

**Proceedings of the 2020 Special Delegates Meeting**  
**August 15 & 16, 2020**  
**Online**

*The Delegates Meeting originally planned to take place in St. Louis, Missouri was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Board called this Special Delegates Meeting via the Zoom online meeting platform to handle business requiring the input of delegates. This document is an overview of the meeting and includes the official documentation of motions. More details and the discussions may be found in the video files located on the US Chess website. In remembrance, a list of names was scrolled on screen during pre-meeting and breaks.*

**SESSION 1**

**Saturday, August 15**

US Chess President Allen Priest called the meeting to order.

A quorum was established as indicated by those signed in for the meeting.

**SDM 20-01** (Executive Board)

Approve the Roberts' Rules of Order for the Electronic Meeting.

**PASSED 86-0-2**

**SDM 20-02** (Executive Board)

Consent to the Cancellation of the U.S. Open and Annual Membership and Delegates' Meetings.

**PASSED 84-2-3**

**SDM 20-03** (Executive Board)

Approve the following Delegates-at-Large (DALs) whose terms have expired or are expiring this year:

- Frank Camaratta
- Anthony Cottell
- Woodrow (Woody) Harris
- Myron Lieberman
- Beatriz Marinello
- Tim Redman

**PASSED 86-2-3**

Ken Ballou, Chair of the Election Committee, reported on the 2020 Executive Board election prior to voting to approve the results. There were 4,023 registered voters for the 2020 election and 1782 ballots were returned with two determined to be invalid.

**SDM 20-04** (Ken Ballou, MA; Election Committee)

Certify the results of the 2020 Executive Board Election as follows:

Vote Totals:

- David Hater: 1431
- David Day: 1139
- Fun Fong: 1076

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- Anjelina Belakovskaia: 538
  - Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath: 518
  - Sean J. Manross & Bear the Chess Husky: 224

**PASSED 85-1-4**

**SDM 20-05/NDM 20-01** (Harold Winston, IL)

Approve Leroy Dubeck as a Delegates-at-Large.

**PASSED 74-9-8**

**SDM 20-06** (Executive Board)

Approve the consent calendar:

- Approval of Parliamentarian (Ken Ballou)
- Approval of Promotional Memberships Report
- Approval of the 2019 Delegates' Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Report on the Professional Players' Health & Benefit Fund

**PASSED 89-1-1**

Vice President of Finance Unruh presented the budget and offered a brief overview of the unusual factors affecting it. President Priest and Executive Director Meyer fielded questions from delegates before the vote to approve it took place.

**SDM 20-07** (Executive Board)

Approve the US Chess Budget for 2020-2021.

**PASSED 91-0-2**

President Priest explained the proposed changes to the membership structure as a prelude to the next motion. After several questions from delegates to better understand what was and was not changing, a vote was taken.

**SDM 20-08** (Executive Board)

Amend Article III of the Bylaws as follows:

### **Article III: Membership**

**Section 1. Adult Memberships.** Any person may become an Adult member of US Chess upon payment of \$45 for one year, or \$87 for two years.

**Section 2. Youth Memberships.** Any person under 19 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a US Chess affiliate) may become a Youth Member of US Chess upon payment of \$20 for one year, or \$37 for two years.

**Section 3. Young Adult Memberships.** Any person under 24 years of age at expiration and a resident of the United States (or if he or she submits membership through a US Chess affiliate) may become a Young Adult Member of US Chess upon the payment of \$27 for one year , or \$51 for two years.

**Section 4. Senior Membership.** A person who has passed his or her 65th birthday may become a Senior Member of US Chess upon payment of \$40 for one year, or \$77 for two years.

**Section 5. Special Membership.** A blind person, or any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution in the United States, may become a Special member of US Chess for \$18 for one year.

**Section 6. Family Membership Plans.**

**Family Plan 1:** \$85, includes parents and their children under age 19 in the household living at one address. Also includes any full-time college students up to age 24.

**Family Plan 2:** \$55, includes all children under age 19 in the household living at one address.

**Section 7. Life Memberships.** Any person may become a Life Member of US Chess upon payment of \$1500 dues. Any person age 65 years or older may become a Life Member upon payment of \$750 dues. Any blind person may become a Life Member upon payment of \$375 dues. US Chess may require reasonable confirmation of eligibility from time to time as a continuation of Life membership.

**Section 8. Affiliate Commissions.** There shall be a \$3 affiliate commission on all Adult, Senior, Youth, Young Adult, Family, and Life Memberships.

**Section 9. Promotional Memberships.** In order to facilitate the development of membership promotion, the Executive Board may authorize special promotional membership terms and rates for limited periods of time to determine their feasibility by trial; such terms and rates shall be subject to review annually by the Board of Delegates.

**Section 10. Rights and Privileges.** Each Life member shall have an opportunity to receive a monthly printed copy of Chess Life. Each member who provides an email address can access electronic copies of both Chess Life and Chess Life for Kids magazines. Members may purchase subscriptions to either or both magazines for a price to be no greater than 105% of printing and mailing costs. Each member shall be entitled to have his or her tournament play officially rated, to participate in the Annual Membership meeting, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership in accordance with the membership terms and conditions. Members and Affiliates with mailing addresses outside the United States may be charged an additional fee to cover extra costs

**Renumber Sections 12, 13, and 14 to Section 11, 12 and 13.**

**PASSED 89-5-1**

Board Member and Online Play Task Force Chair Ryan Velez introduced the following motion with additional input from Board Member Hoffpauir. Delegates asked several questions for

clarification, which members from the Online Play Task Force addressed. Friendly amendments were added to the motion.

**SDM 20-09** (Online Play Task Force: Steve Immitt, NY; Brian Yang, KS; Judit Sztaray, CA-N; Tina Schweiss, VA; Jon Haskel, FL; David Hater, GA; Ryan Velez, KY; Mike Hoffpaur, VA)

The Delegates resolve to adopt the Online Play Task Force’s proposed Chapter 10 “Rules for Online Tournaments and Matches,” to replace the current Chapter 10 “Internet Chess” of the Official Rules of Chess, 7th Edition. Upon passage of this motion, Chapter 10 “Rules for Online Tournaments and Matches” shall take effect no later than twenty (20) days from the date of final passage by the Delegates.

This motion also includes the following change for Section 15A, replacing existing text with the following:

*A director has up to three weeks to submit the rating reports for an online event.*

The motion further includes:

that all instances of “*Rules of Chess*” be replaced with “*Official Rules of Chess*” in both the chapter 10 re-write motion as well as the chapter 10 re-write itself.

**PASSED 85-10-2**, greater than the required 85% with changes to take effect no later than 20 days from the meeting date.

Vice President Bauer, also a member of GTF, provided background on the Governance Task Force from which the following motion (SDM 20-10) arose and on the details of the motion itself. Delegates asked questions and made statements for and against the motion, as well as proposing amendments.

**SDM 20-10** (Governance Task Force)

Amend Article VI of the Bylaws as follows:

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of eight members elected for staggered terms of four years. The Executive Director serves as an additional member of the Executive Board, with the right to debate and make motions, but without the right to vote. All members, with the exception of the Executive Director, shall meet the eligibility criteria of section 2 of this Article. All Executive Board members are national officers of US Chess.

Section 2. Eligibility. A person shall be eligible to serve, or be nominated as, a member of the Executive Board provided he or she:

1. Is 18 years of age or older upon taking office.
2. Holds a current US Chess membership.
3. Submits to a background check by US Chess.
4. Is not a full or part time hourly or salaried employee of US Chess, nor a currently paid contractor or consultant working on behalf of or serving US Chess.
5. Has never been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

6. Has not served more than 11 consecutive years as a member of the Executive Board.
7. Can serve the entire term to which he or she is nominated for without exceeding 11 consecutive years of service on the Executive Board.
8. Does not share one or more of the following relationships with another member of or candidate for the Executive Board;
  - a. Direct descendant or ancestor
  - b. Spouse or partner in a civil union
  - c. Sibling by birth, marriage, or adoption
  - d. Adopted children or parent
  - e. Stepchild or stepparent

Re-number section 2 to 3 otherwise no changes

Section 3. Responsibility.

Re-number section 3 to 4 otherwise no change

Section 4. Meetings.

Re-number Section 4 to 5 with the following changes

Section 5. Nomination.

A. Any person who meets the eligibility criteria in Section 2 of this Article is nominated for election to the Executive Board upon submission to the Election Committee, by December 31 immediately preceding an election, of the following:

1. A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of fifty (50) or more members who meet the requirements specified in Article IV Section 2 to be eligible to register to vote, of whom, at least fifteen (15) shall be Delegates at the time of signing the petition. The fifteen (15) Delegates must represent at least five (5) different states. A nominating petition listing more than one candidate is not valid.
2. A filing fee of \$100 made payable to the US Chess.
3. A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and that they will serve if elected.
4. A signed form consenting to a background check to be conducted by US Chess, provided such background check has not already been conducted by a US Chess Nominating Committee.

B. The Election Committee shall advertise a call for nominations in the issue of Chess Life published no later than November 20 of the year prior to an election year and shall publish a list of all duly-submitted nominations in the issue published not later than April 10 of an election year.

C. Once a candidate is nominated, the candidate may purchase labels of Voting Members at the same rate as affiliates. These labels may only be used for campaign purposes.

D. Any person who meets the eligibility requirements in Section 2 of this article may run as a write-in candidate for the Executive Board provided, prior to May 1 of an election year he or she submits to the Executive Director

1. Notification, in writing, of their intent to run as a write-in candidate.
  2. A filing fee of \$100.
  3. A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and will serve if elected.
  4. A signed form consenting to a background check to be conducted by US Chess.
- The Executive Director shall forward the names of such candidates to the Election Committee for certification of eligibility to serve as an Executive Board Member. Upon certification by the Election Committee, said candidates are certified as official write-in candidates, and may purchase mailing labels as specified in Article VI, section 5C of the Bylaws. Upon certification of official write-In candidates, the Election Committee shall promptly notify all nominated candidates of the official write-in candidates.

Renumber section 5 to section 6 with no changes

#### Section 6. Elections

Renumber section 6 to section 7 with no changes

#### Section 7 Election of Executive Board Officers.

Renumber section 7 to section 8 with the following changes

**Section 8. Terms of Office.** The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting. The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting. No individual shall serve more than eleven consecutive years on the Executive Board. No person shall serve as US Chess President more than four consecutive years.

To implement the transition of term lengths from three to four years, the following will apply to those elected in the 2021 regular Executive Board election and thereafter. The terms of those elected prior to the adoption of this implementation schedule will be observed as they were defined by the Bylaws at the time of their election.

2021: Two Executive Board members will be elected to four-year terms that expire in 2025. One will be elected to a two-year term that expires in 2023.

2022: Two Executive Board members will be elected to three-years terms that expire in 2025.

2023 and odd numbered years thereafter: Four Executive Board members will be elected to four-year terms.

Renumber section 8 to section 9 with no changes

#### Section 9 Duties

Renumber section 9 to section 10 with the following changes

**Section 10 Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, the Executive Board may decide to fill the vacancy by a Special Election in accordance with Art. VI, Section 6B. If three

or more vacancies occur, the Executive Board will instruct the Election Committee to hold a Special election in accordance with Section 6B.

Renumber Section 10 to Section 11 with the following changes

Section 11 Candidate Statements and Advertising. Each candidate nominated for election pursuant to Section 5A is entitled to submit a 150 word statement and photograph for publication in the issue of Chess Life to be published no later than April 10 of the election year. Election supplements shall accompany or be inserted in issues of Chess Life published no later than May 10 and June 10 of the election year. Each candidate nominated for election pursuant to Section 5A is entitled to one-half page of space in each election supplement. The purchase of additional campaign space in the election supplements or other US Chess publications is prohibited. Any candidate for the US Chess Executive Board who is currently a party against US Chess in a lawsuit must disclose that fact in their Chess Life statement. Failure to disclose such a lawsuit would be grounds for immediate recall. The candidate will be allowed an additional 50 words in their first candidate's statement in Chess Life for this purpose.

Renumber section 11 to section 12 with no changes  
Section 12 Recalls

Renumber section 12 to section 13 with no changes  
Section 13 Restrictions

Renumber section 13 to section 14 with no changes

Section 14 Website Access  
Remove current section 14 Nepotism as it is included in section 2 above.

Upon the Chair opening the discussion on SDM 20-10, there was immediately a motion to postpone indefinitely by Steve Morford (CA-S). After some discussion for and against, the motion to postpone indefinitely **FAILED** 39-56-0

What follows is a record of the proposed amendments to SDM 20-10 running into the next day's session, none of which passed.

Delegate Harold Winston (IL) provided a verbal rationale the following proposed amendment and there was discussion by the delegates.

**AMENDMENT 1** (Harold Windston, IL):

**AMEND ARTICLE VI OF THE BYLAWS**

Section 7: delete the change to 4 year terms and all the transition procedures

**FAILED** 42-53-1

The meeting was recessed until the next morning when consideration of the proposal resumed.

***SESSION 1***

***SUNDAY, August 16***

After the meeting was called to order and a quorum was established, additional amendments to SDM 20-10 were brought before the body.

Delegate Harold Winston (IL) provided a verbal rationale the following proposed amendment and there was discussion by the delegates.

**AMENDMENT 2** (Harold Winston, IL):

Section 7 "change the third sentence to read: "No individual should serve more than eight consecutive years on the Executive Board."

**FAILED** 46-50-2

Delegate Steve Immitt (NY) provided a verbal rationale the following proposed amendment and there was discussion by the delegates.

**AMENDMENT 3** (Steve Immitt, NY):

Amend the Bylaws, by replacing the text of Section 2, Article 5

Replace 5. Has never been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

With the following language

"5. Has disclosed the details of all convictions of felonies in his or her nominating petition and agrees to have these details disclosed to the voters during the election."

**FAILED** 38-56-5

Delegate Louis Reed (TX) provided a verbal rationale the following proposed amendment and there was discussion by the delegates.

**AMENDMENT 4** (Louis Reed, TX):

Amendment to Amend Article VI of the Bylaws as follows: Article VI: Executive Board

No changes to section 1.



Section 2.

Eligibility. A person shall be eligible to serve, or be nominated as, a member of the Executive Board provided he or she:

1. Is 18 years of age or older upon taking office.
2. Holds a current US Chess membership.
3. Submits to a background check by US Chess.
4. Is not a full or part time hourly or salaried employee of US Chess, nor a currently paid contractor or consultant working on behalf of or serving US Chess.
5. Has never been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.
6. Has not served three consecutive terms on the Executive Board
7. Does not share one or more of the following relationships with another member of or candidate for the Executive Board;
  - a. Direct descendant or ancestor
  - b. Spouse or partner in a civil union
  - c. Sibling by birth, marriage, or adoption
  - d. Adopted children or parent
  - e. Stepchild or stepparent

Renumber all remaining sections with no other changes

Vice President Bauer made a motion to divide the question regarding Amendment 4 with the second part of the motion being considered first and all of the rest second. **PASSED** 46-39-10

4a and 4b below are the result of dividing Amendment 4.

Discussion continued on item 4a.

**AMENDMENT 4a:**

Section 2. #6 Change term limits from 11 years in the main motion proposal to 3 consecutive terms.

**FAILED** 25-60

**AMENDMENT 4b:**

No changes to section 1.

Ruled **OUT OF ORDER** by the chair

Delegate Thad Rogers (GA), who was not present at this point in the meeting, had provided the following amendment, which in substance was the same as Amendment 4a above.

**AMENDMENT 5** (Thad Rogers, GA):

Split the question and vote on Section 2 first.

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair

All amendments to SDM 20-10 having been addressed with none having passed, discussion returned to the main motion with a vote soon following.

**PASSED** 61-35-2

After voting on the main motion of SDM 20-10, President Priest introduced the following motion.

**SDM 20-11** (Executive Board)

Approve the following agreement to indemnify volunteer trustees and investment committee members who manage US Chess funds from lawsuits, unless they breach their fiduciary duty to US Chess.

The United States of America Chess Federation (AKA US Chess, USCF), an Illinois Corporation, and known collectively hereafter as “US Chess”, shall indemnify each volunteer Trustee and the Trustee’s agents and the Investment Committee Members, known collectively hereafter as the “Trustees”, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, taxes, claims, actions, suits, costs, expenses and disbursements (including legal fees and associated expenses) of any kind and nature that are imposed on, incurred by, or asserted at any time against the Trustees in any way relating to or arising out of the administration of the Trust or any and all investments held by US Chess, the investment of US Chess assets, or the action or inaction of the Trustees; except that US Chess shall not be required to indemnify the Trustees for expenses arising or resulting from a breach of the Trustees fiduciary duty as established by clear and convincing evidence in a court of competent jurisdiction. Under no circumstances will any investment decision made in good faith, including any decision to buy, hold, or sell or decline to buy, hold, or sell, any stock, bond, fund, option, or other investment, be considered a breach of duty by the Trustees; and US Chess will hold the Trustees harmless from and against any claim against the Trustees related to any such decision or the consequence of any such decision.

**PASSED** 89-4-2

Vice President Randy Bauer introduced the following motion. The Chair of the Election Committee provided his perspective on the motion and delegates entered debate.

**SDM 20-12** (Governance Task Force)

US Chess shall establish a nominating committee to recommend candidates for election to the Executive Board. The nominating committee will consist of 8 members. Six will be appointed by the Board of Delegates. Two will be appointed by the Executive Board. Appointees may or may not be current Executive Board members or Delegates – there is no limitation on the selections by the respective appointing authorities other than committee members must not be seeking nomination by the committee nor can they be members of the election committee. Members will serve for two years. The first term for the committee will begin in 2020. Members will serve until their successors are named. Vacancies may be filled at any time by action of the respective appointing authorities. The committee will select its own chair.

The nominating committee will solicit members to run for election to the Executive Board, considering the requirements for EB members expressed by the Executive Board. The committee may advertise for applications and may personally seek out and recruit potential candidates. Nomination must be approved by majority vote of the nominating committee. It is expected the committee will remain active throughout the year to develop a list of potential candidates. Nominated candidates must meet all qualifications for election including, but not limited to, term limits and “sit-out” periods.

Nominations for the next election must be announced by December 1 of the prior year. Nominated candidates are not relieved of any other filing requirements. Candidates who are not nominated are still eligible to run for the executive board upon completion of all filing requirements. Nominated candidates may include the fact of their nomination in any campaign advertising or promotion.

Amend Section 3. Committees item 3 to add a prohibition for Election Committee members to serve on a nominating committee. The revised item would read (addition in bold print):

3) Election Committee. The Election Committee shall consist of 4 members appointed by the Delegates. Alternate members may also be appointed who would replace any member of the committee who resigns or otherwise leaves the committee. The committee is responsible for the conduct of and shall preside over Federation elections. No member of the Election Committee may be a candidate for the US Chess Executive Board during his or her service on the Election Committee. No member of the Election Committee may **serve on a Nominating Committee**, sign nominating petitions for any candidate for the Executive Board, campaign on behalf of any candidate, or make an endorsement for or against any candidate for the Executive Board. The Committee shall choose its own Chair.

US Chess and the Nominations Committee may not in any capacity employ finances, gifts, donations, advertisement, or otherwise any help that exceeds the minimum assistance given to all nominated candidates.

Delegate Chris Prosser (TN) introduced the following amendment and delegates debated.

**AMENDMENT 1** (Chris Prosser, TN):

Replace “Four will be appointed by the Executive Board. Four will be appointed by the Board of Delegates” with “Six will be appointed by the Board of Delegates. Two will be appointed by the Executive Board.”

**PASSED** 61-31

Delegate Chris Prosser (TN) introduced the following amendment and the floor was opened for debate.

**AMENDMENT 2** (Chris Prosser, TN):

Replace “Members will serve for four years” with “Members will serve for two years.

**PASSED** 65-32-0

Delegate Harold Winston (IL) introduced the following amendment and the floor was opened for debate.

**AMENDMENT 3** (Harold Winston, IL):

Delete sentence 2 in paragraph 2 which reads: "The committee shall nominate the same number of candidates as there are open positions in the next election."

**PASSED** 53-42

The amendment by Leila D'Aquin (LA) was presented and immediately ruled out of order by the President.

**AMENDMENT 4** (Leila D'Aquin, LA):

The initial nominating committee shall include 4 members appointed to 4 year terms, 2 to be named by the Delegates and 2 to be named by the Executive Board, and 4 members appointed to 2 year terms, 2 to be named by the Delegates and 2 to be named by the Executive Board.

Ruled **OUT OF ORDER** by the chair

Delegate Rachel Schechter (IL) introduced the following amendment and the floor was opened for debate.

**AMENDMENT 5** (Rachel Schechter, IL):

Add the following:

To maintain the integrity of our royal game: all nominees must have demonstrated a working knowledge of chess at the local, state and/or federal level.

**FAILED** 20-67-3

Delegate Jonathon Singler (AK) introduced the following amendment and the floor was opened for debate.

**AMENDMENT 6** (Jonathon Singler, AK):

I move that US Chess add the following verbiage to the motion:

"US Chess and the Nominations Committee may not in any capacity employ finances, gifts, donations, advertisement, or otherwise any help that exceeds the minimum assistance given to all nominated candidates."

**PASSED** 52-36-3

Delegate William Bowman (FL) introduced the following amendment and the floor was opened for debate.

**AMENDMENT 7** (William Bowman, FL):

Amend the proposal to include "Current Members of the Executive Board may not serve on the Nominations Committee."

A motion was made to refer Amendment 7 and all of SDM 20-12 to the Bylaws Committee (Richard Williams, KY) **FAILED** 32-60-4

Amendment 7 **FAILED** 34-53-4

As amendments 8 and 9 were presented, they were ruled moot by the chair.

**AMENDMENT 8** (James Mennella, CA-S):

None of the two Executive Board appointed members can be incumbent EB members.

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair

**AMENDMENT 9** (James Mennella, CA-S):

None of the two Executive Board Appointed Members can have served on the EB in the previous 5 years.

Ruled **MOOT** by the chair

Delegate James Mennella introduced the following amendment and the floor was opened for debate.

**AMENDMENT 10** (James Mennella, CA-S):

Nobody on the Nominations Committee, Delegate or EB appointed, may run for the EB for 4 years after leaving the Nominations Committee.

**FAILED** 20-71-2

SDM 20-12 **PASSED as amended** 83-10-1

**SDM 20-13** (Executive Board)

Name the following to the 2020-2021 Audit Committee:

Audit: Jon Haskel (FL), Allen Priest (KY), Chuck Unruh (OK)

**PASSED** 90-0-3

**SDM 20-14** (Executive Board)

Name the following to the 2020-2021 Bylaws Committee:

Bylaws: Sandeep Alampalli (NY), Leila D'Aquin (LA), Guy Hoffman (WI), Randy Hough (CA-S), Steve Immitt (NY), Richard Koepcke (CA-N), Gerald Larson (AL), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Alex Lumelsky (CT), John McCrary (SC), David Mehler (MD), James Mennella (CA-S), Robert Messenger (MA), Allen Priest (KY), Andrew Rea (VA), Gary Walters (OH), Harold Winston (IL)

**PASSED** 83-1-2

**SDM 20-15** (Executive Board)

Name the following to the 2020-2021 Election Committee:

Election: Ken Ballou (MA), Myron Lieberman (AZ), Kenneth Sloan (AL), Andrew Thall (OH),  
Alternate: Alex Relyea (NH)

**PASSED** 83-0-1

**SDM 20-16** (Executive Board)

Name the following to the 2020-2021 Ethics Committee:

Ethics: Ken Ballou (MA), Susan Breeding (TX), Noreen Davisson (NJ), Anand Dommalapati (VA), Randy Hough (CA-S), Paul Kolojeski (NH), Aris Margehtis (Canada), Jim Mennella (CA-S), Harold Stenzel (NY), Hal Terrie (NH), Myron Thomas (OH), Martha Underwood (AZ)

After an introduction of the nominee from Canada by Ken Ballou (MA), Jim Eade (CA-N) moved to divide the question and vote on each person individually rather than as a group. The motion to divide the question **FAILED** 23-61-3

SDM 20-16 **PASSED** 82-5-4

The next item on the agenda was choosing members of the newly formed Nominations Committee. Several people were nominated to serve (listed in order nominated):

Kevin Pryor (FL)

Beatriz Marinello (NY) (withdrew during meeting)

David Grimaud (SC)

Steve Morford (CA-S)

Jonathon Singler (AK)

Dylan Quercia (CA-S)

Leila D'Aquin (LA)

Paul Covington (CO) (withdrew during meeting)

Sophia Rohde (NY)

Daaim Shabazz (FL)

Michelle Martinez (AZ)

Chris Wainscott (WI)

Janelle Losoff (NV)

Randall Hough (CA-S)

William Brock (IL) (withdrew during meeting)

Judit Sztaray (CA-N) (withdrew during meeting)

Al Lawrence (NY) (withdrew during meeting)

Consideration the length of time it would take to set up a voting mechanism led the parliamentarian to move to suspend the rules so that the last two items could be considered while returning to the election of the Nominations Committee members afterward. The President accepted this rules suspension.

**SDM 20-17** (Executive Board)

The LMA Trust Chairman nominates the following individuals for volunteer Trustee service on the USCF Life Member Asset Grantor Trust:

- Jim Bedenbaugh
- Steve Doyle
- Leroy Dubeck
- Peter Dyson
- Dov Gorman
- Mike Hoffpauir

- Beatriz Marinello
- Allen Priest
- Tim Redman
- Alex Relyea
- Chuck Unruh

**PASSED** 85-2-4

A discussion of the method of electing the Nominations Committee members developed during which delegates expressed a strong preference for information about each candidate for the committee before voting. It was accepted that the platform ElectionBuddy would be the method used for the election of the committee members at a later date after nominees had provided bios and those bios were distributed to delegates.<sup>1</sup>

**SDM 20-18/NDM 20-02** (Ken Ballou, MA)

Use an electronic voting system (Election Buddy) that allows for embedding candidate statements as the method of electing Nominating Committee members. Nominees will be given until Friday August 21 to submit their 150-word statements and delegates will be given until August 28 to cast their vote.

**PASSED** 78-4-3

Harold Winston (IL) introduced the following motion.

**SDM 20-19** (Executive Board)

The Delegates give a vote of thanks to the US Chess Executive Board, President Allen Priest, and Executive Director Carol Meyer for their leadership during the coronavirus crisis; to Allen Priest for ably presiding over the delegate's meeting; to Ken Ballou for serving as parliamentarian; to Ryan Velez and the other members of the Online Play Task Force for their work in developing rules for online play.

**PASSED by acclamation**

President Priest then turned the chair over to Vice President Randy Bauer who gave special thanks to each of the departing board members for their years of service: Hal Sprechman (3 years), Mike Nietman (10 years), and Allen Priest (9 years). Each of those outgoing board members then made a brief farewell statement.

The Vice President then introduced the new board members David Hater, David Day, and Fun Fong.

Approbation was given to the outgoing board members by the body.

President Priest adjourned the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> It was later determined through legal consultation that a vote can only be taken when the delegates are assembled as a body. Thus a new Special Delegates Meeting via Zoom was called by the new board for September for the purpose of casting votes for the Nominations committee using ElectionBuddy.

**2020 SPECIAL DELEGATES MEETING**

**AUGUST 15 & 16**

**APPENDIX I**

**BUDGET**



**US Chess Budget**  
**FY 2020-2021**  
 (approved by EB 5/28/2020)

<b>Operating Revenue</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	
Regular	\$465,500
Senior	\$96,600
Family	\$59,682
Young Adult	\$133,700
Youth	\$123,290
Scholastic	\$360,679
Sustaining	\$1,358
Life	\$49,000
Trial	\$8,400
Affiliate	\$37,820
Group Memberships	\$101,500
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>\$1,437,528</b>
<b>Royalty Payments</b>	
Royalty and Licensing	\$130,000
Commissions	\$31,500
<b>Royalty Total</b>	<b>\$161,500</b>
<b>Communications</b>	
TLAs/Advertising	\$76,038
Subscriptions	\$12,551
<b>Communications Total</b>	<b>\$88,589</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	
Ratings Fees	\$92,500
FIDE Income	\$29,102
Mailing Lists and Other	\$64,060
<b>Other Services Total</b>	<b>\$185,662</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
Reserve Fund	\$30,000
Unrestricted Donations	\$95,000
<b>Other Income Total</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
<b>Events</b>	
National Events	\$625,900
International Events	\$0
<b>Events Total</b>	<b>\$625,900</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,624,179</b>
<b>Restricted Income</b>	
LMA	\$0
Women's Program	\$165,000
Endowment Fund	
Other Program Support	\$3,800
<b>Total Restricted Income</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,789,179.40</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	
Membership Promotions	\$43,332
<b>Subtotal Membership Promotions</b>	<b>\$43,332.00</b>
<b>Communications</b>	
<b>Magazine Expenses</b>	
Magazine Printing	\$128,000
Magazine Mailing	\$132,000
Print Contracts	\$140,500
Print Other	\$3,750.00
<b>Subtotal Magazine Expenses</b>	<b>\$404,250.00</b>
<b>Online/Digital Expenses</b>	
Podcasts	\$3,360
Web Site Development & Hosting	\$45,000
Digital Media Contracts	\$15,000
<b>Subtotal Digital Expenses</b>	<b>\$63,360</b>
<b>Marketing &amp; PR Expenses</b>	
Public Relations & Photography	\$2,500
Marketing	\$500

<b>Subtotal Marketing/PR Expenses</b>	\$3,000
<b>Communications Personnel Expenses</b>	
Salary	\$238,135
Benefits	\$42,014
Taxes	\$18,610
<b>Subtotal Personnel Expenses</b>	\$298,759.20
<b>Subtotal Communications</b>	\$769,369.20
<b>Admin Payroll</b>	
Admin/Program/Fundraising Salary	\$374,079.16
Benefits Admin/Program/Fundraising	\$41,915.19
Payroll Taxes	\$27,963
<b>Subtotal Admin Payroll</b>	\$443,958
<b>Corporate Payroll Expenses</b>	
Cafeteria Plan	\$24,000
401K Profit Sharing	\$26,128
401K Employer Match	\$15,000
401K Admin Fee	\$3,820
Workers Compensation	\$15,000
<b>Subtotal Corporate Payroll</b>	\$83,947.72
<b>Admin &amp; General</b>	
Travel (air, food, lodging, car, mileage)	\$14,500
Postage	\$50,000
Supplies	\$21,000
Professional Fees	\$73,500
IT Operations	\$90,000
Contractors	\$7,000
Utilities	\$16,200
General Liability Insurance	\$13,200
Maintenance & Repairs	\$13,800
Property Taxes	\$1,500
Computer Software & Maintenance	\$7,200
Lease - Equipt.	\$6,000
Depr. & Amortization	\$33,600
Bank Charges	\$1,200
Credit Card Charges	\$95,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$12,000
<b>Subtotal Admin &amp; General</b>	\$455,700
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
<b>Events</b>	
National Events	\$480,860
International Events	\$0
<b>Subtotal Events</b>	\$480,860.00
<b>Governance</b>	
US Chess Governance	\$25,700
FIDE Governance and Fees	\$75,000
<b>Subtotal Governance</b>	\$100,700.00
<b>Womens</b>	
Womens Program Activities	\$150,000
<b>Subtotal Womens</b>	\$150,000
<b>Other Programs</b>	
At Risk Youth	\$3,000
<b>Subtotal At-Risk Youth</b>	\$3,000
<b>Programs Payroll</b>	
Salary	\$258,710
Benefits	\$57,122
Taxes	\$19,791.31
<b>Subtotal Programs Payroll</b>	\$335,624
<b>Programs Subtotal</b>	\$1,070,184
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	
Printing and Mailing	\$16,700
Travel	\$3,400
Other Development	\$10,500
<b>Fundraising Subtotal</b>	\$30,600
<b>Expenses Total</b>	\$2,897,090.18
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	(\$107,910.78)

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**IN PASSING LIST**

# In Passing

## August 2019—August 2020

Mariano A Acosta, IL  
Robert Earl Ali, NY  
John H Allen, PA  
Fred Allums, Jr, CA  
John H Altman, NM  
Rolando A. Aragon, FL  
James R. Ballard, NC  
Imre Barlay, CO  
John E Barnes, NC  
Arie Ben-Bassat, PA  
John F. Bayley, PA  
Pal C Benko, Hungary  
Gerald V Bergman, PA  
Ambrose Blenker, WI  
Aubrey James Boothe, MT

Vladimir Botsmanov, PA  
Dale A Brandreth, DE  
Arthur W Buehring, IL  
Theodore Bullockus, CA  
Donavon Calvert, OK  
Alfred J Carlson, Jr, PA  
H. Jay Carr, MI  
George Cashell, NC  
James W. Chamlee, VA  
Chip E Chapin, HI  
Linda Michelle Clarke, CA  
Danilo C Concepcion, NY  
David Connors, NY  
Nick Conticello, NY  
Robert D Deem, FL  
Benjamin Deschesne, ME

Jon Desguin, MA  
William A DeSimone, MA  
Arliss Dietz, OR  
Thomas Dorsch, NE  
Joe Fadigan, PA  
Zakhar Fayvinov, PA  
Harold Feldheim, CT  
Gary Fletcher, MI  
Gerald J Freel, NY  
Paul A Gallegos, CA  
Raymond E. Gaudette, Jr, MA  
Anatoly D Goldberg, MA  
Peter H Gould, MD  
Gregory A Granger, NJ  
Robert H Griner, VA  
Russell Walter Gumbrecht, NM

Susan Kantor, TN  
Lev Khariton, France  
Arthur A King, MA  
David Edward King, CA  
Peter Andrew Kloskowski, CT  
David J Krutchkoff, CT  
Daniel C Lines, PA  
Robert B Long, IA  
Paul Francis Lucas, NC  
Shelby Lyman, NY  
Kevin Malloy, OH  
Charles B Manley, MD, MO  
Jim Markley, OK  
Aldan Markson, NJ  
Kem Mateo, FL  
Arthur N Mease, PA

Pete N Melissakis, WY  
Roy M Mendoza Sr, TX  
Robert T Mitchell, KY  
James Muelbach, MN  
Kimball Nedved, MD  
James M Neeley, WA  
Guillermo E. Nusbaum, NC  
Henry R. Odell, WA  
James Patterson, PA  
Orest Pelech, VA  
Bryce Perry, CA  
Martin Phillips, MO  
Pierre G Plante, MA  
Mikhail Ponomarev, CO  
Lawrence Pond, TN  
John T Reeder, III, NJ  
Norman Robberstad, NJ



Jesse Roberts, CA  
Stanley Ronchinsky, MA  
Martin Ruther, MD  
Jackie Ryan, NC  
Warren J Sampson, SC  
Gary Noel Sargent, IL  
Michael A Schemm, WA  
Donald D Schultz, FL  
Thomas E Scott, Jr., PA  
Felix Steinle, OH  
James F Stickley, VA  
Romallis St Cyr, KY  
Larry M Strong, UT  
Michael Sullivan, OK  
James M Swanson, NH

Mitchel J Sweig, IL  
William Tate, PA  
Ronald L Thompson, NY  
Dennis D Thurman, MD  
George Tiers, MN  
Earl E Tipton, FL  
Grady W Troute, OH  
Phil H Trautmann, CA  
Robert Vassar, VA  
Manfred Vees, SC  
Augusto Venegas, FL  
Edward F Voehl, NY  
John L Wagner, WI  
Mary Luke Washburn, OR  
Reed Watkins, MD  
Mark B Wells, NM

James Paul Wilkin, CT  
Richard B Williams, NC  
Eugene Zador, FL  
George E Zeigler, GA

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**APPENDIX III**

**AUGUST 15 ATTENDANCE**

August 15, 2020

Special Meeting Attendees

First Name	Last Name
Sreenivas	Alampalli
Sandeep	Alampalli
Sreenivas	Alampalli
Jeff	Aldrich
Ken	Ballou
Dewain	Barber
Randy	Bauer
William	Bowman
William	Brock
Richard	Buchanan
Randas	Burns
Frank	Camaratta
Adam	Chrisney
Anthony	Cottell
Paul	Covington
Bradley	Crable
Tom	Crane
Leila	D'Aquin
David	Day
Anand	Dommalapati
Kimberly	Doo
E.Steven	Doyle
Leroy	Dubeck
Jim	Eade
Fun	Fong
Ray	Garrison
Troy	Gillispie
Brian	Glover
Bill	Goichberg
Dov	Gorman
Maureen	Grimaud
David	Grimaud
Carl	Haessler
Noreen	Harkins Davisson
Jon	Haskel
David	Hater
Walter	High
Guy	Hoffman
Sandra	Hoffman
Michael	Hoffpauir
Randall	Hough
Steve	Immitt
Carol	Jarecki
Tim	Just

Chris	Kim
Richard	Koepcke
Korey	Kormick
Tom	Langland
Gerald	Larson
Albert	Lawrence
Myron	Lieberman
Alan	Losoff
Alexander	Lumelsky
Sean	Manross
Beatriz	Marinello
Michelle	Martinez
Robert	McCrary
James	Mennella
Robert	Messenger
Steven	Morford
Mike	Nietman
Grant	Oen
Adam	Porth
Allen	Priest
Chris	Prosser
Kevin	Pryor
Dylan	Quercia
Robin	Ramson
Andrew	Rea
Louis	Reed
Wendy	Reed
Michael	Regan
Thomas	Rehmeier
Alex	Relyea
John	Rockefeller
L. Thad	Rogers
Daniel	Rohde
Sophia	Rohde
Alexey	Root
Rachel	Schechter
Christina	Schweiss
Garrett	Scott
Daaim	Shabazz
Kameliia	Sharuda
Elizabeth	Shaughnessy
Stephen	Shaughnessy
Jonathon	Singler
Hal	Sprechman
Harold	Stenzel
Leteef	Street
Benjamin	Swiszc

Judit	Sztaray
Abel	Talamantez
Bryan	Tillis
Joey	Troy
Martha	Underwood
Charles	Unruh
Jan	van de Mortel
Ryan	Velez
Sunil	Weeramantry
Larry	Weston
Richard	Williams
Terry	Winchester
Harold	Winston
Brian	Yang

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**APPENDIX IV**

**AUGUST 16 ATTENDANCE**



August 16, 2020  
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Sandeep	Alampalli
Sreenivas	Alampalli
Jeff	Aldrich
Ken	Ballou
Dewain	Barber
Randy	Bauer
William	Bowman
William	Brock
Richard	Buchanan
Randas	Burns
Frank	Camaratta
Adam	Chrisney
Anthony	Cottell
Paul	Covington
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Ray	Garrison
Troy	Gillispie
Brian	Glover
Bill	Goichberg
Dov	Gorman
Maureen	Grimaud
David	Grimaud
Carl	Haessler
Noreen	Harkins Davisson
Jon	Haskel
David	Hater
Walter	High
Guy	Hoffman
Sandra	Hoffman
Michael	Hoffpauir
Randall	Hough
Steve	Immitt
Carol	Jarecki
Tim	Just
Chris	Kim

Richard	Koepcke
Korey	Kormick
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Gerald	Larson
Albert	Lawrence
Myron	Lieberman
Alan	Losoff
Alexander	Lumelsky
Sean	Manross
Beatriz	Marinello
Michelle	Martinez
Robert	McCrary
James	Mennella
Robert	Messenger
Michael	Mills
Steven	Morford
Mike	Nietman
Grant	Oen
Stephen	Plotnick
Adam	Porth
Allen	Priest
Chris	Prosser
Kevin	Pryor
Dylan	Quercia
Robin	Ramson
Andrew	Rea
Tim	Redman
Louis	Reed
Wendy	Reed
Michael	Regan
Thomas	Rehmeier
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