

US Chess
Executive Board Meeting
August 3, 2023

Subject: Executive Board Meeting Minutes

This document is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting held in Grand Rapids, MI, on Thursday Aug 3, 2023. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed.

Executive Board members present:

Randy Bauer, President

Kevin Pryor, Vice President

Chuck Unruh, VP of Finance

Carol Meyer, Executive Director

David Day, Member

John Fernandez, Member

Fun Fong, Secretary

Mike Hoffpauir, Member

President Bauer called the meeting to order and called the roll. A quorum was established.

No new conflicts of interest were disclosed.

EB 23-062 – Fong - I recommend adoption of the July 12, 2023, minutes.

PASSED 8-0

EB 23-063 – Fernandez - I move to amend the US Chess Invitational Rules as follows within 2c.:

For the Olympiad and World Team Championships, the Team Captain and Coaches will be selected by the players from a list of applicants that have met both FIDE and US Chess requirements. The players will vote until one candidate captures a majority, and in the case of a deadlock, the office will choose from among the tied candidates.

PASSED 8-0

Vice President of Finance Chuck Unruh discussed the draft audit for the past fiscal year.

- The audit is very positive.
- The federal employee retention credit program will not be offered this year,.
- Membership numbers are up, and membership is about 58% of revenue.
- Donations were slightly down.
- Investments are stabilizing, with minimal losses.
- Income from CD ladders has been excellent.
- US Chess's past surpluses resulted from staff shortages.
- US Chess is financially solid.

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Executive Director Carol Meyer spoke to the staffing factor in the budget.

- There is a budget for a Director of Operations to be hired in the second quarter of the fiscal year. Six candidates were interviewed, and the selection will be narrowed down soon.

President Bauer spoke of the continued increase in membership, and the strength it gives to US Chess as an organization.

President Bauer recognized the great assistance and valuable input received from David Day and Fun Fong over the last three years, as this was their final meeting on the Executive Board.

During the Closed Session, the Board had discussed the process for selecting the state chapter for the District of Columbia, as the existing body is vacating that responsibility, and the challenge to the existing state chapter, SENECA, for the state of Rhode Island. Unlike most of the issues brought before the delegates, there is no motion attached to either selection. It is for the delegates to vote and decide as to which prospect will form the state chapter for these states.

Materials about both state chapter matters have been provided to the delegates to review via the US Chess website.

President Bauer then outlined the process he intends to use during the Annual Meeting: Starting with the three candidates for DC, in alphabetical order, each will have three minutes to make their case as to why they should be the state affiliate. The delegates then will have the opportunity to ask questions, and then to discuss. Delegates will have two minutes to speak to the floor one time. He noted that the same process will apply to Rhode Island.

A simple majority vote of the Delegates is required for each case.

The meeting adjourned.