

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
US Chess
August 7, 2016 EB Meeting
Indianapolis, IN

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 audio files online.

The following Executive Board members were present:

Gary Walters
Allen Priest
Jean Hoffman
Ruth Haring
Mike Atkins
Mike Nietman
Anjelina Belakovskaia

The following guests were present:

Cheryle Bruce, TN (Staff)	David Kuhns, MN
Debbie Robison, TN (Staff)	Daniel Rohde, NY
Kathleen Collins, TN (Staff)	Harold Winston, IL
Will Barela, NM	Mike Nolan, NE
William Daly, NM	Mike Atkins, MD
David Grimaud, SC	Stephen Shaughnessy, CA-N
Maureen Grimaud, SC	Myron Lieberman, AZ
Elizabeth Shaughnessy, CA-N	Rachel Lieberman, AZ
Charles M. Unruh, OK	Frank Niro, KY
Luis Salinas, TX	Fun Fong, GA
Richard Koepcke, CA-N	Michelle Martinez, AZ
Garrett Scott, IL	Martha Underwood, AZ
David Day, UT	Janelle Losoff, NV

Open Session

President Gary Walters called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. All Board members present except for Randy Bauer.

Secretary Nietman presented the following five motions from closed session.

EB17-001 – Board - The Executive Board names the following officers for 2016-2017:

Gary Walters	President
Randy Bauer	Vice President
Allen Priest	Vice President of Finance

Secretary Mike Nietman
Passed 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

EB17-002 – Board - The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>EB Liaison</u>
Anti-Cheating	Mike Atkins	Gary Walters
Audit *	TBD	Allen Priest
Awards	John Donaldson	Randy Bauer
Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions	Jon Haskel Stephen Shutt	Mike Nietman
Bylaws *	Harold J. Winston Guy Hoffman	Allen Priest
Chess in Education	John Buky	Mike Nietman & Anjelina Belakovskaia
Clock Working Group	Mike Atkins, Co-Chair Ryan Velez, Co-Chair Dan Rohde, Co-Chair	
Clubs	TBD	Anjelina Belakovskaia
College Chess	Al Lawrence	Mike Nietman
Corporate Connections Task Force	TBD	Anjelina Belakovskaia
Correspondence Chess	Brad Rogers	Gary Walters
Cramer Awards	Frank Brady	Randy Bauer
Denker Invitational	Stephen Shutt Jon Haskel	Mike Nietman
Election *	TBD	Gary Walters
Ethics *	TBD	Gary Walters
FIDE Events	Carol Jarecki	Mike Hoffpauir
Finance	Jim Bedenaugh	Allen Priest
Forum	Bob Messenger	Gary Walters & Allen Priest
Hall of Fame	Harold J. Winston	Gary Walters
Hall of Records	TBD	Mike Nietman
International Affairs	Michael Khodarkovsky	Allen Priest
Membership Acquisition and Retention Task Force	John McCrary	Mike Nietman
Military	Capt. Thomas Belke, U.S. Navy (ret)	Mike Hoffpauir
National Event Advisory Group		Mike Hoffpauir
Outreach	Myron Lieberman	Anjelina Belakovskaia
Player Opportunity Fund	TBD	Gary Walters

PPHB Fund Management	John Donaldson	Allen Priest
Prison	Steve Frymer	Randy Bauer
Publications	John Hartmann	Randy Bauer
Ratings	Mark Glickman	Mike Hoffpauir
Rules	David Kuhns, Co-Chair Al Losoff, Co-Chair	Mike Hoffpauir
Scholastic Chess Council	Beatriz Marinello, Co-Chair TBD, Co-Chair	Mike Nietman
Senior	David Grimaud Bill Daly	Chuck Unruh
Special Needs and Circumstances	Janelle Losoff	Chuck Unruh
States	Guy Hoffman	Chuck Unruh
Top Players	Camilla Baginskaite	Anjelina Belakovskaia
Tournament Director Certification	Jeff Wiewel, Chair Tim Just, Vice-Chair	Mike Hoffpauir
US Chess Development	TBD	Gary Walters & Randy Bauer
US Open	Hal Terrie III	Randy Bauer
Web Site Advisory (WSAC)	Brennan Price	Mike Nietman
Women's Chess	Maureen Grimaud	Chuck Unruh & Anjelina Belakovskaia

Passed 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

EB17-003 – Board -The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes:

- a. Publications: Remove Thomas Langland and Diego Garces. Add Mark Capron and Frederick Rhine.
- b. College Chess: Add Claudia Munoz (TX) and David Mbonu (GA). Remove Clemente Rendon (TX) and Renier Gonzalez (FL)
- c. Scholastic Committee: Add Steve Shaughnessy (NCA), Joe Lonsdale (NCA) and Daniel Rohde (NY). Remove: Elizabeth Shaughnessy (NCA), Jim Dean (IN) and Tony Pabon (NCA)
- d. Scholastic Council: Add Sunil Weeramantry. Remove Mike Hoffpauir (VA)
- e. FIDE Events: Add Ruth Haring
- f. Rules: Add Myron Thomas and Michael Regan
- g. States: Add Robert Tanner (AZ) and Robert Messenger (MA)
- h. Forum: Add Tom Langlund (NCA) and Terry Winchester (IN)
- i. Denker: Remove Tom Brownscombe (NV)
- j. Barber: Remove Tom Brownscombe (NV)
- k. TDCC: Add Mike Atkins (MD). Remove Tracy Vibbert (IN)
- l. Membership Acquisition and Retention Task Force: Add Ruth Haring (NCA)
- m. Hall of Fame: Add Frank Camaratta (AL). Remove Shane Samole

- n. Website Advisory: Add Brennan Price, Anjelina Belakovskaia and Anand Dommalapati. Note that Claudia Munoz was previously added but not listed on the website.
- o. International Affairs: Add Ruth Haring
- p. Finance: Add Frank Camaratta
- q. US Chess Development: Add Ruth Haring, Michael Shurman, Bill Brock, John Rockefeller, Maureen Grimaud, Jay Stallings
- r. Women's: Add Ruth Haring, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Leila D'quin and Rusty Harwood. Remove Jennifer Skidmore Smith and Nisha Dias
- s. Clock Working Group: Dan Rohde (NY), Ryan Velez (KY), Mike Atkins (MD), Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Steve Immitt (NY), Tim Just (IL), Dave Kuhns (MN), Allen Priest (KY), David Hater (GA)
- t. Prevention: Ned Wahl (MN)

Passed 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

EB17-004 – Board -The Executive Board upholds the TDCC decision in Page vs. Maldonado. **Passed 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting**

EB17-005 – Board -The Executive Board affirms the Ethics Committee decision in Ensey vs. Whitten. Mr. Whitten's US Chess membership is suspended beginning Monday, August 15, 2016 thru August 14, 2022. **Passed 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting**

From Open Session

Allen Priest presented the next motion.

EB17-006 – Priest - Allen Priest moves that the Executive Board establishes a Clock Working Group. The purpose of the working group is to develop a list of clock features that are required and /or recommended by the US Chess Rules of Chess and any clock features required and/or recommended by the FIDE Laws of Chess that are not in conflict with the US Chess Rules of Chess. Also the group will produce a report as a service to our members and to people who are new to chess assessing how various chess clocks meet those requirements. We expect that this list will be published on the US Chess website and made available at US Chess events.

This working group is not authorized to establish any list of "approved clocks", nor can it ask for any funding or fees from clock designers or manufacturers, nor can it officially authorize any manufacturer to list this list in advertising.

The working group is independent of clock designers and/or manufacturers, but may consult with them if the group deems necessary. **Passed 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting**

Priest announces the three chairs and members of the new Clock Working Group.

President Walters opened up the floor for questions and comments. Topics discussed were: Chess-athons; Life members and fundraising; promoting and fostering in women's and girls' chess; the Southwestern Tournament; movie Queen of Katwe; the direction of US Chess in the future; SuperNationals; World Championships; security at events; charter of the Development Committee; College scholarships; sponsorships; thanks to the Board and Jean Hoffman for their conservative approach to the budget; Ruth Haring and Gary Walters were recognized for the positive changes they made to US Chess; the importance of volunteers.

Mike Nietman introduced the next motion.

EB17-007 – Nietman - Mike Nietman moves to add Renate Otterbach to the Chess in Education Committee and Frank Niro to the Clubs Committee. **Passed 6-0 with Randy Bauer absent and not voting**

Gary Walters announced the November 2017 Executive Board Meeting will be held in New York along with the World Championship. Dates to be determined.

President Walters adjourned the meeting.