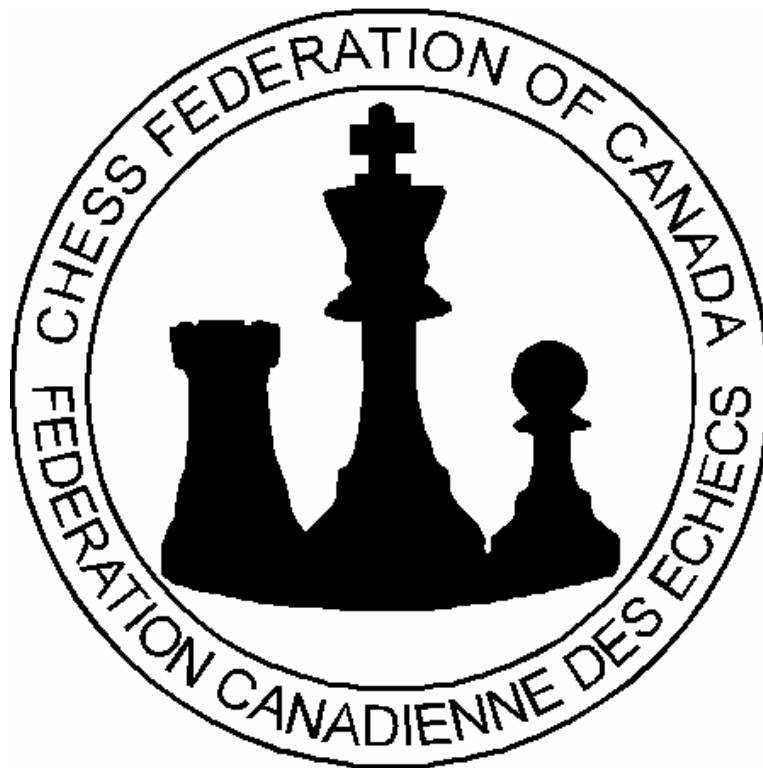


**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
GOVERNORS' LETTER SIX
2006-2007**



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NOTICE TO GOVERNORS:

The Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada is scheduled for July 9th and 10th at 10 am through 4 pm at the Ottawa Marriott hotel home of the 2007 Canadian Open Chess Championship.

It is anticipated that July 9th will be the Assembly of Outgoing Governors while July 10th will be the Assembly of Incoming Governors.

President's Report

Vice President's Report

I think governors would do well to read my report from GL 5. After William Doubleday became president it became evident that financial accountability and basic administration within the CFC was inadequate.

What I document with respect to the 2006 CYCC is unacceptable in any organization. The position of Patrick McDonald as an executive of the CFC and an organizer with the associated conflict of interest is interesting. His reply to my report in GL 6 is that it is all because he is owed money in amounts he can determine unilaterally or that he has some entitlement from the CFC.

I invite governors to examine the claims by Mr. Hal Bond and Mr. Patrick McDonald with respect to the 2006 CYCC. Because there is no CFC involvement in approving expenses for the 2006 CYCC prior to the event the presentation of the \$12,000 bill in the bid post event strikes me as bizarre. Mr. Hal Bond and Mr. Patrick McDonald have no intention of respecting the revenue projection in the bid based on 200 players coming to the event. Monies collected are kept and the rationales for keeping the funds are proffered after the fact.

As a governor I worry about the direction of the CFC.

Best regards,

Halldor P. Palsson

From the Secretary:

Once again we are approaching the Annual General Meeting and a new CFC Executive. This Governors' Letter contains statements from most of the present board plus statements from the two (so far) declared candidates for CFC President.

One very important point I want to make concerning the Governors' Letter is that while I support the intent of motion 2005-11 mandating a monthly GL, it is simply not possible to achieve this goal without all members of the Executive sending in their contributions on a timely basis. This has been a major issue this year and is the primary reason there were 8 and 9 GLs the previous two years but 6 this year.

One thing that became completely clear to me during the preparation of GL#5 is that motion 2005-11 is completely in conflict with motion 1989-17 which is now paragraph 340 in the Handbook. This reads as follows:

340. Governors' Letter

a) Comments by Governors on motions under consideration are not censored. All comments are published in the Governors' Letters provided that they do not exceed a reasonable length.

b) If the Executive Director submits a Governors Letter to the President for approval and does not receive a revised Governors Letter from the President, or approval, within three weeks, then the Executive Director does have de facto approval, and must send out the Governors Letter. [ref: Motion 89-17; GL, September 1988, p. 1-30 of Appendix B]

Accordingly if re-elected I will be moving the repeal of this section in GL#1 as section (b) does three things I find unacceptable – (1) the preparation of the Governors' Letter is the job of the Secretary not the Executive Director and it is he (or she) who is primarily responsible for its content. (2) it is not in my view appropriate for the President to be making revisions to the GL without the knowledge or consent of the Secretary. I note in this context that I have NEVER refused to make any change requested by the President but do say in no uncertain terms that this introduces a delay in the system inconsistent with a monthly GL. (3) Allowing the President to delay the GL for three weeks makes a monthly GL impossible since the usual voting period for Governors is 10-14 days. Over the last three years it has been standard practice for the Executive to get a draft GL with the possibility of a second draft depending on the volume of changes requested / required. For this GL they have had a draft plus request for further input. There has been no input received either from the Business Office or any member of the Executive for three days since the last feedback and a week since the last draft so there should be no reasonable objection to sending out the GL.

These are the terms of reference that I believe Governors should expect of whoever does the Governors' Letter in 2007-2008. 340 was appropriate in 1988-89 when the GL was produced bi-monthly and transmitted by mail – it's no longer appropriate in 2007 when the GL is almost entirely produced and distributed via the Internet and e-mail.

I would welcome an open discussion by Governors what they most want to see in the GL (besides motions) in 2007-2008. Things I would expect are: regular messages from the President and other members of the Executive, reasonably prompt financials (at least quarterly), membership statistics as available, communications of major bids or tournaments, communication of FIDE and Olympiad news.

No doubt others can come up with other items equally appropriate to bring before the Governors. The GL is the CFC's Hansard and needs to be seen as our permanent record of how we govern the CFC.

A special word to provincial presidents and secretaries: there are several provinces who have not so far submitted their lists of Governors for 2007-2008. Last year several incoming Governors were deprived of their right to be represented at the Annual General Meeting due to their federation not submitting their list of Governors until after the Annual General Meeting. Please do not let this happen this year.

This year has been exceptionally challenging year due to the financial situation the CFC faced this time last year. I have not yet seen the end of year financials so Governors will have to judge for themselves how successful the President and Treasurer have been at stemming the bleeding that we saw last year.

My apologies to Pierre Dénoimée who submitted the following item for GL#5 which I failed to include:
The Montreal Chess League site has been hacked. In order to protect it, the content

management software has been updated. The link to http://www.echecsmonreal.org/SPIP/article.php?id_article=15 in the page <http://www.chess.ca/FrancaisEnConstruction.html> is no longer good. The correct link is <http://www.echecsmonreal.org/SPIP/spip.php?article15> . The problem should have been fixed by the time you read your GL . Because those URL do not designate a file (such as content.htm) it is not possible to automatically redirect from the League web site control panel.

As a service to Provincial Affiliate Presidents and Secretaries I include the following table first published in Governors' Letter #5.

	Family	Honorary	Junior	LIFE	Adult	Part.Junior.	Total	Per Capita Calculation	Calculated 2007-2008 Governors
Total	9	53	180	350	1004	156	1763	1531.50	37
AB	3	2	13	27	153	25	223	192.17	4
BC	2	7	28	68	82	24	211	176.67	4
MB	0	0	5	5	50	2	62	58.33	2
NB	0	0	6	6	59	6	77	69.00	2
NL	0	0	0	6	21	5	32	27.00	1
NS	0	0	9	13	41	0	63	60.00	2
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
NU	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.00	1
ON	4	25	98	158	501	87	873	751.33	16
PE	0	0	6	2	6	0	14	12.00	1
QC	0	16	4	26	40	2	88	84.67	2
SK	0	0	11	14	27	5	57	48.33	1
YT	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2.00	1
US	0	3	0	23	24	0	50	50.00	
FO	0	3	0	6	1	0	10	10.00	

Governors will readily see that these numbers are down considerably. I believe this is the logical outcome of the "tournament membership" option and should have been foreseen by all when we made this option more attractive. I recently was assistant TD in a major Vancouver tournament where of the players renewing their membership no fewer than 25 chose this option. I would welcome seeing similar statistics from other tournaments with more than 50 players over the past year to see if my theory that a growing number of players are paying their dues in this way holds water.

An important concern for 2007-2008 Governors will be to determine the causes of our membership decline and to begin to take steps to reverse the trend. As I have said on numerous occasions, the long-term financial health of the Federation requires a healthy membership. The two are inextricably linked and we cannot have one without the other.

I will be seeking re-election as CFC Secretary and hope to have your support for 2007-2008. If this is not meant to be then let it me say wholeheartedly that it has been a privilege to serve you all.

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

From the Treasurer:

The auditor report has not been transmitted to the Executive. The Treasurer will present his report at the AGM after reading the auditor's report.

Pierre Dénomée

From the FIDE Representative:

No significant actions have occurred in FIDE re Canada since the Turin Olympiad in May 2006. Therefore there is nothing really to report. The next FIDE meeting is in November in Turkey.

- Nathan Divinsky

From the Youth Coordinator:

I am happy to see the developments from the excellent organizers in Ottawa. They are preparing what looks to be the CYCC to beat all CYCCs!

Gordon Ritchie and Stijn deKerpel and their committee certainly deserve our commendations!

We, as a Federation, need to take this momentum and keep it moving forward! The Ottawa group has managed to secure good sponsorships that I hope we are able to keep and develop them for the Canadian Youth Chess programs.

I am also thrilled with the cooperation and synergies that they have worked out with the Turkish Embassy (Turkey is to be the host of the 2007 WYCC.)

At writing, I am quite disappointed that we have not yet put to bed all the issues that have arisen from the 2006 CYCC. I suspect that most of the problems are stemming from the unfortunate timing of a change-over of ED just around the time of the CYCC. I hope that we are able to work together to put it all to rest and move on very soon.

I need to stress to the Federation and all Governors and members that our Youth are our Future! If we work well with our youth chess players, encourage them, encourage and support our youth organizers and create a supportive cooperative environment for them, we will see a substantial increase in memberships as these youth become our adult chess players.

Chess is such a wonderful practice for our youth as it teaches and develops concentration, analytical thinking, 3-dimensional thinking, and logics in general. We have seen how learning and playing chess has helped kids of all levels. Bright children manage to further hone their thinking skills, ADD kids develop much greater powers of focus. For kids that need it, chess offers a calming effect. The benefits are MANY.

With some of the changes that we need to make in our Federation, we need to make sure that we keep the Youth in mind!

Thank you,

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Patrick McDonald

Youth Coordinator - Chess Federation of Canada

**RESULTS OF VOTING:**

*Straw Vote 1: How should the time control G/60 be rated?*

**Regular:** (7) Barron, I. Bluvshstein, Craver, Haley, Nadeau, Smith, Thorvardson

**RapidPlay:** (2) Dénommée, Wright

**Abstention:** (1) Craft

**Phil Haley:** G/60 should be rated under the rules of regular...if someone wants a rapidplay event at this time limit they can advertise as Game in 59.

## **MOTIONS FOR FINAL VOTE: / MOTIONS FOR SECOND**

### **DISCUSSION: (to be discussed at Annual General Meeting)**

**Motion 2007-05** Moved Palsson / Doubleday that the CYCC Section of the CFC Handbook be amended as follows:

(Editorial note: the proponents have asked this motion to be discussed with a view to a final vote at the Annual General Meeting)

#### **CYCC AMENDED RULES**

##### 1008 entries

Change entry fee to \$225. The Organisers may charge a late fee not exceeding \$50 for entry fees received after the deadline. The CFC executive may authorise an increase in entry fees after 2009 where it is considered appropriate because of inflation or other increases in expenses. Where there are 2 children in any one family, i.e. Brothers and sisters, the entry fee for the third family member shall be 50% and the 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent members shall be free.

##### 1014

The CFC shall retain 10% of all monies received for administrative expenses such as Visa charges, L.D. calls, office and all other expenses. \$75 of each paid entry shall go to the local organiser for their expenses in providing the playing site, tournament directors and all other expenses. The balance of the monies received shall go to the CYCC fund which shall be used to pay the travel expenses or a portion of the travel expenses of the participants in the WYCC.

Any surplus monies shall be retained by the CFC to cover any losses incurred in the CYCC program for prior years or to be held to fund travel for future CYCC events where there is a shortfall.

The winners of each of the CYCC tournament sections shall be eligible to compete in the world event provide that they meet the minimum rating requirement for their age group. The rating requirement will take effect after the CYCC event has been rated. The CFC executive may waive this rating requirement where the players recent tournament results indicate that the player should clearly have a higher rating than the minimum rating requirement.

Where the fund available to send winners to the WYCC is insufficient to fund 100% of the travel then the amount available shall be divided amongst the participants who will be responsible for making up the shortfall by forwarding the amount of the shortfall to the CFC business office before the airline ticket for that participant is purchased.

##### 1015 Minimum rating requirements

To be eligible to be funded for the world event by the CYCC fund the participants must have a minimum rating as follows:-

Age 8&10 1400

Age 12 Boys 1600 Girls 1400

Age 14 Boys 1800 Girls 1700

Age 16 Boys 2000 Girls 1800

Age 18 Boys 2200 Girls 1900

Where the winner of a CYCC section is not eligible for funding to the world event then the winner shall be awarded a suitable chess education prize in order to encourage the participant to achieve a higher rating. The alternative prize shall be decided by the CFC president after consulting with the tournament organisers.

!002 Format.

Where there are less than eight players for any category then one or more categories shall be combined so that there are no less than 8 players in the combined category. The combined category shall be decided by the tournament organisers unless directed otherwise by the CFC President who shall have the final authority to rule on this matter. Where the shortfall occurs in the Girls under 18 it is recommended that this section be combined with the girls under 16. If there are insufficient numbers in this combined 16 & 18 girls section then the under 14 girls should be included with both these sections. The winner of a combined section who meets the minimum rating requirement shall be eligible for funding to the WYCC. Where there is a combined category then the highest finisher in any age category who did not win the section shall be regarded as the winner for that age category and shall receive any trophy that is available for that category and provided that the minimum rating requirement is met shall be eligible to participate in the WYCC but shall not receive funding for that purpose from the CYCC fund.

**Ken Craft:** Ridiculous. Belongs on the dustbin of history. Contract with the CMA to administer the CYCC process.

**Lyle Craver** Section 1008 appears to discourage rather than encourage competition. I generally favour the proposed rating floors for WYCC candidates.

**Pierre Dénomée:** This is an extremely dangerous motion. We should encourage children to participate, not discourage them. In order to limit the CYCC, we should offer the Youth other competitions. For example, 3 000 Corsican elementary school students did participate in the School Championship [http://www.echecs.asso.fr/\(sqseyi55bpsc1d45e1xw5m45\)/Actu.aspx?Ref=2430](http://www.echecs.asso.fr/(sqseyi55bpsc1d45e1xw5m45)/Actu.aspx?Ref=2430). Under those conditions, it is possible to limit entry into the CYCC.

**Ellen Nadeau:** I am in agreement with Patrick McDonald as to this motion. There would be significant negative impact on participation in the CYCC if

-The entry goes to \$225

- The award can be withheld(not high enough rating or a smaller section)

- They oblige amalgamation of sections (I've dealt with many parents over the years and there has always been a preference for round robins, double round robins or matches )

Our region is working very hard to develop chess and participation at the national level. There are approximately 30 registered participants from NE Ontario and another 15 from the NW. for the 2007 CYCC. Participation would fall to 5-6 if the suggested changes were made. President Doubleday states in his report that the CFC must "restructure our relation with young players". This motion would deteriorate participation by youth in the CFC.

The only thing I find acceptable in this motion is the \$50 late fee as compensation to the organizer. This would have to be applied only after all regional and provincial tournaments are finished.

**Maurice Smith:** 2007-5 I am in favour, and I disagree with Patrick McDonald's comments. The increased entry fee still makes it a bargain compared to other sports. Having two grandchildren in hockey runs their parents costs into thousands. They probably wish they had taken up chess!

I know Patrick has always favoured sending as many youths as possible to the WYCC. I think this is wrong. He states that it is an open tournament. This is true, but it was not started that way and it was not meant to be that way. The trouble was that organizers had trouble making ends meet, so gradually it became open in order to turn a profit. Many Countries just send their best players and try to give it the stature of a real World Championship. Canada does not. Patrick states that the low rated players will get the experience. What kind of an experience is it when they know that the only reason they qualified was that ANYONE could go. Also with that in mind and finishing near or at the bottom does not qualify for a great experience. So minimum ratings are in order.

**Stephen Wright:** As I write the exact financial accounting of what happened at the 2006 CYCC is a topic of considerable dispute; until that matter is resolved and we know whether the program is operating in the red or black, it seems pointless to discuss this motion.

**Motion 2007-06: Moved (Pierre Dénomée / Lyle Craver)** That the CFC Handbook Tournament Rules section be replaced as per Appendix 1 (see below)

(Editorial note: Given a version of this motion has already been defeated it is desired by the mover that this motion be broken into 10 sections to allow Governors to vote for the entire motion or whatever portion of the sub-motions as each Governor deems fit. These are as follows: )

|                                       |                                           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Motion 2007-06a: Article 1            | (Administrative Rules)                    |
| Motion 2007-06b: Article 2.1 to 2.26  | (Additional Rules for Tournament Play)    |
| Motion 2007-06c: Article 2.27 to 2.29 | (Regulations re Clocks and Time Controls) |
| Motion 2007-06d: Article 3            | (Exceptions to the Normal Rules)          |
| Motion 2007-06e: Article 4            | (Unsportsmanlike Conduct)                 |
| Motion 2007-06f: Article 5            | (Appeals)                                 |
| Motion 2007-06g: Article 6            | (Interior Rules)                          |
| Motion 2007-06h: Article 7            | (Players' Code of Conduct)                |
| Motion 2007-06i: Article 8            | (Penalties Imposed by the Arbiter)        |
| Motion 2007-06j: Article 9            | (FIDE Standards for Digital Chess Clocks) |

The motion has been defeated and those who voted against have requested that the motion be split and reintroduced.

The Tournament Rules used to be in Section 3 of the Handbook but they have been removed without authorisation when we have updated to the new FIDE Laws of Chess (fortunately, I still do have a copy of the original text). A 1977 text is no longer adapted to the 2007 rules, especially the digital clocks. There was a rule stating that if Black is absent, white can start Black's clock without making a move. By doing that on most digital clocks, the clock will believe that the player who is actually playing black has the white pieces because his clock has been started first. Consequently, the clock flag may fail to perform properly at move 40. Furthermore, Black is expected to start White's clock when he arrives without playing a move, the clock will have been pressed twice without playing a move, adding 30 seconds to each players and fooling the move counter that the clock is relying upon to determine if the player has played the required number of moves in the allotted time. The only way to keep White move secret that is compatible with digital clocks is to start White clock and for White to seal his move in an envelope, to start Black's clock and to give the envelope to the arbiter



**Ken Craft:** Clearly out of order. The motion was defeated once. Division it into sub-motions should have taken place before it was defeated. What's next? We'll divide it into paragraphs, sentences or words.

**Lyle Craver:** I support all sections except c and j (the sections referring to time controls and clocks) which I believe are impractical at the club and provincial level. I do not believe the technology has advanced sufficiently to make incremental controls mandatory.

**Pierre Dénommée:** Until you want to sell it to sponsors. Short draws are damaging to the image of the sport. 4.7 c) says: *with prior approval from the CFC*. I assume that the CFC will not ask an inexperienced arbiter to perform this task.

**Ellen Nadeau: re 2007-06e article 4**

I like the emphasis placed on sportsmanship and ethics. However 4.7c Chief arbiter may have oversight possible of all draws is not appropriate. Chess is a game between two opponents first and foremost.

**Stephen Wright:** It has been suggested that this motion should be ruled out of order as it is basically the same as a previous motion which was defeated - could we have a ruling as to whether the current motion is in order or not?

**Motion 2007-07: (Pierre Dénommée / Lyle Craver)**

***That the CFC Handbook section dealing with the TDOCP be revised as per Appendix 2:***

**Ken Craft:** - opposed to it as it currently stands. The last thing we need to be doing at this time is limiting who can direct tournaments.

**Lyle Craver:** While I would strongly encourage TDs to advertise their certifications in tournament advertising I don't think we yet have the "buy-in" amongst TDs to make certification something players and directors have come to demand. I well remember being Chief TD at one event where a future Canadian champion raced past me looking for a director despite the fact I was wearing the Green CFC Director's pin which was given to all certified directors. The then CFC president (who witnessed it all) seemed shocked that this player would not recognize the Director's pin but I told him I did not think even half the players would know what it stood for. He disagreed with my statement so I suggested we ask the next 10 players who came by the TD's table if they knew what it meant. Perhaps 2 of 10 did and I say that I believe if we ran the same test now the figure might well be less.

TD certification is in principle a good idea but there is a steep education curve to be faced amongst players and TDs to make it work.

**Pierre Dénommée:** Certification will eventually be mandatory if the motion passes but the Provincial Associations can create as many levels as they see fit. It is perfectly legal under the motion to create a Club Arbiter level whose only requirements are to have read the rules and to have pledged to enforce them. The USCF has already done that. Club Arbiters would be considered certified. In some remote areas, there might be only one Club Arbiter and we cannot prevent that without actually killing Chess in those areas.

If you are afraid of the effect of mandatory certification, please support the following amendment rather than voting against the motion. Add the following to the motion, this will create a nationwide low level that will be accepted in all Provinces.

#### Club arbiter

This is the only level that does not require examination and that has no prerequisite. Anybody can get this level by signing a form stating that he has read the FIDE Laws of Chess and the CFC Tournament Rules and that he will abide by them. The PAC in each province is responsible for setting the restrictions (as in 13) for clubs arbiter in such a way that is the best for the province.

A Club arbiter is considered to be certified at level 0 (zero) for the application of the TDOCP rules.

Assignment is done even in minor Leagues. There is nothing to be gained in areas which are short of arbiters, but a lot will be gained in areas in which they are too numerous by sharing the load between the arbiters.

Arbiter's Compensation - the main text talks about the arbiter's compensation being mandatory and the arbiter being fully paid, yet footnote 7 refers to an "honorarium" and seems to advocate donating the fee back. Rather mixed messages. Not really contradictory. If the arbiter compensation is mandatory, it has to be entered in the books as a donation (I don't care if it is not tax deductible). As the end of the year, the combined tournaments of Canada will most likely have raised at least \$50,000 in donations. Now if you go to a sponsor, it is quite nice to demonstrate your ability to collect that much in donations: it gives you a lot of credibility in the eyes of any potential sponsor. You can also go to the Government and show that you can raise money.

**Ellen Nadeau:** Glad to see discussion in this area, educational opportunities and standardization would be great. Don't make certification mandatory however because there are some competent arbiters that would be put off by the bureaucratic hoops to jump through.

**Stephen Wright:** Most of this is good, but some sections leave a strange impression:

Assignment - this makes sense if the officials are professionals, such as occurs in baseball (alluded to elsewhere in the motion). But I'm not sure how this would work in chess, given that the vast majority of arbiters are not doing so for a living. In these parts (BC) the arbiter is generally the person who happens to be available.

Arbiter's Compensation - the main text talks about the arbiter's compensation being mandatory and the arbiter being fully paid, yet footnote 7 refers to an "honorarium" and seems to advocate donating the fee back. Rather mixed messages.

#### **Motion 2007-08: (Chris Mallon / Patrick McDonald) Replacement of Executive**

To add the following section to the CFC Handbook:

Under By-Law Two,

#### *22. Removal of Executive by Governors*

- a) In the event that the Board of Governors wishes to remove a member of the Executive Board from office, a petition by four Governors should be presented in writing to the Secretary requesting the removal.
- b) The Secretary will, within 72 hours, distribute a request to the Board of Governors for an immediate vote by the most expeditious means available. The time limit on the vote will be one week.
- c) The target of the removal motion may in no case vote on the removal motion. The President will not cast a vote except in the event of a tie. If the President is the target, they may not vote and the Vice-President will then vote only in the case of a tie.
- d) The motion is successful if either i) 50% +1 of all current governors other than the target vote in favour, or ii) three-quarters of votes cast are in favour with a minimum of ten votes cast.
- e) If the motion is successful, the Executive member in question immediately ceases to be a member of the Executive, losing any rights granted in the process. They are ineligible for appointment to the Executive for two full years but are eligible to be voted back into the Executive by the Governors at an AGM.
- f) If the motion is not successful, the four Governors who signed the petition are not permitted to petition for further removals before the next AGM.
- g) If the Secretary is the target of the motion, another member of the Executive may be petitioned instead.
- h) In the case of wishing to remove multiple members of the Executive at the same time, all cases must be voted on separately but may be petitioned together.

**Ken Craft:** Support in principle as it is long overdue.

**Pierre Dénommée:** The motion fail to respect the rights of the defence. The target of the removal motion has the right to address the Assembly of Governors and to speak in his own defence, a right that is denied by this motion. Furthermore, Governors without internet access will not be able to vote in the one week delay. The principle of the motion is great but the implementation is flawed.

#### **Motion 2007-09: (Chris Mallon / Patrick McDonald) Governor Activity Rules**

To add the following section to the CFC Handbook:

Under By-Law Two,

#### *23. Governor Activity*

- a) Any Governor who does not vote or officially abstain in at least 75% of GL motions in any given year shall not be allowed to be a governor for the following two years.
- b) The President is excluded from this regulation since they may need to maintain impartiality by not voting, while reserving the right to vote should there be a tie.

- c) 1. Life Governors as well as any other Governor who has their status for some specific reason not related to being elected by the Assembly or by their Provincial Association (for example, the Canadian Champion) are excluded from a) but instead follow this rule.  
2. If one of these Governors does not vote in two consecutive series of votes (whether they be by Governor Letter or at the AGM), they are put on an Inactive List which is maintained by the Secretary.  
3. Governors on the Inactive List retain the right to vote, at which time they immediately are removed from the Inactive List.  
4. Governors on the Inactive List do not count towards a quorum for as long as they remain on that list
- d) Any Governor whose CFC Membership lapses will lose the right to vote, and will not count towards a quorum, until such time as their membership fees are paid.

**Ken Craft:** Support in principle.

**Phil Haley:** Re motion 2007-09 governor activity...this motion has a good intent but an inappropriate suggested solution...the provincial associations should take whatever action they deem appropriate in respect to the actions or non-actions of their governors.

**Ellen Nadeau:** I'm sympathetic to this motion as governors will be motivated to participate more. I include myself in this.  
I would like to have 10 days to reply to the GL instead of 7.

**Maurice Smith:** I am not in favour of this Motion. I agree with the movers that we would like to see more Governors active. However, telling the Governors how often they must vote and when they should vote seems rather childish and amateurish to me. I can't imagine any professional organization having rules like this. Better would be to have the Provincial organizations take better care in selecting their Governors. Better still might be having the CFC members vote for their Governors.

#### **Motion 2007-10: (Chris Mallon / Patrick McDonald) Appointments**

Modify By-Law Number Two, section 18:

"... the President may fill the vacancy for the rest of the term by way of appointment, *but must do so within two weeks or send the matter to the Board of Governors for an election.*"

**Ken Craft:** Would prefer to see this power of appointment removed from the president's purview altogether.

**Pierre Dénomée:** I agree with Mr. Craft on this issue.

**Maurice Smith:** Well here is another one that I think is not very good. It could be quite impractical for the President to fill a vacancy within two weeks. Suitable personnel must have adequate time to consider and also some may be away on vacation. Two weeks does just not cut it.

#### **Motion 2007-11 (Barry Thorvardson / Mark Dutton)**

To immediately put up the current CFC Office Building for sale, and to use the proceeds for proper office/retail/conference and operational needs after the new CFC Executive reevaluates the role and direction of the CFC.

**Barry Thorvardson:** This is a long overdue decision and is important and will clearly show the seriousness, immediacy and intent of restructuring the CFC properly.

The CFC office is not effective nor used for meetings nor conferences.

The CFC Office is in an industrial area and is a poor location for retail traffic. At best 1-2 people visit the office per day, according to Dave Gordon.

The CFC office is expensive if primarily a warehouse facility.

The CFC office is poorly located if corporate or government sponsorship meetings are planned.

This decision to sell the facility will not necessarily mean a move of the CFC headquarters from the Ottawa area. If the dominant role of the CFC needs Ottawa office space for government communication a small downtown office with separate external warehouse could be considered. If Retail operations are kept, and a major focus of revenues, a retail location, with combined uses such as tournament space may be considered, perhaps in a different city. CFC membership input and meaningful dialogue will help prioritize the needs and future selection process.

This sale may take 6-9 months to get the maximum resale value of the facility so the process should start immediately. Even if sold quickly, there is plenty of economical short term rental space available for continued operations while the CFC office needs and priorities are identified.

The disposal of major assets such as the office location requires an AGM or special meeting approval, and this is best addressed at the upcoming AGM.

**Pierre Dénommée:** It has already been ruled in Kitchener that this is a constitutional amendment because the address of the head office is written in the Constitution in section 2 of the Handbook.

**Motion 2007-12 (Chris Mallon / Lyle Craver)** To approve the development of a new CFC website and automated ratings system as shown in appendix. Exact dates may be negotiated by the new CFC Executive for cash flow purposes. *(Ed. I am happy to second this item for discussion purposes)*

**Chris Mallon:** The Web Designer is Jeremy Byron, who's just finished a BA (Cognitive Science / Computer Science) degree at Simon Fraser University.

The Programmer is Rohan Verghese, who has a BAsC (Computer Engineering) from the University of Waterloo. Both guys are obviously qualified and are also experienced in their fields.

The Translator is Amy Smallwood, who has a BA/BEd (French) from the University of Waterloo. She took the program where she spent a year in France and has since been teaching French in the immersion program in Ontario.

I was unofficially quoted anywhere from \$15,000 to \$60,000 for what we were asking for from established professional companies. These guys are just starting up and need to make a name for themselves, plus they like chess and have been CFC members in the past, so I've managed to negotiate a significant discount. I have not yet heard back how much it will cost us to have the professional but discounted French translation done - this will have to be approved separately.

The development will occur in three phases, dates are assuming approval on July 9th at the Outgoing AGM. For the record, Phase III is when the new lower rating fees for fully electronic submission will kick

in.

#### Phase I - Completion July 15th, 2007

- . New site on-line with French content translated by Google. Forums converted over.
- . Each CFC Member is assigned a unique code to link their online account with their existing membership account. This can be put on mailing labels for the magazines for those who get it, otherwise must be mailed out to all other members.
- . Database conversion with every rating update between Phase I and II included, done by the Web Designer.
- . Old site to remain on-line for the time being to maintain the online store and to act as a backup.

#### Phase II - Completion September 1st, 2007

- . New ratings program completed enough to take over all functions the current program manages plus some extras.
- . New site integrated with an eCommerce solution to take over the online store.
- . New site includes all basic features required of it.

#### Phase III - Completion by December 1st, 2007

- . All static content on site translated into French by a real person rather than Google.
- . New ratings program complete with full database management abilities and ability to accept several forms of electronic submission.
- . All advanced site features complete.
- . Web form for submitting events including new members, automatic payment via eCommerce accepted.
- . Members-only area on site complete, integrated with the Chess Canada magazine site if it's done at that point.

### **Compensation**

This is what everyone wants to hear about right... here's the deal. At Phase I Completion, both developers receive a Life Membership, and Jeremy is paid \$1,000. At Phase II Completion, both receive \$1,000. At Phase III Completion, both receive \$1,000.

That is two Life Memberships and \$5,000 - far below anything we were ever quoted. It is more than I'd hoped originally however I think we'll be very pleased with the quality. The cost is spread out over several months and it may be possible for the new CFC Executive to renegotiate the exact payment plan if needed.

Any minor tweaks to the rating system in the future will require an update to the software - \$50. Major changes will have to be negotiated at that time based on how long they will take. We considered having him implement a script based system that would allow easy changes however that would at least double the up-front cost...

I personally believe that the cost, especially spread out as it is, is more than worth the good PR alone, not to mention how much strain it will take off the staff in Ottawa, and make us look good by having a professional website. I know our current site was professional when it was made, but that was six years ago and we need to keep up with the world. Unfortunately the cost escalated from \$2k to \$3k because we waited so long and he's got more experience now... on the other hand that should mean we get a better site in the end.

### **General Comments from Governors:**

*(Editorial note: the following two comments refer to the report in GL#5 by Halldor Palsson. I have departed from placing their comments in the usual alphabetical order as they refer to Mr. Palsson's piece and each other. Mr. Palsson's submission to GL#5 was received past the deadline for GL#5 and at the last possible moment before publication. I had to make a very quick and difficult judgment call as to whether to hold it till GL#6 or to hold GL#5 to allow comment; my decision was to publish it and make ample room available for comments in GL#6.)*

**Patrick McDonald:** In response to Halldor's comments:

- 1) Thank you for bringing to my attention the fact that OYCC 2006 rating fees (\$929) were not forwarded to the CFC office on a timely basis. I had requested that the office charge my credit card, and as the tournament was rated, I had assumed that this had been the case. I have now determined this did not happen, I never received notification that fees were outstanding. Now that this has been brought to my attention, I have under separate cover, advised the CFC that the fees are due and should be deducted against moneys owed to me.
- 2) Please be advised that 155 youth participated at the CYCC 2006 in Kitchener which should have generated revenue of  $155 \times \$150 = \$23,250$ . In order to properly determine the revenue position of the CYCC 2006, all of the regional and provincial qualifier fees must be added to this amount. From the OYCC, there is \$929, from the Agincourt, Chatham and Northern Ontario regionals there was: \$571, \$198 and \$476 respectively. From the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and B.C Provincials there was: \$258, \$340 and \$411 respectively (these numbers are from your report in GL #5 – were there possibly other CYCC events?). Also there was a private donation of \$850. So total revenue (that we know of) is:  $\$23,250 + \$929 + \$571 + \$198 + \$476 + \$258 + \$340 + \$411 + \$850 = \$27,283$
- 3) The submitted expense recap for the CYCC indicated total expenses of \$12,088.45. In order to reach a settlement after months of discussion, the expenses were reduced to \$9,200, which effectively eliminated all arbiter fees, organizer fees and expenses for volunteers (i.e. T-Shirts and Lunches)
- 4) The CFC paid for 10 youth and 1 coach to attend the WYCC in Georgia. Flights cost as follows: 4 youth @ \$1,163.06, 7 adults @ \$1,328.06. For each player, the CFC paid a registration fee of \$160 and each traveler also required \$100 for transfers. Total travel expenses to send our youth team to Georgia was then: flights of  $\$15,276.72 + \$1,600 + \$1,100 = \$17,976.72$
- 5) Therefore the CYCC 2006 generated revenue of \$ 27,283 with expenses of \$9,200 + \$17,976.72 leaving a net profit of approximately \$106.28 (assuming all revenue is collected and all expenses paid)
- 6) Revenue that the CFC shows collected (according to your report in GL#5) is \$15,052 I have shown a collection onsite of \$4,425.
- 7) Therefore, there is either an Accounts Receivable of \$23,250 ( $155 \times \$150$ ) - \$15,052 (CFC GL 5) - \$4,425 (My Accounting) of \$12,623, or entries not entered properly at the CFC.
- 8) Let's work together to get to the bottom of this. I have provided the CFC office with the names of the people that account for the \$4,425, there must be some way to determine whose fees the \$15,052 were from. I also find it odd that the CFC revenue is an odd amount, not divisible by \$150. I know that I have numerous notes and emails that Peter at the office had sent to me telling me of kids that had paid that were not on his original listing that he sent me. (I know that I followed up on each registrant that told me when they checked in that they had paid the CFC office.)

Halldor,

Thank you for your report. In the future, I would have appreciated it we could have ironed this out amongst ourselves, and then presented one report to the CFC. This would have saved a fair bit of embarrassment and ill will on both sides.

I would like to work with you to determine if the funds need to be collected, or if it is merely a book keeping error that isn't showing them.

The bottom line, had proper accounting been in place with correct lists from the CFC office and more timely of settlement of all issues, the CYCC for last year was a break even proposition.

I have forwarded this e-mail to all the governors, as you can see, as this is the list that you sent out your report to.

Please call / email me so we can determine what the problem is with the revenue.

Patrick  
CYC Youth Coordinator  
CYCC 2006 Organizer

**Les Bunning:** About 6 months ago I was asked by the CFC president to look into the 2006 CYCC which was run by Patrick McDonald and Hal Bond. At that time these 2 organisers were seeking an amount in excess of \$12,000 from the CFC. I did the initial investigation and eventually turned it over to Halldor Palsson to complete when he was recently appointed Vice -President. What I found and what Palsson's more detailed report has confirmed was quite shocking. In their original bid the organisers of the 2006 event had indicated that the CFC would receive over \$20,000 to send the winners to the world event. The bid was based on expected participants of 200, Sponsorship income of approx \$2,000, and expenses of approx \$10,000. (\$50 per player.) The demand for the \$12,000 was based on what appeared to be inflated expenses and no credit was given for sponsorship money received even though the City of Kitchener had donated at least \$20,000 to the CYCC and Canadian open. What was even more shocking was that Patrick MacDonald had received a substantial number of entry fees directly from the participants and never turned this money over to the CFC and never gave the CFC credit for these receipts against expenses he claimed were owing to him by the CFC. Accordingly I spent some time investigating this matter with the assistance of the CFC's bookkeeper. What quickly became apparent was that a substantial number of entry fees had never been received by the CFC. Most of the participants whose fees were showing as not collected were contacted and in many cases the participants confirmed that the entry fees had been paid to Patrick McDonald. In addition Patrick McDonald never sent the over \$900 that he owed the CFC from the 2006 OYCC and has never sent the CFC the money he owes from this years OYCC. (the \$7 and \$10 participation fees. ) I also understand that collecting money owed to the CFC by Patrick McDonald has been a long standing problem. McDonald's recent claim that he never knew that he still owed the CFC \$929 from the 2006 OYCC and that he had not received notification is incorrect as I have raised this matter with him on at least one prior occasion and have a copy of the CFC's invoice sent to him ages ago. I note that Patrick McDonald is still not willing to forward these amounts to the CFC as he is still claiming that the CFC still owes him money. I suggest he re read Palsson's report on the matter that was published in the last governors letter. Patrick when are you going to send the CFC the money that you owe? .

Les Bunning

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***Other Governor Comments:***

***Michael Barron:*** Better late than never!



I was waiting 4 months and still didn't get any response for my suggestions. So, I need to repeat most of them again.

The main concern now is a financial state of the CFC. I have some suggestions how to reduce our expenses and raise revenues:

- 1) Make simple decisions quickly and do everything on time. For example, FIDE requires that a rating report on the FIDE registered tournament should arrive at the FIDE Secretariat not later than 30 days after the end of the event (<http://www.fide.com/news.asp?id=1178>). Otherwise we should pay (and actually pay every year!) late fee of \$100 per event. Such expenses can and should be avoided.
- 2) Actively advertise and promote National Championships. I assume that upon approval of the Assembly of Governors, the CFC Office should take care about promotion of such tournaments – Canadian Closed, Open, Women's, Senior, Junior and Youth Championships, including advertising on the CFC website, on the CFC forum, in the CFC magazine and in the CFC Governors' Letter.
- 3) Be more flexible to attract additional participants. For example, every additional player at the Canadian Junior Championship adds extra \$100 to the CFC account. If we allow Canadian Junior Champion to choose instead of World Junior Championship another international tournament as his prize, it would greatly increase participation and raise additional revenues.
- 4) Help and support local chess clubs and local chess organizers. Local chess club could survive without CFC, but the CFC can't survive without local chess clubs. For example, what could we do if a couple of players in the tournament, submitted to the CFC for rating, have their CFC membership expired? In the past the CFC was trying to make such situation a problem of organizers. The result we can see now – less organizers, less CFC rated tournaments, less CFC members, less membership and rating fees for CFC.

Please find attached a standing GTCL bid for Canadian Junior Championship 2008. If the CFC has other bids for this Championship, we withdraw this bid. But it's important to have Canadian Junior Championship in January 2008, and decision should be made at the AGM.

*(Editorial note: the GTCL bid has been included in the GL as Appendix 1. It is NOT an approved bid but contains the details for a bid to be presented at the Annual General Meeting)*

**Hal Bond:** Dear Governors;

I wish to formally announce my candidacy for President of the Chess Federation of Canada. Below I have outlined my chess background, the difficult bits and my vision going forward.

#### **Background:**

My adult life has been dedicated to the game of chess. I played in my first CFC tournament in 1980. In 1983 I ran my first tournament in Guelph. A year later I started teaching kids at the local library. Throughout the balance of the 80's I served as a Governor, FIDE Counselor, on the Management Committee, and on the Executive. My tenure as Executive Director ran from 1992-95. In 1997 I returned to the chess activities, which I enjoy the most – teaching kids and running tournaments. The Guelph Pro-Ams are now among the most popular weekend tournaments in Canada. In the summer of 2002 I began running FIDE norm tournaments, at which over a dozen norms have since been earned. In 2005 I was awarded both the IO and IA titles from FIDE. Currently I am President of SWOCL and VP for the OCA.

#### **The Difficult Bits:**

*Conflict of Interest:*

For years I assumed that I was ineligible to run for President due to the conflict of interest clause in our handbook. Then I read it again:

No person may be elected or appointed as a member of the Board of Directors if he is involved in the ownership or operation of a chess related business or earns a substantial part of his income from a chess related business. Any Director becoming involved in such chess related business during the term of his office shall resign as a Director. **A professional chess player, chess teacher, chess coach, tournament director, or a player who writes chess books, a chess column, articles for a newspaper(s) or magazine(s) shall not be excluded from being a Director by this clause. (emphasis added)**

Curiously, I was allowed to serve as Secretary and as VP in the 80's, with the full support Les Bunning and Doug Burgess, while I was a vendor to the CFC. I chose to step down after a year as VP when I perceived a conflict of interest myself. I am no longer involved in chess merchandising. Should I choose to bid on a future National Tournament, or encounter a conflict of interest of any kind I will abstain from such votes.

*The 2006 CYCC:*

Much has been circulated about the 2006 CYCC, which was run by Patrick McDonald and I. We spent too much money on it! We agreed to absorb almost \$3000 of these costs and I expect closure very soon. I take full responsibility for whatever I might have done to arouse suspicion but no one is fleeing the country with ill-gotten gains.

On the contrary I am here to help rebuild our Federation.

If any of you still have concerns about the matter I invite you to contact me directly.

**Vision 2020:**

Self help guru Steven Covey says one should begin with the end in mind.

My dream is to see a World Chess Champion from Canada.

Please indulge me for a moment:

The year is 2020, our Canadian Champion has just defeated Magnus Carlsen for all the marbles. Our Federation's annual report contains these hi-lites:

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| Adult Membership @\$50.00                 | 15,000 | = \$750,000        |
| Youth membership @ \$30.00                | 30,000 | = \$900,000        |
| Retail Commissions @ 3% of \$4,000,000    |        | = \$120,000        |
| Rating Fees @\$3.00 per player/event      |        | = \$300,000        |
| Program Sponsors                          |        | = \$200,000        |
| Program Fundraisers within the membership |        | = \$200,000        |
| Foundation and investment income          |        | = \$ 30,000        |
| Total Revenue                             |        | <u>\$2,500,000</u> |
| Administrative Costs                      |        | \$800,000          |
| Program Costs:                            |        |                    |
| National                                  |        | \$500,000          |
| International                             |        | \$600,000          |
| Publications - monthly                    |        | \$400,000          |

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| Total Expenses       | <u>\$2,300,000</u> |
| Surplus for the Year | \$200,000<br>===== |

Wake up now – it's 2007 and our Federation is in decline. Recently I published a rudimentary platform on the Governor's Discussion Board. Here it is again with a few extra notes.

**Membership** - our member base is eroding continuously and this trend must be reversed. I have invited former CFC Sales Manager Tony Ficzero to spearhead this campaign, and join the Executive Team as Membership Co-ordinator. New member recruitment must be conducted in tandem with member retention procedures. To realize the dream we need member growth in the order of 30% per year.

**Operations Review** - we need to review our current business model, including what the National Office does and where it's being done.

I am very pleased to hear that Bob Gillanders, a professional accountant (CMA), will stand as Treasurer. I am looking forward to his input with this review, and his leadership will be invaluable with respect to regular Financial reports to the Governors. Together, with Ottawa's Vice Presidential candidate Stijn De Kerpel and Executive Director David Gordon, we hope to complete this review by Labour Day.

**On-line Presence** - our current website is out of date. An inviting professional website that capitalizes on current technology can assist with the marketing of our Federation and its programs. A number of initiatives have already begun in this regard. We need to make this a reality. It will have a direct impact on operations and improve the delivery of important membership services such as **ratings**.

**CFC Governance** - regular communication with the Governors must be restored. I don't like the way our Governorship currently functions but I am not yet sure of the solution.

I would like to review this question and welcome your input. For one thing we need a more realistic schedule for GL's and their content. I like the idea of all governors serving on committees, which report once or twice per year - not 12 times.

**National Events** - I believe our national events can be greatly enhanced with more durable branding -i.e. website, artwork and expertise that lasts more than one year.

We also need more comprehensive professional agreements dealing with the rights and obligations of the CFC and its organizers.

Bids should be awarded at least 2 years in advance.

**National Programs** - *if it matters, measure it!* So says the Fraser Institute and other management entities. Our Youth program for example, is by far our most ambitious, yet reporting requests have gone unanswered for years. Without pointing fingers, it seems impossible to manage any program without charting progress and final results. Once again I will be looking to the Treasurer for leadership on this file. I also hope to solicit help from a "blue ribbon panel" of business leaders who are willing to help with Corporate Sponsorship.

**TDs and Organizers** - these are the people who make the CFC relevant to most of our membership. They need more support to ensure that their efforts are more fruitful and compatible with the Federation's goals.

I hope you can support me as your new President. Our potential is so great. We need only align our energies in the same direction, and get a few things right.

Sincerely,

Hal Bond, IO, IA

June 13, 2007

**Ken Craft:** Appendix 3- Should not have been printed without providing Messers. MacDonald and Bond the opportunity to respond to it in GL #5. I trust the Secretary had it by the deadline for submissions to the GL?

**Pierre Dénomée:** A major restructuration of the CFC is indeed urgently needed. I will comment later as there is less then 24 hours left for the GL deadline. I am willing to run for Rating Auditor and for NAC member. I may accept a nomination to any position other then Treasurer which I will leave to a professional accountant (CMA) if he is willing to stand.

**Phil Haley:** Re the annual meeting...all members of the outgoing executive should attend and all persons running for the incoming executive should attend.

Re the financial statements...an up-to-date financial statement should be presented at the annual meeting together with similar data from the previous year's report and from the budget together with explanatory statements explaining major differences

Re Canadian Youth...a clear joint statement agreed to by all involved parties should be presented to the annual meeting. Based on the nature of circulating emails on this subject, this clear statement is essential to in advance prepare for a worthwhile discussion at the annual meeting.

Re our tax situation...the outgoing executive should present a clear picture at the annual meeting of exactly what is the problem , how and when it became a problem and where we stand in respect to resovling it.

Re proxy handling...the outgoing executive should ensure that effective preparation has been done so that this matter can be handled efficiently at the annual meeting...in the past this has sometimes taken an excessive amount of time and to avoid this effective preparation should be done in advance.

Re Chess Canada...There has been a major improvement in the cover, the content and the paper quality of Chess Canada but it is most unfortunate that its publication was reduced to only 4 issues per year without a vote by the governors. In my opinion the internet will never be a satisfactory alternative ...high quality publications are one of the keys to successful operation...note the new and improved US Chess Life and the success of the high quality New in Chess. This should be a topic for effective discussion at the annual meeting.

**Ellen Nadeau: Concerning CYCC financials**

Halldor you should probably know that the business office was not in the best state last spring. I had called to register my kids for the CYCC and have my credit card charged. Two months later in Kitchener I was informed they weren't marked as paid. A lot of the problems could have been avoided with a smooth functioning office.

**General Comments**

**The 2007 CYCC and CO organizers are doing a terrific job.They make us all proud to be Canadian. Keep up the good work!**

When I wrote a letter to 4-5 of the executive concerning the ratings fiasco the only member who responded was Patrick McDonald. When the situation had not improved in the week allotted I wrote another e-mail to no avail. Is there a basic courtesy whereby the President responds? And NO , ratings from our region are not yet up to date or corrected.

***Barry Thorvardson:***  
To CFC Members;

The CFC is an important institution and needs your support and involvement.

I am running for CFC President to bring a new level of management and to work with you to revitalize chess in Canada.

The last few years the CFC has focused primarily on cost reduction, and that is important, but we must not forget our proper focus. The CFC is a federal organization to support chess in Canada. Our members deserve quality service, prompt chess ratings, timely magazines, membership benefits such as product discounts, and good communications.

In this regard I request your input and focus on the following real issues facing the CFC:

- 1) How to better do the ratings online, immediately, with less cost?
- 2) How to increase sales and profits from CFC books/equipment sales?
- 3) How to increase memberships?
- 4) How to increase membership satisfaction and support?
- 5) How to greatly improve positive chess communication?
- 6) How to attract and provide worthwhile visibility for government and Corporate Sponsors?
- 7) How to improve Canada's visibility and effectiveness with FIDE?

Together we can redefine the role and goals of the CFC and develop a shared vision of quality, exciting chess in Canada!

If you feel you have the passion, motivation, and skills to help the CFC, please consider running for CFC Office or working with us towards better goals and real progress. Personally contact me at [barry@cybersolutions.net](mailto:barry@cybersolutions.net) and share your ideas and perhaps join our new Team towards better management of an Exciting, Profitable, Effective CFC Organization.

Barry Thorvardson

***Barry Thorvardson***  
To CFC Members:

Now that I have challenged you to ask yourself better questions on how to improve the CFC, I will expand on more concrete steps that I will take if elected as your CFC President.

First, I will manage by creating, with members, a shared vision, then focus our attentions on creating a roadmap and working to get there.

Second, I have already submitted a Motion: To immediately put up the current CFC Office for sale, and to use the proceeds for proper office/retail/conference and operational needs after the new CFC Executive reevaluates the role and direction of the CFC.

This is a long overdue decision and is important and will clearly show the seriousness, immediacy and intent of restructuring the CFC properly.

Third, the revitalization is a medium term issue with many immediate steps to maximize each step forward.

I have restructured and greatly increased the effectiveness and operating budget of the OCA (Ontario Chess Association Inc.) Likewise our new CFC Executive Team will restructure and become effective.

Youth Chess is becoming a reality in Ontario and we have raised \$120,000 towards it in Ontario, and expect later this year to be awarded another \$500,000 over 5 years to expand this across Ontario. We will be having City Championships, Regional Championships and Provincial Championships. I have already talked with a senior Quebec Deputy Minister to do something similar in Quebec. The actual implementation may well involve support and activity from Chess'n Math as the CFC is about chess in Canada and Larry and his staff are a great asset to chess.

I requested a major reassessment of chess membership fees across Canada and personally favour a low starting rate for Youth members U1600, and for seniors. We need full input and analysis, but my goal is to implement changed meaningful rates in September 2007. Our members must believe in and receive good benefit from membership.

I have developed, and installed and trained Retail Stores across North American on accounting and inventory systems. I own an ISP and develop and run E-commerce Applications and consult on how to do web promotion effectively for internet sales. The CFC Office can definitely become profitable and still be of added benefit to our members. If you received a coupon for 20% off your next online CFC purchase, when you renewed your CFC membership, would you not checkout the Online store? If chess organizers had a box of best selling books etc at reduced rates for purchasing at a tournament, it could be a benefit and convenience to our CFC members, an added revenue to the organizer and still added revenue to the CFC. How we improve our operations have many possibilities? Help us improve service and you will see a more profitable CFC.

I have already started to receive good constructive input from chess players and it is very appreciated. The CFC must be responsive and provide good, timely communications. An email newsletter is planned to be issued every two months, with tournament information, national and regional news, and important chess information. But this is just the start. Together these plans will be expanded and refined and will be immediately seen by all internet based CFC Members who have their email addresses current. New renewals will request email addresses and a campaign to encourage members to subscribe to our email distributions will be commenced. The magazine will be continued and adjusted for members who prefer mailed information, and for expanded promotional communication to sponsors and the general public.

Chris Mallon and some volunteers have worked hard on an online rating system. It is being evaluated

now and a motion on implementing online ratings is being tabled for the CFC AGM. An effective system is important and a very high priority for me. Then my last years sponsored CFC AGM decision to allow all CFC Rated Chess Clubs to rate all their own tournaments for only \$50 for the entire year, as long as there are no cash prizes, and use the online rating system will be implemented. This will benefit chess clubs and encourage more membership renewals, and more accurate CFC ratings as more events are rated.

Gordon Ritchie and others have already agreed to help the CFC with an immediate campaign for Corporate and Government Sponsors. ( Gordon, is the very succesful chairman of the upcoming CYCC and Canadian Open, and his team has raised \$60,000 in sponsorships for these events!) When we set our objectives higher, we can ask better questions and achieve what many have considered as foolish dreams.

Chess is actually expanding in Canada, and we shall continue that expansion with co-ordination, recognition, promotion and leadership. We will commence intercity, interregion, and interprovince Internet Team Events, probably as early as next year.

Come play in the Canadian Open and attend this upcoming CFC AGM. I have publicized A Vision for Chess in Ontario and it is viewable at [www.chessontario .com](http://www.chessontario.com). Stand up and personally contribute to help us create a better vision for chess in Canada.

Barry Thorvardson

**Appendix 1:** *(Editorial Note: this is a bid to be presented at the AGM and NOT an event that has already been awarded by the CFC.)*

**THE GREATER TORONTO CHESS LEAGUE  
AND THE BAYVIEW GAMES CLUB PRESENT:**

***THE CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2008***  
**for players born in 1988 or later**

*January 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6*

**One game per day starting at 6:30 pm, last round at 2 pm.**

**\*\*\*\*\* A FIVE ROUND SWISS TOURNAMENT \*\*\*\*\***

**TIME CONTROL:**

**90 minutes for 40 moves and 15 minutes for the rest of the game  
with 30 seconds increment from the first move.**

**ENTRY FEE: \$150 (cash or cheques received by Dec. 24, 2007)**

**Late Fee: on day of tournament \$10 extra.**

**PRIZES:**

**Winner will be Canada's representative at the World Junior (paid for). Top**

**Girl will be invited to compete for Canada at the World Girls  
(partially paid for – according to the number of participating girls).**

**\$100 from each entry will be transferred to CFC  
for World Junior expenses.**

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**Location: Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Av. Suite 202, Toronto**

**All equipment provided.**

**FIDE and CFC Rated: CFC membership required.**

**MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION: 60 PLAYERS ---Register early!**

**Entries & Info: Vlad Dobrich (416) 722-9709**

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**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA**  
**2008 Canadian Junior Chess Championship Bid**

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| <b>Organizing Body</b>         | Greater Toronto Chess League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Chief Organizer</b>         | Michael Barron<br>President, GTCL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Organizing Committee</b>    | The GTCL 2008 Junior Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Advertising</b>             | 3 issues of Chess Canada Echecs<br>(free advertising to be provided by CFC<br>for this event)<br>Internet, Newspapers, Magazines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Publicity</b>               | EXTENSIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS<br>–Pre-Event Starting October<br>– Onsite Live Coverage<br>-- Post Event Updates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Internet Site/ Coverage</b> | Will have Daily Internet Updates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>City</b>                    | Toronto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Address</b>                 | Bayview Games Club<br>1681 Bayview Avenue Suite 202                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Registration</b>            | Advance Registration - prior to December<br>24, 2007;<br>Late registration - additional \$10 up to 6<br>PM EST on Wednesday, January 2, 2008<br>subject to availability.<br><br>The GTCL reserves the right to limit<br>participants to 60 players, and to<br>guarantee space for last years Canadian<br>Junior Champion, last years Runner-up<br>and for each province (and the Territories)<br>up to 3 representatives including their<br>provincial Junior Champion, and up to 6<br>additional players at the discretion of the<br>GTCL. |
| <b>Dates</b>                   | January 2-6, 2008                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Format</b>                  | 5 Round Swiss                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Time Control</b>            | 90 minutes for 40 moves and 15 minutes<br>for the rest of the game with 30 seconds<br>increment from the first move.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Rounds</b>             | 5 rounds, 1 game per day starting at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, January 2 to Saturday, January 5; last round at 2:00 PM Sunday, January 6, 2008                                                                       |
| <b>Playoffs</b>           | Sunday, January 6, if required                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Rated By</b>           | CFC and FIDE                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Equipment Provided</b> | All equipment including clocks provided by the Bayview Games Club (if necessary, additional clocks could be borrowed from OCA).                                                                                |
| <b>Prizes</b>             | <b>Winner will be Canada's representative at the World Junior (paid for). Top Girl will be Canada's representative at the World Girls (partially paid for – depends on the number of participating girls).</b> |
| <b>Entry Fees</b>         | <b>\$150 (cash or cheques received by December 24, 2007)<br/>Late Fee: on day of tournament \$10 extra.<br/>\$100 from each entry will be transferred to CFC for World Junior expenses.</b>                    |
| <b>TD</b>                 | Vlad Dobrich                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Side Events</b>        | none                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| <b>Budget</b>          | <p>Revenues</p> <p>- Entry fees (20x\$150)    \$3,000</p> <p>Total Revenues            \$3,000</p> <p>Expenses</p> <p>- Prizes (20x\$100)        \$2,000</p> <p>- Advertising                \$ 200</p> <p>- TD Fees                    \$ 500</p> <p>- Meeting Space            \$ 200</p> <p>- Misc                        \$ 100</p> <p>Total Expenses            \$3,000</p> <p>CFC to pay for CFC and FIDE ratings, and to provide free advertising in Chess Canada Echecs</p> |
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| <b>Date Submitted:</b> | June 10, 2007                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Submitted by:</b>   | Michael Barron                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Accepted by:</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Proxy Form

### Annual Meeting of the C.F.C. Ottawa 2007

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 Ottawa on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Governor \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions to Proxy

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| 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 | _____ |

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Meeting to be held in Kitchener on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2007, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Governor \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions to Proxy:

### Motions For First Discussion:

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| <b>Motion 2007-05</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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### **Motion 2007-06**

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| <b>Option 1:</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes to all</b> | <b>No to all</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| <b>Option 2:</b> | Motion 2007-06a: Article 1 (Administrative Rules) |
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| Motion 2007-06b: Article 2.1 to 2.26 | (Additional Rules for Tournament Play) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06c: Article 2.27 to 2.29 | (Regulations re Clocks and Time Controls) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06d: Article 3 | (Exceptions to the Normal Rules) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06e: Article 4 | (Unsportsmanlike Conduct) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06f: Article 5 | (Appeals) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06g: Article 6 | (Interior Rules) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06h: Article 7 | (Players' Code of Conduct) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06i: Article 8 | (Penalties Imposed by the Arbiter) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| Motion 2007-06j: Article 9 | (FIDE Standards for Digital Chess Clocks) |
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| <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
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| <b>Motion 2007-07</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
| <b>Motion 2007-08</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
| <b>Motion 2007-09</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
| <b>Motion 2007-10</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
| <b>Motion 2007-11</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
| <b>Motion 2007-12</b> | <b>Vote</b> | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |

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