

US Chess
Executive Board Meeting
April 13, 2021
Zoom

This document is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed. Details of discussions, etc., may be obtained from the video file online.

OPEN SESSIONS

Tuesday, April 13

Executive Board members present:

Mike Hoffpauir, President

Chuck Unruh, VP of Finance

David Day, Member

David Hater, Member

Randy Bauer, Vice President

Ryan Velez, Secretary

Fun Fong, Member

Carol Meyer, Executive Director

Also present were Director of Events Boyd Reed and Director of Communications Dan Lucas.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order.

Open Session 1

President Hoffpauir opened the meeting by proposing a motion.

EB21-061 – Hoffpauir – The Executive Board approves the March minutes as amended.
PASSED 7-0

President Hoffpauir then invited Director of Events Boyd Reed and Director of Communications Daniel Lucas to update the board on the progress of the National Online Scholastics. Event qualifying dates and current sign-up numbers were provided by Director Reed and the outreach efforts were reported by Director Lucas. Director Reed then elaborated on his approach to budgeting and staffing for the event. He also shared his thinking about strategies for future online scholastic events.

President Hoffpauir then asked Director Reed about the progress of the College Final Four fair play analysis and then proposed the following motion.

EB21-062 – Executive Board – The executive board moves to name the 2021 Presidents Cup a national championship pending fair play review. **PASSED 7-0**

The board then entered closed session.

Open Session 2

President Hoffpauir opened the second open session and asked Secretary Velez to read through each motion coming out of closed session so that the board members could vote on each.

EB21-063 – Executive Board – The Executive Board adopts the US Chess Policy on Research Data Requests as presented to the Executive Board. **PASSED 7-0**

EB21-064 – Executive Board – The Executive Board moves to adopt the Third-Party Event Fundraising Policy as presented to the Executive Board. **PASSED 7-0**

EB21-065 – Executive Board – The Executive Board adopts the Herbert B. Jacklyn Program for players aged 18-21 and directs the Executive Director and the US Chess office to finalize and implement the program and award application. **PASSED 7-0**

EB21-066 – Executive Board – Executive Board moves to accept the bid submitted by US Chess Sales for Bookstore vending at US Chess National Events beginning in August 2021 and ending in May 2025. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Ryan Velez abstaining

EB21-067 – Executive Board – The Executive Board moves to allow the Correspondence Chess Working Group to select, in coordination with the US Chess Office, a US Chess affiliate to run a rated online correspondence chess tournament as a pilot program for the purpose of bolstering interest in correspondence chess and to test the proposed correspondence chess updated rules. **PASSED 7-0**

President Hoffpauir thanked board member Fun Fong and staff member Chris Bird for the time and effort they took to modernize how US Chess approaches correspondence chess. He also gave special thanks VP of Finance Chuck Unruh for the budget updates and Executive Director Meyer for her insights during the meeting. He concluded by thanking everyone for their patience during the long meeting.

The board will meet again on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

The meeting adjourned.