

ADVANCE AGENDA FOR THE 2002 USCF BOARD OF DELEGATES' MEETING CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY AUGUST 3-4, 2002

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CALL TO ORDER BY USCF

PRESIDENT JOHN MCCRARY

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

ADM 02-01 (*Harold Winston, IL*): The Delegates re-elect as Delegates at Large those whose terms are expiring or have expired and who are present at this meeting. (Names to be filled in.)

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE DELAWARE AFFILIATE MATTER

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND STANDING RULES, AND APPOINT MENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

ADM 02-02 (*John McCrary, SC; Bob Smith, FL*): The Delegates approve the advance agenda.

ADM 02-03 (*John McCrary, SC*): The appointment of Nolan as Parliamentarian for the 2002 Delegates' Meeting is affirmed.

ADM 02-04 (*John McCrary, SC*): The Delegates approve the standing rules.

IV. IN MEMORIAM

have passed on.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2001 DELEGATES' MEETING

ADM 02-05 (*Bob Smith, FL*): Moved, that the Minutes of the 2001 Delegates' Meeting be accepted as published.

VI. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

ADM 02-06 (*Bob Smith, FL*): The Delegates certify the election of Executive Board members for the two unexpired terms ending in 2003.

ADM 02-07 (*Bob Smith, FL*): The Delegates certify the election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the 2002-2004 term.

VII. RATIFICATION

ADM 02-08 (*Harold Winston, IL*): The Delegates ratify all actions of the Executive Board appearing in Minutes published in Executive Board Newsletters and the Delegates' Call, since the conclusion of the 2001 Delegates' Meeting.

ADM 02-09 (*Harold Winston, IL*): Pursuant to Article III, Section 9 of the Bylaws, the Delegates have reviewed the promotional memberships offered by the Executive Board in 2001-2002 and authorize their continuation.

VIII. REPORTS OF USCF OFFICERS AND STAFF

- A. Report of the President.
- B. Report of the Executive Director.
- C. Report of the Chairman of the US Chess Trust.
- D. Report of FIDE representatives and officers.
- E. Report of the *Chess Life* Editor.
- F. Report of the Vice-President for Finance.
 1. Report of the Finance Committee.
 2. Presentation of the planning budget for the fiscal year ending in 2003.

ADM 02-10 (*John McCrary, SC; Frank Camaratta, AL; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Brady, NY*): The Bylaws are amended as follows:

In Article III, Section (1), replace the values \$40, \$75, and \$109 with \$50, \$96, and \$136 respectively. Add the following sentences at the end of the section: "A computer may become an Adult Regular Member, but may not play in any event in which the organizer has determined that computers are not allowed. Any human player may legally refuse to be paired against a computer."

Amend Article III, Section (3), by replacing the words "upon payment of 33% of the regular membership rate" with "upon payment of \$18 for one year, \$34 for two years, or \$50 for three years."

The dues amounts specified in Article III, Section (1) shall be referred to as the regular membership rate for the purposes of these Bylaws.

In Article III, Section (4), add this sentence at the end: "Any person who is incarcerated in a penal institution in the United States may become a Special member upon payment of 25% of the regular membership rate."

Delete Article III, Sections 11 and 16, and renumber the remaining sections as indicated. In Article III, Section 17 (as it is numbered as of the beginning of the 2002 Delegates' Meeting), change the last period to a comma, and add these words: "with fifty cents being rounded to the next higher dollar amount."

In Article III, Section (12), (as it is numbered at the beginning of the 2002 Delegates' Meeting): delete the word "prison" in the first sentence. Delete the second sentence and replace it with the following: "Each Scholastic member shall be entitled to receive an appropriate USCF publication." In third sentence, change the word "Internet" to "Economy."

Sponsor's Rationale: The economic impact of this motion will be discussed as part of the budget discussion. There is discussion of possibly replacing *School Mates* with something else. The other provisions are intended to simplify the USCF membership structure by consolidating small categories, for the sake of record-keeping efficiency. The Economy membership (formerly named Internet) will allow members to purchase a membership without publication for a cheaper amount. The rates for these can be set without a Bylaws amendment.

ADM 02-11 (*John McCrary, SC; Steve Shutt, PA; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Brady, NY*): The Bylaws are amended as follows:

In Article III, Section (3), replace the words "upon payment of 33% of the regular membership rate" with the following: "upon payment of \$18 for one year, \$36 for two years, or \$54 for three years."

Sponsors' Rationale: This is an alternate proposal to the other dues ADM, for Delegate evaluation. Please note the ADM's for affiliate commissions given below. An important general issue will concern how to enhance services for scholastic members and the costs of doing so. This will impact which dues plan is selected by the Delegates.

ADM 02-12 (*John McCrary, SC; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Camaratta, AL; Frank Brady, NY*): The Executive Board is authorized to issue affiliate commissions as follows:

\$3, \$4, and \$5 for adult regular memberships of one-year, two-year, and three-year duration respectively.

b) \$3 for new scholastic or youth one-year memberships; \$4 for new two-year scholastic or youth memberships; and \$5 for new three-year scholastic or youth memberships. The affiliate commission for any renewing scholastic or youth membership will be \$2 less than the corresponding commission for each category of new scholastic or youth membership.

ADM 02-13 (*Steve Shutt, PA; John McCrary, SC; Bob Smith, FL; Frank Brady, NY*): The following affiliate commissions will be in effect for scholastic memberships: \$2 for one-year memberships, \$5 for two-year memberships; and \$10 for three-year memberships.

Sponsors' Rationale: The plans for affiliate commissions are being presented as companions to the respective dues proposals. The costs of services to be enhanced will be a factor in determining the best overall plan.

ADM 02-14 (*John McCrary, SC; Frank Camaratta, AL*): The Delegates authorize the Executive Board to employ an accounting firm.

ADM 02-15 (*Board*): The Delegates adopt the planning budget for the fiscal year ending in 2003 as presented by the Vice-President For Finance, with any amendments noted.

IX. DISCUSSION OF THE NEEDS OF THE USCF RULES

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws.

Ethics.

LMA Management Committee.

B. COMMITTEES WITH REPORTS PRINTED IN THE DELEGATES' CALL

C. OTHER COMMITTEES

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of members of the Life Member Assets Management Committee.
2. Election of members of the Ethics Committee.
3. Election of members of the Bylaws Committee.

ADM 02-16 (*Anthony Cottell, NJ; Denis Barry, NJ*): There shall be no further borrowing from the LMA assets, nor encumbering of the land and building, without specific approval of the Delegates at an annual or special meeting called for that purpose. (*Referred to the Executive Board, the LMA Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Bylaws Committee in 2001.*)

ADM 02-17/ DM 01-65 (*Denis Barry, NJ/AZ*): Glenn Petersen is named a Life Alternate Delegate. (Note: This passed by more than a 3/4 vote in 2001. It must pass again by at least 3/4 to take effect.)

ADM 02-18/ DM 01-70 (*Lawrence Cohen, IL*): As Article II, Section (1) of the USCF's Bylaws states: "The Federation shall cooperate with schools, colleges, hospitals, military bases, community centers, recreation departments, and other groups and institutions, in teaching chess, conducting tournaments, and other activities." It is proposed that the LMA (starting 01-01-02) contribute \$500 to the running of the U.S. Senior Open. (*This was referred to the LMA and Senior Committees in 2001.*)

ADM 02-19/DM 01-73 (*Bill Goichberg, NY; Myron Lieberman, AZ*): The Bylaws are amended as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members at Large, all elected for staggered terms of three years. Remainder of Section 1 is unchanged. Section 4. Nomination. After "thirty or more Voting Members" insert: "However, no incumbent member of the Executive Board who has served at least half of a three-year term shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself, with the exceptions of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, whose occupants are eligible to serve one additional succeeding three-year term. The retiring President may not be elected to any office in the three years following his or her term as President, and no person may serve on the Executive Board more than nine consecutive years." Remainder of Section 4 remains unchanged.

Section 5. Election of Executive Board members. Replace “Each elector may vote for as many persons as there are Executive Board positions to be filled. The persons receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected to the available Executive Board positions.” with “Elections will be held on a three-year cycle: Year 1, President and Vice President. Year 2, Secretary and Treasurer. Year 3, Members at Large. Each Elector may cast one vote for each office, except that in the At-Large election, each Elector may cast up to three votes, and the three persons receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected.” Replace “The election of Executive Board members shall take place in odd-numbered years starting in 1999” with “The election of Executive Board members shall take place in 2003, and annually beginning in 2005.”

Section 6. Deleted.

Section 7. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting, and shall continue for three years except as provided in Section 10 of this article.

Section 8. Duties. Replace “Vice President of Finance” with “Treasurer” in two places.

Section 9. Vacancies. If a vacancy shall occur on the Executive Board, it shall be filled by special election as described in Section 5 of this Article, except that a vacancy occurring less than five months before the next regular Annual Meeting shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Delegates at the next regular Annual Meeting. If the position of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President. If the positions of President and Vice President both become vacant, the Board shall elect the President from among its members.

ARTICLE X: TRANSITION FROM BYLAWS IN EFFECT PRIOR TO AUGUST 13, 2001

The Executive Board as described in the Bylaws in effect prior to August 13, 2001, shall continue to exist and function until the end of the Delegates' Meeting in 2003. In 2003, the President shall be elected for a two-year term, and the Secretary and Treasurer for three-year terms. The Vice President shall be elected by the Board from among its members for a two-year term. In 2005, the President shall be elected for a three-year term and the three Members-at-Large for two-year terms. In 2006, a regular cycle of elections for three-year terms shall begin: 2006 Secretary and Treasurer, 2007 Members-at-Large, 2008 President and Vice President, etc. *(This motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

DM 02-20 /DM 01-22: *(Jim Pechac, OH):* BUILDING REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION: The Delegates support a building repair and modernization plan for the New Windsor facility as the most practical means of maintaining the value of this LMA asset. The LMA Committee should actively work with Operations to have this work completed during fiscal 2002. At a minimum the following should be addressed: parking lot, pointing, ceiling tiles, carpeting, painting, lighting. *(This motion was referred to the LMA Committee for immediate action in 2001.)*

ADM 02-21/DM 01-84 *(Harold Winston, IL):* Amend Article VI, section (8) (President) effective the end of the Delegates' Meeting to read: “In case of a tie vote, the President, if he had

already cast his or her vote, may cast an additional tie-breaking vote.” *(This was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-22/ DM 01-85 *(Jerry Hanken, CA/S):* Refer the motion ADM 01-74, which was submitted by Eric Johnson (PA) and reads “The Delegates endorse the nomination and induction of Anthony E. Santasiere into the US Chess Hall of Fame, citing his accomplishments as a player, writer, and overall chess celebrity during the founding years of the U.S. Chess Federation.” to the Hall of Fame Committee. *(This motion was referred to the Hall-of-Fame Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-23/DM 01-87 *(Lawrence Cohen, IL):* Change the second line of Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws to read: “The Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer shall serve as non-voting members of the Executive Board with the right to debate and make motions, but without the right to vote.” *(This motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-24/DM 01-88 *(George John, TX; Myron Lieberman, AZ):* Advertisements for any organization, event, or activity that can be viewed as illegal in one or more states in the U.S. can be accepted only upon receipt of a legal opinion as to the liability of the USCF for accepting and distributing that advertisement, approval by the Marketing Manager, the Executive Director, and the Executive Board. *(This was referred to the Legal Task Force.)*

ADM 02-25/DM 01-94 *(Larry Cohen, IL):* The Executive Board shall make certain that a system for electronic media submission of rating reports is available and publicized by February 1, 2002. All effort is to be made to have this system in place as soon as possible. Furthermore, the Executive Board (along with the ED and Ratings Manager) should study the concept of sending crosstables back to affiliates, TD's, and organizers via electronic media, and is given power to enact such a crosstable electronic media system if feasible. *(This was referred to the Internet Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-26/DM 01-96 *(Larry Cohen, IL):* Amend Article V, Section 7 of the Bylaws to add the following: Except for the sponsor's rationale, request for clarification, or statement of exact wording, no comments and/or notations are to be added to any ADM. *(This was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

ADM 02-27/DM 01-97 *(Frank Camaratta, AL):* Refer the following NDM to Bylaws: Amend Article VI, Section 5 to add: “In addition, an alternate will be elected. The alternate will be the person with the highest vote count of the non-successful candidate(s). The sole function of the alternate shall be to fill any Executive Board vacancy caused by death, resignation, or refusal to serve of an incumbent or newly elected Executive Board member. The term of the alternate will expire on June 1 of the following election year.” *(This was referred to the Bylaws Committee in 2001.)*

XII. NEW BUSINESS

ADM 02-28 *(John McCrary, SC):* The Bylaws are amended by adding to Article V, Section (7), the following paragraph at the end: “Special Delegates' Meetings may be called by the President or by more than half of the members of the Executive Board, whenever an emergency of a fiscal or other nature requires Delegate consideration. Notice of the Meeting and its purposes

must be mailed to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates at least thirty days before the Meeting. The Special Delegates' Meeting has authority to take any action necessary to resolve the emergency circumstances, but does not have authority to take actions that are not pertinent to resolving the emergency. The quorum is the same as for the Annual Meeting. Delegates will be certified for a Special Delegates' Meeting in the same manner as is done for the Annual Delegates' Meeting, including the certification of Alternate Delegates, and the appointment and certification of names added to the list of Alternates, as is done for the Annual Meeting.

Sponsor's Rationale: This ADM and the one following were developed independently to address the same topic. Although similar, each contains distinct points. The Bylaws Committee will thus be asked to consider both ADM's and perhaps suggest a single substitute wording for both.

ADM 02-29 (*Harold Winston, IL, on behalf of the Bylaws Committee*): Amend Article V by adding the following section:

Special Meetings: Special meetings can be called by the President or by any four Executive Board members. The President chairs the meeting. A quorum shall consist of one-third of all Delegates present in person or by television conference at advance designated sites to be announced in the call of the meeting. The Secretary shall send each Delegate 30 days in advance, by e-mail, fax, or mail, a notice of the meeting and an agenda. The notice and agenda shall also be placed on the USCF website 30 days in advance. All Executive Board members shall have 7 days advance notice before the notice of meeting is sent. Items can only be placed on the agenda by the President or by any two other Executive Board members. Only items on the advance agenda can be dealt with at the Special Meeting.

Sponsors' Rationale: The current Bylaws wording about special Delegates' meetings is vague. Since travel may be difficult on such short notice television conferencing should be possible.

ADM 02-30 (*John McCrary, SC*): Article VI, Section (8) of the USCF Bylaws is amended as follows: Delete the entire subsection dealing with the Secretary's duties, and replace it with the following: "The Secretary shall review Minutes of all Executive Board meetings, Delegates' Meetings, and Membership Meetings. The Secretary shall post these Minutes, after Executive Board review, on the USCF website and shall mail the Minutes to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates within six weeks of the meetings. The Executive Board shall determine a means of recording all meetings. The Secretary shall act as custodian of the corporate seal, preside over Federation elections, ensure that the annual report is filed with the Secretary of State of the state of Illinois, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by these Bylaws." Standing Delegate Motion #31 as it is numbered in the 2001 Delegates' Call is rescinded.

ADM 02-31 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): The following replaces USCF Bylaws Article VI, Section 8, Secretary:

Secretary. The Secretary shall approve and have input into the selection and engagement of a stenographic service and/or a stenographer to attend and record each meeting of the Executive Board. Within a week of receipt from the stenographic service of

any Executive Board meeting transcript, including transcripts of "special meetings" such as teleconference and Internet meetings, the Secretary shall forward the complete transcript in its original format to all other Board members. Within two weeks of receipt or eight weeks after the meeting whichever is less the secretary shall review the transcript, and post the original transcript minus "closed session" discussion of each Executive Board meeting on the USCF website. If any member wishes to pay for a hard copy of the transcript minus closed session, he or she may do so for the cost incurred by clerical and mailing. Other methods that produce a real time transcript may also be considered by the Secretary. In the absence of or the inability of the secretary to perform the duties of this office, another board member, other than the President, will perform the duties of preparing and distributing the transcripts and minutes of all forms of Board meetings.

ADM 02-32 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): A copy of the tape and a transcript of all conference calls 9/20/2001, 10/9/2001, 11/13/2001, 12/12/2001, and in 2002 prior to the 2002 Board of Delegates meeting will be prepared and distributed within four weeks after the 2002 Board of Delegates meeting to all Board members who participated in these calls. The transcript of these special meetings, minus "closed session" discussions, shall be posted to the USCF website within four weeks of 2002 Board of Delegates meeting.

ADM 02-33 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): At least once a month the USCF Executive Board Secretary shall review and update as needed the BINFO (US Chess Federation Executive Board Information System) index on the USCF website. Confidential BINFO's and BINFO's that contain copyrighted information for which USCF does not have general distribution rights will be excluded. Any individual may purchase printed copies of those BINFO's listed on the index. The office will set reasonable fees which will cover the cost of copying and postage. The office may also use other distribution means such as e-mail or the website.

ADM 02-34 (*George John, TX; Doris Barry, AZ; Denis Barry, AZ*): The office shall be responsible for maintaining a current record of all Delegates Actions of Continuing Interest on the USCF website.

ADM 02-35 (*John McCrary, SC*): Amend the USCF Bylaws by deleting Sections (4) and (5) of Article V, and replacing them with the following, numbered as Article, V, Section (4): "Appointment. Delegates and Alternate Delegates for each state shall be appointed by the State Chapter for that state. The Alternate Delegates must be submitted in an ordered list. Delegates and Alternate Delegates must retain their USCF memberships throughout their terms, and the State Chapter must be recognized by the USCF and be in good standing regarding its affiliate dues. Terms of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates begin on January 1 of each year and continue through December 31 of that same year.

Delete Article V, section (6) of the USCF Bylaws, and replace it with the following, to be renumbered as Section (5): "Vacancies. If a delegate dies or resigns during his term of office, or allows his USCF membership to lapse for more than two months, his position shall be vacant and shall be filled for the duration of his term of office by an Alternate Delegate from that state in accordance

with the ordered list. Vacancies in the position of Alternate Delegate for any state, including those resulting from the promotion of Alternate Delegate to Delegate, as well as those resulting from the same causes that produce Delegate vacancies, may be filled by the State Chapter for the remainder of the term for that Alternate Delegate, provided that such appointments are placed at the end of the ordered list for that state. If a Delegate or Alternate Delegate moves from the state which appointed him, he is deemed to have resigned the position unless the State Chapter indicates otherwise. Any Executive Board member who completes his term without re-election to the Executive Board, remains a Delegate until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates in the year following the completion of his Board term, except that if he has Delegate status for that period under another provision of these Bylaws, this provision shall not apply. Any former Executive Board member receiving Delegate status by the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not be a Delegate on the ordered list of any state, and shall not be replaced if his Delegate status becomes vacant. If a Delegate from a state is not present at any Meeting of the Board of Delegates, the ordered list of Alternate Delegates from that state is used to replace the Delegate for the duration of that Meeting. The President of the State Chapter or the senior State Chapter officer present at any Meeting of the Board of Delegates may add names to the end of the ordered list of Alternate Delegates for the purpose of seating Delegates for that Meeting. At the conclusion of the Meeting the regularly-appointed Delegates continue for the remainder of their terms.”

Renumber the remaining Sections of Article V appropriately.

Sponsor's Rationale: The SOMOV election of Delegates will become completely meaningless under OMOV, as Alternate Delegates no longer have special privileges. Virtually anyone who appears at a Delegates' Meeting can secure an appointment from some state, (many states have Delegate vacancies at the Annual Meeting) so there is no incentive to run for election for a position that can be achieved much more easily. In running the 2000 SOMOV election and consulting on the 2002 one, I have found that most states consider it to be a complicated redundancy to what they have done all along, since state nomination is nearly always tantamount to election. Most states have trouble following the SOMOV rules, which have become more complicated and impractical to implement. The election costs the USCF about \$6000. Persons become inactive during two-year terms, but new persons cannot replace them unless they resign formally.

ADM 02-36 (*Harold Winston, IL*): Amend Article VI, Section 6 of the Bylaws (technical amendment) to insert the words “regularly scheduled” before “Executive Board election results.”

ADM 02-37 (*Mike Nolan, NE; Myron Lieberman, AZ*): Amend the post-OMOV Bylaws to include the following text in Article VI (Section 4 Nomination of Executive Board members): “Once a candidate is certified, the candidate may purchase labels of Voting Members at the same rate as affiliates.”

ADM 02-38 (*Mike Nolan, NE; Frank Camaratta, AL*): Amend Article III of the Bylaws to add the following section: Section 18: Except for Life and Sustaining Memberships, USCF memberships may not be purchased for more than two years at one time and

USCF memberships may not be extended to expire more than three years from the date of the payment of dues.

ADM 02-39 (*John McCrary, SC*): Delegate Actions of Continuing Interest # 15, 25, and 41, as numbered in the 2001 Delegates' Call, are rescinded. The section labeled “Composition of Chess Life” in Delegate Action of Continuing Interest # 16, as numbered in the 2001 Delegates' Call, is rescinded.

Sponsor's Rationale: These motions have all apparently or arguably been superseded, amended, or replaced by subsequent actions.

ADM 02-40 (*Bill Goichberg, NY*): Moved, that USCF regions be re-established. The Delegates commend those who continue to hold regional tournaments, and hope to encourage more such events by approving this motion. Executive Board election results shall once again be tabulated by region, beginning in 2003. There shall be twelve regions, each consisting of the same states that the region included before the abandonment of regions. Passage of this motion would not require the re-establishment of Regional Vice Presidents.

ADM 02-41 (*E. Steven Doyle, NJ; Dr. Leroy Dubeck, NJ; James Eade, CA-N*): The Players Health and Welfare Fund shall be transferred immediately to the United States Chess Federation Charitable Trust.

Sponsors' Rationale: Should the USCF run into financial difficulties its creditors could attach all the funds in the Players Health and Welfare Fund.

ADM 02-42 (*Dr. Leroy Dubeck, NJ; James Eade, CA-N*): Replace the final sentence in Section C, Fourth, Namely “The trustees shall have no power to amend this Trust with respect to the procedure or power to fill vacancies in the trustees or to appoint or remove trustees except with the consent of the Policy Board (or its successor) of the United States of America Chess Federation.” By the following: “Additional trustees to the United States Chess Federation Charitable Trust shall be appointed by the Charitable Trust Board members, by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of the Charitable Trust.”

Replace the following portion of Section D, Fifth, Namely “The United States of America Chess Federation (USCF) may fill all vacancies created by the death, resignation, or incapacity of a trustee. The USCF may appoint further trustees in any calendar year equal to one third of the then existing trustees (including vacancies, open for less than one year, to be filled) existing at the commencement of the calendar year. For this purpose any decimal resulting from the calculation of one third of the trustees shall be treated as zero. The USCF may, upon written notice to the trustee, remove any trustee for violation of his duties as a trustee, or for any reason if the USCF gives the trustee two years prior written notice of its intent to remove said trustee and in fact removes such trustee by written instrument addressed to the trustee within six months after said prior written notice expires.” by the following: “The Trustees, by at least a two thirds vote of the entire Board of the Charitable Trust, may remove any trustee for violation of his duties as a trustee, or for any reason if the Board gives the trustee six months prior written notice of its intent to remove the trustee and in fact removes such trustee by written

instrument addressed to the trustee within six months after said prior written notice expires.”

Sponsors' Rationale: Should the USCF run into financial difficulties, creditors may be able to attach the Trust funds by arguing that the Trust is merely a subunit of the USCF since all Trustees are appointed, and may be removed by, the Executive Board. This ADM will make it much harder for creditors of the USCF to attach Trust assets.

ADM 02-43 (Mike Nolan, NE): Committee Chairs and others participating in workshops held in conjunction with the US Open and the Annual Meeting of the Board of Delegates are strongly encouraged to provide an advance copy of all handouts to the USCF office in electronic form. Such copies are to be made available on the USCF website, before the meeting where possible, along with all material being prepared by the USCF office for distribution at those workshops or for use at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Delegates. The USCF's auditor shall be contractually required to provide a copy of the certified audit, including all footnotes, schedules, supplements and opinions, in electronic form. (Such as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file.) The certified audit shall be made available on the USCF website when it is made available to Delegates. Copies of workshop handouts or other documents not submitted in advance should be gathered by the USCF staff during the workshops and Delegates Meeting and converted into electronic form so that they can be made available on the USCF website soon afterwards.

The above items are to be included in the Delegate Actions of

Continuing Interest.

ADM 02-44 (Mike Nolan, NE; on behalf of Bruce Draney, NE): Tournament Life announcements (TLA's) may not be for events that begin prior to the 22nd day of the month in which that issue of *Chess Life* is expected to be delivered except by specific request of the tournament organizer submitting the TLA.

ADM 02-45 (Larry Cohen, IL): Propose that all Grand Prix events be charged a flat \$5 fee.

Sponsor's Rationale: Even with a sponsor (corporate or non-corporate) the USCF still bears the costs of running and administering the Grand Prix. This fee would cover some or all of this cost.

ADM 02-46 (Denis Barry, AZ; Doris Barry, AZ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ; Herman Drenth, NJ; Joe Ippolito, NJ; Tim Redman, TX; Helen Warren, IL; Jim Warren, IL; George John, TX): The Delegates hereby reappoint Bill Kelleher to another term as FIDE Delegate, Jim Eade to another term as FIDE Zonal President, and nominate Steve Doyle to another term as FIDE Vice President.

Sponsors' Rationale: This team has worked effectively together and should continue to work on USCF's behalf in FIDE.

ADM 02-47 (Denis Barry, AZ; Doris Barry, AZ; Leroy Dubeck, NJ): USCF financial reports will be posted on the USCF Website on a quarterly basis.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE USCF MARKETING INITIATIVES CHECK OUT WWW.USCHESS.ORG FOR MORE INFO

- July 13, 2002 Downing Park, Newburgh, New York
- August 10, 2002 Fishkill, New York

- August 17, 2002 Amenia, New York

- September 7-8, 2002 Yonkers, New York
- September 21 Harlem, New York

- September 25-28 New York City, New York

- October 15-22 Long Beach, California

- October 19 Los Angeles, California

Daylong Simul with for a day of fun and festivities. USCF is sponsoring Hudson Valley Renegades Diamond Dig Baseball Game. Check out our web banner at www.hvrenegades.com World Peace Festival. Chess Simul, Music, vendors, food. Representatives from every country around the world come. The Cultural Festival Latino. Music, crafts, vendors, food, and fun. 2002 HEAF Chess Festival with GM Maurice Ashley and other celebrities, such as the NY Knicks, Joe Ausiano (Former NY Yankee), Dustin Diamond, Chris Botti, Michael Gladis and many others. USCF is partnering with USAopoly and the Daily News to produce a tournament for the under-18 crowd in New York. This is the official launch of the Yankees vs. Mets USAopoly Chess Game 49th National Girl Scout Convention. USCF is partnering with GamesParlor and American Chess Foundation. Celebrity Pro-Am Event with American Chess Foundation more details to follow.

Paid Display Ads published for the first four months of 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 in Chess Life Magazine.

Display	January	February	March	April	TOTAL
1999	28	26	26	18	98
2000	22	21	23	22	88
2001	18	0*	22	19**	59
2002	21	21	14	14	70

* combined January/February Issue ** includes ads that were sold in the catalog issue