

**US CHESS**  
**Minutes of Executive Board (EB) Meeting**  
**February 27, 2018**  
**Conference Call**

*This document is a summary of proceedings during the open portion of the meeting via conference call. A companion audio file of the audio session is posted online.*

The following Executive Board (EB) members were present:

Mike Hoffpauir, President	Anjelina Belakovskaia, Member at Large
Allen Priest, Vice President	Hal Sprechman, Member at Large
Chuck Unruh, Vice President of Finance	Lakshmana “Vish” Viswanath, Member at Large
Mike Nietman, Secretary	Carol Meyer, Executive Director

**OPEN SESSION I, Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – Conference Call**

President Hoffpauir welcomed everyone to the conference call after being in closed session discussing six (6) agenda topics. All Board members participated in closed session and were also present in the open session conference call. A quorum was established.

The topics discussed were as follows: refinement of strategic objectives the Board worked on in the January 2018 EB meeting; updates from the Executive Director on contracts that are pending for our T-shirts and bookstore vendors at national events; Information Technology (IT) status updates from the Executive Director; allegations against a US Chess Federation member and tournament director; and an update on the lawsuit and legal actions relating to the Connecticut Chess Association (CSCA). As a result of these discussions, the following four (4) EB motions were introduced by Secretary Nietman and voted upon:

**EB18-057 – Board** - The Executive Board moves to authorize Executive Director Carol Meyer to accept the bid for tournament T-shirts from Northwest Design for our 2018-2021 events. **Passed 6-0-1 with Anjelina Belakovskaia abstaining.**

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

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

**EB18-060 – Board** –The Executive Board moves that we suspend the membership of Mr. Leonard Fusselman (US Chess ID: 13687096) with cause under Article III Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws until such time as his case is adjudicated. This would also suspend him as a tournament director. **Passed 7-0**

President Hoffpauir announced the next Executive Board meeting will be held in Louisville, Kentucky May 19-20, 2018. The exact location is TBD.