

US Chess
Executive Board Meeting
November 9, 2021
Zoom Meeting

This document is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed.

OPEN SESSIONS

Tuesday, November 9

Executive Board members present:

Mike Hoffpauir, President

Fun Fong, Secretary

David Day, Member

John Fernandez, Member

Chuck Unruh, VP of Finance

David Hater, Member

Kevin Pryor, Member

Carol Meyer, Executive Director

A quorum was established with Vice President Randy Bauer noted as absent with advance notice. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Hoffpauir.

Open Session 1

After asking if there were any new conflicts of interest, President Hoffpauir opened the meeting with the following motion. In conjunction with October minutes motion below, Fun Fong withdrew the motion regarding the same matter that was posted online.

EB22-020 – Hoffpauir – I move that the minutes from the October meeting be approved.
PASSED 7-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

President Hoffpauir then announced that the board would go into closed session.

Open Session 2

President Hoffpauir summarized information shared with the board during the closed session, including the following.

A report by FIDE Delegate Michael Khodarkovsky

- Reported on FIDE's calendar of upcoming tournaments.
- The FIDE General Assembly expected to be at the end of December.
- A FIDE election will be in 2022.
- The 2022 General Assembly will be during the US Open.

Daniel Lucas gave the board an update on the status of the Chess Life printing contract during the closed session.

President Hoffpauir then said that the board turned their attention to their list of referred motions from the 2021 Delegates Meeting and reported on their current thoughts and actions.

The Executive Board is in the process of forming a task force to explore the possibility of hybrid in-person/online meetings.

For reference:

DM21-19/ADM21-14 (Beatriz Marinello, NY; Dr. Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Sean Manross, CA-S; Dewain Barber, CA-S; Tom Langland, CA-N; Jim Eade, CA-N; Alan Kantor, TN; Blaine Webb, AK)

US Chess Federation Delegates who are senior citizens over 65 years old and Delegates with underlying health conditions may attend the Delegates Meetings virtually.

Requests for this accommodation should be sent to the US Chess office by June 1 of the year of the meeting.

President Hoffpauir and Executive Director Meyer talked with Chris Prosser over the phone to clarify the intent of his delegate motion, which focused on enabling state chapters and state scholastic coordinators to assist scholastic chess clubs wanting to get started in schools.

In addition, there was a recent teleconference between the Scholastic Council and the Executive Board that discussed the need for a communication plan to facilitate the dissemination of information about activities and regulation changes. The office will work with the council on this plan. President Hoffpauir reminded everyone that the purview of the Scholastic Council is US Chess's national scholastic tournaments and the scholastic regulations, whereas Chris Prosser's motion requested a plan for how state chapters can help school clubs at the grassroots level.

The Executive Board is considering a meeting that covers both the Scholastic Council's communication goals and the grassroots concerns expressed by Chris Prosser.

For reference:

DM21-22 (Chris Prosser, TN)

The US Chess Federation will initiate a State Scholastic Zoom Conference consisting of the Executive Director of US Chess or her designee, the US Chess Executive Board Liaison(s) to the Scholastic Committee, the Scholastic Council, and the Scholastic Coordinator(s) from each State Affiliate.

President Hoffpauir then read the only motion to come out of closed session.

EB22-021 – Hoffpauir – The Executive Board moves to reappoint Michael Khodarkovsky as the USA FIDE Delegate through August 31 of 2022. **PASSED 7-0** with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

He then thanked the Board members for their volunteer time and the Executive Director for her hard work.

The board will meet again in Orlando on December 4th and 5th in conjunction with the K-12 Grades Tournament. Thereafter the monthly Zoom meetings will continue with the next in person meeting being planned for March in Atlanta.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fun Fong,
Executive Secretary