

Proceedings of the U.S. Chess Federation Executive Board Meeting

August 4, 2011 Orlando, FL

This document is a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted and subjects discussed. Details of discussions, etc., may be obtained from the sound files online.

At 10am, President Berry called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Executive Board members Ruth Haring, Mike Nietman, Michael Atkins, Randy Bauer, Bill Goichberg, and Gary Walters were present. Assistant Executive Director and Director of National Events Patricia Knight Smith attended in the place of Executive Director, Bill Hall, who was absent due to the August 2nd birth of his son, Skyler Miller Hall.

Vice-President of Finance Report

Vice-President of Finance, Randy Bauer, reported that the audited financials for the previous year have been received and show a small increase in our unrestricted net assets. Continued fiscal diligence will be required to keep the budget in structural alignment. In depth information will be presented at the Financial Workshop.

Committee Liaison Reports

Allen Priest briefly commented on proposals the GTF Committee and Workshop will consider at their meeting regarding the status of our Delegates as the Board of Directors.

President Berry then advised that no motions were made in the earlier EB closed session meeting.

Unfinished Business

The first item was "Policy of adjusting USCF ratings based on FIDE results". Bill Goichberg reported that this discussion is ongoing.

Bill Goichberg also described the background and progress on "Quick Rating System Formulae Testing" and "K-factor Formulae Testing". He advised that the process is about half complete.

The topic "Credit for Titles based on pre-1992 play USCF" was then introduced. Bill Goichberg described the complexity of using pre-1992 data. Randy Bauer, Jim Berry, Mike Nolan, Ken Sloan, Sevan Muradian, Myron Lieberman and Bill Goichberg participated in the resulting discussion.

EB11-47 Bauer Individuals who have achieved the FIDE International Grandmaster title will be conferred the USCF lifetime title of Senior Life Master. Those awarded the FIDE title of International Master will be conferred the USCF lifetime title of Life Master. **PASSED 7-0**

"Review Qualifications for US Championships and national team selections" was the next item of business. Ruth Haring reported that progress was being made in this area. The committee's goal is the

creation of an invitational list to be posted on the website and an eventual re-write of the regulations which incorporates changes and streamlines procedures.

“Review of status on contract with Random House regarding the USCF rule book” was deferred until Bill Hall was present to report.

“Tournament membership options” was next on the agenda. Bill Goichberg said the topic had been resolved with the new membership options presented in the Board dues proposal, which he detailed. Allen Priest, Bill Goichberg, Carol Jarecki and others participated in the discussion which followed.

Mike Nolan addressed the topic “Standards for tracking and listing Delegates” stating that the current system seems adequate.

Agenda item “Computer infrastructure update” was deferred until Bill Hall was present to report.

Next topic considered was “US Open location for 2013”. Assistant Executive Director and Director of National Events, Pat Knight Smith advised that Atlanta, GA was the top location under consideration for 2013. The 2012 US Open will be in Vancouver, WA and the 2014 will be in Saint Louis, MO. Jim Gray, Myron Lieberman, Luis Salinas, Randy Bauer, Mike Nolan, Carol Jarecki among others gave feedback on the 2011 location.

“FIDE norm event changes” was introduced by Mike Atkins. He informed the group that starting July 2013 FIDE rated events must use FIDE rules and norm tournaments should be using them now.

“Amateur Grand Prix” was next on the agenda. Mike Atkins asked Sevan Muradian to outline a proposal on this subject. Muradian then fielded questions from Ruth Haring, Bill Goichberg, and Jim Berry.

After announcing the Hall of Fame opening September 8, the meeting was adjourned. The 2012 Board will meet on Sunday, August 7th with time and room location to be posted.