

MOTIONS OF THE US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2022 - 2023

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

Motion #	Sponsor	Date/Method	Subject	Disposition
EB23-001	Fernandez	08/7/22 M	Section 1.2 of Invitationals Requirements	PASSED 6-0
EB23-002	Fernandez	08/7/22 M	Amend motion EB22-044	PASSED 6-0
EB23-003	Fernandez	08/7/22 M	Create Chess in Education Committee	PASSED 6-0
EB23-004	Board	08/7/22 M	Nominating Committee appointments	PASSED 6-0
EB23-005	Hoffpauir	08/7/22 M	President named	PASSED 6-0
EB23-006	Bauer	08/7/22 M	Vice President of Finance named	PASSED 6-0
EB23-007	Bauer	08/7/22 M	Secretary named	PASSED 6-0
EB23-008	Unruh	08/9/22 I	Vice President named	PASSED 8-0
EB23-009	Bauer	08/9/22 I	Committee appointments	PASSED 8-0
EB23-010	Bauer	08/9/22 I	Thanks to representatives at FIDE General Assembly	PASSED 7-0-1
EB23-011	Board	08/9/22 I	Authorizing a Bank of America account	PASSED 8-0
EB23-012	Fernandez	08/10-16/22 E	Invitational Rules Update	PASSED 8-0
EB23-013	Board	08/18-22/22 E	Committee assignments	PASSED 8-0
EB23-014	Board	08/19-22/22 E	Appoint FIDE Delegate	PASSED 8-0
EB23-015	Fong	09/13/22 I	Approve August 4, 2022 Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB23-016	Fong	09/13/22 I	Approve August 7, 2022 Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB23-017	Fong	09/13/22 I	Approve August 9, 2022 Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB23-018	Fernandez	09/13/22 I	Chess in Education Committee Charter	PASSED 8-0
EB23-019	Board	09/13/22 I	US Senior Women's Championship	PASSED 8-0
EB23-020	Fong	10/11/22 I	Approve September 13, 2022 Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB23-021	Hoffpauir	10/11/22 I	ChessNoteR Letter of Certification	PASSED 8-0
EB23-022	Board	10/11/22 I	Create task force for hybrid delegates meeting	PASSED 8-0
EB23-023	Board	10/11/22 I	Legal services contract	PASSED 8-0
EB23-024	Board	10/11/22 I	Appointing Chess in Education members	PASSED 8-0
EB23-025	Board	10/11/22 I	Activity requirements for Top 100 lists	PASSED 8-0
EB23-026	Board	10/20-11/2/22 E	Scholastic Committee/Council Charter	PASSED 8-0
EB23-027	Fong	11/8/22 I	Approve October 11, 2022 Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB23-028	Board	11/8/22 I	FIDE hybrid events	PASSED 8-0
EB23-029	Bauer	12/3/22 M	Approve November Minutes	PASSED 7-0
EB23-030	Board	12/4/22 M	FIDE Delegate appointed	PASSED 8-0
EB23-031	Board	12/4/22 M	2026 K-12 Contract	PASSED 8-0
EB23-032	Board	12/4/22 M	Hosting and Maintenance Agreement	PASSED 8-0
EB23-033	Fong	1/10/23 I	December 2022 Minutes	PASSED 8-0
EB23-034	Board	1/10/23 E	Nominations to US Hall of Fame	PASSED 8-0

EB23-035	Board	1/11/23 E	Appoint EFT Members for terms expiring Jan. 2023	PASSED 8-0
EB23-036	Board	1/23/23 E	Baltimore Convention Center Contracts for 2024 HS and 2026 ES	PASSED 8-0
EB23-037	Board	2/23/23 E	Approve 2025 U.S. Open Contract (Madison, WI)	PASSED 8-0

The first meeting of the 2022-2023 US Chess Executive Board took place on August 7, 2022, at the US Open in Rancho Mirage, California.

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

EB23-001 – Fernandez – I move to amend section 1.2 of the Scholastic National Invitational Event and Award Requirements as follows:

1.2. The winner of the preceding U.S. Junior Open and the winner of the preceding Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions shall be directly seeded, if still eligible by age. Only players who finish clear first or tied for first are eligible for seeding. Should no player who was tied for first be both eligible and available, the spot will be replaced by the next player in the rating list as per 1.1.1.

PASSED 6-0 (Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting)

EB23-002 – Fernandez – I move to amend motion EB22-044 from:

“RATIONALE for 5a: The annual U.S. Senior Open is now called the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions.”

to:

“RATIONALE for 5a: 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.”

PASSED 6-0 (Fun Fong absent and not voting)

EB23-003 – Fernandez – I move to create a Chess in Education committee.

PASSED 6-0 (Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting)

EB23-004 – Board – Executive Board moves to appoint Hal Sprechman and Joy Bray to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term.

PASSED 6-0 (Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting)

EB23-005 – Hoffpauir – I nominate Randy Bauer as President.

PASSED 6-0 (Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting)

EB23-006 – Bauer – I nominate Chuck Unruh for Vice President of Finance.

PASSED 6-0 (Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting)

EB23-007 – Bauer – I nominate Fun Fong for Secretary.

PASSED 6-0 (Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting)

The following four motions were made during an August online meeting.

President Bauer asked Vice President of Finance Chuck Unruh to make the motion for the nomination of the position of Vice President.

EB23-008 – Unruh – I move to nominate Kevin Pryor.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-009 – Bauer – The appointments as listed for committees for the 2022-2023 year are approved.

PASSED 8-0

See Appendix A for the initial board committee assignments.

EB23-010 – Bauer – The Executive Board thanks David Hater, Michael Khordakovsky, and Allen Priest for their presence at and participation in the FIDE General Assembly in Chennai, India.

PASSED 7-0-1 with David Hater abstaining

EB23-011 – Board – The Executive Board moves to approve the resolution to open a new operating bank account with Bank of America.

PASSED 8-0

The following three motions were presented on the online portal.

The rationale for EB23-012: The U.S. Senior Open was inadvertently removed in a previous update. The 2022 U.S. Senior Open Champion will be eligible to qualify for the U.S. Senior Championship alongside the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions Champion as long as they fulfill the other eligibility requirements.

EB23-012 – Fernandez – I move to modify section 2 of the Invitational Information as follows:

The following will be automatically seeded into the U.S. Championship, U.S. Women's Championship and U.S. Senior Championship:

- 1) Previous year's respective champions.
- 2) U.S. Open Champion. (for U.S. Championship)
- 3) U.S. Junior Champion. (for U.S. Championship)
- 4) U.S. Junior Girl's Champion (for U.S. Women's Championship).
- 5) U.S. Senior Open Champion. (for U.S. Senior Championship)
- 6) John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions Champion (for U.S. Senior Championship) -
For the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Champions Champion to qualify for the U.S. Senior Championship, they must satisfy the above residency requirements and earn clear first or a tie for first. In the case of a tie, the playoff results or the tournament tiebreaks will be used.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-013 – Board – The Executive Board moves to add the following people to:

FIDE Events Committee: Chris Kim

Recognitions Committee: Jon Crumblier

Scholastic Committee: Dewain Barber

Senior Committee: Chris Kim, Robin Ramson, Harold Scott

PASSED 8-0

The rationale for EB23-014: Michael served as delegate to the recent FIDE General Assembly. With the continental association meeting this fall, we need his Delegate title to be current to allow his representation at the meeting.

EB23-014 – Board – The Executive Board moves to re-appoint Michael Khodarkovsky as the US Chess FIDE Delegate through December 31, 2022.

PASSED 8-0

The following five motions were made during the September online meeting.

EB23-015 – Fong – Motion to approve the August 4th 2022 Executive Board minutes.

PASSED 7-0

EB23-016 – Fong – Motion to approve the August 7th 2022 Executive Board minutes.

PASSED 7-0

EB23-017 – Fong – Motion to approve the August 9th 2022 Executive Board Minutes.

PASSED 7-0

EB23-018 – Fernandez – I move that the Executive Board approved the Chess in Education Committee Charter as approved by the Chess in Education Committee in September.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-019 – Board – The Executive Board moves to create a US Senior Women's Championship envisioned as:

- 1) A Round Robin event.
- 2) Eligibility requirements will be determined by November 15th by the Director of National Events.
- 3) The event will be bid out.
- 4) The event is expected to commence in 2023 if a suitable bid is found.

PASSED 8-0

The following six motions were made during the October online meeting.

EB23-020 – Fong – Motion to approve the minutes of September 13th, 2022, seconded by Fernandez.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-021 – Hoffpauir – I move that the Executive Board approve the Letter of Certification for the software upgrade made to the ChessNoteR electronic chess notation device produced by Black Mirror Studio. Board approval authorizes the President to sign the Letter of Certification.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-022 – Board – The Executive Board moves to create a task force to study, investigate and issue a report and recommendation regarding the feasibility of hybrid delegates meetings that would allow remote participation. The Executive Board appoints the following members to that task force: John Fernandez (Chair), Mike Hoffpauir, Hal Terrie, John Rockefeller, Beatriz Marinello and Dewain Barber.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-023 – Board – The Executive Board moves to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Wagenmaker & Oberly LLC for legal services.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-024 – Board – The Executive Board moves modify the membership of the Chess in Education Committee to the following: Ranae Bartlett and John Galvin as co-chairs, Jeff Bulington, Ursula Byrd, Victor Flores, Gabrielle Moshier, Richard Pointer, Sophia Rohde, Abel Talamantez, Brian Tillis, Mark Indermaur, Christina Mullinax, Adam Porth, and Shaun Smith.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-025 – Board – The Executive Board moves to restore activity requirements for player eligibility for Top 100 lists effective January 1, 2023. The activity requirement links to each rating category for which a player might qualify.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-026 – Board – The Executive Board moves to approve the revised Scholastic Committee/Council charter as shown in the motion's attachment.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-027 – Fong – Motion to approve the minutes from the October 11th, 2022, Zoom meeting.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-028 – Board – The Executive Board moves that, effective November 9, 2022, any new FIDE hybrid events (e.g., online tournaments with Arbiters present at all playing locations) held under the jurisdiction of FIDE Zone 2.1 (USA) will not be registered with FIDE.

Further, any rating reports or title norms arising from such events shall not be submitted by US Chess to FIDE for rating and the games shall not be rated by US Chess except as online play.

For a hybrid-style event to be rated as online play by US Chess, all directors must be certified by US Chess.

Further, the Executive Board moves that the US Chess FIDE Events Committee and Rules Committee collaborate before the 2023 Delegates Meeting to develop an appropriate rule to cover this situation.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-029 – Bauer – Move to approve the November minutes.

PASSED 7-0

EB23-030 – Board – The Executive Board moves to re-appoint Michael Khodarkovsky as FIDE Delegate through December 31, 2023.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-031 – Board – The Executive Board moves to adopt the contract with the Rosen Shingle Creek for the 2026 K12 Grade Nationals.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-032 – Board – The Executive Board moves to adopt the Hosting and Maintenance Agreement with Skvare.

PASSED

8-0

EB23-033- Fong - Move to approve the December minutes.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-034- Board – The Executive Board has received nominations to the US Hall of Fame from the Recognitions Committee and forwards them to The Chess Trust.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-035 – Board- The Executive Board moves to appoint Randy Bauer, Peter Dyson and Mike Nietman to 6-year terms on the Endowment Fund Trust. Terms commence with passage of this motion.

Rationale: The Endowment Fund Trust was created in Jan. 2020 to provide oversight to the US Chess Endowment Fund. Three members' terms are expiring in Jan. 2023. This motion reappoints 2 members (Dyson and Nietman) and appoints 1 new member (Bauer).

PASSED 8-0

EB23-036 – Board - The Executive Board moves to adopt the contracts for the 2024 High School and 2026 Elementary School Championships at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Rationale: Hotel contracts were signed years ago and the pandemic stopped all conversations with the BCC, the playing venue for the 2024 and 2026 events. All staff points of contact changed in the ensuing years and as such, there was a delay getting things back on track.

The contracts have been reviewed and approved by US Chess counsel.

PASSED 8-0

EB23-037 – Board - The Executive Board moves to approve the contract with the Marriott Madison West Hotel (Madison, Wisconsin) for the 2025 U.S. Open.

PASSED 8-0