

eSUBJECT: Minutes of the Executive Board Open Meeting, August 6, 2023

1. This document summarizes activities during the Executive Board (EB) Open Meeting held in Grand Rapids, MI, after the conclusion of the Annual Delegates Meeting on Thursday, Aug 6, 2023.
2. There were approximately 30 people in attendance to observe the EB Meeting. The meeting was recorded by Secretary Mike Hoffpauir.
3. President Randy Bauer called the meeting to order promptly at 6 pm eastern time. He called the roll and the following EB members were present:
 - Randy Bauer (IA), President
 - Kevin Pryor (FL), Vice President (VP)
 - Chuck Unruh (OK), VP of Finance
 - Mike Hoffpauir (VA), Secretary
 - Leila D'Aquin (LA), Member at Large
 - John Fernandez (MO), Member at Large
 - David Hater (GA), Member at Large
 - Lakshmana (Vish) Viswanath (TX), Member at Large
 - Carol Meyer, Executive Director (not present due to illness)
4. President Bauer noted that Executive Director Carol Meyer was not able to attend due to her bout with COVID-19. He then directed Secretary Mike Hoffpauir to show the motions made and discussed by the EB during the Closed Session held earlier during the afternoon.

EB24-001 – PRYOR

I nominate Randy Bauer (IA) as President of US Chess. **Passed 8-0**

EB24-002 – BAUER

I nominate Kevin Pryor (FL) as Vice President of US Chess. **Passed 8-0**

EB24-003 – D'AQUIN

I nominate Chuck Unruh (OK) as Vice President of Finance of US Chess. **Passed 8-0**

EB24-004 – BAUER

I nominate Mike Hoffpauir (VA) as Secretary. **Passed 8-0**

EB24-005 – BOARD

The Executive Board moves that US Chess, in partnership with the Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA), organize and host the 2024 Pan American Youth Chess Festival/Championships in Orlando, FL, in July 2024. **Passed 8-0**

EB24-006 – BOARD

The Executive Board moves to approve the initial appointments as listed for EB-appointed committees for 2023-24. **Passed 8-0.**

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Note: Secretary Hoffpauir read into the record the name of each EB-appointed committee, the names of their respective Chairs and Co-Chairs, and the names of each committee member. The list was simultaneously shown on two large screens for viewing by people attending the meeting. During the presentation, President Bauer noted that the new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee has a Charter, and that the committee's leadership and members will be announced by September 15, 2023.

5. After Secretary Hoffpauir finished the list of committees and their members, President Bauer opened the floor for questions.
 - Sophia Rohde noted that her last name was misspelled on one of the committees. (The list was corrected.)
 - Alexey Root pointed out that the Scholastic Council list had names of several members shown twice. She also observed that Andrew Schley's email address was incorrect. (All of these matters were corrected.)
 - Paul Covington noted that there is a member in CO who has a visual disability. He explained that the issue affects this person's ability to play chess, and that his special circumstance is "is not listed" in the common list of considerations for members who have special circumstances. Mr. Covington's concern was that allowing chessboards to have graphics or text overprinted on any of the 64 squares on the board substantially impacted his colleague's ability to play the game. He requested information on how to ensure that these kinds of boards are not allowed in tournaments. President Randy Bauer and Member-at-Large David Hater reminded Mr. Covington that the issue involving chessboards with print on corner squares has been referred by the Delegates to the Rules Committee for action. Mr. Hater recommended Mr. Covington contact Myron Thomas, chair of the Rules Committee, to explain the issue.
6. President Bauer asked if there were any other questions, and there were none. He made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm, which was seconded by many of those present. Approval to adjourn was unanimous.

Prepared by: Mike Hoffpauir, EB Secretary