

**US Chess  
Executive Board Meeting  
August 11, 2019  
Orlando, Florida**

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

***OPEN SESSION  
Sunday, August 11***

Executive Board members present:

Allen Priest, President

Chuck Unruh, VP of Finance

Mike Hoffpauir, Member-at-Large

Ryan Velez, Member-at-Large

Randy Bauer, Vice President

Mike Nietman, Secretary

Hal Sprechman, Member-at-Large

Carol Meyer, Executive Director

The following guests were present:

Myron Lieberman

Rachel Lieberman

Bob Messenger

Harold Winston

Hal Terrie

Alexander Lumelsky

Sunil Weeramantry

Sophia Rohde

Steve Immitt

Korey Kormick

David Raymond

Joan Priest

Dewain Barber

Ernest E. Nix, Jr.

David Kuhns

Martha Underwood

Michelle Martinez

David Day

The Executive Board President called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established.

The following five motions came out of the Closed Session earlier that day:

**EB20-001 – Board** – The Executive Board names the following officers for 2019-2020:

Allen Priest                      President

Randy Bauer                      Vice President

Chuck Unruh                      Vice President of Finance

Mike Nietman                      Secretary

**PASSED 7-0**

As each item in the following motion was read, there was a pause so that the President could provide the reasoning for the changes to those assembled.

**EB20-002 – Board** – The Executive Board moves the following committee changes:

- a. Create a Programs Committee. The members of the committee will be the chairs of the

- program area sub-committees (see EB20-003 below).
- b. Eliminate the Denker and Barber Committees and create the Scholastic Invitational Committee which will oversee the Denker and Barber.
- c. Eliminate the Outreach Committee.
- d. Eliminate the International Affairs Committee.
- e. Rename the Awards Committee to the Recognitions Committee which will oversee US Chess awards and Hall of Fame nominations.
- f. Merge the Cramer Awards Committee into the Recognitions Committee.
- g. Rename the PPHB Fund Management Committee to the PPHB Claims Committee.

**PASSED 7-0**

**EB20-003 – Board** – The Executive Board re-designates the following Executive Board committees as program area sub-committees within the Programs Committee:

- a. Women’s Chess
- b. Senior
- c. Accessibility and Special Circumstances
- d. College Chess
- e. Military Chess

**PASSED 7-0**

Members of the board explained how the establishment of the structure of the Programs committee and its subcommittees was beneficial to US Chess.

The President introduced the next motion by explaining the purpose of rotating the people who serve as the chairs of committees.

**EB20-004 – Board** – The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs for 2019-2020:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>EB Liaison</b>
<b>Programs</b>	Bill Brock	Randy Bauer Chuck Unruh
<b>Accessibility and Special Circumstances</b>	Janelle Losoff, Chair Martha Underwood, Vice-Chair	Ryan Velez
<b>College Chess</b>	Kelly Bloomfield	Mike Nietman
<b>Military</b>	Sara Walsh	Mike Hoffpauir
<b>Senior</b>	David Grimaud	Chuck Unruh
<b>Women’s Chess</b>	Kimberly Doo	Ryan Velez
<b>Competition Integrity</b>	Gary Walters	Mike Hoffpauir Hal Sprechman
<b>Audit *</b>	Jon Haskel	Chuck Unruh Allen Priest
<b>Recognitions</b>	John McCrary	Hal Sprechman Chuck Unruh
<b>Scholastic Invitational Committee</b>	Jon Haskel	Mike Nietman Mike Hoffpauir
<b>Bylaws *</b>	Guy Hoffman, Co-Chair Richard Koepcke, Co-Chair Harold J. Winston, Vice-Chair	Allen Priest Randy Bauer
<b>Clubs</b>	Judit Sztaray	Ryan Velez Hal Sprechman

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>EB Liaison</b>
<b>Election *</b>	TBD	Mike Nietman Allen Priest
<b>Ethics *</b>	TBD	Mike Hoffpauir Hal Sprechman
<b>FIDE Events</b>	TBD	Mike Hoffpauir Hal Sprechman
<b>Finance</b>	Jim Bedenbaugh	Chuck Unruh Randy Bauer
<b>PPHB Claims</b>	Steve Immitt	Randy Bauer Chuck Unruh
<b>Ratings</b>	Tom Doan	Mike Hoffpauir Mike Nietman
<b>Rules</b>	Ken Ballou, Chair Al Losoff, Vice-Chair	Mike Hoffpauir Allen Priest
<b>Scholastic</b>	Sunil Weeramantry, Co-Chair Beatriz Marinello, Co-Chair	Mike Nietman Ryan Velez
<b>States and Affiliates</b>	Richard Koepcke, Co-Chair Alex Relyea, Co-Chair	Mike Hoffpauir Chuck Unruh
<b>Top Players</b>	Tatev Abrahamyan, Co-Chair Robert Hess, Co-Chair	Allen Priest Ryan Velez
<b>Tournament Director Certification</b>	Alex Relyea, Chair Jeff Wiewel, Vice-Chair	Mike Hoffpauir Allen Priest
<b>US Chess Development</b>	John D. Rockefeller V	
<b>US Open</b>	Hal Terrie III	Hal Sprechman Mike Nietman

**PASSED 7-0**

**EB20-005 – Board** – The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes:

- a. Women’s: Add Janelle Losoff and Robin Ramson. Remove Harold Winston, Phil Chase, Anjelina Belakovskaia, Heather Flewelling, Russell Harwood and Sophia Rohde.
- b. Rules: Remove Jabari Green.
- c. Clubs: Add Joey Troy and Steve Immitt. Remove Rob Jones, Will Barela, Dino Bonaldi, Charles Carerros, Anthony Corrales, Klaus Johnson, Thomas Mager, Frank Niro, Kenneth Poole, Bob Rasmussen, Mark Reyes, Tony Rich, Thad Rogers, Ed Sasaki, Augustine Valverde, Dennis Wajckus, Marian Wajckus and Eric Yussman.
- d. PPHB Claims: Add Sophia Rohde.
- e. Recognitions: Name Randy Hough, Bill Goichberg, Walter Brown, John Hilbert, Andy Soltis, Sophia Rhode, Pete Tamburro and Fred Wilson.
- f. Scholastic Council: Remove Eric Vigil and Joe Lonsdale. Add Jeff Bulington and Judit Sztaray.
- g. Scholastic Committee: Remove Steve Shaughnessy, Mark Wood, Jennifer Skidmore Smith and Rusty Harwood. Add Kevin McConnell, Sophia Rohde and Kevin Fite.
- h. Development: Add Allen Priest, Chuck Unruh, Randy Bauer and Mike Hoffpauir. Remove Sunil Weeramantry.
- i. FIDE Events: Add Tony Rich.

**PASSED 7-0**

Members of the board explained the reasons for some of the changes enumerated in EB20-005 before taking questions from the audience and clarified them in response to audience questions.

### **SCHOLASTIC REGULATIONS FOR 2019-2020**

Changes included but were not limited to:

- The All Girls National is being brought into the regulations.
- Implementing the new US Chess policy for electronic devices.
- Revision of the Junior High Nationals sections.
- Added a section regarding eligibility to play on a school team.
- Requiring scoresheets provided by tournaments to be used.
- People below the age of 18 are not allowed to check in at hotels.
- There will be no team trophies in the unrated sections of the Spring Nationals.

The board committed to fully reviewing and voting on the new Scholastic Regulations in the week following the meeting.

*When the floor was opened for audience questions the following information was shared:*

- *FIDE has electronic device regulations in addition to US Chess and the US Chess electronic device policy is available in the Scholastic Regulations, which are available online.*
- *The President referred new committee chairs and members to their committee's charter and to the committee's Executive Board liaisons as a way of familiarizing themselves with expectations for their service on the committee.*
- *The President affirmed that the impact of the scoresheet policy on vendors who sell scoresheet journals had been taken into account and that vendors had been consulted.*

### **PROJECTED MEETING DATES OF THE 2019-2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- November 16-17, 2019 in Louisville, KY
- January 17-19, 2020 in Raleigh-Durham, NC
- May 16-17, 2020 in Dallas, TX

Exact locations within those cities had yet to be determined.

President Priest moved to adjourn the meeting.