

MINUTES OF THE USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 21-23, 2000

As approved by the Executive Board and ratified by the Delegates

Attendance: The following executive Board members were present for all three days of the meeting: Bob Smith (President); Dr. R. John McCrary, (Vice President); James Pechac (Vice President for Finance); Doris Barry (Secretary); and Members-At-Large Helen Warren, Dr. Tim Redman, and Joe Ippolito. Garrett Scott, Member-At-Large, was present on the second and third days of the meeting.

January 21, 2000

The following motions were made during a conference call Executive Board on November 30, 1999. They were read into the transcript of the January 21 meeting. Note that Joe Ippolito did not participate in the call but was allowed to vote on two of the motions, from which he was not recused, after the call.

EB 00-49 (Redman, McCrary) Starting December 1, 1999, all staff travel must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Executive Director and the Vice President For Finance. Tickets purchased by staff prior to 12/1 were to be included in this process of review and approval. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-50 (Redman, McCrary): The Executive Director will work with the Internet Subcommittee to negotiate arrangements with potential Internet providers. These negotiated arrangements will be presented in writing to the Board with a recommendation from the Internet Subcommittee for final Board approval, rejection, or amendment. **PASSED 4-3** (McCrary, Redman, Scott, Smith in favor; Barry, Pechac, Warren opposed.)

EB 00-51 (Warren): The USCF Board cancels the US Championship for fiscal year 2001, calendar year 2000. **PASSED 8-0**

Motions made during the January 21, 2000 meeting:

EB 00-52: (Smith) Moved, that these Minutes be approved. **PASSED 7-0**

EB 00-53 (Smith) Moved, that the audited reports of the last four fiscal years be collected and published on the Internet web page. **PASSED 6-1** (Pechac opposed.)

EB 00-54 (Redman) Moved, that the corrected 11-month figures from 1998 be published in the next Annual Report with a note to the effect that they are corrected figures. **FAILED 2-5** (Redman, Warren in favor; Barry, Ippolito, McCrary, Pechac, Smith opposed.)

EB 00-55 (Redman) The Executive Board approves the hiring of Jeffrey Loomis as Assistant Director of Finance. **PASSED 8-0** (Note: this motion was passed by objections procedure between meetings and was brought up at this point.)

EB 00-56 (Redman) The Executive Board appoints Jeffrey Loomis as Chief Financial officer of the USCF. **PASSED 7-0**

EB 00-57 (Board) The motion regarding the US Championship passed during the conference call of November 30, 1999, is amended to read as follows: The USCF Board cancels the US Championship and the US Women's Championship for fiscal year 2001, calendar year 2000, unless a satisfactory offer of sponsorship is received for the US Championship and the US Women's Championship. **PASSED 7-0**

EB 00-58 (Warren) A subcommittee appointed by the Executive Board shall work with the Executive Director to research a program for planned giving to report back to the Executive Board at the May meeting. **PASSED 7-0**

EB 00-59 (Redman) Helen Warren, Jim Pechac, Bob Smith, and John McCrary are appointed to this subcommittee. **PASSED 7-0**

January 23, 2000 (Note that January 22 was primarily used for interviews for Executive Director.)

EB 00- 60 (Board) The Board reconsiders the motion appointing Jeffrey Loomis as Chief Financial Officer of the USCF. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-61 (Board) The motion appointing Jeffrey Loomis as Chief Financial Officer of the USCF is postponed until May 2000. **PASSED 8-0.**

EB 00-62 (Board) The Board authorizes the President to employ George DeFeis as Executive Director subject to the terms verbally discussed with the Executive Board by the President. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-63 (Board) The Board appoints Arnold Denker as FIDE Counselor for life. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-64 (Redman) The Executive Board ratifies Katie Stone as chair of the College Chess Committee and she will provide the list of other members to the office. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-65 (Redman, McCrary) The Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director, at his discretion, to enter into a bundled membership package with MGI at a rate higher than \$40 divided by 12 per month. **PASSED 6-1-1** (Smith opposed, Ippolito abstained.)

EB 00-66 (McCrary) The Executive Director may negotiate arrangements with Internet providers subject to confirmation by the Executive Board. **PASSED 5-1-2** (Barry opposed, Pechac, Warren abstained.)

EB 00-67 (Ippolito) Moved, the USCF will look into the formation of a nationwide website directory of affiliate sites. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-68 (Redman) The Executive Board adds Helen Warren to the Strategic Planning Subcommittee of the Board. **PASSED 7-0-1**

EB 00-69 (Redman, Dullea) The Executive Board adds to Section 54 of the Tournament Direction Certification Regulations, professional conduct, the following language: Other types of professional misconduct include without limitation improper, unlawful, or offensive physical conduct or communication between a tournament director and a player or member, or engaging in any conduct which would constitute a violation of a person's civil rights, or would constitute a violation of state or federal law; or communicating in private with a minor child outside the presence of the child's parents or legal guardian's knowledge or permission; or otherwise engaging in conduct which would act to discredit the US Chess Federation or expose the US Chess Federation to potential legal liability. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-70 (Redman, Ippolito) The Executive Board directs the Executive Director to investigate the feasibility and offer an implementation plan for background checks for school TDs as a condition of their certification and report to the Board at the May meeting. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-71 (Ippolito) Moved, that a scholastic subcommittee be formed and schedule meetings at three month intervals. Members of this subcommittee are to be appointed by the Scholastic Committee. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-72 (Scott) Moved, that the US Chess Federation sponsor a club championship for youth. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-73 (Redman) The Executive Board designates the National Collegiate Chess League as a national tournament effective 1999. The winner will be recognized as the US College Internet Chess team Champion. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-74 (Board) The USCF awards UT-Dallas the Koltanowski gold and silver medals in the year 2000 for supporting chess. The gold medal is for national support of chess and the silver medal is for regional support of chess. **PASSED 7-0-1** (Redman abstained.)

EB 00-75 (Board) The Executive Board appoints Tim Just, Larry King, and Carol Jarecki as co-editors of the Fifth Edition Rulebook Committee. **PASSED 7-1** (Warren opposed.)

EB 00-76 (Board) Moved, that the President request that a transcript be prepared of the Peterson deposition. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-77 (Board) The Executive Board reaffirms its understanding that only the Executive Board can initiate, settle, arbitrate, or discontinue litigation. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-78 (Board) The Executive Board commends Gerry Dullea for his exemplary contribution to the USCF as Interim ED for the four-month period ended February 2000. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-79 (Board) Moved, that the Executive Board assigns the duties of the USCF Secretary to the USCF Vice President, as long as the position of USCF Secretary remains vacant. **PASSED 8-0**

EB 00-80 (Board) Moved, that a new Chess College of the Year award be established. **PASSED 8-0**