

August 9, 2009 Indianapolis US Chess Federation Executive Board - Open Session

Berry: I have four items on the agenda. First is the release of the results of the election for Executive Board Officers.

Goichberg: I suggest we vote in open session, since we may be sued for improper elections.

EB10-001 (Board) The Board nominates Jim Berry for President, Ruth Haring for Vice President and Randy Bauer for Vice President of Finance. Secretary has not been decided yet. **Motion passed 5-0**

Berry: Next we need to name the New Committee Liaisons and Chairmen for USCF Committees – Bill Goichberg will read the list proposed by the Board.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Audit	to be named by committee	Randy Bauer
Bylaws	Harold Winston & Mike Nolan Co-Chair	Bill Goichberg
Election	not yet elected	Jim Berry
Ethics	not yet elected	Jim Berry
LMA	not yet elected	Randy Bauer
Chess in Education	John Buky & Dr. Joseph Eberhard	Mike Atkins
College Chess	James Stallings	Mike Atkins
Correspondence	Harold Stenzel	Bill Goichberg
Cramer Awards	Dr Frank Brady	Jim Berry
Denker Invitational	Dewain Barber	Mike Atkins
Finance	Charles Unruh	Randy Bauer
Hall of Fame	Harold Winston	Bill Goichberg
International Affairs	Michael Khodarkovsky	Ruth Haring
Military	Andres Portalosa	Mike Atkins
Outreach	Myron Lieberman	Ruth Haring
PPHB	John McCrary	Randy Bauer
Publications	Jonathan Hilton	Ruth Haring
Scholastic Chess	Mike Nietman & Steve Shutt	Mike Atkins
Senior	Charles Hatherill	Bill Goichberg
States	Guy Hoffman	Randy Bauer
Survey	Tony Pabon	Ruth Haring
Top Players	not determined	Ruth Haring
TDCC	Tim Just	Mike Nietman
U.S. Open	Jerry Hanke	Bill Goichberg
Women's	Polly Wright	Ruth Haring

Any committee that's not named means that neither the chair nor liaison has been named.

Any more discussion? Let's go to the election.

EB10-002 (Board) Name committee chairs and Board liaisons as listed. **Passed 5-0.**

Berry: The third thing on the agenda is the announcement of a special election to fill two vacant spots on the Executive Board. The result of the discussion was that shortly we're going to announce that January will be the filing period and the election will be next summer in June for two one year terms.

Mike Nolan, Sam Sloan, Tony Pabon, Jim Berry and others, participated in a discussion on filing fees, scheduling of election, Call for Nominations, and petitions. It was agreed that the stated schedule would logistically work best.

Berry: The fourth item on the agenda is open questions from the members.

Questions and discussion covered a wide variety of topics including forum moderation, USFC organizational structure, advertising for tournaments, and fundraising.

Berry: We're going to adjourn the formal meeting. We can continue with an informal discussion session.

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President Berry opened the meeting by stating “Chair will entertain a motion for the new legal sub-committee of the new board.”

EB10-002A (Board) Moved to establish a legal sub-committee comprised of Ruth Haring, Mike Atkins, Randy Bauer, Jim Berry, Bill Goichberg and two non-voting members Bill Hall and Randy Hough. **Passed 5-0.**

Discussion moved to the possible designation of a USCF Historian and potential members of a historian committee. It was agreed that a Hall of Records committee could serve some of the same functions with members selected by the chair and approved by the Board.

EB10-002B (Goichberg) Moved the USCF create a Hall of Records Committee, with Chairman- Steve Immitt, and Liaison- Bill Goichberg. **Passed 5-0**

The Board then addressed the new email service set to start in September. Hall indicated that the timeline still looked good. Goichberg explained the project by saying “We would do e-mailings in several ways. One is affiliates would be able to do tournament publicity through us. We’re not selling the e-mail address. They would send us the text. We would charge them probably seven cents each and send the e-mail out for them. I think that would make money and also help promote tournaments. The second thing is, of course, we could use the e-mails to promote our own tournaments. We also, and we should send emails to members when their membership is about to expire, and after it has expired. We send them postcards, but if we could start sending a lot of them e-mails, maybe we can reduce the spending on the postcards. I think we need them both. We should never eliminate postcards.” Topics of cost, pricing, legalities and proprieties of opting-in and opting-out, and insuring member’s privacy were discussed at length.

Next President Berry introduced the subject of Secretary for the Board. He advised that Joe Lux had volunteered to assist in this capacity. Consideration of the legal signature, title for the position, logistics of passing information resulted in the Board agreeing to discuss ideas further via email. In the interim it was agreed Bill Hall would fill the position.

EB10-002C (Board) Move that Bill Hall be official Secretary of the USCF. **Passed 4-0**

The meeting is adjourned until Crossville, October 31.