

MINUTES OF THE 1986 CJA MEETING

By Bob Sutter & Harold Winston

The 1986 CJA annual meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. on August 7 at the Somerset Hilton, Somerset, NJ, by President Harold Winston. VP-Treasurer Glenn Petersen and Editor Stephen Dann were present, Secretary Bill Wall sent a written report. Bob Sutter was asked to take the minutes.

President Winston reported he had recovered \$759.27 for the CJA treasury shortly before elected President David Moeser had resigned for personal reasons last September. Winston then became CJA President, and since Bill Wall preferred to remain as CJA Secretary, he had appointed former editor Glenn Petersen as VP-Treasurer and Stephen Dann as editor.

This year, for the first time, the CJA awards competition was judged in advance of the U.S. Open by a committee led by Frank Elley. Also, a press release was sent describing the awards, thanks to Frank's work. There were some first year problems setting up the new system--the final awards announcement should have been sent earlier. Next year the officers aim to have the final awards announcement out by May 15. This was also the first year the Chess Journalist of the Year award was given. Winston ended his report by asking all members to renew promptly and publicize the CJA to nonmembers.

Editor Stephen Dann reported that the great debate feature in the Chess Journalist stirred much interest. He hopes to reproduce some of the award-winning entries as was done last year if they are made available to him. He requested samples of state/local publications and columns be sent to him.

VP-Treasurer Glenn Petersen reported \$762.03 in our bank account (5½% interest). Secretary Bill Wall's written report noted CJA had 100 members as of 7/15/86, down from 117 one year ago.

Awards Chairman Frank Elley presented award certificates to winners. Judges were Ira Riddle, Bob Sutter, Andy Soltis, Marcy Soltis and Elley. The meeting applauded Fred Cramer's ACF cash awards to three CJA award winners.

A new category of award for Best Newspaper Local Interest Column was approved by the meeting. Bob Erkes suggested state chess associations pay the CJA dues of contributors to the state magazine. The minutes of the 1985 meeting were approved as published in the Chess Journalist. Members present were satisfied with the two-year term system for CJA officers. The next election will be in 1987. Stephen Dann will conduct a technical workshop on magazine production if there is interest in such a workshop. Ira Riddle suggested that CJA consider a small dues increase.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

REPORT ON 1986 MERIT AWARDS

By Frank Elley

Budding chess journalists would do well to emulate the work of Ed Albaugh, chess columnist for the Washington Times and Baltimore Sun; and Chess Horizons, the official publication of the Massachusetts Chess Association. Albaugh and Horizons were the big winners in the 1986 national journalism awards, announced August 7.

Albaugh, a senior news editor at U.S. News and World Report, was named Chess Journalist of the Year for his work as a columnist and for his stories in Chess Life. Albaugh received awards in three other categories as well--best interview, best tournament report, and best newspaper columnist.

Horizons won in the categories of best state magazine and best layout, and contributors to Horizons won awards or honorable mentions in more than a half dozen other categories. Other frequent winners were the IL Chess Bulletin and the Southern CA Chess Federation's Rank & File.

There were 71 entries to this year's awards. Judges were Robert Sutter, Ira Riddle, Frank Elley and Andy and Marcy Soltis.

Winning entries were on display during the 1986 U.S. Open in NJ. A complete listing of winners, with some remarks by judges on the following pages of this CJ issue. We thank all those who sent entries!