

#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CJA MEETING

The annual meeting of the Association of U.S. Chess Journalists was called to order by acting President Russell Miller at 10:10 a.m. on August 11, 1980, at the Dunfey Hotel, Atlanta, GA.

**ATTENDANCE.** Present were Raymond Alexis, Hanno Beck, Roger Blaine, Phil Chase, Robert Ciaffone, Fred Cramer, Gerard Dullea, Tom Galloway, Jerry Hanken, Wally Helgeson, Burt Hochberg, Jeff Kastner, Craig Kozel, Myron Lieberman, David Love, Russell Miller, Bryce Perry, Glenn Petersen, Peter Prochaska, Tim Redman, Ira Riddle, Gary Sperling, Bob Sutter, Angela Tanner, Robert Tanner, Helen Warren and Harold Winston. Others (non-members) attending were Tom Algeo, Tony Cottell, Carol Hochberg, Larry Paxton, Harry Sabine, Bert Sperling, and Robert Sulman. There were members present from 17 states.

The meeting was originally scheduled for 2 p.m., but President Russ Miller announced the new time at the end of the USCF delegates meeting and Secretary Winston posted announcements of the change.

The minutes of the 1979 meeting were approved as published in the Fall, 1979, issue of the CJ.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** A cash balance of \$636.98 including about \$23 in interest was reported by the Treasurer Harold Winston. There were a number of multiple-year memberships. CJ costs average \$100-125 and our current \$5 annual dues appear adequate. Publishing the Gaige Guide had worked out financially and generated a very small profit from sales of the guide. Membership stood at 187 as the meeting began. During the year a member had tried to use the treasurer as a middleman to communicate with a committee chairman. The treasurer had put them in touch and strongly felt people should communicate directly not through third parties.

**EDITOR'S REPORT.** President Miller read a written editor's report that called for CJ publication dates of 9/15, 12/15, 3/15 and 6/15 with a deadline of 9/1 suggested for receipt of material for the Fall CJ issue.

**AWARDS REPORT.** President Miller reported that Jared Radin and Thad

Rogers had arranged the display. Miller had appointed five judges: Mrs. Sperling, Bob Dudley, Steve Doyle, Harold Winston and Larry Paxton. When the meeting ended Miller and Hochberg would count the ballots.

**BYLAWS REPORT.** The meeting took up the bylaws proposed by a committee of Burt Hochberg, chairman, Russ Miller, and Ira Riddle. It was agreed to elect new officers under the old rules for a one-year term after adopting the new bylaws. We agreed unanimously to adopt the name, "Chess Journalists of America (CJA)." After a lengthy discussion and several votes, associate membership dues were set at \$5 per year, the same as regular dues. After discussion by a vote of 14-2, terms of officers were changed from one year to two years effective with the 1981 election. A mail ballot was adopted. The new draft was amended specifying that the annual meeting was the final judge of membership qualifications, providing a minimum quorum of 10 members present in person, specifying that write-in votes be allowed, and allowing any member to originate bylaws changes. On motion of Gary Sperling the following clause was added by a 9-8 vote: "In general, permanent chairmen shall not be members of the Executive Committee." The new bylaws were then then unanimously adopted. Key changes include a mail ballot and two-year terms for officers, limiting elected officers to two consecutive terms in the same post, making the vice president the treasurer, giving the editor a vote on the Executive Committee, and creating two classes of membership.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Burt Hochberg was elected president by acclamation. Helen Warren and Ira Riddle were nominated for vice president/treas. and Helen Warren was elected. Bob Tanner was elected secretary by acclamation after Ray Alexis declined nomination.

**ETHICS CODE.** Discussion began on the revised Code of Ethics and operating procedures, both drawn up by a committee of Burt Hochberg, chairman, George Carian, and Myron Lieberman. Only two changes were in the draft. Item 9 now readers, thanks

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to Fred Cramer, "No article or other proprietary work may be published without the necessary proprietary consents. This does not apply to unannotated scores of chess games." A tenth item was added: "The chess journalist shall not plagiarize the work of others." By a vote of 5-9 a proposal by Tom Galloway to add "The chess journalist shall fulfill commitments to publish on time" was defeated, opponents feeling this did not belong in an ethics code.

**AWARDS.** The meeting endorsed Harold Winston's suggestion to recommend the Awards Committee allow publications unable to compete in this year's program to submit entries from the past year for next year's awards.

Fred Cramer announced that George Carian had come to Atlanta just for the Journalists' meeting, but had suddenly been taken ill.

The meet was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

/s/ Harold J. Winston

## AWARDS COMMITTEE SEEKS ASSISTANCE

By Harold Winston

The new awards committee of Bob Dudley, Ray Alexis and this writer wants your suggestions for cutting down the number of awards.

See pages 3-5 of the Summer '80 CJ and you will find 31 categories listed. Fewer categories would be more meaningful and encourage entries from more publications. For example, 1980 Best Magazine co-winner Chess Horizons only entered in that one category! Please send your suggestions of categories to be eliminated or modified to committee chairman Harold Winston, 1450 E. 55th Place, 830-S, Chicago, IL 60637.

The committee hopes to have the new categories listed in the Spring CJ (March) along with all rules for entering the 1981 competition. Thanks for your help!

The former secretary would like to thank Burt Hochberg for his fine work on our bylaws and ethics code, and Steve Dann for producing consistently lively and helpful Chess Journalist issues.

Last, anyone who desires to serve on the awards committee should contact Harold Winston.

NEW, IMPROVED (Continued from page 3)

## THANKS

I congratulate Helen Warren and Bob Tanner on their election to the CJA Executive Committee as Vice-President/Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We all owe a great debt to Rusty Miller, who found himself with a lot more to do than he bargained for when John Larkins resigned the presidency. And to Harold Winston, who is always willing to serve in virtually any need capacity and is one of the hardest workers in chess. I'm sure glad he's working for the CJA.

Stephen Dann, I'm happy to report, will continue as editor of the CJ. He too has worked very hard for some years at a thankless task. We'd both like more of our members to become active contributors to the CJ so that Steve won't be forced to write so much of the magazine himself.

Ray Alexis, the editor of the prizewinning Chess 'n Stuff, has agreed to give us a new design for the cover of the CJ and to provide a "corporate" logo for use on our letterheads and elsewhere. As before, Ray is taking care of the award certificates. And now I'm told he has also agreed to serve on the Awards Committee. We appreciate your help, Ray.

Bob Tanner, our new Secretary, is an accountant by profession. I have asked him to investigate the advisability of incorporating the CJA so as to give us the benefit of the appropriate nonprofit tax laws. For one thing, we may get lower mailing rates for the CJ.

Let's all keep in touch--Burt.



## ANYONE WANT TO WRITE COSMEP COLUMN?

It seems that we no longer have a member of the Committee of Small Magazine Editors and Publishers (COSMEP) to write summaries of that organization's publication highly praised by CJA members in the last survey. If anyone is currently a member (David Moeser is not), would they contact Stephen Dann so that we can arrange to have this news summarized for members. We have volunteers to do these summaries.

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