

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

GOVERNORS' LETTER FIVE

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KEEPING GOVERNORS INFORMED

The Executive voted to make Gerry Litchfield, the Acting CFC Executive Director. A further decision would be made on the matter at the AGM.

CFC TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Anyone interested in working with a group of volunteers and the business office to re-establish this important program should contact me at fred_mckim@hotmail.com I've had a couple of volunteers and am still looking for one or two others.

Fred McKim
Secretary
Chess Federation of Canada

MOTIONS for VOTE

The following motions will be voted on at the Outgoing Assembly of the AGM. Please include your vote(s) in your proxy form if you're not attending.

Motion 02-3: (Gebhardt/McKillop) That the CFC start accepting bids for a tournament run for the purpose of determining qualification spots to the World Amateur Championship.

D. Gebhardt: Background: The World Amateur Championship is run every year by FIDE and is open to anyone without a FIDE rating. I have personally played twice in this tournament when it was part of the Hastings Chess Congress in England. It has now started moving around the world and has since been held in Spain and Brazil (the Bengawwans went to Brazil this year).

This is a single section event with the top finisher receiving an FM title and FIDE rating of 2200. The top female receives a WFM title and a FIDE rating of 2050. The second place finisher receives a FIDE rating of 2100 and the third place finisher receives a FIDE rating of 2050.

The qualification tournament would simply be to decide which two players would be nominees of the CFC. (nominees receive free entry to the World Amateur Championship). The tournament entry fee less expenses could be used to reimburse (partially or fully, depending on number of entrants and location of the World Amateur Championship tournament) one participant's travel and lodging expenses. If there was any money left over, it could be used to reimburse, partially or fully, the second entrant's travel and lodging expenses.

This tournament is a great experience and, the two years I played in it, was very competitive. It would be a great opportunity for some of the stronger non-FIDE rated players to gain some international experience and have some fun against new competition.

Motion 02-4. [Formerly Straw Vote Topic 02-1]: (Peter McKillop/Dave Gebhardt) Regarding candidates for positions on the CFC executive:

a) Any member of the CFC who wishes to stand for election to a position on the CFC's executive committee, and who is eligible to do so in accordance with the applicable CFC bylaws, rules and regulations, must declare his or her candidacy for such office by notifying the CFC's Secretary in writing (e-mail is acceptable) prior to the submission deadline for the June issue of *En Passant Magazine*. If there is only one

declared candidate for a particular position on the CFC's executive committee, then that candidate will be deemed to have been elected by acclamation. If there is no declared candidate for a position on the CFC's executive committee then, at the next Annual General Meeting of the CFC, the incoming Assembly of Governors will, in whatever manner it deems fair and expedient, select a person to fill the vacant position.

b) In the June issue of *En Passant* Magazine each year, the CFC will publish the names and contact particulars (mail address and e-mail address, if available) of all declared candidates for positions on the CFC's executive committee together with a brief statement (not to exceed 200 words) from each candidate. A candidate should limit the brief statement to his/her qualifications for the position s/he is seeking and his/her position on key issues.

P. McKillop: Publishing the names of candidates for executive offices and incoming governors in the June issue of *En Passant* will give CFC members an opportunity to voice their preferences/concerns to their local incoming governors prior to the CFC's AGM, thus (hopefully) making the whole process somewhat more democratic than it is now. The current process seems to entail, generally speaking, the identities of candidates not being available to the general membership prior to the AGM. I feel this is unacceptable for any organization which claims to represent the interests of its members. Referring to Section 2, II, 6 of the CFC's Handbook, publication of candidates'/incoming governors' names in the June issue of EP would be

consistent with the CFC's stated object of publishing "...a medium from which chess players may learn of the progress of chess in Canada...".

Motion 02-5. [Formerly Straw Vote Topic 02-2]: (Peter McKillop/ Dave Gebhardt) Regarding nominees for CFC Governorships:

a) All affiliates of the CFC who are entitled to nominate individuals for the position of CFC Governor must submit the names of their nominees in writing to the CFC's Secretary prior to the submission deadline for the June issue of *En Passant*. If the number of nominees named by an affiliate is less than the number to which the affiliate is entitled then, at the next Annual General Meeting of the CFC, the incoming Assembly of Governors will, in whatever manner it deems fair and expedient, select a person(s) to fill the vacant governorship(s).

b) In the June issue of *En Passant* Magazine each year, the CFC will publish the names and contact particulars of all incoming governors.

P. McKillop: (see discussion for Motion 02-4)

Motion 02-6 (Peter McKillop/Dave Gebhardt) That the rules, regulations and bylaws of the CFC be amended as necessary in order to put the following into effect:

- a) Establish a permanent sub-committee of the Board of Directors and name it the Finance Committee.
- b) The permanent members of the Finance Committee shall be the President, the Treasurer and the

Executive Director.

- c) The Chair of the Finance Committee shall be the Treasurer.
- d) In those cases where the Finance Committee can not reach a decision on the basis of consensus, a majority vote by the permanent members of the Finance Committee shall decide.
- e) The permanent members of the Finance Committee shall have the power to appoint, as they deem useful and expedient, additional Directors and/or Governors to temporary membership in the Finance Committee.
- f) The primary and permanent responsibility of the Finance Committee shall be the preparation of an annual budget. Specifically, by not later than March 15th of each year, the Finance Committee shall present to the Board of Directors of the CFC the Finance Committee's recommended budget for the next fiscal year. The recommended budget must take into consideration all revenue and expense categories and must include a listing of the assumptions used by the Finance Committee in arriving at the budgeted figures.
- g) It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to consider the Finance Committee's recommended budget, amend it as necessary, and approve a finalized budget by not later than April 30th each year.
- h) The finalized budget, together with a listing of the assumptions used, shall be made available to all CFC members at the CFC's website by May 31st of each year.
- i) Any additional duties or

responsibilities to be assigned to the Finance Committee shall require the approval of the Assembly of Governors by a majority vote.

P. McKillop: Never have I encountered a successful business or not-for-profit association (over the years I've been a member of the boards of 4 such associations, excluding the CFC and OCA) which didn't undertake a rigorous budgeting exercise as part of an overall planning process for its next fiscal year. Even if the CFC doesn't have a longer term (i.e. multi-year) plan, the discipline of having to budget annually for the next fiscal year will, if handled responsibly, impose on our Board of Directors the need to at least develop a short term (one year) plan. That plan, in some years, may simply consist of maintaining the status quo. Still, that is better than no plan at all. Our annual revenues are in the \$350,000 range. That is a significant amount of money. We need to have some reasonably well defined idea of where we're headed, even if it is only for one year ahead. Regarding the timing I'm proposing, anyone who is involved in business knows that, all other factors being equal, you make your best efforts to complete your major planning for the next fiscal year prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The posting of the approved budget at the CFC's website will allow interested members to review it well in advance of the AGM. If any member should have a specific concern, s/he can pass that along to her/his local incoming governor along with a request that the matter be addressed at the AGM (that doesn't mean that it will be addressed but a member should at least have an opportunity to be informed and to make informed requests of her/his local governor).

Motion 02-7 (Peter McKillop/ Dave Gebhardt) By June 30th in each year, the CFC's reviewed, or audited (as the case may be), financial statements prepared as at the immediately preceding fiscal year-end shall be made available to all CFC members at the CFC's website.

P. McKillop: For reasons similar to those outlined in my commentary to motion 02-7, members should have an opportunity to be informed about the CFC's results for the most recent fiscal year prior to the AGM. Regarding the proposed deadline of June 30th, I'd like to make it earlier but time has to be allowed for the CFC's chartered accountant to complete the financial statements.

Motion 02-8: (Peter McKillop/ Dave Gebhardt) Any expenditure which will cause the CFC to exceed the amount approved in the annual budget for the pertinent expense category, or which will add to an existing excess in the pertinent expense category, will require the prior approval of: a) the Board of Directors if the amount of the proposed excess plus any existing excess will represent less than 10% of the annual budget for the pertinent expense category; b) the Assembly of Governors if the amount of the proposed excess plus any existing excess will represent 10% or more of the annual budget for the pertinent expense category.

P. McKillop: There isn't much point in going through a formal budgeting process if the budget will then be ignored during the course of the new fiscal year. There will always be unexpected expenditures or expenditures which were overlooked

during the budgeting process. This motion is an attempt to bring some accountability to the process by imposing constraints on free spending while at the same time allowing for some reasonable flexibility (e.g. Board of Directors approve excesses up to a certain level).

Straw Vote 02-4: (Regimbald) That the content of articles submitted to En Passant for inclusion within the Across Canada section be left in their original form, with the exception of formatting and glaring errors.

A. Regimbald: Many articles submitted for Across Canada are created with a certain "local flavor". This includes expressions, anecdotes, jokes, etc. which may only be meaningful to the readers of the province that the article is intended for. Most (if not all) of this content is being edited out of En Passant. I think that this is a shame. Most members reading Across Canada articles are reading them for local content. These readers come to expect a certain style of article from the TDs of the tournaments they participate in, and enjoy reading all of the funny anecdotes, jokes, etc. There is some argument that this "local flavor" will be unappreciated by members from other provinces, but for the most part, members from other provinces would not be reading it in the first place.

The exact extent of this "problem" hit me when I looked through the last issue of En Passant hoping to see the article I had submitted. It had been changed so much that it was almost unrecognizable. I talked with a number of people who had attended the tournament which the report was for, and most of them expressed disappointment over how

bland the report in En Passant was compared to my normal writing.

The target audience for an Across Canada article is presumably the members who live in the province that the tournament took place in. So I think it only makes sense to cater to the target audience, and leave the local flavor in the articles.

VOTING RESULTS

Motion 02-1: (Peter McKillop/Tony Ficzere): Regarding Canadian Youth Chess Championships, that the CFC's policies and procedures with respect to such events be amended such that:

- a) There will be a single championship tournament for each age group. Boys and girls in each age group will compete together.
- b) The prioritization of subsidies, if any, granted by the CFC to assist with the travel expenses of players playing in any section (Open or Girls) of the World Youth Chess Championships will be as follows:
 - First priority: the reigning first place finisher in each age group of the CYCC, starting with the U18 group and working down to the U10 group.
 - Second priority: the reigning second place finisher in each age group of the CYCC, starting with the U18 group and working down to the U10 group.
 - Subsequent priorities: as determined by the CFC at its sole discretion.

For (2) - Mendrinos, McKillop

Against (11) - McKim, Bowes, Craft, Ferner, Palsson, Stockhausen, Gebhardt, Dutton, Cohen, Smith, Craver

Abstain (2) - Taylor, Brodie

Motion 02-2: (Lyle Craver/Ken Craft) Addition to CFC Bylaw 1, paragraph 13 concerning eligibility of members for CFC Governorship:

Any provincially elected Governor found not to be a CFC member in good standing shall have his/her voting privileges suspended. Once suspended the governor and his provincial body shall be notified and requested to bring his/her membership into good standing not later than 30 days from his/her election or expiration of membership.

In the event that the Governor's membership still not be in good standing 30 days after the suspension, the president of the provincial / territorial organisation and the Governor shall be notified that the Governor's seat is declared vacant. A request that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy shall also be made to the provincial / territorial organisation."

For (14) - McKim, Mendrinos, Craft, Ferner, Palsson, Stockhausen, Gebhardt, Dutton, Taylor, Brodie, Cohen, Smith, Craver, McKillop

Against (1) - Bowes

Straw Vote Topic 02-3: (Gordon Taylor) That a committee be struck to do a feasibility study into ways by which the Board of Governors can conduct the business of the Chess Federation of Canada via Internet. If approved, said committee shall report their findings to the Board within three months.

For (13) - McKim, Bowes, Mendrinos, Craft, Ferner, Palsson, Stockhausen, Gebhardt, Dutton, Taylor, Brodie, Cohen, McKillop

Against (0)

DISCUSSION ON MOTIONS

Please see earlier Governors' Letters for previous discussion on these motions.

Motion 02-3

L.Craver: No objection

Stockhausen: Seems quite all right to do.

Motion 02-4

Dutton: Agreed - strongly support this initiative

Stockhausen: EP is not the right vehicle for this as our readership has expressed an overwhelming desire to keep politics out of EP. They have expressed this view in EVERY single survey over the last 15 years +.

McKillop: My first comment (a question) applies equally well to motions 02-5 through 02-8: does the underlying objective of this motion have merit? If it does, then a motion can usually be amended in such a way that objections/concerns (which are often about details) are dealt with to the satisfaction of those who have raised them. I request that the governors not be sidetracked by details and that they look at this motion on the basis of whether or not the

underlying objective has merit. Does it really make sense that the members of a national organization with annual revenues in the \$350,000 range, an organization which functions as our liaison to the international chess community, should go into their annual general meeting with almost no idea of who might be running for what executive positions and what their respective qualifications, platforms and business plans are? How are we to make progress as an organization if we handle a critical success factor (selection of executives) in such an ad hoc fashion? In GL4, Mr. Regimbald indicates that he is opposed to this motion because he is opposed to En Passant having a large section for politics. If a number of governors feel the same way, then please amend the motion so that the candidates' contact particulars and platform information is published at the CFC's website rather than in EP. Mr. Craver, also in GL4, objects to this motion

because he feels a constitutional amendment, rather than just an ordinary GL motion, is needed. I suspect Mr. Craver is correct and, if he feels the underlying objective of this motion has merit, then I would encourage Mr. Craver, or any other governor, to propose at the AGM an amendment to this motion that would provide for the necessary constitutional changes.

Several governors wrote me privately to express their opinions on this motion. A number expressed the opinion that the backroom discussions, lobbying and arm twisting that go on at the AGM, for the purpose of inducing certain people to run for certain executive positions, is half the fun of attending the AGM. This does indeed sound like fun but, is it a responsible way in which to

select the executives of a national organization? What if the best candidates for the positions aren't at the AGM? If lobbying, politicking and arm twisting are fun, and given the widespread access to e-mail and relatively inexpensive long distance phone rates, why can't the fun take place prior to the AGM, by a period of 2 or 3 months, so that the process can be more open (and therefore more democratic) than it is now and so that candidates' qualifications, platforms and business plans can be carefully considered by all interested members?

Motion 02-5

Dutton: Agreed - strongly support this initiative

Stockhausen: Again, we should keep EP for chess. Besides the timing would strike me as suspect.

McKillop: In GL4 and privately, a number of governors expressed the concern that the timing proposed in this motion conflicts with the normal scheduling for several provincial AGMs and, accordingly, the nomination process for governors in these provinces. Again, if you feel the underlying objective of this motion has merit then it can easily be amended to remove the conflict(s). For instance, instead of publishing incoming governors' names and contact particulars in the June issue of EP, which likely has an early May submission deadline, they could be posted at the CFC's website at a later date, say by June 30th each year.

Motion 02-6

Dutton: Opposed.

Stockhausen: If the goal of this motion is to ensure an annual budget for the CFC, then the intent is OK. The ways and means suggested however are flawed and impractical. The Executive Director is not an elected CFC official and hence cannot vote on these matters. He should be an (important) advisor to the budget process. In the past, the Treasurer drew up the budget and submitted it to the CFC Executive for approval. That worked just fine.

McKillop: I was pleased to see that the comments of other governors in GL4 were mostly favourable but, on the other hand, was disturbed to see that our current Treasurer's comments were negative. I e-mailed Mr. Craver on April 25th to discuss his concerns but have to assume he was not interested in a discussion since I received no reply. Here is a copy of my e-mail to Mr. Craver:

Hi Lyle. Just read your comments in GL4 on the subject motion. It wasn't my intention that the Treasurer should be in a position of authority over the President. The motion proposes that the finance committee's decisions be made by consensus or, failing consensus, a majority vote of the 3 permanent members of the committee. There is nothing in the motion that allows the Treasurer to impose his/her will on the other members of the committee solely by virtue of his/her position as Chair of the committee. Think of the word Chair as being more or less synonymous with the word Facilitator; i.e. someone who says things like "ok, shall we start the

meeting?" or "are we ready to make a decision on this item?" etc.

I proposed that the Treasurer should chair the finance committee because the CFC Handbook, in section 8 a) of by-law number three, says:

"The Treasurer shall keep the general books of the account of the Federation, in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements. He shall have the custody of such books of account and all bank books, cancelled cheques, vouchers, statements, and other documents pertaining to the general bank account or bank accounts of the Federation, other than banking resolutions touching the authority of signing officers, which shall be entered in the Minute Book, and retained by the Secretary."

This sounds to me like the Treasurer is the guy "in the know" when it comes to the CFC's finances and accounting records and therefore the logical choice to chair the finance committee. I don't know whether the above gives you some comfort with the idea of Treasurer as Chair or not, but if you feel that one of the President or Executive Director would be a more logical choice then please feel free to discuss this with me. If you agree that the CFC needs a disciplined budgeting process (perhaps you don't agree with this) then the person named to chair the finance committee is a relatively minor detail and the motion can always be amended if you can convince me that the Treasurer is not equipped to take on this role.

One concern of Mr. Craver's which he expressed in GL4 and which I didn't address in my e-mail related to his comment, ".I like the idea but the

proposed dates just don't fly from an operational point of view". Frankly, I don't know what Mr. Craver is getting at. With my current employer I have over 22 years experience in lending to businesses of virtually all sizes and types (including not-for-profit organizations). I have dealt directly with hundreds of businesses during that time period and I have yet to encounter a business that couldn't prepare a budget for its next fiscal year prior to the end of the current fiscal year. If the CFC has an operational issue which makes preparation of a budget for fiscal x + 1 prior to the end of fiscal x difficult, then that operational issue needs to be corrected.

Motion 02-7

Dutton: Agreed - strongly support this policy

Stockhausen: Publishing the Financial Statement to all members, prior to a review by the Governors puts the cart before the horse. The statement should be circulated to the Governors prior to the AGM and then be discussed at the AGM and attached to GL#1.

McKillop: Again, pleased to see that most of the governors' comments in GL4 were favourable but disturbed by Mr. Craver's comments. The CFC's fiscal year-end is April 30th. For a fairly straightforward and relatively small business operation like the CFC, it should not be a problem for a chartered accountant to complete financial statements on a review engagement basis (I'm assuming we can't afford an audit, which would be preferable) by late May/early June. This would leave plenty of time for the posting of the

financial statements at the CFC's website by June 30th, as proposed in the motion. The CFC Treasurer, to ensure the statement process proceeds smoothly and in a timely manner, needs to contact the chartered accountant well in advance of year-end to determine precisely what information is needed and the format in which it is needed.

Motion 02-8

Dutton: Agreed - strongly support this policy

Stockhausen: This is way too restrictive and impractical. For example if the Olympic Expense, after taking donations into account, were \$2,500 as opposed to a budget of \$2,000, there would be no way of the Governors voting on this prior to the Olympiad in question long being history. The treasurer and the Executive have to make sure that the monthly Income Statement system runs properly.

McKillop: Referring to other governors' comments in GL4, Mr. Regimbald expressed the concern that there could be a major unexpected expenditure requiring immediate payment and which would create an excess greater than 10% of the budget for the relative expense category. Yes, I suppose this is possible but, if the budgeting process is handled responsibly and if the CFC's finances are administered carefully throughout the fiscal year, then I suspect that such occurrences would be rare. Nevertheless, to deal with Mr Regimbald's concern the motion could be amended so that in extraordinary circumstances (the governors would have to define this term with precision in order to minimize the possibility of

abuse) the 10% limit could be exceeded if authorized by a majority vote of the CFC's executives.

Mr. Craver raises a reasonable objection to this motion. He feels the motion could hamstring the CFC because of the length of time required by the governors' present decision making process. All the more reason for our executives to follow the CFC's finances closely and to plan ahead. If it is anticipated in November that a particular expense category could be over budget by February then the governors' approval for the excess should be sought in November. Also, all the more reason for the CFC to move quickly on Mr. Taylor's straw vote topic (a governors' message board would make a huge difference in the timeliness of decision making). I like Mr. Bowes' suggested amendment and hope he proposes this amendment at the AGM.

Straw Vote 02-4

Dutton: Opposed - this is absolutely impractical - if a submission is 10 pages, the entire submission must be run? Sorry that is why publications have editors! Space Limitations in E.P. make this impossible!

Craver: I am opposed to this as it essentially emasculates the role of the EP editor. While it may or may not be true that editing has been too heavy-handed, a motion to the Assembly of Governors is not the way to address it.

Stockhausen: The role of an Editor is to edit. That, by definition, makes this person unpopular. But this function cannot be deleted. May I suggest that a person who feels that his/her

contribution was too drastically edited, contact the Editor and discuss his reasoning?

Bowes: I think the editor should be allowed to edit any writing submitted. What some consider a harmless joke may be considered a racial insult, pornographic or libelous by others. The editor must be in a position to screen out any offensive material in order to protect the CFC's interests and to establish a consistent standard of propriety. The idea that most members only read the articles relating to their own province is an assumption which may not be correct. I know that I scan them all to get an idea as to what is happening in the other provinces. I think the target audience is all CFC members. In this context, what is the appeal to a Halifax member of an inside joke from a club in Manitoba? Personally, I wouldn't be interested in reading material containing allusions which hold no meaning for me. It would just render this portion of EP largely indecipherable.

REPORT ON COA ANNUAL MEETING

On behalf of the CFC I attended the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Olympic Association in Edmonton the weekend of April 19th. Since we are now a member of the COA and have voting rights I thought it was a good opportunity to get some information on funding and also give chess more exposure on a National level. Therefore I attended both a workshop on funding and the actual Annual Meeting. The immediate prospect for funding for organizations like ours does not appear

bright. Both COA President Mike Chambers and new CEO Jim Thomson emphasized that funding must go to "high profile" events that have the best possibility of bringing in medals at the Olympic Games. They mentioned that both Governments and Corporations are insisting that any grants and donations be used for "high profile" areas. The long term goal for the COA is that if they can demonstrate by medal performances that they are doing an excellent job in funding, then the funding is likely to increase and then other areas can get additional help. Other information I found interesting was that there is a real shortage of volunteers in some sports. There was a consensus that programs were being affected by the declining number of volunteers. I do not recall there being any solution to this problem. There was a high note of optimism regarding future Olympic Games. There was the expectation of finishing fourth at the Athens Games. Then the Vancouver /Whistler bid for 2010 was expected to be approved and Canada would finish first at those games. I imagine you could get good odds on that in Vegas. There were close to 100 people at the Annual Meeting. It lasted just an hour and a half. By contrast, the CFC Annual Meeting with usually about twenty Governors attending lasts two days. You can draw your own conclusions on that one. Upon entering the room where the Annual Meeting was held, a register had to be signed indicating your name and organization. I arrived about five minutes before the start of the Meeting and I noticed many blank spaces in the register. I happily signed my name and Chess Federation Of Canada. Now officials looking to see who was there will see that chess was represented and perhaps this will be

remembered in the future. To summarize then, funding for chess from Government agencies does not appear to be that imminent. However, continued pressure will help and now that we have more exposure in the right places, this will also help. One last item, at the Annual Meeting there was a motion to change the name from Canadian Olympic Association to Canadian Olympic Committee. This passed, so presumably the COA will now become the COC.

Maurice Smith
CFC Past President

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR AGM

The following unseconded motions are from John Rutherford.

1. Move that NOCL (as a test case for 2002-03) be granted 2 more CFC Governors.
2. Move that amendment be added to formula for calculating CFC Governors such that Juniors added to the CFC database through the 50¢ rating rule be also assigned a membership formula.
3. Move that welcome letters to Participating Juniors also include 1 issue of an approved Junior magazine (i.e. Scholar's Mate).
4. Moved that age/gender Sections for CYCC will now be designated as

Closed to Boys Age 9 & under
Closed to Girls Age 9 & under
Closed to Boys Age 10 & 11
Closed to Girls Age 10 & 11
Closed to Boys Age 12 & 13
Closed to Girls Age 12 & 13

Closed to Boys Age 14 & 15
Closed to Girls Age 14 & 15
Closed to Boys Age 16 & 17
Closed to Girls Age 16 & 17
OPEN Section - play in the Canadian Open (After CYCC)

There's been enough discussion on this in recent days - I will leave further discussion till AGM.

DISCUSSION on Motions 1,2,3:

Using the Windsor example, CFC lost \$650 in rating fees PLUS CFC lost 1300 new Juniors - a market to sell books, equipment, etc.

The TD was more comfortable getting it rated by CMA because CMA is THE LEADER in Junior Chess in Canada! PLUS there was nothing to be gained for those Juniors from CFC!

So what if someone gets more political clout? Is that a bad thing? Who would you rather see have a vote - someone who does nothing or someone who works his butt off for the benefit of CFC Junior Chess.

Let Participating Juniors choose which magazine they want. Include 1 EP and 1 Scholar's Mate with their "Welcome to CFC" letter & plastic member card. (Larry Bevand already confirmed to me via ChessTalk that this a good idea). If Junior picks Scholar's Mate, CFC mails a subscription (on behalf of CFC) to Scholar's Mate (CFC retains all personal info of Junior). All subscriptions to Scholar's Mate are sent to CFC (one bulk mailing per issue = cost savings to CMA which should be passed on to CFC). CFC includes additional CFC marketing/advertising with each

Scholar's Mate issue in envelop to the Junior.

People are already getting paid to put Scholar's Mate together - Montreal & Ottawa are so close ... someone could even pick up shipments at a further cost savings!

What does the CFC have to lose here - seems to be a WIN WIN situation for everyone - especially our Juniors ... who eventually are CFC Adults ...

Yours truly,
John Rutherford

GENERAL CFC BUSINESS

A) Governors Letter

Cohen: I think we are either sending items out for discussion one time too many, or else we are not sending the GL out frequently enough. Progress on these matters is much too slow.

Craver: First off let me state that I hope no Governors' Letter in future will have a deadline the Monday of a long weekend - particularly one that is known to be a major venue for major tournaments across this country. My chess activity in the past week has been entirely devoted to preparing for this year's Keres Memorial and I am quite sure many of the Governors have been involved in directing and organizing major events in their areas. Beyond this May 20th was also the date of the BCCF Annual General Meeting which as I am provincial Secretary means additional time commitments.

I am disappointed that there has been no mention of CFC Executive activities

in this GL particularly during a period when both the Canadian Championship has been held and an Executive Director departed.

Finally I would welcome any moves by the Assembly of Governors to streamline our decision making process: it is the fourth Governors' Letter of the year and we are told there is only going to be one more for 2001-2002 and we are only with this GL having our first final votes. I am not one of those who feels the CFC Executive is "usurping" powers of the Governors but those of you who do feel that way surely must understand that for the Assembly of Governors to have made no decisions at all for more than half the year leaves the governance of the federation in the hands of the Executive by default. This is a very bad thing and anything that can be done to streamline the Assembly's decision making process ought to be welcomed by all Governors.

B) CFC Elections

Cohen: Regarding the announcement of a Governor's intention to run for office: I will accept a nomination for any position on the Executive (Board of Directors). I intend to run for President, and will outline my platform to the Governors upon my return from my vacation at the end of May. Meanwhile, I welcome comments and suggestions on how the CFC should proceed in the coming year.

C) Planning

Cohen: I think the CFC has been suffering from a lack of direction and planning for many years now, as it bounces from crisis to crisis.

We've recently had some excellent proposals at the CFC to control the CFC's finances. But these won't work, if there is no direction to the CFC's activities.

In the coming year, I'd like to see a lot of items placed on the table for discussion. Examples include: Membership structure and pricing, especially optional magazine subscription; pursuing government funding from Ottawa OR giving up on it and pursuing corporate fundraising ties from Toronto; ceasing the rotation around the country of premier events like the Canadian Open, and concentrating them where we can get the most participation and publicity; and getting out of the retail sales business. As you can see from this list, we really need to decide on the CFC's direction and set some basic goals.

Let's gather the members' views on the CFC's direction and on major planning items. Then the CFC Governors can decide on the items that action can be taken on; prioritize them; and assign responsibility. (As simple as these steps sound, I don't recall this kind of planning ever having been done in my 20+ years of membership in the CFC.)

D) CFC Tournament Director Certification

Craver: You can count me in.

E) Executive Role

Bowes: I disagree with Lyle Cravers statement :

"As a CFC Executive member and a longtime Governor I resent the implication that the Executive has been usurping the authority of the Governors Assembly. This

makes it sound like there is some kind of organized conspiracy at work which I can certainly tell you is not true. What is true is that the present Governors system is ineffective in making CFC policy and most of the "usurpation" takes place by default."

The CFC Executive certainly does usurp the authority of the Assembly of Governors on a regular basis - and not by default. They do so when they choose to pick the Olympic team by a method other than that specified in the constitution. They do so when they accept bids for the Canadian Closed which are non conforming. They do so when they authorize significant expenditures without the Assembly's approval. Essentially, the CFC executive appear to consider the role/authority assigned to the Assembly as a major inconvenience to their governing style and by simply ignoring the Assembly they relegate it to a position of uselessness. Here's an example of such behaviour involving Mr. Craver himself:

In December I, as a NB Governor, was approached by an NBCA member and asked to find out why the CFC executive scheduled the 2002 Canadian Closed at such an inappropriate time as it did. The NBCA member involved had participated the previous year and wanted to do so again but since the closed was scheduled just prior to exams he couldn't. Section 14 of the constitution reads:

"14. No individual Member shall have any right to be heard on any matter pertaining to the affairs of the Federation, or his individual membership. Should any individual member be aggrieved by any matter arising in the conduct of the affairs of the Federation, his remedy shall be to bring the matter before his provincial organization, and if there be no

Provincial Organization in the Province in which he resides, he may bring the matter to the attention of a Governor representing such Province. Any complaints or suggestions of any individual Member shall be sufficiently dealt with by the Federation Secretary, if he shall reply to such individual Member quoting this By-law.”

I issued an inquiry to the entire CFC executive relating to this matter, even mentioning that I was inquiring on behalf of a member. I received no response. Not even the courtesy of a polite rebuff. As a member of the Assembly of Governors I am entitled to a response but obviously the executive have no respect for that position or for the constitutional requirements. By showing disdain for my inquiry they also are demonstrating disdain for the member.

The executive often like to use the excuse of expediency for bypassing the Assembly's authority. I have yet to see a valid application of this constitutional allowance. I support motions 02-3, 02-6, 02-7 & 02-8 as they have the potential to enable the Assembly to exercise some of the authority it holds under the constitution.

The other option, of course, is to simply make the defacto governing style constitutional by taking away the Assembly's authority over CFC affairs through changes to the constitution giving the President almost full sway.

**AGM- 9:30am start July 15th to 17th
Terrace Room, Olympic Stadium
4545 Pierre de Coubertin St.
Montreal, QC (Metro Stop #P9)**

Proxies and Agenda - BELOW

2002 Annual Meeting of the CFC
July 15th to July 17th, 2002
Montreal, Que.

AGENDA FOR OUTGOING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
3. Minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting
4. Reports:
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Past President
 - D. Secretary
 - E. FIDE Representative
 - F. Treasurer
 - G. Rating Auditor
 - H. Junior Coordinator
 - I. Women's Coordinator
 - J. Masters' Representative
 - K. Auditor's Report
 - L. Office Manager
 - M. Chess Foundation
 - N. Kalev Pugi Fund
 - O. National Appeals Committee
 - P. Canadian Correspondence Chess Association
 - Q. Canadian Youth Chess Championship
5. Any other business
6. Decision of the Assembly as to a Donation to the Chess Foundation of Canada

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AGENDA FOR INCOMING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Election of Governors from Provinces (Territories) without an Affiliated Provincial (Territorial) Association
 - A. North West Territories (1)
 - B. Nunavut Territory (1)
 - C. Quebec (3)
 - D. Yukon Territory (1)
3. Re-Registration of Proxies
4. Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
5. Election of Officers
 - i) Board of Directors
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
 - E. FIDE Representative
 - F. Junior Coordinator
 - ii) Officers not on the Board of Directors
 - A. Masters' Representative
 - B. Women's Coordinator
 - C. Rating Auditor
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Appointment of Chess Foundation of Canada Trustees
8. Appointment of Committee Members
 - A. Kalev Pugi Fund
 - B. National Appeals Committee
9. Bids for 2003 and later events
 - A. 2003 Canadian Open
 - B. 2003 Canadian Youth (U10, U12, U14, U16, U18)
 - C. 2003 Canadian Closed and Zonal
 - D. 2003 Canadian Women's Closed
 - E. 2003 Canadian U20 (Junior)
10. Any other business
11. Location and time of 2003 AGM
12. Adjournment

Proxy Form

Annual Meeting of the C.F.C. Montreal 2002

I, _____ of _____,
a member of the **Incoming Assembly** of Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada, hereby appoint _____
" _____
as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf in the same manner as I could if personally present at the Annual
Meeting to be held in Montreal on the 15th to 17th of July, 2002, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2002.

Witness _____ Signature of Governor _____

Instructions to Proxy

Nominate For: President _____

Vice-President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

FIDE Representative _____

Rating Auditor _____

Junior Coordinator _____

Women's Coordinator _____

Vote For: President _____

Vice-President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

FIDE Representative _____

Rating Auditor _____

Junior Coordinator _____

Women's Coordinator _____

Instructions to Proxy:

Proxy Form

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Instructions to Proxy:

Motions for Vote

02-3 Gebhardt/McKillop. CFC accepts bids for World Amateur Championship.

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

02-4 McKillop/Gebhardt. CFC Executive Candidate Submissions.

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

SV 02-5 McKillop/Gebhardt. CFC Governor Submissions.

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

SV 02-6 McKillop/Gebhardt. Finance Committee.

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

SV 02-7 McKillop/Gebhardt. CFC Financial Statements.

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

SV 02-8 McKillop/Gebhardt. Excess expenditures over budgetary amounts.

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

Motions for 2nd Discussion

SV 02-4 Regimbald. Content of EP articles to be unedited