

EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWSLETTER

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CONFERENCE CALL

The USCF Executive Board held a conference call on January 23, 2005 at 11:56 and recorded by AT&T.

Attending were:

Beatriz Marinello, President

Steve Shutt, Vice President

Tim Hanke, VP of Finance

Don Schultz, Secretary

Frank Brady, Member-at-Large

Randy Bauer, Member-at-Large

Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Member-at-Large

A Closed Session was held to discuss the Editor of *Chess Life*.

Open Session

Motions from the closed session:

EB 05-29 (Hanke): The Executive Board commends and thanks Kalev Pehme for his service as *Chess Life* editor, and replaces him with Glenn Petersen, who will receive the title of Interim Publications Director and *Chess Life* Editor, starting Feb. 1, 2005 and extending to August 31, 2005." **Passed 5-2** In Favor: Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Bauer and Shaughnessy Opposed: Brady and Schultz

Steve Shutt said: "This is in no way a reflection on Kalev, we are voting strictly as a way to save money and hope when the new Board convenes in August Kalev submits an application for consideration along with other applicants for the job of Editor."

There was a consensus that this reflected the opinion of the entire Board.

EB 05-30 (Schultz) The applications for *Chess Life* Editor from those who have applied so far to our ad and future applications will be retained in a file for consideration in August 2005 upon termination of Mr. Petersen's temporary assignment. **Passed 7-0.**

Frank Brady introduced a motion to change the two weeks severance pay for Kalev to \$10,000. Randy Bauer moved to amend the \$10,000 to one month. After discussion Bauer's amendment was accepted.

EB 05-31 (Brady): Change the severance pay for Kalev from two weeks to \$10,000.

No Vote Taken

EB 05-31 Amended (Brady): Change the severance pay for Kalev from two weeks to one month. **Passed 7- 0.**

Don Schultz reported on a number of Internet postings by the Co-chair of the Finance Committee (Stan Booz) involving personal attacks upon chess officials, especially Bill Goichberg and even including wives of two officials. These attacks contained language such as unethical behavior, criminal fraud, conspiracy to commit fraud, one of the wives stealing \$4,000 from a store etc. Schultz then introduced the following motion:

EB 05-32 (Schultz): Move to remove Stan Booz as a member of the Finance Committee.

No Vote Taken

Amend EB 05-32 Randy Bauer introduced an amendment to change it to read remove: "as a member of the Finance Committee" and replace it by "Co-chair of the Finance Committee."

EB 05-32 (Schultz) Move to remove Stan Booz as Co-chair of the Finance Committee **Failed 5-2** In Favor: Schultz and Bauer; Opposed Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Brady and Shaughnessy

Tim Hanke then made the following substitute motion for EB 05-32.

EB 05-33 (Hanke): The EB will send a letter to Stan Booz asking him to cease and desist from personal attacks on the Internet. **Passed 3-1-3** In Favor: Bauer, Brady, and Schultz; Opposed: Shaughnessy; Abstaining: Marinello, Shutt and Hanke.

After further discussion, Randy Bauer introduced the following motion:

EB 05-34 (Bauer): Move to reconsider EB 05-33. **Passed 5- 2** In Favor: Marinello, Shutt, Hanke, Bauer and Shaughnessy; Opposed: Brady and Schultz.

The motion to reconsider EB 05-33 passed and after discussion EB 05-33 was again voted upon.

EB 05-33 (Hanke) Reconsidered: The EB will send a letter to Stan Booz asking him to cease and desist from personal attacks on the Internet. **Failed 3-3-1** In Favor: Schultz, Brady and Bauer; Opposed: Marinello, Hanke and Shaughnessy; Abstaining: Shutt.

Beatriz Marinello said she changed her vote and voted against the motion because it was specifically aimed at an individual and not consistent with other instances of abuse on the Internet where the Board failed to act.

EB 05-35 (Shutt): The Executive Board condemns the personal attacks over the Internet against Executive Board members, committee members, and staff.

Passed 5-1-1 In Favor: Marinello, Shutt, Schultz, Shaughnessy and Bauer; Opposed: Brady; Abstained: Hanke.

Frank Brady said he voted against the motion because it was not specific enough and he felt specific condemnation of Stan Booz was called for.

USCF Members Certified as Candidates for 2005 Election to USCF Executive Board—in order as a result of the drawing held January 21st.

1. Robert Tanner
2. Sam Sloan
3. Bill Goichberg
4. Greg Shahade
5. George John
6. Elizabeth Shaughnessy
7. Steve Shutt
8. Randy Bauer
9. Joel Channing