

1981 CJA MEETING MINUTES

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by Robert Tanner

1. The meeting was called to order by President Burt Hochberg at 9:05 a.m. on August 10, 1981, at the Hyatt Palo Alto in Palo Alto, California.

Other officers present were Vice President Helen Warren, Secretary Robert B. Tanner, and CJ Editor Stephen Dann.

Members present included Carol Hochberg, Ed Edmondson, Richard Fauber, Joan Winston, Ira Lee Riddle, Ray Alexis, Harold Winston, Fairfield W. Hoban, Bill Merrell, Barry Spiegel, George Carian, Fred Cramer, George Mirijanian, F. Woodrow Harris, Doris Thackrey, Jim Warren, Joe Lux, M. Mercidan, and Joan Alexis.

2. At the request of President Hochberg, the approval of the minutes of the 1980 meeting was waived.

3. Richard Fauber presented a copy of a legal opinion received by Max Burkett regarding the copyrighting of material in his bulletins. (Appendix A) Mr. Fauber also stated that CJA members are free to use excerpts of the bulletins as long as proper credit is given.

4. It was announced that Stephen Dann has stepped down as Editor of THE CHESS JOURNALIST, a position he has held since 1977. An Executive Committee proposal was then moved to bestow Honorary Membership upon Stephen (see Appendix B for the full text), which was carried by acclamation.

David Moeser was named the new Editor, effective immediately.

5. Stephen Dann gave his report as outgoing Editor of the CJ. This report is to be submitted for the next issue of the CJ.

6. Vice President/Treasurer's

report: Helen Warren announced that the CJA funds are being kept in Chicago Federal Savings. The current balance, including payment for all bills incurred to this date, is \$677.85. This was noted to be about a \$100.00 increase in net worth since the same time last year.

Stephen Dann mentioned as an addendum that we have about 50 complete sets of THE CHESS JOURNALIST from Volume V on as well as some miscellaneous copies. It is thought that these have some cash value.

7. ByLaws and Committee reports:

A. Changes were approved in regards to the Awards Committee, as mentioned in Articles VIII and X of the ByLaws. (Appendix C)

B. Robert Tanner was named to chair a committee to make suggestions regarding the 1983 CJA elections. Mr. Tanner is to make his proposals at the 1982 meeting.

C. Stephen Dann was named to chair the ByLaws Committee. Also serving will be Ira Lee Riddle.

D. Article X was modified in regards to Executive Committee members serving as Committee Chairpersons. (Appendix D)

8. Elections. Joan Winston and Ira Lee Riddle counted the CJA elections ballots as presented by Secretary Tanner. The results are as follows:

A. President: Burt Hochberg 32, Harold Winston 2, Frank Elley and George Carian 1 each.

B. Vice President/Treasurer: Helen Warren 31, Gary Sperling and Stephen Dann 2 each, Harold Winston 1 vote.

C. Secretary: Ray Alexis 35, Stephen Dann 1 vote.

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9. Stephen Dann made his Awards Committee Report. His report with recommendations appears in the Spring 1981 CJ. Also included in the report were the results of the 1981 Awards Competition, which appear as Appendix E.

Harold Winston also announced that it may be possible to obtain American Chess Foundation funding for future CJA Awards and that Fred Cramer is willing to help in this regard.

Thanks were given to Harold, and to his committee members—Ray Alexis, Bobby Dudley, and Robert Tanner—by the Membership and the Executive Committee.

Burt Hochberg announced that Harold Winston had stepped down as Chairman of the Awards Committee, and would be replaced by Ray Alexis. Other members will include Bobby Dudley and Harold Winston.

10. Secretary's Report: Robert Tanner announced that as per the request of the 1981 Meeting, he checked into obtaining IRS 501(c) status for the CJA. The findings essentially indicated that we are a prime candidate for such status as an educational group. Unfortunately, the types of methods used in our financial accounting preclude it at the present.

It is felt that if we start a double entry bookkeeping system immediately, in conjunction with our bank statements and bills of the past couple of years, which Helen Warren stated were available, we should be in a position to apply for 501(c) status after next year's meeting. It was also noted that the CJA has already lost at least one grant of between \$250 to \$500 because of this void.

Fred Cramer moved that it is the consensus of the Membership that the officers should pursue the obtaining of tax-exempt status.

11. Burt Hochberg announced his resignation as Chairman of the Ethics Committee. George Mirijanian was named to replace him.

12. New Business:

A. It was mentioned that Frank Elley has stepped down as Managing Editor of CHESS LIFE magazine. Burt Hochberg also pointed out that Frank has compiled a style manual for CHESS LIFE, which may be obtained by writing to CL. Burt stated that he wished to pursue with Frank the idea of a comprehensive style manual for chess editors and journalists.

A motion was introduced and passed that the Executive Committee commends Frank Elley for his services to chess journalism.

B. Robert Tanner was named as the coordinator of a Chess Journalism Directory. This directory is to list names, addresses, and publications of all CJA members as well as list all chess columns published in the U.S. In effect, it is to be a comprehensive listing of all current chess journalism extant in the United States.

Funding for this project is to be pursued with possibilities including a cover price, advertising, and donations. The Membership indicated a sense that we should pursue ACF /American Chess Foundation/ funding.

Thad Rogers of Georgia has indicated a willingness to handle the production of this project.

13. The meeting was adjourned until the St. Paul meeting in 1982 at 11:45 a.m.

--MINUTES SUBMITTED BY
ROBERT B. TANNER, Outgoing Secretary, C.J.A.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: As of presstime, the appendices mentioned in this report had not been received by the Editor.--d.m.)



"If people cannot write well,
they cannot think well; and if they
cannot think well, others will do
their thinking for them."

—GEORGE ORWELL

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