

02/98 USCF POLICY BOARD NEWSLETTER**A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY**

March, 1998

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Happy Spring. It hardly seems possible, but soon we will be meeting in Hawaii. I always look forward to seeing you and working with you.

Delegates, please note that although I appreciate receiving your Advance Delegates Motions (ADMs) as early as possible, the deadline, once again, is June 1. ADMs may be e-mailed to secretary@aol.com. Signed hard copy must follow, and should be sent to:

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Signed faxes are acceptable. Please send faxes to (602)350-9126.

Please note that the June 1 deadline also applies to Committee Reports. Committee Chairs should send their Committee Reports to Executive Assistant Barbara DeMaro at the USCF office by no later than June 1, 1998. Committee Chairs please note: If your Committee Report includes any ADMs, those ADMs must also be received by me no later than June 1.

Feel free to contact me anytime. I am always interested in your feedback.

Sincerely,

Rachel Lieberman
USCF Secretary

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ACTIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS

The following four motions were PASSED by the Policy Board at a teleconference on December 9, 1997:

PB 98-18 (Board): The Board affirms the contract revision that the Executive Director negotiated with Interplay Productions.
PASSED 7-0

PB 98-19 (Cavallo): The Executive Director is empowered to sign a contract with the Internet Chess Club on terms similar to those which he has presented to the Board. **PASSED 6-1** (Adams, Eade, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Dorsch opposed).

PB 98-20 (Scott): It is the sense of the Board that the Executive Director will continue negotiating with any appropriate parties to pursue other online possibilities. **PASSED 7-0**

PB 98-21 (Cavallo): The Executive Director and Board thank Tom Dorsch and Jim Eade for bringing sponsorship forward that enabled the United States Chess Federation to further its online presence.
PASSED 5-0-2 (Adams, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Dorsch, Eade abstained).

The following three motions have been PASSED between meetings by objections procedure:

PB 98-22 (Dorsch): All Tournament Directors who qualify for inclusion on the "most active" list will automatically have their TD certification maintained as current by the office. **PASSED 7-0**

PB 98-23 (Cavallo): Proposed: That the NJSCF be granted an option for the US Amateur Team East for 2000 and 2001.
PASSED 7-0

PB 98-24 (Dorsch): To Arnold Denker: The Policy Board regrets your resignation from the Presidency of the Chess Trust, and sincerely commends you for your superb service on behalf of the Trust, on behalf of the United States Chess Federation, and on behalf of chess. You have honored us with a lifetime of service and commitment second to none, and we are very grateful.
PASSED 7 - 0

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 02/98 POLICY BOARD MEETING

The winter meeting of the USCF Policy Board took place at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas, during the weekend of January 31- February 1, 1998. Special thanks go to Tim Redman, Selby Anderson, and the Texas Chess Association for their outstanding hospitality. In addition, the Board would like to thank Barbara DeMaro and the office for their assistance with setup for the meeting. In conjunction with the meeting, there was a planning session for a large Chess In Education Workshop to be held in Dallas, Texas, in the year 2000.

The Board would like to express its thanks to the guests who attended the meeting, including, but not limited to the following: Selby Anderson, TX; Denis Barry, AZ; Doris Barry, AZ; Barbara DeMaro, NY; Bob Ferguson, PA; John Jacobs, TX; Allen Kaufman, NY; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Beatriz Marinello, NY; Howard Prince, NY; Alexey Root, TX; Luis Salinas, TX; Jim Stallings, TX; Don Steigman, FL; Helen Warren, IL; Jim Warren, IL; and Al Woolum, TX

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1998

PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS

President Donald Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 31, 1998. He stated that he had attended Gabriel Schwartzman's graduation from the University of Florida, Warrington School of Business. Gabriel graduated at the top of his class, and in 2 ½ years. President Schultz noted that in the future Gabriel will make an effort to achieve the title of World Champion. Congratulations, Gabriel. We wish you the best.

Paul Upchurch, General Manager of the Adams Mark Hotel; Neal Barfield, Director of Sports Marketing; and Jennifer Harrington, Sales Manager, addressed the group on the planned addition to the hotel. Plans call for the Dallas Adams Mark to be the largest hotel in Texas.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President Donald Schultz introduced Executive Director Michael Cavallo, stating that he has done a tremendous job. Appreciation was shown by a round of applause.

Michael Cavallo reported on the state of the USCF. December profits were \$172,000 compared with \$124,000 in December, 1996. The new telephone system is installed. Sales are up, purchases are down, and margins are improved. In addition, more is being done in-house. The USCF is saving money on Chess Life because the equipment has been upgraded, and that means less overtime. The Executive Director is aggressively marketing outdated inventory from past years. The USCF is at full staff, 48 employees. Additional space, located near the facility being used for Chess Life, has been rented. The website is now being hosted by the Internet Chess Club. Plan to visit at www.uschess.org. Hundreds of new members have joined through the Internet, and Internet sales are good.

Mike Cavallo stated that he will try to make the USCF more competitive. In general, the member discount in the next catalog will be 10% in an effort to meet that goal. Plans call for book selections to be expanded, and for an increased number of classics to be available.

There will be two new opportunities for Junior players: The Pan American Junior and a new Junior chess tournament with participating teams from Israel, South Africa, and England. The new tournament will take place in England. In addition, Michael Cavallo stated that he would like to coordinate a match between children from the United States and Mexico.

Plans call for the new computer installation to take place this fiscal year.

A break was called at 10:00 AM.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting went into closed session at 10:15 AM to discuss legal and personnel issues. The following motion came from closed session:

PB 98-25 (Board): A subcommittee of the Finance Committee will be appointed to prepare a report to investigate the loss of funds at the 1997 K - 12 Scholastic Grade Championship and recommend procedures for the future. **PASSED 7-0**

Please Note: The Subcommittee has been named. It consists of Jim Pechac (OH) and Mike Carr (CA/S).

A break was called at 11:55 AM. The meeting resumed in Open Session at 12:09 PM.

COLLEGE CHESS

Tim Redman was greeted with a round of applause. He welcomed the group to Dallas and expressed appreciation to the Dallas Area Chess-In-The Schools program for their contributions. The 1998 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship will be held December 26 - 29, 1998, in Dallas, Texas. It will be hosted by the University of Texas at Dallas and the Dallas Chess Club. Katie Stone (from the University of Texas, Dallas) and Luis Salinas will work together to organize the event. In addition, the 1997 - 98 College Chess Committee was named (please refer to the Committee listing at the end of these minutes). The College Chess Committee has given a donation to the Pan American, and will work to appoint teams and attract media

attention. College chess teams are expected to participate in the Amateur Team Championships to be held in February. The focus is on providing a team experience while building chess communities on college campuses.

Tim Redman stated that the College Chess Committee is looking at the possibility of sending representatives to an international competition in Spain. Some funding would be required for that. He also stated that the college chess column in Chess Life is an important tool for communication, and it would be helpful to devote some web pages to college chess as well.

Tim Redman met with the Board of the Internet Collegiate Chess League. This league consists of about eleven teams nationwide. Matches are held on the Free Internet Chess Server (FICS). A test match was held with the University of Alabama. Thanks to Ken Sloan for his help.

The proposed initiative is a five year program. The suggested fee for a team is \$125, which would include a one year USCF membership for four players and their affiliation fee. Conditions under which additional players could join were discussed.. Executive Director Michael Cavallo will attempt to set up a USCF collegiate chess league on the Internet. USCF Club Director Anthony Crawley will be the contact for existing teams. The eventual goal is to have Scholastic leagues, College leagues, Grandmaster leagues, etc. The choice of server has not yet been made. Tim Redman pointed out that this creates a very exciting potential for USCF.

CHESS IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Tim Redman discussed the upcoming Chess In Education conference, to be held in Dallas, Texas, in November or December of the year 2000. The conference will be international in scope. Jim Eade and Hypermodern Press will publish a book of selected conference papers as a contribution to the event. Thanks, Jim. Anyone interested in presenting a paper should contact Tim Redman (redman@utdallas.edu). Thanks to Tim and the University of Dallas at Dallas for organizing the conference, and to the Chess In The Schools program for their co-sponsorship.

Tim Redman suggested that a system be implemented whereby Advance Policy Board Motions shall be circulated to the Board anonymously. After some discussion, the Board determined that it is best to circulate Advance PB Motions complete with the name of the author..

POLICY BOARD FORUM

A Policy Board forum was held to enable guests to ask questions of Policy Board members. Topics discussed included the Internet and USCF product endorsements. Michael Cavallo stated that it is his policy not to endorse anything unless he has seen what it is.

The possibility of publishing a simplified rulebook for scholastics was discussed. Mike Cavallo will research the legal aspects of this and report back to the Board. In addition, this concept will be referred to the Scholastic Committee for additional feedback.

Late Rating Reports have been a problem. Executive Director Michael Cavallo will speak with Technical Director Ernie Schlich regarding follow up on late Rating Reports. In general, Organizers are asked to submit Rating Reports within seven days. Submission of Rating Reports online was discussed and might be an eventual possibility.

The idea of partnering with organizations such as AARP to offer their members discounted USCF memberships was discussed. Mike Cavallo will explore this. Other promotional opportunities were also discussed. The following motion was proposed regarding the NEA convention:

PB 98-26 (Scott): The Policy Board will appropriate funds to Bob Ferguson (PA) to attend and have a booth at the 1998 NEA convention. **PASSED 7 - 0**

A break was called at 1:57 PM. The meeting resumed at 2:17 PM.

WOMEN'S OLYMPIAD REQUIREMENT

Alexey Root, Chair of the Women's Committee, addressed the Board on the establishment of an activity requirement for women who play in the Women's Olympiad. There currently is no such requirement, either for the Women's Olympiad or for the overall Olympiad. This idea came from DM 97-18, in which an activity qualification was recommended between Olympiads for the women. The recommendation of the Women's Committee was ten games, which could be either USCF or FIDE rated, although one member of the committee recommended thirty games. The Board considered ten games per year, or twenty games during the two year period. Those who do not make the requirement might have their ratings lowered by a set number of points (100 or 150) for the purpose of consideration into Invitational events only. Jim Eade will consult with the Grandmaster Affairs Committee regarding a twenty games in two years requirement, or a loss of 100 rating points, for consideration into Invitational events only. This requirement would apply to all participants in Olympiad competitions. He will report back to the Board in May.

RATING FLOORS

Don Steigman, father of A.J. Steigman, addressed the Board. A round of applause was given in recognition of A.J. Steigman's achievements.

Mr. Steigman discussed the subject of money based rating floors, and how they affect selections for Invitational events. He submitted a position paper to the Board, which was co-signed by Arnold Denker. The recommendation was that "ratings resulting from assignments from winning money prizes in tournament sections are not to be used for recognition, awards, qualifications, or prizes..."

The Board discussed Youth Invitational events. The following motion was proposed:

PB 98-27 (Cavallo): Players who previously received a 2200 floor adjustment for winning a large class prize (i.e., \$1,000 or more) in Expert sections shall have those floor rescinded, effective March 1, 1998.

Players who are affected by this motion shall have their floors set at 2000.

No rating adjustments or other changes shall be deemed necessary, and the affected players' ratings shall be allowed to move up or down according to the normal calculations of the rating system.

The USCF Policy Board affirms the position that the official ratings as published in the USCF Rating Lists correctly reflect the regulations in effect at the time, and they are not subject to recalculation under the new floor policy. **PASSED** 6-1 (Adams, Dorsch, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Eade opposed).

Jim Eade introduced the following motion:

PB 98-28 (Eade): Dollar rating floors are abolished. **PASSED** 4 - 3 (Adams, Dorsch, Eade, Lieberman in favor; Goichberg, Schultz, Scott opposed).

Please note: This motion was reconsidered and **FAILED** on Sunday morning (Please see PB 98-28A).

SCHOLASTIC PRESENTATION

Scholastic Director Beatriz Marinello gave a presentation to the Board. She pointed out that there is better communication between local organizers and the USCF office. She stated that she had attended some conferences in 1997, including the American Federation of Teachers and the NOAPPP convention.

Beatriz Marinello discussed scholastic events, including the two new international events that will be added for 1998. (Please refer to the report of the Executive Director). The February supplement will be used for these events. The projection is for at least 2,000 players to participate in the 1998 National Elementary School Championship, to be held in Peoria, Illinois. Tentative plans call for two CHESSathons this year, one to be held in Chicago, Illinois, and the other in San Francisco, California. Please note: As of this writing it appears that the San Francisco CHESSathon will not be held this year.

School Mates was discussed. The current issue was distributed. Beatriz Marinello stated that there is a constant need to find new sponsors and a constant need for fundraising. The USCF has hired a new Fundraising Manager, Lillian Arnold.

A break was called at 3:54 PM.

DALLAS CHESS IN THE SCHOOLS PRESENTATION

The meeting resumed in a larger room at 4:00 PM. A presentation was given to the Policy Board and other guests by Rodney Thomas, of the Dallas Area Chess In The Schools program. Their Board was introduced. The program is a spin-off of the New York City Chess In The Schools program. Plans call for development of spin-off programs in several cities. We wish the program the best.

G10 MATCH: PB/STAFF VS TEXAS

Thanks to the University of Texas at Dallas for their hospitality. On Saturday evening a six board game/10 match was held between a team composed of USCF Policy Board and staff members and the UT Dallas team. The final score was 10 ½ - 1 ½ in favor of UT Dallas. Teams were as follows (in Board order):

USCF - Jim Eade, Beatriz Marinello, Bill Goichberg, Tom Dorsch, Mike Cavallo, and Don Schultz.

UT Dallas - Noureddine Ziane, Jason Doss, Jim Dean, Shiv Shivaji, Taras Odushkin, and Jacob Gurwitz

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1998

POLICY BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Donald Schultz. Policy Board members brought up several items for discussion.

Reconsideration of PB 98-28

Member-At-Large Fan Adams requested a reconsideration of PB 98-28. The following motions were proposed:

PB 98-29 (Adams): The matter of dollar floors shall be reconsidered. **PASSED 5-1-1**
(Adams, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Dorsch opposed; Eade abstained)

PB 98-28A (Eade): Dollar rating floors are abolished. **FAILED 2 - 4 -1**
(Dorsch, Eade in favor; Adams, Goichberg, Schultz, Scott opposed; Lieberman abstained)

The resolution of this matter was that Member-At-Large Jim Eade and Vice President Bill Goichberg will come up with a proposal regarding alternate ways to deal with sandbagging, and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Workplace Policies

At this time, the following motion was introduced:

PB 98-30 (Eade): It is the United States Chess Federation's policy to provide its employees with a pleasant environment which encourages efficient, productive, and creative work. **PASSED 7-0**

The Board discussed the work environment, employee policies, and the employee handbook. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to Policy Board members. Please note: As of this writing, those copies have been distributed. Fan Adams agreed to circulate to the Policy Board the current working draft of the Chess in the Schools Employee Handbook. This has been done..

PB Reimbursements

It was determined that effective immediately, Policy Board reimbursements listed in the Policy Board Newsletter will include the cost of individual hotel rooms blocked for PB members and billed directly to the USCF. (Note: This type of billing occurs at Policy Board meetings and the Delegates' Meeting.)

Executive Director Evaluation Criteria

Member-At-Large Jim Eade submitted a draft list of criteria on which to evaluate the Executive Director. A final version will be written by Jim Eade and Michael Cavallo, and circulated to the Board.

Board Member and Office Action Items

At this time the Secretary reviewed the Action Items with the Board. Please note: Some items that are ongoing or have been completed have been dropped from the list

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BOARD MEMBER ACTION ITEMS

DATE	ITEM	STATUS	WHO/WHEN
5/97	The Secretary will ensure that meetings are widely publicized.	Announcements are made on the Internet and in <u>Chess Life</u>	Rachel Lieberman Ongoing
8/97	Garrett Scott is in charge of a NICL subcommittee made up of Tom Dorsch and Bill Goichberg. Fan Adams will assist.	The subcommittee will focus on league rules. The Internet Committee on all other aspects. The goal is a 1998 spring league.	Garrett Scott Tom Dorsch Bill Goichberg 5/98
8/97	Don Schultz and Bill Goichberg will form a Doubles subcommittee to explore options re: Doubles.	The intent is to spotlight Doubles as a way to include females in chess. This is ongoing..	Don Schultz Bill Goichberg Ongoing
11/97	Proposed changes to the Employee Handbook will be circulated for Board review.	The Handbook has been completed. The office will send copies to the Board.	Completed.
11/97	The matter of separate Chess Coach awards will be examined.	This matter was deferred for the next meeting.	Garrett Scott 5/98

BOARD MEMBER/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

DATE	ITEM	STATUS	WHO/WHEN
5/97	Tom Dorsch will assist Mike Cavallo to upgrade phone and computer systems.	The new phone system has been installed. The new computer system is coming. Target date: May	Tom Dorsch phone-completed 5/98 target for computer
8/97	Jim Eade will recommend that the Annual Report be split into a corporate report, and a report for the Delegates. Completed	The Secretary and office will produce a special <u>PBN</u> with May minutes, the Agenda for the Delegates' Meeting, and other items.	Rachel Lieberman 8/98
11/97	Garrett Scott and Mike Cavallo will	The intent is for people to participate	Garrett Scott 5/98

	study the Volunteer Intern Program. Some people have volunteered.	in the New Windsor operation and get to know staff. Expenses will be paid.	
11/97	Fan Adams and Mike Cavallo will develop a five year plan. for the 1998 Delegates' Meeting.	The plan will be built from the budget submitted in May. Fan Adams will assist.	Fan Adams 8/98
11/97	Jim Eade and Mike Cavallo will develop a draft list of ED criteria. Completed.	Jim Eade and Mike Cavallo will develop final wording. Jim Eade will circulate it.	Jim Eade 5/98
11/97	PB expenses listed in the <u>PBN</u> will be discussed.	Going forward, non - reimbursable PB expenses will be listed in the <u>PBN</u> .	Rachel Lieberman Ongoing

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ OFFICE ACTION ITEMS

DATE	ITEM	STATUS	WHO/WHEN
5/97	Fan Adams and Harold Winston will prepare a summary of past/present Delegate motions. Highest priority: Operations	The list was completed and given to the Board for review. This is an ongoing project that will need to be distributed and publicized.	Michael Cavallo, will publicize. Ongoing
8/97	Mike Cavallo will write a policy re: suspensions. Completed.	Mike Cavallo and Tom Dorsch will review it and BINFO it.	Mike Cavallo 5/98
8/97	USCF tournaments will be held online.	This conforms with the PB policy re: the website (Please see PB 97-101)..	Mike Cavallo 8/98
8/97	Input is being sought in two areas: Governance and Random Feedback.	A Governance survey will be printed and distributed. A Random Feedback survey will be distributed	Mike Cavallo 5/98
11/97	A Governance Survey will be printed in <u>Chess Life</u> .	This will provide members with a way to be heard.	Mike Cavallo 5/98

A break was called at 11:03 AM. The meeting resumed at 11:26 AM.

Outreach

An Outreach status report was given by Rachel Lieberman. CDC pilot programs have been established in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; San Antonio, Texas; and Chicago, Illinois. Kansas City, Kansas, is in the process of evaluating a similar program. Thanks to all those who are assisting in these programs including, but not limited to,; Dennis Anderson (OK); Tim Redman, Selby Anderson, Jim Gallagher, and Jesse Vasquez (TX); Tom Larson and Richard Verber (IL); and Ralph Bowman (KS). In addition, Fernando Moreno, a school counselor from Maryland, will distribute chess materials at the national convention of the American School Counselor Association, to be held in June, 1998, in San Antonio, Texas.

Outreach efforts made on a national level are intended to bring visibility to chess and to bring local resources to the attention of those who need them. Many clubs have difficulty finding places to meet. Rachel Lieberman will target a mailing to City Parks and Recreation Departments to find potential locations and / or sponsors for clubs. The goal is to provide local organizers with additional options and resources and, at the same time, provide ways for cities to get involved with chess. Please keep Rachel Lieberman or the Outreach Committee informed of any local organization with which you are involved that can provide teachers, coaches, lecturers, materials, or other resources on a local basis, or if you are looking for a meeting location for a potential new club.

The Outreach Committee report concluded with an announcement of a unique chess spectator event. Thanks to George Anagnost and the City of Peoria, AZ, for bringing Garry Kasparov to America for a sponsored simultaneous exhibition on April 17. The sponsors will determine who plays against the champion. Media and corporate participation is the goal. Note: The following day Garry Kasparov will be on hand for a tournament that will award scholarships to High School seniors.

Hall of Fame Award

The USCF Hall of Fame Committee recommended Dr. Milan Vukceovich (1937 -) for induction into the Hall of Fame in 1998. As liaison to the Hall of Fame Committee Rachel Lieberman proposed the following motion:

PB 98-31 (Lieberman): The Policy Board endorses and forwards to the US Chess Trust the recommendation of the Hall of Fame Committee to induct Dr. Milan Vukceovich into the US Chess Hall of Fame. **PASSED 7-0**

NOTE: This motion has been communicated to Robert John McCrary, President of the US Chess Trust.

Awards Banquet Schedule

The next item of business was DM 97-73 regarding the Awards Banquet. Proposed by Alan Benjamin (NY), this motion was referred to the Policy Board and is worded as follows: *The Awards Banquet shall be moved to a time when it does not interfere with the orderly function of the USCF meeting (Friday or Saturday night is suggested).*

President Donald Schultz proposed the following motion:

(Schultz): The present system of the Awards Banquet is continued through Hawaii. The President will ensure that the banquet is completed in a reasonable amount of time so as not to interfere with the meeting.

After discussion a time limit was added and a vote was then taken:

PB 98-32 (Schultz): The present system of the Awards Banquet is continued through Hawaii with a one hour and forty five minute time limit. **PASSED** 4 - 3 - 1 (Lieberman, Schultz, Scott in favor; Adams, Dorsch, Eade opposed; Goichberg abstained; Schultz broke the tie in favor of the motion).

Rotation of Committee Chairs

Secretary Rachel Lieberman expressed concern that PB 98-10 (regarding term limits of two years for Committee Chairs) could be taken as a mandatory requirement for Committee Chair turnover. The sense of the Board is that turnover is not mandatory. The following motion was proposed as a clarification:

PB 98-33 (Lieberman): The Board considers it healthy for Committee Chairs to rotate and urges Chairs to cross train Committee members so that appropriate rotation can take place. The Board will continue to review Committees and Committee Chairs on an annual basis. **PASSED** 7 - 0

Membership Incentives

President Donald Schultz recommended that incentives be offered to members in an effort to encourage them to keep their memberships current. The office will examine this possibility.

Life Membership Assets

The Board discussed the need to track the LMA fund. Treasurer Tom Dorsch will generate reports on the LMA fund and the Chess Trust, and report back to the Board in May.

Life Titles / Quick Chess

The following motions were introduced:

PB 98-34 (Goichberg): The Policy Board refers the Life Achievement proposal of the Ratings Committee and Policy Board Life Achievement Addendum to the Master's Affairs and Scholastic Committees for report back to the Board by May 1.
CHANGED TO ACTION ITEM - There was no vote but there was agreement that it would be done.

Policy Board Life Achievement Subcommittee Addendum

1. Title names shall be Life Senior Master, Original Life Master, Life Expert, and First Category through Tenth Category, with First Category corresponding to Class A, Second Category to Class B, etc.
2. Games shall be counted towards titles only if the player completes his or her schedule in a tournament of at least three rounds with no forfeit losses.
3. Rather than displaying title plus games toward next higher title, we recommend a display of highest class achieved followed by title status in that class. This would avoid the problem of having no progress display until the player has a title, show progress toward the title the player is most likely to be interested in (the one corresponding to peak rating), and display excess games over the title requirement.

For example, under this suggestion a 1900 player with 100 games toward the First Category (1800 - 1999) Title would have a display of 1900 - 100, showing 100 games needed to reach the First Category Title requirement of 200, and a 1900 player with 300 games toward the First Category Title would show 1900 + 100, meaning First Category Title achieved plus 100 additional Class A games.

The Policy Board determined that the report and addendum should go to the Master's Affairs and Scholastic Committees. Additional feedback on item 3 will be sought from the Ratings Committee. See Page 15 for the text of the RC report.

PB 98-35 (Goichberg): The Policy Board notes that numerous rapidly improving players have Quick Chess ratings far below their regular ratings. The Ratings Committee is asked to recommend changes to increase the accuracy of Quick ratings as soon as possible. **CHANGED TO ACTION ITEM**

Discussion on this issue centered around the proposal that players with established regular ratings should have minimum Quick Chess ratings of their regular rating minus a set number of points, possibly 100 or 200. Mike Cavallo will ask Mark Glickman or Frank Camaratta to poll the Ratings Committee for input.

Falconer Award

Jim Eade introduced the following motion regarding the Falconer Award:

PB 98-36 (Eade): The Mechanics Institute Library of San Francisco is commended for establishing the Falconer Award. The library established the Falconer in order to recognize and honor the numerous contributions to chess made by Mr. Neil Falconer. The winner of the Falconer will have his or her name published in the yearbook issue of Chess Life each year.

PASSED 7 - 0

NOTE: The Falconer will be awarded each year, by the Mechanics Institute of San Francisco, to a Northern California youth who has demonstrated both chess aptitude and dedication to the game. The Falconer selection committee will choose the award winner based on the following criteria: Age 17 or under; Northern California resident; USCF rating above 2000; and Frequency of USCF tournament activity. The amount of the award will be equal to the recipient's rating as of the previous Annual Rating List

TD Certification

The following motion was introduced by Jim Eade:

PB 98-37 (Eade): In the absence of any overriding Delegates' Motion the Executive Director is authorized to upgrade anyone's TD certification level up to and including Senior TD. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Scholastic Issues

The Board discussed the expanding needs of the Scholastic community. Some members of that community have indicated that there were problems. The hope is that with a full time Scholastic Director, those needs and problems are being addressed.

Promotional Programs

Member-At-Large Jim Eade proposed the following two motions aimed at finding ways to provide support for bringing chess to children.

PB 98-38 (Eade): The Executive Director is encouraged to establish a promotional membership category called Chess Points of Light. **PASSED 7 - 0**

PB 98-39 (Eade): The Executive Director is authorized to establish an Adopt-A-School program. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Consideration of Bids and Options

The next motion concerned consideration of tournament bids and options, and was as follows:

PB 98-40 (Eade): Options regarding tournament bids will only be considered after a recommendation has been received from the office and appropriate committee(s), if applicable. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Please note that discussion regarding awarded bids and options took place later in the meeting.

BINFOS for Past Presidents

Treasurer Tom Dorsch introduced the following motion:

PB 98-41 (Dorsch): Upon written request of any Past President of the USCF, the Past President will be included without charge as a BINFO subscriber for a period of two years. After two years, any Past President may continue to renew his subscription by written request. **PASSED 6 - 0 - 1** (Adams, Dorsch, Eade, Goichberg, Lieberman, Scott in favor; Schultz abstained)

Responsibilities of the President

The next motion was as follows:

PB 98-42 (Dorsch): The Policy Board reaffirms its motion of February, 1997, and confirms that it is the duty and responsibility of the President to keep all Board members informed of all important developments in the Federation.

PASSED 7-0

College Chess On-Line

With regard to college chess on-line, the following policy was established:

PB 98-43 (Dorsch): It is the policy of the USCF to implement on-line play on the Internet between US colleges, and with a planned implementation date no later than October, 1998. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Internet Chess Play

The next motion was as follows:

PB 98-44 (Dorsch): Matches held over the Internet are an important aspect of our club development initiatives. The Chairperson of the CIC will assist the office in defining the parameters for such matches. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Responsibility of the Treasurer to report

Treasurer Tom Dorsch introduced the following motion:

PB 98-45 (Dorsch): The Treasurer will give a Treasurer's Report following the Executive Director's report at each Policy Board meeting in order to keep members of the Board informed about Federation financial matters that affect their ability to make good decisions and adopt wise policies. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Please Note: Rachel Lieberman introduced the following substitute motion, which was not accepted by the sponsor: The motion was withdrawn.

(Lieberman): The Board requests that each meeting start with reports by the President, Executive Director, and Treasurer on the state of the Federation.

A break was called at 2:20 PM. The meeting resumed at 2:30.

PB Agenda

The first action of business after the break was the following motion:

PB 98-46 (Dorsch): In order to provide as much complete and accurate information (as possible) to Board members, and to therefore assist them in making better decisions, all advance motions submitted to the Secretary by the Sunday before the meeting will be printed in full in the Agenda for the meeting. **PASSED 7 - 0**

PB Expense Motions

The Board discussed Policy Board expenses and the need to control them. Following that discussion, the following two motions were considered:

PB 98-47 (Dorsch): Unlimited personal discretion combined with a complete absence of checks or balances is an unsound business practice, and has cost us money and undermined the reputation of the Policy Board. Therefore, all trips made at USCF expense will require prior approval by the Treasurer or, in the alternative, three PB members. Such approval can be electronic, but a written record of all such transactions will be timely included in the BINFO system by the Treasurer or senior Board member giving approval. **FAILED 1 - 6** (Dorsch in favor; Adams, Eade, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott opposed)

PB 98-48 (Dorsch): It is very important that Board members endeavor to make their trips on USCF business as productive as possible for the organization. Thus, it is in the best interests of the USCF to reinstate the wise rule of prior administrations that any Policy Board member who takes a trip at USCF expense, other than to a Policy Board or Delegates' Meeting, is required to provide an oral or written report of the trip to the Policy Board no later than the next meeting. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Revocation of PB 97-63

The next motion was a revocation of PB 97-63:

PB 98-49 (Adams): PB 97-63 is revoked. The investigation (referred to in the motion) has been completed. **PASSED 7 - 0**

Awarded Bids and Options

The Arizona Scholastic Chess Association exercised its option for the 1998, 1999, and 2000 National Scholastic Action Championship (commonly known as the All America Cup) and will host those events. This tournament helps cover the costs of sending players to the World Youth Team. The US Amateur Team East option for 2000 and 2001, to be hosted by the New Jersey State Chess Federation was granted (Please see PB 98-23).

Home School Issues

Rachel Lieberman sponsored the following motion on behalf of the Texas Home School Association:

PB 98-50 (Lieberman): To be effective for 1999 events, USCF will permit home schooled teams to compete in national events, provided such teams have been certified by their state affiliates. The certification standards shall be at the discretion of the state affiliates and may include but not be restricted to the following: participation in the state scholastic championships; reasonable geographic boundaries; length of time in a home school association club; and other safeguards against possible cheating as deemed necessary by the state affiliate. A letter signed by the affiliate President shall be sufficient for this purpose. **CHANGE TO ACTION ITEM**

It was determined that Garrett Scott, as Board liaison to the Scholastic Committee, should take this to the Scholastic Committee for a report back.

Professional Players' Health and Benefits Fund Payments

Vice President Bill Goichberg recommended that Executive Director Michael Cavallo initiate payments from the Professional Players' Health and Benefits Fund to qualified Grandmasters. In addition, appointment of a group of Trustees for this purpose was discussed. Treasurer Tom Dorsch and Member-At-Large Jim Eade will meet with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Grandmaster Affairs Committee to examine this issue, and report back to the Board.

Rulebook Changes

Bill Goichberg recommended that changes in USCF rules since publication of the current rulebook appear in the Tournament Life section of Chess Life. Mike Cavallo will pursue this with Editor Glenn Petersen. The Publications Committee will also be asked to provide feedback regarding placement of rule changes in Tournament Life in time for the May meeting.

Patron Program Contributions

The next motion considered was as follows:

PB 98-51 (Eade): Each Board member is expected to recruit at least five new contributors to the USCF patron program. The Secretary will maintain the Board contributors list. **FAILED 2 - 5** (Dorsch, Eade in favor; Adams, Goichberg, Lieberman, Schultz, Scott opposed)

AOL as the Board Internet Provider

The last Policy Board motion to be considered was the following:

PB 98-52 (Eade): AOL is the accepted Board Internet service provider. All Board members will establish accounts on AOL, with unlimited access, and check their e-mail regularly. The charges will be considered reimbursable expenses. **PASSED 7- 0**

Please Note: Currently an AOL account with unlimited access is priced at \$19.95 per month. Effective April 1, 1998, this will increase to \$21.95 per month. Amounts in excess of this will not be reimbursed. Mike Cavallo negotiated a contract with Capital Internet that will offer the services of Mindspring, a large Internet Service Provider (ISP), to USCF members. The USCF will receive a fee for each member who decides to sign up for this service. The Board's use of AOL is not in conflict with this contract.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Donald Schultz expressed thanks to the guests for attending, to the hosts for their hospitality, and to Barbara DeMaro for her assistance. The next meeting was set for the weekend of May 30 - June 1 in New Windsor, New York. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Revised February 14, 1998

USCF COMMITTEES

PLEASE NOTE: Names listed are subject to those individuals named being current members of USCF. Also please note that committee members may change throughout the year.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	LIAISON	MEMBERS/CONSULTANTS
Blue Ribbon Implementation	Woodrow Harris, VA	Tom Dorsch-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Frank Camaratta, FL; Steve Doyle, NJ; Helen Warren, IL
Bylaws	Harold Winston, IL	Fan Adams-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Alan Benjamin, NY; Woodrow Harris, VA; Randy Hough, CA/S; Gary Kitts, MI; Richard Koepcke, CA/N; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Robert John McCrary, SC; David Mehler, MD; Mike Nolan, NE; Paul Shannon, OR; Bob Smith, FL
Chess In Education	Sunil Weeramantry, NY	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Jayne Bertovich, DC; Fritz Gaspard, NY; Jim Gallagher, TX; Fernando Moreno, MD; Michael Nietman, WI; Javier Pinedo, FL
Club Development	Bob Holliman, MO	Fan Adams-PB Anthony Crawley-Office	Herman Drenth, NJ; Tim Just, IL, Thad Rogers, GA; Michael Vaughn, OR
COMMITTEE	CHAIR	LIAISON	MEMBERS/CONSULTANTS
College Chess (1998 Committee)	Tim Redman, TX	Garrett Scott-PB Anthony Crawley-Office	Ben Bentrup, KY; Mark Brodie, IL; Rory Fugate, KY; Lewis Lansky, NY; Howard Prince, NY; Jeff Schoenborn; Alan Sherman, MD; Katie Stone, TX
Computer Rating Agency	Frank Camaratta, FL	Tom Dorsch, -PB Helen Kyles-Office	Myron Lieberman, AZ; Al Losoff, IL
Correspondence Chess	Harold Stenzel, NY	Jim Eade-PB Joan Dubois-Office	Frank Camaratta, FL; Donald Cotten, CA/S; Alex Dunne, PA; William A. Naff, IL; Christine Rosenfeld, CA; David Spiegel, NY; Max Zavanelli, FL
Cramer Awards	Frank Brady, NY	Don Schultz-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Burt Hochberg, NY; Peter Tamburro, NJ; Fred Wilson, NY
Arnold Denker Championship Committee	Joe Ippolito, NJ	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Ralph Bowman, KS; Jack Mallory, AL
Ethics	Robert John McCrary, SC	Don Schultz-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Frank Camaratta, FL; Bobby Dudley, PA; Martin Merado, NY; Bill Orgain, TN; Bob Smith, FL; Hal Terrie, CT; Andrew Thall, TX; Joe Wagner, CA/S
Events	Alan Benjamin, NY	Bill Goichberg-PB Eric Johnson-Office	Jerry Hanken, CA/S; Martin Merado, NY; Bob Nasiff, NY; Thad Rogers, GA; Robert Tanner, AZ; Helen Warren, IL

Fast Chess	Thad Rogers, GA	Bill Goichberg-PB Eric Johnson-Office	William Cornwall, FL; Tom Fineberg, IL; Steve Immitt, NY; Paul Shannon, OR
FIDE Advisory	John McCrary, SC	Fan Adams-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Arnold Denker, FL; John Donaldson, WA; Carol Jarecki, NY; Tim Redman, TX; Alex Yermolinsky, OH
Finance	James Pechac, OH	Tom Dorsch-PB; Mike Cavallo-Office	Frank Camaratta, FL; Michael Carr, CA/S; Anthony Cottell, NJ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Peter Dyson, FL; Myron Lieberman, AZ; Norman Peacor, MA
Grandmaster Affairs	Alex Yermolinsky, OH	Jim Eade-PB Eric Johnson-Office	Nick deFirminian, NY; John Donaldson, WA
Grants	Leroy Dubeck, NJ	Tom Dorsch, PB Lillian Arnold-Office	Gerry Dullea, NY; Al Lawrence, NY; Tim Redman, TX; Sophia Rohde, NY; Al Woolum, CA/S
Hall of Fame	John McCrary, SC	Rachel Lieberman-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	John Donaldson, WA; Bob Dudley, PA; Woody Harris, VA; Rea B. Hayes, TN; Mark Ishee, TN; Andrew S. Thall, TX
Historian's	Peter Tamburro, NJ	Rachel Lieberman-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	Dale Brendreth, DE; John Donaldson, WA; Jim Jirousek, NE; Robert John McCrary, SC; David Moody, MI; Nick Pope, MI; Sylvester Robes, MI; Allen Savage, MD; Macon Shibut, VA; Robert Tanner, AZ; James Thompson, NC; Jim Weinheimer, NJ; Harold Winston, IL
Internet	Doris Barry, AZ Vice-Chairs: Bob Holliman, MO; Jim Wilson, AZ	Tom Dorsch-PB Mike Cavallo/ Joan DuBois-Office	Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Richard Koepcke, CA/ N; Keith Mehl, CA/ N; Addie Prince, NJ; Tim Redman, TX
Master Affairs & Development	Jerry Hanken, CA/S	Jim Eade-PB Eric Johnson-Office	Selby Anderson, TX; John Hillery, CA/S; Bob Holliman, MO; Hal Terrie, CT; Helen Warren, IL
Nominations			Note: This committee ceases to exist due to the new governance structure as developed by the Blue Ribbon Panel.
Olympics Participation Task Force	Bruce Draney, NE	Jim Eade-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Richard Buchanan, CO
Organizer's	Al Losoff, IL	Bill Goichberg-PB Eric Johnson-Office	Jerry Hanken, CA/S; Thad Rogers, GA; Luis Salinas, TX; Randall Swanson, TX
Outreach	Myron Lieberman, AZ	Rachel Lieberman-PB Lillian Arnold-Office	George Anagnost, AZ; Roger Claff, VA; Jamie Dunbar, TX; Nathan Liebowitz, NY; Robert John McCrary, SC; Fernando Moreno, MD; Jack Peters, CA/S; Tom Reahard, AZ; Tim Redman, TX; Norman Saba, AZ; Gabriel Schwartzman, FL; Others to be determined

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	LIAISON	MEMBERS/CONSULTANTS
Prison Chess	Co-Chairs: Steve Frymer, MA Norman Zemke, MI	Garrett Scott-PB Anthony Crawley-Office	Bobby Dudley, PA; Chris Hendrickson, CO; Ken Horne, NV; Jerry Kecker, MD; David LeClair, CT; Ira Lee Riddle, PA; Don Wedding, OH Incarcerated (Will be on the committee subject to membership confirmation): Claude Bloodgood, VA; James Cyr, MA; Ken Davenport, PA; James Gannaway, TX; John Kingham, FL; Carlos Molina, CA; William Roten, MD; Dale Royer, IA
Publications	Denis Barry, AZ	Jim Eade-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	Gerry Dullea, NY; Frank Elley, NY; Matt Guthrie, AZ; Burt Hochberg, NY; Pete Nixon, MI; Mike Nolan, NE; Gary Prince, NJ; Tim Redman, TX; Luis Salinas, TX
Ratings	Co Chairs: Mark Glickman, MA, Frank Camaratta, FL	Bill Goichberg-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Christopher Avery; Harry S. Cohen, VA; Dmitry Dakhnovsky, PA; Thomas Doan, IL; Albyn Jones, OR; Alan . Losoff, IL; Paul Mathews, NJ; Andrew Metrick, Ken Sloan, AL
(Regions and) States	Bob Smith, FL	Rachel Lieberman-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Bob Holliman, MO; Guy Hoffman, WI; Mike Nietman, WI; David Pelletier, MD; Thad Rogers, GA; Robert Tanner, AZ, Harold Winston, IL
Rules	Carol Jarecki, NJ	Bill Goichberg-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Todd Barre, IL; Alan Losoff, IL; Jim Meyer, WV; Bill Snead, TX; Robert Tanner, AZ; Hal Terrie, NH; Andrew Thall, TX
Scholastic	Co -Chairs: Ralph Bowman, KS	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Don Dear, CA; Robert Ferguson, PA; Roger Gotschall, IA; Peter Nixon, MI; William Orgain, TN; A. Richard Peterson, AZ; Javier Pinedo, FL; Steve Shutt, PA; Sunil Weeramantry, NY

	Joe Ippolito, NJ		
Senior	Ken Horne, NV	Fan Adams-PB Glenn Petersen-Office	Charlie Davis, CO; Arnold Denker, FL; Joe Wagner, CA/S
Tournament Director Certification	Randy Hough, CA/S	Bill Goichberg-PB Ernie Schlich-Office	Guy Hoffman, WI, Steve Immitt, NY, Carol Jarecki, NY, Bob Messenger, MA, David Pelletier, MD
US Championships	Sophia Rohde, NY	Don Schultz-PB Mike Cavallo-Office	Joel Benjamin, NY; Esther Epstein, MA; Jerry Hanken, CA/S; Carol Jarecki, NJ; Robert Tanner, AZ; Alex Yermolinsky, OH
Women's Chess	Alexey Root, TX	Garrett Scott-PB Beatriz Marinello-Office	Anjelina Belakovskaya, NY; Phyllis Benjamin, NY; Sharon E. Burtman; CA/S; Alina Markowski, CA/S; Harold J. Winston, IL; Carolyn Withgitt, CA/N

USCF DELEGATE COMMITTEE

LMA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tom Dorsch (current Treasurer); Mike Cavallo (Executive Director); Frank Camaratta, FL (past Treasurer); Steve Doyle, NJ, and Jim Pechac, OH (two members selected by the Delegates). Note: Jim Pechac is the current Chair of the Finance Committee. The Chair of the LMA Management Committee is to be determined by the Committee.

LIAISONS AND POLICY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES:

BOARD LIAISONS

CHESS JOURNALISTS OF AMERICA: Liaison: Jim Eade

US CHESS TRUST: Liaison: Tom Dorsch

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND: Liaison: Tom Dorsch

HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS: Liaison: Rachel Lieberman

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

SUBCOMMITTEE/TASK FORCE	CHAIR	MEMBERS
Legal Subcommittee	Fan Adams	Don Schultz
National Intercollegiate Chess League (NICL)	Garrett Scott	Tom Dorsch, Bill Goichberg Special Assistance: Fan Adams
Doubles	Bill Goichberg	Don Schultz

RECOMMENDATION OF THE RATINGS COMMITTEE RE: LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Executive Summary

USCF recognizes Life Achievement by a series of awards. There is one award for each rating Class, ranging from Senior Master to Class J. Awards are based on maintaining an established rating in the Class for a significant number of games. The number of games required depends on the Class. Awards are automatically sent by the USCF office if the Life Achievement award is for a Class no more than one Class below the player's current rating. Other (lower Class) awards may be issued upon specific written request. This system is an extension of the Original Life Master award; requirements for the Original Life Master award remain unchanged.

Details

It should be noted that this proposal makes absolutely no changes to the Original Life Master award program.

The office currently maintains a counter for games towards the Original Life Master title. When a player's post-event established rating is greater than or equal to 2200, then the number of games played in that event is credited towards the Original Life Master title. When this counter reaches 300, the Original Life Master title is awarded.

This proposal extends that process to every Class recognized by the USCF (currently Senior Master through Class J). A separate counter will be maintained for every Class. When a player's post-event established rating is greater than or equal to the lowest rating for a particular Class, the counters for that Class and all lower Classes will be incremented by the number of games played in that event. The counter is incremented before the player's rating floor is applied in the rating calculation. Thus, a player with a 1600 rating floor whose rating drops below 1600 prior to the floor raising it back to 1600 would not have the Class B (see below) counter incremented. Players with provisional post-event ratings do not have their counters incremented. Each Class has a different number of games required for the award, according to the table below:

Class Name	Rating Range	Games
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Senior Master	[2400+	300
Master	[2200..2399]	300
Expert	[2000..2199]	200
Class A	[1800..1999]	200
Class B	[1600..1799]	150
Class C	[1400..1599]	100
Class D	[1200..1399]	50
Class E	[1000..1199]	50
Class F	[0800..0999]	50
Class G	[0600..0799]	50
Class H	[0400..0599]	50
Class I	[0200..0399]	50
Class J	[0100..0199]	50

When the counter for a given Class Life Achievement award is reached, the award is automatically awarded ONLY if the player's current Class (as defined by current rating) is no more than one Class higher than the award level. For example, a player qualifies for the Class B Life Achievement award by posting 150 games in events with a post-event established rating greater than or equal to 1600. If, at that time, the player's rating is 1900 (Class A) then the award is automatic. If the player's rating is 2100 (Expert) then the award will only be made upon specific written request by the player. The intent is to avoid "insulting" players by offering awards which they view as insignificant.

Reporting Progress

A player's current established rating indicates his current Class. Once a Life Achievement award has been made, it is appropriate to publish a one-letter code (S,M,X,A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J). It may also be useful to report the number of games accumulated towards the next (or first) title, or even the number of games remaining until the next title. The office should design a reporting scheme, appropriate for mailing labels and/or rating supplements.

Minor points

The interpretation of the Life Achievement awards necessarily varies somewhat over the range from Senior Master to Class J. At the lower end of the scale, the award can be seen as a "participation" award, recognizing a significant number of games played. At the top end, the Original Life Master award remains as recognition of a significant number of games at a very high standard of play. It is possible that slowly improving, but very active, players may collect a series of Life Achievement awards as they improve. Life Achievement awards are not intended to be "terminal". However, it is expected that most players will receive at most 2 or 3 such awards, with the final award recognizing the effort required to maintain their individual peak standard of play. Just as with current players striving for the Original Life Master award, it provides an incentive for a player at his plateau to continue playing.

Choosing a consistent, informative set of names for the Life Achievement Awards requires considerations beyond the scope of the Ratings Committee. The direct link with USCF Ratings Classes suggests the use of the name of the Class in each corresponding award. The use of the word "title" may be appropriate, but may also be confusing.

To ease the transition to this system, the counters for every current player should be initialized by scanning tournament records from 1991 forward. Original Life Master counters should *not* be changed (some may well include games played before 1991). Initial awards should be made based on this retrospective scan of the records. New players have their counters set to zero and start accumulating games in the first event in which their post-event rating is established. The proposed system applies only to "standard" time-control events, and not to Quick Chess or correspondence events.

Other variants of the proposed system include the possibility of incrementing the Class Achievement counters for players competing only in Swiss System or multi-player Round Robin events, or when a player competes in fewer than 3 games in an event. Another variant is for the Class Achievement counters not to be incremented when a player withdraws from an event or forfeits any game within an event. These are issues that are beyond the scope of the Ratings Committee.

Reimbursements to Volunteers Paid during the period (December 1, 1997 through January 31, 1998)

Name	Capacity	Total Amount
Donald Schultz	Policy Board	\$679.98
Rachel Lieberman	Policy Board	\$1,343.27
Garrett Scott	Policy Board	\$1,337.44
Robert Ferguson	Policy Board	\$453.20
Carol Jarecki	Committee	\$110.03

International Notes

ANAND WINS GRONINGEN STAGE OF FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

GM Viswanathan Anand, 28, of India, emerged as the winner of the massive \$5 million world championship tournament held December 8-31 in Groningen, Netherlands.

Nearly 100 of the world's top players competed in the elimination-style event. Anand defeated GM Michael Adams in the semi-finals to earn the right to face FIDE World Champion Anatoly Karpov in a 6-game world championship match. Karpov was seeded into the finals when PCA World Champion Garry Kasparov elected not to participate in the FIDE cycle.

SPEED CHESS PLAYOFF SEES KARPOV RETAIN TITLE IN LAUSANNE

Anatoly Karpov became the first world champion to defend his title in a speed chess playoff by defeating challenger Viswanathan Anand 5-3 in the title match held January 1-9 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The match was tied 3-3 at the end of regulation play, but Karpov, 46, of Russia, swept the first set of G/25 playoffs to retain his crown. The FIDE World Championship finals were held under the auspices of the IOC.

FIDE WORLD OLYMPIAD SET FOR THIRD QUARTER OF 1998

The 1998 FIDE World Olympiad is scheduled for September 25 through October 10 in Elista, Kalmykia. The host site is the home of FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. An entirely new "chess city" is being built to accommodate the thousands of players, journalists, and visiting dignitaries that are expected to attend this year's event. USCF will be selecting its players early in the second quarter of 1998.

FORMER U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPION MONA KARFF DIES

Mona Karff, former U.S. Women's Champion, has died at age 86. Karff, of New York City, held the title of top U.S. woman player on numerous occasions, winning the official championship tournament on seven occasions (1938, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1948 (tied with Gisela Gresser), 1953, and 1974).

TIME STEALS FAMOUS U.S. PLAYERS

We also note with sadness the passing of these other well-known U.S. masters:

- George Shainswit
- * Ariel Mengarini
- * Leslie Braun

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 (d) documents designated confidential by an outside submitter; (e) preliminary staff analysis of tournament bids;
 and

(f) such other documents as the Board shall determine.

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USCF Membership by State as of January 31, 1998

State	Members	State	Members	State	Members
Alabama	811	Kansas	483	N. Carolina	1502
Alaska	235	Kentucky	1313	N. Dakota	115
Arizona	2059	Louisiana	946	Ohio	3119
Arkansas	304	Maine	520	Oklahoma	611
N. California	3968	Maryland	2091	Oregon	859
S. California	4952	Massachusetts	2320	Pennsylvania	3735
Colorado	1167	Michigan	2432	Rhode Island	315
Connecticut	1243	Minnesota	1193	S. Carolina	525
Delaware	183	Mississippi	388	S. Dakota	279
D.C.	284	Missouri	1287	Tennessee	1930
Florida	3828	Montana	117	Texas	5331
Georgia	1705	Nebraska	483	Utah	684
Hawaii	283	Nevada	798	Vermont	345
Idaho	324	New Hampshire	560	Virginia	2455
Illinois	4778	New Jersey	3599	Washington	1886
Indiana	2146	New Mexico	801	W. Virginia	495
Iowa	835	New York	8644	Wisconsin	1153
				Wyoming	86

Total 82,512 (does not include military or foreign members)