

US Chess
Executive Board Meeting
May 25, 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 25

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 welcoming Executive Board candidates Kevin Pryor and John Fernandez, who were invited to sit in on the meeting since the board has only three open positions and three candidates, one of which is Board Member Randy Bauer. President Hoffpauir made it clear that the visiting candidates would not be voting on any motions but that their input was invited since they also represented the membership.

President Hoffpauir asked of the board members if there were any new conflicts of interest. There were none.

President Hoffpauir then turned the floor over to Secretary Velez to present the first motion, which included a couple of friendly amendments in wording within the May 11 minutes.

EB21-075 – Velez – I approve we accept the May 11 minutes as written and presented in this meeting. **PASSED 7-0**

Before going into closed session, President Hoffpauir shared that the topics that would be discussed included the budget, award nominations, reviewing advance delegate motions, and evaluating the COVID restriction situation in New Jersey, which is the site of this year's US Open.

The board then entered closed session.

Open Session 2

EB21-076 – Board – I move the following: After an RFP process that yielded eleven responses, interviews with four firms, and reference checks of the preferred vendor, the Executive Board moves to award a contract for CFO services to Altruic Advisors and directs the Executive Director to negotiate and sign a contract for a term of up to one year with an option of up to four one-year extensions. **PASSED 7-0**

EB21-077 – Board – The Executive Board moves to approve all of the following nominees for the listed awards:

Distinguished Service Award: Allen Priest, Mike Nietman, Ken Ballou.

Outstanding Career Achievement Award: Jack Peters, Alex Dunne.

Meritorious Service Award: Lauren Goodkind, Richard Smouse.

Special Services Award: Robert Franklin, Pete Tamburro.

Frank J. Marshall Award: Stuart Rachels.

Organizer of the Year Award: Abel Talamantez.

Grandmaster of the Year Award: Wesley So.

Woman Player of the Year Award: Irina Krush.

Outstanding Team Achievement Award: US Team in the FIDE Olympiad for People with Disabilities.

Koltanowski Awards: Gold: Saint Louis Chess Club, John D. Rockefeller V. Silver: David H. Raymond.

The Board chose not to give an award for Chess City this year given the lack of in-person tournaments.

Committee of the Year Award: Nominating Committee.

Club of the Year Award: Tom's River Chess Club.

Chess College of the Year Award: UC Berkeley.

Accessibility & Special Circumstances Person of the Year: Joan Dubois.

Tournament Director of the Year Award: Joseph Yun.

Tournament Director Lifetime Achievement Award: Franc Guadalupe.

Individual Scholastic Service Award: Danny Rohde.

Organization Scholastic Service Award: Internet Chess Club.

Dan Heisman Award for Excellence in Chess Instruction: Bruce Pandolfini.

PASSED 7-0

President Hoffpauir thanked everyone for their participation.

The board will meet again on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

The meeting adjourned.