

## **Proceedings of the U.S. Chess Federation Executive Board Meeting August 7, 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 3:45pm President Ruth Haring called the meeting to order. Board members, Gary Walters, Mike Nietman, Michael Atkins, Jim Berry, Allen Priest, Bill Goichberg and Bill Hall were in attendance. Haring asked Secretary Mike Nietman to report the motions which resulted from the closed session discussions so a public vote could be recorded.

**EB12-001 Board**- The Board elects the following officers:

Ruth Haring – President

Gary Walters – Vice-President

Allen Priest – Vice President of Finance

Mike Nietman – Secretary

**Passed 7-0**

**EB12-002a Board** –Executive Board Committee Liaison responsibilities are:

Mike Atkins – Military, Rules, Senior and TDCC

Jim Berry – Cramer Awards, Election, Publications and Outreach

Ruth Haring – International Affairs, Top Players and Women’s

Bill Goichberg – Awards, Clubs, Hall of Records, Ratings, US Open and Survey

Mike Nietman – Barber, Chess in Education, College, Denker and Scholastic

Allen Priest – Audit, LMA, PPHB, Finance, and Bylaws

Gary Walters – Correspondence, Ethics, States, and Hall of Fame

**Passed 7-0**

**EB12-002b Board** –Committee Chair changes are:

Finance – Randy Bauer

Denker – Dewain Barber and Shelby Lohrman

Barber K-8 – Steve Shutt and John Haskel

Correspondence – Brad Rogers

**Passed 7-0**

Committee liaisons then presented their membership lists to Secretary Nietman for consideration and approval by the Board.

**EB12-003 Board** - Changes to the Scholastic Committee: Bob Milliset and Gerald Larson are leaving the committee and Shaun Smith is joining it. All other members are the same. **Passed 7-0**

**EB12-004 Board** – 2011-2012 Denker Committee members are Dewain Barber Co-Chair, Shelby Lohrman Co-Chair, Mitchell Denker, Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro, Ralph Bowman and Tom Brownscombe. **Passed 7-0**

**EB12-005 Board** – 2011-2012 Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions Committee members are Steve Shutt Co-Chair, John Haskel Co-Chair, Dewain Barber, Harold Winston, Barbara DeMaro and Ralph Bowman. **Passed 7-0**

**EB12-006 Board** -2011-2012 TDCC members are Tim Just Chair, Jeff Wiewel Vice-Chair, Ken Ballou, Ed Conway, Francisco Guadalupe, Charles Hatherill, Guy Hoffman, Carol Jarecki, Tom Langland, Joe Lux, John Mc Cumiskey, Alex Relyea, Thad Rogers, Ernie Schlich, Mike Somers, and Tracey Vibbert. **Passed 7-0**

**EB12-007 Board** – 2011-2012 Rules Committee members are David Kuhns Chair, Ken Ballou, Frank Camaratta, Carol Jarecki, Tim Just, Sevan Muradian, Ernie Schlich, Ken Sloan, and Andrew Thall. **Passed 7-0**

Gary Walters presented the suggested Hall of Fame Committee for consideration.

**EB12-008 Walters** – 2011-2012 Hall of Fame Committee members are Harold Winston Chair, Joel Benjamin, Arthur Bisguier, Mitchell Denker, John Donaldson, John Hilbert, Al Lawrence, John McCrary, Shane Samole and Jennifer Shahade. **Passed 7-0**

**EB12-009 Goichberg** – Move that Thad Rogers be added to the Clubs Committee. **Passed 7-0**

Allen Priest reported that John McCrary felt his goal of establishing clear legally sound procedures for considering applications and recommending grants on the PPHB Fund Committee had been completed and therefore he no longer wished to serve. McCrary recommended Jim Eade be added to the committee. Priest asked that McCrary be congratulated and thanked for his accomplishments.

**EB12-010 Priest** – Move that the 2011-2012 PPHB Fund Committee members are John Donaldson Chair, Jim Eade, Steve Immitt, and Dr. Anthony Saidy. **Passed 7-0**

President Haring read the next motion sponsored by Executive Director, Bill Hall, regarding *The Chess Camp Series* from Mongoose Press. Hall then spoke to the motion advising the puzzle books fill a need not yet met by the marketplace targeting very early, basic beginning chess players. Through a partnership with Mongoose Press and our technology partners the series is now in the market place as an iPad app. This endorsement is part of the deal.

**EB12-011 Hall** – The USCF Executive Board recognizes *The Chess Camp Series* published by Mongoose Press Inc. as the official beginners puzzle book series of the United States Chess Federation. **Passed 7-0**

President Haring announced that the next Executive Board meeting will be November 12 and 13 at King's Island, OH.

Establishing a committee to review the dues structure was the next item of business. Bill Goichberg, Allen Priest, Mike Nietman, Garrett Scott and Ruth Haring participated in the discussion which followed. It was agreed the committee should be inclusive in membership and the information gathering should begin soon.

**EB12-012 Board** – Move that a committee to examine and study the dues structure be created. The Dues Study Committee will include Bill Hall, Bill Goichberg, Allen Priest, Chuck Unruh, Randy Bauer, Tom Brownscombe and Tracey Vibbert with additional members to be named. **Passed 7-0**

Discussion then moved to ADM11-26 the creation of a Patron Level Membership which had been referred to the Board by the Delegates. Discussion included Bill Goichberg, Gary Walters, Allen Priest, Sevan Muradian, Jim Berry, Ruth Haring and Bill Hall. Harry Sabine commented that having a 501(c)3 status could increase participation. Bill Hall gave an update on the 501(c)3 filing process. Bill Hall and Bill Goichberg accepted as an action item preparation of a proposal for the November board meeting.

Review of the Privacy Policy was next on the agenda. After Mike Nolan briefly explained what needed to be assessed, Bill Hall suggested a Board sub-committee to include legal council be formed.

**EB12-013 Board** – Create a Privacy Policy Committee. Members include Gary Walters, Mike Atkins, Mike Nietman, Bill Hall and Mike Nolan. **Passed 6-0 with Gary Walters not present and not voting**

At this point Secretary Mike Nietman began to chair the meeting.

A request to modify World Youth Regulations was made. Bill Hall, Allen Priest, Mike Nietman and Steve Shutt clarified points for the group.

**EB12-014 Nietman** - The Board accepts the changes to the World Youth Selection Criteria. **Passed 5-0 with Ruth Haring and Gary Walters not present and not voting.** (Note: see text of changes in Appendix A)

Mike Nietman explained the next motion regarding modifications to the Chess Coach Certification process. Bill Goichberg, Garrett Scott and Rachel Lieberman spoke to the motion.

**EB12-015 – Nietman** – The Board accepts the changes made to the Chess Coach Certification rules. **Passed 5-0 with Ruth Haring and Gary Walters not present and not voting.** (Note: see text of changes in Appendix B)

At this time, Bill Hall briefed the Board on several Affinity Programs on which he is working.

Mike Nietman then introduced a proposal from the Illinois Chess Association requesting a program endorsement. Garrett Scott outlined the proposed program designed to benefit young chess players in the Chicago public schools. Sevan Muradian, Luis Salinas, Garrett Scott, Sam Sloan, Harold Winston, Thad Rogers, Bill Hall, Allen Priest, Mark Nibblen, Mike Nietman, Steve Shutt, Gary Walters, and Rachel Lieberman took part in the discussion. It was decided that further Board consideration should continue in closed session.

Next, Sevan Muradian summarized his proposal for an Amateur Grand Prix program. Gary Walters, Jim Berry, and Mike Nietman took part in the discussion which followed. Bill Hall, Gary Walters, Mike Nolan and Sevan Muradian agreed to work out the implementation as an action item.

Bill Goichberg reviewed the Victory Points program which is also a Grand Prix. He compared and contrasted it to the proposed Amateur Grand Prix program. Those joining in the resulting dialogue include Allen Priest, Mike Nolan, Bill Hall, Jim Berry, Gary Walters and Bill Goichberg.

A computer infrastructure update was then presented by Bill Hall. He advised that additional new computers, a new server and a new phone system are pending the usual fall increase in revenue.

The topic of tracking and updating the Delegates was then discussed. Mike Nolan commented that the website tracking program is satisfactory. Bill Hall noted that the office is handling tracking and updating very well.

The meeting turned to ratings issues, specifically the policy of adjusting ratings based on FIDE results. Mike Nietman gave a brief overview. Bill Hall commented that he and Bill Goichberg have worked on this. Bill Goichberg, Mike Nolan, Garrett Scott, took part in the discussion. It was agreed that as an action item Bill Hall and Bill Goichberg would flesh out the wording of a motion and pass it to the Scholastic Council for their input.

Implementation of the three month membership was addressed. Mike Nolan, Allen Priest, Bill Goichberg, Sevan Muradian, Ken Ballou and Louis Salinas deliberated the subject.

Next, Sevan Muradian asked that Madison, WI be reconsidered as the site of the 2013 U.S. Open.

It was announced that the new Boy Scout Leader's Handbook containing information on the chess merit badge program will be available in August.

The meeting was adjourned.