

## **BOARD ACTIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS**

The following motions were addressed by the USCF Executive Board through objections procedure and a conference call since the May 20-21 meeting of the Board:

**EB 00-113** (DeFeis): Recognizing the successful and record-breaking May 2000 National Elementary chess Tournament, and the extraordinary efforts of the whole Texas chess community, local government involvement headed by Grapevine Mayor William D. Tate, USCF hereby recognizes the Dallas and Grapevine, Texas, metropolitan areas as chess city of the Year for the year 2000. **PASSED BY OBJECTIONS**  
(Note: The Board had already honored Louisville, Kentucky as Chess City of the Year. This honor is thus shared.)

**EB 00-114** (Redman) USCF staff is directed to immediately implement the anti-deflationary ratings measure recommended by the President's Special Committee on Finance, and report on implementation to the Board in August. **OBJECTION RECEIVED**  
Note: The original motion as submitted by e-mail used the term anti-inflationary but this was recognized as a typo for anti-deflationary.

**EB 00-115** (Warren): With the assistance from the Executive Board as needed and requested, the Executive Director shall draft a letter of appeal for mailing to pre-1960 Life Members (approximately 1500 in number) as determined by the Life Member project undertaken by Doris Barry and Helen Warren, with specifications for label identity and receipt confirmation as outlined in the report. In addition to the appeal letter, this letter shall include an amount option check-off blank with appropriate dollar ranges from a minimum of \$50 to \$1000, and other. A return postage paid envelope shall be included. This mailing shall go out no later than July 1. A specific individual in the Business Office shall be tasked with oversight of this initiative under supervision of the CFO. Contributions resulting from this initiative shall be used for USCF Operations. **OBJECTION RECEIVED**  
(Note: the Board member objecting observed that the ED can do this anyway at his discretion.)

(Note: The following, while not phrased fully as a motion, had the effect of an objections procedure motion because of the next-to-last sentence. It will be given in its entirety.):

**EB 00-116** (Pechac): As noted by Jeff, I accepted the Stanley Marks and Company audit contract dated April 20, 2000. I have signed my fax copy of the agreement and returned a copy to you via fax this evening. The contract is a standard audit contract of the USCF and the Trust for \$23,500. The price is about 8 percent more than last year. The pricing was negotiated by the office. I am not aware of any statutory requirement that specifies that the Board must approve this agreement. However, by copy of this letter, I am requesting that John McCrary place this document for Board approval by objections. A copy is in the mail to all Board members. **PASSED BY OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE**

## **CONFERENCE CALL OF AUGUST 2, 2000**

The following motion was passed on a Board conference call of August 2, 2000. The full wording of this complex motion was finalized by e-mail after the call and read into the transcript of the August 10 Executive Board Meeting.

**EB 00-117** (Board): The USCF Executive Board approves the planning budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 as it was submitted by the Board by the Executive Director on July 31, 2000, with the following changes in the consolidated totals:

- a) Change revenues from regular sales of books and equipment to \$ 3,000,787.
- b) Change *Chess Life* TLAs revenue to \$53,795.
- c) Change *School Mates* Subscriptions revenue to \$8,951.
- d) Change *School Mates* advertising revenue to \$10,981.
- e) Change non-tournament sponsorship/grants revenue to \$10,000.
- f) Change total costs of books and equipment to \$2,081,396, revising the sub-categories making up this total accordingly.
- g) Change State Affiliate Support Expenses to \$0.00
- h) Change Grant Fulfillment expenses to \$5,000.

- i) Change total tournament expenses to \$297,500 by reducing Olympiad and World Championship expenses to \$30,000 and \$10,000 respectively.
- J) Make all changes in all totals, including the operating budget totals and all sub-totals, that are necessary to reflect the changes included in the preceding paragraphs.

The revised planning budget with the changes indicated in this motion replaces the planning budget approved on May 21, 2000 for the same period.

- 2) Endorses a plan for the relative pricing of dues by set factors as follows, with the provision that the Life Membership price to be determined by factoring is that which is paid by the LMA to Operations, and using the dues for a regular membership as the base to which the multiplier (factor) would be applied:

Membership type	Dues factor	New Rate
Regular Adult	100 %	\$40
Senior	75%	\$30
Youth	50%	\$20
Prison	25%	\$10
Blind	25%	\$10
Life (set by LMA)	40%	\$16
Scholastic	33%	\$13
Scholastic through Affiliate	Eliminated	NA
Family (with any membership)	50%	\$20

- 3) Requests that a factor for Internet categories be recommended by the ED, CFO, and Vice President of Finance
- 4) Adopts \$40 as the current base for a regular membership in the factoring plan for dues pricing.

**PASSED 7-0 SCOTT ABSENT**