

# **CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA**

## **GOVERNORS' LETTER TWO**

### **2004-2005**



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**Deadline for submissions to GL #3: October 24<sup>th</sup> 2004**

## KEEPING GOVERNORS INFORMED

### From the President:

I would like to start the year by thanking Governors for their support in the past year. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

The CFC is facing a challenging year. We have successfully managed to have first rate Championships and Zonal tournaments in Toronto and are just before the Chess Olympiad in Spain.

The challenge for the CFC is to do enough fundraising for the Chess Olympiad for the CFC to break even this year. I ask Governors to continue with their efforts at fundraising for the Olympiad.

The fundraising for our National Youth Team going to the WYCC is uneven. Some participants have fundraised well but others are struggling. I would like to urge Governors to get involved and help youths in their area with their fundraising efforts. This is also a good project for a chess clubs that have participants in their area going to the WYCC. Governors should remind chess players and others that a donation in support of our participants is tax deductible.

I would like to thank IM Brian Hartman for volunteering to be the captain of our National Team in Spain. I know Governors will join me in wishing our team good fortune at the Olympiad tournament.

Halldor P. Palsson  
President,  
Chess Federation of Canada

### From the Vice President:

#### Discussion Board

First of all, I would like to thank all the Governors who have so far tested out the new

discussion board. There hasn't been that much to discuss over the last week but with this new GL I'm sure there will be more.

For those of you who missed the original motion, we are attempting to set up an online discussion board to help speed up the process of a Governor's vote on motions. Initially it will be for discussion only however in the long term it could also be used for secure online voting.

The discussion board can be found at <http://www.designsteding.com/chessforum> and to register click on the register icon in the upper right corner. You must be registered and signed in to view the private forums. Your private forum access will be set within 24 hours of registering.

#### Lipnowski-Mattson

With consideration of the NAC's investigation into the facts surrounding the incident in the game Lipnowski-Mattson, 10th Round, Canadian Open 2004, the CFC Executive has reached a decision regarding disciplinary action.

Mr. Lipnowski was given 30 days to appeal the findings and recommendations of the NAC and did not.

Mitigating factors that were considered were that Mr. Lipnowski paid Mr. Mattson \$250 to cover lost prize money (bounced cheque notwithstanding) and that Mr. Lipnowski has publicly apologized and has shown some remorse for his actions.

The CFC Executive hereby imposes upon Mr. Lipnowski the penalty of a four month ban from CFC-Rated tournaments, effective October 20th through February 20th.

Christopher Mallon  
CFC Vice President

### From the Treasurer:

I am writing this message to you, the governors, and CFC members, (and chess lovers the world over), to briefly mention a number of issues that

I see important to my term as Treasurer of the CFC. Firstly, I want to thank all of the governors that supported the reshuffling of positions on the CFC Executive Board. I see, first and foremost the role of the treasurer as an oversight function of all of the financial affairs of the CFC, namely making sure that the CFC stays within budget, and aiding the Executive Director, Peter Arseneau in the management of the business office. It is my hope that my professional experience in purchasing will help in this regard.

Secondly, while I have no specific statement to issue at this moment regarding the present financial health of the CFC, I am extremely concerned that the CFC has lost its valued sponsorship of the Olympiad team from Belzberg Technologies. Let us all be thankful and grateful to Sid Belzberg for all that he has done for chess in Canada. Sending the Olympiad team to compete among the world's best is a costly but worthwhile endeavor, and I wish all the best to our team. This episode, however, proves how important it is for the CFC to do fund raising in order for us to fulfill our mandate to promote chess nationally and internationally. I welcome Nava Starr's suggestion that the CFC establish a Director of Fund Raising. Any other suggestions from governors and the CFC members regarding fundraising are definitely welcome.

Thirdly, I want to bring the issue of sales of chess books, software, and equipment to the attention of the governors and it is my hope that they pass along my message to the membership at large. When a person purchases an item from the Chess Federation of Canada or Chess'n Math Association, not only does that person receive that item, that person is supporting directly the ability of these Canadian chess organizations to promote chess in Canada. For example, purchasing from the CFC, helps the CFC support our Olympiad team. Not all of our competitors in the chess merchandizing business do the same. I urge all governors to encourage their chess friends to support the CFC through the purchase of books, software, and equipment.

Fourthly, while I admit that the past performance of the business office may have left

some of our customers wanting, I promise here and now to do my best to bring the business office to the standard of customer service that is expected by the discerning CFC member. (Any suggestions in this respect are also welcome.) One project that I have started with the help of other CFC Executive members and the Executive Director to address business office performance is what I like to call the CFC Software & Hardware Upgrade Project. The aim of this project is to upgrade all the software and hardware of the CFC to improve better business service to all of our members and the public at large. The Executive Director, had found that the present software and equipment have begun to reach their limitations. On behalf of the CFC, I would request patience on the part of governors and CFC members as this project is brought to fruition.

In closing, I will try my best to fulfill my role as Treasurer of the CFC. I welcome all feedback and suggestions from the governors and members at large. May we all work together to promote the game that we love so much.

## **From the Secretary:**

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a pleasure to be "back in the saddle again". It has been an interesting eight weeks since the call from the President detailing both what happened at the Annual General Meeting and what he would like to see happen in 2004-2005 particularly concerning Eric and myself.

At that time I told him I was willing to serve in any capacity where he felt my efforts would advance the CFC and asked him to do what was required as quickly as possible. He felt getting Governors' ratification of his proposal was the way to go and thus motion 2005-10 which was passed 19-1 with the only abstention being myself.

I am gratified with the strong response in e-mail to Federation issues since the AGM and hope this is a sign both of increased interest among the Governors and of chess interest generally in 2004-05. Certainly the voter turnout for the 2005 CYCC bidding was the heaviest outside the

AGM in years and this also is a highly positive step.

A word on online voting and GL Contributions: I would ask that all Governors sending me and the Business Office votes put their votes at the beginning of their e-mails rather than burying “I vote \_\_\_ on Motion 2005-\_\_\_” deep in their responses. On the CYCC vote I caught a couple of such votes deep in the message text and I apologize for any I may have missed. On GL contributions I am happy to publish what Governors wish to send but please indicate clearly that a particular message IS for GL publication. Where I am in doubt I will not include your message as having had what I have thought were confidential e-mails to the Business Office published in the GL I do not wish to inflict my fate on others. So PLEASE if an e-mail is for GL publication say so either in the subject line or early in the e-mail! If you tell me something of general Governor interest to say in private e-mail don’t be surprised if I ask permission to publish it – but I won’t if I don’t get a positive response.

I will do my best to acknowledge all votes received either through a requested receipt or follow-up e-mail.

The comments attributed below to Bruce Harper were part of a joint letter e-mailed to me signed by Harper and Messrs. Michael Barron, Francisco Cabanas, David Cohen, Jason Feng, and Peter Stockhausen. I am unclear whether under our rules joint submissions are allowed but given the e-mail came from Bruce I have named Bruce as the primary author. Readers are reminded that his comments were received in a letter signed by all of the aforementioned gentlemen.

Please note the comments from Frank Dixon concerning possible omissions from the AGM minutes as presented in GL#1. Procedurally speaking how should we reflect these for the record?

#### **Resignation of Governors:**

**Serge Archambault** (please note that Governors comments were received before the GL deadline

and have thus been included but not his votes as he was no longer a Governor)

#### **The following titles have been registered by FIDE:**

IA David Cohen  
 IA Mark Dutton  
 FM Gregory Huber  
 WIM Dinara Khaziyeva  
 IM Eric Lawson  
 IM Thomas Roussel Roosmon  
 FM Christian Stevens

FM = FIDE Master  
 IA = International Arbitrator  
 IM = International Master  
 WIM = Women's International Master

#### **General Comment:**

In light of the importance of bid related matters to the Governors in this GL, David Cohen feels the following statistics would be useful in judging to what extent the various regions have hosted our national championships. I agree and am including his tables for the Assembly's considerations. (I have reduced the text size to fit the columnar format and any formatting errors are of course my own - LC)

Table 1

	TOTAL	Op	C1	W	CYCC	Jr	HS	U16	Chall	Am	Sr
NL	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
PEI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
NS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NB	10	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
QC	46	4	29	1	3	5	0	0	4	0	0
ON	94	20	33	9	4	13	2	8	4	0	1
MB	20	5	7	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	0
SK	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
AB	17	5	2	0	1	5	1	1	2	0	0
BC	22	3	4	1	1	4	0	6	0	2	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALL	216	41	77	11	10	34	4	20	16	2	1

Table 2

%	Total	Op	C1	W	CYCC	Jr	HS	U16	Chall	Am	Sr
ON	44	49	43	82	40	38	50	40	25	0	100

Table 3

Most in a row:

Title	Held	Prov	Times	Years
Open	1956-2004	ON	5	1960-8

Closed	1872-2004	ON	7	1989-99
Women	1975-2004	ON	5	1981-91
Youth (CYCC)	1995-2004	ON	2	2003-4
Junior	1957-2004	ON	5	1990-4
High School	1975-8	-	1	
Cadet (U16)	1979-98	ON	4	1986-9
Amateur	1997-9	BC	2	1997-9
Senior	2004	-	1	

## From the Junior Coordinator:

I was quite pleased with the discussions among the Governors group regarding timing of the CYCC 2005. I had started thinking that the optimum time to hold the CYCC 2005 (had to be moved to an earlier date because the WYCC 2005 had been moved up to July instead of it's usual November) would be around Christmas break time.

While many saw the reasoning behind this, after discussions, most seemed to agree that the Easter break time would be best. We had discussed trying to take advantage of a spring break time but no one seemed to have the same spring break in their school system. The actual Spring Break or March Break varied by as much as 3 weeks between areas.

After deciding on the optimum time period, we invited bids and got 6 bids! I really do appreciate that so many people were offering to help with making a successful event.

Then, when calling for a vote (and emergency email vote) the "voter turnout" was almost record breaking. In Secretary Lyle Craver's words, this is likely the heaviest non-AGM turnout since 97. I am pleased to announce that the group from Victoria BC won the bid to hold the CYCC 2005.

I am hoping that this interest will translate into big numbers for turnout at the actual event. I want to encourage governors and provincial organizations to hold regional and provincial tournaments to help send many of the countries youth players to this event. I suspect that pushing this tournament up will mean that the Provincial tournaments will have to be held in the January/February time frame and that means that regional tournaments will need to be held in November/December.

I am formally asking the CFC governors and the provincial organizations help with the youth chess players by holding as many of these tournaments as possible. Each geographical area should have at least a regional tournament. A good model to follow would be to have entrance fees go towards prizes that would pay for the winners or even the top 3 in each section to go on to the next level (provincials?).

The provincial organizations should be thinking about when they can hold their provincial tournaments to send the top several kids to the CYCC.

If I can be of any assistance with the planning or holding of any of these regional or provincial tournaments, please don't hesitate to contact me. The best way to contact me is by email at: [patrick@psmcd.net](mailto:patrick@psmcd.net) .

From all accounts, the Victoria group look like they will have everything well planned and promise to run a stellar tournament.

Thank You,  
 Patrick McDonald  
 Youth Coordinator, Chess Federation of Canada  
[patrick@psmcd.net](mailto:patrick@psmcd.net)

## Results of Votes:

### **Motion 2005-10: (Ratification of Eric Van Dusen as Treasurer, Lyle Craver as Secretary)**

**YES:** (19)

Bond, Cabanas, Cohen, Feng, Greco, Haley, Harper, Henderson, Killi, Kosoian, Mallon, Nadeau, Pacey, Smith, Starr, Stockhausen, Thomas, Thorvardson, Van Dusen

**NO:** (2) Craft, Frarey

**ABSTAIN:** (1) Craver

Motion Carried

### **RESULTS OF SPECIAL VOTE 1:**

**Moved McDonald/Palsson that the 2005 CYCC be hosted by:**

**(Ordered East to West)**

1. **Dénomée – Montreal**
2. **Cohen – Toronto**
3. **Thurairasah – Toronto**
4. **Kaminski – Calgary**
5. **Raymer – Victoria**
6. **Cohen – Whitehorse**

Based on the following votes received I declare the Victoria 2005 CYCC bid to be the successful bidder.

**Votes Received:**

**1**

**2**

**3 (3) McMaster, Smith, Thurairasah**

**4 (1) Ficzere**

**5 (38) Barron, Bond, Bos, Cabanas, Churchill, Craft, Craver, Divinsky, Dixon, Dutton, Farges, Feng, Ferguson, Ferner, Greco, Haley, Harper, Henderson, Killi, Mallon, McDonald, P, McGowan, Nadeau, Niksic, Pacey, Palsson, Posylek, Regimbald, Rohanchuk, Rosner, Rutter, Starr, Stockhausen, Thomas, Thorvardson, Tsui, Urquhart, Van Dusen**

**6 (1) Sutherland**

**Abstain: (1) Cohen**

**RESULTS OF SPECIAL VOTE 2:**

Be it resolved that Brian Hartman be confirmed as Olympic Team Captain

**Yes:** (19) Bond, Charbonneau, Cohen, Craver, Denomée, Dixon, Dutton, Ferner, Greco, Haley, Hebert, McKim, Posylek, Rosner, Starr, Thorvardson, Thurairasah, Urquhart, Van Dusen

**No:** (12)

Barron, Churchill, Craft, Feng, Ferguson, Frahey, Harper, Niksic, Regimbald, Smith, Stockhausen, Stringer

**Abstain: (4)**

Ficzere, Mallon, McMaster, Pacey

The motion is carried

**RESULTS OF SPECIAL VOTE 3:**

Canadian Open / CYCC 2006 bids:

**Kitchener:** (19) Bond, Craver, Dixon, Dutton, Ferner, Greco, Haley, Mallon, McKim, McMaster, Pacey, Posylek, Regimbald, Rosner, Smith, Starr, Thorvardson, Urquhart, Van Dusen

**Halifax:** (2) Cohen, Hebert

**Abstain:** (4) Ficzere, Frahey, Killi, Thurairasah

**Reject All Bids:** (2) Ferguson, Stockhausen

Based on the following votes received I declare the Kitchener bid to be the successful bidder.

**Discussion of Motions:**

**Motions for Second Discussion:**

**MOTION 2005-08 (Thorvardson / Dutton)**

**Governors' Letters: Procedures for Introducing Motions**

**Serge Archambault:** Is this suppose (sic) to be a comedy show or what? Since when are we allowing motions not even seconded to even see the light of the day in a GL? On it's merits, this motion does seem strange. At a time most people would prefer more democracy going on at the CFC. At a time we want more people to get involved with chess. At a time we are trying to expand chess as much as possible in as many directions as possible (juniors, women, arbiters, organizers, sales, computer, magazine, web site, etc...). This motion seems to completely go the other way and looks as if we are trying to go back 30 years in time.

**Hal Bond:** 2005 - 8 We have had a number of dubious motions in the past year but I'm not sure if this idea will have the desired effect.

**Francisco Cabanas:** This is a fundamentally undemocratic provision that effectively disenfranchises and silences the governors. The comparison to the government of Canada and Provincial Governments is fundamentally flawed. Opposition motions are regularly heard

on the floor of the house and it takes much less than 25% of MPs to gain official party status! So there is not the same need for "private member's" bills as in the case of the CFC where there is no "official opposition". As for the corporate example that again is flawed since disgruntled shareholders have the option of selling their shares. In a typical corporate AGM the management has enough proxies to control the meeting because the shareholders support management. Still motions that "oppose management" can be presented at the AGM. Another poor result of this motion is that it further alienates smaller provinces that have less than 25% of all governors and further concentrates power in Ontario

**Lyle Craver:** I am unalterably opposed to this motion as what we gain in efficiency we lose in democracy. I am absolutely unconvinced that frivolously brought motions have ever been a problem in the governance of the CFC so why is this motion brought now?

Given the motion was first presented without a seconder I believe strongly it should have been ruled out of order by the President both for this reason and as it would seem to require a constitutional amendment to effect the desired change. If anything we should be working to increase the power of the Assembly of Governors rather than reduce them. Mr. Smith has felt for some time the Assembly is too large – I'm not completely convinced but 2005-08 is absolutely not the way to accomplish this goal.

The motion is dead wrong and I am appalled it was even entertained particularly since when moved there was no seconder.

**Mark Dutton:** This motion appears to be a sensible concept. It will save time and certainly sounds more efficient with this proposal. If you need a seconder Barry, I will be happy to second your motion. If this motion is already seconded, I offer my support this initiative.

**Fred Henderson:** I vote yes to motion 2005-10 My understanding is that motions 2005-08 & 2005-09 are not up for formal vote, but if they

are, then I would vote yes for those motions also.

**Kevin Pacey:** "I'm currently against this motion. I think the remedy proposed is worse than the problems it tries to solve, as there's no guarantee 'valid' motions won't be dismissed prematurely."

**Bruce Harper:** We strongly oppose this motion, which is undemocratic and attempts to further emasculate the powers of the CFC Governors. As a matter of principle, the powers of the Governors ought to be increased – the rule by Presidential decree in the past few years is the single greatest problem faced by the CFC. As an aside, this motion should clearly have been ruled "out of order", because it has no seconder.

**Maurice Smith:** While I agree with the intent of Motion 2005-8 which is to limit the amount of unnecessary motions, I have to agree with the negative comments put forward on the motion by Francisco Cabanas and Bruce Harper. Any Motion not properly worded or not shown explicably how it alters the CFC Handbook should be ruled out of order by the President. Any Governor should have the right to make a Motion if properly seconded.

This brings me down to a} and b} in Bruce's last letter. a} Having one Governor for every 100 members instead of 50. I agree.

Actually I tossed this idea around when I first was on the Executive. It received a luke warm reception, so I did not pursue it. However I would support and second any properly worded motion to this change. We do not need over 70 Governors for 2700 or so members. If we used the same proportionate method to elect our M.P.'s we would need over 700,000 Members Of Parliament. If we reduced the number, I think the Provinces would take greater care in electing their Governors. Also the ones elected would feel a greater degree of responsibility and would be more active.

b} Suspending or removing Governors for inactivity. How do you define inactivity? Since the Provinces elect the Governors, I think we

would be opening up a real can of worms if we tried to make this rule.

The only Motion up for vote is 2005-10. I vote YES.

**Martin Jaeger:** re 2005-08 Why was this motion given status without a seconder? It should have been published (if at all) as information only.

If, as the motion suggests, the CFC is to become a top down organization, then the volunteers on whom the CFC depends will vote with their feet. The mover apparently does not relish having unsupported, badly thought out motions published in the GL. This notion could profitably have been applied by him to 2005-08.

#### **MOTION 2005-09 Mallon/Dénommée On-Line Discussion Board**

**Serge Archambault:** I have mix feelings about this motion. This has been tried before. We should learn from past experiences. I am sure the movers of this motion mean well, however time has shown that a forum for members does not work (in other words, the FQE closed their forum, Chesstalk is a joke, OCC is nothing more than a "one man show"). All the boards I've seen in the past are on their way out (Notzai, France Echecs, even FIDE). And what about the newsgroups? Nope, just doesn't work. And what exactly is it suppose to give the CFC? I just don't see anything positive to gain from it. As far as a Governor Board is concerned, again, it has been tried before and it doesn't generate any interest from most Governors. Once again, anyone having a look at what has been done since Chris Mallon has put the web site online can observe that 3-4 Governors spam everybody on every subject they can think of (good or not for the CFC) not only on the forum, but also by email and then cut + paste everywhere else. I know if I want to talk to a Governor, I can contact him/her privatly. I have done so recently and it works perfectly fine for me. That being said, I agree that we should try to have more dynamism going on. I have never seen the GLs as being a perfect tool. In fact, I think most Governors expect more from GLs than what it was meant to be. However, as of

now, it's the only Official way Governors can get in touch with what is happening at the CFC. We should try to figure out more ways. Maybe some kind of "Executive Newsletters" monthly ? Or even a "President Report" once in a while ? If the idea is to try to get more Governors involved, may I submit that Provincial Associations should be more careful electing/nominating their representatives ?

**Hal Bond:** I like this idea. Chris Mallon has done well to put something together and I hope it works.

**Mark Dutton:** At this point the forum does not in any way replace the GLs officially, however that can and should be looked into once the Governors get a feel for using it.

**Bruce Harper:** We support this motion, for exactly the same reasons we oppose Motion 2005-8.

**Frank Dixon:** I also support 2005-09, the online board for Governors, but it is not clear whether this is up for vote.

**Kevin Pacey:** "I'm currently in favour of this motion."

**Eric Van Dusen:** As for Motion 2005-09, I support the motion with the qualification that formal business of the CFC is still carried out in an orderly fashion, as well as that regular communication takes place between the CFC Executive and the Governors and the members at large. I want to thank Chris Mallon for doing the work to establish these boards. (YES)

#### **Motion 2005-10 (Palsson/Van Dusen) Switch Secretary and Treasurer**

**Serge Archambault:** This is probably the most ridiculous motion I've ever seen. Why is our President presenting that motion AND then let one of the concerned individuals second it ? It makes no sense. I am not even sure when can do what is suggested by our President. At the AGM, the Chair should never have allowed M.Craver to be nominated. Let the Governors present at the AGM (with their proxies) be

responsible for their irresponsible (sic) action and suffer the consequences for the whole year. M. Craver still has the last word. If he doesn't want to be Treasurer, he should just say so. If not, we'll then be easily able to find someone much more qualified and interested.

I vote NO

**Frank Dixon:** Yes to 2005-10 (Switch of roles for Van Dusen and Craver). I see this as a mere Cabinet shuffle. No doubt both people could do solid jobs in their original elected roles, but increased quality will likely result from the switch. Indeed, Mr. Van Dusen as Secretary did a very good job on the first GL.

**Mark Dutton:** This looks like an obvious decision if all of the parties all agree, then this is just a formal rubber stamping!

### **Motions for Vote:**

**Business Arising from Motion 2005-03:** The deadline for bids for the 2006 CYCC/CO is 15 September 2004, 17:00h EDT. If no other bids received by the deadline, then the SWOCL Kitchener bid is approved. If other bids received, then a vote will take place if necessary within two (2) weeks and/or in GL#2.

**Motion 2005-04:** "Protection of Canada Open/CYCC" – (Rutherford/Cohen as amended by Thorvardson/Rohanchuk) : Similar events that are two days before the CYCC and after the Canada Open will not be rated by the CFC or advertised in CFC media.

(Editorial comment: Motion 2005-04 was first moved at the Annual General Meeting and amended by Messrs. Thorvardson and Rohanchuk. The amendment was passed so the motion became as presented above and was then tabled for later consideration in the Governors' Letter by the full Assembly of Governors)

**Kevin Pacey:** "I'm currently against this motion. Organizers ordinarily try to avoid conflicting events in their own interest; when they don't, let the chips fall where they may."

**Motion 2005-05:** "Post-Secondary Chess" –

(Dixon/Barron) - Post-secondary chess is a new area of affiliation with the CFC. The main goal is to establish the Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association (CPSCA).

**Bruce Harper: Motion 2005-03** (Motion awarding the 2006 Canadian Youth Championship and Canadian Open to Kitchener Ontario)

We oppose this motion and vote against it, for the following reasons:

1. The bid is not presented in GL 1, so no details have been presented to the Governors.
2. It is not known when the 2006 World Youth Championship will be held.
3. The awarding of the bid at this point contravenes the normal CFC rules in this area. In principle we do not think that it is unreasonable to decide on the location of a national event such as the Canadian Open two years in advance. However, the CFC record in this area has not been good and some procedural regularity must be implemented. The procedure being followed with respect to the Kitchener bid (which might well be an excellent bid) is irregular and improper, and further brings the CFC into disrepute.

**Bruce Harper: Motion 2005-04** (Motion by John Rutherford, seconded by David Cohen, prohibiting the organization of events similar to the Canadian Open during that time period)

We oppose this motion as being unnecessary, antagonistic and foolish.

If the CFC bidding procedures for national events such as the Canadian Open is transparent and fair, this will not be a problem. Further, in situation where the Canadian Open is held at remote locations (such as in 2003 and 2004), there is nothing wrong with have comparable events held in other locations, as this would not materially reduce the number of attendees at the Canadian Open.

The Canadian Open should stand on its own merits (location, site, funding, participation of known players) and should not need or receive special protection.

If this motion were to be passed, all it would do is trigger the organization of unrated events were organizers be inclined to hold them.

**Bruce Harper: Motion 2005-05** (Motion by Frank Dixon, seconded by Michael Barron, establishing the Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association)

We support this motion provided the new body does not detract from other CFC organizational efforts.

**Frank Dixon:** On Post-Secondary Chess: The original motion on this topic was sent, with appropriate mover (Frank Dixon) and seconder (Michael Barron), in March, 2004, to the CFC office. It did not get into a GL before the end of the CFC year 2003-2004. As the nominated liaison between the newly-formed Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association and the CFC, I sent the expanded motion for discussion to the Kapuskasing meeting, also travelling there myself as an Arbiter for the tournament, at which it was first moved from the outgoing Governor Assembly, GL 2004-6.5, (at the end of the first day) into the Incoming Governor Assembly, and then promised (at the end of the second day) for GL#1, 2005. But the motion did not get into GL#1 for 2005, and it has now been moved into GL#2. I made the 12-hour trip to Kapuskasing in order to make progress on this portfolio, hoping for discussion among Governors, with new policy and plans to be made, and this did not happen there. Progress has now been further delayed, and I am getting a bit impatient at the continued procedural runaround. Since the next CPSCA tournament is set for January 2005 in Toronto, and it is now the end of September, these delays could have a negative impact on the quality of this event. Time is being needlessly lost. I also want to point out that the OCA dealt directly, quickly, and positively with this portfolio at its May, 2004 meeting in Brantford, voting the new group an annual \$400 for the next four years.

I want to update this portfolio by stating that we are hoping to be able to provide remote competitive capability for the next CPSCA event. That is, if a University team is in Vancouver (or Calgary or Winnipeg or Halifax), for example, wishes to play, and cannot afford to travel to Toronto, they could possibly compete by link-up with a team at the tournament site in Toronto. This idea is very

much in the planning stages, but a number of different technologies are possible solutions. Certainly, supervision of any remote site is a must, and we may be able to expand this to the possibility of having two remote site teams (for example Halifax and Vancouver) compete with each other. This is a pretty exciting concept! It will get tricky for everyone because of time zone differences; as Canada has six time zones!

Alex Lambruschini, Chair of the CPSCA, is taking the year off from Queen's University, and has handed over the Chair to Morgan Mills, from the University of Toronto, who is chief organizer of the next event. Mr. Mills is preparing plans for the tournament, and these will be presented in a future GL.

The remote site competition capability could also be extended to other applications. I am thinking of a national team competition using this idea!

The Executive of the Kingston Chess Club met at the end of August, and is going to engage in a bit of direct democracy with the CFC. After discussion, the following motion was passed, and as CFC Governor for this region, I was instructed by the KCC Executive to introduce it into the next available GL. The motion was drafted by Wayne Coppin, Kingston Chess Club Secretary / Webmaster. 1) elected officials must be accountable to the members of the association, and the members will have the right to remove incompetent or otherwise undesirable executives from office between elections; 2) at election time for executives / etc., one member / one vote [ie no more proxy funny business at distant AGMs]; 3) executives to have longer terms of office to encourage a longer-term outlook/vision for the association; 4) executive terms of office should be staggered so that we have continuity, and avoid these all in, all out situations.

**Kevin Pacey:** "I'm currently enthusiastically in favour of this motion."

#### **New Business:**

**Nava Starr:** In a view of losing the sponsorship of Belzberg Technologies and not being able to replace it with any alternative right away I have

a suggestion to create a post of DIRECTOR OF FUND RAISING, who's mandate would be to raise FUNDS from Corporations, all levels of Governments, Private donors for our Canadian National Championships, for our Olympic Fund, for our representatives to be able to play in all official international tournaments, including our juniors.

I would like to get your opinions regarding this subject. It appears to me that this is the MOST IMPORTANT matter and challenge today.

**Mark Dutton:** This looks like a good idea, however it may be difficult to find someone who would want to be Director of Fund Raising. Best of luck and my support for your proposal:

**Ed Rohanchuk** I seem to recall, a long time ago, a position similar to " Director of Fund Raising " but I don't think it was very profitable. I guess it would require a special talent that the CFC could not afford or one we would be unable to find. But if such a position would be created then the salary should be based on performance.

**Steve Killi:** I have gone on record twice before in support of Nava's suggestion for a National Fund Raiser. Rather than offering 15-20 % which may be too much and maybe not enough; lets hear from interested individuals and let them tell us what they want in return for their efforts. So far one Governor expressed interest. David Cohen step up to the plate and tell us what you want and start out the bidding process and at the end we will decide who is the right man or woman. What about you Nava?

**Bela Kosoian:** I also fullheartedly support Nava Starr's proposition of putting in place a dedicated fundraiser for the CFC. She raises a very important point. My own experience trying to raise funds for the CFC has taught me that it is a task which needs to be professionalized. I would also like to add that anybody who is appointed to the job of raising funds should be given an incentive, for example a commission of 15-20%. Since I very much doubt the CFC has the means to pay the fundraiser in question a salary, in my opinion, this is the only way we are going to bring in much needed funds. This is full

time job which, in the hands of a dedicated professional, is going to require a lot of travelling, calling and writing. Should the CFC choose to create the position of Director of Fund Raising, the chosen candidate will need to devote all their time and energy looking for sponsors.

## **MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION:**

**Motion 2005-11 (Moved Jason Feng / Seconded Peter Stockhausen):** That the Governors Letter be sent to all CFC Governors at least once a month.

*Rationale:* Pending the transfer of CFC business to a discussion board, which will facilitate the moving, seconding, discussion and voting on CFC motions and greatly increase the ability of the Governors to conduct the business of the CFC, the Governors Letters are the one means by which Governors can govern. Because Governors Letters are now sent by e-mail, there is no cost issue, and more frequent Governors Letters would be less bulky and therefore easier to organize. Infrequent Governors Letters can only serve to further increase the power of the CFC Executive at the expense of the Governors, disenfranchising Canadian chess players and their representatives.

**Motion 2005-12 (Moved Bruce Harper / Seconded Chris Mallon):**

**Motion:** That a committee be formed to consider and analyze various options for holding the Canadian Championship and the Canadian Women's Championship and report to the Governors on the results of their deliberations and with their recommendations for a suitable format for these events.

The committee shall consist of Eddie Urquhart (Masters Representative), Jack Yoos, Nava Starr, (all of whom have indicated they are prepared to serve on such a commitment), Pascal Charbonneau (Canadian Champion) and Sid Belzberg. If Pascal Charbonneau and Sid Belzberg are unable or unwilling to serve, the other three committee members shall select

suitable replacements.

The committee shall submit a report to the Governors, with their recommendations, by December 31, 2004.

**Rationale:** There are advantages and disadvantages to both round-robin and Swiss formats for Championship events. Balancing the legitimate interests of potential participants, organizers, sponsors, the CFC and Canadian chess fans is not an easy task. The goal of the committee will be to analyze the possibilities and recommend formats for these events which will form the basis for a consistent and stable series of Championships for the foreseeable future.

**Motion 2004-13: Motion on the Canadian Closed format** (Moved Michael Barron / Seconded Frank Dixon):

"To hold Canadian Closed Championship in 2 sections at the same site:

1) Premier section: 12-player round robin comprising of all Canadian GMs, 3 top finishers from the previous Canadian Closed Championship, reigning Canadian Junior Champion and the highest rated players in the sequence of the current FIDE Rating List until a total of 12 players is reached.

2) Reserves section: 11-round Swiss system tournament comprising of all past Canadian Champions, past members of Canadian Olympic teams, past Canadian Junior Champions, reigning Provincial Champions, reigning Canadian Youth Champions for different age categories, candidates for Canadian Women's Olympic Team, 2 players chosen by the organizer and the highest rated players in the sequence of the Canadian Rating List until a total number of players is reached provided that every participant has a FIDE or CFC rating of not less than 2000. The total number of players shall be determined by the CFC Board of Directors. 2 top finishers from the Reserves section have right to play in the Premier section next year."

**General comments from Governors:**

**Bruce Harper:** In general, GL 1 was poorly organized and difficult to follow. While GLs are archaic and should be replaced by an on-line discussion board, they are currently the only vehicle for contact with the Governors and should be put together more carefully.

**Frank Dixon:** I have the following points to make: a) Could we have more specific information on the changed time controls for the 2004 Canadian Closed? The report mentions the fact that they would be changed, but not the details.

b) Bond's remarks: "Western Open is in July." He means the Western Canadian Open; the Western Open is an American event. This needs to be clarified in the report. Anyhow, this event may not continue past 2004, and hence need not be factored into scheduling Canadian Opens.

**Frank Dixon:** Discussion for 2005-01: Spraggett actually said: "On the FIDE Rating list, there are 4,000 women out of 40,000 players." He did not say: "At the Olympiad, there are 4,000 women out of 40,000 players."

**Frank Dixon:** National Appeals' Committee report on Lipnowski --- Mattson case: I support the decision of the NAC, and want to thank them for their excellent work and very clear report. I am very concerned that Samuel Lipnowski was allowed to play in the Canadian Zonal in August, after what happened in Kapuskasing in July. The NAC decision on the appeal was finished before the Zonal started play. I like Sam, he is a strong player, and no doubt he regrets what he did, but I think we are sending the wrong message by allowing him to play, and not setting a stronger precedent here.

As a Governor, I recommended to the 2004 Zonal Committee that he not be allowed to play, to no avail. I think the CFC Executive should have made an emergency decision on a subject of this importance, given the shortness of time involved, and then factored that into the sanctions which they are debating. We need to make sure that the corrected game result of

Lipnowski -- Mattson gets re-rated, as ordered by the NAC. As of Sept. 22, this had not been done by the CFC. I don't know if FIDE has re-rated this game. I want to point out that the Appeals' Committee in Kapuskasing did not have all the facts that the NAC did, and that this lack of evidence impacted the original appealed ruling. I was in Kapuskasing, so I know this to be true.

I would like to ensure that Mr. Mattson gets the money from Mr. Lipnowski that he is owed, for the prize that he would have won in the Canadian Open, had the cheating incident not occurred. As of Sept. 22, more than two months after the incident, this seems to NOT be the case. Apparently, the cheque sent by Mr. Lipnowski bounced, further extending what is already a very messy situation. This should be wrapped up pronto, no more excuses. By his actions, Mr. Lipnowski robbed Mr. Mattson of his moment, recognition by his peers in Kapuskasing for having beaten a strong player, and also his chance to receive his prize in front of the other players and organizers at the Closing Ceremony. This can never be recaptured.

I would urge the CFC Executive to set a fair but strong penalty for Mr. Lipnowski. Consider the sanctions by the CFC against Robert Hamilton and Jan Pajak from past years; they were severe. We need to send a clear message, which will hopefully act as a deterrent to other prospective cheaters. Mr. Lipnowski's actions were all the more reprehensible since he is a much stronger and more experienced player than Mr. Mattson, and so should set a positive example. He not only moved two pieces on the same move, but in effect followed up by conning the younger and lower-rated player into the original fraud, using his greater chess smarts and longer life experience. As chessplayers, we have all been in the situation where we missed our opponent's plan; we have to congratulate our opponents for their superior ideas, not apply fraudulent methods to deny their creativity. That is the heart of chess, which we are all privileged to play, around the world.

*Frank Dixon: (with comments from Eric van*

### ***Dusen)***

I was at the CFC AGM at Kapuskasing 2004, where there were a couple of important changes made to CYCC procedures for future championships. Although these were voted on and passed by the Governors, after discussion, they DID NOT make it into the minutes for GL#1, 2004-2005. I just realized this, as I had made a mental note to check for them when I was doing my submission to GL#1 on Sept. 22, but then forgot to do that then, because of the lateness of the hour. They are in my own notes from Kapuskasing. I did pass news of them to Bruce Harper by email during the Canadian Open, and Bruce told me by email recently that he is currently working on updating the CFC Handbook and Bylaws, so that triggered another reminder to me to check the GL#1 to see if these new CYCC motions were there. They are NOT there, so if we don't catch them now, then they might be forgotten for the future.

So, here they are. Hopefully some other Governors noticed this as well.

#### **CYCC Changes:**

1) Following the conclusion of tournament play in the CYCC, if a playoff is to take place to determine placings or qualifications, then if digital clocks are available, they shall be used for the playoff games.

This is a new provision.

**[Eric Van Dusen: Please see section 20, Motion 2004-03 of GL1, Amendment of Article 1010, It is stated that "time and increment" will be used where possible. This implies the use of digital clocks. The addition of Dixon's notes will make the GL1 more explicit on this issue.]**

2) Only the top-rated player in each age / gender group category may participate in the WYCC in a given year, at their own expense, after HAVING NOT taken part in the CYCC that year. (It had been the top two players allowed to go to WYCC at their own expense, after HAVING NOT taken part in the CYCC that year.) This change was made to emphasize the importance of the CYCC, and to encourage the top players to take part in it, enabling other

players to be able to meet those top players in competition.

[Eric Van Dusen: Please see **Motion 2004-03** Stockhausen/Spraggett: 20.1 Amendment of Article 1012. The motion has the effect that is states in his notes above. Again Frank's notes will make explicit what is implicit in the motion. If it is helpful, then by all means make the requested additions.]

You can probably improve on the wording I have provided, but I think the sense of these new motions is accurate.

Let me know if you need any further clarification. Probably other Governors who were present at Kapuskasing would also remember these forgotten motions, if they are reminded of them.

Best regards,  
Frank Dixon  
Governor, Kingston

## Appendix: CFC Executive and Governors

(The current version of this list is maintained at <http://www.chess.ca/governors.htm>)

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## Deadline for Submissions to GL #4: October 24, 2004

## Motions For Vote:

**Business Arising from Motion 2004-05-03:**  
The deadline for bids for the 2006 CYCC/CO is 15 September 2004, 17:00h EDT. If no other bids received by the deadline, then the SWOCL Kitchener bid is approved. If other bids received, then a vote will take place if necessary within

two (2) weeks and/or in GL#2 .

NOTE: This has been superceded by the online vote called by the President with a Deadline of October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion 2005-04:** “Protection of Canada Open/CYCC” – (Rutherford/Cohen as amended by Thorvardson/Rohanchuk at the AGM): Similar events that are two days before the CYCC and after the Canada Open will not be rated by the CFC or advertised in CFC media.

Vote: YES NO ABSTAIN

**Motion 2005-05:** “Post-Secondary Chess” - Dixon/Barron - Post-secondary chess is a new area of affiliation with the CFC. The main goal is to establish the Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association (CPSCA).

Vote: YES NO ABSTAIN

**Motions for Second Discussion:**

**2005-08: Governors' Motions**

**2005-09: Governors' Online Message Forum**

**Motions for First Discussion:**

**2005-11: Monthly Governors Letter**

**2005-12: National Championship Committee**

**2005-13: Canadian Closed Format**

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