

**US Chess
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
August 6, 2017
Norfolk, VA**

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:

Allen Priest
Anjelina Belakovskaia
Chuck Unruh
Hal Sprechman
Jean Hoffman
Lakshmana Viswanath
Mike Hoffpauir
Mike Nietman

The following guests were present:

Myron Lieberman (AZ)	David Kuhns (MN)
Rachel Lieberman (AZ)	Ken Sloan (AL)
Luis Salinas (TX)	Ernest Schlich (VA)
Ryan Velez (KY)	Kathleen Collins
Fun Fong (GA)	Jay Stallings (CA-S)
Thad Rogers (GA)	Aviv Friedman (NJ)
Dewain Barber (CA-S)	Al Lawrence (NY)
Debra Robison	Korey Kormick (TN)
Woodrow Harris (VA)	David Grimaud (SC)
Sam Sloan (NY)	Maureen Grimaud (SC)
Charles M. Unruh (OK)	Sunil Weeramantry (NY)
Francisco Guadalupe	David Day (UT)
Renate Otterbach	Randas Burns (KY)

OPEN SESSION #1, Sunday, August 6, 2017, Norfolk, VA

President Mike Hoffpauir welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. A quorum was established. He called on Secretary Mike Nietman to introduce the following motions discussed in the Executive Board closed session earlier in the day.

Mike Nietman stated there were five (5) motions that will be read into the record from closed session. A vote was taken on each motion as follows:

EB18-001 – Board - The Executive Board names the following officers for 2017-2018: **PASSED 7-0**

President	Mike Hoffpauir
Vice President	Allen Priest
Vice President of Finance	Chuck Unruh
Secretary	Mike Nietman

Secretary Nietman noted that EB18-002 was lengthy due to committee changes and pointed out that some committees were missing from the list which will be covered in EB17-004. President Hoffpauir also brought attention to a decision made by the Board to give each committee two (2) designated executive board liaisons, a primary and an alternate, in case the primary is unavailable. Appendix A referred to in EB18-002 is attached at the end of these meeting minutes.

EB18-002 – Board – The Executive Board names the following committee liaisons and chairs for 2017-2018:
PASSED 7-0 – Please see Appendix A for the list of committee chairs and liaisons named in this motion. It will be updated throughout the year as needed.

Mike Nietman commented on EB18-003 concerning committee roster changes stating the Board opted to identify only the additions and deletions rather than renaming everyone.

EB18-003 – Board – The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes:
PASSED 7-0

- a. Anti-Cheating: Add Ruth Haring, Tom Langland, Jeff Wiewel, Sunil Weeramantry, Alex Relyea, Harold Stenzel, Ken Regan and Alex Shabalov. Remove Bryan Smith and Mike Hoffpauir
- b. Scholastic Committee: Add John Rockefeller, Brian Yang, Elizabeth Tejada, Josh Sinanan, Judit Sztaray, Shiva Maharaj, Christina Schweiss, Tony Chen, Juan Guajardo, Luis Salinas, Jay Stallings, Garrett Scott and Michele Martinez. Remove: Mark Ritter, Tania Kranich, Dr. Robert Ferguson, Elizabeth Vicary, Michael Khodarkovsky
- c. Scholastic Council: Add Joe Lonsdale and Elliott Neff. Remove Jay Stallings and Garrett Scott
- d. States: Add David Grimaud
- e. Finance: Add Carl Dolson, Charles M. Unruh
- f. Senior: Add Fun Fong and Al Lawrence
- g. TDCC: Add Brian Yang
- h. Website Advisory: Add Richard Koepcke and Lakshmana Viswanath
- i. Clubs: Add Gary Walters and Sophia Rohde
- j. Chess in Education: Add Ryan Velez

EB18-004 – Board – The Executive Board votes to dissolve the following committees: **PASSED 7-0**

- a. Corporate Connections Task Force
- b. Correspondence Chess
- c. Hall of Records
- d. Player Opportunity Fund

President Hoffpauir commented on EB18-004 in reference to the Corporate Connections Task Force. He conveyed that with a new Executive Director (ED) expected to be named in the next couple of months, the EB will want the new ED to be able to place their “imprint” on how we intend to conduct our mission as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. He emphasized the EB fully recognizes that Corporate Connections is

part of that process along with several other “lines of effort”, whether they be private donations from members, corporate donations, and so forth. The new ED and the Board will collaborate to craft an appropriate strategy that pulls in all these lines of effort so that we have a unified 501(c)(3) charitable contributions campaign for the entire organization.

EB18-005 – Board - The Executive Board grants trading authorization for Allen Priest and Chuck Unruh on the Reserve Fund Ameritrade/Scottrade account. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Hoffpauir asked the Board if there was anything from the delegates’ meeting they wanted to discuss. Vice President Allen Priest brought attention to a request from the delegates for the Executive Board to create an additional committee related to organizers, affiliates and such. He stated the EB, along with three (3) other persons interested in serving, will first meet to define what the scope of this committee would be before creating the committee. It will be on the EB agenda and addressed at their November 2017 meeting.

President Hoffpauir opened the floor up for questions and comments.

Vice President Allen Priest announced the next Executive Board meeting will be held in Nashville, TN the 2nd weekend in November 2017 and they will visit US Chess headquarters in Crossville, TN during this time. He also announced in January 2018, the Board will have their preliminary budget meeting which will be held in Florida the 13th – 15th of the month and their spring meeting the 3rd weekend in May after the National Elementary.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPENDIX A – US CHESS COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

See motion EB18-002. Please note that some Delegate appointed committees name their own chairs and the chair was listed as TBD (To Be Determined) in the motion. This list includes those chairs that became known after the motion passed. This year an Alternate Board Liaison was named for each committee. Please note: The list of Chairs and Liaisons may be modified by subsequent motions and will be updated throughout the year as needed. Changes are indicated by a * by the committee name.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	PRIMARY LIAISON	ALTERNATE LIAISON
ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES	Janelle Losoff	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)	Chuck Unruh
ANTI-CHEATING	Mike Atkins	Mike Hoffpauir	Hal Sprechman
AUDIT (DEL)	TBD	Chuck Unruh	Allen Priest
AWARDS	John Donaldson	Mike Nietman	Hal Sprechman
BARBER TOURNAMENT OF K-8 CHAMPIONS	Jon Haskel, Stephen Shutt Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)
BYLAWS (DEL)	Harold J. Winston, Guy Hoffman Co-Chairs, Richard Koepcke Vice-Chair	Allen Priest	Mike Hoffpauir
CHESS IN EDUCATION	Renate Otterbach	Mike Nietman	Anjelina Belakovskaia
CLOCK WORKING GROUP	Mike Atkins, Ryan Velez, Dan Rohde Co-Chairs	Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest
CLUBS	William Barela, Frank Niro Co-Chairs	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Hal Sprechman
COLLEGE CHESS	Al Lawrence	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpauir
CRAMER AWARDS	Frank Brady	Allen Priest	Chuck Unruh
DENKER INVITATIONAL	Stephen Shutt, Jon Haskel Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)
ELECTION (DEL)	TBD	Mike Nietman	Allen Priest
ETHICS (DEL)	TBD	Mike Hoffpauir	Hal Sprechman
FIDE EVENTS	Carol Jarecki	Mike Hoffpauir	Hal Sprechman
FINANCE	Jim Bedenbaugh	Chuck Unruh	Allen Priest
FORUM	Robert Messenger	Allen Priest	L. Viswanath (Vish)
HALL OF FAME*	Harold J. Winston John Donaldson Vice-Chair*	Chuck Unruh	Mike Hoffpauir
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	Michael Khodarkovsky	Allen Priest	Mike Hoffpauir
MEMBERSHIP ACQUISITION AND RETENTION TASK FORCE	John McCrary	Chuck Unruh	Mike Nietman
MILITARY	Capt. Thomas Belke U.S. Navy (Ret)	Mike Hoffpauir	Chuck Unruh
NATIONAL EVENT ADVISORY	TBD	Allen Priest	Mike Hoffpauir
OUTREACH	Myron Lieberman	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Chuck Unruh
PPHB FUND MANAGEMENT	John Donaldson	Chuck Unruh	Allen Priest
PRISON	Steve Frymer	Chuck Unruh	L. Viswanath (Vish)
PUBLICATIONS	John Hartmann	Allen Priest	Chuck Unruh
RATINGS	Mark Glickman	Mike Hoffpauir	Anjelina Belakovskaia

RULES	David Kuhns, Al Losoff Co-Chairs	Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest
SCHOLASTIC CHESS COUNCIL	Sunil Weeramantry, Russell Harwood Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish)
SENIOR	David Grimaud	Chuck Unruh	Hal Sprechman
STATES	Guy Hoffman	Chuck Unruh	Hal Sprechman
TOP PLAYERS*	Tatev Abrahamyan, Robert Hess Co-Chairs	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Allen Priest
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (TDCC)*	Alex Relyea Jeff Wiewel Vice-Chair	Mike Hoffpauir	Allen Priest
US CHESS DEVELOPMENT	TBD	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Mike Hoffpauir
US OPEN	Hal Terrie III	Mike Nietman	Mike Hoffpauir
WEBSITE ADVISORY (WSAC)	Anand Dommalapati, GP Sinha Co-Chairs	Mike Nietman	Anjelina Belakovskaia
WOMEN'S CHESS	Maureen Grimaud	Anjelina Belakovskaia	Chuck Unruh

Allen Priest replaced Mike Hoffpauir as Alternate Liaison of the Top Players Committee on Motion 18-007

John Donaldson was named Vice-Chair of the Hall of fame Committee on Motion 18-008

Jeff Wiewel was named Vice-Chair of the TDCC on Motion 18-009