### MOTIONS OF THE US CHESS EXECUTIVE BOARD IN FY 2018 - 2019

**Key:**
- **C** = Phone Conf. Call, **E** = E-Mail, **M** = Physical Meeting,
- **I** = Internet Conf. Call, **O** = Objections Procedure

| Motion # | Sponsor      | Date/Method | Subject                                                        | Disposition |
|----------|--------------|-------------|                                                               |             |
| EB19-001 | Board        | 08/05/18 M  | Officers Named                                                | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-002 | Board        | 08/05/18 M  | Committee Changes                                             | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-003 | Board        | 08/05/18 M  | Committee Chairs and Liaisons                                 | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-004 | Board        | 08/05/18 M  | Committee Membership Changes                                  | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-005 | Board        | 08/05/18 M  | Endorse Nigel Short Ticket in FIDE Election                  | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-006 | Priest       | 08/06/18 E  | Add Anjelina Belakovskaia to Women’s Committee               | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-007 | Nietman      | 08/08-9/18 E| Approve 2018-2019 Scholastic Regulations                     | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-008 | Hoffpauir    | 08/10-15/18 O| Add Dr. Mike Regan to the Ratings Committee               | PASS no obj |
| EB19-009 | Unruh        | 08/10-15/18 O| Add James R. Thonne to the A&SCC                           | PASS no obj |
| EB19-010 | Unruh        | 08/14-19/18 O| Add Philip Linninger to the A&SCC                           | PASS no obj |
| EB19-011 | Nietman      | 08/16-21/18 O| Changes to Senior Committee                                  | PASS no obj |
| EB19-012 | Hoffpauir    | 08/19-24/18 O| Add Steve Immitt to Competition Integrity Comm.            | PASS no obj |
| EB19-013 | Unruh        | 08/26 O     | Committee Changes (See Comments)                            | Not Voted   |
| EB19-014 | Velez        | 08/28-09/02/18 O| Remove Michael Lenox from the A&SCC                 | PASS no obj |
| EB19-015 | Priest       | 08/30-09/11/18 E| Appeal of Ethics Committee Recommendations                | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-016 | Priest       | 09/06-09/11/18 E| Re-elect Ruth Haring as our FIDE Zonal President          | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-017 | Unruh        | 09/06-09/23/18 E| Name Judit Sztarary Vice Chair of the A&SCC            | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-018 | Unruh        | 09/23-09/24/18 E| Remove Will Barela and Philip Linninger from A&SCC         | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-019 | Unruh        | 10/08-09/18 E| Clock Royalty Endorsement Agreement                         | PASS 6-0    |
| EB19-020 | Meyer        | 10/09/18 E  | Update Bank Signatories                                      | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-021 | Hoffpauir    | 10/15-16/18 E| Change In Chair of Military Committee                       | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-022 | Priest       | 10/16-21/18 E| Extend Nationwide Insurance Affinity Contract              | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-023 | Priest       | 10/19-21/18 E| Suspend Steve Shutt from Committee Services                 | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-024 | Nietman      | 10/21/18 E  | Approve August EB Meeting Minutes                           | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-025 | Priest       | 10/22-23/18 E| Name Chair of Development Committee                        | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-026 | Hoffpauir    | 10/18-23/18 O| Add Members to the Development Committee                   | PASS no obj |
| EB19-027 | Nietman      | 11/06-10/18 E| Kelly Bloomfield College Chess Committee Chair            | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-028 | Priest       | 11/10/18 M  | Transfer Funds to Reserve Fund                              | PASS 6-0    |
| EB19-029 | Priest       | 11/10/18 M  | Appoint Reserve Fund/PPHBF Investment Committee            | PASS 6-0    |
| EB19-030 | Priest       | 11/10/18 M  | Transfer PPHBF CD to Investment Account                     | PASS 6-0    |
| EB19-031 | Priest       | 11/10/18 M  | Reserve Fund/PPHBF Investment Plan                         | PASS 6-0    |
| EB19-032 | Priest       | 11/11/18 M  | Promotional Prison Group Membership                         | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-033 | Priest       | 11/11/18 M  | 2018 Profit Sharing                                         | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-034 | Unruh        | 11/11/18 M  | Denker, Barber, NGTOC Sponsorship agreement                | PASS 6-1    |
| EB19-035 | Nietman      | 11/11/18 M  | 2019 NGTOC Rules                                           | PASS 7-0    |
| EB19-036 | Velez        | 11/11/18 M  | A&SCC membership change                                    | PASS 7-0    |
The first meeting of the 2018-2019 US Chess Executive Board took place on August 5, 2018, at the Madison Marriott West Hotel in Middleton, WI. Welcome to incoming EB members Randy Bauer and Ryan Velez. Thanks to outgoing EB members Anjelina Belakovskaia and Vish Viswanathan for their service.

The following five motions arose from closed session and were voted in open session later the same day:

**EB19-001 – Board** - The Executive Board names the following officers for 2018-2019: **PASSED 7-0**

- President: Allen Priest
- Vice President: Randy Bauer
- Vice President of Finance: Chuck Unruh
- Secretary: Mike Nietman

**EB19-002 – Board** - The Executive Board moves the following committee changes: **PASSED 7-0**

  a. Rename Publications to Communication
  b. Rename Anti-Cheating to Competition Integrity
  c. Remove National Event Advisory
  d. Remove Membership Acquisition Task Force
  e. Remove Information Technology Advisory
  f. Remove Clock Working Group
  g. Merge States and Affiliates into States and Affiliates

**EB19-003 – 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).

**EB19-004 – Board** – The Executive Board makes the following committee membership changes: **PASSED 7-0**

a. Competition Integrity: Remove Sunil Weeramantry
b. Barber: Remove Sunil Weeramantry

c. Clubs: Add Charles M. Unruh, Augustine Valvarde, Paul Covington, Dr. Judit Sztaray, Abel Talamantez, Lakshmana Viswanath, Steve Morford, Kevin Pryor, Robin Ramson and Sean Manross

d. College: Remove David Mbonu and Jack Hutton

e. Denker: Remove Sunil Weeramantry

f. Finance: Remove Frank Camaratta. Add Ruth Haring

g. Forum: Remove Terry Winchester

h. Prison: Remove Shawn Johnson, Add David LeClair

i. Scholastic Council: Move Eric Vigil to the Scholastic Committee. Move Steve Shutt from the Committee to the Council

j. Scholastic Committee: Remove Luis Salinas. Add Charles M. Unruh and Jeff Bulington

k. States and Affiliates: Remove Ed Conway. Add Lakshmana Viswanath and Stephen Plotnick

l. Top Players: Remove Alisa Melekhina and Yury Shulman

m. Accessibility & Special Circumstances: Remove Sean Manross and Beatriz Marinello. Add Dr. Stephanie Beth Berk

n. Awards: Add Walter Brown

o. Chess in Education: Remove Saul Ramirez and Ryan Velez

**EB19-005 – Board**  The Executive Board moves that the US Chess Federation endorses the candidacy of GM Nigel Short and his ticket for the Presidency of FIDE.  **PASSED 7-0**

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on August 6, 2018, to add Anjelina Belakovskaia to the Women’s Committee. It passed unanimously the same day.

**EB19-006 – Priest**  I move that Anjelina Belakovskaia be added as a member of the Women's Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Nietman indicated that the Scholastic Council has completed the 2018-2019 Scholastic Regulations and focused on the need to have the regulations in place by no later than September 1 each year. He moved their approval by e-mail on August 8, 2018, by e-mail with the regulations attached. The vote was completed the next day. President Allen Priest noted that “I would like it to be noted in the minutes the appreciation of the EB to the scholastic committee/council and the EB liaison Mike Hoffpauir for their work in getting this done in time for the start of school and months earlier than the last few years.”

**EB19-007 – Nietman** - I move that the 2018-19 Scholastic Regulations be approved. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mailed objections procedure on August 10, 2018, to add Dr. Mike Regan to the Ratings Committee.

**EB19-008 – Hoffpauir** - Under our 5-day "by exception" procedure for adding new members to committees, I hereby move that Dr. Mike Regan (NJ) be added to the US Chess Ratings Committee per the request of Committee Chair, Dr. Mark Glickman." There is no need to respond to this request unless there is an objection. Allen will "call the vote" after 5 calendar days, e.g. next Wednesday, Aug 15th. **PASSED** without objection

Chuck Unruh moved on August 10, 2018, to add James R. Thoune to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (A&SCC) by e-mailed objections procedure. No objections were received by August 15.

**EB19-009 – Unruh** - I move that James R. Thoune 12423385 Life Member become a member of the A&SCC in 5 days if there are no objections. **PASSED** without objection

Chuck Unruh moved on August 14, 2018, to add Philip Linninger to the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (A&SCC) by e-mailed objections procedure. No objections were received by August 19.

**EB19-010 – Unruh** - I move that Philip Linninger USCF# 14895972 become a member of the A&SCC by request of
Mike Nietman noted by e-mail on August 16, 2018, that he received a request for several changes to the Senior Committee from its Chair David Grimaud and moved their adoption by objections procedure. They will pass automatically if no objections are received by August 21.

**EB19-011 – Nietman** - I move by 5 days objection procedure to make the following changes to the Senior Committee: **PASSED** without objection

Remove (Per Chair David Grimaud the reason was that he received no response to his willingness to serve queries from them)

- Charles Hatherill
- Gregory Kearse
- William L. Pursel
- Gordon Simons

Add

- Paul Covington (CO), 12044640
- Haraldur “Hal” Karlsson (TX), 12884053
- Kevin Pryor (GA), 12544760
- Renate Otterbach (CA), 14565208
- Carl Haessler (OR), 10503892
- Michael Mulford (NV), 10510376
- Danny Rohde (NY), 12622575

Mike Hoffpauir moved on August 19, 2018, by e-mailed objections procedure the addition of Steve Immitt to the Competition Integrity Committee. If no objections are received by August 24 the motion would pass at that time. It did.

**EB19-012 – Hoffpauir** - Under our 5-Day without objections process, I move to add Steve Immitt (NY) to the Competition Integrity Committee (formerly known as the Anti-Cheating Committee). **PASSED** without objection.

Chuck Unruh offered a motion by e-mail objections procedure on August 26, 2018, to remove Philip Linninger and Will Barela from the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee (A&SCC) at the request of the committee chair and to make Judit Sztarary a Vice Chair of that committee. Three things were unusual about the motion that eventually resulted in further discussion and new motions.

The first issue was that it would reverse motion EB19-010 (See above), which only nine days earlier added Philip Linninger to the A&SCC. Discussion centered around whether to include both motions or simply remove the earlier motion. Both motions need to be documented.

The second issue was that it would name a Vice Chair by objections Procedure (which is currently not allowed). Ryan Velez offered a motion on September 3, 2018, to name Sean Manross Vice Chair of the Clubs Committee by objections procedure and resubmitted his motion by objections procedure on September 4 to name Judit Sztarary Vice Chair of the A&SCC. Please note that any changes in Chairs, Co-chairs or Vice Chairs will also affect the Committee Appendix.

During discussion Mike Nietman pointed out that Mike Atkins Motion EB16-044, which is still in effect, is worded “Moved, that in between scheduled meetings of the EB, that appointments of regular committee members (non-chair or co/vice chair) will be presented by an EB member by e-mail who posts “Mr/Ms ____ will become a member of ____ committee in 5 days with no objections” Please note that the reason for this is that the objections procedure is to be used only where there is little chance for needed discussion or objections. The naming of Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs or Vice Chairs can sometimes require discussions that can be sensitive enough that they are usually named in closed session EB meetings. Objections procedure motions preclude such discussions. Allen Priest pointed out on the same day that “The EB
appoints chairs of EB committees through regular voting procedures, not through objections procedures. The appointment of chairs is not up to committees, nor is it up to the liaison, which is what the objections procedures basically allows.” He also clarified the current status, saying “There is no pending appointment of any chair or vice-chair for either Accessibility or Clubs.” Ryan Velez withdrew his motion. Primary liaison Chuck Unruh moved replacement motions on September 6, 2018, and September 23, 2018 (See motions EB 19-017, 018).

The third issue was that it was actually two separate motions submitted as one and could have the unintended consequence of an objection to one affecting the other. The motion itself was not voted and ultimately withdrawn.

**EB19-013 – Unruh** - I move to remove Will Barela USCF# 12592643 and Philip Linninger USCF# 14895972 from service on the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee if there are no objections within the next 5 days. I move that Judit Sztarary USCF# 14708926 become the A&SCC Vice Chairperson if there are no objections within the next 5 days.

Ryan Velez moved by e-mail objections procedure on August 28, 2018, to remove Michael Lenox from the A&SCC at the request of the committee chair. He noted that this is part of a committee reorganization.

**EB19-014 – Velez** - I move to remove Michael Lenox ID# 12734131 from service on the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee if there are no objections within the next 5 days.

Allen Priest replied to an appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations with the following detailed motion. The motion was made by e-mail on August 30, 2018. Voting was completed the next day, however it contained a factual error which resulted in an amendment to the wording. The amended motion was submitted by e-mail on August 31, 2018, and voting was completed on September 11, 2018. The final wording is presented here.

**EB19-015 – Priest** - I move to amend the motion regarding the appeal of Ethics Committee recommendations to correct a factual error as follows:

In the matter Weideman vs Young, Cusi, Cartegena, Silvestre, Castro and NorCal House of Chess, The US Chess Executive Board takes the following actions in response to various appeals: **PASSED 7-0**

Ronald Cusi: Mr. Cusi submitted a written appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations. He was offered the opportunity to address the Executive Board by phone. He declined that opportunity by email response. After considering the written appeal of Ronald Cusi, the Executive Board upholds the recommendation of the Ethics Committee. The US Chess membership of Ronald Cusi is suspended for three years. The tournament director certification of Mr. Cusi is permanently revoked.

Omar Cartegena: Mr. Cartegena submitted a written appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations. He was offered the opportunity to address the Executive Board by phone. He declined that opportunity by email response. After considering the written appeal of Omar Cartegena, the Executive Board upholds the recommendation of the Ethics Committee. The US Chess membership of Omar Cartegena is suspended for three years.

Ted Castro: Mr. Castro submitted a written appeal of the Ethics Committee recommendations. He was offered the opportunity to address the Executive Board by phone, which he chose to do. After considering both the written appeal and the phone appeal of Ted Castro, the Executive Board upholds the recommendations of the Ethics Committee in part and amends in part. The tournament director certification of Ted Castro is permanently revoked. The US Chess membership of Mr. Castro is suspended for three years.

The Executive Board upholds the Ethics Committee recommendation that the NorCal Team be stripped of their 2018 US Amateur Team West championship title.

Mr. Castro’s appeal extended to the affiliate NorCal House of Chess. After considering both the written appeal and the phone appeal of Ted Castro on behalf of the affiliate NorCal House of Chess, the Executive Board rejects the Ethics Committee recommendation to permanently revoke the affiliate status of NorCal House of Chess. In recognition of the substantial educational activities of this affiliate, the Executive Board places the NorCal House of Chess on probation for a period of three years. Any violation of the Code of Ethics or of US Chess affiliate standards by the affiliate, any officer of the affiliate, or any tournament director at an event submitted by the affiliate will result in the permanent revocation of the
NorCal House of Chess affiliate status. Further, as a condition of the probation, NorCal House of Chess must appoint a tournament director who is certified by US Chess at the Senior level or higher to oversee all tournament activity and tournament rating report submissions by the affiliate. NorCal House of Chess will notify US Chess of the appointment which will be confirmed by US Chess with that tournament director. Failure to maintain the appointment of such a tournament director in this oversight role will result in the immediate suspension of the affiliate status of NorCal House of Chess, until an appropriately credentialed tournament director accepts such appointment.

Note: Angelo Young did not appeal the Ethics Committee recommendation suspending his US Chess membership for three years. Guerrero Silvestre did not appeal the Ethics Committee recommendation suspending his US Chess membership for five years and assigning him a rating floor of 1800. Those recommendations take effect without action by the Executive Board.

Allen Priest moved on September 6, 2018, by e-mail to reappoint Ruth Haring as our FIDE Zonal President. This can be done since the US is the only country in our FIDE Zone.

**EB19-016 – Priest**  - I move that US Chess reappoint Ruth Haring as our FIDE Zonal President. **PASSED 7-0**

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail on September 6, 2018, to make Judit Sztarary Vice Chair of the A&SCC. The vote was completed on September 23, 2018.

**EB19-017 – Unruh**  - I move that Judit Sztarary USCF# 14708926 become the A&SCC Vice Chairperson. **PASSED 7-0** Please note: This is documented in a revision to Appendix A.

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail on September 23, 2018, to remove Will Barela and Philip Linninger from the A&SCC. Voting was completed the next day.

**EB19-018 – Unruh**  - I move to remove Will Barela USCF# 12592643 and Philip Linninger USCF# 14895972 from service on the Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Chuck Unruh moved by e-mail the approval of an agreement regarding royalties for US Chess endorsement of a clock on October 08, 2018, The vote was completed the following day.

**EB19-019 – Unruh**  - I move that the Executive Board approve the Clock Royalty Endorsement Agreement between House of Staunton, Inc. and US Chess. The final version of the agreement is now date marked as 10/8/2018. **PASSED 6-0** with Ryan Velez recusing himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Thanks to Kathleen Collins, who is retiring, for all that she has done for US Chess and for being willing to continue until such time that a replacement could be trained in her responsibilities. We wish Kathleen Collins the best for the future. Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on October 09, 2018, that the signatories on the bank account be updated to reflect the transition. The vote was completed the same day.

**EB19-020 – Meyer**  - I move that the Executive Board authorize the removal of Kathleen Collins as signatory to US Chess bank accounts and that Christine Green be added as a signatory to same. **PASSED 7-0**

Mike Hoffpuir moved by e-mail on October 15, 2018, the replacement of the chair of the Military Committee. He noted that “the "Chair" of the Military Committee rotates each year. It does this in order to align with the Service hosting the coming year's US Armed Forces Open (USAFO). In October 2019 during Columbus-Day weekend, the USAFO will be hosted by the US Marine Corps, at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Accordingly, Ms. Sara Walsh has stepped up and provided her name as Chairperson for the next year. Sara has long been involved in Military Chess in her capacity working for the Morale Welfare and Recreation department at Camp LeJeune. She is an active tournament player in NC whose rating hovers around 1900. She also served ably as "House Man" during the 2018 NATO Chess Championships held at Texas Tech University. As a part of this process of rotating the Chair, the current Chairperson, US Navy Captain Thomas Belke, has submitted his resignation to be effective the date his successor is approved by the Executive Board.” The vote was completed the next day.
EB19-021 – Hoffpauir - I move that the Executive Board (EB) accept the resignation of Captain Thomas Belke, US Navy (Retired) from his position as Chairperson of the US Chess Military Chess Committee, and that the EB approve the nomination of Ms. Sara Walsh (USCF 12457717, exp. 3/2019) as Chairperson. As Chairperson, Sara will serve as the Principal Organizer for the 2019 US Armed Forces Open Chess Championships being planned for October 2019 at Camp LeJeune, NC. PASSED 7-0

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on October 16, 2018, a five year extension of the affinity contract with Nationwide Insurance. Voting was completed on October 21.

EB19-022 – Priest - After the recommendation of Executive Director Carol Meyer, I move that US Chess authorize Carol Meyer to execute an extension of the Nationwide insurance affinity contract for five years. The contract terms and obligations remain largely unchanged; there are minor changes in language recommended by the US Chess corporate counsel which have been accepted by Nationwide. PASSED 7-0

Allen Priest moved by e-mail on October 19, 2018, the suspension of Steve Shutt from service on US Chess Committees until allegations against him are resolved. After a brief discussion period to perfect the wording the motion was worded as shown below. Voting was completed on October 21, 2018.

EB19-023 – Priest - Due to recent published reports of serious accusations related to potential child abuse, in accordance with US Chess policy regarding committee service, I move to suspend Steve Shutt from service on the Chess in Education Committee, Denker Tournament Committee, Barber Tournament Committee, the Scholastic Committee, and the Scholastic Council. The suspension from committee service will remain in effect until the allegations can be resolved. PASSED 7-0

Mike Nietman moved the approval of the minutes of the August EB meetings on by e-mail on October 21, 2018. Voting was completed the same day.

EB19-024 – Nietman - I move to accept the previously distributed minutes of the August 2, August 4 and August 5, 2018 Executive Board meetings. PASSED 7-0

The Development Committee, which had been inactive in the last two years, is now active thanks to John D. Rockefeller V, who volunteered to chair the committee the committee in an informal discussion at the Madison meeting. The Executive Board did not make a motion at that time to name him as chair. He has since requested that two members be added to the committee. The next two motions document the committee’s current status.

EB19-025 – Priest I move that John Rockefeller be appointed chair of the Development Committee. PASSED 7-0

Please note that the primary EB liaison is Randy Bauer and the Alternate EB liaison is Mike Hoffpauir.

As liaison to the Development Committee and at the request of Committee Chair John D. Rockefeller, Mike Hoffpauir moved the addition of Sunil Weeramantry And Kimberly Doo McVay to the Development Committee by e-mailed five day objections procedure.

EB19-026 – Hoffpauir - Under our 5-day objections procedure I move that Sunil Weeramantry (USCF 11155189, exp. 7/2019) and Kimberly Doo McVay (USCF 16085728, exp. 8/2019) be added to the Development Committee per the request of Chairperson John Rockefeller. PASSED without objection.

The US Chess Executive Board met in New Orleans, LA, on November 10-11, 2018. The following motions arose from that meeting. Please note that motion EB19-027 originated as an e-mail motion. By November 10 the count was 6-0. The voting was completed at the meeting when the one member who had not yet voted cast his vote.

The College Chess Committee voted to name Kelly Bloomfield of Ohio State as its new chair, effective 12/01/18. Mike Nietman moved by e-mail on November 06, 2018, to name Kelly Bloomfield Chair of the College Chess Committee. He made the motion at the start of the meeting since the vote was 6-0 and only one vote remained to be counted. The motion
passed 6-0 and the remaining vote was received by e-mail on November 12 to complete the 7-0 result.

**EB19-027 – Nietman** - I move to name Kelly Bloomfield chair of the College Chess Committee effective December 1, 2018 and to thank Al Lawrence for his service as chair. **PASSED 7-0**

Allen Priest made four motions on Saturday, November 10 which involved setting up an investment committee for the Reserve Fund and the Professional Players Health and Benefit Fund (PPHBF), transfer funds to the Reserve Fund/PPHBF, and specify an investment plan for it. VP of Finance Chuck Unruh was appointed Chair of the committee by President Allen Priest. Please note that this will be a separate standing committee to handle investments for both the Reserve Fund and the PPHBF. It does not replace the PPHBF Management Committee, which will continue as is.

**EB19-028 – Priest** - In accordance with the original motion (EB17-021) which set up the reserve fund, I move to transfer $200,000 from the Regions Bank account to the Reserve Fund to increase that Fund to $1.2 million. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

**EB19-029 – Priest** – I move to appoint a Reserve Fund/PPHBF investment committee. The current members will be: **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

- VP of Finance Chuck Unruh
- Ruth Haring
- Jim Bedenbaugh
- Peter Dyson
- Allen Priest

Myron and Rachel’s note: We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ruth Haring, who was a great friend of chess and a personal friend for decades. She was an exceptional US Chess President and EB member as well as an excellent player. She has been effective in all aspects of chess and brought women’s chess to prominence. Although she will not be able to serve on this committee, Ruth can live on as a remarkable role model for future generations. Please help preserve her legacy.

**EB19-030 – Priest** – I move to transfer the PPHB CD, once it matures, to the Reserve Fund/PPHB investment account. The PPHBF checking account will remain intact at present. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

**EB19-031 – Priest** – I move that we authorize the Reserve Fund/PPHB investment committee to invest the Reserve Fund/PPHB investment account in accordance with the investment plan outlined by Chuck Unruh. The committee will have the authority to buy and sell investments within the portfolio and can grant the portfolio manager trading authority within the investment plan. **PASSED 6-0** with Randy Bauer absent and not voting

Allen Priest moved at the meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018, to create a prison group membership program.

**EB19-032 – Priest** – I move that US Chess establish a promotional prison group membership program. The memberships will be regular 1 year adult memberships. Any affiliate can purchase group membership vouchers under this program. Unused vouchers will expire one year after purchase. The minimum order quantity is 5. The price per voucher is $12. If purchased in quantities equal to or exceeding 100 in one transaction the price per voucher will be $10. Vouchers must be redeemed through the office in the same way that individual prison memberships are processed. The definitions applicable to the individual prison membership will all be applicable to this program. **PASSED 7-0**

The following motions were made in closed session and read in open session at the meeting on November 11, 2018.

**EB19-033 – Priest** – I move that the Executive Board approves a one-time profit sharing contribution to the US Chess
401K Plan for calendar year 2018 in the amount of 2% of compensation for all eligible employees. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-034 – Unruh** - I move that the Executive Board approve the revised Dewain Barber, US Chess sponsorship agreement as it pertains to the three invitational events. **PASSED 6-1** with Randy Bauer opposed.

**EB19-035 – Nietman** - I move to accept the Women’s Committee report item #4 dealing with updated rules for the 2019 NGTOC Information and Rules. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-036 – Velez** - I move to remove Bruce Davis from the Accessibility & Special Circumstances committee. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-037 – Meyer** - I move that the following committee charters be approved as amended: **PASSED 7-0**

- Accessibility & Special Circumstances
- Barber
- College Chess
- Competition Integrity
- Denker
- International Affairs
- Military
- Outreach
- PPHB
- Scholastic Council/Committee
- States & Affiliates
- US Chess Development
- US Open
- Women’s Chess

**EB19-038 – Board** - The Executive Board moves that the Prison Chess Committee be disbanded. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-039 – Priest** – I move that the Executive Board adopt the revisions to the Forum Acceptable Use Guidelines (AUG) proposed by the Executive Director. The effective date of the new AUG is November 11, 2018. The revised AUG document is attached and the Executive Director will see that the new AUG replaces the prior document on the US Chess website forums. **PASSED 7-0** Please note: The new AUG can be found in Appendix B

At the request of States and Affiliates Committee (SAC) Co-Chairs Alex Relyea and Guy Hoffman, liaison Mike Hoffpauir moved by e-mailed objections procedure on November 16, 2018 to add and remove specified SAC members. The motion passed automatically without objection five days later.

**EB19-040 – Hoffpauir** - Under the 5-day objections procedure I move that we add Glenn Panner and Thad Rogers to the SAC and remove Stephen Plotnick, Robert Tanner and Jim Gray from the SAC. **PASSED** without objection

At the request of Rules Committee Chair Ken Ballou, Mike Hoffpauir moved the addition of Bill Smythe to the Rules Committee by e-mailed Objections Procedure. No objections were received and the motion passed automatically.

**EB19-041 – Hoffpauir** – I move that under the "5-day no objections" process that Bill Smythe (US Chess ID 10339022) be added to the Rules Committee. **PASSED** without objection

Ryan Velez, as liaison to the Clubs Committee, moved by e-mail on January 2, 2019, to make Judit Sztarary the Clubs
Committee Chair. Voting was completed on January 4.

**EB19-042 – Velez** – I move that Judit Sztarary USCF# 14708926 become the Clubs Committee sole Chairperson. **PASSED 7-0**

Secretary Mike Nietman moved the acceptance of the minutes of the November, 2018, EB meeting by e-mail on January 1, 2019. Voting was completed on January 12, 2019.

**EB19-043 – Nietman** – I move to accept the November 2018 EB Meeting Minutes as were previously distributed. **PASSED 7-0**

The US Chess Executive Board met in Orlando, FL on January 13, 2019. Motions EB19-044 through 47 were voted in open session at that meeting.

**EB19-044 – Nietman** – I move to add Alex Onischuk to the College Chess Committee and remove Rade Milovanovic as Rade is retiring from UT-Dallas. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-045 – Nietman** – I move to add the National Collegiate Rapid and Blitz Championships to the list of national events and directs the College Committee to draft a set of guidelines to run the event. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-046 – Unruh** – I move that the Executive Board approve the recommendation of the Reserve Fund Committee to increase the cash deposit allocation with FDIC banks from 25% to 35% of the entire fund. The new purchase allocation is accomplished through cost averaging FDIC Insured Cash Deposits with expiration dates between one and three years. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-047 – Priest** – I move to name Franc Guadalupe as our FIDE Zonal President. **PASSED 7-0**

Motions EB19-048 through 052 were made in closed session and read into the record in open session.

**EB19-048 – Meyer** – I move that T’s Cleaning Service be awarded a 3-year contract beginning 1/1/2019 to perform janitorial services at our Crossville office. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-049 – Board** – The Executive Board moves to accept the Finance Committee charter as presented. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-050 – Board** – The Executive Board moves that the Chess in Education Committee be eliminated as it is presently constituted. The Executive Board will review the tasks presently assigned to the current committee and decide how best to accomplish those organizational needs. That may include the formation of several smaller more narrowly focused groups, the assignment of tasks to other existing committees, or assignment to US Chess team members. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-051 – Board** – The Executive Board moves that Stephen Shutt be banned from the sites of US Chess organized and contracted events. **PASSED 7-0**

**EB19-052 – Board** – The Executive Board moves that the US Chess membership of Stephen D Shutt (10159504) is suspended pending further resolution of published allegations of misconduct at US Chess events and in conjunction with chess education. **PASSED 6-0-1** with Mike Nietman abstaining.

The Saint Louis Chess Club has offered to sponsor a new National Invitational for Seniors, starting with this year. Liaison to the Senior Chess Committee moved by e-mail to create the event on January 13, 2019. Voting was completed on January 17, 2019.
**EB19-053 – Unruh** – I move that the Executive Board create a new annual national event known as the U.S. Senior Championship with the 1st tournament held 2019 in Saint Louis at the Saint Louis Chess Club, 4657 Maryland Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63108. Format for the invitational event becomes a 10-player round robin with player selections by US Chess ratings (7), the previous year's winner of the U.S. Senior Open Championship (1), the previous year's winner of the National Senior Tournament of Champions (1) and a Wildcard selection by the sponsor (1.) Time limits, tournament direction and other venues, will adhere to standard US Chess practices for a national event. **PASSED 7-0**

Hal Sprechman, Liaison to the Awards Committee, moved by e-mail on January 17, 2019, to name John McCrory Chair of the Awards Committee. Voting was completed on January 21, 2019.

**EB19-054 – Sprechman** – I move to name John McCrory as chairman of the Awards Committee. **PASSED 7-0**

Executive Director Carol Meyer moved by e-mail on January 23, 2019, the approval of the Donor Search contract that was presented to the EB at its January meeting. Voting was completed on January 31, 2019.

**EB19-055 – Meyer** – I move to approve the 3-year Donor Search contract as presented to the Executive Board at its January 13, 2019 meeting. **PASSED 7-0**
See motion EB19-003. Please note that some Delegate appointed committees name their own chairs and the chair was listed as TBD (To Be Determined) in the motion. The list includes those chairs that became known after the motion passed. Please note: The list of Chairs and Liaisons may be modified by subsequent motions (These are indicated by a *.) and will be updated throughout the year as needed.

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A&S CCC - Judit Sztarary was named Vice Chair of the A&S CCC on motion EB19-017

Stephen Shutt was suspended from all committee service on motion EB19-023. This affects his co-chairmanship of the Barber and Denker Invitational Tournament Committees.

Development – John D. Rockefeller V was named Chair of the Development Committee on motion EB19-025

College Chess – Kelly Bloomfield was named chair of the College Chess Committee on motion EB19-027

Prison – The Prison Chess Committee was disbanded on motion EB19-038 after a Prison Group Membership was created on motion EB19-032.

Reserve Fund/PPHB Fund Investment – This committee was created by motion EB19-029 to handle investments for both the Reserve Fund and the PPHB Fund. The PPHB Fund Management Committee remains unchanged as a separate committee which is concerned with qualifications, processing and evaluating applications for support, and other matters not including investment. Vice President of Finance Chuck Unruh was appointed Chair and no EB liaisons were named.

Clubs – Judit Sztarary was named Chair of the Clubs Committee on motion EB19-042.

Chess in Education – Per Motion EB19-050 the Chess in Education Committee in its current structure is eliminated.

Awards – John McCrary was named Chair of the Awards Committee on motion EB19-054.
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q. post nudity or graphic descriptions of sex;

r. post links to sites with grotesque, gruesome or disgusting pictures/videos;

s. insult/attack other users;

t. use vulgarities or obscenities;

u. taunt the moderators;

v. start threads about “why was my thread deleted?” Private message a moderator to resolve any issue;

w. post inappropriate images;

x. post repetitively;

y. try to bypass the censors;

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Adopted by US Chess Executive Board: November 11, 2018