

## MOTIONS OF THE US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2021 - 2022

Key: C = Phone Conf. Call, E = Electronic Portal, M = Physical Meeting,  
I = Internet Video Conference

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB22-001	Fernandez	08/8/21 M	President Named	PASSED 7-0
EB22-002	Hoffpauir	08/8/21 M	Vice President Named	PASSED 7-0
EB22-003	Bauer	08/8/21 M	Vice President of Finance Named	PASSED 7-0
EB22-004	Hoffpauir	08/8/21 M	Secretary Named	PASSED 7-0
EB22-005	Hoffpauir	08/8/21 M	Committee Chairs Named	PASSED 7-0
EB22-006	Meyer	08/17-25/21 E	College Rapid & Blitz as Championships	PASSED 8-0
EB22-007	Hoffpauir	09/9-14/21 E	US Chess Trust Agreement	PASSED 8-0
EB22-008	Board	09/14/21 I	Privacy Policy	PASSED 8-0
EB22-009	Hoffpauir	09/14/21 I	US Open 7-Day Schedule Starting 2025	PASSED 8-0
EB22-010	Meyer	09/17-23/21 E	2023 K-12 Grade Championship Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB22-011	Hoffpauir	09/22-29/21 E	2021-22 National Scholastic Regulations	PASSED 8-0
EB22-012	Unruh	09/29-10/2/21 E	Approval of Van Purchase for Events	PASSED 8-0
EB22-013	Hoffpauir	10/12/21 I	Approval of September Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB22-014	Hoffpauir	10/12/21 I	Approval of Committee List	PASSED 7-0-1
EB22-015	Hoffpauir	10/21-29/21 E	2022 Online Scholastic Quick Rules	PASSED 8-0
EB22-016	Hoffpauir	10/26-11/9/21 E	2021-2022 Pan-Am Rules	PASSED 8-0
EB22-017	Unruh	10/30-11/25/21E	Senior Committee Revised Charter	PASSED 8-0
EB22-018	Pryor	11/8-10/21 E	Add Kantor to States & Affiliates Comm.	PASSED 8-0
EB22-019	Fong	11/9-24/21 E	Approval of 8/5/21 & 8/8/21 Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB22-020	Hoffpauir	11/9/21 I	Approval of October Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB22-021	Hoffpauir	11/9/21 I	Khodarkovsky as FIDE Delegate	PASSED 7-0
EB22-022	Hoffpauir	11/10-25/21 E	Add Onischuk to Scholastic Committee	PASSED 8-0
EB22-023	Hoffpauir	11/17-23/21 E	Extend Chess Coach Certification	PASSED 8-0
EB22-024	Hoffpauir	11/17-23/21 E	Extend TD Certification	PASSED 8-0
EB22-025	Meyer	11/23-25/21 E	Correspondence Chess Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB22-026	Unruh	11/29-12/4/21 E	Add members to Senior Committee	PASSED 8-0
EB22-027	Hoffpauir	12/4/21 M	Approve November Minutes	PASSED 7-0-1
EB22-028	Hoffpauir	12/5/21 M	Approve TDCC & Clubs Comm. Charters	PASSED 8-0
EB22-029	Bauer	12/5/21 M	Approve 2021-2022 Strategic Goals	PASSED 8-0
EB22-030	Hoffpauir	12/15/22- 1/11/2022 E	Approving Tornado's Fair Play Method	PASSED 8-0
EB22-031	Board	12/27/21-1/1/22 I	Moving office to St. Louis, MO	PASSED 8-0
EB22-032	Hoffpauir	01/11/22 I	Dissolve Corresp. Chess Working Group	PASSED 8-0
EB22-033	Board	01/11/22 I	Special Delegates Meeting Date & Time	PASSED 8-0

EB22-034	Board	01/11/22 I	Town Halls for Special Delegates Meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB22-035	Fernandez	01/13-23/22 E	Chess in Education Wkg Group Charter	PASSED 8-0
EB22-036	Meyer	01/18-21/22 E	Cloud Management Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB22-037	Meyer	01/18-21/22 E	CFO Contract (Altruic)	PASSED 8-0
EB22-038	Board	01/20-24/22 E	TD Certification Specification Updates	PASSED 8-0
EB22-039	Board	01/21-22/22 E	PPHB Claim Authorization	PASSED 8-0
EB22-040	Fernandez	01/25-02/6/22 E	Requirement for Coaches	PASSED 8-0
EB22-041	Board	01/28-02/6/22 E	2025 K-12 Event Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB22-042	Fong	02/3-6/22 E	Approve Dec 4-5 Meeting Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB22-043	Fong	02/3-6/22 E	Approve Jan 11 Meeting Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB22-044	Fernandez	02/3-28/22 E	Invitational Rules Update	PASSED 8-0
EB22-045	Board	02/8/2022 I	Change to Scholastic Committee Charter	PASSED 8-0
EB22-046	Meyer	02/17-28/22 E	Update US Chess Fair Play Guidelines	PASSED 8-0
EB22-047	Meyer	02/24-03/9/22 E	US Chess Publications Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB22-048	Board	02/25/22 C	Statement Regarding Russia Invading Ukraine	PASSED 8-0
EB22-049	Board	03/8/22 I	Approve Feb 8 Meeting Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB22-050	Board	03/17-18/22 E	Substitute Motion for HQ Sale	PASSED 8-0
EB22-051	Meyer	03/24-30/22 E	Renew Donor Search Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB22-052	Unruh	03/29-30/22 E	Contract for Listing—Century 21	PASSED 8-0
EB22-053	Board	04/13-14/22 E	St. Louis Office Lease ED Authorization	PASSED 8-0
EB22-054	Board	04/28-05/6/22 E	Approval Digitization Proposal	PASSED 8-0
EB22-055	Meyer	05/27-30/22 E	St. Louis Office Lease Approval	PASSED 8-0
EB22-056	Fong	06/15/22 I	Approve May Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB22-057	Board	06/15/22 I	FIDE Vice President Nomination	PASSED 8-0
EB22-058	Board	06/15/22 I	FIDE Zonal President Nomination	PASSED 8-0
EB22-059	Board	06/15/22 I	Awards	PASSED 8-0
EB22-060	Board	06/15/22 I	Copier Lease	PASSED 8-0
EB22-061	Board	06/15/22 I	Regions Bank Signatories	PASSED 8-0
EB22-062	Board	07/12/22 I	Approve June Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB22-063	Board	07/12/22 I	Approve the 2022-2023 Budget	PASSED 8-0
EB22-064	Board	07/12/22 I	Approve Chess Store Bid	PASSED 7-0
EB22-065	Board	07/12/22 I	Membership Suspension of Scott Caldwell	PASSED 7-0
EB22-066	Fong	07/12/22 I	ASCC and College Awards	PASSED 7-0
EB22-067	Board	07/22-27/22 E	FIDE Congress & Olympiad Appts	PASSED 8-0
EB22-068	Fong	08/4/22 M	Approve March, April, and July Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB22-069	Unruh	08/4/22 M	Approve Revised 2022-2023 Budget	PASSED 7-0
EB22-070	Hoffpauir	08/4/22 M	Approve Scholastic Regulations	PASSED 7-0

The first meeting of the 2021-2022 US Chess Executive Board took place on August 8, 2021, at the US Open in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

The following five motions came out of closed session and were voted on in open session later the same day.

**EB22-001 – Fernandez** – I nominate Mike Hoffpauir for President. **PASSED 7-0** (Fun Fong absent and not voting)

**EB22-002 – Hoffpauir** – I nominate Randy Bauer for Vice President. **PASSED 7-0** (Fun Fong absent and not voting)

**EB22-003 – Bauer** – I nominate Chuck Unruh for US Chess Vice President of Finance. **PASSED 7-0** (Fun Fong absent and not voting)

**EB22-004 – Hoffpauir** – I nominate Fun Fong as US Chess Secretary. **PASSED 7-0** (Fun Fong absent and not voting)

**EB22-005 – Hoffpauir** – The Executive Board moves to appoint the following people as committee chairs.

Clubs	<b>Abel Talamantez, Chair</b>
Competition Integrity	<b>Brian Yang, Chair</b>
Correspondence Chess WG	<b>Michael Buss, Chair</b>
Endowment Fund Trust	<b>Charles D. Unruh, Chair</b>
FIDE Events	<b>Tony Rich, Chair</b>
National State Invitationals	<b>Jon Haskel, Chair</b>
PPHB Claims	<b>Steve Immitt, Chair</b>
<i>Programs</i> (see subcommittees below)	<b>Bill Brock, Chair</b> <b>Leila D'Aquin, Vice Chair</b>
<i>Accessibility &amp; Special Circumstances</i>	<b>Stephanie Berk, Chair</b> <b>Judit Sztaray, Vice Chair</b>
<i>College Chess</i>	<b>Alex Onischuk, Chair</b>
<i>Military</i>	<b>Jim Hollingsworth, Chair</b>
<i>Senior</i>	<b>Paul Covington, Co-Chair</b> <b>David Grimaud, Co-Chair</b>
<i>Women's</i>	<b>Adia Onyango, Co-Chair</b> <b>Kimberly Doo, Co-Chair</b>
Ratings	<b>Mike Regan, Chair</b>
Recognitions	<b>John McCrary, Chair</b>
Reserve Fund/PPHB Investment	<b>Charles D. Unruh, Chair</b>
Rules	<b>Myron Thomas, Chair</b>
Scholastic Council & Committee	<b>Sunil Weeramantry, Chair</b> <b>John D. Rockefeller V, Vice Chair</b>
States and Affiliates	<b>Lakshmana Viswanath, Co-Chair</b> Co-Chair (to be confirmed)
Top Players	<b>Tatev Abrahamyan, Co-Chair</b> <b>Robert Hess, Co-Chair</b>
Tournament Director Certification	<b>Maret Thorpe, Chair</b> <b>Jeff Wiewel, Vice Chair</b>
US Chess Development	<b>Michael Shuman, Chair</b> <b>John D. Rockefeller V, Vice Chair</b>
U.S. Open	<b>Hal Terrie III</b>

**PASSED 7-0** (Fun Fong absent and not voting)

*(For a current committee list, see the link in Appendix A)*

**EB22-006 – Meyer** – I move to allow the 2021 Online College Rapid and Blitz be named a national championship. **PASSED 7-0**

Rationale for EB22-006: The ongoing effects of the COVID pandemic has caused the OTB College Rapid and Blitz to be cancelled by SLU, its host. Another host has stepped forward to run the event Sept. 25-26 online. Continuing with the need to be flexible with events that would be run online, the EB should allow this exception for 2021 and permit this event to be a national championship event.

**EB22-007 – Hoffpauir** – I move that the Executive Board authorize the President, US Chess, to sign the *US Chess - Chess Trust agreement* and to send the signed document to the Chess Trust for Steve Doyle's signature. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-008 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to approve the privacy policy and website terms of use policy as drafted. We would like to further note that there are different policies for US-based residents versus those living elsewhere. The practical result of this is manifested by US residents being able to opt out of mailings while GDPR nations having to opt in for mailings. (see Appendix B) **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-009 – Hoffpauir** –The Executive Board moves that starting in 2025 the US Open shall transition from a nine-day to a seven-day schedule with day one being Monday and day seven being Sunday. Invitational events will be held on Monday through Wednesday, days one through three. Selected committee workshops will be held onsite on Thursday and Friday, days four and five, with most workshops occurring online, one to three weeks before the US open begins. Online workshops cannot be scheduled before publication of the Delegates Call. Side events will be scheduled at the discretion of the Director of Events. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-010 – Meyer** – I move that the Executive Board approve the Hyatt Regency Orlando contract for the 2023 K-12 Grade National Championships. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale for EB22-010: US Chess has had to seek a new property for the 2023 K-12 Grade National Championships due to the bankruptcy filing of the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. This is the location previously contracted. This contract was reviewed by US Chess counsel and amendments made and accepted by the Hyatt Regency Orlando.

**EB22-011 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to approve the 2021-22 National Scholastic Chess Regulations for publication and implementation (see Appendix C). **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale EB22-011: The draft document has been reviewed by the Director of Events and the EB Liaisons to the Scholastic Committee--Mike Hoffpauir, David Hater and David Day. All comments have been addressed by and in collaboration with the Scholastic Council. The product adds one new event, the "Online National Scholastic Quick Chess Championships", to be held in the mid-Jan to mid-Feb 2022 timeframe and bid-out externally (e.g., it will not be run directly by US Chess).

**EB22-012 – Unruh** – I move that the Executive Board approve the purchase of a new van for operations and the National events mission in an amount less than \$50,000. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale for EB22-012: US Chess hauls a considerable amount of necessary equipment to National events. In the past, US Chess has leased vehicles for such purposes. Recently, vehicle liquidity and reliability on necessary dates has tightened in the marketplace for vans. Leasing is no longer a reliable option in and around the Crossville area. Operations has located a new van for purchase at a dealership on the East Coast with 3-year warranties. The timing is not the best for purchasing new vehicles. However, the van purchase is a long-time commitment to future events and likely holds good value.

**EB22-013 – Hoffpauir** – I move that the minutes from the September meeting be approved. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-014 – Hoffpauir** – I move that the Executive Board approve the final committee rosters for the Executive Board appointed committees as presented to the Executive Board this evening on 12 October. **PASSED 7-0-1** with David Day abstaining

**EB22-015 – Hoffpauir** – I move that the Executive Board approve the proposed Rules for the 2022 Online National Scholastic Quick Chess Championships. These rules were passed by the Scholastic Council and reviewed by the Director of Events (see Appendix D). **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-016 – Hoffpauir** – I move that the Executive Board approve the rules for the 2021-22 Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championships. The College Chess Committee has reviewed the rules and recommends approval (see Appendix E). **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-017 – Unruh** – The Senior Committee requests approval of the attached charter. Paul Covington, Co-Chair has submitted a charter that aligns with Executive Boards approved present and future projects and programs tasked to the committee (see Appendix F). **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-018 – Pryor** – This is a correction to an oversight. Alan was originally presented to the board back in our Cherry Hill discussions to be a member of the States & Affiliates Committee but was omitted from the official list when approved last month. The committee chairs would like for him to be approved as soon as possible. They are ready to proceed with committee business but did not want to exclude him. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-019 – Fong** – I move that we accept the minutes of the open session August 5 and August 8 meetings that were held during the US Open. **PASSED 8-0**

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

**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

**EB22-022 – Hoffpauir** – I move the EB approve the addition of GM Alex Onischuk to the Scholastic Committee per the request of the Scholastic Council Vice Chair. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-023 – Hoffpauir** – In view of the continuing impacts of the pandemic on certified chess coaches, I move that the Executive Board authorize the office to extend expiration dates for all Chess Coach Certifications scheduled to expire in 2021 to June 30, 2022. In effect, this motion adds 6 months to the Dec 31, 2021, expiration date specified in EB Motion 21-049. The EB shall revisit this motion before the end of April 2022. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale for EB22-023: In EB21-049 the Executive Board approved (7-0) to authorize the office to extend until December 31, 2021, the expiration dates for all Chess Coach Certifications scheduled to expire in 2021. The motion further stated, "The EB shall revisit this motion before the end of 2021 to determine if further extension is warranted." Given the reports from Chess Coaches about how the pandemic continues to negatively impact their coaching activities, as well as the impending formation of a "Chess Coach Certification Working Group" by the Executive Board, I recommend we extend the expiration date another 6 months to June 30, 2022.

**EB22-024 – Hoffpauir** – I move that the Executive Board authorize the Tournament Director Certification Committee (TDCC) to extend the end of December 2021 deadline specified in Motion EB20-84 to the end of June 2022 for all affected Tournament Directors. All other conditions and requirements specified in EB20-84 are extended as part of this motion. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale for EB22-024: In Motion **EB20-084**, which passed 7-0, the Executive Board authorized the TDCC to extend expiring Tournament Director (TD) certifications by one year from the current month of expiration for all members holding active Local, Senior or Associate National TD whose certifications expire before the end of December 2021. ***The Chair of the TDCC, in consultation with the US Chess Office, recommends extending this deadline by 6 months until June 30, 2022.*** EB20-084 further states, and this new motion directs to continue, that "Club Directors who reach the end of their three-year term without applying for and achieving Local TD status in accordance with the Official Rules of Chess will not have their Club TD certifications extended for one year. For example, a Senior TD whose certification expires in November 2020 would see his/her certification extended one year through November 2021. In a similar way, a Local TD whose certification expires in August 2021 would receive a one-year extension through August 2022. However, a Club TD who has

*not passed the exam required to become a Local TD before his/her Club TD certification expires will not receive the one-year extension."*

**EB22-025 – Meyer** – The Executive Board moves to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for the US Chess Correspondence Chess program with Michael Buss. The contract will begin December 1, 2021 and run through December 31, 2023. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-026 – Unruh** – I move that the Executive Board approve the addition of Chris Kim ID (12084660) and Harold Scott ID (12393953) for volunteer service on the US Chess Senior Committee effective December 1st, 2021. **PASSED 8-0**

**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.

**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 (see Appendix G). **PASSED 8-0**

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

**EB22-030 – Hoffpauir** – The Executive Board moves to endorse the Fair Play Method used by the Tornelo platform (see Appendix H). **PASSED 8-0**.

Rationale for EB22-030: The Ratings Committee's subcommittee reviewed Tornelo's methodology and found it able to "flag" possible fair play violations after only one round of play. The Ethics Committee urged caution, noting that a single game was not likely to provide sufficient evidence of violating the Code of Ethics without other supporting evidence. The Ethics Committee's sentiment has been captured in the Letter of Endorsement.

**EB22-031 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to relocate the US Chess headquarters from Crossville, Tennessee to the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area. **PASSED 8-0**.

Rationale for EB22-031: The City of Crossville, Tennessee served US Chess well for the past almost two decades. In considering the best interests of US Chess, the Executive Board carefully considered the following two-part question set in its decision to relocate US Chess headquarters:

- Should US Chess maintain its headquarters in Crossville, Tennessee?
- If not, where should US Chess locate its headquarters?

In considering the first question, the Executive Board recognizes that US Chess is a fundamentally different organization in 2021 than it was in 2003 when the decision to move to Crossville was made. In the ensuing years since moving to Crossville, US Chess has evolved substantially. This is primarily due to the US Chess change from a 501(c)(4) membership organization to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This change broadened the organization's mission, while preserving its traditional services to members. This change resulted in different business needs to carry out US Chess' mission. A new chapter for US Chess has been started and Crossville is no longer able to support our human resources needs with specialized skills that will help US Chess grow.

In considering the second question, the Executive Board keyed in on several attributes that would benefit the organization and its mission:

- Affordable cost of living
- Central U.S. locations
- Superior transportation access
- Large and diverse population from which to draw a skilled staff
- Chess culture

Taken together with the synergy of St. Louis as the chess capital of the United States, Missouri's second-largest city became the obvious choice.

US Chess is forever grateful for the support provided by the City of Crossville, the Crossville community, Crossville businesses, and the State of Tennessee over the past 18 years. They will always be acknowledged as a valued part of our organization's history and embraced as dear friends of chess.

**EB22-032 – Hoffpauir** – I propose a motion to the Executive Board to formally close out or dissolve the Correspondence Chess Working Group and that the Executive Board thanks Fun Fong and the group members for their excellent work. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-033 – Board** – The Board recommends that the special delegates meeting to discuss the sale of the US Chess headquarters be at 8:30 PM Eastern time on the evening of Wednesday, March 23rd. **PASSED 8-0.**

**EB22-034 – Board** – The Executive Board moves that US Chess organize and hold two town halls, one on March 12th, one on March 21st, to allow opportunities for delegates to test their technology, to practice voting and to discuss issues related to the upcoming special delegates meeting. **PASSED 8-0.**

**EB22-035 – Fernandez** – I move that the Executive Board endorse the Chess In Education Working Group Charter, as approved by the Working Group on January 6, 2022 (see Appendix I). **PASSED 8-0.**

Rationale for EB22-035: The Executive Board drafted a charter for the newly formed Chess In Education Working Group as it was getting underway in Fall of 2021. The Executive Board did so to provide some operational guidance and structure to the Working Group.

**EB22-036 – Meyer** – I move that the Executive Board approve the services contract for AWS cloud management services. **PASSED 8-0.**

Rationale for EB22-036: US Chess continues to support its legacy systems through a variety of contracts. One long-overlooked piece has been the US Chess installation on AWS, housing much of our legacy website. This contract provides monitoring and emergency services for the AWS installation until such time that US Chess successfully completes its systems migration.

**EB22-037 – Meyer** – I move to approve the Altruic Contract for CFO Consulting Services for 2022. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale for EB22-036: The initial contract period of performance with Altruic ended on 12/31/2021. This agreement has the same scope of services as we previously agreed to. It is just updating the period of performance for 2022.

**EB22-038 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to approve the recommended changes to Tournament Director (TD) certification standards. The proposed changes are in three groups: 1) Updating tournament category definitions to include the number of rounds instead of referring to the number of rounds in the certification levels every time a category is mentioned; 2) Whenever a certification level includes a listed substitution with multiple quick/blitz events for a category, explicitly state that the category requirement is for regular- and dual-rated events; and, 3) Elevate the significance of "backward compatibility" by making it a Rule instead of a TD Tip (e.g. a category B event can satisfy a category C requirement). The updates would replace language found in the current certification criteria that were last approved in August of 2020 (see Appendix J). **PASSED 8-0**

Supporting Information: The proposed changes were unanimously supported by the TDCC. The current version of the certification criteria can be found on the US Chess website *certification-rules-2020.pdf (uschess.org)*. The proposed updates are in the attachment to this motion.

**EB22-039 – Board** – The US Chess Executive Board authorizes payment for medical expenses for a member whose claim has been recommended for approval by the PPHB Claims Committee. Payment is authorized for the maximum allowable expense based on receipts for medical expenses. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-040 – Fernandez** – I move to extend the activity requirements for the US Chess Certified Coach Program, Invitational Lists, and Top 100 Lists through December 31, 2022. This motion provides that current experience earned by March 1, 2019 will not expire until December 31, 2022. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale for EB22-040: US Chess honors and certifications are linked to activity requirements from over-the-board (OTB) play. With few OTB opportunities due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, affected members should not be penalized for their lack of opportunities to play. This motion extends the activity window as was done in 2021.

**EB22-041 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to approve the 2025 K12 Grade Nationals event contracts. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale for EB22-041: The set of contracts related to this motion have been reviewed by staff and counsel. The CVB will honor the incentive letter, despite having missed the deadline while the package was under review and negotiation. This is a rare opportunity to have a scholastic event in the West at a cost comparable to locations we typically utilize.

**EB22-042 – Fong** – I move to approve the minutes of the EB meetings of Dec 4-5 in Orlando FL. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-043 – Fong** – I move to approve the minutes of the EB meeting on Jan 11, 2022 (virtual). **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-044 – Fernandez** – With the following rationales, we need to make a few modifications to the US Chess Invitational Rules (see Appendix K):

The rationale for 2a & 2c: With the US Championship planning to move from the Spring to the Fall (October most likely), this will change which US Championship year will qualify players in the years in which our US Championship is a FIDE Zonal. This used to be in even-numbered years (2022, 2024, etc.) but will change to odd-numbered years (2023, 2025, etc.) moving forward.

Rationales for 5a:

1. The annual U.S. Senior Open is being replaced by the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions as a U.S. Senior Championship qualifier [as modified by EB23-002].
2. The regulations currently state a player must play at least 30 regular rated games, which is not true as the existing 5b. then goes on to say they will be penalized (1) point for every game less than 30 they have played. Regulation 5a2. stated that dual-rated games do not count but these are in fact considered regular-rated games and have counted towards invitational ratings. The revised 5a1. that also incorporates the wording in 5b. will help clarify that a player is allowed to play less than 30 games but they will have their invitational rating adjusted if they do so.
3. There is currently no minimum strength of opponent for senior players on the invitational rating lists. This regulation adds some consistency to the current regulations.

The rationale for 5b: There is currently no limit to the amount of inactivity a player may have. The office currently uses 10 years as the period to go back in terms of reviewing players for the US Championship and US Women's Championship invitational rating lists and 20 years for reviewing players for the US Senior Championship. This causes many inactive players to consistently be on the invitational lists and receive invitations for events for which they always decline. The addition of this regulation will prevent this, and also formally adopt the practice currently used by the office when producing the monthly invitational rating lists.

**PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-045 – Board** – The Board moves to accept the recommendation of the Scholastic Council to change the language in the Scholastic Committee charter describing the procedures for electing council members (see Appendix L). **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-046 – Meyer** – The Executive Board moves to update the Safe Play Guidelines as advised by counsel (see Appendix M). **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale: As the guidelines are operationalized, procedures and roles are clarified in this amended version. See Section VII, Reporting and Responding, D. Handling Incidents or Reports of a Non-Sexual Nature, Paragraphs 4 and 5 that highlight the proposed changes (in red).

**EB22-047 – Meyer** – The Executive Board moves to approve the contract for magazine, tournament books, delegate calls



and other printed materials from 2022-2027. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale: US Chess is happy with the quality of Royle Printing's work. Their bid was most competitive among the bids received. In addition, Royle demonstrated great flexibility with US Chess during the pandemic and this contract is essentially the same as the previous contract. Legal has reviewed and signed off on it.

**EB22-048 – Board** – The United States Chess Federation (US Chess) strongly condemns the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. The unprovoked attack is unlawful and endangers the political sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Chess and all international sports unite people, but it cannot do so when nations are under attack. Effectively immediately, US Chess will not send a delegation to any official FIDE event (such as the 2022 Olympiad) held in the Russian Federation as long as it continues its unlawful invasion, occupation, and attacks on Ukraine or any other nation state.

Both Russia and Ukraine are important chess countries. In the spirit of our game and the motto of the international chess federation (FIDE), *Gens una sumus (We are one family)*, the hostile action by the Russian Federation leads to dysfunction in the chess family.

US Chess urges an immediate and peaceful end to this conflict. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-049 – Board** – The Executive Board moves for the approval of the minutes from the meeting in February. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-050 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to replace the original motion for sale of the US Chess HQ that was contained in the advance information packet for the Special Delegates Meeting with the language in the following substitute motion.

**Substitute:** Under the authority of Section 7.6 of the LMA Trust, the Board of Delegates moves to authorize the LMA Trust to sell the US Chess headquarters building located at 137 O'Brien Drive, Crossville, Tennessee 38555 (the "Premises"). The Board of Delegates further authorizes the trustees or their designee(s) to execute and deliver such agreements and documents as they, in their sole and absolute discretion, deem necessary or advisable to effectuate the sale of the Premises. All proceeds from the sale of the Premises will be deposited in the LMA Trust account.

Further, the trustees or their designee(s) are authorized and directed to take any and all actions in order to effectuate the intent and purposes of the foregoing paragraph. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-051 – Meyer** – I move that the Executive Board approve the contract for services with DonorSearch. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale: DonorSearch is a screening tool that assists development professionals with information about prospective donors. We just completed a multi-year agreement with DonorSearch and the new agreement is for 5 years, at a slightly reduced cost/month than the previous contract.

**EB22-052 – Unruh** – I move that the Executive Board affirm the LMA Trust Trustee approval and instructions for the Executive Director to sign contracts with the Crossville Century 21 commercial realtor to list the proposed sale of the Crossville Headquarters' building and property. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale: The LMA Trust Trustees have approved the 8% Century 21 Commission with an asking price of \$1,080,000 for the building and property. Century 21 has prospective buyers ready and willing to immediately view the building and property. The Executive Director should have approval by US Chess leadership before signing a contract with significant costs above \$10,000.

**EB22-053 – Board** – The Executive Board authorizes Executive Director Carol Meyer to enter into a lease contract for space in St. Louis, Missouri to house the US Chess operation. The terms of the lease are for approximately 2,291 rental square feet located in Suite 210 in Post Office Annex at Union Station. The lease will commence on June 1, 2022 and will have a term of 5 years. The full-service rental rate will be \$17.00 per square foot, with \$0.50 increases per square foot every two years. Operating expenses and property taxes above the 2022 base year will be passed on to US Chess based its share of the total rentable square footage of the building. US Chess will also have the ability to park up to five employee cars in the

gated parking lot next to the premises at monthly rates, which are currently \$90.00 per car per month. US Chess will only pay for parking used. US Chess employees will also have full membership to the on-site fitness facility for no additional charge through the entire term of the lease. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-054 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to approve the digitization proposal from Global Solutions. **PASSED 8-0**

Rationale: US Chess has many physical records that require preservation. Among the items to be preserved are the photo archive, old cross tables not yet digitized, and various publications. This project not only preserves important historical records but is timed with the pending move to St. Louis, Missouri.

**EB22-055 – Meyer** – I move that the Executive Board approve the 5-year lease for the US Chess new headquarters located at 333 S. 18th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-056 – Fong** – I move to accept the minutes of the May meeting. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-057 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to nominate Michael Khordarhovsky to stand for election for the position of FIDE Vice President. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-058 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to nominate Allen Priest to FIDE to be the Zonal President for United States of America. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-059 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to approve the following awards and award recipients for the year 2021 to 2022.

For Distinguished Service: number one, Joe Ippolito; number two, Steve Immitt.

For Outstanding Career Achievement: Dave Mehler.

For Meritorious Services: Robert S. Moore.

For Special Services: David Carl Argall; number two, Daaim Shabazz

The Frank J. Marshall award: Jay Bonin.

Organizer of the Year: Al and Janelle Losoff.

GM of the Year: Hikaru Nakamura.

Woman Player of the Year: Carissa Yip.

Outstanding Player Achievement, Asa Hoffmann.

Outstanding Team Achievement: 2021 Olympiad Team.

Young Player of the Year: GM Hans Niemann; number two, GM Abhimanyu Mishra.

Chess City of the Year: Crossville, Tennessee.

Chess Committee of the Year: States and Affiliates; number two, Chess and Education Working Group.

Lifetime TD award: Tim Just.

TD of the Year: Martha Underwood.

Local TD: Kele Perkins.

Senior TD: Aaron and Anthony Ong.

Chess Club of the Year: Memphis Chess Club.

Koltanowski Gold Award: number one, John D. Rockefeller the fifth; number two, Rex and Jeanne Sinuefield; number three, George and Anne Chamberlin.

Koltanowski Silver: David and Maureen Grimaud; number two, Lin and Robert Johnson

Scholastic Services: For the individual, Alan Kirshner; number two, Kim Cramer.

Scholastic Services Organization: Impact Coaching Network,  
Heisman Chess Instructor, Bill Cornwall.

**EB22-060 – Board** – The US Chess Executive Board approves the proposal for a new copier from Konica Minolta. The five-year lease will run \$202.57 per month for a total cost of \$12,154.20. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-061 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to update the signatories to its accounts with the Regions Bank by moving the existing signatories: Christine Green, Carol Lenhardt, Judith Misner, and Boyd Reed, and replacing them with the following new signatories: Christine Green, Korey Kormick and Carol Lenhardt. The staff is directed to make this transition as soon as they are able to do so. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-062 – Board** – The Executive Board moves that the minutes from the June 2022 Executive Board meeting be adopted. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-063 – Board** – The Board moves to approve the US Chess 2022-2024 budget, and that it be presented to the delegates at the 2022 Delegates Meeting in Rancho Mirage, California in early August. **PASSED 8-0**

**EB22-064 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to accept the bid from the US Chess Sales/House of Staunton to be the chess store vendor at the US Chess national events, beginning July 2022. **PASSED 7-0** with John Fernandez absent and not voting

**EB22-065 – Board** – Under the auspices of Article Three, Section 11 of the US Chess Bylaws, the Executive Board moves to suspend for one year the membership of Scott Caldwell from New Mexico, US Chess ID 11466435 for his written abuse of the US Chess's staff. **PASSED 7-0** with John Fernandez absent and not voting

**EB22-066 – Fong** – The additional awards and awards' recipients to be added to the annual awards list: Chess College of the Year: St. Louis University, and Accessibility and Special Circumstances Person of the Year: Janelle Losoff. **PASSED 7-0** with John Fernandez absent and not voting

**EB22-067 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to appoint Michael Khodarkovsky as the US Chess Head of Delegation for the FIDE Congress and IM John Donaldson as the US Chess Head of Delegation for the FIDE Olympiad.

Rationale for EB22-067: The dual nature of this appointment is based on the logistics related to large distances between the Olympiad playing site and the site of the FIDE Congress.

**EB22-068 – Fong** – It's been so moved that the Executive Board meeting minutes for March, April and July be approved. **PASSED 7-0** with David Hater absent and not voting

**EB22-069 – Unruh** – I move the board approve the revised budget of this week. **PASSED 7-0** with David Hater absent and not voting

**EB22-070 – Hoffpauir** – I'd like to ask the Executive Board to approve the 2023 Scholastic regulations as presented to the board this morning on August 4th. **PASSED 7-0** with David Hater absent and not voting