

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER EIGHT 2004-2005



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KEEPING GOVERNORS INFORMED

President's Message

I would like to thank the Alberta Chess Association for hosting the 2005 AGM.

The CFC financials will be sent to the Governors as soon as we get them from our auditors. Governors should look at the financial report on the actual results for 2000 to 2004 in GL6. I would also like Governors to consider some financial points:

- 1) CFC is losing large donors! Donations 2003: \$16,310; 2004: \$48,178; and 2005: \$83,600. These are donations to the CYCC, Olympiad and other chess activities in Canada. Our largest sponsors (the Belzburgs) switched from the Olympiad to the Canadian Championship. The flak some of our donors get from the chess community (you hear: not enough, not for me and not the right thing to support in chess) is a source of concern to me. The CFC is making progress in raising donations to fund chess activities. It is important for Governors to use our ability to issue tax receipts to promote chess in Canada. This can be used to fund participation in national and international competitions by players from their areas.
- 2) The CFC is running out of cash/not paying its bills. This is a simple smear that has persisted. The CFC has had \$50-\$70,000 in the bank all year. The CFC pays all invoices it receives within two weeks.

In the last 2-year cycle the CFC was fortunate to find excellent organizers for all the Canadian championships. These tournaments were well organized and generally well received by the players. The CFC managed to send a full complement to the Chess Olympiad in 2004 despite significant fundraising difficulties.

I would like to recommend to Governors that they vote for the current Executive that is running again Halldor Palsson as President, Nathan Divinsky as FIDE Representative, Patrick McDonald as Youth Coordinator and Lyle Craver as Secretary. The CFC is looking for a Vice President and a Treasurer. The CFC is looking for good qualified volunteers that have 5-15 hours per week to spend on chess at the national level in Canada.

Please forward your proxies to a Governor going to the AGM in Edmonton. If you are forwarding proxies to the CFC Office it will be closed as of Thursday July 7. If you are forwarding proxies to me directly I will be going to Edmonton Sunday July 10th.

I would like to thank my Executive and CFC Governors for there support in the last year.

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President
Chess Federation of Canada

From the Secretary:

As a result of the delay (discussed in the last GL – during this time I managed to short out no fewer than THREE mother boards!) in getting GL#7 out I have failed to get official notification of the 2005 Annual General Meeting out sufficiently early. While the date for the 2005 AGM was announced at the meeting and has been advertised on the Canadian Open website for months my failure to formally announce the AGM in GL#7 has created a controversy as to whether adequate notice of the Annual General Meeting has been given. All this has been much discussed in e-mails over the past two weeks and Governors will have to judge for themselves the merits of each position.

If the verdict of the Governors is not to give me re-election I recommend to my successor that the official notice of the Annual General Meeting be made no later than Easter 2006 so that the work of the Governors continue right up to the AGM. The CFC faces many challenges that require action by the Governors in 2005-2006 and there is no legal reason I can see why notice needs to be given only in the final GL of 2005-2006. This will avoid any possible controversy.

Along with my hard drive crash during the preparation of GL#7 I managed to lose two e-mails containing votes: Ken Craft who voted yes to both 2005-23 and 2005-35 and Maurice Smith who voted no to 2005-23, yes to 2005-35. This makes the revised counts 16-4 and 18-2 – neither motion's outcome is changed.

If the verdict of the Governors is that my sins outweigh my merits then clearly I cannot expect re-election as Secretary. Against that will have to be weighed the level of participation made in the “new look” Governors’ Letter which has been higher than any year in the last 10 years. However the decision goes let me say it has been my pleasure to edit the GL and I hope Governors feel I have taken the Governors’ Letter to a new level. It is my hope that we can shorten the GL production cycle during 2005-2006 and achieve the monthly GL contemplated by motion 2005-11. By my count 53 of 73 Governors have cast at least one vote during 2004-2005 and we got far more Governor response from the GLs than in my previous term in 2002-2003 when we had one extra GL but far less participation. I particularly note the vote for the 2005 CYCC Tournament which has to be the first vote in years featuring an absolute majority of the Governors for what turned out to be one of the better CYCC events ever. I take satisfaction in the increased level of Governor involvement and hope for full participation in 2005-2006.

Report to the AGM of the Ratings Auditor:

There are no Generally Accepted Rating Auditing Principles, this give the rating Auditor a certain freedom when it comes to writing his report. It is the responsibility of the CFC Assembly of Governors to set the rules governing the CFC rating system, my responsibility is to ensure that those rules are followed. The Rating Auditor mandate consists of two distinct tasks: *supervision of the rating system* and dealing with *rating Appeals*. There has been no rating Appeal related to the CFC rating but we did have one Appeal concerning the FIDE rating. Appeals are covered in section 1 of this report. For the Supervision of the Rating System, I have performed a detailed analysis of the file *tdlist.txt* that anybody can download from the CFC web site but that is intended to be used by CFC Certified Arbiters. Furthermore, a problem with the current junior rating system has been identified.

It is my opinion that due to the wonderful work of the Executive Director and of the Ottawa staff, the CFC Rating system is very well ran and that the members are satisfied

Rating Appeal during the year

Apart from a request for explanation, there have been no issues involving the CFC rating. The principal problem of the year has been Dimitri Tyomkin FIDE rating which has been lowered due to the rating by the USCF of games played at a time control not accepted by FIDE. The USCF has been very collaborative and the issue has been settled.

When a Canadian player is playing FIDE rated games abroad, it is the responsibility host country Chess Federation to produce the rating report for FIDE. It is also its responsibility to send a request for correction in case of error. Neither the CFC nor the Rating Auditor can formally intervene in the internal affairs of a foreign Chess Federation.

Analysis of the *tdlist.txt* file

The file *tdlist.txt* contains a CVS version of the CFC rating database. There were 25 167 records in the file that I have analysed. In order to study the file, I wrote an application to convert it from CVS to a standard database format. I then added indexes to the database to speedup the analysis process. Another application has been written to enable SQL queries on the CFC rating database. It is this application that has been used to look for anomalies in the rating file. Here is a view of the running application

NumFCE	Expiration	Nom	Prenom	Province	Cote	CoteMax	CoteRapide	CoteRapideMax	NumFIDE	CoteFIDE
126058	01/01/1940	Aben	Mike	ON	293	5	0	0		0
138482	01/01/1940	Abergel	Thal	FO	2437	2441	0	0	614890	2443
124214	01/01/1940	Achomer	Rudolf	BC	1067	4	0	0		0
124788	01/01/1940	Adams	Nicholas	BC	1054	5	0	0		0
140929	01/01/1940	Adamson	Janelle		892	5	0	0		0
141340	01/01/1940	Aitchison	Chris		925	5	0	0		0
141333	01/01/1940	Aitchison	Josh		1313	5	0	0		0
101956	01/01/1940	Aksan	Adam	BC	1835	6	1835	6		0
133930	01/01/1940	Alburt	Lev	US	0	0	0	0	2000156	2550
138003	01/01/1940	Aldama	Degumay	FO	2451	2451	0	0	3500268	2461
138483	01/01/1940	Alekseev	Evgeny	FO	2609	2609	0	0	4138147	2605
126842	01/01/1940	Allan	Cao	ON	855	6	0	0		0
120206	01/01/1940	Allan	George	ON	1535	1535	0	0		0
141344	01/01/1940	Allsopp	Ryan		1212	5	0	0		0
140567	01/01/1940	Allston	Jeff		0	0	1435	5		0

Commande SQL:

Of the 25 167 records, 15 652 have a provisional rating and one player record is in error. That is quite a lot provisional ratings. Maybe we should investigate why do so many players did abandon competition before earning a permanent rating.

1 513 player do have a rapid rating and no standard rating but only 33 of those are not expired.

One player did have a highest rating of -1 and another did have an actual rating higher then his published highest rating.

The CFC maintains a list of contacts in the same database as its list of members. Certain persons on the contacts list have been inadvertently exported to the rating file *tdlist.txt*. All the members expiring 1940/01/01 are indeed contacts of the CFC, there are 807 of them. We have 5 members expiring in 1941. The next group of 33 members expires in 1950. After that, there is a 25 year gap, with the next member expiring in 1975. After that, the file looks normal with members expiring every year except for a player expiring in 2101. Members expiring in 2099 are life members, this is not an error.

Junior rating problem

As it has been mentioned in the Governor's Letters, there is a problem with the consistency of the CFC junior rating. There are 5824 players (excluding those expiring in 1940) rated between 200 and 799 of which 193 were not expired on May 31st 2005. We also have 1378 players rated under 400 of which only 17 were not expired on the

same date. This is hardly surprising as those players are not strong enough to enjoy tournament play, but we might have done better in term of teaching in order to keep them in the CFC.

Here is the formula use to compute Performance Rating

$$PerfRating = AverageRatingOfTheOpposition + \frac{400(NumberOfVictories - NumberOfDefeats)}{NumberOfGamesPlayed}$$

Players with a rating of less then 400 are not acceptable because loosing a game to them can give rise to a negative performance rating. At worse, the performance rating is the average rating of the opposition minus 400. This is how the problem has been found in the first place.

A committee should be put in place to fin the best solution to the problem. Possible solutions are: complete removal of the ratings (the players concerned would have to restart as unrated) or increase of the too low ratings. FIDE does remove from its rating list anybody whose rating falls below a certain threshold but we do really need to rate junior players in order to organise junior tournaments. Running a fair Swiss tournament requires an accurate rating of the players so we really need to precisely rate our junior players to ensure the validity of our National Championships.

Results of Votes:

Motion 2005-25: Moved by Michael Barron/Kevin Pacey:

"Any chess club may retain 50% from the CFC portion (now it's \$18 for Adult, \$12 for Junior, \$6 for Junior Participating and \$9 for Family Membership) of any new CFC memberships (for persons who have not been CFC members for at least 5 years) that they sell to club members.

The CFC shall still pay provincial affiliates their full portion of the CFC membership fees that are received."

Votes Yes (2): Barron, Pacey

Votes No (12) Bond, Cohen, Craft, Craver, Dénomée, Ferner, Ficzero, Jaeger, Mallon, McDonald, Smith, Stockhausen

Abstentions: none

Motion fails

Christopher Mallon: 2005-25 This needs a lot more study before implementing anything that could potentially cost the CFC money.

Peter Stockhausen: It is with regret that I vote NO on this motion, so I like it. I had sincerely hoped that between the ED/Treasurer/President the CFC "leadership" would have found the time (about an hours work) to verify my "back of the envelop" calculations. I guess they could not find the time and or interest. Since this is a motion that could have a significant negative financial impact, the prudent way is to vote NO as we have no verifiable financial data. I hope that the new Executive will be more responsible and diligent.

Patrick S. McDonald: No - further financial analysis needs to be done.

Motion 2005-26: Moved by Pierre Dénomée / Michael Barron:

That the CFC Handbook be amended to replace, on July 1st 2005, the actual Laws of Chess by the new Laws of Chess that have been adopted at the FIDE AGM and that will come in force on July 1st 2005.

Votes Yes (10): Barron, Bond, Cohen, Craft, Craver, Dénomée, Mallon, Nikouline, Pacey, Smith

Votes No (2): Jaeger, Stockhausen

Abstentions (3): Ferner, Ficzero, McDonald

Motion Carries

Martin Jaeger: 2005-26 No. It is ludicrous to propose that we blindly follow for local tournaments what FIDE decides should apply to strong tournaments.

Peter Stockhausen: Unless it can be demonstrated to me that the FIDE changes are POSITIVE for the CFC, I do not see any point to automatically adjust CFC regulations. There are good reasons why some CFC regulations do not dovetail FIDE regulations.

Motion 2005-27: Moved by Pierre Dénomée / Michael Barron: Long ago, in 1992, the FIDE AGM did approve the Swiss System Based on Rating (FIDE Handbook C.04.1) Furthermore, FIDE has also adopted the DUBOV Swiss Pairing System (FIDE Handbook C.04.3). We shall amend the CFC Handbook to include those two pairing systems.

Votes Yes (9): Barron, Bond, Cohen, Craft, Craver, Dénomée, Mallon, McDonald, Nikouline, Pacey
Votes No (2): Jaeger, Stockhausen
Abstentions (2): Ferner, Ficzer

Motion Passed

Martin Jaeger: 2005-27 No. It is again ludicrous to propose that FIDE should decide what should be in the handbook with respect to non FIDE tournaments. We should determine this ourselves.

Peter Stockhausen: To my mind, this is an unnecessary amendment. Organizers and TDs have great discretion in this respect, provided it. Simply aping any amendment by FIDE

Motion 2005-28: Director of Fundraising (Moved by Kevin Pacey, seconded by David Cohen)
At the 2005 annual meeting the Assembly shall appoint a general officer known as the Director of Fundraising, whose duty is to apply for government and foundation grants, and seek corporate sponsorship on behalf of the CFC.

Votes Yes (7): Barron, Bond, Cohen, Craver, Dénomée, Ficzer, Pacey,
Votes No (2): Ferner, McDonald
Abstentions (4): Craft, Jaeger, Mallon, Nikouline

Motion Passed

Christopher Mallon: 2005-28 and -29 - While I agree in principle with the aims of these motions, they are not required as a nomination could be made at the AGM for such positions without these motions having been passed, or even moved in the first place.

Patrick S. McDonald Re: motion 2005-28 No - the new executive should have time to properly choose an appropriate candidate. The position, though, is a good idea.

Motion 2005-29: Director of Publicity (Moved by Kevin Pacey, seconded by David Cohen)
At the 2005 annual meeting the Assembly shall appoint a general officer known as the Director of Publicity, whose duty is to obtain publicity in the interest of the objectives of the CFC.

Votes Yes (7): Barron, Bond, Cohen, Craver, Dénomée, Ficzer, Pacey,
Votes No (2) : Ferner, McDonald
Abstentions (5): Craft, Jaeger, Mallon, Nikouline, Stockhausen

Motion Passed

Christopher Mallon: See comments under 2005-28

Patrick S. McDonald Re: motion 2005-29 No - the new executive should have time to properly choose an

appropriate candidate. The position, though, is a good idea.

Motion 2005-30: Moved Hal Bond, seconded by Lyle Craver

That Handbook paragraph 7.14 c) (Rating Regulations) be modified by deleting the *peak rating* stipulation be removed from the calculation of bonus points.

Paragraph 7.14 c) would now read:

714c) Except for players with provisional ratings, bonus points are awarded in tournaments with 4 or more rounds actually played according to the following rules.

Definitions:

i) Rl is 24 points for 4 rounds and 2 points higher for each additional round.

ii) $R_t = (R_n - R_o) - R_l$

iii) deleted.

iv) Rp is the performance rating determined by Equation 714a.

The number of bonus points Rb is calculated as follows:

i) $R_b = 0$ if R_n is greater than or equal to 1999

ii) $R_b =$ the lesser of: R_t , $1999 - R_n$, $R_p - R_n$.

Votes Yes (12): Barron, Bond, Cohen, Craver, Dénomée, Ferner, Ficzer, Jaeger, Mallon, McDonald, Nikouline, Stockhausen

Votes No (1): Pacey

Abstentions (1): Craft

Motion Passed

Lyle Craver: I have never claimed that Hal's motion was a perfect and complete solution but it is a step in the right direction and this is why I am proud to support the motion. We have work to do in this area and I hope it continues in 2005-2006.

Christopher Mallon: 2005-30 While this is not a perfect solution, and yes it is a patch job, it will help until a more in-depth solution can be found

Kevin Pacey: Comment to Motion 2005-30: I agree with Bruce Harper's rejection of this motion as being piecemeal. Let's review the whole rating system. A rating boon like back in the early 1980s of giving approx. 100 points to everyone may well benefit us (getting more people playing more often instead of sitting on their ratings), in addition to any changes to the rating formulae.

Peter Stockhausen: This may not be perfect and comprehensive, but it seems a step in the right direction. Once the committee reports on the rating situation, we can amend this portion, if it is found necessary.

Discussion of Motions:

MOTIONS FOR FINAL VOTE:

Motion 2005-31, moved by Bruce Harper, seconded by Joshua Henson:

That CFC By-Law Number Two, Paragraph 3 (although it is not actually numbered), which reads:

[3.] NUMBERS OF GOVERNORS FOR EACH PROVINCE

Each provincial association shall be entitled to elect or appoint a number of Governors as follows:

For the first fifty or part thereof of ordinary per capita fee payments, and number of life memberships combined, one Governor shall be allotted and for each subsequent fifty or part thereof one additional governor shall be allotted.

be amended to read:

For the first hundred or part thereof of ordinary per capita fee payments, and number of life memberships combined, one Governor shall be allotted and for each subsequent hundred or part thereof one additional Governor shall be allotted.

Michael Barron: I oppose this motion.

The main problem of the CFC is – unacceptable slow process of decision-making. The life around us is changing frequently, but the CFC need months and years to react appropriately. Why? Because it's the same people manage the CFC year after year. We need new people and new ideas. But if we reduce the number of elected Governors, it's will be more difficult for a new person to become a CFC Governor.

Furthermore, the life Governors votes become more important. If we really need to reduce the number of elected Governors, such changes should be combined with a change of the life Governors' status – they should be non-voting Governors. They could participate in the discussions, but only elected Governors should vote and make decisions.

Wilf Ferner: Every region of Canada needs to be adequately represented. The present system, as imperfect as it is, does just that. We just need to tweak the system here & there & bring it into the 21st century with improved methods of communication.

Tony Ficzero: This is a tough one for me. Reducing the number of Governors seems to be justified if you look at the number of ACTIVE Governors. As Bruce points out, only half are active at all. I would be more inclined to reach a compromise, say 1 Governor for every 75 members, and a mechanism where if after 3 gl's a Governor has no input (comments, or no votes registered), the position becomes vacant until the provincial organization can find someone else. Reducing the number of Governors is a positive step in my opinion. Lets get rid of the dead wood.

Motion 2005-32, moved by Bruce Harper, seconded by Pascal Charbonneau:

That the CFC Olympiad Regulations be repealed and replaced by the following (see other document for text of the proposed Regulations). (see Appendix 2)

Michael Barron: I think the proposed Olympiad Regulations are much better than existing ones, but still need serious amendments, based on the input of prospective Team members, published in GL#7.

So, before voting on **Motion 2005-32** I suggest the following straw votes:

- 1) Do you think that proposed deposit could keep the strongest players in the team?
- 2) Is it a good idea to define board order by rating?
- 3) Which ratings should be use for selection (and board order): FIDE, CFC, or both?
- 4) What is better: first select the players and let them elect the captain - or first select the captain and let him select the players?
- 5) Maybe 4 players are enough for the team?
- 6) Maybe 3 players are enough for the Women's team?

Ilia Bluvshstein (From the Secretary – Mr. Bluvshstein has asked me to reproduce the following letters to Bruce Harper which I have done verbatim – both were originally dated March 17th)

There is much to discuss, and I don't doubt that useful amendments are possible. All of the points you raised have been considered:

1. FIDE ratings - the obvious alternative. I don't have a strong opinion on this.
2. Deposits. It is not a question of respect. I would personally pay the deposit for the players I trust to play if they say they will. But in 2004 two players who said they would play didn't. Is that sort of disruption to be encouraged?
3. Additional step. I don't think this is necessary. If no committee is formed, then the alarm bells regarding Executive incompetence will be ring loudly - early enough to rectify the situation.
4. Board order. The feedback I have gotten from top players is that board order is so contentious and disruptive to team harmony that any subjectivity in that area does much more harm than any (theoretical) advantage gained from strategic board order. So we just disagree here - I think the board order is almost irrelevant and a simple, objective board order is best - then move on to getting ready to play as a team.

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Bruce,

Your submission of revised Olympiad regulations is very timely. We still have more than 8 months to go through the approval process.

Especially I like your section 1203 and the idea of players voting for nominated candidates for Team Captain.

At the same time, I have the following comments:

1. Using the FIDE rating vs. CFC rating.

I suggest to use FIDE rating. Our teams compete on international level, and FIDE rating better reflects the strength of the players when they compete internationally in the strong field. Many elite players play mostly out of Canada...and not because they want to do so but because there are no strong enough tournaments in Canada from September to June.

2. Sections 1203d and 1205g re deposit.

I suggest to remove these sections. Players should be treated with due respect. Playing in the Olympiad is not a vacation, it is a job. CFC has no obligations for players. At the same time, players not trusted and required to make commitments.

As a side note...I think the only reason that our elite players still play for the Olympic team is that they are mostly amateurs (do not make living of chess). Professional cannot afford spending more than 3 weeks doing job and not paid for. As soon as Sid dropped financial support, most professionals left the team. (Though it is not as simple as this.)

3. Section 1203a.

It might be worth adding one more stage in the process of Appointment of Selection Committee, namely, communication with potential candidates for the Committee. This communication and negotiation can take some time. I would suggest something like:

1203a. Appointment of Selection Committee: The CFC Executive shall compile a list of at least 3 potential candidates for a Selection Committee and request for their availability no later than 195 days before the start of the Olympiad. The CFC Executive shall appoint the Selection Committee (1204) no later than 180 days before the start of the Olympiad.

The rationale for this...situation with the selection processes for the last Olympiad should never happen again. The above addition would serve this purpose by enforcing the initiation of the selection process.

4. Section 1215. Board order.

There might be a lot of considerations for board order. Rating is only one of them. In my opinion, current regulation regarding board order is much better and we should leave it as it is. Of course, board order by rating would simplify the process. But it might be at expense of forming a weaker team.

Current regulation:

Board Order

- The official board order shall be decided upon by the Captain.
- While there should be no hard and fast rules for choosing the board order, the official board order should embody the spirit of the principal objectives of the CFC outlined in article 1.

Regards,
Ilia Bluvshstein

Wilf Ferner: FIDE-rated performances outside of Canada by our top players should be included in the rating calculations for the Olympic teams selections.

Martin Jaeger: Re 2005-32 Mr. Harper writes "I'm sure that CFC Governors are quite capable, if they are so inclined..." as justification for not including with 2005-32 a plain English (or plain French) explanation of the rationale for a proposal. This is an inadequate reason. Motions which have non apparent results should have explication so that the governor can intelligently decide whether or not (s)he wishes to make the effort of comparing the old with the new.

We have just amended the Olympiad rules. Can we not live with what we have till the next Olympiad so as to see how what we have works? Actually we very likely need two sets for rules--one for use where money is distributed and one when money is not distributed.

Motion 2005-34 Moved by Christopher Mallon Seconded by Kevin Pacey

Motion: a) That the CFC declare and promote the week of October 3rd-9th, 2005 as National Chess Week.
b) That the CFC executive will appoint a coordinator to oversee National Chess Week
c) That the coordinator will be provided complimentary advertising on the CFC web site and in CCE to promote NCW events.
d) That NCW will include country-wide simulms held at malls or schools all on the same date, with a goal of having 10,000 chess games being played at the same time.
e) That all Canadian Chess Clubs will be encouraged to run free to the public events during the week to promote chess
f) That the CFC will produce a small information booklet about chess in Canada which can be distributed at all of the events

Lyle Craver: I favour this proposal as I believe it would be a useful publicity tool for chess. When last year BC gained three International Arbiters I (as BCCF Secretary) prepared letters for our president to send to the three municipal councils where our new IAs resided and all three publicly acknowledged the awards – in my case with photographs and a handshake from the mayor and a plaque in an open Council meeting. This sort of publicity definitely makes it easier to gain tournament sites and generally increase the level of play..

Tony Ficzero: I think the idea of a National Chess Week is a good one. This would be a good first project to hand over to the publicity coordinator (if and when one is appointed).

Motion 2005-36, moved by Bruce Harper, seconded by Peter Stockhausen:

That a committee of five qualified individuals, to be selected by the CFC Executive, be formed to review the CFC Rating System and make recommendations for changes and improvements. This committee would report to the CFC prior to the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

Lyle Craver: While the timing for this motion is not great I support the idea of a full review of the rating system.

Motion 2005-37: Online magazine committee (Moved by Pacey, seconded by Ficzero)

The CFC Executive shall be given a mandate to strike a committee to determine the viability of putting the contents of the CCE magazine on the CFC website, possibly in conjunction with a reduction of CFC membership fees.

Michael Barron: I support this motion.

The proposed motion suggests only creating a committee to determine the viability of putting the contents of the CCE magazine on the CFC website, not abolishing of printed magazine. I don't see how this investigation could harm the CFC membership.

Wilf Ferner: 2005-37(online CCE study): I support the idea of studying the creation of electronic versions of the CCE with definite membership rate reductions. Since the annual cost of the printed CCE per member is about \$14, I expect to be paying less for my CFC membership with an electronic version. A survey should be created by the committee and posted on the CFC website so that the assembly gets a clearer idea of what regular cfc members really want.

Tony Ficzero: Everybody take a pill and chill out. The motion deals with looking into an online magazine, not putting the mag online first. Lets take a look at it and see if it is viable. Lets also look into the future a bit. What direction are other national magazines taking? How are they incorporating the internet with their publications? From what I see, most newspapers and magazines have scaled down internet versions. They do because they had no choice. If you are not on-line, you are a dinosaur. The scaled down versions are aimed at increasing circulation. The idea is if you read it online, you might go out and buy the newspaper/magazine as you are only getting a taste of the great thing you have to offer. I can't say what the trend will be in 5 years (the internet is evolving very rapidly), but I think it deserves a look. Maybe a scaled down version on-line will help magazine sales.

MOTIONS FOR SECOND DISCUSSION:

Motion number 2005-38 (Moved/Seconded Pierre Dénomée / Kevin Pacey)

That the CFC create a new category of member called "recreative member". The recreative member will be allowed to play CFC active rated games, which are games played under the rules for rapidplay described in appendix B of the Laws of Chess; they will also be allowed to play in any other tournaments designated by the Assembly of Governors. Apart from those designated tournaments, recreative members are explicitly forbidden from playing any regular rated games. Furthermore, recreative members have no rights within the CFC, they do not receive CCE and they are not allowed to vote for the Governors of their province.

Each provincial association is free to recognise, at the provincial level, whichever rights they see fit to recreatives members, including no rights at all.

The initial membership fee for recreative members will be 5\$ for the CFC plus the provincial part decided by the Provincial Associations. Thereafter, the fee shall be decided by the Assembly of Governors at the AGM.

The rating fee for active games shall be abolished.

Michael Barron: I support this motion.

MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION:

Motion 2005-39: CFC Active rating system

Moved by Michael Barron / Pierre Dénomée:

"That the CFC regulation 711, which reads:

711. Rateable Tournaments. To be rated under the CFC "standard" rating system the maximum game time must be at least 120 minutes. To be rated under the CFC Active rating system the maximum game time must be at least 50 minutes but less than 120 minutes.

be amended to read:

711. Rateable Tournaments. To be rated under the CFC "standard" rating system the time control must be at least 60 minutes per player for the game (or for 60 moves with increment). To be rated under the CFC Active rating system the time control must be at least 15 minutes but less than 60 minutes per player for the game (or for 60 moves with increment)."

Rationale:

Michael Barron: According to the CFC Handbook, Section 5 (http://www.chess.ca/section_5.htm):

"B1. A 'rapidplay game' is one where all the moves must be made in a fixed time between 15 to 60 minutes. "

Motion 2005-40: Sleeping Players

Proposed by Frank Dixon, and seconded by Pierre Denommee:

That the CFC Governors develop a new set of rules for dealing with situations around player sleeping during a game. There are no CFC, FIDE, nor USCF rules in place for dealing with this situation.

Frank Dixon: I have had discussions with IA Robert Tanner, an American NTD, who is also currently serving as US Zonal President, in Minneapolis at the 2005 HB Global Challenge, where we both served on the organizational staff. The Dutch IA Geurt Gijssen wrote recently on chesscafe.com that there are no rules for this case. Also, Canadian IA Pierre Denommee, in response to my email to him on this topic, stated that he believes this is a good idea, but that FIDE rules can only be modified every four years, and that the new set is due to come into force July 1, 2005. So, we have quite a bit of time to discuss and to develop this.

We have had one infamous Canadian case of this, at the 1995 Canadian Championship in Ottawa, involving the late IM Bryon Nickoloff, in his game with FM Glenn Johnstone, which I was present for. IM Nickoloff was sleeping during the game, with his clock running. With his time running short, IM Nickoloff was awakened by GMC Bob Kiviah, another tournament contestant. To make a very long story very short, the tournament was disrupted. I do not propose to go into this disruption angle again, but want to work in a different direction, namely to develop a rule for handling this situation, should it occur again.

In the book by GM Arnold Denker "The Bobby Fischer I Knew And Other Stories", a story is described where GM Bobby Fischer fell asleep during his game with GM Arthur Bisguier, at the Western Open, Bay City 1963. GM Bisguier awoke GM Fischer, who went on to win the game. IA Tanner and I discussed this case.

IA Gijssen discussed on chesscafe.com a recent case where a spectator came up and awoke a player who was sleeping at the board during the game.

Then, there is another prospective case, where the Arbiter would see fit to awake a sleeping player, should, for example, the player be snoring so loudly that he was disturbing the calm of the tournament. This could have been done in the Nickoloff case, since his snoring was very loud, but was not done by the Arbiter.

So, we would seem to have four cases here, to consider for rules development purposes:

- 1) Player sleeping during game, awoken by opponent (as in the Bisguier -- Fischer game). I propose no penalty here.
- 2) Player sleeping during game, disturbing tournament by snoring, awoken by arbiter on a discretionary basis, to stop disturbance of tournament. Perhaps a warning could be given by the arbiter to the sleeping player, as a sanction in this case.
- 3) Player sleeping during game, awoken by another player (as in the Nickoloff -- Johnstone game). Possible sanctions against the player who interfered.
- 4) Player sleeping during game, awoken by a spectator or other outside person. Possible sanctions against the

person who interfered (ejection from playing site, perhaps). If there is a connection between the person who awoke the sleeper, and the sleeper, then the sleeper could face possible sanctions. For example, a player is feeling sleepy, and says to a friend of his beforehand: "I am feeling sleepy, so if I fall asleep during the game, come up and awake me." Far-fetched, perhaps, but it could conceivably happen.

Since the Canadian case led to the national championship being seriously disrupted, at least partially because there was no rule in place to cover the case which occurred, it makes sense to draft a rule to handle similar cases.

Motion 2005-41: Use of Digital Clocks Proposed by Frank Dixon and seconded by Pierre Denommée:
That the CFC include in its revised Handbook a section on proper use and setting of digital clocks.

Frank Dixon: Background: Digital clocks are becoming more popular and prevalent at chess tournaments. There are many different models out there, and it is not at all clear how to set them on first glance, or to use their properties correctly during a game, from an arbiter's perspective. A complex series of maneuvers usually is necessary to properly set a clock; unlike an analog clock, which is very simple to set up.

In Minneapolis, at the 2005 HB Global Challenge, where I served as an Arbiter, the organizers came up with a pamphlet on digital clocks which had been prepared by an American organizer. I have a copy of this pamphlet, which is excellent, as well as the information on the website which accesses it.

My idea is to utilize the work done by the American organizers in putting this pamphlet together, by incorporating it into the CFC Handbook, for general circulation and availability. Perhaps it can be improved and refined by discussion and input from Canadian organizers and TDs. I am sure the Americans would be happy to have their work utilized by us in this way, so long as we offer acknowledgement to the authors.

General comments from Governors:

Frank Dixon: In GL#7, I hinted at a "situation" in Kingston chess. I will now provide a short statement on this subject, for the record, beginning with an explanation of my involvement in Canadian and Kingston chess, to give some perspective of my experience.

I have had a very extensive involvement in the organization of Kingston-area chess, and in Ontario chess, for nearly 20 years. I care a great deal about chess, and have tried to give something back to the game which has been so good to me, largely through volunteer contributions. I helped to organize and direct the 1992 Canadian Zonal in Kingston, and also served as an Arbiter for the 2004 Canadian Open in Kapuskasing, earning two IA norms from those events. I am aiming to achieve the International Arbiter title in the future, once I build up my qualifications further. I have played a role in ten Ontario Championships for various groups, and have earned National Tournament Director status in 2004. I have served as varsity coach for Queen's University since 1994, and helped to found the Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Association in 2004, arranging for the affiliation of this group with the CFC in 2005. I have been TD for the Queen's University Chess Club since 1994, and either TD or Assistant TD for the Kingston Chess Club from 1996-2004. I have served as either TD or Assistant TD for the annual EOCA Grand Prix Kingston Open every year since 1995. I have served on the Executive of the Kingston Chess Club for several years, most recently as Vice-President, choosing not to run again in September, 2004. I have assisted with the Chess 'N Math Kingston regional finals every year since 1994, as well as with many other Kingston District scholastic events. I have served as Governor for the Kingston region from 2002-2005, and as the national Coordinator for Post-Secondary chess (Liaison CFC / CPSCA), during the same period. I won election as Secretary for the OCA for 2004, before resigning a few weeks later. I have helped to train the young NM Raja Panjwani into a strong player. I have been a frequent contributor to *En Passant* and to *Chess Canada Echecs* magazines. I have won several Championships in Kingston-area chess, and reached a peak rating of 2090 several years ago. Recently I served as an Arbiter at the HB Global Challenge tournament in Minneapolis, May 2005, which offered the largest prize fund (\$500,000 U.S.) in history for an Open tournament.

I have been secretly investigating for some time suspected cases of cheating, rules violations, and unethical conduct in the Kingston region, which could potentially turn out to be among the worst ever seen in Canadian chess. I also played the central role in investigating and resolving another very bad cheating situation, which had national

implications, a couple of years ago.

In the Kingston case, I had amassed a significant amount of evidence, and was making progress towards a final report and solution. The matter was very sensitive, since a couple of people in senior leadership positions within the Kingston Chess Club were potentially involved.

But, due to an unforeseen development, the cat wound up slipping out of the bag with this investigation, from the secrecy standpoint, in the fall of 2004. The people who were suspected of violations in fact found out that I was investigating them. In short order, this proved to have dire consequences for me. Matters came quickly to a head.

In November 2004, I submitted a written Appeal, which followed CFC Appeals' procedure, of a Kingston Chess Club situation; this Appeal was never heard, although an Appeals' Committee had been set up; this is a denial of rights under CFC rules.

When a new and unusual format, the Keizer System, was being unveiled and proposed for the 2005 KCC Championship tournament, I called upon my vast TD experience to ask several questions in an attempt to clarify the format, but these questions were not being answered by the TD. It should be noted that perhaps never before in Canada has the Keizer System been used for an event; no information on it is to be found in the CFC Handbook. Hence, it was very important that the players be aware of the ramifications of this system. As it transpired, the entire event was conducted in great confusion, with the TD not even following the procedures which he said he would, eventually confessing to his own mistakes, while tragically attempting to justify his virtually random methods as being in fact better than the actual Keizer method!!

When I questioned this TD's knowledge and conduct (he was directing his first CFC-rated tournament) on the bulletin board chesstalk.com, I was banned in January 2005 from the Club and from the Championship by the KCC Executive, which did not in fact meet in person at the time to discuss the matter, but were directed over the phone, within 24 hours of my posting, by KCC leadership to vote upon my ban, based on one-sided information. I was never given a chance to speak on my own behalf, to present evidence from my side of the story, and did not even know what had happened until I was notified that I had been banned. The unusual method could perhaps be explained by the following explanation: Clearly, the KCC leadership likely feared that, in any meeting scenario, I might unveil the evidence which I had been compiling against them. Had this happened, their leadership position would have been endangered.

I was also the 2004 Kingston Chess Club champion, and, because of the ban, was not given a chance to defend my title. In addition, the KCC's website was utilized to post a statement about the ban, directed by the KCC leadership; it is in force until at least September, 2005.

In the time (nearly eight months) since the KCC leadership learned of my theretofore secret investigation, the chess-playing form of one potential cheating suspect has completely collapsed.

I also want to note that I have performed some quite substantial acts of personal generosity towards one of the key figures in this case, over a period of several years, to attempt to help him out of distress situations.

I had been a member of the KCC for about 15 years, and had made many significant contributions to it.

This entire matter is very complex, but I felt that Governors deserved to know something about it at this time. Hopefully this matter can be completely investigated and resolved in the future, for the best interests of all those who support integrity and honesty in Canadian chess practices, as well as the defence and application of human rights, for which Canada has a justifiably strong worldwide reputation.

I am stepping down as CFC Governor, having completed my third year-long term, while this situation is being investigated and clarified, and hope to return as a CFC Governor in the future, with my name cleared. I have enjoyed the role of Governor, and have always tried to contribute to Canadian chess to the best of my ability. It should be noted that several potential improvements to CFC Rules and procedures could be developed from this situation, and this is one area which I will emphasize in the future. I consider that it would be unethical on my part

to continue to serve Canadian chess in any official capacity while this situation is extant; hence I am not running again for CFC Governor, and have also stepped down from my role in Post-Secondary chess (although this step would have likely happened anyway, for other reasons, as I explained in GL#7).

Not surprisingly, the entire matter has caused me significant personal stress and health problems during the past several months, as I maintain that I have done nothing wrong myself, but was only carrying out my responsibilities as a TD and CFC Governor, in a very difficult situation.

A full and comprehensive report on the entire matter is in preparation, and will be submitted to a small group of Canadian chess leaders, for their consideration and action, in the coming months. I am going to insist that fair and due process, under CFC procedures and under Canadian law, be utilized in all aspects of the CFC's investigation of this case, although I was myself denied these rights by the KCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Dixon, NTD
CFC Governor (2002-2005), Kingston

Christopher Mallon: My name is Christopher Mallon. I am currently the Vice President of the Chess Federation of Canada, and in two weeks I will be seeking to be elected by the Governors to the position of President. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and inform you what my plans are should I be elected.

To all Governors, I would also like to encourage you to vote in this election - even if you cannot make it to the AGM in Edmonton on July 12th, you can fill out a Proxy form (they will be included in the next Governors Letter, or you can print one out of the CFC Handbook). Feel free to include any instructions you want such as who to vote for (or who not to vote for). If you do not have anyone to give your proxy to, give it to the Secretary and it will be assigned to someone at the meeting.

A bit about me

I grew up in Brantford, Ontario, learning chess at age 4 from my father. I lived in Kitchener, Ontario for two years and I will be moving there again in August. I have also lived for one year in Vancouver, BC. I am bilingual however my French has become a bit rusty with not many people to practice with.

Due to the lack of much Junior chess in Brantford I did not play my first tournament until I was 14. I've been organizing my own events since I was 16, and I became an Executive member of the Brantford Chess Club in 2003.

Later that year I was appointed Secretary of the Ontario Chess Association, and in 2004 I was acclaimed as Vice President of the OCA, followed by being elected Vice President of the CFC. I have since resigned from the OCA board to avoid conflict of interest.

I believe I would make a good President. I am young and determined; I have not made enemies as many others seem to do, so I would not have any problem working with anyone. I have some financial experience and training in accounting, and organizational experience especially from being Secretary for the OCA. I also have support from Governors across the country, not just limited to one specific area.

My Platform for being CFC President

1. Allowing the Governors to govern.

The most immediate change I would make is to put the real power to run the CFC back in the hands of the CFC Governors. This will place a responsibility in the hands of the CFC Governors to govern responsibly, and will in turn place a responsibility in the hands of Provincial affiliates and chess players to select Governors willing and able act responsibly. This is as it should be.

The current President habitually rules motions out of order, usually for trivial and easily avoided reasons. I would

discontinue this effort to suppress dissenting opinions.

2. Communication

We'll end up having 8 Governors Letters this year, which isn't too bad (one away from the record high!) but much of the business discussed and comments in the GLs could have been done by e-mail or on the CFC discussion board. If the CFC discussion board were used for most of the discussion on motions, motions could be passed much more expeditiously than the current 4-6 months.

3. Website

Somewhat related to the previous point, one of the first items on my agenda would be to get the website completely up to date, including the French side. Of course, in the longer term, a complete overhaul of the website is desperately needed, but it should at least be up to date.

4. Fundamental issues

The CFC has low credibility with Canadian chess players of all types, from high-ranking, serious tournament players to weekend warriors who aspire to an 1800 rating to casual players who are likely unaware of the CFC's existence. The CFC has been suffering from stagnant or reduced memberships and financial difficulties.

I support the establishment of committees of competent individuals to study issues such as:

- . The format and financing of the Canadian Championship.
- . The CYCC.
- . The feasibility of an electronic magazine involving the CFC website.
- . Membership and rating fees.
- . The organization and functions of the CFC business office.
- . Rating deflation.
- . Overhauling the CFC constitution.

I would support the recommendations of these committees as the basis for CFC action in these areas.

5. The future

Once the CFC has its own house in order, we can start thinking about fundraising and a membership drive. If the AGM elects Directors of Fundraising and Publicity, I would make sure they each head a small committee of interested Governors to assist and advise them, and if not people are not elected I would find others willing to fill such positions so we have people dedicated to these important tasks.

6. It's not all bad

Lest it be thought that all is bleak, it is important to note that the CFC's problems are not solely related to the CFC using outdated and inefficient decision making procedures and be bound by archaic and poorly conceived rules and regulations (although these are important factors). Many of the problems of the past several years, including the alienation of many chess organizers who have "had it" with the CFC, would have been avoided had the CFC simply followed its own rules.

There are numerous cases in the recent past of the CFC ignoring regulations in its handbook; this is completely unacceptable. Specifically, the process for the Olympic Teams and the process for awarding major tournaments.

I would be pleased to answer any questions either by email or on the CFC discussion board. I can also be reached by phone, evenings, at (519) 720-0209. I also appreciate any comments, concerns and criticisms, so please feel free to let me know what you think!

Sincerely,

Christopher Mallon

Peter Stockhausen: The President is running for a third term, based on his record. Am I the only one who finds the record (CDN. Open and the CYCC twice in Kapuskasing; a needlessly bungled Olympic Team; half a dozen or more Motions simply ruled out of order under one pretext or another; no meaningful update on our financial situation for the whole year; tolerating a Treasurer who was either incompetent or disinterested; once the Treasurer quit, he was not replaced;) rather unconvincing?

I hope that we will have more convincing candidates to chose from. Surely, we do not wish to have more of the same, or do we?

Motions for Vote: Please see Outgoing Governor Proxy Form

Motion for Second Discussion:

Motion 2005-38: Recreative Membership

Motions for First Discussion:

Motion 2005-39: Moved Peter Stockhausen/Kevin Pacey

According to by-law No. 2, Section 8, we move that the CFC appoint an auditor to perform an Audit for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2005.

Comment: We have not had an Audit for at least two years. Therefore, we do need one to safeguard our financial integrity as a charitable organization.

Halldor Palsson: The CFC AGM in 2004 re-appointed Watson Folkins Corey LLP Chartered Accountants as our auditors for the year ended April 30, 2005. I find that this motion is not in order because it conflicts with the motion appointing Watson Folkins Corey LLP as CFC auditors at the last AGM – this is a motion previously adopted and still in force.

The audit Watson Folkins Corey LLP performs is termed “Review Engagement” which costs approximately \$3000 per year. Their report will be sent to the Governors shortly. A bookkeeper they recommended and use has been coming into the office about once a month to help with the CFC accounting. A full audit by Watson Folkins Corey LLP would cost approximately \$7,000. This motion should also specify how much the CFC is to spend on this exercise to be in order. If the AGM in Edmonton approves a full audit for the year ending April 30th, 2006 they will go back at least two years.

Motion 2005-40: Proposed by Frank Dixon/Pierre Denommee:

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**Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of Canada, E-1
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Appendix 1 Motions for Discussion

Appendix 1: 2005-32 Harper / Charbonneau: motion on the Olympiad regulations

THE OLYMPIAD REGULATIONS

Objectives

1200. The main objectives of participating in the Chess Olympiad are to field teams which will achieve the highest possible results, while at the same time representing Canada favourably on the international stage.

Team structure

1201. The Canadian delegation to the Chess Olympiad shall consist of the following:

The Canadian delegation to the Chess Olympiad shall consist of the following:

- (a) Head of Delegation
- (b) National Team Captain
- (c) National Team Players
- (d) Women's Team Captain
- (e) Women's Team Players
- (f) Technical Assistants

Selection procedures

1202. Selection Procedures

The composition of the National Delegation shall be determined as set out below. Date references are always to the year in which the Olympiad is held.

1203. Timing

The following schedule is to be followed in determining the composition of the National Delegation. Each scheduled step shall be completed before the next step is taken. Once FIDE has announced the dates of the next Olympiad, the CFC shall post the dates of the CFC Olympiad schedule on the CFC website.

(a) Appointment of Selection Committee: The CFC Executive shall appoint a Selection Committee (1204) no later than 180 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(b) Selection of players: The composition of the Teams shall be determined by rating (1206) and the Selection Committee no later than 165 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(c) Notification of players: Players selected for the Teams shall be notified by the CFC Executive no later than 150 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(d) Acceptance of players: Players who agree to participate on the Team shall notify the CFC and remit the required deposit (1209(g)) no later than 120 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(e) Nominations for Team Captains: All nominations for Team Captains shall be submitted no later than 105 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(f) Election of Team Captains: The players shall submit their votes for Team Captains no later than 90 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(g) Appointment of Head of Delegation: The CFC Executive shall appoint the Head of Delegation no later than 75 days before the start of the Olympiad.

1204. The Selection Committee

The CFC Executive shall appoint a Selection Committee consisting of two well known and respected individuals who are of at least master strength and have knowledge of the Canadian chess community.

- (a) The Selection Committee shall be appointed no later than 180 days before the start of the Olympiad.
- (b) The Selection Committee shall select two players for the National Team and one player for the Women's team, taking into account the players' recent results, potential for improvement and such other factors as they consider relevant. These selections shall be made no later than 165 days before the start of the Olympiad.
- (c) To avoid any conflict of interest, except in exigent circumstances, a member of the Selection Committee may not play for a Canadian Team in the year in which he or she serves on the Selection Committee.

1205. Selection of the players

(a) Eligibility: Players are eligible to play on a Canadian Team if they are:

- (i) A Canadian Citizen or a permanent resident of Canada. Proof of status must be provided to the CFC Executive when a player accepts a position on a Team.
- (ii) A member in good standing of the CFC and the affiliated provincial association in the province of residence (if one exists) at the time of selection.
- (iii) Have played at least 10 CFC regular rated games during the year prior to the start of the selection process (180 days before the start of the Olympiad).

(b) National Team: The National Team shall consist of six players, as follows:

- (i) The Canadian Champion, as of 180 days before the start of the Olympiad.
- (ii) The three highest rated players on the Selection Rating list.
- (iii) Two players decided upon by the Selection Committee.

(c) Women's Team: The Women's Team shall consist of four players, as follows:

- (i) The Canadian Women's Champion, as of 180 days before the start of the Olympiad.
- (ii) The two highest rated female players on the Selection Rating list.
- (iii) One player decided upon by the Selection Committee.

(d) Notification: Players shall be notified of their selection by the CFC Executive no later than 150 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(e) Acceptance: Players shall notify the CFC Executive of their intention to play by no later than 120 days before the start of the Olympiad.

(f) Replacements: Replacement players shall be notified as soon as practicable and shall have one week after being notified to inform the CFC of their intention to play.

(g) Deposit: All players must, upon acceptance, provide the CFC Executive with a deposit of \$250. This deposit may be paid by a third party or Provincial association. This deposit shall be fully refunded, with interest, at the conclusion of the Olympiad if the player participates as he or she has promised to do. The CFC Executive may, at its discretion, refund the deposit of a player who does not participate in the Olympiad if the circumstances of the non-participation justify the refund.

1206. Selection Ratings

Selection of players for the Teams by rating shall be based on the player's highest CFC rating during the year prior to the start of the selection process (180 days before the start of the Olympiad).

- (a) Established CFC regular ratings shall be used to determine team selection.
- (b) The CFC shall publish, with each rating update, a list of the top 10 Selection Ratings and the top 10 Selection

Ratings of female players.

1207. Selection of Team Captains

The Team Captains shall be selected by the players on each Team, as follows:

- (a) For each Team, the CFC Executive shall nominate up to three candidates for Team Captain. In addition, each player may nominate one candidate for Captain of their team.
- (b) All nominations must be made submitted no later than 105 days before the start of the Olympiad.
- (c) The players on each team shall then vote to determine the Captain of their Team. Each player may vote for up to three candidates: the player's first choice counts as three votes; the second choice counts as two votes; and the third choice counts as one vote. The candidate with the most votes becomes Team Captain.
- (d) All votes for Team Captains must be cast submitted no later than 90 days before the start of the Olympiad.
- (e) Players on the National Team may only nominate candidates and vote for National Team Captain; players on the Women's Team may only nominate candidates and vote for Women's Team Captain.
- (f) The same person may be nominated and elected Captain of both Teams.

1208. Selection of the Technical Assistant(s)

Technical Assistant(s) shall be appointed by the Executive of the CFC.

1209. Head of Delegation

The Head of Delegation shall be appointed by the CFC Executive no later than 75 days before the start of the Olympiad.

1210. Withdrawals

Once all members of the Canadian Delegation to the Olympiad have be determined:

- (a) If a player withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the next player on the Selection Rating List.
- (b) If a Team Captain withdraws, he or she shall be replaced by the runner-up in the vote for Team Captain.
- (c) If any other member of the Canadian Delegation withdraws, the CFC Executive shall appoint a replacement.

Roles

1211. Head of Delegation

The Head of Delegation shall represent the interests of the Chess Federation of Canada and the Canadian delegation at the Olympiad and:

- (a) Shall act as a liaison between the Canadian delegation and the Olympiad organizers;
- (b) Be concerned with the day-to-day necessities of the Canadian delegation and other practical issues.
- (c) Foster a cohesive atmosphere on Canadian teams and seek to resolve any personal disputes or misunderstandings between team members.
- (d) The Head of Delegation is responsible to and should consult with the CFC Executive before making significant decisions affecting the members of the delegation, but decisions by the Head of Delegation are final and may not be appealed.
- (e) The Head of Delegation shall submit a written report on the Olympiad within two weeks of its completion.
- (f) If finances do not permit sending a Head of Delegation, the National Team Captain shall assume the

responsibilities and duties of the Head of Delegation.

1212. Captains

Both the National Team and the Women's Team shall have a Team Captain. These roles may be carried out by the same person.

The duties of the Team Captains include:

- (a) Choosing who plays and who sits in each match. These decisions should be made in an impartial and fair manner, based on the physical condition and playing form of the players, the frequency of play up to that point, and the likely players on the opposing team for that round.
- (b) Determining and articulating the strategy for each match.
- (c) Organizing and conducting daily team meetings.
- (d) Providing motivational leadership with the goal of having each player perform up to or even beyond their abilities. This includes acting in conjunction with the Head of Delegation to forestall or remove conflicts between the players.

On these matters, the Captain's decision is final and may not be appealed or overruled.

1213. Players

- (a) Players are required to attend team meetings and attend preparation/training sessions.
- (b) Players are expected to act in a responsible fashion and in the interests of the Canadian Teams.
- (c) Disputes between players are to be brought to attention of the appropriate Captain, who shall resolve the dispute as he or she deems appropriate.

1214. Technical Assistants

Technical assistants assist the Captain and Team members by helping prepare the players for their games, analyzing games, managing data bases, collecting daily bulletins, and so on. Technical assistants must accept the authority of the Head of Delegation and the Team Captains.

Board Order

1215. Board Order

The board order for each Team shall be based solely on Selection Rating, with the player with the highest selection rating being board 1, and so on. In the event two players have the same selection rating, the Team Captain shall decide the board order.

Finances

1216. Fund raising and sponsorship

- (a) The CFC shall actively raise funds and seek sponsorship for Canadian participation in the Olympiad.
- (b) Sponsors and donors may specify that some or all of their contribution to the costs of Canadian participation in the Olympiad be directed towards paying the travel costs or appearance fees a specific player, players or other member of the Canadian delegation.

1217. Expenses

- (a) The CFC shall pay the travel expenses of:
 - (i) the Canadian Champion;
 - (ii) the top four players of the National Team other than the Canadian Champion;

- (ii) the Canadian Women's Champion;
 - (iv) the top two players on the Women's Team other than the Canadian Women's Champion.
- (b) If finances permit, the CFC shall pay the travel expenses of:
- (i) The sixth player on the National Team;
 - (ii) The fourth player on the Women's Team;
 - (iii) The Team Captains of each Team;
 - (iv) The Head of Delegation;
 - (v) One or more Technical Assistants.
- (c) If finances permit, the CFC shall pay each player on both the National and Women's Team no less than \$100 and no more than \$250 pocket money. Each player shall receive the same amount of pocket money, regardless of title, rating or gender. Pocket money shall be paid when the Olympiad begins.
- (d) The CFC Executive shall determine the extent to which CFC finances permit the expenditures partial or full payment of travel expenses for those listed in (b), above, and the amount of pocket money to paid to each player.

1218. Appearance fees

- (a) The CFC Executive may, at its discretion, approve the payment of appearance fees to specific players.
- (b) The payment of appearance fees to specific players is distinct from the payment of travel expenses and pocket money.
- (c) The appearance fees paid to each player shall not be confidential and the CFC Executive shall inform the Governors of such payment.

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In 2006, the Chess Olympiad is scheduled to be held in Turin, Italy, May 20 - June 4, 2006. The dates for selecting the Canadian Olympiad Delegation would therefore be:

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November 21, 2005

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December 6, 2005

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December 21, 2005

(d) Acceptance of players: Players who agree to participate on the Team shall notify the CFC and remit the required deposit (1209(g)) no later than 120 days before the start of the Olympiad.

January 20, 2006

(e) Nominations for Team Captains: All nominations for Team Captains shall be submitted no later than 105 days before the start of the Olympiad.

February 4, 2006

(f) Election of Team Captains: The players shall submit their votes for Team Captains no later than 90 days before the start of the Olympiad.

February 19, 2006

(g) Appointment of Head of Delegation: The CFC Executive shall appoint the Head of Delegation no later than 75 days before the start of the Olympiad.

March 6, 2006

Proxy Form

Annual Meeting of the C.F.C. Edmonton 2005

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 Edmonton on the 11th to 13th of July, 2005, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2005.

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:

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Proxy Form

Annual Meeting of the C.F.C. Edmonton 2005

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a member of the **Outgoing 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 Edmonton on the 11th to 13th of July, 2005, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2005.

Witness _____ Signature of Governor _____

Instructions to Proxy:

Motions For Vote:

Motion 2005-31, moved by Bruce Harper, seconded by Joshua Henson:

That CFC By-Law Number Two, Paragraph 3 (although it is not actually numbered), which reads:

[3.] NUMBERS OF GOVERNORS FOR EACH PROVINCE

Each provincial association shall be entitled to elect or appoint a number of Governors as follows:

For the first fifty or part thereof of ordinary per capita fee payments, and number of life memberships combined, one Governor shall be allotted and for each subsequent fifty or part thereof one additional governor shall be allotted.

be amended to read:

For the first hundred or part thereof of ordinary per capita fee payments, and number of life memberships combined, one Governor shall be allotted and for each subsequent hundred or part thereof one additional Governor shall be allotted.

Vote: Yes No Abstain

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS RULED THIS A CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER AND
THUS A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY IS REQUIRED TO PASS**

Motion 2005-32, moved by Bruce Harper, seconded by Pascal Charbonneau:

That the CFC Olympiad Regulations be repealed and replaced by the following (see other document for text of the proposed Regulations). (see Appendix 2)

Vote: Yes No Abstain

Motion 2005-34 Moved by Christopher Mallon Seconded by Kevin Pacey

Motion: a) That the CFC declare and promote the week of October 3rd-9th, 2005 as National Chess Week.

b) That the CFC executive will appoint a coordinator to oversee National Chess Week

c) That the coordinator will be provided complimentary advertising on the CFC web site and in CCE to promote NCW events.

d) That NCW will include country-wide simuls held at malls or schools all on the same date, with a goal of having 10,000 chess games being played at the same time.

e) That all Canadian Chess Clubs will be encouraged to run free to the public events during the week to promote chess

f) That the CFC will produce a small information booklet about chess in Canada which can be distributed at all of the events

Vote: Yes No Abstain

Motion 2005-36, moved by Bruce Harper, seconded by Peter Stockhausen:

That a committee of five qualified individuals, to be selected by the CFC Executive, be formed to review the CFC Rating System and make recommendations for changes and improvements. This committee would report to the CFC prior to the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

Vote: Yes No Abstain

Motion 2005-37: Online magazine committee (Moved by Pacey, seconded by Ficzero)

The CFC Executive shall be given a mandate to strike a committee to determine the viability of putting the contents of the CCE magazine on the CFC website, possibly in conjunction with a reduction of CFC membership fees.

Vote: Yes No Abstain

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