

US Chess
Executive Board Meeting
May 11, 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, May 11

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

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

Open Session 1

President Hoffpauir opened the meeting by proposing a motion.

EB21-072 – Board – The Executive Board approves the April minutes. **PASSED 7-0**

President Hoffpauir then asked Executive Director Meyer to present background to changes to the Nominating Committee Charter that is the subject of the next motion.

The changes requested by the committee were the addition of a bullet point indicating that no member of the committee could actively campaign for any individual candidate. In addition, they provided a statement about their role should a special election be called.

Board members briefly discussed their own role and the role of the Election Committee in the event of a Special Election. Before voting on the following approval of the changes to the Nominating Committee, the Board acknowledged that it had no authority over the Nominating Committee since it is largely a delegate-appointed committee.

EB21-073 – Board – The Executive Board moves to approve the Nominating Committee charter as modified and presented before the board this evening on May 11, 2021. **PASSED 7-0**

President Hoffpauir then turned the floor over to Vice President of Finance Chuck Unruh.

Vice President of Finance Unruh provided an update on the impact of the cessation of over-the-board play and subsequent online play income compared to budget projections. He also noted on the impact of the loss of memberships and the cash outlay associated with the IT upgrade. He credited the Paycheck Protection Programs available during the pandemic, donations, cost controls, and investment income for an overall surplus.

He mentioned that returning to over-the-board play would result in a return of all of the expenses associated with it and asked for the input of the Executive Director Meyer. She added that she expected membership to rebound as schools re-opened this year.

The board briefly discussed the costs budgeted for the next fiscal year for the continuation of the IT project.

The impact of the change of accounting systems was also briefly touched on.

At President Hoffpauir's request, Executive Director Meyer elaborated on the different components of the IT upgrade expected to occur over the next fiscal year.

The board then entered closed session.

Open Session 2

President Hoffpauir thanked the board for their dedication and acknowledged the US Open Committee for their input on the future of that event.

In addition, he mentioned the board discussing the following items during the closed session:

- Reviewing the DACI document.
- Arranging for Mike Nolan to serve as parliamentarian for the upcoming Annual Meeting due to the passing of Ken Ballou.
- Reviewing of annual awards recommendations.
- Discussing a remembrance practices policy drafted by Ryan Velez to guide the board's decision-making when honoring people.
- Discussing the possibility of the board meeting in person in Las Vegas on the Monday after the National Open in June.

He concluded the meeting by thanking the Executive Director for her hard work.

The board will meet again on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

The meeting adjourned.