

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
January 12, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the “UCA” or the “Association”) convened in the first floor conference room (Room 146) of the Abraham Markosian Library at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College, 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123, at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. The following Board members, constituting a quorum for holding the meeting and for the regular conduct of business, were in attendance:

David Day, President
Bryan Leña, Vice President
Steve Hoisington, Secretary
Allen Bolen
Kari Roach, Treasurer (in attendance from approximately 7:30 p.m.)

The following non-members were also in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Brenda Black
Clancey Black
Dan Troff
Kayden Troff
Kim Troff

1. Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the regular Board meeting held December 3, 2015, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0. (The original vote, which was taken before Kari Roach arrived at the meeting, was 4-0; upon her arrival, Ms. Roach indicated she wished to be recorded as voting “yea” to approve the minutes.)

2. Special Matters

A. Kayden Troff – Eagle Scout Project

The President proposed that the Board next consider a special matter involving a request from Kayden Troff and his parents regarding an Eagle Scout project. The President indicated that due to other commitments that the Troff family had later that evening, they had requested to present their matter as early as possible during the meeting. The specific request presented was for planning and publicity support for a

chess camp that Kayden Troff planned to conduct for approximately 20 to 50 underprivileged students sometime before May 6, 2016, with the second half of March being the period tentatively set for the event. The Troffs stated that the camp would be held to fulfill one of the requirements for Kayden's Eagle Scout badge. Following a general discussion of the project, including scheduling and venue issues, a consensus emerged that the UCA would provide publicity for the event on its website and, if and to the extent practical, also provide advice and other assistance in arranging a venue. Because no financial commitment was involved, no formal vote was taken on this matter.

B. Jeffery Scott – Resignation from the Board

The President, David Day, reported that Jeffery Scott had resigned from the Board and had delivered his signed letter of resignation, which Mr. Day requested the Secretary to file with the official records of the Association. (A copy of Mr. Scott's resignation is attached as Appendix D, below.) It was further reported that Jeffery Scott had expressed his willingness, notwithstanding his resignation from the Board, to serve a Chief TD for the Igor Ivanov Memorial on January 23rd, as originally planned.

The President then noted that pursuant to Article IV, Section 9 of the Association's By-laws, the Board has the power to select a replacement to fill the remaining term for the open seat (which runs until the Annual Meeting in 2017), but did not necessarily need to do so immediately. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to table until a later date any action on filling the open seat vacated by Mr. Scott's resignation.

C. Website Committee

Allen Bolen, chair of the website committee, reported that Gerardo Blanco, who had previously agreed to do the programming for the new website, has resigned from the project. Mr. Bolen further reported that the work that was to have been done by Gerardo Blanco will not be undertaken by Satya Janakiram (the designer for the project) and that someone else will need to be found to perform the programming work. Mr. Bolen undertook to present to the Board as soon as possible one or more options for completing the programming work.

3. Treasurer's Report; Scholastic Account

The Treasurer, Kari Roach, reported that the balance in the Association's general account as of the meeting date was \$8,209.39, with \$4,999.62 of such total held in the Association's checking account at Zions Bank, and a balance of \$3,209.77 held in the Association's PayPal account. This constitutes an increase of \$573.62 from the

aggregate balance reported at the previous meeting. It was noted that the reported sub-account balances were the amounts prior to the monthly transfer of \$500 from the PayPay account to the checking account at Zions Bank that would occur in the near future. It was also noted that the reported balance could be regarded as artificially inflated since it includes \$500 received from AMP as its sponsorship of the 2015 Grand Prix competition that will be due to be paid out in prizes at the end of the year, and that the amounts funded by the general account and the scholastic account would also be paid as soon as possible after 2015 prizes were approved by the Board. (See paragraph 6.A. below.)

The Treasurer, Kari Roach, reported that the aggregate balance in the Association's scholastic accounts was \$16,467.94, which is unchanged from the previous meeting. By subaccount, the balances are: \$2,591.31 allocated to the high school account, \$2,896.95 allocated to the Junior High School account, and \$10,979.68 allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account.

4. Recent Tournaments

The Holiday Rapid held December 12, 2015, in Salt Lake City was won by Bryan Leño on a score of 3.5/4. Alexander Gustafsson was clear second on 3.0/4, and three players (Ben Balter, Isaac Balter and Gabriel Zhao) were equal third on scores of 2.5/4. The Reserve (U-1500) Section resulted in a three-way tie for first place among Trey Haight, Akekasith Kesavadhana and Jonathan Williams on scores of 3.0/4. The Holiday Rapid had a net profit of \$29.25. A Profit and Loss Statement for the tournament is attached as Appendix A-1, below.

The RBO Throwdown for players rated Under-1200, also held December 12, 2015, in Salt Lake City, was won by Benjamin Watanabe on a perfect score of 4.0/4. The U-800 section was won by Zichen Zeng on a perfect score of 4.0/4, and the U-400 section was won by Daniel Wang on a perfect score of 4.0/4. The RBO Throwdown had a net loss of \$21.50. A Profit and Loss Statement for the tournament is attached as Appendix A-2, below. Mr. Day noted that the primary purpose of this event is to attract new players to participate in UCA tournaments and that in his view, a small financial loss is an acceptable result. This is especially so since the turnout of approximately 60 players in the three sections included 36 new scholastic (voucher) memberships in USCF, as well as one new adult member.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for the first ten months of 2016, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
January 23	Igor Ivanov Memorial Warnock Engineering Bldg. ("WEB")	Jeffery Scott Bryan Leaño

(Tournament schedule continues on next page.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
January 30	West Jordan Scholastic (non-USCF-rated) West Jordan High School	Doug Duncan
February 6	Dilworth Elementary Tournament (K-9)	Christine Ibarra
February 20	All-Girls Championship (K-12) Beacon Heights	David Day Bryan Leaño
February 26-27	High School Championship Waterford School (Sandy)	David Day Gina Mason
February 26-27	Junior H. S. Championship Waterford School (Sandy)	David Day Blake Walker
February 27	Speed Championship (G/4, inc/2) Warnock Engineering Bldg. ("WEB")	Steve Hoisington
March 12	State Elementary Championship (K-6) University Union Bldg.	Bill Clark
March 19	Salt Lake Open (2nd Annual) Warnock Engineering Bldg. ("WEB")	David Day
April 30	Class Championships Venue: ("WEB")	Bryan Leaño
May 14	G/60 Championship Warnock Engineering Bldg. ("WEB")	Steve Hoisington
June TBD	Senior Championship	TBD
June TBD	Nifty Under Fifty	TBD
July TBD	Blitz Championship	TBD
August TBD	Farewell Bobby Fischer Memorial – IX	TBD
October TBD	Utah Open	TBD

The Igor Ivanov Memorial tournament will be held on Saturday, January 23rd in the WEB Building, with Jeffery Scott and Bryan Leaño serving as organizers and TDs. It will be the first Grand Prix Event of 2016. (See paragraph 6.B., below.)

David Day and Bryan Leaño will jointly run the All-Girls Championship on February 20th, at Beacon Heights Elementary (1850 South 2500 East, Salt Lake City). The following weekend, Bill Clark will be chief TD for both the High School and the Junior High School State Championship tournaments on Friday and Saturday, February 26-27, at the Waterford School (1480 East 9400 South, Sandy). David Day, along with Bill Clark, Kristin South, Gina Mason, and Blake Walker have done much of the organizational work for these tournaments.

The Speed Championship (G/4, inc/2) will be held on Saturday, February 27th in the WEB Building, with Steve Hoisington serving as chief TD. The 2nd Annual Salt Lake Open will be held on Saturday, March 19th in the WEB Building, with David Day serving as chief TD. The Class Championships will be held on Saturday, April 30th in the WEB Building, with David Day serving as chief TD.

There was a discussion of strategies for maintaining a successful schedule of scholastic events in light of the waning interest (*i.e.*, “burnout”) of two individuals who have been leaders in organizing such tournaments in recent years. A consensus developed for a strategy involving having the UCA run (or at least actively oversee) all state scholastic championships (including the All-Girls tournament), running reserve sections in scholastic tournaments with low rating ceilings (to encourage new participants) and assisting other interested organizers in running non-rated tournaments.

There was also an extended discussion of the possibility of holding a Junior Championship, an idea that was proposed by guest participants in the meeting, Brenda Black and Clancey Black, who noted that many states hold such a championship. There was a general discussion of the concept, including consideration of when it could be scheduled, without reaching any conclusions.

Other future tournaments were discussed, as summarized in the table above. It was noted during the discussion that the “State Prep” tournament, which had been on the calendar for January 16th, has been cancelled.

6. Grand Prix Competition

A. 2015 Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Holiday Rapid and the RBO Throwdown, each held December 12, 2015, and presented year-to-date standings for the Grand Prix competition. Copies of those results and standings are attached as Appendices B-1, B-2 and B-3, below. After those tournaments, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings (Premier Competition) were: (1) Bryan Leaño

199.66; (2) Eric Hon 190.5; (3) Steve Gordon 94.16; (4) David Vasquez 89.83; (5) Ben Balter 84.83; (6) Michael Brown 55.5; (7) Alexander Gustafsson 42; (8) Matthew Boren 41.5; (9) Alex Hall 35.5; and (10) Jesse Johnson 34.

The leaders in the Reserve Section of the Grand Prix competition (Scholastic division) were: (1) Jonathan Williams 127; (2) Benjamin Watanabe 109.75; (3) Oliver Diaz Moore 83.58; (4) Ujan Ray 71.83; (5) Gatlin Black 61; (6) Brendon Young 57.08; (7) Henry Chen 47.25; (8) Kyle Reeder 46.5; (9) Sraavya Pinjala 42.25; and (10) Luis Goodrich 39.25; and the leaders in the Adult division were: (1) Charles Rasmussen 73.33; (2) Charles T. Evans 59.17; (3) Isaac Balter 31.33; (4) Josh Gilman 24; (5-6) Stetson Black 21; and Matthew Boren 21; (7) Richard Handoko 19.66; (8) Stephen Black 18; (9) Gerardo Blanco 16.8; and (10) Andrew Griffey 16.5.

After reporting these results and standings, the Secretary proposed that the final standings and prizes as summarized on Appendix B-3 be approved by the Board. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

B. 2016 Competition

There followed a discussion of the Grand Prix (“GP”) competition for 2016, which had been approved in concept at the December meeting. (See paragraph 6.B. of the minutes for the meeting of December 3, 2015.) The Secretary distributed proposed sets of rules and prizes for 2016, which, upon motion duly made and seconded, were both approved unanimously by a vote of 5-0. The rules and prize structure as approved are attached as Appendices C-1 and C-2, below.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

There were discussions of several additional topics, as summarized below:

A. Website Committee

See paragraph 2.C., above.

B. Residency Requirement for State Titles

This matter was tabled for consideration at a later meeting.

C. On-Going Topics

The following topics of on-going consideration by the Board were not addressed at this meeting and will be considered at a later date: (1) Mission Statement/Vision Statement (See section 7. B. of minutes for the meeting of January 29, 2015); (2) Regional Liaisons (See section 7. B. of minutes for the meeting of December 6, 2014); (3) Membership Survey (See section 7.D. of minutes for the meeting of April 11, 2015; and (4) Membership Criteria (See section 7.E. of minutes for the meeting of April 11, 2015).

8. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was originally scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, to convene at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room (Room 146) of the Abraham Markosian Library at the Taylorsville Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College, 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123. (The meeting was subsequently rescheduled to be held on Thursday, March 24, 2016, to convene at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the same location as originally scheduled.)

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Utah Chess Holiday Rapid (G/25, +10)

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Parlor "A"

A. Ray Olpin University Union
University of Utah
200 South Central Campus Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Profit and Loss Statement

Revenue

Entry Fees (*)		
Online Reg.cc	\$179.00	
Cash	195.00	
Checks	15.00	
Cash Refunds	<u>(10.00)</u>	
TOTAL ENTRY FEES		\$379.00
TOTAL REVENUES		\$379.00

Expense

Cash Prizes (**)		
Open Section	(\$180.00)	
Reserve (U-1500)	<u>(130.00)</u>	
TOTAL CASH PRIZES		(\$310.00)
Trophies (***)		0.00
Room Rental (****)		(32.00)
Rating Report		<u>(7.75)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE		(\$349.75)
NET PROFIT		\$29.25

Notes:

(*) –Cash entry fees (“EF”) include one player’s advance EF for the Open Section (\$20) paid to the UCA President and deposited by him directly into the UCA general account. Online EF are estimated based on five EF for the Open Section (at \$20 each) and six EF for the Reserve Section (at \$15.00) less a fee of \$1.00 for each of the eleven (11) players who registered online. Two players who registered online for the Open Section and subsequently requested to play in the Reserve Section were paid cash refunds on-site of Five Dollars (\$5.00) each.

Notes (continued):

(**) – Prizes for the tournament were advertised as “b/15 paid entries” per section. Prizes for the Open Section (10 paid entries) were paid at 70% of the nominal amount, rounded **up** to the closest even multiple of \$5; and prizes for the Reserve (U-1500) Section (10 paid entries) were paid at 70% of the nominal amount, rounded **up** to the closest even multiple of \$5. For further detail on cash prizes, see Appendix A, below.

(***) – No trophies were awarded for this tournament since it is a minor tournament and not a championship event.

(****) – Parlor “A” was rented at a discounted rate of \$32.00 for the tournament due to its having been reserved by a University-affiliated member of the UCA Board.

[End of notes]

Appendix A

Detail of Prizes Awarded

Open Section

Cash Awards

First Place	Bryan Leañó	\$55
Second Place	Alexander Gustafsson	\$35
Class “A” – 1 st	Gabriel Zhao	\$30
Class “B” – 1 st	Ben Balter	\$30
Class “C” and below – 1 st	Isaac Balter	\$30

Reserve Section (U-150)

Cash Awards

(First Place & (Second Place & (Top Unrated Class "E" and below – 1 st	Trey Haight Akekasith Kesavadhana Jonathan Williams Ujan Ray	\$35 \$35 \$35 \$25
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Utah Chess 2015 RBO Throwdown

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Pano East

A. Ray Olpin University Union
University of Utah
200 South Central Campus Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Profit and Loss Statement

Revenue

Entry Fees

Online Reg.cc	\$367.00	
Checks	25.00	
<u>Cash</u>	<u>60.00</u>	
TOTAL ENTRY FEES		\$452.00

TOTAL REVENUES **\$452.00**

Expense

Cash Prizes

U1200 Section	(\$100.00)	
U800 Section	(\$95.00)	
U400 Section	(\$115.00)	
<u>TOTAL CASH PRIZES</u>		<u>(\$310.00)</u>

Paypal and online charges (70.00)

Room Rental (65.00)

Rating Report (28.50)

TOTAL EXPENSE **(\$473.50)**

NET PROFIT **(\$21.50)**

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **AMP Security** and **UCA Scholastic Account**

Points Earned at the Holiday Rapid

December 12, 2015

Premier Competition

1	Bryan LEAÑO	21
2	Alexander GUSTAFSSON	15
3-5	Ben BALTER	10
	Isaac BALTER	10
	Gabriel ZHAO	10
6-7	Charles RASMUSSEN	5
	Ryan WEST	5

Reserve Competition (*) **Under 1500 Section**

1-3	Trey HAIGHT (S)	16
	Akekasith KESAVADHANA (A)	16
	Jonathan WILLIAMS (S)	16
4	Ujan RAY (S)	10
5-6	Luis GOODRICH (S)	7
	Sraavya PINJALA (S)	7

(*) - Note: In the results for the Reserve Competition each player's presumed status as either Adult (A) or Scholastic (S) is indicated after his name. A final determination of each player's status for prize purposes shall, in accordance with the rules of the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix, be made as of December 31, 2015, based on whether the player is pre-school through grade 12 (Scholastic Division) or neither pre-school nor a student in K-12 (Adult Division).

Appendix B-2

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

Sponsored by **AMP Security** and **UCA Scholastic Account**

Points Earned at the RBO Throwdown (#)

December 12, 2015

Reserve Competition (*) Under 1200 Section

1	Benjamin WATANABE (S)	21
2-5	Henry CHEN (S)	11.25
	Oliver DIAZ MOORE (S)	11.25
	Andy HUO (S)	11.25
	Leya JOSEPH (S)	11.25
6-7	Jake BOLEN (S)	5
	Brendon YOUNG (S)	5

Reserve Competition (*) Under 800 Section

1	Zichen ZENG (S)	21
2	Randy HUO (S)	15
3-7	Kiley ALMOND (S)	8
	Tristan COHEN-RIDER (S)	8

Natalie GERMANOV (S)	8
Sapphire WANG (S)	8
Dylan WOODBURY (S)	8

Reserve Competition (*)
Under 400 Section

1	Daniel WANG (S)	21
2	Audrey YOUNG (S)	15
3-6	Ethan ALMOND (S)	9
	Spencer BRATTON (S)	9
	Tomo SATO (S)	9
	Zhoucheng WANG (S)	9

Notes:

(#) – Pursuant to the vote of the UCA Board of Directors prior to the tournament, all sections of this event awarded *Reserve* Grand Prix Points.

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Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

Sponsored by **AMP Security** and **UCA Scholastic Account**

**Premier Standings through
the Holiday Rapid and RBO Throwdown**

Final Standings for 2015

December 12, 2015

Premier Competition

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (*)</u>
1	Bryan LEAÑO	199.66	\$200
2	Eric HON	190.5	\$150
3	Steve GORDON	94.16	\$100
4	David VASQUEZ	89.83	\$75
5	Ben BALTER	84.83	\$50
6	Michael BROWN	55.5	\$25
7	Alexander GUSTAFSSON	42	
8	Matthew BOREN	41.5	
9	Alex HALL	35.5	
10	Jesse JOHNSON	34	
11	Philip HUMPHERYS	33.33	
12	Gabriel ZHAO	28	
13	Sam MASON	27	
14	Charles RASMUSSEN	26.5	
15-16	Clancey BLACK	25	

	Alexander QI	25	
17-20	Gatlin BLACK	21	
	Brandon CLARKE	21	
	John COFFEY	21	
<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (*)</u>
[17-20]	Scott TREIMAN	21	
21-23	Grant HODSON	18	
	Juan ZHANG	18	
	Bobby ZHOU	18	
24	Stephen YU	17.33	
25	Jeffery SCOTT	16	
26-28	Jared MENARD	15	
	Hans MORROW	15	
	Bradley TEW	15	
29-31	Jarod BUUS	13.5	
	Brett MERRILL	13.5	
	Jamie OLSEN-MILLS	13.5	
32-33	Steve HOISINGTON	13	
	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	13	
34	James GUYMON	12.33	
35-38	Bryan GUO	11.25	
	Jacob LYONS	11.25	
	Brendon YOUNG	11.25	
	Wensen ZHANG	11.25	
39	Frank ROCKWOOD	11	
40	Charles T. EVANS	10.5	
41	Isaac BALTER	10	
42	Shahram NAZARINIA	9	
43-45	Kim BARNEY	8	
	David DAY	8	
	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	8	
46-48	Nadew HAILE	7	
	Adam ISOM	7	
	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	7	
49-52	Dietrich GEISLER	6	
	Nicholas HAWKINS	6	
	Andrew ROACH	6	
	Jonathan WILLIAMS	6	
53-55	David CATALINI	5	
	Harrison UNRUH	5	

	Ryan WEST	5
56-57	Stephen BLACK	4.5
	Stetson BLACK	4.5

Note to Premier Standings:

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Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Reserve Standings through
the Holiday Rapid and RBO Throwdown

Final Standings for 2015

December 12, 2015

Reserve Competition Adult Division (*)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (**)</u>
1	Charles RASMUSSEN (***)	73.33	\$125
2	Charles T. EVANS (***)	59.17	\$100
3	Isaac BALTER	31.33	\$75
4	Josh GILMAN	24	\$50
5-6	Stetson BLACK	21	\$25
	Matthew BOREN	21	\$25
7	Richard HANDOKO	19.66	
8	Stephen BLACK	18	
9	Gerardo BLANCO	16.8	
10	Andrew GRIFFEY	16.5	
11	Akekasith KESAVADHANA	16	
12	Ryan WEST	13.5	
13	John OLDROYD	11	
14	Spencer HOLMES	7.8	
15	Bradley TEW	7.33	
16-18	Jordan BIGELOW	5	
	Spencer FELDT	5	
	Kipman WERKING	5	

[Reserve Standings for Scholastic Division begin on next page.]

Reserve Competition
Scholastic Division (*)

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (**)</u>
1	Jonathan WILLIAMS (***)	127	\$125
2	Benjamin WATANABE (***)	109.75	\$100
3	Oliver DIAZ MOORE (***)	83.58	\$75
4	Ujan RAY (***)	71.83	\$50
5	Gatlin BLACK (***)	61	\$30
6	Brendon YOUNG (***)	57.08	\$20
7	Henry CHEN (***)	47.25	
8	Kyle REEDER (***)	46.5	
9	Sraavya PINJALA (***)	42.25	
10	Luis GOODRICH (***)	39.25	
11	Wesly HARSTON	34.5	
12	Trey HAIGHT (***)	33	
13	Josef YOUNG	29	
14	Kevin XU	28.5	
15	Emily HOGUE	23	
16	Andy HUO	22.5	
17	Bryan GUO	21.33	
18	Zoe DIAZ MOORE (***)	21.2	
19-21	Jacob YOUNG	21	
	Daniel WANG	21	
	Zichen ZENG	21	
22	Jacob LYONS	20.83	
23	Leya JOSEPH	18.25	
24-26	Benjamin JARDINE	18	

	Austin ROACH	18
	Jonah TREITLER	18
27	Justin DONG	16.5

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (**)</u>
28-29	Spencer HINDMAN	16	
	Wentao ZHANG	16	
30-34	Andrew BERGENTHAL	15	
	Randy HUO	15	
	Santiago IBARRA	15	
	David TROTTIER	15	
	Audrey YOUNG	15	
35	Anthony LIU	14.8	
36	Natalie GERMANOV	14	
37-39	Will LARSEN	13.5	
	Ethan LYONS	13.5	
	Alan ZHAO	13.5	
40	Anna LEE	12.67	
41	Dylan WOODBURY	12.4	
42	Alexander QI	12.33	
43-45	Ian LEUVEN	12	
	Joseph STAY	12	
	Kyle TRACY	12	
46-48	Benjamin BRISENO	10	
	Adam DAY	10	
	Tom ZHANG	10	
49-58	Ethan ALMOND	9	
	Spencer BRATTON	9	
	Samuel BRISENO	9	
	Liam HANRAHAN	9	
	Benjamin LUDLOW	9	
	Tomo SATO	9	
	Matthew SNYDER	9	
	Nicolai WACHT	9	
	Zhoucheng WANG	9	
	Wensen ZHANG	9	
59-65	Kiley ALMOND	8	
	Tristan COHEN-RIDER	8	
	Jacinda LEE	8	
	Thomas STAY	8	
	Sapphire WANG	8	
	William WOOLDRIDGE	8	
	Shiva YESHLUR	8	
66	Kaitlyn CAO	7.8	
67	Jack FAN	7.33	
68-70	Andres IBARRA	7	

Thomas JARDINE
Jacob NATHAN

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total GP Points</u>	<u>Year-end Prize (**)</u>
71-75	Michael FOUTZ	6	
	Alex LARSEN	6	
	Shayan PANDIT	6	
	George WINTRISS II	6	
	Zachary WOOLDRIDGE	6	
76	Jake BOLEN	5	
77	Kunal KAMTEKAR	4.67	
78-80	Barrett PETTY	4.4	
	Ash STEIN	4.4	
	Ryan SU	4.4	

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(*) – Standings for the Reserve Competition are presented based on each player's presumed status as either Adult or Scholastic. A final determination of each player's status for prize purposes shall, in accordance with the rules of the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix, be made as of December 31, 2015, based on whether the player is pre-school through grade 12 (Scholastic Division) or neither pre-school nor a student in K-12 (Adult Division).

(**) – Prizes are listed for illustrative purposes only to indicate the amount of the prize to be awarded at the end of the year to whoever holds the associated place in the year-end standings as finally approved by the UCA Board in January 2016. **No prizes have yet been officially earned by the players currently holding those places.**

(***) – Fourteen players have met the convertibility criterion under Section 5.C. (also see Sections 5.D. and 5. E.) of the Regulations for 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix and become entitled to convert Premier GP Points earned in other tournaments to count also in the Reserve competition. In the Adult Division, Charles Rasmussen's total of 73.33 Reserve GP Points includes 26.5 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his equal fourth placement in the Under-1600 section at the Utah Open Championship. Charles T. Evans's total of 59.17 Reserve GP Points includes 10.5 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his equal first placement in the Under-1600 section at the Utah Open Championship. In the Scholastic Division, Jonathan Williams's total of 127 Reserve GP Points includes 6 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his clear first placement in the Reserve section of the 2015 Utah Quick Championship. Gatlin Black's total of 61 Reserve GP Points includes 21 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his equal fifth placement in the Class C/D section of the 2015 Utah Class Championships. Brendon Young's total of 57.08 Reserve GP Points includes 11.25 Premier GP Points that became convertible to Reserve GP Points when he earned Reserve GP Points in his third event during 2015 by his clear fifth placement in the Reserve section of the 2015 Utah Quick Championship. Benjamin Watanabe has earned 109.75 Reserve GP Points in seven separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Oliver Diaz Moore has earned 83.58 Reserve GP Points in five separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Ujan Ray has earned 71.83 Reserve GP Points in six separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Henry Chen has earned 47.25 Reserve GP Points in three separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Kyle Reeder has earned 46.5 Reserve GP Points in three separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Sraavya Pinjala has earned 42.25 Reserve GP Points in four separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Luis Goodrich has earned 39.25 Reserve GP Points in three separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Trey Haight has earned 33 Reserve GP Points in three separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Zoe Diaz Moore has earned 21.2 Reserve GP Points in three separate events (thereby meeting the convertibility criterion). Benjamin Watanabe, Oliver Diaz Moore, Ujan Ray, Henry Chen, Kyle Reeder, Sraavya Pinjala, Luis Goodrich, Trey Haight and Zoe Diaz Moore did not earn any Premier GP Points in 2015.

Regulations for
2016 Utah Chess Grand Prix

The Utah Chess Association (the “UCA” or the “Association”) shall sponsor a Grand Prix competition during 2016 (the “Utah Chess Grand Prix” or the “Grand Prix”) in accordance with the following rules (the “Utah Chess Grand Prix Regulations” or these “Regulations”):

1. Grand Prix Competition - General

A. Grand Prix Competition. The Utah Chess Grand Prix competition shall involve the awarding of “Grand Prix” points (“GP Points”) based on placements of players in individual tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA during 2016 (“GP Events”, as defined more fully in Section 2., below). Participation in the Utah Chess Grand Prix shall be open to all current members in good standing of the United States Chess Federation (“USCF”).

B. Defined terms: “Sponsored” and “Sanctioned”. For purposes of Section 1.A. and other provisions of these Regulations that refer to tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA:

(i) a tournament “sponsored” by the UCA means a tournament (a) more than one-half (1/2) of whose costs are underwritten by the UCA and/or parties who (1) donate funds for such purpose at the solicitation of the UCA or otherwise for the specific purpose of providing financial assistance to the UCA in organizing tournaments; and (2) may (or may not) receive promotional consideration for such sponsorship but do not directly participate in the distribution of profits (if any) resulting from such tournament; and (b) all or a proportionate share (*i.e.*, in

proportion to the share of costs underwritten) of the profits (if any) from which are either (1) retained by the UCA or (2) donated to a charitable or other beneficiary of the tournament (e.g., the Red Cross or official representatives of the State of Utah at national tournaments such as the Arnold Denker tournament of High School Champions) as designated by the Board of the UCA;

(ii) a tournament “sanctioned” by the UCA means a tournament (a) that is not sponsored by the UCA (e.g., a tournament at least one-half [1/2] of the costs of which are underwritten by a person or entity *other than* the UCA [and/or another party or parties as described in clause (a) of paragraph (i) of this Section 1.B.] who has a claim to all or a share of resulting profits [if any]), but (b) the organizing and running of which is specifically approved in advance (*i.e.*, by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof) by resolution of the Board of the UCA; and

(iii) the fact that the UCA is the sponsoring affiliate of a tournament for purposes of rating report submittal (i) shall not *ipso facto* render such tournament one “sponsored” by the UCA; and (ii) shall not otherwise have any bearing on the determination whether such tournament is “sponsored” by the UCA for purposes of Section 1. A. or any other provision of these Regulations.

2. GP Events

A. Determination of which Tournaments are “GP Events” - General. Except as otherwise specifically provided, GP Points shall be awarded for all blitz-rated, quick-rated, regular-rated and dual-rated tournaments during the year that are (i) sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA; and (ii) either open or closed by qualification tournaments, as respectively defined in section 2.D. (1) and (2), below, (such tournaments being herein referred to as “GP Events”) in accordance with the schedule set forth in section 3., below.

B. Unrated Tournaments. No GP Points shall be awarded for events that are unrated. For all purposes of these Regulations, a tournament shall be

considered “rated” if but only if it is rated (regular, dual, quick or blitz) by the USCF, regardless of whether it is rated under the auspices of any other organization or person.

- C. Utah Open and State Championship. Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Board of the UCA, GP Points for the Utah Open Championship and the Utah State Chess Championship shall be awarded at one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of the nominal rate set forth in section 3.A., below.
- D. Defined terms: “Open” and “Closed by Qualification” Tournaments.
- (1) A tournament is “open” if any player holding a current membership in the U. S. Chess Federation (USCF) is eligible to play subject only to timely submission of entry information and payment of entry fee.
- (2) A tournament is “closed by qualification” if eligibility to participate is contingent upon a player’s meeting specified objective qualification criteria, *e.g.*, meeting a rating limitation, winning or achieving another specified result (such as achieving a “plus” score) in another tournament designated as a qualifying event., etc. The term “closed by qualification” does not include a tournament that is closed by invitation, *e.g.*, a tournament in which eligibility to participate is subject to the subjective selection of the organizer(s).
- E. Age-Restricted Tournaments and Similar Cases. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these Regulations, (i) due to the age restrictions on participation therein the Senior Championship and any tournament similarly restricted to players in a defined age (or academic grade) range (such as qualifier tournaments for the national Arnold Denker and Dewain Barber tournaments) shall not be GP Events, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements in any such tournament unless there is a counterpart (and substantially contemporaneous) tournament (or several

such substantially contemporaneous tournaments each of which) meets the requirements for a “GP Event” as set forth in section 2.A., above, and in which players not eligible for the age-restricted tournament can compete for Grand Prix Points, in which case both (or all) such contemporaneous tournaments shall be GP Events; and (ii) any “quad” tournament or other event in which the number of players per section is limited **by the announced terms of the event** to eight (8) or fewer participants shall not be GP Events, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements in any such tournament. As used herein, two tournaments are “substantially contemporaneous” if their respective playing schedules at least partially coincide.

F. Team Tournaments. Team tournaments shall not be GP Events, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements therein. The reason for the exclusion of team tournaments is that they are not events in which the primary competition is for individual placements

G. Weekly Quick/Blitz Tournaments. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in these Regulations, the weekly Saturday afternoon quick/blitz tournaments typically held at Salt Lake Community College shall not be GP Events and no GP Points shall be awarded in connection with these tournaments.

H. Authority of the UCA Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provisions of these Regulations, the Board of Directors of the UCA (the “Board of the UCA”) shall have final authority to determine whether any particular tournament shall be a GP Event by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof, and the Board of the UCA shall also have final authority to determine (notwithstanding any contradictory or inconsistent provision set forth in these Regulations) whether GP Points for any particular GP Event shall be awarded at the nominal rate specified in section 3.A.,

below, or at a reduced (less than 100%) or increased (more than 100%) rate relative to the nominal rate, *provided* such determination is made by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof. Any such vote to determine (i) whether a particular tournament shall be a GP Event and/or (ii) the rate at which GP Points shall be awarded for any particular GP Event may be taken either (a) in the manner generally prescribed for action by the Board of Directors in the Association's By-laws or (b) by the vote of a majority of Directors recorded by e-mail sent to the Secretary prior to the applicable deadline.

3. Calculation and Award of GP Points

- A. Nominal Rate. GP Points shall be awarded based on players' placements in GP Events. The nominal rate for awarding GP Points shall be in accordance with the following scale: First place – 21 points; second place – 15 points; third place – 12 points; fourth place – 10 points; fifth place – 8 points; sixth place – 6 points; additional players tied for sixth place – 4 points each.
- B. Classes of GP Points. There shall be two types (or classes) of GP Points awarded in the various GP Events held during 2016: in general, for the top section, Premier GP Points shall be awarded, and for all other sections, Reserve GP Points shall be awarded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any GP Event or section thereof that does not have at least one player with a USCF pre-event rating of at least 1600 shall award Reserve GP Points notwithstanding that it may have been the top section of that event. The type of rating to be used in applying this test shall be the same type (regular, quick or blitz) as the one for which the event is to be rated. For dual-rated events, the regular rating shall be used in applying this test. The term “pre-event rating” shall mean the rating appearing in the crosstable for the event as published on-line at the official USCF website (www.uschess.org).
- C. Class Championships. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.B., above, or any other provision of these regulations, for the annual Utah Class Championships any section that includes Class A players (USCF regular rating of 1800-1999) and/or Class B players (USCF regular rating of 1600-1799) shall award Premier GP Points even if it is not the top section of that tournament.
- D. Tied Placements. GP Points shall be awarded before applying any tie-break procedures. Specifically, players with equal total tournament point scores for any GP Event shall be considered as tying for the relevant placements for that event for the purpose of awarding GP Points, and all such players shall

receive equal GP Points for that event in an amount equal to the average (arithmetic mean) of points awarded for the several placements for which they tied. For example, if two players tie for first and second places in a GP Event that awards GP Points at the nominal rate, each shall receive eighteen (18) GP Points $[(21 + 15) / 2 = 36 / 2 = 18]$ (See section 5, below.); if three players tie for first through third places in a GP Event that awards GP Points at the nominal rate, each shall receive sixteen (16) GP Points $[(21 + 15 + 12) / 3 = 48 / 3 = 16]$. Tournament points earned in any GP Event for games won by forfeit or for scheduled byes (either half-point or full-point byes) shall be fully equivalent to tournament points earned for games played for the purpose of determining placements and for all other purposes of calculating awards of GP Points.

- E. Tied Placements Including Sixth and Lower Places. In the event the final placements in a GP Event involve a tie among several players including sixth place and one or more places lower than sixth, each place below sixth for which a player has a score tied for sixth place shall be awarded 4 points.
- F. Premium GP Events. The foregoing scale (as set forth in section 3.A., above, shall be adjusted in accordance with section 2.C., above, for the Utah Open Championship and the Utah Chess State Championship. [For example, a player taking clear first in the Utah Open would earn 31.50 GP Points (150% of the nominal rate)].
- G. Small Turnout. If fewer than six players participate in any GP Event, the foregoing scale shall apply only through the number of placements equal to the number of participants. A player who plays at least one move in one scheduled game shall be deemed to have participated in the tournament. A player scoring zero tournament points in any GP Event in which fewer than six players score one-half or more tournament points shall be entitled to receive GP Points in accordance with the foregoing scale based on his or her

placement in the tournament *provided* he or she played at least one game during such tournament. For the purpose of applying the foregoing proviso, a player shall be deemed to have “played” a game if he or she completed at least one move on the board. In the absence of clear evidence to the contrary, a game shall be presumed to have been “played” if it appears in the relevant crosstable as a rated game (as opposed to a game lost by forfeit by a player who has played no moves, which is not eligible to be rated pursuant to the USCF’s Official Rules of Chess, 6th Edition, Section 8 [The USCF Rating System], section 1).

4. **Further Illustrations of Tied Placements.**

To illustrate further the calculation of points for tied placements, if four (4) players tie for fifth through eighth places in a GP Event (other than the Utah Open or Utah Chess State Championship), each of those players shall receive 5.50 GP Points, calculated as follows: $(8 + 6 + 4 + 4) / 4 = 22 / 4 = 5.50$. [Note that since this example assumes a tie involving sixth place and extending through eighth place, each of seventh and eighth places was awarded 4 GP Points pursuant to sections 3.A. and 3.E., above.] To give another example, if five players tie for sixth through tenth places in a GP Event (other than the Utah Open or Utah Chess State Championship), each such player shall receive 4.40 GP Points, calculated as follows: $(6 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4) / 5 = 22 / 5 = 4.40$. [Pursuant to sections 3.A. and 3.E., above, each of seventh through tenth places was awarded 4 GP Points in this example.]

5. **Standings based on Cumulative GP Points Earned During Year.**

A. **Responsibilities of UCA Secretary; Maintenance of Standings.** The Secretary of the Association shall have responsibility to serve as administrator of the Grand Prix Competition, including the responsibility to calculate Premier and Reserve GP Points awarded for each GP Event; to keep a cumulative record

of GP Points earned by all players; and to keep the UCA webmaster informed of current GP Point totals and standings for posting on the UCA website.

- B. Separate Premier and Reserve Competitions. There will be separate competitions for Premier and Reserve GP Points.
- C. Convertibility of Premier GP Points. For any player who earns Reserve GP Points by achieving a placement in the top six places (including tied placements) in any section awarding Reserve GP Points in at least three (3) different GP Events during the year-long competition, Premier GP Points earned by such player shall also count as Reserve GP Points. The primary rationale for this provision is to enable a player who has (a) done well in the Reserve competition; and (b) had an increase in USCF rating that disqualifies him or her from continuing to compete in Reserve sections; to be able to continue to accumulate GP Points that can be counted in the Reserve competition if that player can earn a top six placement in any section awarding Premier GP Points of any GP Event(s). Any player who meets the criterion hereinabove specified (*i.e.*, achieving a placement in the top six places [including tied placements] in any section awarding Reserve GP Points in at least three (3) different GP Events during the year-long competition, hereinafter referred to as the “Convertibility Criterion”) shall be entitled to convert Premier GP Points earned at *any* time during the year, including such Points earned prior to meeting the Convertibility Criterion.
- D. Restrictions on Convertibility.
- (1) Under no circumstances shall Reserve GP Points be convertible; specifically, a player who earns Reserve GP Points will not be entitled in any circumstances to count such points as Premier GP Points.
 - (2) Players who do not meet the Convertibility Criterion as defined in Section 5.C., above (*i.e.*, players who have fewer than three [3] top-six

placements in sections that award Reserve GP Points) shall **not** be entitled to convert Premier GP Points to Reserve GP Points.

E. Convertible Points Valid in Both Classes. Premier GP that are eligible to be converted to Reserve GP Points as hereinabove provided shall also remain valid as Premier GP Points, *i.e.*, the player who has earned such GP points shall be entitled to count them in both competitions described in Section 5.B., above.

6. **Presumptive Validity of Crosstables Published On-line by USCF**.

A. General. GP Points shall be awarded based on points scored and placements as reflected in the crosstable for the event as published on-line at the official USCF website (www.uschess.org), regardless of any restrictions applicable for purposes of awarding prizes for the particular tournament. For example, a player who revokes a previously requested half-point bye and is only entitled pursuant to USCF Rule 22C5 to be credited with a maximum of one-half point for that round for the purpose of awarding tournament prizes, shall be entitled to a full point for any game actually played and won for the purpose of awarding GP Points.

B. Exceptions. Exceptions to the presumptive validity of the published crosstable may be made in exceptional cases as determined by the Association Secretary (in his or her capacity as administrator of the Grand Prix Competition) and/or the UCA Board of Directors based upon information provided and/or verified by the cognizant tournament director.

7. **Miscellaneous**.

A. Fractional GP Points. Fractional awards of GP Points shall be recorded as estimated to the second decimal place. (See examples, above.) If the actual calculation yields a third decimal place precisely equal to five (5), the second decimal place shall be rounded up. (For example, one-eighth of a point shall be rounded up to 0.13.)

- B. Disputes.** The resolution of all disputes and all other interpretations of these rules shall be subject to final decision and determination by the Board of Directors of the UCA.
- C. Prizes.** Prizes for year-end placements in the Grand Prix competition shall be as determined by the Board of the UCA.
- D. Index of Defined Terms.** As used in these Regulations, each of the following terms (regardless of whether the initial letter is upper case or lower case) shall have the meaning as defined in the section referenced below:

Defined Term – Section Reference

- “Closed by Qualification” – Section 2.D. (2)
- “Convertibility Criterion” – Section 5.C.
- “GP Event” – Section 2.A.
- “GP Points” – Section 1.A. and *passim*
- “Open” tournament – Section 2.D. (1)
- “Pre-event rating” – Section 3.B.
- “Premier GP Points” – Section 3.B. and *passim*
- “Rated” tournament – Section 2.B.
- “Reserve GP Points” – Section 3.B. and *passim*
- “Sanctioned” – Section 1.B. (ii)
- “Sponsored” – Section 1.B. (i) and (iii)
- “Substantially contemporaneous” – Section 2.E.
- “USCF” – Section 1.A.

8. Adoption; Amendment.

These Regulations (i) shall take effect upon approval by majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association and (ii) shall be subject to amendment by majority vote of such Board. In either case, such vote may be taken either (a) in the manner generally prescribed for action by the Board of Directors in the

Association's By-laws or (b) by the vote of a majority of Directors recorded by e-mail sent to the Secretary prior to the applicable deadline.

2016 Utah Chess Grand Prix

Prizes

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Premier Competition

The following prizes shall be awarded for the top six finishers in the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition for Premier GP Points:

First place (*):	\$200
Second place (*):	\$150
Third place (*):	\$100
Fourth place (*):	\$75
Fifth place (*):	\$50
Sixth place (*):	\$25

Notes to Prizes in Premier Competition

(*) Note: In the event of ties for final placements, those players will share the average (arithmetic mean) of the cash prizes for those places. (No form of tie-breaks will be applied.)

Prizes
(continued)

Reserve Competition

The following prizes shall be awarded for the top six finishers in each of two divisions (as described in Note (**)) below) in the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition for Reserve GP Points (including Premier GP Points convertible to Reserve GP Points under applicable Regulations):

Adult Division ()**

First place (***):	\$125
Second place (***):	\$100
Third place (***):	\$75
Fourth place (***):	\$50
Fifth place (***):	\$30
Sixth place (***):	\$20

Scholastic Division ()**

First place (***):	\$125
Second place (***):	\$100
Third place (***):	\$75
Fourth place (***):	\$50
Fifth place (***):	\$30
Sixth place (***):	\$20

Notes to Prizes in Reserve Competition

(**) Players earning Reserve GP Points (including convertible Premier GP Points) shall compete in two separate categories or “Divisions” for which prizes shall be separately awarded. Players in pre-school through Grade 12 shall compete in the Scholastic Division. All other players shall compete in the Adult Division. Each player’s status (as Scholastic or Adult) shall be determined as of December 31, 2015.

(**) Note: In the event of ties for final placements, those players will share the average (arithmetic mean) of the cash prizes for those places. (No form of tie-breaks will be applied.)

Appendix D

RESIGNATION

To: Utah Chess Association

I hereby resign as a director of Utah Chess Association, effective immediately.

January _1_1, 2016
