

MOTIONS OF THE US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2018 - 2019

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

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB19-001	Board	08/05/18 M	Officers Named	PASS 7-0
EB19-002	Board	08/05/18 M	Committee Changes	PASS 7-0
EB19-003	Board	08/05/18 M	Committee Chairs and Liaisons	PASS 7-0
EB19-004	Board	08/05/18 M	Committee Membership Changes	PASS 7-0
EB19-005	Board	08/05/18 M	Endorse Nigel Short Ticket in FIDE Election	PASS 7-0
EB19-006	Priest	08/06/18 E	Add Anjelina Belakovskaia to Women's Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-007	Nietman	08/08-9/18 E	Approve 2018-2019 Scholastic Regulations	PASS 7-0
EB19-008	Hoffpauir	08/10-15/18 O	Add Dr. Mike Regan to the Ratings Committee	PASS no obj
EB19-009	Unruh	08/10-15/18 O	Add James R. Thoune to the A&SCC	PASS no obj
EB19-010	Unruh	08/14-19/18 O	Add Philip Linninger to the A&SCC	PASS no obj
EB19-011	Nietman	08/16-21/18 O	Changes to Senior Committee	PASS no obj
EB19-012	Hoffpauir	08/19-24/18 O	Add Steve Immitt to Competition Integrity Comm.	PASS no obj
EB19-013	Unruh	08/26/18 O	Committee Changes (See Comments)	Not Voted
EB19-014	Velez	08/28-09/02/18 O	Remove Michael Lenox from the A&SCC	PASS no obj
EB19-015	Priest	08/30-09/11/18 E	Appeal of Ethics Committee Recommendations	PASS 7-0
EB19-016	Priest	09/06-09/11/18 E	Re-elect Ruth Haring as our FIDE Zonal President	PASS 7-0
EB19-017	Unruh	09/06-09/23/18 E	Name Judit Sztarary Vice Chair of the A&SCC	PASS 7-0
EB19-018	Unruh	09/23-09/24/18 E	Remove Will Barela and Philip Linninger from A&SCC	PASS 7-0
EB19-019	Unruh	10/08-09/18 E	Clock Royalty Endorsement Agreement	PASS 6-0
EB19-020	Meyer	10/09/18 E	Update Bank Signatories	PASS 7-0
EB19-021	Hoffpauir	10/15-16/18 E	Change In Chair of Military Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-022	Priest	10/16-21/18 E	Extend Nationwide Insurance Affinity Contract	PASS 7-0
EB19-023	Priest	10/19-21/18 E	Suspend Steve Shutt from Committee Services	PASS 7-0
EB19-024	Nietman	10/21/18 E	Approve August EB Meeting Minutes	PASS 7-0
EB19-025	Priest	10/22-23/18 E	Name Chair of Development Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-026	Hoffpauir	10/18-23/18 O	Add Members to the Development Committee	PASS no obj
EB19-027	Nietman	11/06-10/18 E	Kelly Bloomfield College Chess Committee Chair	PASS 7-0
EB19-028	Priest	11/10/18 M	Transfer Funds to Reserve Fund	PASS 6-0
EB19-029	Priest	11/10/18 M	Appoint Reserve Fund/PPHBF Investment Committee	PASS 6-0
EB19-030	Priest	11/10/18 M	Transfer PPHBF CD to Investment Account	PASS 6-0
EB19-031	Priest	11/10/18 M	Reserve Fund/PPHBF Investment Plan	PASS 6-0
EB19-032	Priest	11/11/18 M	Promotional Prison Group Membership	PASS 7-0
EB19-033	Priest	11/11/18 M	2018 Profit Sharing	PASS 7-0
EB19-034	Unruh	11/11/18 M	Denker, Barber, NGTOC Sponsorship agreement	PASS 6-1
EB19-035	Nietman	11/11/18 M	2019 NGTOC Rules	PASS 7-0
EB19-036	Velez	11/11/18 M	A&SCC membership change	PASS 7-0

EB19-037	Meyer	11/11/18 M	Committee Charters Approved	PASS 7-0
EB19-038	Board	11/11/18 M	Prison Chess Committee Disbanded	PASS 7-0
EB19-039	Priest	11/11/18 M	Revised Forum Acceptable Use Guidelines	PASS 7-0
EB19-040	Hoffpauir	11/16-21/18 O	Changes to States and Affiliates Committee	No Objections
EB19-041	Hoffpauir	12/05-10/18 O	Add Bill Smythe to Rules Committee	No Objections
EB19-042	Velez	01/02-04/19 E	Judit Sztaray Chair of Clubs Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-043	Nietman	01/01-12/19 E	Approve Minutes of 11/13/18 EB Meeting	PASS 6-0-1
EB19-044	Nietman	01/13/19 M	College Chess Committee changes	PASS 7-0
EB19-045	Nietman	01/13/19 M	National Rapid and Blitz Championships	PASS 7-0
EB19-046	Unruh	01/13/19 M	Increase Cash Deposit Allocation	PASS 7-0
EB19-047	Priest	01/13/19 M	Name Franc Guadalupe FIDE Zonal President	PASS 7-0
EB19-048	Meyer	01/13/19 M	Cleaning Service Contract	PASS 7-0
EB19-049	Board	01/13/19 M	Finance Committee Charter	PASS 7-0
EB19-050	Board	01/13/19 M	Chess in Education Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-051	Board	01/13/19 M	Steve Shutt Restriction	PASS 7-0
EB19-052	Board	01/13/19 M	Steve Shutt Membership	PASS 7-0
EB19-053	Unruh	01/16-19/19 E	National Senior Invitational (Also See EB19-062)	PASS 7-0
EB19-054	Sprechman	01/17-21/19 E	John McCrary Chair of Awards Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-055	Meyer	01/23-31/19 E	Donor Search Contract	PASS 7-0
EB19-056	Board	02/01-02/19 E	Rules Committee Appeal	PASS 6-0-1
EB19-057	Board	02/04-05/19 E	Approve Mission and Vision Statements	PASS 7-0
EB19-058	Board	02/04-05/19 E	Approve Goals	PASS 7-0
EB19-059	Nietman	02/12-14/19 E	Approve Minutes of January, 2019, EB Meeting	PASS 7-0
EB19-060	Meyer	02/27-03/05/19 E	Transgender Policy	PASS 7-0
EB19-061	Nietman	03/05-09/19 E	Scholastic Council Changes	PASS 7-0
EB19-062	Unruh	03/12-13/19 E	Revision to EB19-053	PASS 7-0
EB19-063	Meyer	03/12-13/19 E	Creative Director Contract	PASS 7-0
EB19-064	Hoffpauir	03/09-14/19 O	Add Danny Rohde to Development Committee	No Objections
EB19-065	Board	03/29-30/19 M	Affirm Ethics Committee Ruling	PASS 6-0-1
EB19-066	Velez	03/30-31/19 M	JTP Program Language	PASS 7-0
EB19-067	Priest	03/30-31/19 M	Endowment Fund Creation	PASS 7-0
EB19-068	Priest	03/30-31/19 M	Endowment Fund Funding	PASS 7-0
EB19-069	Board	03/31/19 M	US Chess Gift Acceptance Policy	PASS 7-0
EB19-070	Board	03/31/19 M	Eliminate Communications Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-071	Board	03/31/19 M	Eliminate Hall of Fame Committee	PASS 7-0
EB19-072	Nietman	04/20-21/19 E	Approve Minutes of March EB Meeting	PASS 7-0
EB19-073	Unruh	05/03-08/19 E	VP of Finance named Reserve/PPHB Investment Committee Chair.	PASS 7-0
EB19-074	Unruh	05/03-08/19 O	Add Randy Bauer and Ryan Velez to Investment Committee	No Objections
EB19-075	Priest	05/12-14/19 E	Order of List for World Youth Invitations	PASS 6-1

EB19-076	Board	06/01/19 M	Rules of Chess and Functional Device Review	PASS 5-1
EB19-077	Board	05/31-06/01/19 M	2019 Award Winners	PASS 6-0
EB19-078	Board	06/01-02/19 M	Rename National Girls Tournament of Champions	PASS 6-0
EB19-079	Board	06/01-02/19 M	All Girls National Tournament Agreement with KCF	PASS 6-0
EB19-080	Unruh	06/01-02/19 M	Approve 2019-2020 Budget	PASS 6-0
EB19-081	Board	06/01-02/19 M	FIDE Ethics Commission Recommendation	PASS 6-0
EB19-082	Board	06/01-02/19 M	Electronic Voting ADM	PASS 6-0
EB19-083	Board	06/13-20/19 E	Ethics Committee Ruling Upheld	PASS 7-0
EB19-084	Hoffpauir	06/20/19 E	Seeding from US Senior Open to US Senior Champ.	PASS 7-0
EB19-085	Nietman	07/26-27/19 E	Approval of Minutes of June EB Meeting	PASS 6-0-1
EB19-086	Meyer	07/27-28/19 E	Consulting for Phase 1 of IT Infrastructure Project	PASS 7-0
EB19-087	Board	08/08/19 M	TDCC Appeal	PASS 6-0-1
EB19-088	Board	08/08/19 M	TDCC Appeal	PASS 6-0-1
EB19-089	Board	08/08/19 M	TDCC Appeal	PASS 6-0-1

The first meeting of the 2018-2019 US Chess Executive Board took place on August 5, 2018, at the Madison Marriott West Hotel in Middleton, WI. Welcome to incoming EB members Randy Bauer and Ryan Velez. Thanks to outgoing EB members Anjelina Belakovskaia and Vish Viswanathan for their service.

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

EB19-001 – Board - The Executive Board names the following officers for 2018-2019: **PASSED 7-0**

President	Allen Priest
Vice President	Randy Bauer
Vice President of Finance	Chuck Unruh
Secretary	Mike Nietman

EB19-002 – Board - The Executive Board moves the following committee changes: **PASSED 7-0**

- a. Rename Publications to Communication
- b. Rename Anti-Cheating to Competition Integrity
- c. Remove National Event Advisory
- d. Remove Membership Acquisition Task Force
- e. Remove Information Technology Advisory
- f. Remove Clock Working Group
- g. Merge States and Affiliates into States and Affiliates

EB19-003 – Board – The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs for 2018-2019: **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).

EB19-004 – Board – The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes: **PASSED 7-0**

- a. Competition Integrity: Remove Sunil Weeramantry
- b. Barber: Remove Sunil Weeramantry
- c. Clubs: Add Charles M. Unruh, Augustine Valverde, Paul Covington, Dr. Judit Sztaray, Abel Talamantez, Lakshmana Viswanath, Steve Morford, Kevin Pryor, Robin Ramson and Sean Manross
- d. College: Remove David Mbonu and Jack Hutton
- e. Denker: Remove Sunil Weeramantry
- f. Finance: Remove Frank Camaratta. Add Ruth Haring

- g. Forum: Remove Terry Winchester
- h. Prison: Remove Shawn Johnson, Add David LeClair
- i. Scholastic Council: Move Eric Vigil to the Scholastic Committee. Move Steve Shutt from the Committee to the Council
- j. Scholastic Committee: Remove Luis Salinas. Add Charles M. Unruh and Jeff Bulington
- k. States and Affiliates: Remove Ed Conway. Add Lakshmana Viswanath and Stephen Plotnick
- l. Top Players: Remove Alisa Melekhina and Yury Shulman
- m. Accessibility & Special Circumstances: Remove Sean Manross and Beatriz Marinello. Add Dr. Stephanie Beth Berk
- n. Awards: Add Walter Brown
- o. Chess in Education: Remove Saul Ramirez and Ryan Velez

EB19-005 – Board The Executive Board moves that the US Chess Federation endorses the candidacy of GM Nigel Short and his ticket for the Presidency of FIDE. **PASSED 7-0**

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on August 6, 2018, to add Anjelina Belakovskaia to the Women's Committee. It passed unanimously the same day.

EB19-006 – Priest I move that Anjelina Belakovskaia be added as a member of the Women's Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Nietman indicated that the Scholastic Council has completed the 2018-2019 Scholastic Regulations and focused on the need to have the regulations in place by no later than September 1 each year. He moved their approval by e-mail on August 8, 2018, by e-mail with the regulations attached. The vote was completed the next day. President Allen Priest noted that "I would like it to be noted in the minutes the appreciation of the EB to the scholastic committee/council and the EB liaison Mike Hoffpaur for their work in getting this done in time for the start of school and months earlier than the last few years."

EB19-007 – Nietman - I move that the 2018-19 Scholastic Regulations be approved. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Hoffpaur moved by e-mailed objections procedure on August 10, 2018, to add Dr. Mike Regan to the Ratings Committee.

EB19-008 – Hoffpaur - Under our 5-day "by exception" procedure for adding new members to committees, I hereby move that Dr. Mike Regan (NJ) be added to the US Chess Ratings Committee per the request of Committee Chair, Dr. Mark Glickman." There is no need to respond to this request unless there is an objection. Allen will "call the vote" after 5 calendar days, e.g. next Wednesday, Aug 15th. **PASSED** without objection

Chuck Unruh moved on August 10, 2018, to add James R. Thoun to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (A&SCC) by e-mailed objections procedure. No objections were received by August 15.

EB19-009 – Unruh - I move that James R. Thoun 12423385 Life Member become a member of the A&SCC in 5 days if there are no objections. **PASSED** without objection

Chuck Unruh moved on August 14, 2018, to add Philip Linninger to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (A&SCC) by e-mailed objections procedure. No objections were received by August 19.

EB19-010 – Unruh - I move that Philip Linninger USCF# 14895972 become a member of the A&SCC by request of the Chairperson in 5 days if there are no objections. **PASSED** without objection.

Mike Nietman noted by e-mail on August 16, 2018, that he received a request for several changes to the Senior Committee from its Chair David Grimaud and moved their adoption by objections procedure. They will pass automatically if no objections are received by August 21.

EB19-011 – Nietman - I move by 5 days objection procedure to make the following changes to the Senior Committee: **PASSED** without objection

Remove (Per Chair David Grimaud the reason was that he received no response to his willingness to serve queries from them)

Charles Hatherill
Gregory Kearse
William L. Pursel
Gordon Simons

Add

Paul Covington (CO), 12044640
Haraldur “Hal” Karlsson (TX), 12884053
Kevin Pryor (GA), 12544760
Renate Otterbach (CA), 14565208
Carl Haessler (OR), 10503892
Michael Mulford (NV), 10510376
Danny Rohde (NY), 12622575

Mike Hoffpauir moved on August 19, 2018, by e-mailed objections procedure the addition of Steve Immitt to the Competition Integrity Committee. If no objections are received by August 24 the motion would pass at that time. It did.

EB19-012 – Hoffpauir - Under our 5-Day without objections process, I move to add Steve Immitt (NY) to the Competition Integrity Committee (formerly known as the Anti-Cheating Committee). **PASSED** without objection.

Chuck Unruh offered a motion by e-mail objections procedure on August 26, 2018, to remove Philip Linninger and Will Barela from the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (A&SCC) at the request of the committee chair and to make Judit Sztarary a Vice Chair of that committee. Three things were unusual about the motion that eventually resulted in further discussion and new motions.

The first issue was that it would reverse motion EB19-010 (See above), which only nine days earlier added Philip Linninger to the A&SCC. Discussion centered around whether to include both motions or simply remove the earlier motion. Both motions need to be documented.

The second issue was that it would name a Vice Chair by objections Procedure (which is currently not allowed). Ryan Velez offered a motion on September 3, 2018, to name Sean Manross Vice Chair of the Clubs Committee by objections procedure and resubmitted his motion by objections procedure on September 4 to name Judit Sztarary Vice Chair of the A&SCC. Please note that any changes in Chairs, Co-chairs or Vice Chairs will also affect the Committee Appendix.

During discussion Mike Nietman pointed out that Mike Atkins’ Motion EB16-044, which is still in effect, is worded “Moved, that in between scheduled meetings of the EB, that appointments of regular committee members (non-chair or co/vice chair) will be presented by an EB member by e-mail who posts “Mr/Ms ____ will become a member of ____ committee in 5 days with no objections” Please note that the reason for this is that the objections procedure is to be used only where there is little chance for needed discussion or objections. The naming of Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs or Vice Chairs can sometimes require discussions that can be sensitive enough that they are usually named in closed session EB meetings. Objections procedure motions preclude such discussions. Allen Priest pointed out on the same day that “The EB appoints chairs of EB committees through regular voting procedures, not through objections procedures. The appointment of chairs is not up to committees, nor is it up to the liaison, which is what the objections procedures basically allows.” He also clarified the current status, saying “There is no pending appointment of any chair or vice-chair for either Accessibility or Clubs.” Ryan Velez withdrew his motion. Primary liaison Chuck Unruh moved replacement motions on September 6, 2018, and September 23, 2018 (See motions EB 19-017, 018).

The third issue was that it was actually two separate motions submitted as one and could have the unintended consequence of an objection to one affecting the other. The motion itself was not voted and ultimately withdrawn.

EB19-013 – Unruh - I move to remove Will Barela USCF# 12592643 and Philip Linninger USCF# 14895972 from service on the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee if there are no objections within the next 5 days. I move that Judit Sztarary USCF# 14708926 become the A&SCC Vice Chairperson if there are no objections within the next 5 days.

Ryan Velez moved by e-mail objections procedure on August 28, 2018, to remove Michael Lenox from the A&SCC at the request of the committee chair. He noted that this is part of a committee reorganization.

EB19-014 – Velez - I move to remove Michael Lenox ID# 12734131 from service on the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee if there are no objections within the next 5 days.

Allen Priest replied to an appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations with the following detailed motion. The motion was made by e-mail on August 30, 2018. Voting was completed the next day, however it contained a factual error which resulted in an amendment to the wording. The amended motion was submitted by e-mail on August 31, 2018, and voting was completed on September 11, 2018. The final wording is presented here.

EB19-015 – Priest - I move to amend the motion regarding the appeal of Ethics Committee recommendations to correct a factual error as follows:

In the matter Weideman vs Young, Cusi, Cartegena, Silvestre, Castro and NorCal House of Chess, The US Chess Executive Board takes the following actions in response to various appeals: **PASSED 7-0**

Ronald Cusi: Mr. Cusi submitted a written appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations. He was offered the opportunity to address the Executive Board by phone. He declined that opportunity by email response.

After considering the written appeal of Ronald Cusi, the Executive Board upholds the recommendation of the Ethics Committee. The US Chess membership of Ronald Cusi is suspended for three years. The tournament director certification of Mr. Cusi is permanently revoked.

Omar Cartegena: Mr. Cartegena submitted a written appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations. He was offered the opportunity to address the Executive Board by phone. He declined that opportunity by email response.

After considering the written appeal of Omar Cartegena, the Executive Board upholds the recommendation of the Ethics Committee. The US Chess membership of Omar Cartegena is suspended for three years.

Ted Castro: Mr. Castro submitted a written appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations. He was offered the opportunity to address the Executive Board by phone, which he chose to do.

After considering both the written appeal and the phone appeal of Ted Castro, the Executive Board upholds the recommendations of the Ethics Committee in part and amends in part.

The tournament director certification of Ted Castro is permanently revoked. The US Chess membership of Mr. Castro is suspended for three years.

The Executive Board upholds the Ethics Committee recommendation that the NorCal Team be stripped of their 2018 US Amateur Team West championship title.

Mr. Castro's appeal extended to the affiliate NorCal House of Chess. After considering both the written appeal and the phone appeal of Ted Castro on behalf of the affiliate NorCal House of Chess, the Executive Board rejects the Ethics Committee recommendation to permanently revoke the affiliate status of NorCal House of Chess. In recognition of the substantial educational activities of this affiliate, the Executive Board places the NorCal House of Chess on probation for a period of three years. Any violation of the Code of Ethics or of US Chess affiliate standards by the affiliate, any officer of the affiliate, or any tournament director at an event submitted by the affiliate will result in the permanent revocation of the NorCal House of Chess affiliate status. Further, as a condition of the probation, NorCal House of Chess must appoint a tournament director who is certified by US Chess at the Senior level or higher to oversee all tournament activity and tournament rating report submissions by the affiliate. NorCal House of Chess will notify US Chess of the appointment which will be confirmed by US Chess with that tournament director. Failure to maintain the appointment of such a tournament director in this oversight role will result in the immediate suspension of the affiliate status of NorCal House of Chess, until an appropriately credentialed tournament director accepts such appointment.

Note: Angelo Young did not appeal the Ethics Committee recommendation suspending his US Chess membership for three years. Guerrero Silvestre did not appeal the Ethics Committee recommendation suspending his US Chess membership for five years and assigning him a rating floor of 1800. Those recommendations take effect without action by the Executive Board.

Allen Priest moved on September 6, 2018, by e-mail to reappoint Ruth Haring as our FIDE Zonal President. This can be done since the US is the only country in our FIDE Zone.

EB19-016 – Priest - I move that US Chess reappoint Ruth Haring as our FIDE Zonal President. **PASSED 7-0**

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail on September 6, 2018, to make Judit Sztarary Vice Chair of the A&SCC. The vote was completed on September 23, 2018.

EB19-017 – Unruh - I move that Judit Sztarary USCF# 14708926 become the A&SCC Vice Chairperson. **PASSED 7-0**
Please note: This is documented in a revision to Appendix A.

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail on September 23, 2018, to remove Will Barela and Philip Linninger from the A&SCC. Voting was completed the next day.

EB19-018 – Unruh - I move to remove Will Barela USCF# 12592643 and Philip Linninger USCF# 14895972 from service on the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail the approval of an agreement regarding royalties for US Chess endorsement of a clock on October 08, 2018, The vote was completed the following day.

EB19-019 – Unruh - I move that the Executive Board approve the Clock Royalty Endorsement Agreement between House of Staunton, Inc. and US Chess. The final version of the agreement is now date marked as 10/8/2018. **PASSED 6-0** with Ryan Velez recusing himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Thanks to Kathleen Collins, who is retiring, for all that she has done for US Chess and for being willing to continue until such time that a replacement could be trained in her responsibilities. We wish Kathleen Collins the best for the future. Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on October 09, 2018, that the signatories on the bank account be updated to reflect the transition. The vote was completed the same day.

EB19-020 – Meyer - I move that the Executive Board authorize the removal of Kathleen Collins as signatory to US Chess bank accounts and that Christine Green be added as a signatory to same. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mail on October 15, 2018, the replacement of the chair of the Military Committee. He noted that "the "Chair" of the Military Committee rotates each year. It does this in order to align with the Service hosting the coming year's US Armed Forces Open (USAFO). In October 2019 during Columbus-Day weekend, the USAFO will be hosted by the US Marine Corps, at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Accordingly, Ms. Sara Walsh has stepped up and provided her name as Chairperson for the next year. Sara has long been involved in Military Chess in her capacity working for the Morale Welfare and Recreation department at Camp LeJeune. She is an active tournament player in NC whose rating hovers around 1900. She also served ably as "House Man" during the 2018 NATO Chess Championships held at Texas Tech University. As a part of this process of rotating the Chair, the current Chairperson, US Navy Captain Thomas Belke, has submitted his resignation to be effective the date his successor is approved by the Executive Board." The vote was completed the next day.

EB19-021 – Hoffpauir - I move that the Executive Board (EB) accept the resignation of Captain Thomas Belke, US Navy (Retired) from his position as Chairperson of the US Chess Military Chess Committee, and that the EB approve the nomination of Ms. Sara Walsh (USCF 12457717, exp. 3/2019) as Chairperson. As Chairperson, Sara will serve as the Principal Organizer for the 2019 US Armed Forces Open Chess Championships being planned for October 2019 at Camp LeJeune, NC. **PASSED 7-0**

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on October 16, 2018, a five year extension of the affinity contract with Nationwide Insurance. Voting was completed on October 21.

EB19-022 – Priest - After the recommendation of Executive Director Carol Meyer, I move that US Chess authorize Carol Meyer to execute an extension of the Nationwide insurance affinity contract for five years. The contract terms and obligations remain largely unchanged; there are minor changes in language recommended by the US Chess corporate counsel which have been accepted by Nationwide. **PASSED 7-0**

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on October 19, 2018, the suspension of Steve Shutt from service on US Chess Committees until allegations against him are resolved. After a brief discussion period to perfect the wording the motion was worded as

shown below. Voting was completed on October 21, 2018.

EB19-023 – Priest - Due to recent published reports of serious accusations related to potential child abuse, in accordance with US Chess policy regarding committee service, I move to suspend Steve Shutt from service on the Chess in Education Committee, Denker Tournament Committee, Barber Tournament Committee, the Scholastic Committee, and the Scholastic Council. The suspension from committee service will remain in effect until the allegations can be resolved. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Nietman moved the approval of the minutes of the August EB meetings on by e-mail on October 21, 2018. Voting was completed the same day

EB19-024 – Nietman - I move to accept the previously distributed minutes of the August 2, August 4 and August 5, 2018 Executive Board meetings. **PASSED 7-0**

The Development Committee, which had been inactive in the last two years, is now active thanks to John D. Rockefeller V, who volunteered to chair the committee in an informal discussion at the Madison meeting. The Executive Board did not make a motion at that time to name him as chair. He has since requested that two members be added to the committee. The next two motions document the committee's current status.

EB19-025 – Priest I move that John Rockefeller be appointed chair of the Development Committee. **PASSED 7-0**
Please note that the primary EB liaison is Randy Bauer and the Alternate EB liaison is Mike Hoffpaur.

As liaison to the Development Committee and at the request of Committee Chair John D. Rockefeller, Mike Hoffpaur moved the addition of Sunil Weeramantry And Kimberly Doo McVay to the Development Committee by e-mailed five day objections procedure.

EB19-026 – Hoffpaur - Under our 5-day objections procedure I move that Sunil Weeramantry (USCF 11155189, exp. 7/2019) and Kimberly Doo McVay (USCF 16085728, exp. 8/2019) be added to the Development Committee per the request of Chairperson John Rockefeller. **PASSED** without objection.

The US Chess Executive Board met in New Orleans, LA, on November 10-11, 2018. The following motions arose from that meeting. Please note that motion EB19-027 originated as an e-mail motion. By November 10 the count was 6-0. The voting was completed at the meeting when the one member who had not yet voted cast his vote.

The College Chess Committee voted to name Kelly Bloomfield of Ohio State as its new chair, effective 12/01/18. Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on November 06, 2018, to name Kelly Bloomfield Chair of the College Chess Committee. He made the motion at the start of the meeting since the vote was 6-0 and only one vote remained to be counted. The motion passed 6-0 and the remaining vote was received by e-mail on November 12 to complete the 7-0 result.

EB19-027 – Nietman - I move to name Kelly Bloomfield chair of the College Chess Committee effective December 1, 2018 and to thank Al Lawrence for his service as chair. **PASSED 7-0**

Allen Priest made four motions on Saturday, November 10 which involved setting up an investment committee for the Reserve Fund and the Professional Players Health and Benefit Fund (PPHBF), transfer funds to the Reserve Fund/PPHBF, and specify an investment plan for it. VP of Finance Chuck Unruh was appointed Chair of the committee by President Allen Priest. Please note that this will be a separate standing committee to handle investments for both the Reserve Fund and the PPHBF. It does not replace the PPHBF Management Committee, which will continue as is.

EB19-028 – Priest - In accordance with the original motion (EB17-021) which set up the reserve fund, I move to transfer \$200,000 from the Regions Bank account to the Reserve Fund to increase that Fund to \$1.2 million.

PASSED 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

EB19-029 – Priest – I move to appoint a Reserve Fund/PPHBF investment committee. The current members will be:
PASSED 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

VP of Finance Chuck Unruh

Ruth Haring

Jim Bedenbaugh

Peter Dyson

Allen Priest

Myron and Rachel's note: We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ruth Haring, who was a great friend of chess and a personal friend for decades. She was an exceptional US Chess President and EB member as well as an excellent player. She has been effective in all aspects of chess and brought women's chess to prominence. Although she will not be able to serve on this committee, Ruth can live on as a remarkable role model for future generations. Please help preserve her legacy.

EB19-030 – Priest – I move to transfer the PPHB CD, once it matures, to the Reserve Fund/PPHB investment account. The PPHBF checking account will remain intact at present. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

EB19-031 – Priest – I move that we authorize the Reserve Fund/PPHB investment committee to invest the Reserve Fund/PPHB investment account in accordance with the investment plan outlined by Chuck Unruh. The committee will have the authority to buy and sell investments within the portfolio and can grant the portfolio manager trading authority within the investment plan. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

Allen Priest moved at the meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018, to create a prison group membership program.

EB19-032 – Priest – I move that US Chess establish a promotional prison group membership program. The memberships will be regular 1 year adult memberships. Any affiliate can purchase group membership vouchers under this program. Unused vouchers will expire one year after purchase. The minimum order quantity is 5. The price per voucher is \$12. If purchased in quantities equal to or exceeding 100 in one transaction the price per voucher will be \$10. Vouchers must be redeemed through the office in the same way that individual prison memberships are processed. The definitions applicable to the individual prison membership will all be applicable to this program. **PASSED 7-0**

The following motions were made in closed session and read in open session at the meeting on November 11, 2018.

EB19-033 – Priest – I move that the Executive Board approves a one-time profit sharing contribution to the US Chess 401K Plan for calendar year 2018 in the amount of 2% of compensation for all eligible employees. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-034 – Unruh - I move that the Executive Board approve the revised Dewain Barber, US Chess sponsorship agreement as it pertains to the three invitational events. **PASSED 6-1** with Randy Bauer opposed.

EB19-035 – Nietman - I move to accept the Women's Committee report item #4 dealing with updated rules for the 2019 NGTOC Information and Rules. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-036 – Velez - I move to remove Bruce Davis from the Accessibility & Special Circumstances committee. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-037 – Meyer - I move that the following committee charters be approved as amended: **PASSED 7-0**

- a. Accessibility & Special Circumstances
- b. Barber
- c. College Chess
- d. Competition Integrity
- e. Denker
- f. International Affairs
- g. Military
- h. Outreach
- i. PPHB

- j. Scholastic Council/Committee
- k. States & Affiliates
- l. US Chess Development
- m. US Open
- n. Women's Chess

EB19-038 – Board - The Executive Board moves that the Prison Chess Committee be disbanded. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-039 – Priest – I move that the Executive Board adopt the revisions to the Forum Acceptable Use Guidelines (AUG) proposed by the Executive Director. The effective date of the new AUG is November 11, 2018. The revised AUG document is attached and the Executive Director will see that the new AUG replaces the prior document on the US Chess website forums. **PASSED 7-0** Please note: The new AUG can be found in Appendix B

At the request of States and Affiliates Committee (SAC) Co-Chairs Alex Relyea and Guy Hoffman, liaison Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mailed objections procedure on November 16, 2018 to add and remove specified SAC members. The motion passed automatically without objection five days later.

EB19-040 – Hoffpauir - Under the 5-day objections procedure I move that we add Glenn Panner and Thad Rogers to the SAC and remove Stephen Plotnick, Robert Tanner and Jim Gray from the SAC. **PASSED** without objection

At the request of Rules Committee Chair Ken Ballou, Mike Hoffpauir moved the addition of Bill Smythe to the Rules Committee by e-mailed Objections Procedure. No objections were received and the motion passed automatically.

EB19-041 – Hoffpauir – I move that under the "5-day no objections" process that Bill Smythe (US Chess ID 10339022) be added to the Rules Committee. **PASSED** without objection

Ryan Velez, as liaison to the Clubs Committee, moved by e-mail on January 2, 2019, to make Judit Sztarary the Clubs Committee Chair. Voting was completed on January 4.

EB19-042 – Velez – I move that Judit Sztarary USCF# 14708926 become the Clubs Committee sole Chairperson. **PASSED 7-0**

Secretary Mike Nietman moved the acceptance of the minutes of the November, 2018, EB meeting by e-mail on January 1, 2019. Voting was completed on January 12, 2019.

EB19-043 – Nietman – I move to accept the November 2018 EB Meeting Minutes as were previously distributed. **PASSED 7-0**

The US Chess Executive Board met in Orlando, FL on January 13, 2019. Motions EB19-044 through 47 were voted in open session at that meeting.

EB19-044 – Nietman – I move to add Alex Onischuk to the College Chess Committee and remove Rade Milovanovic as Rade is retiring from UT-Dallas. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-045 – Nietman – I move to add the National Collegiate Rapid and Blitz Championships to the list of national events and directs the College Committee to draft a set of guidelines to run the event. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-046 – Unruh – I move that the Executive Board approve the recommendation of the Reserve Fund Committee to increase the cash deposit allocation with FDIC banks from 25% to 35% of the entire fund. The new purchase allocation is accomplished through cost averaging FDIC Insured Cash Deposits with expiration dates between one and three years. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-047 – Priest – I move to name Franc Guadalupe as our FIDE Zonal President. **PASSED 7-0**

Motions EB19-048 through 052 were made in closed session and read into the record in open session.

EB19-048 – Meyer – I move that T's Cleaning Service be awarded a 3-year contract beginning 1/1/2019 to perform janitorial services at our Crossville office. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-049 – Board – The Executive Board moves to accept the Finance Committee charter as presented. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-050 – Board – The Executive Board moves that the Chess in Education Committee be eliminated as it is presently constituted. The Executive Board will review the tasks presently assigned to the current committee and decide how best to accomplish those organizational needs. That may include the formation of several smaller more narrowly focused groups, the assignment of tasks to other existing committees, or assignment to US Chess team members. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-051 – Board – The Executive Board moves that Stephen Shutt be banned from the sites of US Chess organized and contracted events. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-052 – Board – The Executive Board moves that the US Chess membership of Stephen D Shutt (10159504) is suspended pending further resolution of published allegations of misconduct at US Chess events and in conjunction with chess education. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Mike Nietman abstaining.

The Saint Louis Chess Club has offered to sponsor a new National Invitational for Seniors, starting with this year. Liaison to the Senior Chess Committee moved by e-mail to create the event on January 13, 2019. Voting was completed on January 17, 2019.

EB19-053 – Unruh – I move that the Executive Board create a new annual national event known as the U.S. Senior Championship with the 1st tournament held 2019 in Saint Louis at the Saint Louis Chess Club, 4657 Maryland Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63108. Format for the invitational event becomes a 10-player round robin with player selections by US Chess ratings (7), the previous year's winner of the U.S. Senior Open Championship (1), the previous year's winner of the National Senior Tournament of Champions (1) and a Wildcard selection by the sponsor (1.) Time limits, tournament direction and other venues, will adhere to standard US Chess practices for a national event. **PASSED 7-0**

Hal Sprechman, Liaison to the Awards Committee, moved by e-mail on January 17, 2019, to name John McCrary Chair of the Awards Committee. Voting was completed on January 21, 2019.

EB19-054 – Sprechman – I move to name John McCrary as chairman of the Awards Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on January 23, 2019, the approval of the Donor Search contract that was presented to the EB at its January meeting. Voting was completed on January 31, 2019.

EB19-055 – Meyer – I move to approve the 3-year Donor Search contract as presented to the Executive Board at its January 13, 2019 meeting. **PASSED 7-0**

On behalf of the US Chess Executive Board, Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mail on February 1, 2019, to uphold the ruling of the Rules Committee in the Chen vs Perkins appeal. Voting was completed the next day.

EB19-056 – Hoffpauir for Board - In the matter of Chen vs. Perkins, the Executive Board upholds the ruling of the US Chess Rules Committee that the games played by Mr. Chen in Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the 7th ChessKid.com Nationals in June 2018 shall be rated as wins for Mr. Chen. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Allen Priest abstaining.

On behalf of the US Chess Executive Board, Mike Hoffpauir proposed the following two motions that arose from the EB strategy workshop in Orlando on January 11. The motions were proposed by e-mail on February 4, 2019, and voting was completed the next day.

EB19-057 – Hoffpauir for Board – I move to approve the Mission and Vision Statements for US Chess as developed by the Executive Board during the strategy workshop on January 11, 2019:

- **Mission:** Empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess.

- **Vision:** Chess is recognized as an essential tool that is inclusive, benefits education and rehabilitation, and promotes recreation and friendly competition. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-058 – Hoffpauir for Board – I move to approve the following five (5) US Chess Goals developed by the Executive Board during the strategy workshop on January 11, 2019:

- Increase the use of chess in education
- Expand the social, recreational and rehabilitative applications of chess
- Develop the depth and breadth of our partnerships
- Use chess to increase opportunities for under-represented segments of society
- Continuously improve internal operations and member services **PASSED 7-0**

Secretary Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on February 12, 2019, the approval of the minutes of the January EB Meeting. The vote was completed two days later.

PLEASE NOTE: Chuck Unruh moved to adopt a revised set of guidelines for US Chess Invitational Requirements on February 18, 2019, which included the US Chess Senior Invitational. After discussion led to a need for additional consideration the sponsor withdrew the motion the next day. When a new motion is voted it will be numbered and documented.

EB19-059 – Nietman – I move to accept the minutes that were previously distributed for review and edited. **PASSED 7-0**

Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on February 27, 2019, to approve a revision to the US Chess Transgender Policy to be consistent with the new US Chess mission statement after legal review. The essential difference is to add “A request to change gender must be done at least two weeks prior to participating in a US Chess rated event. US Chess policy is subservient to applicable laws.” The vote was completed on March 5, 2019.

EB19-060 – Meyer – I move that the Executive Board approve the updated Transgender Policy that now reads:

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. A request to change gender must be done at least two weeks prior to participating in a US Chess rated event. US Chess policy is subservient to applicable laws. PASSED 7-0

Rusty Harwood will be leaving the US and has resigned his seat on the US Chess Scholastic Council. He has been very valuable to US Chess and the cause of scholastic chess. We wish him all the best. His resignation leaves two open seats on the Scholastic Council. The Scholastic Committee elected Danny Rohde and Eric Vigil in a special election to fill those seats. Mike Nietman moved to accept Rusty Harwood’s resignation with thanks and name the Scholastic Council’s choices to terms that will expire in August, 2020. Voting was completed March 9, 2019.

EB19-061 – Nietman – I move to accept the resignation of Rusty Harwood from the Scholastic Council and name Danny Rhode and Eric Vigil to the Scholastic Council. The EB thanks Rusty for his service on the Scholastic Council. **PASSED 7-0**

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail on March 12, 2019, a revision to motion EB19-053, which added the sentence “The invitational rating list for the event will be computed with the same formula used for the US Championship.” Voting was completed the next day.

EB19-062 – Unruh – I move that the Executive Board create a new annual national event known as the U.S. Senior Championship with the 1st tournament held 2019 in Saint Louis at the Saint Louis Chess Club, 4657 Maryland Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63108. Format for the invitational event becomes a 10-player round robin with player selections by US Chess ratings (7), the previous year's winner of the U.S. Senior Open Championship (1), the previous year's winner of the National Senior Tournament of Champions (1) and a Wildcard selection by the sponsor (1.) Time limits, tournament direction, and other venues will adhere to standard US Chess practices for a national event. The invitational rating list for the event will be computed with the same formula used for the US Championship. **PASSED 7-0**

Creative Director Frankie Butler has been working on an expired contract and has been very valuable. Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on March 12, 2019, to approve a new contract for her services. Voting was completed the next day.

EB19-063 – Meyer – I move that the EB approve a one-year contract extension for Francesca Butler, US Chess Creative

Director, effective March 15, 2019 and expiring March 14, 2020. **PASSED 7-0**

At the request of Development Committee Chair John D. Rockefeller V, Mike Hoffpauir moved by five day objections procedure the addition of Danny Rohde to the Development Committee.

EB19-064 – Hoffpauir - At the request of the Committee Chair, John Rockefeller, and under the terms of the Executive Board's 5-day no objections process, I move to add Danny Rohde to the US Chess Development Committee. **No Objections** were received.

The Executive Board met in Nashville March 29-31, 2019. Motion EB19-065 was made in closed session on March 29 and documented in open session on March 30.

EB19-065 – Board - The Executive Board moves to affirm the Ethics Committee's ruling in the case of Goichberg vs. Diaz and permanently revokes Mr. Alain Diaz's (ID#: 13244888) US Chess membership. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Randy Bauer unable to attend during the appeal call and abstaining.

Ryan Velez moved in closed session on March 30, 2019, to accept a draft document of the language for the JTP program. The vote was documented in open session on March 31, 2019. The wording of the document is in Appendix C

EB19-066 – Velez – I move to accept the JTP Program Language draft document. **PASSED 7-0**

Allen Priest moved two motions in closed session on March 30, 2019 which established an Endowment Fund. They were documented in open session on March 31, 2019

EB19-067 – Priest – I move that the US Chess Executive Board creates the US Chess Endowment Fund (the Fund). The Fund's purpose is to be a vehicle for the long-term management of gifts, donations and other funds that either have donor restrictions or board-imposed restrictions that limit the ability of US Chess to spend the principal of the funds. The Fund may accept gifts subject to the general gift acceptance policy of US Chess. Donor restricted gifts may have restrictions that do allow for the invasion of principal of that gift for the stated purpose of the gift, but the intention is that the gift provides for benefits over multiple years. The Fund will be managed initially with the internal committee that is managing the US Chess Reserve Fund. Management of the Fund will have a longer-term focus than the Reserve Fund. The Fund will be established with a separate investment account at TD Ameritrade. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-068 – Priest – I move that the US Chess Endowment Fund (the Fund) will be initially funded by the transfer of an amount equal to the benefactor portion of all benefactor membership paid to date. The estimate of this is 44 members at \$1,500 or \$66,000. The Executive Board directs that the benefactor portion of future benefactor memberships be added to the Fund. The Fund will accumulate money until it reaches a minimum of \$100,000 before any earnings will be spent from the Fund. The exception will be if the Fund accepts a gift that requires the expenditure of earnings for a specific program upon receipt. **PASSED 7-0**

The Executive Board passed three Board motions in closed session on March 31, 2019, and documented them in open session the same day. All three passed 7-0.

EB19-069 – Board - The Executive Board moves to accept the US Chess Gift Acceptance Policy as presented. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-070 – Board - The Executive Board moves to eliminate the Communications Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

EB19-071 – Board - The Executive Board moves to eliminate the Hall of Fame Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Nietman moved the approval of the minutes of the March EB meeting by e-mail on April 20, 2019. The vote was completed the next day.

EB19-072 – Nietman – I move to accept the previously distributed minutes of the March 30-31, 2019 Executive Board Meeting in Nashville, TN. **PASSED 7-0**

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail on May 3, 2019, to name the VP of Finance (by title) the Chair of the Reserve Fund and

PPHB Investment Committee. Please note that this is not the same committee as the PPHB Committee. Voting was concluded on May 8, 2019.

EB19-073 – Unruh – I move that the presiding Vice President of Finance serves as the Chairperson for the Reserve Fund & PPHBF Investment Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Chuck Unruh moved by 5 day e-mail objections procedure the addition of Randy Bauer and Ryan Velez to the Reserve Fund & PPHBF Investment Committee on May 3, 2019. No objections were received by May 8.

EB19-074 – Unruh – I move to add Randy Bauer USCF#10320372 and Ryan Velez USCF#12792845 as members of the Reserve Fund & PPHB Committee under the 5 day without objections process. **PASSED without objection**

The order of the list for invitations to the World Youth was appealed. Allen Priest moved by e-mail on May 12 to approve the order created by the US Chess office. After a correction to a typo, the vote was completed by May 14.

EB19-075 – Priest – In the matter of the Yoo appeal of the order of the invitational list for the World Youth, I move the Executive Board approve the ordering of that list as created by the US Chess office team. **PASSED 6-1** with Mike Nietman opposed.

The US Chess Executive Board met in Augusta, MO, on the weekend of June 01-02, 2019. Motion EB19-076 was voted in open session on June 01 and motion EB19-077 was voted in closed session the previous day and read into open session at a later time on June 01. Motions EB19-078 through EB19-082 were passed in closed sessions on June 01 and June 02 and read into open session later on June 02.

EB19-076 – Board – The Executive Board moves to accept the US Chess Federation Rules of Chess and Functional Device Review to be effective August 1, 2019. **PASSED 5-1** with Randy Bauer opposed and Mike Hoffpauir absent and not voting.

EB19-077 – Board – The Executive Board names the following 2019 award winners: **PASSED 6-0** with Mike Hoffpauir absent and not voting.

- a. Distinguished Service Award – Francisco Guadalupe (TX), Dr. Mark Glickman (MA)
- b. Outstanding Career Achievement Award – Stephen Schneider (GA), Fred Wilson (NY), Richard Koepcke (NCA)
- c. Meritorious Services Award – Dr. Clyde Smith (SC), Dr. Jeanne Sinuefield (MO)
- d. Special Services Award – Peter Dyson (FL), Sam and Miller Copeland (SC), Robert Simpson (NY)
- e. Tournament Director Lifetime Achievement Award – Steve Immitt (NY)
- f. Accessibility and Special Circumstances Person of the Year – Alex Relyea (NH)
- g. Chess City of the Year – Philadelphia, PA
- h. Chess Club of the Year – The Charlotte Chess Center (NC)
- i. Chess College of the Year – University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
- j. Committee of the Year – Ethics Committee
- k. Frank J. Marshall Award – GM Melikset Khachiyani (CA)
- l. Grandmaster of the Year – GM Hikaru Nakamura (NY), GM Sam Shankland (NCA)
- m. Honorary Chess Mate – Carolyn Weeramantry (NY)
- n. Koltanowski Awards
 - i. Gold – The St. Louis Chess Club (MO), Two Sigma
 - ii. Silver – Dewain and Susan Barber (SCA), Richard and Barbara Schiffrin (PA), David and Maureen Grimaud (SC)
- o. Organizer of the Year – Jon Haskel (FL)
- p. Outstanding Team Performance Award – 2018 Olympiad Team, 2018 World Senior Team
- q. Scholastic Service Award
 - i. Individual – Jon Haskel (FL), Russell Harwood (TX)
- r. Outstanding Player Achievement Award – GM Alex Onischuk (TX)

- s. Tournament Director of the Year – David Hater (GA)
- t. Woman Chessplayer of the Year Award – Jennifer Yu (VA)

EB19-078 – Board – The Executive Board moves to rename the National Girls Tournament of Champions the Ruth Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions. **PASSED 6-0** with Mike Hoffpauir absent and not voting.

EB19-079 – Board – The Executive Board moves to approve the resolution (attached) codifying the terms of agreement between the Kasparov Chess Foundation and US Chess for the annual All Girls National tournament. **PASSED 6-0** with Mike Hoffpauir absent and not voting.

EB19-080 – Unruh – I move to accept the 2019-2020 budget as presented. The budget must be presented to the delegates for approval. **PASSED 6-0** with Mike Hoffpauir absent and not voting.

EB19-081 – Board – The Executive Board recommends David Hater for a seat on the FIDE Ethics Commission and directs our President and FIDE Delegate to promote that candidacy. **PASSED 6-0** with Mike Hoffpauir absent and not voting.

EB19-082 – Board – The Executive Board moves to submit the following ADM: **PASSED 6-0** with Mike Hoffpauir absent and not voting.

To replace Article 4 Section 6 of the bylaws regarding the electronic voting process to read If US Chess implements an electronic voting system, voting members may request a paper ballot by writing to the US Chess office prior to May 1st for a regular election or the equivalent cutoff date for a special election.

Rationale: Current language references members who receive Chess Life by mail. However, paper ballots have not been bound into Chess Life for some time. Further, the current language seems to create a default of mailing paper ballots. If we have an electronic voting system the default ought to be to use the electronic voting system.

Allen Priest presented a Board motion by e-mail on June 13, 2019, to uphold the decision of the Ethics Committee in an appeal. Voting was completed on June 20.

EB19-083 – Board – The Executive Board moves to uphold the Ethics Committee’s ruling in Kiewra vs. Koka that suspends the US Chess membership of Mr. Abhinav Koka (ID#: 16052137) for two years with the suspension beginning on 3/19/2019, the date the Ethics Committee submitted their ruling, and ending on 3/18/2021. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Hoffpauir moved approval of Boyd Reed’s suggestions to make two changes to the US Chess Invitational Requirements to clarify that a player who finishes clear first or in a first place tie in the US Senior Open qualifies for the **US Senior Championship** rather than the US Championship. The motion was made by e-mail on June 20, 2019. Voting was completed the same day. The first change was to change “**US Championship**” to “**US Senior Championship**”. The second change was to clarify that if the first place player in the US Senior Open is already qualified to play in the US Senior Championship, the next highest finisher is not eligible to replace him or her. The same clarification applies to seeding from the US Open to the US Championship.

EB19-084 – Hoffpauir – I move that the following portions of the US Chess Invitational Requirements as regards the US Senior Open and US Senior Championship be approved by the Executive Board. **PASSED 7-0**

Issue #1: Original Language in Paragraph 2.1.1.5: "U.S. Senior Open Champion - For the U.S. Senior Open Champion to qualify for the U.S. Championship, they must satisfy the above residency requirements and earn clear first or a tie for first. In the case of a tie, the playoff results or the tournament tiebreaks will be used."

Proposed Solution #1: Change "U.S. Senior Open Champion - For the U.S. Senior Open Champion to qualify for the U.S. **Senior** Championship, they must satisfy the above residency requirements and earn clear first or a tie for first. In the case of a tie, the playoff results or the tournament tiebreaks will be used."

Issue #2: The current language does not provide guidance on how to handle instances where the winner and any co-champions of the US Sr Open are already qualified ... e.g. would the US Sr. Championship berth automatically pass to the next highest finishing player?

Solution #2: Boyd does not recommend the berth automatically flow down to the next player. To resolve the lack of clarification in the current draft rules, Boyd proposes the following additional (new) paragraph be inserted at the end of Paragraph 2.1.1: "2.1.1.7: For the U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open, only players who finish clear first or tied for first are eligible for seeding into the U.S. Championship and U.S. Senior Championship, respectively."

Mike Nietman moved the acceptance of the minutes of the June 1, 2 Executive Board meeting by e-mail on July 26, 2019. The vote was completed on the next day.

EB19-085 – Nietman – I move to accept the minutes of our June 1-2, 2019 meeting that were previously distributed. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Mike Hoffpauir abstaining.

Carol Meyer moved the approval of a consulting agreement for the first phase of an IT Infrastructure Project on July 27, 2019. Voting was completed the next day.

EB19-086 – Meyer – I move to approve the Consulting Agreement with Skvare for Phase I of the US Chess IT Infrastructure project. **PASSED 7-0**

The EB held its last meetings with a closed session on 08/07/19 and an open session on 08/08/19 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL Three motions were made in the closed session and votes were confirmed in the open session. All were concerned with overturning a TDCC appeal.

EB19-087 – Board – The Executive Board moves to overturn the TDCC decision in full in the matter of Tang vs. Voje. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Mike Hoffpauir abstaining as he was unavailable to hear the appeal.

EB19-088 – Board – The Executive Board moves to overturn the TDCC decision in full in the matter of Tang vs. Jackson Wahl. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Mike Hoffpauir abstaining as he was unavailable to hear the appeal.

EB19-089 – Board – The Executive Board moves to overturn the TDCC decision in full in the matter of Tang vs. Ned Wahl. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Mike Hoffpauir abstaining as he was unavailable to hear the appeal.

APPENDIX A – US CHESS COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

See motion EB19-003. Please note that some Delegate appointed committees name their own chairs and the chair was listed as TBD (To Be Determined) in the motion. The list includes those chairs that became known after the motion passed. Please note: The list of Chairs and Liaisons may be modified by subsequent motions (These are indicated by a *.) and will be updated throughout the year as needed.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	PRIMARY LIAISON	ALTERNATE LIAISON
ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (A&SCC)	Janelle Losoff, Chair, Judit Sztarary, Vice Chair*	Chuck Unruh	Ryan Velez
AUDIT (DEL)	Jon Haskel	Chuck Unruh	Allen Priest
AWARDS	John Mc Crary*	Hal Sprechman	Randy Bauer
BARBER TOURNAMENT OF K-8 CHAMPIONS	Jon Haskel, *	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpauir
BYLAWS (DEL)	Harold J. Winston, Guy Hoffman Co-Chairs, Richard Koepcke Vice-Chair	Allen Priest	Randy Bauer
CHESS IN EDUCATION (Disbanded)*	Renate Otterbach	Ryan Velez	Mike Nietman
CLUBS	Judit Sztarary*	Hal Sprechman	Ryan Velez
COLLEGE CHESS	Kelly Bloomfield*	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpauir
COMMUNICATIONS (Disbanded)*	John Hartmann	Allen Priest	Chuck Unruh
COMPETITION INTEGRITY	Gary Walters	Mike Hoffpauir	Hal Sprechman
CRAMER AWARDS	Frank Brady	Randy Bauer	Chuck Unruh
DENKER INVITATIONAL	Jon Haskel, *	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpauir
ELECTION (DEL)	Ken Ballou	Mike Nietman	Allen Priest
ETHICS (DEL)	Hal Terrie III	Mike Hoffpauir	Hal Sprechman
FIDE EVENTS	Carol Jarecki	Mike Hoffpauir	Hal Sprechman
FINANCE	Jim Bedenbaugh	Chuck Unruh	Randy Bauer
FORUM	Robert Messenger	Randy Bauer	Allen Priest
HALL OF FAME (Disbanded)*	Harold J. Winston, Chair John Donaldson Vice-Chair*	Ryan Velez	Mike Hoffpauir
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	Michael Khodarkovsky	Allen Priest	Ryan Velez
MILITARY	Capt. Thomas Belke U.S.Navy (Ret)	Mike Hoffpauir	Chuck Unruh
OUTREACH	Myron Lieberman	Ryan Velez	Hal Sprechman
PPHB FUND MANAGEMENT	John Donaldson	Randy Bauer	Allen Priest
PRISON (Disbanded)*	TBD	Chuck Unruh	Randy Bauer
RATINGS	Mark Glickman	Mike Hoffpauir	Mike Nietman
RESERVE FUND / PPHB FUND INVESTMENT*	VP of Finance is Chair	N/A	N/A
RULES	Ken Ballou	Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest
SCHOLASTIC CHESS	Sunil Weeramantry*	Mike Nietman	Ryan Velez

SENIOR	David Grimaud	Hal Sprechman	Chuck Unruh
STATES AND AFFILIATES	Guy Hoffman, Alex Relyea Co-Chairs	Hal Sprechman	Chuck Unruh, Mike Hoffpauir
TOP PLAYERS	Tatev Abrahamyan, Robert Hess Co-Chairs	Allen Priest	Randy Bauer
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (TDCC)	Alex Relyea	Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest
US CHESS DEVELOPMENT*	John D. Rockefeller V	Randy Bauer	Mike Hoffpauir
US OPEN	Hal Terrie III	Hal Sprechman	Mike Nietman
WOMEN'S CHESS	Maureen Grimaud	Ryan Velez	Chuck Unruh

A&SCC - Judit Sztarary was named Vice Chair of the A&SCC on motion EB19-017

Stephen Shutt was suspended from all committee service on motion EB19-023. This affects his co-chairmanship of the Barber and Denker Invitational Tournament Committees.

Development – John D. Rockefeller V was named Chair of the Development Committee on motion EB19-025

College Chess – Kelly Bloomfield was named chair of the C ollege Chess Committee on motion EB19-027

Prison – The Prison Chess Committee was disbanded on motion EB19-038 after a Prison Group Membership was created on motion EB19-032.

Reserve Fund/PPHB Fund Investment – This committee was created by motion EB19-029 to handle investments for both the Reserve Fund and the PPHB Fund. The PPHB Fund Management Committee remains unchanged as a separate committee which is concerned with qualifications, processing and evaluating applications for support, and other matters not including investment. Vice President of Finance Chuck Unruh was appointed Chair and no EB liaisons were named.

Clubs – Judit Sztarary was named Chair of the Clubs Committee on motion EB19-042.

Chess in Education – Per Motion EB19-050 the Chess in Education Committee in its current structure is eliminated.

Awards – John McCrary was named Chair of the Awards Committee on motion EB19-054.

Scholastic – Russell (Rusty) Harwood is moving and has resigned his Scholastic Council seat and his position as Scholastic Committee Co-Chair. Per motion EB19-061 Danny Rohde and Eric Vigil were added to the Scholastic Council to fill their vacant seats. Rusty Harwood has not been replaced as Co-Chair of the Scholastic Committee. Sunil Weeramantry will continue as sole Chair of the Scholastic Committee.

Communication Committee – The Executive Board eliminated the Communication Committee with motion EB19-070 at their meeting on March 31, 2019.

Hall of Fame Committee – The Executive Board eliminated the Hall of Fame Committee with motion EB19-071 at their meeting on March 31, 2019.

Reserve Fund and PPHBF Investment Committee – The chairmanship of the committee was changed from Chuck Unruh to the VP of Finance (by title) on motion EB19-073.

APPENDIX B - US Chess Forums Acceptable Usage Guidelines (AUG)

1. **Preamble.** The AUG governs the US Chess Forums to create a cordial and productive discussion of the game of chess and US Chess concerns.¹ Certain portions of the Forums are open to the general public, while other portions may be limited to US Chess members. The Forums are not a right or a privilege of membership. The Forums are a service provided by US Chess to increase the enjoyment of, and to advance the game of chess, for all. The Forums are controlled exclusively by US Chess. The Forums will be civil and benefit the game. Communications that are not civil, or not reasonably calculated to benefit chess, may be removed without further explanation by US Chess or its moderators. US Chess values freedom of expression, but governmental constitutional standards have no application to these private Forums.

2. **The Poster is Responsible.** By accessing the Forums, you understand that all information, data, text, software, music, sound, photographs, graphics, video, messages, tags, or other materials (hereinafter “Content”), whether publicly posted or privately transmitted, are the sole responsibility of the person from whom such Content originated on these Forums. If you use (read or post on) these US Chess Forums you are indicating that you agree that US Chess is not responsible for the Content found here. Only the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designees, including members of the Executive Board have the authority to post on these Forums on behalf of US Chess. Executive Board members and Delegates exclusively represent their own opinions and positions when posting on the Forums. Moderators may take actions on behalf of US Chess in conformance with this AUG, but they do not otherwise communicate on behalf of US Chess. To the extent that this AUG requires clarification, it will be construed by the Executive Director.

3. **US Chess is NOT Liable for Content Posted on These Forums.** The above, among other things, means that you, and not US Chess, are entirely responsible for all Content that you upload, post, email, link, transmit or otherwise make available via these Forums. US Chess does not control the Content posted on these Forums and, as such, does not guarantee the accuracy, integrity or quality of uploaded or posted Content. You understand that by using these Forums, you may be exposed to Content that is offensive, indecent or objectionable to your own personal beliefs. You may also be liable for any Content that you post that runs afoul of any law. While the Forums’ moderators will attempt to remove all materials that violate this AUG, under no circumstances will US Chess be liable in any way for any Content, including, but not limited to, any errors or omissions in any Content, or any loss or damage of any kind incurred as a result of the use of any Content posted, emailed, transmitted or otherwise made available via these Forums.

4. Precluded Activity. You agree to NOT use the US Chess Forums to:

a. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any Content that is unlawful, harmful, threatening, abusive, harassing, tortious, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, libelous, invasive of another’s privacy, hateful, or racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable;

The AUG also applies to US Chess Private Messages (PMs), which are accessed through US Chess Forums software. Under most circumstances, moderators will be expected to briefly explain the removal of a post or thread to its originator. In some circumstances, the violation of this AUG may be so apparent or egregious that no explanation is necessary.

b. harm any person (minor or adult) in any way;

c. impersonate any person or entity, including, but not limited to, US Chess administrators, a moderator, or falsely state or otherwise misrepresent your affiliation with a person or entity;

d. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any Content that you do not have a right to make available under any law or under contractual or fiduciary relationships (this includes, but is not limited to inside information, proprietary and confidential information learned or disclosed as part of employment relationships or under nondisclosure agreements);

e. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any Content that was authored in a private communication by another person unless you have the author’s express written permission to do so;

f. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any Content that represents a fact that is detrimental to an entity or another person unless you can substantiate the fact(s) relied upon;

- g. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any Content that infringes any patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright or other proprietary rights (hereinafter “Rights”) of any party;
- h. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any unsolicited or unauthorized advertising, promotional materials, “junk mail,” “spam,” “chain letters,” “pyramid schemes,” “charitable requests” or any other form of solicitation or self promotion, whether directly or indirectly;
- i. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any material that contains software viruses or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment;
- j. disrupt the normal flow of posting or otherwise act in a manner that negatively affects other users’ ability to engage in accessing and using the site;
- k. intentionally or unintentionally violate any applicable local, state, national or international law and any regulations having the force of law while using the Forums;
- l. post advertising materials, directly or indirectly, whether your own or that of another;
- m. use the poster’s signature line to carry on substantive discussion, convey an ongoing complaint, circumvent these rules, antagonize other posters or moderators, proselytize, or provide links to other Internet addresses;
- n. “stalk” or otherwise harass another; and/or
- o. collect or store personal data about other users in connection with the prohibited conduct and activities set forth in paragraphs a. through m. above;
- p. discuss how to perform, elude capture, or profit from illegal activities;
- q. post nudity or graphic descriptions of sex;
- r. post links to sites with grotesque, gruesome or disgusting pictures/videos;
- s. insult/attack other users;
- t. use vulgarities or obscenities;
- u. taunt the moderators;
- v. start threads about “why was my thread deleted?” Private message a moderator to resolve any issue;
- w. post inappropriate images;
- x. post repetitively;
- y. try to bypass the censors;
- z. spam, self promotion, and referral links are not allowed. Such links (including url shortener links such as bit.ly) may be automatically stripped;
- aa. upload, post, email, link, Private Message, transmit or otherwise make available any Content that calls the integrity of another person into question, states or suggests a person is a liar, or that contains deliberately insulting language, including but not limited to calling into question a person’s loyalty, diligence appearance, intelligence, or sincerity.

5. The Moderation Queue; Suspension; Expulsion. US Chess’ Executive Director and moderators have broad discretion to supervise the forums and Private Messages (PMs). If a member, or non- member in certain forums, violate this AUG, any two moderators may agree to place a poster in the “Queue” for up to 30 days. While in the Queue, a poster may continue to read and post in the forums; however, posts must be released by a moderator before they will be seen by other forum participants. Moderators may place a poster in the Queue twice within any twelve-month period year for up to 30 days on each occasion. If a third AUG violation warranting action in the moderators’ view occurs within any twelve-month period, after placing the poster into the Queue for a third time, and then for every subsequent time thereafter, the moderators must immediately refer the poster to the Executive Director for possible additional action. Upon referral, the moderators may recommend any sanction available to the Executive. The Executive Director may place the poster in the Queue for any period of time, suspend the poster’s Forum privileges for a definite time, or expel the poster from the Forums indefinitely. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to prevent the moderators from referring serious violations to the Executive Director before being placed into the Queue three times. The Executive Director is free to impose sanctions without a recommendation or referral from the moderators.

6. Appeal of Sanctions Greater than 60 Days. Any US Chess member (in good standing throughout the time of the incident and the appeal) who has been sanctioned for a period of more than 60 days or indefinitely (in one sanction), may appeal the sanction to the US Chess Executive Board. The appeal will be made in writing within 30 days of the imposition of the sanction to the US Chess Executive Board, addressed to the care of the US Chess Executive Director. The initial notification of appeal will contain a succinct recitation of facts and circumstances to be reviewed by the Executive Board. If the Executive Board needs additional facts, it will obtain them from the Executive Director, third parties, and/or the sanctioned member. The Executive Board will within sixty days of the appeal affirm the sanction, overturn the sanction, or modify the sanction. The member will be notified of the Board's decision by the Executive Director in writing.

7. US Chess May Delete Content. You acknowledge that US Chess may or may not pre-screen Content, but that US Chess and its moderators shall have the right (but not the obligation) in their sole discretion to pre-screen, refuse, delete, or move any Content that is available via the Forums. Without limiting the foregoing, US Chess and its moderators shall have the right to remove any Content (including off-topic posts) that violates this AUG or is otherwise objectionable at their sole discretion. You agree that you must evaluate, and bear all risks associated with, the use of any Content, including any reliance on the accuracy completeness, or usefulness of such Content. In this regard, you acknowledge that you may not rely on any Content created by US Chess or submitted to US Chess, including without limitation information in all parts of the Forums.

8. US Chess Right of Disclosure. You acknowledge, consent and agree that US Chess may access, preserve and disclose your IP address, and Content if required to do so by law or in a good faith belief that such access preservation or disclosure is reasonably necessary to: (a) comply with legal process; (b) enforce this AUG; (c) respond to claims that any Content violates the rights of third parties; (d) respond to your requests for customer service; or (e) protect the rights, property or personal safety of US Chess, its users, and the public.

9. Use of these Forums Is at the Discretion of US Chess. Membership use and permissions on this site are at the sole discretion of US Chess. US Chess reserves the right to remove, edit, move or close any thread or to bar any person, in its sole discretion. Some, any or all permissions to view and/or use this site are subject to change, for no reason and with no advance notice.

10. Your Promises. By accessing and using these Forums, you warrant that you will not post any messages that are obscene, vulgar, sexually-orientated, hateful, threatening, violate any of the listed additional rules, or are otherwise violative of any laws. In addition, you also warrant that you will not hold US Chess or any of its affiliates responsible for any post, image, or link posted from a Forum user as the moderators are not full-time employees or volunteers and cannot immediately catch everything.

11. Although the administrators and moderators of these Forums will attempt to keep all objectionable messages off the Forums, it is impossible for them to review all messages at the time they are posted. All messages express the views of the author, and US Chess will not be held responsible for the content of any message.

Please keep in mind that whenever you give out personal information online — for example, via message boards or chat — that information can be collected and used by people you don't know. While US Chess strives to protect your personal information and privacy, US Chess cannot guarantee the security of any information you disclose online; you make such disclosures at your own risk. However, if you violate the rules, US Chess reserves the right to disclose any and all user activity to the public, third parties, and or law enforcement agencies.

The rules that we have put in place are guidelines that our staff and moderators use to ensure that our website remains orderly. It is impossible to write a rule for every conceivable circumstance and situation. Thus the "rules" are in fact guidelines: Our moderators will look at every situation individually and try to apply those guidelines and look at the "spirit" and intent of the rule. If it is not an immediately clear and obvious situation, they will do their best to make a judgment call. Moderators are subject to continual review by the Executive Director and serve solely at the discretion of the Executive Director.

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APPENDIX C - US Chess's Junior Tournament Player (JTP) Program

JTP Event Purpose

JTP events allow affiliates to run rated tournaments for groups of scholastic players where US Chess membership is not required.

JTP Event Structure

There are 3 types of JTP event participation levels:

1. Primary JTP events - where each participant is 3rd grade or lower.
2. K12 JTP events – An accredited school with a scholastic affiliate may run a K12 JTP event as long as each participant attends the school with the accreditation.
3. Home School JTP Events – Home school students may participate in either the Primary JTP events or the K12 JTP events. To determine a home schooler’s event participation level, consult the age-grade chart in 12.2.1 of the [Scholastic Regulations](#) (see below). The home school students in question must also meet the definition of a school in the scholastic regulations. Lastly, home school students forming a specific team must be from the same home school cooperative or individual group as per the scholastic regulations:
 - a. SR13.2.1 – *A school is defined as an institution which is under one Head of School and serves one student body. A school may be located in one or more buildings, and on one or more campuses. A school must provide core curricular instruction as defined by state or local law or regulation. Schools with students on multiple campuses must seek prior approval from the US Chess Director of Events at least two weeks before the start date of the tournament to compete in a US Chess national scholastic event.*
 - b. SR13.2.1.1 – *A ‘local public school’ for a home schooled or virtual school student is defined as the public school the student would attend if attending public school. For example, the local public school for a 3rd grade home schooled or virtual school student is the local public elementary school whose geographic footprint, as defined by the applicable local department of education authorities, encompasses the student’s home residence address.*
 - c. SR13.2.1.2 – *A ‘public school district’ is a grouping of public schools (most usually within a city or county, but may be a single school in a small city) recognized and designated as being a public school district by that state’s department of education. A ‘local public school’ is not the entire district but is the area that a single public school covers.*

JTP

Grade	Age Limit	Grade	Age Limit
Kindergarten	6 years old	7 th Grade	13 years old
1st Grade	7 years old	8 th Grade	14 years old
2nd Grade	8 years old	9 th Grade	15 years old
3rd Grade	9 years old	10 th Grade	16 years old
4th Grade	10 years old	11 th Grade	17 years old
5th Grade	11 years old	12 th Grade	18 years old
6th Grade	12 years old		

Requirements

All participants must have a US Chess Member ID to participate. In order to generate the US Chess Member ID, you’ll need to collect each participant’s birthdate and mailing address information. For

some schools, this may require a parental consent form. Instructions on generating a US Chess Member ID for the participants who are not already US Chess members can be found in the [TD/Affiliate FAQ](#) support area. Whomever oversees rating the event will need to code the JTP event as a Primary JTP Event or K-12 In-School JTP Event. To change the Participant Coding, use the edit form in the TD/Affiliate Support Area. Note the K-12 JTP type will only be offered if the affiliate is a scholastic affiliate. Until the Participant Coding is changed to a JTP Event, any non-members will be flagged as errors.

JTP Restrictions

No adult players can participate in JTP events as formal participants or house players. This includes parents, coaches, and teachers. If a cross-section pairing is possible, ensure that the participants are both JTP eligible. If necessary, use the grade-age chart in 12.2.1 of the [Scholastic Regulations](#).

Approved by US Chess Executive Board, March 31, 2019