at conclusion of Executive Director's Report.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

Report of the Director of Publications

Director of Publications Dan Lucas' report focused on the relevance of Chess Life today as the publication passed its 70th anniversary in 2016. Describing as an "embarrassment of riches", Mr. Lucas conveyed how difficult it can be for Publications to choose from so many great articles, stories and pictures that the US Chess community has to offer. He expressed appreciation for the recognition by the journalist of peers and awards Chess Life has received for art work as well as articles. Other topics discussed were the changes made in Chess Life Kids, the annual ballot, the Delegates Call; and the Annual Report. He also introduced Publications' new Assistant Editor, Melinda Matthews.

Report of the Chairman of the U.S. Chess Trust

Harold Winston, Chairman and CEO of U.S. Chess Trust, reported on the successful programs the Trust supports including the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, and the National Girls Tournament of Champions as well as their donations of US Chess memberships and chess sets to American schools. The Trust also

continues to be the main sponsor of the Scholar Chess Player program with the support of Sunil Weeramantry's National Scholastic Chess Foundation, administers the Samford Fellowship program, and supports the Pan-American Intercollegiate and the Collegiate Final Four with donations from Two Sigma and Booz Allen Hamilton. Mr. Winston recognized the passing of Walter Buehl and his generous bequest to the U.S. Chess Trust. He expressed appreciation and thanks for the successful "meet and greet" organized by Maureen Grimaud, the continued commitment and work of Mike Hoffpauir, Mark Herman, the U.S. Chess Trust officers, trustees and staff as well as the many donations the Delegates have given and continue to give to support chess in America. (See U.S. Chess Trust's full report on page 42 in the 2017 Delegates Call.)

Report of the FIDE Zonal President

The FIDE Zonal President, Ruth Haring, reported on results of national and international/FIDE events, US Chess players and team achievements and titles earned, how the US Chess' FIDE representatives and the Board work together, US Chess' "holistic" plan, and the upcoming FIDE Congress meeting in October to be held in Turkey. (See the FIDE Zonal President's full report on page 30-31 in the 2017 Delegates Call.)

ELECTION OF DELEGATE APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Allen Priest, Executive Board Vice President of Finance, introduced the following motion:

DM 17-08/NDM 17-09 (Allen Priest, KY) Audit Committee: Move that the Delegates appoint the following persons as the 2018 Audit Committee: Carl Dolson, IN; Jon Haskel, FL.
PASSED

Harold Winston introduced the following motion:

DM 17-09/NDM 17-10 (Harold Winston, IL) Bylaws Committee: Move that the Delegates appoint the following persons as the 2018 Bylaws Committee: Guy Hoffman, WI; Richard Koepcke, N-CA; John McCrary, SC; Robert Messenger, MA; Gerald Larson, AL; Myron Lieberman, AZ; David Mehler, MD; Gary Kitts, MI; Robert Persante, FL; Randy Hough, S-CA; Harold Winston, IL; James Mennella, S-CA; Steve Immitt, NY; Gary Walters, OH.
PASSED

Harold Winston introduced the following motion:

DM 17-10/ADM17-01b (Harold Winston, IL) The Delegates elect former US Chess Secretary F. Woodrow Harris a Delegate at Large under Art. V sec. 8A of the Bylaws.
PASSED

Ken Ballou introduced the following motion:

DM 17-11/NDM 17-11 (Ken Ballou, MA) Election Committee: Move that the Delegates appoint the following persons as the 2018 Election Committee: Kenneth Ballou, MA; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Kenneth Sloan, AL; Andrew Thall, OH; Alternate: Alex Relyea, NH.
PASSED

Harold Stenzel introduced the following motion:

DM 17-12/NDM 17-12 (Harold Stenzel, NY) Ethics Committee: Move that the Delegates appoint the following persons as the 2018 Ethics Committee: Harold Stenzel, NY; Kenneth Ballou, MA; Richard Buchanan, CO; David Hater, GA; Henry Terrie, NH; Andrew Thall, OH; David Day, UT; Randall Hough, S-CA; Paul Kolojeski, NH; Harold Scott, NY; James Mennella, S-CA.

PASSED

Chuck Unruh, Executive Board Vice President and LMA Trust Chairman, thanked all the trustees in the past year for their dedicated service and introduced the following two motions:

DM 17-13/NDM 17-13 (Chuck Unruh, OK) LMA Trust: Recommends that the following trustees be re-elected as the 2018 LMA Trust/Board of Trustees: Frank Camaratta; Steve Doyle; Jim Bedenbaugh; Leroy Dubeck; Dov Gorman; Beatriz Marinello, Allen Priest, Tim Redman, Peter Dyson, Alex Relyea, Chuck Unruh.

PASSED

DM 17-14/ADM 17-07 (Chuck Unruh, OK)

The US Chess Delegates elect as Trustees of the LMA Trust those persons recommended in the LMA Trust report. The LMA Trust elects its own officers.

PASSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due to time constraints all committee reports will be included in this year's *Delegates' Call* or distributed as handouts at the meeting.

Allen Priest called on Mike Nietman, Executive Board Secretary, to speak. Mr. Nietman read a list of states that have not identified a women's coordinator at the request of the Women's Committee. Maureen Grimaud, Women's Chess Committee chair, specified the criteria for the women's coordinators.

Allen Priest opened the floor in regard to committee reports that needed to be presented at this time. There were no further comments. Mr. Priest informed everyone reports were printed and covered in workshops.

OLD BUSINESS

Harold Winston introduced the following motion:

DM 17-15/ADM 17-08 (Harold Winston, IL) Pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2016- 2017 and authorize their continuation.

PASSED

Harold Winston introduced the following motion:

DM 17-16/ADM 17-09 (Harold Winston, IL) The Delegates have reviewed the financial information about expenditures and the status of funds in the Players Health and Benefits Fund and approve the report on those items, a report required by DM 11-51.

PASSED

Allen Priest addressed the following motion on behalf of the Executive Board. The Executive Board moved to drop ADM 17-10.

ADM 17-10 (DM16-18/ADM 16-14 (DM 15-51/ADM 15-56) (Steve Immitt, NY)

Resolved: For the calendar year 2017, USCF membership requirements shall be waived for sections of tournaments with time controls totaling 11 to 29 minutes (quick rated), if the tournaments are submitted online within seven days of the tournament's ending date. All players in these sections must have valid USCF ID numbers in order for the sections to be rated and the tournament must have a Chief Tournament Director certified at the appropriate level of certification according to the number of players in the tournament.

Rationale: Players rated under non-USCF rating systems, particularly in state and national scholastic tournaments, often make running such tournaments problematic. This would provide an incentive for players to achieve USCF Quick or Blitz ratings, especially if minimum rating requirements are desired for the national scholastics. The USCF Quick/Blitz ratings can be used to assign estimated ratings more accurately than some non-USCF ratings to players without regular ratings, for the purposes of pairing and prizes.

This also opens the door for some states and school districts which do not permit students to compete in activities which impose additional membership requirements in order to participate. Some of these players are likely to transition to playing in regular-rated, membership-required tournaments, especially if USCF promotes these events through emails and its website.

The Quick Rating System has historically been underutilized and this would help to promote Quick-rated events.

Removing membership requirements for a specific segment of USCF's services would help to underscore USCF's commitment to its mission as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD in 2015

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2016

DROPPED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2017

President Walters called on Mike Hoffpauir, Executive Board Member at Large, to address ADM 17-11 on behalf the Executive Board. The motion was amended to correct effective year. David Grimaud presented the outline of the idea for a Tournament of Senior State Champions at future U.S. Opens beginning in 2018 in Madison, WI. Harold Winston (IL), Allen Priest (KY), Andrew Rea (VA), Eric Vigil (IA), and Sandeep Alampalli (NY) commented on the tournament along with Dewain Barber who stated, "this was good for chess". The Delegates agreed with acclamation. Ernie Schlich (VA) called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-17/ADM 17-11 (DM 16-67/NDM 16-11(NM2-F102) David Grimaud, SC; as amended)

PROPOSAL FOR TOURNAMENT OF SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONS: A new "Tournament of Senior State Champions" shall be added as an additional event for future U.S. Opens beginning in 2018. This tournament shall consist of one senior U.S. Chess member (50 years of age or older) designated by each state affiliate as its champion. This motion is to be referred to the Executive Board for further study with power to implement.

Rationale: This tournament has several benefits: 1) It enhances participation of senior chess at the state level, and thus aids US Chess. 2) It brings the senior state champions throughout the US together into one competition. 3) It honors an important segment of our

membership.

4) It likely increases the number of hotel room-nights at the US Open. 5) Finally, costs and efforts will be marginal to US Chess as this ground has already been effectively plowed by the Danker/Barber/National Girls tournaments.

REFERRED TO THE US OPEN COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2016

PASSED in 2017

Mike Nietman addressed ADM 17-12 on behalf of the Office. Mr. Nietman and Allen Priest commented on hotel accommodations and contracts for future events. Anjelina Belakovskaia, Executive Board Member at Large, also added to their comments. Ken Ballou (MA) moved to postpone the motion indefinitely.

DM 17-18/ADM 17-12 (DM 16-62/ADM 16-60 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY; Bill Goichberg, NY) The Delegates request that alternative locations be selected after our contractual obligations with the Gaylord Opryland have been exhausted.

Rationale: While the Gaylord Opryland is one of a select number of places capable of hosting our annual large scholastics, it is certainly not the only one. The costs involved to go there can be very prohibitive— it can cost a family of four over \$2,000 depending on the airfare, for example. The airlines have apparently become attuned to a spike in a demand which is more noticeable in a smaller market the size of Nashville (as opposed to a market with a larger airport), and they respond with corresponding price increases. The lines are also very long for most of the food concessions, and the prices are very expensive. Even the sales tax in Nashville is over 9%!

While Gaylord Opryland may be one of the very few locations capable of hosting the Super Nationals, the sponsors believe that there are other suitable sites available for the National Scholastics in the other three years in between the Super Nationals.

Although the USCF was fortunate to enjoy a large turnout this year, that doesn't mean that other locations with more inexpensive access by plane would necessarily have drawn worse. Indeed, the high costs associated with Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, and the decreasing enthusiasm for re-experiencing the same details, might have resulted in an even larger turnout in an environment more cost-friendly, particularly to larger groups and families.

The sponsors understand that the USCF must honor its contractual obligations through 2021. What is less understandable is what appears to be the practice of extending this arrangement even further. If the rationale for continuing to schedule annual scholastics at Gaylord Opryland is because otherwise the room rates at future Super Nationals every four years would be even higher than they are currently, the Delegates feel that this is a sufficient reason to reduce the frequency of Super Nationals at Opryland in the future or even to stop holding them there completely.

The interests of the members and parents who continue to pay these costs would be better served by locations where the costs and air transportation limitations are less prohibitive. The interests of the members and parents who live near other large metropolitan areas with access to good air transportation are also better served with having the National Elementary Championship made more accessible to them as well.

REFERRED TO THE OFFICE FOR STUDY IN 2016

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY IN 2017

The meeting was recessed for the Awards luncheon until 2:00pm August 5, 2017.

SESSION II – Saturday, August 5, 2017

At 2:08pm the meeting was called to order by President Walters. He continued with Old Business and called on Mike Hoffpaur to address the following motion, ADM 17-13, on behalf of the Office. Gary Walters stated no further action was required on this motion.

DM 17-19/ADM 17-13 (DM 16-63/ADM 16-61 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY) The Delegates are in favor of the idea of instructional Tournament Directing seminars, especially for those interested in directing National Scholastics.

Rationale: Much of the knowledge needed to be a successful TD at the Nationals is very specialized and uniquely acquired through practical experience. It is not something one can assimilate in a general orientation session the night before a major event with over 1,000 children. Hands-on personal experience is essential and of great practical and lasting value.

The sponsors believe that US Chess members will benefit by having a more experienced and confident cadre of TDs, particularly at our flagship events. Events and activities which help to achieve this should be encouraged and actively promoted. This is especially important considering the importance of the mandate brought forth at the 2015 Membership Meeting: to pass down the acquired wisdom of the current and previous generations of US Chess Tournament Directors to succeeding ones.

REFERRED TO THE OFFICE IN 2016
(To be implemented by Events Department per EB)

President Walters called on Mike Nietman to address ADM 17-14 on behalf of the Office. Mr. Walters stated no further action was required on this motion.

DM 17-20/ADM 17-14 (DM 16-69/ NDM 16-13 (NM4-F116 Steve Immitt (NY)
US Chess website should give current (updated) links, with details to colleges that offer scholarships (full or partial) for chess.
REFERRED TO THE OFFICE IN 2016
(USChess.org to link to College Chess Committee website, per EB)

President Walters called on Allen Priest to address ADM 17-15 on behalf of the Office. Mr. Walters stated no further action was required on this motion.

DM 17-21/ADM 17-15 (DM 16-70/NDM 16-13 (NM5-F119 Andy Rea VA)
All sites for US Championships are to be compliant with the Americans for Disabilities Act.
Rationale: This is in accord with ADM 16-31.
REFERRED TO THE OFFICE IN 2016
(Office acting on ADA compliance, per EB)

President Walters called on Harold Winston, Bylaws Committee chair, to speak to ADM 17-16. Allen Priest (KY), Andy Rea (VA), Steve Immitt (NY), Sreenivas Alampalli (NY), Mike Nietman (WI), and Carl Haessler (OR) made comments along with other Delegates. Tim Just (IL) called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-22/ADM 17-16 (DM 16-68/NDM 16-12(NM3-F106 Randy Bauer IA, Alex Relyea

NH)

Amend Article VII Section 3 of the Bylaws to add the following sentence:

No committee chair may serve for more than 9 consecutive years.

REFERRED TO BYLAWS IN 2016

FAILED IN 2017 (21-48 with 6 abstentions)

Gary Walters called upon the chairs of the Bylaws and the States Committees to speak to ADM 17-17. Harold Winston addressed the motion. Comments were made by the following Delegates: Leila D'Aquin (LA); Guy Hoffman (WI); Dewain Barber (CA); Steve Morford (CA); Bob Messenger (MA); Sandeep Alampalli (NY); and Allen Priest (KY). Bob Messenger called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-23/ADM 17-17 (DM 16-73/NDM 16-16 (NM9 Leila D'Aquin LA)

Amend the first 2 sentences of Article V, section 2, of the Bylaws regarding number of delegates to provide as follows:

The Board of Delegates shall be composed of the Executive Board members, the Delegates at Large, and 150 Delegates, apportioned among the states in proportion of their resident. US Chess membership as of May 31 of the year, prior to delegates elections, except that each state must have at least 2 delegates, at least 1 of whom must be under the age of 40.

And amend Article V, section 3, of the Bylaws to provide that the number of alternate delegates shall be 150.

REFERRED TO BYLAWS AND STATES IN 2016

FAILED IN 2017

President Walters moved on to ADM 17-18 with Harold Winston addressing the motion. Guy Hoffman, States Committee chair, was also called upon to discuss the States' workshop report on this motion. Participating in the discussion were the following Delegates: John Hartmann (NE), Bob Messenger (MA), Andy Rea (VA), Sandeep Alampalli (NY), Bill Brock (IL), and Daniel Rohde (NY) along with other Delegates. Tim Just called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-24/ADM 17-18 - Substitute for ADM 17-17 (Harold Winston, IL)

Add a section 10 to Delegate Action of Continuing Interest 8, which deals with State Chapter Requirements and Recommendations as follows: "States having five or more Delegates are encouraged to select at least one Delegate under age 40 (age at time of Delegates meeting)."

Alternative wording would be: "State having four or more Delegates are encouraged to select at least one Delegate under age 40 (age at time of Delegates meeting)."

Rationale: We have many older Delegates and should encourage new blood. This is a recommendation, not a requirement. Many persons now active began being Delegates at younger ages. For example, I became a Delegate (then called Director) at age 25; Steve Doyle did as a teenager. State Chapters with five or more Delegates last year were N. California, S. California, Florida, Illinois, NY Downstate, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The following State Chapters had four delegates: NY Upstate, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia.

FAILED (27-44 with 6 abstentions)

President Walters proceeded to the next motion, ADM 17-19. David Kuhns, Rules Committee chair, reported on the status of this motion and the Rules' workshop results. He also brought attention to the Rules Committee Report in the 2017 Delegates Call and the additional hand-out to their report made available to everyone at the Delegates meeting. Bob Messenger (MA),

Steve Immitt (NY), and Ken Sloan (AL) commented on the motion along with other Delegates. Tim Just called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-25/ADM 17-19 (DM 16-27/ADM 16-25 (DM 15-47/ADM 15-52) (Kenneth Ballou, MA; Bob Messenger, MA; Thomas Langland, CA-N) Amend the Official Rules of Chess by deleting the following sentence from rule 15A: "The scoresheet shall be visible to the arbiter (tournament directors) and the opponent throughout the game." In its place, insert the following sentence: "The electronic scoresheet, scorebook, or paper scoresheet must be visible to the director and the opponent throughout the game." Recommend to the rulebook editor to add the following: "TD TIP: The score itself needs to be available to TDs when necessary but does not need to be visible at all times. Many scorebooks automatically close unless physically held open and many electronic scorekeeping devices show only the current position, require extra effort to go into scoresheet mode, must be taken out of scoresheet mode to record a move, and have a battery- saving measure to go dark when not in immediate use."

REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE in 2015

REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE in 2016

ADM 17-19 requires 2/3 vote to pass.

FAILED IN 2017 (37-28, 8 abstaining)

Prior to the next motion, President Walters recognized David Kuhns who brought attention to ADM 17-20 and ADM 17-21 as being the same rule and motion. Mr. Kuhns stated they may have been numbered incorrectly and should have been combined in the Delegates Call. He suggested to substitute ADM 17-21 for ADM 17-20. Ken Ballou withdrew ADM 17-20 in favor of ADM 17-21.

ADM 17-20 (DM 16-30/ADM 16-28 (DM 15-50/ADM 15-55) (Kenneth Ballou, MA) Amend the Official Rules of Chess by replacing the current text of rule 28L2 with the following. (Note that the underlined text indicates the proposed text to be added to rule 28L2 and is not intended as part of the formatting of the published rule. Also note that the current final sentence of rule 28L2 has been deleted in the replacement.)

28L2. Determination. In the first round, the bye is given to the player with the lowest USCF rating but not to an unrated player or a late entrant. In subsequent rounds, it is normally given to the lowest-rated player in the lowest score group but not to an unrated player. It is acceptable to give the bye to a higher rated player if doing so improves the overall color allocation for the lowest score group, subject to the limits specified in rules 29E5a and 29E5b. If there are no rated players eligible for the bye in the lowest score group, it is given to an unrated player who has played in a USCF-rated tournament too recently to obtain a published rating. If this, too, is impossible, a new player may be assigned the bye. See also 28J, The first round; 28S Reentries; 28L4, Full- point byes after half-point byes; 29E5a, The 80-point rule; and 29E5b, The 200-point rule.

REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE in 2015

REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE IN 2016

WITHDRAWN IN 2017 BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

President Walters proceeded with ADM 17-21. David Kuhns (MN) and Ken Ballou (MA) addressed the motion. The discussion that followed included Bob Messenger (MA), Ernie Schlich (VA), John Hartmann (NE), Garrett Scott (IL), Ken Sloan (AL), and Gerald Roberts (IN) along with other Delegates. Andrew Rea (VA) called the question.

DM 17-26/ADM 17-21 Substitute for ADM 17-20 (Rules Committee) 28L2. Determination. In the first round, the bye is given to the player with the lowest US Chess rating but not

to an unrated player or a late entrant. In subsequent rounds, it is given to the lowest-rated player in the lowest score group but not to an unrated player. If there are no rated players eligible for the bye in the lowest score group, it is given to an unrated player who has played in a US Chess-rated tournament too recently to obtain a published rating. If this, too, is impossible, a new player may be assigned the bye. New players should be indicated by *NEW* on the pairing card and wall chart. See also [28J, The first round](#); [28S, Reentries](#); and [28L4, Full-point byes after half-point byes](#).

Variation (unannounced) 28L2a. Give the bye to a higher rated player if doing so improves the overall color allocation for the lowest score group, subject to the limits specified in rules 29E5a and 29E5b. See also 29E5a, The 80-point rule; and 29E5b, The 200-point rule. Motion requires 2/3 vote to pass.

PASSED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR ADM 17-20 (64-6, 6 abstaining)

President Walters moved on to the next motion, ADM 17-22. David Kuhns (MN) conveyed ADM 17-22 was not a “rules” change and stated it belongs to another committee which will be nominated later in the agenda with ADM 17-40. Mr. Kuhns moved to postpone this motion until after ADM 17-40 is voted on. Gary Walters called for a vote to postpone.

ADM 17-22 was dispensed with at this time.

Gary Walters called on the Scholastic Council to address the next motion. Mike Nietman commented on behalf of the Scholastic Council. Participating in the discussions on ADM 17-23 were David Kuhns (MN), Aviv Friedman (NJ), Bob Messenger (MA), Ken Sloan (AL), Steve Immitt (NY), Ernie Schlich (VA), Ken Ballou (MA), James Mennella (CA-S), and Tim Just (IL) along with other Delegates. An amendment to the motion was made by Ken Ballou (MA) and accepted. Tim Just called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-27/ADM 17-23 (DM 16-24/ADM 16-22 (DM 15-16 /ADM 15-13/DM 14-51) (Steve Immitt, NY) Rule 29E: Color allocation. Resolved: The following section is added to Rule 29E. Color Allocation.

“29E8 variation (unannounced). Team pairings take precedence over color equalization. In a combined swiss individual and team tournament, the need to avoid pairing players from the same team shall take precedence over the need to equalize colors.”

REFERRED TO SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE FOR STUDY IN 2014

REFERRED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE IN 2015

REFERRED TO THE SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL in 2016

Amended ADM 17-23 requires 2/3 vote to pass.

PASSED in 2017 (52-19, 3 abstaining)

President Walters yielded his chair to Allen Priest on ADM 17-24. Mr. Priest called for a representative of the Scholastic Council to address ADM 17-24. No one from Scholastic Council addressed the motion at this time. Steve Immitt (NY) spoke to the rationale. Ken Ballou (MA), Larry Kaufman (MD), and Garrett Scott (IL) along with other Delegates commented on the motion. Bob Messenger (MA) moved to refer to Scholastic Council with power to implement.

DM 17-28/ADM 17-24 (DM 16-59/ADM 16-57 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY; Bill Goichberg, NY) Resolved: The practice of requiring Tournament Directors at the National Scholastics to answer the question, “Is this checkmate?” with just “yes” or “no”

shall be instead replaced with a policy of helping the players to determine the answer for themselves.

Rationale: The policy of having the Tournament Directors answer a player’s question, if asked— “yes” or “no” -- whether a specific position is checkmate, appears to the sponsors to deprive the players of an important component to US Chess’s mission: “to enrich the lives of all persons and communities through increasing the play, study, and appreciation of the game of chess.” One of our core values is: “Education. Chess is an educational tool aiding in the learning of planning, cause and effect relationships, pattern recognition, and research, all key skills for success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).”

The purpose of the current policy is apparently to get the games over with as quickly as possible, and not to cause delays by trying to handle questions which require more than a simple yes or no answer.

To make matters worse, this policy, in one of the sponsor’s personal experiences, has varied from tournament to tournament. Sometimes the question is answered yes or no, and sometimes the TDs are encouraged to have the players try and figure the answer out for themselves.

In the sponsors’ opinion, and to answer the likely objection of micro-managing U.S. Chess operations, this issue is really a part of a larger and much more fundamental question. We believe that players in the National Scholastics should also be regarded as students, learning about the game, as well as competitors. When a player is told, yes or no, that the position in question is or isn’t checkmate, then very little is done to foster his or her study or appreciation of the game, and not much is done to use the opportunity as an educational tool either.

Helping the player to understand *why* the position really is or is not checkmate is, and encouraging him to answer his own question does, however, foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the game, and helps the student learn to think logically and accurately. We believe that the importance of helping the student progress as he or she learns more about the game supersedes the desire to terminate the game as soon as possible. Nevertheless, in the sponsors’ opinion, this process does not cause the rounds to be delayed either.

If a student in a geometry class were to ask, when referring to a picture of a circle, if the circumference is the same as the diameter, one would be technically correct to answer “No!” and move on to the next question. But the students’ understanding of the abstract ideas of distances and lines and circles, and his interest in learning more about the subject, comes from the teacher who explains the difference.

When the Tournament Director gives an *incorrect* yes or no answer to the question “Is this position checkmate?” not only are the players hindered in their general understanding of the game, they are also harmed in the specific game in question as well. This may result in further appeals and delays in addressing the various ramifications of the incorrect answer given by the TD, one of which would most certainly be that one of the players received material assistance in the game.

The sponsors are aware that this motion may be referred to the Scholastic Council. It is their hope that if this were to be the case, the referral would be accompanied by a desire expressed by the Delegates to emphasize the educational opportunity which these events should also provide to the players, especially young, novice players who look to adults for guidance as

well as authority.

REFERRED TO SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL IN 2016

REFERRED TO SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT IN 2017

Gary Walters called for ADM 17-25 to be addressed. Alex Relyea (NH), representing the Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC), reported on the results of the committee. Ken Ballou (MA), Steve Immitt (NY), Guy Hoffman (WI), and Tim Just (IL) along with other Delegates commented on the motion. Ken Ballou (MA) moved to postpone indefinitely. Bill Brock called the question and a vote was taken to postpone the motion.

DM 17-29/ADM 17-25 (DM 16-40/ADM 16-42 (DM 15-58/NDM15-09) (Steve Immitt, NY)

The Delegates recommend that the TDCC to develop a practical mechanism to help evaluate a candidate's skills in solving problems and resolving disputes in tournaments.

REFERRED TO THE TDCC IN 2015

REFERRED TO THE TDCC IN 2016

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY IN 2017

President Walters called on a representative from the TDCC to address the next motion. On behalf of the TDCC, Alex Relyea reported their results on ADM 17-26. The discussion that followed included Brian Yang (KS), Bob Messenger (MA), Ken Ballou (MA), Allen Priest (KY), Eric Vigil (IA), Andrew Rea (VA), Ken Sloan (AL), and Ryan Velez (KY) along with other Delegates. Jon Haskel (FL) called the question.

DM 17-30/ADM 17-26 (DM 16-66/NDM 16-10 (NM1-F101 David Day UT)

Revise the definition of "Category R" within the Tournament Director Certification Rules as follows:

Replace the phrase "eight or more rated entrants" with the phrase "six or more rated entrants" and replace the phrase "mean rating of at least 1800" with the phrase "mean rating of at least "1400".

Rationale: This change is intended to ease the logistics associated with completing the Class R "experience" requirement for tournament directors seeking the ANTD or NTD certification level, especially for those directors who live in areas of the country where it is difficult to locate 8 or more players with a mean rating of 1800+ who are willing to play in an round robin. The sponsor believes that TD are likely to receive substantially the same benefits/experience from directing a round robin with 6 or more players and a somewhat more flexible rating range.

REFERRED TO TDCC IN 2016

PASSED in 2017

NEW BUSINESS

The following five motions were passed at the Membership Meeting and accordingly discussed as the first order of New Business on the Delegates' Meeting agenda. Mike Nietman read each motion.

DM 17-31/NM 17-01 (Harold Winston, IL)

Move that under Article V, Section 9, the US Chess Membership Meeting elects the following additional Delegates: Hal Terrie (NH), Ken Sloan (AL), Fun Fong (GA), Maureen Grimaud (SC).

PASSED

Allen Priest addressed the following two motions, ADM 17-02 and ADM 17-03. Harold Winston (IL) and Harold Stenzel (NY) commented. Bill Brock (IL) called the question on both motions and votes were taken.

DM 17-32/NM 17-02 (Allen Priest, KY)

Move to amend the Code of Ethics of the US Chess Federation, Section 7, Part D to change the word “defendant” to the word “respondent”.

PASSED

DM 17-33/NM 17-03 (Allen Priest, KY)

Move to require the Ethics Committee and the office to avoid the use of the terms “plaintiff” and “defendant” in ethics cases in favor of the terms “complainant” and “respondent”.

PASSED

Moving on to NM 17-04, David Kuhns (MN) addressed the motion. David Hater (GA) and Ken Ballou (MA) commented. Steve Immitt called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-34/NM 17-04 (Rules Committee)

In rule 9D, after “If the player has released the pawn on the last rank, the move is not yet determined, but the player no longer has the right to play the pawn to another square.” add “The choice of piece is finalized when the piece has touched the square of promotion, regardless of whether the pawn has been physically touched or placed on the promotion square. Once a piece has touched the promotion square a pawn must be promoted to that piece on that square, provided that the move is legal.”

In Rule 10H, in the sentence “A player who advances a pawn to the last rank and then touches a piece off the board is not obligated to promote the pawn to the piece touched until that piece has been released on the promotion square.” change the end of the sentence to “until that piece touches the promotion square.”

Motion requires 2/3 vote to pass.

PASSED

NM 17-05 was introduced by Steve Immitt (NY) and was passed by acclamation.

DM 17-35/NM 17-05 (Steve Immitt, NY)

Move that in recognition of his many spectacular accomplishments in the chess world throughout his life and his achievements in raising the level of American chess, and in acknowledgement of his status as a true icon of American chess, the membership would like to recommend that the delegates express their deep and sincere appreciation to Grandmaster Bill Lombardy.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

Grandmaster Bill Lombardy thanked everyone for recognizing his accomplishments in reference to the above motion, DM 17-35/NM 17-05, and shared some of his experiences in the chess community.

President Walters called on Harold Winston (IL) to address the following motion:

DM 17-36/ADM 17-27 (Harold Winston, IL; Mike Nietman, WI; Gary Walters, OH; Allen Priest, KY)

The Delegates elect former US Chess President Ruth Haring a Delegate at Large under Art. V sec. 8A of the Bylaws.

PASSED

Gary Walters proceeded to the next motion. Mike Atkins addressed the motion. Harold Winston (IL) reported on the Bylaws workshop discussion with David Hater (GA), Allen Priest (KY) and John McCrary (SC) adding comments. Steve Morford (CA-S) called the question.

DM 17-37/ADM 17-28 (Mike Atkins, MD; Bob Messenger, MA)

Under Article VI, Section 12 Restrictions of the US Chess Bylaws it reads:

“...e. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as the chief TD of USCF national events during their tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends...”

This seems exceptionally arbitrary and related to perhaps past problems with EB members giving themselves jobs before they left the EB. The above restriction should not apply to the US Open as it is held year after year on roughly the same weekend. In fact, a simple scheduling change could find someone eligible for one year and not the next. Since 2011, the number of days short of 365 from the end of one US Open until the start of the next one has been 9,3,16,8,2,9 and 11 days. Since the US Open is held one year followed by the next US Open on roughly the same weekend the following year, I contend that this matches the need for “a period of one year” and that exactly 365 days is capricious, arbitrary, meaningless and serves no good function.

I move that the wording in 12: Restrictions be modified to: (the change/addition in bold)

“...e. Elected members of the Executive Board may not serve as the chief TD of USCF national events during their tenure on the Board and for a period of one year after their board service ends **for all national events except the US Open.**”

PASSED (38-28, 5 abstaining)

ADM 17-29 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY; Bill Goichberg, NY) STRUCK as duplicative of ADM 17-24

Resolved: The practice of requiring Tournament Directors at the National Scholastics to answer the question, “Is this checkmate?” with just “yes” or “no” shall be instead replaced with a policy of helping the players to determine the answer for themselves.

Rationale:

At least one of the sponsors was under the impression that this original ADM from 2016 had been referred to the Scholastic Council. However, at this year’s SuperNationals, this same policy mandate apparently lived on for another year.

The purpose of the current policy is apparently to get the games over with as quickly as possible, and not to cause delays by trying to handle questions which require more than a simple yes or no answer.

To make matters worse, this policy has varied from tournament to tournament.

Sometimes the question is answered yes or no, and sometimes the TDs are encouraged to have the players try and figure the answer out for themselves.

This issue is really a part of a larger and much more fundamental question. We believe that players in the National Scholastics should *also* be regarded as students, learning about the game, as well as competitors. When a player is told, yes or no, that the position in question is or isn't checkmate, then very little is done to foster his or her study or appreciation of the game, and not much is done to use the opportunity as an educational tool either.

Helping the player to understand *why* the position really is or is not checkmate is, and encouraging him to answer his own question does, however, foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the game, and helps the student learn to think logically and accurately. We believe that the importance of helping the student progress as he or she learns more about the game supersedes the desire to terminate the game as soon as possible. Nevertheless, in the sponsors' opinion, this process does not cause the rounds to be delayed either.

Here are the possible results of following the current policy, and why the preponderance of unfavorable outcomes speaks against its continuance:

1. TD says "Yes" and it's not = very angry coach/parent, appeal and probably split result.
2. TD says "No" and it is = very angry coach/parent, appeal and probably split result.
3. TD says "No" and it's not = giving assistance to game in progress and possibly annoyed coach/parent.
4. TD says "Yes" and it is = probably about one minute of time saved and one or two players stopped from learning why they don't need to ask that question in future games.

We realize the importance to keep the rounds moving, but having the TD inappropriately interfere in a game can easily lead to LOTS of extra time trying to sort out angry appeals after the fact, if the TD incorrectly answers that question, especially if he/she is in a hurry already, in an attempt to speed things up.

The sponsors believe it is most appropriate to bear in mind the Delegate Action of Continuing Interest # 50 below:

Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest page 80 (from 2015 Delegates Call):

50. Tournament Recommendations. The Delegates remind all those involved with the USCF National tournaments that these tournaments are for the benefit of the players. It is because of the support of the players, as well as the parents and coaches, that these events are even possible. Though inevitably there may arise disagreements among those involved as how best to realize this objective, the primacy of this goal must never be forgotten.

STRUCK AS DUPLICATIVE

ADM 17-30 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY; Bill Goichberg, NY; Dan Rohde,

NY) STRUCK as duplicative of ADM 17-12

The Delegates request that after our 2021 contractual obligations with the Gaylord Opryland have been fulfilled, alternative possible locations be explored with the idea of selecting them for future US Chess National Scholastics.

Rationale:

While Gaylord Opryland may be one of the very few locations capable of hosting the SuperNationals, the sponsors believe that there are other suitable sites available for the National Scholastics in the other three years in between the SuperNationals.

The costs involved to go there can be very prohibitive— it can cost a family of four over \$2,000 depending on the airfare, for example. The airlines have apparently become attuned to a particular spike in a demand which is more noticeable in a smaller market the size of Nashville (as opposed to a market with a larger airport), and they respond to this with corresponding price increases. If this is enough to affect the prices of airfares between Nashville and major airport centers like New York City, then we would expect the airfares to be affected similarly or *even more adversely* between Nashville and other points of origin, such as Boston, Miami, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco and Seattle, for example.

The sponsors understand that the USCF must honor its contractual obligations through 2021, and we are thus scheduled to return there every year through 2021.

The concern that future events may continue to be scheduled at Gaylord Opryland on an annual basis beyond 2021 has resulted in a submission of this ADM, from a similar one from 2016.

The sponsors believe that at the very least the membership should be advised as to whether the National Scholastics are going to continue to return to the Gaylord Opryland even after 2021, usually in the form of the National Elementary Championship, even during years when there are no SuperNationals?

One major benefit in rotating a national championship among a number of other suitable facilities is to promote these events to members and chess enthusiasts around the country and make our national scholastic flagship events more accessible to various large and diverse populations.

We believe the U.S. Open Championship, by contrast, would be a much different and less desirable experience for our membership as a whole if it were slated to return to the Gaylord Opryland every year or every other year. We believe the same holds true for the National Elementary Championship, for example.

If it is necessary to continue to schedule annual scholastics at Gaylord Opryland after 2021, because otherwise the room rates at future SuperNationals every four years would be even higher than they are currently, the sponsors feel that this is a sufficient reason to reduce the frequency of SuperNationals at Opryland in the future or even to stop holding them there completely.

The interests of the members and parents who continue to pay these increasing costs would be better served by locations where the costs and air transportation limitations are less prohibitive. The interests of the members and parents who live near other large metropolitan areas with access to good air transportation are also better served with having the National

Elementary Championship or the other individual National Scholastics made more accessible and attractive to them as well.

STRUCK AS DUPLICATIVE

Gary Walters proceeded to the next motion. Steve Immitt (NY) addressed the motion. Ken Ballou (MA), Harold Stenzel (NY), Sunil Weeramantry (NY), and Hal Terrie (NH) commented on the motion. Bob Messenger (MA) moved for the motion to be referred to the Ethics Committee. The motion passed to refer.

DM 17-38/ADM 17-31 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY; Dan Rohde, NY)

Be It Resolved:

The USCF Code of Ethics shall be modified as follows.

PROCEDURES

7. Any US Chess member may initiate procedures under this code of ethics by filing a complaint in a timely manner with the US Chess Ethics Committee.

The following language shall be inserted here:

All complaints of unethical or improper behavior alleged to have been perpetrated by members under the age of thirteen shall first be reviewed by an ombudsman or ombudsmen, to be determined by the Ethics Committee.

The ombudsman shall, after considering the age and circumstances of the subject of the complaint, forward the complaint to the Ethics Committee or to another committee, or to respond directly to the complaint.

The complainant may appeal the ombudsman's decision to the Ethics Committee.

The remainder of the paragraph remains unchanged, as follows:

A good-faith deposit must be submitted by the complainant. The amount of the deposit shall be set by the US Chess Executive Director, who shall review it from time to time in consultation with the Ethics Committee. The deposit shall be returned unless the Committee rules that the case is frivolous. The Committee may determine whether to return the deposit even before it determines jurisdictional and merit questions. The Committee may also, by a two-thirds vote, accept complaints submitted without the deposit.

Rationale:

The sponsors believe that this refinement of the US Chess Ethics Code has a number of benefits:

1. To protect elementary children from formal inquiries from the Ethics Committee regarding issues which are not appropriate for its review, such as complaints directed against elementary students making illegal moves in a scholastic tournament.
2. To prevent children from being turned into defendants who are required to prove their innocence against harmful aspersions made against their character.

3. To reduce the likelihood of US Chess having to explain these tribunals to their parents and attorneys.

We strongly feel that such matters should first be investigated by the Scholastic Council, which has special expertise in dealing with scholastic players and the unique problems and circumstances which youngsters face in competitive chess environments. The Council should determine the level of complexity of the complaint, and whether it believes that a formal complaint to the Ethics Committee is appropriate, or if the details of the complaint indicate that a referral to another Committee is the correct approach. The Scholastic Council may also determine that in the best interests of all concerned, the complaint should only be addressed by the Council itself.

The complainant may appeal the Scholastic Council's decision to the Executive Board, which may overrule the Scholastic Council and determine that the complaint is best addressed by the Ethics Committee.

REFERRED TO ETHICS COMMITTEE IN 2017 FOR REPORT IN 2018

Gary Walters moved on to AMD 17-32. Steve Immitt (NY) addressed the motion. Alex Relyea (NH), David Hater (GA), Bill Brock (IL), Harold Stenzel (NY), Allen Priest (KY), Fun Fong (GA), Ernie Schlich (VA), Andy Rea (VA), and Ken Ballou (MA) along with other Delegates discussed the motion. Sandeep Alampalli (NY) called the question.

DM 17-39/ADM 17-32 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates approve adding the following to the Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest:

In complaints filed with the US Chess office of unethical, unprofessional or improper actions by members, employees or tournament staff, the subjects of the complaint shall be presumed to be innocent unless and until the US Chess Committee or Executive Board, which is investigating the complaint, determines otherwise.

Rationale:

The presumption of innocence is a pillar of our justice system. This same standard should apply to members who are accused of cheating or employees or Tournament Directors who are accused of unprofessional or improper actions.

In the case of a complaint made against the actions of a Tournament Director, the TD remains under a cloud of suspected wrongdoing, based solely on an allegation which may be unproven or inaccurate, while the appeal is being considered. Due to the lengthy nature of the appeals process itself, this cloud of suspicion may continue for months, causing harm to the Tournament Director's reputation and his ability to be hired as such. The very nature of the appeals process can serve as a basis which places *the burden of proof on the Tournament Director to prove he is innocent of wrongdoing*, instead of on the claimant to prove, instead of merely to allege, that the TD acted wrongly. This is especially so when a general allegation has been made that the TD "violated the rules" and the TD must then explain in detail how the various rules were actually followed correctly.

This cloud of suspicion also follows the player who has been accused of cheating. If the accusations are ultimately proven unfounded, then the player's reputation and ability to receive tournament invitations, advertise for students, etc. may have been substantially harmed in the interim.

The suspicion of impropriety alone should not result in a judgement of having committed the offense, without appropriate proof.

FAILED (27-38, 6 abstaining)

The meeting was adjourned until 9:00am, Sunday, August 6, 2017

SESSION III – Sunday, August 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Walters at 9:06am, August 6, 2017. Allen Priest (KY) addressed motion DM 17-40/ADM 17-33. Pete Tamburro, Jr. (NJ) commented. Allen Priest moved that the motion be referred to the Bylaws Committee. Andy Rea (VA) called the question and a vote was taken to refer.

DM 17-40/ADM 17-33 (Allen Priest, KY; Chuck Unruh, OK)

Motion: The Delegates hereby adopt the following Conflict of Interest Policy to apply to all Delegates, Alternate Delegates and those appointed by the Delegates to committees of the US Chess Federation.

United States of America Conflict of Interest Policy

Article I

Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II

Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a.** An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b.** A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or

c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III

Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV

Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V

Compensation

a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI

Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII

Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII

Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Rationale: The Internal Revenue service recommends that non-profit organizations adopt a conflict of interest policy. This is taken directly from the IRS instructions for Form 1023. The Executive Board has adopted it for itself and the USCF officers and believes that it is appropriate for the Delegates, Alternate delegates and committee members as well. Adopting the policy will add an administrative burden of sending the policy out to all parties annually and asking for them to return a signed statement as noted in Article VI. Since delegates and alternates must accept their positions, this can be done at the same time. Alternatively, it can be done at the annual meeting. Committee members appointed and present at the annual meeting can get the policy and sign the statement there. It will have to be sent to those not present at the annual meeting.

REFERRED TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE IN 2017

Gary Walters called on Harold Winston (IL) to address the motion. He reported the results of the Bylaws workshop. Comments were made by Ernie Schlich (VA), Allen Priest (KY), Gary Walters (OH), Ken Ballou (MA), Daniel Rohde (NY), David Day (UT), Fun Fong (GA), and Richard Koepcke (CA-N) among other Delegates. Fun Fong (GA) called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-41/ADM 17-34 (Executive Board)

Amend Article III Section 12 to add:

The Executive Director may, on an emergency basis, suspend the membership of any person or their related affiliate who has engaged in any activity that potentially endangers the health or safety of US Chess employees, volunteers or members. Such suspension will be in effect immediately and will be in effect for no more than 90 days. If the Executive Director suspends any membership under this provision, the Executive Director will contact the suspended person or affiliate within 72 hours to inform them of the decision. The Executive Director will also contact the Executive Board within 72 hours which will then review the suspension and follow the provisions of Article III, Section 13. The emergency suspension will stay in effect while the provisions of Article III Section 13 are being followed unless the Executive Board lifts the suspension sooner.

PASSED

President Walters called on Guy Hoffman (WI) to address ADM 17-35. Dewain Barber (CA-S), David Grimaud (SC), Andrew Rea (VA), Bob Messenger (MA) David Causey (SC), Ernie Schlich (VA), Ken Ballou (MA), Maureen Grimaud (SC), Guy Hoffman (WI), Steve Morford (CA-S), Harold Winston (IL), and Allen Priest (KY) along with other Delegates commented on the motion. Richard Koepcke (CA-N) called the question and a vote was taken.

DM 17-42/ADM 17-35 (Guy Hoffman, WI)

Each State Chapter shall submit a copy of their current bylaws or articles of association, and any amendments, as specified in DACI 8, #4. This may be in written or electronic form.

Rationale: The DACI specifies they are required, but the office has no record for any state This was discovered when someone asked for the bylaws of his state, and we had to tell him we have no copies from any state.

PASSED

President Walters called on Allen Priest (KY) to speak to ADM 17-36 and commented it was discussed in the Ethics workshop. Harold Stenzel (NY) reported on the results from the Ethics workshop concerning the next two (2) motions and stated there were no objections to either one. Discussing the motion were delegates Hal Terrie (NH), Ken Ballou (MA), David Day (UT), Harold Winston (IL), Steve Immitt (NY), Allen Priest (KY), and Woodrow Harris (VA). Tim Just called the question and a vote taken.

DM 17-43/ADM 17-36 (Gary Walters, OH; Allen Priest, KY)

Moved: To revise Ethics Code 7.e. to add the words "from the record", as in "The person against whom the sanctions have been recommended shall have the right to appear before the Board and present evidence from the record."

Discussion. Appellants have occasionally believed that they are entitled to present new evidence to the Executive Board upon appeal of an Ethics Committee sanction. In fact, they are limited to evidence presented to the Committee.

PASSED

Gary Walters called on Allen Priest to address ADM 17-37. Guy Hoffman (WI) commented on the motion. Tim Just called the question and a vote taken.

DM 17-44/ADM 17-37 (Gary Walters, OH; Allen Priest, KY)

Moved: To revise Ethics Code 7.e. As follows: Immediately following the sentence "The person against whom the sanctions have been recommended shall have the right to appear

before the Board and present evidence from the record," the following sentence shall be added: "Any person appearing before the Executive Board upon appeal may be represented by counsel with the permission and at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.

Discussion: An appeal of an Ethics Committee decision to the Executive Board is an administrative proceeding, which normally does not warrant participation by legal counsel.

PASSED

Alex Relyea (NH) withdrew ADM 17-38.

ADM 17-38 (Alex Relyea, NH)

Amend DM 16-68 to say the following:

Effective August 2018 add Article VII Section 3 F to read No individual shall chair any US Chess Committee for more than four consecutive years.

Rationale: This matches existing practice for the Executive Board (EB). Both the EB and Committee Chairs play an important role in the governance process, and it will serve the organization to ensure that both have regular turnover and opportunities for new leaders to emerge.

Many committees have long standing chairs, and most of them do very good jobs. However, this is not always the case. There is a story, for example, of one committee that conducted its business entirely by email, but the (now former) chair did not have an email account. It is important to keep chairs from becoming so entrenched that important business gets ignored because of a chair's longstanding views and/or sway over the committee. It is likewise important to develop new leaders for US Chess. Finally, it is important for rank and file committee members to understand the extra work that is involved in being a committee chair.

WITHDRAWN

President Walters called on Alex Relyea (NH) to address the next motion. Allen Priest (KY) also spoke to the motion in regard to financial analysis. Participating in the discussion were Ken Ballou (MA), Gerald Larson (AL), Andrew Rea (VA), Judit Sztaray (CA-N), and Ryan Velez (KY) along with other Delegates. Fun Fong (GA) called the question.

DM 17-45/ADM 17-39 (Alex Relyea, NH)

The US Chess per-game rating fees for tournaments submitted online shall be reduced to 0. To pay for this, all single year memberships shall be increased by \$3. All two year memberships shall be increased by \$4. Bylaws Article III, Sections 1-7 will be rewritten to read:

Section 1. Adult Memberships. Any person may become an Adult (also known as Regular) Member of US Chess upon payment of \$43 for one year, or \$79 for two years, or a Premium Adult (also known as Premium) Member upon payment of \$53 for one year, or \$99 for two years.

Section 2. Young Adult Memberships. Any person under 26 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Young Adult Member of US Chess upon payment of \$29 for one year, or \$52 for two years, or a Premium Young Adult Member upon payment of \$38 for one year, or \$69 for two years.

Section 3. Youth Memberships. Any person under 17 years of age at

expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Youth Member of US Chess upon payment of \$25 for one year, or \$44 for two years, or a Premium Youth Member upon payment of \$33 for one year, or \$59 for two years.

Section 4. Scholastic Memberships. Any person under 14 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a USCF affiliate) may become a Scholastic Member of US Chess upon payment of \$20 for one year, or \$34 for two years, or a Premium Scholastic member upon payment of \$28 for one year, or \$49 for two years.

Section 5. Senior Membership. A person who has passed his or her 65th birthday may become a Senior Member of US Chess upon payment of \$43 for one year, or \$79 for two years.

Section 6. Special Membership. A blind person, or any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution in the United States, may become a Special member of US Chess for \$21 for one year.

Section 7. Family Membership Plans.

Family Plan 1: \$83, includes parents and their children under age 24 in the household living at one address. Also includes any full-time college students up to age 24.

Family Plan 2: \$53, includes all children under age 24 in the household living at one address.

The spouse of a Life or Sustaining member may be included in the Family Membership Plan, however in that case, only the Life or Sustaining member will receive "Chess Life".

Rationale: This motion does not mean to minimize the importance of the rating fees to US Chess revenue. It instead recognizes that the fees can be an impediment to running and rating small tournaments. If "activity means members", eliminating this fee should create more tournaments and therefore more members, and provide an added benefit for all members. It will also encourage tournament directors to use this method which is more cost effective for the office and reduce the number of small credit card charges we accept which are very expensive on a percentage basis.

FAILED

President Walters proceeded to the next motion and called on Alex Relyea (NH) to address ADM 17-40. Hal Terrie (NH), David Kuhns (MN), Ernie Schlich (VA), Ken Ballou (MA), Steve Immitt (NY), Mike Nietman (WI), Allen Priest (KY), and Bob Messenger (MA) along with other Delegates made comments. Tim Just called the question.

DM 17-46/ADM 17-40 (Alex Relyea, NH; Michael Atkins, MD)

The Delegates request that the EB create a committee to handle organizer and affiliate issues. This committee shall be called the Organizer/Affiliate Committee.

Rationale: Many TDs are also organizers, but not all. They are, however, fundamentally different roles. The committees with the power to recommend player sanctions to the

Executive Board (Ethics, Rules, TDCC and FIDE Events) have also had to confront inappropriate behavior from Organizers/Affiliates. Only the Executive Board is empowered to sanction affiliates but the recommendations it gets are side bar offshoot recommendations from player sanctions. If there was a committee empowered to advise and recommend sanctions for Affiliates, the other committees can deal best with what they do - handle players.
PASSED

Gary Walters called on Steve Immitt (NY) to address ADM 17-22. Allen Priest (KY) also spoke to the motion. Ken Sloan (AL) moved to refer the motion to the Executive Board. A vote was taken and passed to refer to the Executive Board.

DM 17-47/ADM 17-22 (DM 16-61/ADM 16-59 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)
Resolved:

Organizers which have their events rated by the USCF as well as by another rating service, are required to disclose to the players all other such rating services.

Rationale: A player in a USCF-rated event has the right to know if the event is going to be rated by any additional rating services providers.

In a recent USCF National Scholastic, one of the players had played in a USCF-rated tournament which, unbeknownst to the player, was also rated by Chess Express as well. The player wound up with a higher Chess Express rating, which was used in the USCF National Scholastic, due to the requirement to use the player's highest rating.

Regardless of the basis for the use of the alternate ratings in any specific case such as this, in the interests of full disclosure, USCF members are entitled to know if a USCF event in which they participate is to be forwarded by the organizer to any additional rating services.

REFERRED TO RULES in 2016

REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2017

Alex Relyea (NH) withdrew ADM 17-41.

ADM 17-41 (Alex Relyea, NH)

No games that are not played by the (FIDE) Laws of Chess shall be rated by the US Chess rating system.

Rationale: A precocious youngster is likely to play under no fewer than four major sets of rules over the course of a year: The Official (US Chess) Rules of Chess, the Laws of Chess, the US Chess Scholastic Rules, and CCA Rules. It is extremely unfair to expect this player to remember at any given moment what rules apply in any given game. In addition, we currently allow many variations, such that it is possible that under "house rules" a player could play under a different set of rules in every tournament. Our rulebook is 369 pages long in an attempt to have players play under the same conditions from Maine to California, and it has failed miserably. The Laws of Chess are 16 pages long and available free online.

WITHDRAWN

President Walters moved on to the next motion calling on Steve Immitt (NY) to address the motion. Mr. Immitt amended the motion. Ken Ballou (MA), Sunil Weeramantry (NY), and Judit Sztaray (CA-N) along with other Delegates commented on the motion. Allen Priest (KY)

called attention to the financial analysis. Ken Ballou (MA) moved to refer the motion to the Executive Board and Scholastic Council with power to implement. Ernie Schlich (VA) called the question and a vote taken.

DM 17-48/ADM 17-42 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates recommend that Tournament Directors and paid staff at the National Scholastics who will come in contact with minors should be subject to an appropriate criminal background check.

Rationale:

Checking applicants' backgrounds for convictions of crimes which may pose a risk to other children is a standard and accepted practice for teachers, school employees and other professionals who work with children. Such checks may also be necessary for certain types of liability insurance coverage. The players in the National Scholastics are also entitled to this same basic safeguard as well.

Amended on floor by Steve Immitt

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT IN 2017

President Walters called on Steve Immitt (NY) to address the next motion. Mr. Immitt referred the motion to Scholastic Council with power to implement. Allen Priest (KY) addressed the motion suggesting it also be referred to the Office. Steve Immitt accepted the amendment and a vote was taken to refer to the Office and Scholastic Council with power to implement.

DM 17-49/ADM 17-43 (Steve Immitt, NY; Sophia Rohde, NY)

The Delegates recommend that players in the K-3 sections of the National Scholastics be given identification bands, with similar matching IDs provided to their parents or guardians.

Rationale:

Making it easier for tournament staff to identify young players, by means of a tournament ID band, would facilitate contacting the parents in the event of an emergency, or in ensuring that a player is correctly reunited with his parent or guardian in the event that they become separated, and would even help to ensure that the child is returned to the proper adults at the end of their games.

REFERRED TO THE OFFICE AND SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT IN 2017

After discussion of ADM 17-43, President Walters stated that concluded the agenda business and moved on to additional motions that were submitted. He asked Andrew Rea (VA) to speak to NDM 17-01. Allen Priest (KY) continued the meeting in President Walters stead until he returned. Allen Priest (KY) and Mike Nietman (WI) commented on the motion. Andy Rea (VA) moved to refer the motion to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee and the Executive Board with power to implement. A vote to refer was taken.

DM 17-50/NDM 17-01 (Andrew Rea, VA)

Propose to recognize starting with year-end 2017, a Special Needs/Disabled Player of the Year. Criteria to be determined by Special Needs Committee in coordination with the Executive Board and Executive Director.

Rationale: There are several inspirational stories waiting to be told, no shortage!
REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES COMMITTEE WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT IN 2017

Allen Priest gave the floor to Garrett Scott (IL) who addressed the following motion he brought to the Scholastic workshop. Commenting on the motion was Bob Messenger (MA), David Hater (GA), Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Brian Yang (KS), and Richard Koepcke (CA-N). A vote was taken.

DM 17-51/NDM 17-02 (Garrett Scott, IL)

The Delegates request that the Executive Board direct the staff to study the creation of an online league for high school chess teams with power to implement.

PASSED

Garrett Scott (IL) also addressed NDM 17-03. David Hater (GA), Mike Nietman (WI), Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Alex Relyea (NH), and Kevin Hyde (NC) commented on the motion. Fun Fong (GA) called the question and a vote taken.

DM 17-52/NDM 17-03 (Garrett Scott, IL)

The Delegates request that the Executive Board study the possibility of rating a state high school championship in the official rating system of US Chess when non-US Chess members play in their state championship in which other governing bodies in the state forbid a requirement for the player to be a member of other organizations.

PASSED

President Walters proceeded with NDM 17-05. David Hater (GA), Fun Fong (GA), Mike Nietman (WI), Harold Winston (IL), Daniel Rohde (NY), Ken Ballou (MA), Steve Immitt (NY), Sandeep Alampalli (NY), Maureen Grimaud (SC), and Steve Morford (CA-S) commented on the motion. Ken Ballou (MA) moved to refer the motion to the Office with power to implement. A vote was taken to refer.

DM 17-53/NDM 17-05 (Gerald Larson, AL; Maureen Grimaud, SC; Leila D'Aquin, LA)

The Delegates request that a New Delegates Seminar be added to the Workshops/Meetings schedule, in order to familiarize rookies with US Chess governance and important personnel.

REFERRED TO US CHESS OFFICE WITH POWER TO IMPLEMENT IN 2017

President Walters asked David Day (UT) to address the next motion. Ken Ballou (MA) made a motion to refer to the States Committee. Guy Hoffman (WI) spoke to the referral. Bob Messenger (MA) called the question to refer and a vote was taken.

DM 17-54/NDM 17-06 (David Day, UT)

Amend and restate Daci 8, Item #4, as follows:

“Be properly incorporated or formed under applicable state law with an organizational structure which provides opportunities for participation by all US Chess members residing in the state, and shall submit to the US Chess office a copy of its current bylaws or other similar governing documents in written or electronic form.”

REFERRED TO STATES COMMITTEE IN 2017

Gary Walters proceeded to NDM 17-07 and called on Sunil Weeramantry (NY) to address the

motion. Several friendly amendments were recommended and comments made by Daniel Rohde (NY), Dewain Barber (CA-S), Allen Priest (KY), Sandeep Alampalli (NY), Steve Immitt (NY), and Bob Messenger (MA). Andrew Rea (VA) called the question.

DM 17-55/NDM 17-07 (Sunil Weeramantry, NY; Aviv Friedman, NJ)

The Delegates recommend that US Chess recognizes a “National Chess Parent Day”.

PASSED

As Parliamentarian, Ken Ballou made a brief announcement about updates to a document distributed to the Delegates about the differences in USCF and FIDE rules which is made available on his website.

Moving on to the last NDM, President Walters called on Harold Winston (IL) to address NDM 17-08.

DM 17-56/NDM 17-08 (Harold Winston, IL)

The Delegates give a vote of thanks to the following people:

- To US Chess President Gary Walters for the able and relaxed way he chaired the Delegates meeting;
- To Ken Ballou for his services as parliamentarian;
- To Jean Hoffman, Allen Priest and the entire Executive Board for the very successful financial year US Chess had;
- To Jean Hoffman for her service as Executive Director;
- To Steve Shutt for MC’ing the opening and closing ceremonies of the Denker, Barber and National Girls tournaments;
- To Allen Priest and Mike Nietman for their work at the awards luncheon, which finished on time;
- To Chris Merli for his service as chief TD of the US Open;
- To Jon Haskel for his service as TD of the Denker, Barber and National Girls tournaments;
- To Franc Guadalupe for his services as convention manager and for being the main speaker at the opening ceremony of the Denker, Barber and National Girls tournaments, and for finding this fine US Open site;
- To Kathleen Collins and Debra Robison for their work with credentialing and with the Delegates meeting;
- To Myron and Rachel Lieberman for maintaining the Executive Board motions file.

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

Chuck Unruh, Vice-president of the Executive Board, recognized the outgoing President of the Executive Board, Gary Walters. Mr. Unruh introduced Jean Hoffman, Executive Director of US Chess, to speak. She thanked Mr. Walters for the trust and confidence he has provided the staff, his constant support and advice as a mentor, and for truly serving as a leader by providing the staff and this organization the direction to move forward. With deep appreciation on behalf of the membership, Mr. Unruh presented President Walters with a plaque for his many years of service to US Chess.

Gary Walters thanked everyone and stated that the “privilege” was all his. He also expressed he has the upmost respect for the organization’s governance who watches over what he described as “the greatest game on earth” and that he leaves it in good hands.

Vice-president Unruh asked newly elected Board member Hal Sprechman to take his seat on the Board. Mr. Sprechman will serve on the Executive Board for a three (3) year term.

Mike Nietman called for committee chairs to submit their roster changes and announced that the 2018 U.S. Open and governance meetings will be held in Madison, WI and invited all to come. Allen Priest announced that the Executive Board closed session will take place at 1:30pm and the open session at 6:00pm today.

Chuck Unruh moved to adjourn the 2017 Annual Delegates Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46am August 6, 2017.

APPENDIX A

See **I. CALL TO ORDER BY US CHESS PRESIDENT – Gary Walters** Moment of silence observed for those of the chess community who have passed on.

2016-2017 IN PASSING

Stephen M. Wharry, OK	Richard R. Sooley, GA
Edwin Metelits, FL	Frederick L. Kopff, NJ
Zach Adams, MN	John Prough, NJ
Roy Keeley, Jr., AL	Robert J. Mohr, AR
Paul G. Garner, IL	Robert B. Ash, IL
Arthur W. Peel, Jr., WI	Thomas A. Nard, AL
Michael A. Leutz, MI	Joseph V. LaScala, Jr., NJ
Joaquin Fox, TX	Ernest F. Chace, FL
Gabriel Kern, NY	John R. Nance, FL
John Ellis, FL	Joseph Abbott, NJ
Robert I. King, MA	Andrew S. Lewis, CA
Robert L. Scott, OR	Thomas R. Clifton, MD
George C. Miller, NJ	Dean Zes, CA
Samuel Gruenbaum, FL	Earlin L. Griffin, Jr., LA
Dan Aguilar, MD	John Wathier, SD
Gregory H. Powers, FL	Harald Miller, OH
Richard R. Fellrath, OK	Dean H. Bollman, OR
George Wesley, VA	Arthur W. Bayley, NM
Charles R. Gallucci, OH	Thomas F. O'Connell, NV
Peter Henner, NY	Bernard O. Killoran, WI
Raymond P. Musselman, CA	Ronald E. Pohle, TX
Robert F. Timmel Jr., FL	James F. Chapleau, WI
William G. Fink, TX	Fred R. Payne, TX
Clifton Wagner, TX	Paul F. Simmons, MI
Roger Spero, VA	Gordon K. Klintworth, NC
Roman Levit, WI	Jack E. Love, WA
Steven J. Edwards, NH	Ollie Yasinski, NJ
Albert F. Winfrey III, IA	William Rice, WV
Robert W. Emke, Jr., MI	Alexander H. London, CA
William J. Norwick, NJ	Melvin R. Bumbalough, FL
Charles E. Jones, OK	Kenneth S. Carpenter, FL
Raynesford Taylor Bacorn, NY	Alfred G. Ward, MA
Ralph Melendez, CA	David A. Tupps, TN
Robert A. Spinoso, MA	Karl Marschall, Canada

Edmund N. Wheeler, NH
Rocco R. Pasquale, NH
Robert N. Plourde, MA
Steven L. Dercks, WI
Richard S. Cantwell, VA
Don Oswald, KS
Kornelijs Dale, OR
Arthur Byers, NM
George W. Soules, MD
William Abbey, NC
George W. Vivian, IL
Douglas E. Wilson, CA
Henri A. LeFriant, TX
Harold Chan, Canada
Arthur Simpson, CA
Gordon Nelson, TX
Marko Sunara, WI
William W. Funk, PA
Rene Prochelle, NY
Richard R. Beckner, FL
Roy Owen, MO
David F. Shaefer, NC
David K. Lutes, ME
Leonard Gilley, ME
Gerard Kirzner, NJ
Donald C. Hoffman, TX
Arthur Theofane, CT
Lanny Westbrook, AZ
Brian Velasquez, TX
Gary D. Black, VA
Antonio Reis, OK
John A. Braley, WA
Robert J. Lisanke, FL
Dahlov Ipcar, ME
Lucas M. Lasagne, PA
Anthony T. Buzzoni, NJ
William Scothorn, IL
Robert Holmes Aten, VA
IM Walter Shipman, CA
Herbert Valdsaar, FL

Arthur E. Crawford, TX
Rev. Philip G. Houghton, TN
Ray Robinson, PA
Bruce Gronenthal, DE
Josef Vatnikov, MA
Gary T. Gill, MI
Tim Chevalier, NH
Patrick Whalen, NY
Raymond C. Hayes, WI
GM Arthur B. Bisguier, MA
Francis G. Greiner, AL
Yale Warsaw, CA
Richard J. Mann, CO
Marvin Rogan, WA
James F. Savage, AZ
Robert E. Anderson, DE
William Archer Barrow, VA
H. Kerkstra, CA
Burt Lerner, NJ
W. George Radyshevsky, PA
Larry Strauss, CA
Morgan Ellin, NY
Erik Karklins, IL
Thomas A. Kuge, OR
Todd A. Canary, OK
Walt E. Duncan, NH
Gerald M. Teper, MI
Kenneth Austin, TX
George Ljaschenko, WI
Howard L. Meiser Jr., PA
Bruce E. Donohoe, TX
Thomas B. Jobe, TN
Aurelio Gonzalez, Jr., TX
Teresa Schultz, FL
Philip S. Maclin, Sr., TN
Arnold C. Panciera, CT
Barry V. Goodgion, TX
John A. Blackstone, NV
Arthur Klein, NY
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Joan Schlich, VA
Larry Eldridge, MA
Dr. Dmitry Altshuller, CA
Ray Denbesten, IL
Malcolm Peskoff, NY
Rolando P. Tenoso, CA
Kathy Schankowitz, CA
James J. Muldowney, NC
James R. Schroeder, WA
Ronald D. Barber, PA
Leonard Karabell, PA
William T. Stevens, Jr., NM
Peter Gentsch, Switzerland
Charles D. Bonfante, NY
Bobby G. Dudley, PA
Leonard Johnson, PA
Hans Berliner, PA
Alphonso Zench, KS
John “Jack” Ruprecht, WI
Walter Buehl, NY
Fred Buchanan
David Spate