
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Executive Board Open Session Meeting, Sunday, August 4, 2024

1. **Purpose.** This document is the minutes of the Executive Board (EB) meeting held in Open Session at the end of the US Open on Sunday evening, August 4, 2024, in Norfolk, VA. All times listed are Eastern U.S.
2. President Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Secretary Hoffpauir recorded the meeting.
 - a. President Bauer noted that all Executive Board members were present:
 - Randy Bauer (IA), President
 - Kevin Pryor (FL), Vice President
 - Chuck Unruh (OK), Vice President (VP) for Finance
 - Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Secretary
 - David Hater (GA), Member-at-Large
 - John Fernandez (MO), Member-at-Large
 - Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Member-at-Large
 - Leila D'Aquin (LA), Member-at-Large
 - Ranae Bartlett (AL), Executive Director

3. President Bauer noted that the EB had been in Closed Session earlier this afternoon following the Delegates Meeting to elect officers and review committee leadership and members. President Bauer opened the floor for nominations for President of US Chess and he nominated Kevin Pryor.

EB25-001- Randy Bauer moved to nominate Kevin Pryor for President.
PASSED 8-0.

4. Randy handed off the meeting to newly elected President Pryor, who opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of US Chess, followed by Secretary, and concluding with Vice President of Finance. The following motions were made:

EB25-002: Leila D'Aquin moved to nominate John Fernandez for Vice President.
PASSED 8-0

EB25-003: Kevin Pryor moved to nominate Mike Hoffpauir for Secretary.
PASSED 8-0

EB25-004: Randy Bauer moved to nominate Charles Unruh for Vice President of Finance.
PASSED 8-0

5. As a result of these elections within the Executive Board the following list reflects the board by position:
 - Kevin Pryor (FL), President
 - John Fernandez (MO), Vice President

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- Chuck Unruh (OK), Vice President (VP) for Finance
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6. Next, President Pryor asked Secretary Hoffpauir to read into the record the names of the Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Vice-Chairs for the Executive Board committees.
- EB25-005: The Board** moves to accept the names of EB-appointed Chairs, Vice-, and Co-chairs for members of EB-appointed committees as read by the Secretary at the Executive Board Open Meeting on 8/4/2024.
- PASSED 8-0**
7. President Pryor asked attending members whether there were any questions.
- a. Robin Ramson (DC) noted that her last name was misspelled on the committee chart. This was corrected on the spot by Secretary Hoffpauir.
 - b. Steve Immitt (NY) and Sophia Rohde (NY) asked about improving awareness of the PPHB fund. Former Pres. Bauer commented that the EB and ED will take on this task as an action item based on the point raised on the floor at the Annual Meeting by the delegates.
 - c. Paul Covington (OK) asked a question about the use of member email addresses by third parties who may have gotten the email listing from the company collecting the “Chess History” stories from members. US Chess Sr. Director of Communications Dan Lucas asked Paul to forward the email he received so he could investigate the matter.
8. President Pryor thanked Randy Bauer for his leadership over the past two years and asked for a round of applause from the members.
9. With no further business to conduct, the Executive Board moved to adjourn at 6:12 PM.

Prepared by: Mike Hoffpauir, EB Secretary