

**SUBJECT: Minutes of the Executive Board Open Meeting, August 15, 2023**

1. Purpose. This document captures the minutes of the Executive Board (EB) Open Session Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, Aug 15, 2023.
2. President Randy Bauer called the meeting to order promptly at 8:04 pm Eastern time. President Bauer 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
3. President Bauer asked the members whether anyone had any new conflicts of interest to disclose. There were none.
4. President Bauer asked about the minutes from the two EB Meetings held in Grand Rapids, MI. Carol Meyer noted that they will be ready soon and be placed on the EB Portal for review and voting by EB members.
5. VP of Finance Unruh provided a financial update, noting that the budget is looking good for the first two months of the current US Chess fiscal year. ED Meyer said she expects to soon receive an updated version of the Financial Audit viewed by the EB in Grand Rapids, as well as a draft of the US Chess IRS Form 990.
6. The Executive Board then went into Closed Session and discussed actions stemming from the Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids.
7. The EB reconvened in Open Session at 9:45 pm Eastern time and addressed two items.
  - a. **EB24-007 – BOARD:** The Executive Board moves to adopt the contract with the Rosen Shingle Creek for the 2024 Pan American Youth Chess Championship. **PASSED 8-0.** Context: US Chess will organize and host the tournament in Orlando at the Rosen Shingle Creek in mid-July 2024.
  - b. EB Secretary Mike Hoffpauir updated the Board on the status of the 2023-24 Scholastic Regulations, noting that the new regulations will take effect on Sept. 1, 2023. Mike also commented that a major change in this year's Scholastic Regulations impacts registration procedures for the National Scholastic tournaments in December (the Grade Nationals) and for all the spring national scholastic events. The change in registration procedures is that onsite registrations will no longer be accepted unless they are allowed in connection with a specific national scholastic tournament.

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8. Having heard no further business President Bauer introduced a motion to adjourn which was seconded and unanimously approved at 9:49pm Eastern time.

Prepared by: Mike Hoffpauir, EB Secretary