

**US Chess**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**August 7th, 2022**  
**Rancho Mirage, California**

*This document is a summary of the proceedings of this meeting. It includes motions made, action items accepted, and subjects discussed.*

**OPEN SESSION**

**Executive Board Members Present:**

Mike Hoffpauir, President  
Fun Fong, Secretary  
David Day, Member  
Kevin Pryor, Member  
Carol Meyer, Executive Director

Randy Bauer, Vice President  
John Fernandez, Member

President Hoffpauir opened the meeting and called the roll. VP Finance Chuck Unruh and Member David Hater were not present.

The President announced that the FIDE elections were over, and it was a landslide victory for Dvorkovich, with 156 votes.

**EB23-001 – Fernandez** – I move to amend section 1.2 of the Scholastic National Invitational Event and Award Requirements as follows:

1.2. The winner of the preceding U.S. Junior Open and the winner of the preceding Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions shall be directly seeded, if still eligible by age. Only players who finish clear first or tied for first are eligible for seeding. Should no player who was tied for first be both eligible and available, the spot will be replaced by the next player in the rating list as per 1.1.1.

**PASSED 6-0** with Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting

VP Bauer asked if this should be retroactive. Mr. Fernandez stated that it would be effective for all appointments, and as the players' positions have not been selected for this year yet, it will apply to all players beginning this year.

President Hoffpauir said that this had been brought to the board's attention in the US Junior Open where the first placed player was foreign flagged. As there was no provision for nominating the next ranked US player, there would have been no nominee at all from the US Junior Open. Therefore, this motion was made to remedy the situation.

**EB23-002 – Fernandez** – I move to amend motion EB22-044 from:

“RATIONALE for 5a: The annual U.S. Senior Open is now called the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions.”

to:

“RATIONALE for 5a: The annual U.S. Senior Open is being replaced by the John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions as a U.S. Senior Championship qualifier.”

**PASSED 6-0** with Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting

Rationale for EB23-002: EB22-044’s rationale was misleading and made it sound as if the U.S Senior Open had been renamed.

**EB23-003 – Fernandez** – I move to create a Chess in Education committee.

**PASSED 6-0** with Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting

Rationale for EB23-003: President Hoffpauir explained that this came out of the Chess and Education Working Group that met for several months during the past year. It published a report and a draft charter, with lots of recommendations to the executive board, one of which was to establish this committee.

**EB23-004 – Board** – Executive Board moves to appoint Hal Sprechman and Joy Bray to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term.

**PASSED 6-0** with Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting

President Hoffpauir stated that the delegates elected six members to the nominating committee. The executive board appoints the remaining two previously filled by Hal Sprechman and Joy Bray, both of whom have expressed a wish to continue.

Turning to the election of executive board officers President Hoffpauir said it was the usual practice for the board to elect its officers from the board members in closed session after the Delegates Meeting. The bylaws calls for three positions: President, Vice President, and Vice President for Finance. The post of Secretary can also be appointed or elected from a member of the Executive Board. As David Hater is absent, and he is one of two candidates for Vice President, we shall defer that vote until the usual Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

**EB23-005 – Hoffpauir** – I nominate Randy Bauer as President.

**PASSED 6-0** with Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting

**EB23-006 – Bauer** – I nominate Chuck Unruh for Vice President of Finance.

**PASSED 6-0** with Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting

**EB23-007 – Bauer** – I nominate Fun Fong for Secretary.

**PASSED 6-0** with Chuck Unruh and David Hater absent and not voting

President Bauer thanked Mr. Hoffpauir for his steady leadership through some unprecedented times. He also thanked the Executive Director and the staff for their diligence.

The meeting adjourned.