

US Chess
Executive Board Meeting
December 4-5, 2021
Orlando, Florida

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

OPEN SESSIONS

Saturday, December 4

Executive Board members present:

Mike Hoffpauir, President

Chuck Unruh, VP of Finance

David Hater, Member

Kevin Pryor, Member

Carol Meyer, Executive Director

Randy Bauer, Vice President

Fun Fong, Secretary

David Day, Member

John Fernandez, Member

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Hoffpauir.

The roll call established a quorum existed.

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

Open Session 1 ~ Saturday, December 4

The President stated that the focus of the meetings over the weekend is reviewing existing strategy and examining the US Chess mission, vision and goals.

After confirming that there were no new conflicts of interest among board members, President Hoffpauir presented the first motion.

EB22-027 – Hoffpauir – I move that the minutes from the November meeting be approved. **PASSED 7-0-1** with Vice President Bauer abstaining since he had been absent from the November meeting

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Open Session 2 ~ Sunday, December 5

President Hoffpauir acknowledged the staff's hard work in making the K-12 event such a success and thanked them.

The President stated that the board had discussed the charters of the Tournament Director Certification Committee and the Clubs Committee. He thanked the committee members for their involvement in the development of the charters and then presented the following motion.

EB22-028 – Hoffpauir – I move that the Executive Board approve the charters for the Tournament Director Certification Committee and the Clubs Committee as reviewed by the Executive Board during today’s closed sessions. **PASSED 8-0**

Vice President Randy Bauer provided a summary of the closed session’s discussions of US Chess’s strategy for the future.

The strategic plan was subjected to a review in accordance with best practice. No changes were found necessary to the existing mission and goals at present. A fuller scrutiny will take place later in the year.

Slight revisions were made to US Chess’s five overarching, strategic goals. Recognition of the importance of social media platforms, and an increase in attention to them was one. He mentioned the following five strategic goals to be voted on for adoption by the board with a brief elaboration of each.

- Expand the educational, social, recreational, and rehabilitative applications of chess.
- Increase the visibility of chess on mainstream communications channels.
- Develop the depth and breadth of our partnerships.
- Use chess to increase opportunities for under-represented segments of society.
- Continuously improve internal operations and member services.

EB22-029 – Bauer – I move that those five goals be the 2021-2022 US Chess goals. **PASSED 8-0**

The President asked John Fernandez to give a summary of the first meeting of the Chess in Education Working Group.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the purpose of the group was to produce a report by May 2022 to provide the board with a definition of what chess in education consists of and how the activities dovetail with other distinct groups such as scholastic, or college, etc., and lastly how it links with US Chess’s mission, vision, and goals. The report will also include US Chess’s oversight of the activities. The charter will be finalized very soon.

The eight individuals in the working group are: Ranae Bartlett, AL; Kevin Fite, MI; John Galvin, NY; Elliot Neff, SD; Richard Pointer, MO; Sophia Rohde, NY; Rachel Schechter, IL; and Tina Schweiss, VA.

FIDE Zonal President Allen Priest raised some issues concerning the invitational rules that US Chess currently has online. Director of Events Boyd Reed, Allen Priest and John Fernandez, Board Liaison for the Top Players Committee, will collaborate over the next week, to produce a revision of the invitational rules that can be published as soon as possible, i.e. by early January 2022.

President Hoffpauir thanked the Executive Director and his fellow members on the board. He also again thanked everyone who made the K-12 an excellent event.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fun Fong
Executive Secretary