

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

GOVERNORS' LETTER ONE

2009-2010



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ATTENTION ALL GOVERNORS: Anyone with an E-Mail address can have their Governors' Letter sent to them via E-Mail and save the CFC paper and postage costs. Please E-Mail info@chess.ca if interested.

CFC Online Forum: <http://chesscanada.info/forum/>

Deadline for submissions to GL#2 is Friday, September 4, 2009

President's Message

Greetings CFC governors,

As many of you already know, I was elected President of the CFC by the slimmest of margins. I am humbled by the trust that you have put in me and I will try my best to live up to your trust. I believe that the CFC as a whole owes a great deal of thanks to last year's CFC Executive for their time and effort in putting the CFC on a new financial footing. As for the forthcoming year, I am blessed with a terrific team on the CFC Executive. It is my unfortunate duty to inform the governors that David Lavin has steadfastly refused to accept the role of past president. If any past president of the CFC would like to fulfill this year's position of Past President, please contact me. Currently the post will go vacant as the CFC Executive already has two past presidents on the executive fulfilling other roles.

National Championships

Regarding the 2010 CYCC, Windsor has submitted a formal bid package. Deadline for voting is 21 August 2010, 1600h. Alberta has expressed interest in organizing the 2010 Canadian Junior Championship. Toronto has a team that is working on a bid for the 2010 Canada Open. As of yet, I have received no interest in the 2010 Canada Closed or the 2010 Women's Championship.

Communication with the President

I will try to post a message approximately every few weeks on the CFC boards.

Regarding emails, please send them to president@chess.ca Currently, my laptop still is being repaired. I have no residential access to the Internet, which includes my yahoo account. Vice-president De Kerpel reviews my emails and tells me which require my urgent attention. As for the lower priority ones, I will try to respond as humanly possible by using an Internet café. I apologize for the lower service level but I am trying my best under the circumstances.

Budget

I apologize for the tardiness in presenting the budget to the governors for feedback. My illness last week has slowed the process. The CFC Executive will be reviewing the budget this week and it is my goal to have it distributed to the governors the week ending 28 August 2009.

Newsletter

The CFC has received three proposals and the Executive will review them. I will shortly have an announcement.

Travel

I was able to attend the opening ceremonies of the 2009 Canada Closed. Congratulations (et felicitations) go to Jean Hebert, our new Canadian Champion. While I cannot promise, I will try to say a few words on behalf of the CFC at the Montreal Open.

Cheers,
Eric Van Dusen.
President, Chess Federation of Canada

Message from the Secretary:

Let me start with a welcome to both first-time members of the Assembly of Governors and to

those who are returning as Governors. Thank you for your confidence in returning me to what is often a thankless job!

I'd like to remind all Governors about the CFC Online Message Forum particularly those who are new to our ranks. You are strongly encouraged to make use of it as much as possible. This is at <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/> The Executive hopes to use the Forum as a way to provide better two-way communication with the Governors and the membership in this way. Special thanks to Chris Mallon for his work on maintaining the forum. New Governors should visit this link: <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/register.php>. Make sure you use a valid email address. Then it takes 24-48 hours for their account to activate.

For the benefit of newcomers to the Governors, the CFC's Constitution is the CFC Handbook which is available either online or via the CFC Business Office. Each Governors' Letter consists of a message from one or more members of the Executive, the results of motions voted upon in the previous GL and discussions on any motions pending. In addition all bids for national events are presented to the Governors in the Governors' Letter.

The normal method is that a motion gets discussed in two Governors' Letters and voted on in the third. Please do not send in votes on motions not up for final vote – your votes will be ignored. In rare cases the President may at his discretion ask for an earlier vote. Non-binding "straw votes" may be put forward both in the Governors' Letter or on the Governors' Section of the Forum so please watch for these.

As per normal parliamentary procedure it is possible for a motion to be amended. Many motions originate from members of the Executive but motions from any Governor are welcome – please note that motions do however require a seconder. Usually if you want to move a motion you need to find another Governor to second your motion although I often will second motions "for discussion" when I feel they are of general interest that should be pushed forward as quickly as possible. While I don't pretend to be the world's greatest parliamentarian I can assist with the wording of motions to ensure they are both consistent with the Handbook and properly reflect what the mover means.

When a motion would amend the Handbook, it is very helpful if a motion says "Paragraph ____ will be changed to read ..." so that no one is confused. (It should be noted that I receive lots of e-mails from both Executive and Governors some of which is for publication, much of it not. If I am in doubt I will ask but **it is very helpful** when e-mails for publication in the Governors' Letter are clearly marked as such.) In general I will assume messages sent to secretary@chess.ca are for publication unless stated otherwise – as before you are welcome to e-mail me at lcraver@shaw.ca if desired.

Most of all though we have the following objectives: (a) that all Governors feel welcome to participate, (b) that the business of the CFC gets done effectively and (c) that the business of the various affiliates gets disseminated at a national level. This is often done in what I feel is one of the most important sections of the Governors' Letters the "Comments from Governors" sections where information is shared among Governors. Past general comments have involved information on inter-collegiate events, FIDE news, how one goes about proposing stamps to Canada Post and much more besides. This is where bids for national events are published. Pretty much anything goes and I try to keep a light touch in editing with formatting and layout being the main job. Occasionally I send e-mails questioning whether someone actually wants a contribution published "as is" but that is rare. I will publish material from non-Governors when judged to be of national interest.

Now down to brass tacks:

There are two main items in this Governors' Letter. First (and appearing second) are the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada held in Edmonton on July 13th and 14th.

Secondly there are the financial statements: for the benefit of new Governors you will find the year end financials at <http://www.chess.ca/Gls/Fiscal-2009.pdf>. Appendix 1 contains the CFC's first quarter financials (for the period ending July 31, 2009)

Governors should note that one of the action items of the Annual General Meeting was that a letter detailing expectations of Governors would be distributed with a motion on activity of Governors was likely to come forward. Expect this in the next Governors letter.

Governors – those of you who are receiving the Governors' Letter by e-mail please check that the e-mail address the CFC uses for the Governors' Letter and other correspondence. If anyone wishes their e-mails redirected for another e-mail address please get in touch immediately. (This may sound pedantic but some addresses are work e-mail addresses that chess related e-mail must not go to – everyone here is a volunteer and we rely on ensuring we get the right information!)

I have more to say in this Governors' Letter but at this point let me quickly get you all into the "meat" of this GL. Again – to the newcomers, "**Welcome Aboard!**"

(PS. On the technical side, the GL is usually done in Times New Roman size 11 though other formats are welcome. Most GL submissions are in either e-mail or MS Word format though documents are often received in Excel or PDF format. Technical brickbats, bouquets or suggestions are always welcome. I always reply when receiving submissions for publication or votes for motions so if you don't get an acknowledgement within 2 or 3 days of sending please get in touch to ensure your contributions are not missed!)

Last but not least, it is my pleasure to announce the results of the vote on Windsor's CYCC Governors' vote. Please see the "Motions for Final Vote" section for full details.

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

Treasurer's Report

The first quarter's financial reports are very encouraging. The revenue components are contributing nicely and on the other side expenses are being kept to a minimum. It appears that finally we are heading in the right direction. However this is no time to sit back and relax and not monitor the situation carefully. Unseen circumstances and/or bad management could still put us in a bad situation again. This time we do not have a building to sell! The key word this year has to be restraint. Any spending must be done wisely with a feeling of necessity and not of luxury. I would say that after the first quarter we can be cautiously optimistic.

Maurice Smith
Treasurer, Chess Federation of Canada

Youth Coordinator Report

Dear chess friends,

First, I would like to congratulate winners of Canadian Youth Championships, excellently organized in Victoria by Brian Raymer and his team!

Please contact me by email to provide all details necessary for the World Youth Championships registration.

Chess trainers, who would like to be a Head of Canadian Delegation at the WYCC, please contact me as well.

One more interesting event is World Youth Under-16 Olympiad:

<http://www.fide.com/component/content/article/1-fide-news/4075-world-youth-under-16-chess-olympiad-2009>

I would like to invite young players who could be interested in this event to let me know.

One more important question:

Is it possible to get a tax receipt for donation to chess program?

We got clear explanation from the CRA that a donation directed to a specific individual can't be tax deductible.

But a donation directed to CFC Youth Program is tax deductible.

So, if you want to support junior chess in Canada, please make your donation to CFC Youth Program – and you will get a tax receipt.

Thank you,

Michael Barron

Youth Coordinator, Chess Federation of Canada

Executive Directors' Report

August 4th, 2009

As a brief summary; I picked up and took over operations on April 30th, 2009. Step 1 was to get the computer station and email up and running and prepare / re-learn how to do a ratings update already due in less than 6 days.

For most of May and June I put in extra time working on back issues and compilation of year end fiscals which took more effort than anyone might imagine. Also the 1st quarter fiscals for 2010 have been compiled and included for GL#1 as promised.

Issues with SQL ratings data and FIDE info in CFC database which ties in with SwissSys functions have been resolved at a base level.

Biggest problem so far has been the webzine. We could not perform base updates as there is no reference on where in source folders to make changes to specific pages. This frustrated members who were sending in changes. Later I changed passwords from the previous admin team, and for whatever reason this knocked the webzine down entirely. Going forward the problem requires specific direction from my upper management team as further resources are required here.

On base housekeeping issues I would like to advise organizers at large;

- 1) SwissSys had a problem generating RR reports for CFC rating. This has now been fixed, but would require a new download of the fixed version of SwissSys from <http://www.chess.ca/swisssys.htm>
- 2) Organizers are waiting until 6 hours or less before having to run an event to find out their license for SwissSys has run out. A few times the office has been emailed on Friday evenings and weekends asking for a renewal "immediately". Please check into these details further in advance to allow a fair amount of time for the office to react.
- 3) CFCMembers.mde on <http://www.chess.ca/swisssys.htm> is updated weekly and should be continually re-downloaded to obtain the most recent version before each of your events. Even if ratings have not changed, membership expiry dates might. Organizers of FIDE rated events should load FIDE ID and FIDE Rating as instructed from datafile CFCMembers.mde. I have already spent considerable time entering FIDE ID's into the CFC database and do not appreciate having to do it again on FIDE rating reports as SwissSys now does that work for us.
- 4) Organizers are collecting memberships at the start of an event and waiting for it's completion, (sometimes up to 10 weeks for a double RR) to send those in. Memberships should be sent in right away if your event is expected to take more than 1 week to complete. Also when emailing in your SwissSys files it is helpful to report what memberships are being updated with the payment you are mailing in so as we may keep the datafile CFCMembers.mde as up to date as possible.

Gerry Litchfield
Executive Director
Chess Federation of Canada

***Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada
Assembly of Outgoing Governors – 13 July 2009***

Acting Chair: Maurice Smith Acting Secretary: Eric Van Dusen

1. Registration of Proxies

Governors holding Proxies

David Steer- Micah Hughey
Michael Barron-IIia Blushtein
Phil Haley-Les Bunning
Eric Van Dusen-Halldor Palsson
Maurice Smith-Lynn Stringer
Bob Armstrong-Michael Von Keitz
Hal Bond-Patrick McDonald
Ken Einarsson-Lyle Craver

Members holding one proxy

Francois Nadeau-Ellen Nadeau
Bill Doubleday-Herb Langer
Hugh Brodie-Richard Keep

Gerry Litchfield acting as secretary of proxies only voting when explicitly instructed:

Nava Starr
Stijn De Kerpel
Gary Gladstone
Chris Mallon
Ken Craft
Egidijus Zeromskis

Total Votes are 25.

2. Opening Comments of Chair, Maurice Smith

Chair thanked all governors for attending the AGM in person because it showed that they really cared about chess in Canada.

3. Minutes of 2008 CFC AGM were published in GL 1.

3.1 Motion to adopt minutes by Barron/Bond passed unanimously.

3.2 Motion: The meeting deplores the fact that the President, the VP, the Treasurer, and the Secretary were not present to provide details of their stewardship of their positions.

Passed: For: 21 Against: 1 Abstentions: 2

4. Reports

A President's Report

Dear Outgoing and Incoming Governors:

During the fiscal years 2005-2008 the CFC lost a total of \$157,569. This is the equivalent of approximately 5,250 adult memberships or perhaps more dramatically, approximately all of the revenues received from memberships during those years.

When I decided to run for CFC President the organization was hemorrhaging money. Fortunately, with the help of a very committed Executive, active and committed Governors, and a patient membership, the hemorrhaging has stopped. While there will be a loss in 2009 of \$27,752 the current Executive has presented a balanced budget in the most recent Governor's Letter. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that an annual budget has been presented in advance of the AGM.

Of course, the radical surgery that was needed to stem the bleeding also resulted in some radical changes.

The CFC has outsourced its money-losing book and equipment business; sold the industrial condominium and entered into an agreement with SwissSys that provides free software to all TD's for both pairing and rating purposes. Lastly, the Executive voted unanimously to reject the financial conditions presented by the incumbent Executive Director team, and instead hired the team of Patrick Smale and Gerry Litchfield who both promised more and asked for less. Gerry had done an excellent job in the past as the CFC's Executive director and knew exactly what needed to be done and how much effort was needed to do it. Thus far, the transition has gone extremely smoothly.

Of course, not everything goes as planned. We underestimated the complexity involved in creating the Webzine. Currently, it seems that attempting some routine security changes crashed the entire site. Clearly this is unacceptable. First, some background.

The objective was to create an on-line magazine that would need as little editing for content as possible. A number of great Canadian players agreed to provide 13 annual columns so that we would have at least one new column every Monday. This would provide people with a reason to visit the site regularly. As well, we wanted to create a simple CMS (Content Management System) that would allow Tournament Organizers and Directors to upload their own tournament reports, including photos, crosstables, annotated games, and much more. The job of the editor was to be minimal: to remind people that their columns were due; to remind TD's to submit their columns; and do some basic hand-holding with people who were new to uploading content. In theory, I've been told many times, such a site is relatively simple to create. Hopefully this will be proven true in the near future as the new Executive Director team works to create a template for the new Webzine.

And now for the future.

First of all, I have agreed to run for President for one more term. While the books have finally been balanced, that is only half the battle. We need to build for the future, as

otherwise why bother fixing the past?

It is clear to me that the future of the CFC lies in local clubs and tournaments. After all, the CFC, with its limited resources, can't possibly find new members in every community in the country.. But new players will be attracted to great tournaments, great clubs, and a game that is challenging and fun. For this reason I have introduced motions that address a huge hole in how the CFC is structured. Currently, no one at the Executive level is responsible for supporting local organizers and directors, no one is responsible for working with people who are trying to start clubs, and no one is responsible for soliciting bids for our national championship. It seems to me that the health of Canada's clubs and tournaments is by far the most important task facing the CFC in the years to come. I urge all of you to vote "yes" on these motions.

I am also shocked to see how few children graduate from the all-junior tournaments to full CFC rated events. Indeed, when I was a junior there were very few junior tournaments, yet the CFC had nearly 3,000 members. Now, with thousands of children playing chess, there are only a fraction of the number of adult tournaments. Ellen Nadeau is one of the hardest working people in the chess community. She desperately wants to build a network of great events that seamlessly flow into adult tournaments at the right time. But she will need help, volunteers in each community who will work with her to develop a fully integrated national program. I hope that Ellen is voted in as Junior Coordinator, and I hope that she will receive the support she needs to build this program.

Similarly, other members of the Executive team have risen to the occasion numerous times. Stijn was single-handedly charged with handling the sale of the building and has provided very useful advice throughout the year.

Hal stepped in at the FIDE meeting as Canada's representative on very short notice.

Lyle is committed to process. He and I have discussed having a formal distribution date set in stone of all future Governor's Letters and I think this will be a big step in improving communication.

Chris has also provided important advice and despite limited time has worked hard on communication and treasury issues.

Maurice Smith has also provided counsel throughout the year and I have asked him to join the Executive next year.

Lastly, the issue of communication has been brought up many times, usually with an aside that the Executive doesn't communicate enough. While we do have the Governor's Letters, the Discussion Board is an important and overlooked tool. I have made over 250 posts, nearly one per day, and three of the top five posters are members of the Executive. I attempt to answer all questions addressed to me. What I have never done is respond to inflammatory statements or personal attacks, whether aimed at me or others. I believe that discourse should be civil. I have also reached out to individuals who have emailed me directly or to Governor's who seem to have special concerns.

And so I ask you all to support me in my candidacy as President. The ability to actually get things done is often overlooked. Certainly the CFC has never lacked in finding enthusiastic volunteers. Certainly no one wanted the CFC to lose nearly \$160,000 but it did anyway. Inertia is a very dangerous thing. I would like the opportunity to make sure that the hard won victories of the past year are not reversed. The CFC finally has a substantial nest egg after selling the building. Do we want to see it frivolously wasted, the way we have wasted \$185,000 in the past five years?

David Lavin
President, Chess Federation of Canada

Barron: Was the editor of the webzine to be paid or volunteer position?

Lavin (teleconferencing): Editor paid small amount, an honorarium, to do minimal work. Users of the web site would provide content with little work to upload their content. The editor would act as a facilitator. It would part of the Executive Director's duties. Vincent Chow was paid about \$2,500.00 for webzine software. Kevin Spraggett wanted to upload his articles and do all of the work editing but Vincent Chow could not provide easy access to Spraggett.
Teleconferencing with President Lavin was mutually terminated at this point.

B Vice-Presidents's Report

Motion: Van Dusen/Langer The performance of the VP, Stijn De Kerpel in the selling of the condominium was exemplary and the CFC offers the VP a gratitude of thanks.
Passed unanimously except for two abstentions (Barron and Nadeau).

C Secretary's Report – none presented as it was published in GL#6

D Past President's report (verbal)

Hal Bond attended the FIDE meeting at short notice. It is very important to attend FIDE meeting, as CFC is a zone. Absences in the past were noticed. Hal was chair of the scrutinizer's committee. Transition of the Executive Directorship from Bob Gillanders to Gerry Litchfield was relatively smooth.

E FIDE Representative – Michael Barron (verbal)

The CFC relationship with FIDE has been neglected. This neglect can cause problems for Canadian players. For example, Canadian Junior Champion IM Leonid Gerzhoy was not allowed to play under Canadian flag at World Junior Championship 2007. It is very important to build a good relationship with FIDE. For example, at the Olympiad, Canada was rewarded with accommodations at good hotel. Canada received 5 transfers of players: 3 IM's and two candidates for the women's team. Barron fully supported Bond's candidacy of FIDE representative.

Phil Haley: How did Livshits and Spraggett have right to attend Continental?

Barron: Canada had right to send two players. Four qualified from 2007 Canadian Closed but only Livshits replied in affirmative. The invitation from the Continental organisers in Brazil was short, only two months before the event. Olympic team members did not express interest. Spraggett was always the default choice as he had offered to attend Continental.

GM Kovalyov is registered with FIDE as Argentinian. GM Sambuev is still awaiting his documents confirming his legal status in Canada.

Phil Haley was totally against the elimination of the position of FIDE representative and stated that this change was not discussed at all by the CFC Executive.

F Executive Director: Financial Report

Gerry Litchfield: No audited report for about 10 years. Brian Watson (CA) had given a financial report but at some point in time did no more work for the CFC because the financial books were so messed up.

Bill Doubleday: Restating the books for 2008 appeared to have the effect of making 2008 worse and 2009 better. From 2008, the sales of books minus cost of sales, appears to be a positive revenue. The CFC is doing ok because of the sale of assets.

Hal Bond: The CFC had to rid itself of its merchandising business, had to reduce salaries arising from the office of Executive Director to one full-paid salary. The CFC has cut operating expenses to the bare-bone. The CFC has hacked away and been ruthless. The CFC now has Gerry Litchfield at a reduced rate with incentives.

Gerry Litchfield: Accounts receivable showed \$30,000.00 that was not collectible (bad debts). Gillanders had only made bad debts \$15,000.00. The other \$15,000.00 had to be put in bad debts, hence, the re-statement of 2008 accounts. Inventory was not saleable or overvalued and further adjustments had to be made.

Maurice Smith: Radical surgery had to be done to make the CFC viable.

Doubleday: It seems every year the CFC gives financial statements, we only find out later that we are worst off than we thought.

Gerry Litchfield: I had to fix the problems from the past and last year has to be considered a hybrid year. This upcoming year will be year one and the CFC accounting in Quickbooks is up to date. Financial reports can be done on a monthly basis and passed to the CFC Executive. About \$65,000.00 from the sale of the building is in escrow with Les Bunning.

Motion: Approve the Financial Statement Armstrong/McDonald
Passed: Approve-8, Abstentions-9.

G Chess Foundation of Canada

Maurice Smith: Money is invested conservatively. Paul LeBlanc is responsible for investments. CFC reimbursed CF previous two loans.
Doubleday complimented trustees on high quality of work this past year.

H Kalev Pugi Fund

Money for travel to high level tourneys for promising junior players: \$500.00 each to the following five players: Eric Hansen, Bindi Cheng, Nikolai Noritsyn; Yuanling Yuan and Hazel Smith for Olympiad.

5. Motions

Motion 2009-10 (Moved / Seconded Hal Bond / David Lavin)

Any player from Canada who applies for a FIDE player title must have maintained a CFC rating, for at least 15 games, which is not more than 100 points below the FIDE benchmark for the title/norm in question.

Title	FIDE Benchmark	Minimum CFC Rating
FM	2300	2200
IM	2451	2351
GM	2601	2501
WFM	2100	2000
WIM	2251	2151
WGM	2401	2301

Hal Bond: Issue came up at Dresden Olympiad. Canadian player with CFC rating, 2270, at age of 70 obtained 3 IM norms. The FIDE representative is responsible for FIDE applications for titles.

Votes: For 20 Against 3 Abstentions 1

Motion Passed

Motion # 2009-11 : Moved: Kerry Liles; Seconded: Michael von Keitz

- that section 5 of CFC Bylaw 1. dealing with “ Ordinary Membership “, Section 2 of the CFC Handbook, is amended by adding after the words “ the assembly of governors “, the following:
- “ (see CFC Rules and Regulations, Article 1, Section 9) “.

Commentary: The new section 5 as amended will read:

CFC Bylaw 1

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

5. Any person, ordinarily resident in Canada , may become an Ordinary Member of the Federation, for the then-current fiscal year, upon payment of the Membership per Capita Fee, directly to the Federation, or through his Provincial Organization. Every Ordinary or Life Member has a right to vote on the appointment or election of the Governor or Governors who will represent his Provincial Organization. Every Ordinary or Life Member has a right to vote on the appointment or election of the Governor or Governors who will represent his Provincial Organization at the assembly of Governors (**see CFC Rules and Regulations, Article 1, Section 9**), but shall not be entitled to vote under any other circumstances unless specifically provided in these by-laws.

This amendment, referring to section 9 of Article 1 of the CFC Rules and Regulations, is necessary to have this section not conflict with the new amended section 9. Currently the old section requires that each CFC member is allowed to vote for ALL provincial CFC Governors for that province. This amendment makes it clear that a province will be able to restrict its CFC members to only voting for CFC governors for their provincial region, if the province is so divided.

Note that this amendment is considered a constitutional amendment under Bylaw # 3 of the CFC, section 3, which is:

BY-LAW NUMBER THREE OF THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

ANNUAL MEETING AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1.

2. All matters to be decided by the Assembly, shall be decided by a majority vote, save as hereinafter provided.

3. Any amendment or revision **of these By-Laws**; any matter pertaining to any international agreement between the Federation and any international or foreign Chess Federation or Association; and any matter pertaining to the payment of dues to the Fédération International des Echecs may be made,

(a) **at any Annual Meeting** of the Assembly, providing that a notice of intention to submit such matter to a vote has been received by the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the date of such Annual Meeting and has been transmitted by the Secretary to each Governor at least 14 days prior to the date of such Annual Meeting and that any resolution pertaining to such matter shall be **approved by at least a two-thirds majority of the votes of those present and entitled to vote, including proxy votes.**

(b) **at any time through a mail vote** of Assembly, providing that the exact wording of such proposed amendments or revision, or of the resolution to be passed by the Board through mail vote is submitted to each Governor at least fourteen days before the expiry of the time limit specified by the President for the receipt of the votes by the Secretary, and that **at least one-half of the number of votes eligible to be cast has been received by the Secretary, and there is a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast in favour** of the proposed amendment or revision or resolution.

Votes For 17, Against 4, Abstain 2

Motion Passed

Motion # 2009-12: Moved: Kerry Liles; seconded: Michael von Keitz;

- that section 9 of the Article 1 of the CFC Rules and Regulations, section 2 of the CFC Handbook, is amended by adding at the end the sentence:

“ However, should the Provincial Organization see fit, it can devolve the holding of meetings to regional affiliates, and restrict the Federation Members to voting only for the CFC Governors allocated to that particular region. “

Commentary: The new section 9 as amended will read:

CFC Rules and Regulations, Article 1

SELECTION OF GOVERNORS BY PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION

9. As soon as possible after the receipt by a Provincial Organization of the aforementioned Certificate, such body will convene a meeting of its Federation Members for the purpose of

electing its necessary number of nominees for the Board for the ensuing term. **However, should the Provincial Organization see fit, it can devolve the holding of meetings to regional affiliates, and restrict the Federation Members to voting only for the CFC Governors allocated to that particular region.**

Each CFC member has the unrestricted right to vote for ALL CFC Governors for that Province. That is the interpretation given to the CFC Handbook sections by CFC and by the provinces of B.C., N.S, and N.B (We are not aware of the interpretation of other provinces).

But what is appropriate for provinces with fewer members, is not appropriate for a large province like Ontario which has many CFC members spread throughout the province. To make the system of CFC Governor election more effective, Ontario has used the concept of localizing the election of CFC Governors into geographic regions. CFC Members often do not know those standing for Governors in other regions, and their vote in that regard would be uninformed. But each member can know those running for governorship in their own region of the Province. So it is beneficial for a CFC member in Ontario to have his vote RESTRICTED to those CFC Governors from his own region. And this system could be applicable to any other province/territory, if they wished to regionalize as well.

The problem is that the CFC Handbook as currently written does not give the Provincial Organizations the power to restrict the CFC member governor vote in this way. An amendment of the CFC Handbook is therefore required for this. The amendments will then legitimize the current Ontario CFC Governor election system. And it will make such a system available to any other province/territory interested in such a regime.

Votes For-18 Against 3 Abstain 3

Motion Passed

Motion 2009-13 Re: CYCC Qualifiers

(Ellen Nadeau / David Lavin)

The motion to replace the Articles 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006 of the CFC handbook is as follows:

Will participate in the CYCC 2010 and subsequent CYCCs, only:
-the qualifiers from that years YCCs

-the qualifiers from the CYCC to the WYCC of the previous year

-the highest rating of each age category (open and female) of each province(as of May 1st prior to the CYCC) .

The proof of qualification will rest with the applicants to the CYCC

Amendment: The host organiser may nominate three players for each category from host location.
Barron/Langer.

Amendment: For-13 Against 2 Abstain 7 Passed

Amended Motion: For 15 Against 5 Abstain 7. Passed.

Amended Motion Passed

Motion 2009-14: Moved: Governor Patrick McDonald; Seconded: Governor Paul Leblanc

Numbers of Governors for Each Province: this subsection of section 1 of By-law # 2, shall be amended by deleting in both places the word “ fifty “ and substituting for it the words “ one hundred “.

For: 8 Against: 14 Abstain: 2.

Motion Failed.

Motion 2009-15 Moved David Lavin/Maurice Smith

Moved to amend By-law Number three of the Chess Federation of Canada, the section “Duties of Officers” to read:

President

The President has the full power to make any and all decisions on any matter that is not explicitly the responsibility of the Assembly of Governors and/or The Board of Directors (aka – The Executive). In matters where an immediate decision is not required the President will confer with other members of The Board of Directors. The President must present a budget for the new fiscal year to The Assembly of Governors at least 30 days prior to the start of the new fiscal year. This budget must indicate a surplus for to upcoming fiscal year.

The President will make best efforts to ensure that the annual budget is adhered to by the Executive Director.

Vice President

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Motion to table to GL 1 Bond/Armstrong
For: 13 Against 2 Abstain: 7

Motion 2009-15 is tabled to GL 1.

6. Other business

6.1 Update of Handbook

Maurice Smith examined GL's from 2000 until 2009 to incorporate their changes into handbook and passed along list to Secretary and ED but as of yet no progress.

Action: Smith commits to revising each section of handbook and passing to Executive for approval.

6.2 FIDE rating charges

Hal Bond: Straw vote failed regarding the establishment of a surcharge to be applied to non-affiliated bodies for FIDE processing, in order to recover CFC fixed costs related to FIDE.

Adjournment Langer/Van Dusen.

***Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada
Assembly of Incoming Governors – 14 July 2009***

Acting Chair: Maurice Smith Acting Secretary: Eric Van Dusen

1. Registration of Proxies

1.1 Governors holding Proxies

David Steer- Rick Pedersen
Bob Armstrong-Michael Von Keitz
Michael Barron-Egidijus Zeromskis
Gordon Ritchie-Stijn De Kerpel
Phil Haley-Les Bunning
Hal Bond-Gary Gladstone
Eric Van Dusen-Halldor Palsson
Maurice Smith-Lynn Stringer
Ken Einarsson-Lyle Craver

1.2 Members holding one proxy

Francois Nadeau-Ellen Nadeau
Bill Doubleday-Herb Langer

1.3 Gerry Litchfield acting as Secretary of Proxies and only voting when explicitly instructed:

Patrick McDonald
Chris Mallon
Ilia Bluvshtein
Micah Hughey
Nava Starr
Paul Leblanc
Ken Craft

Total Votes: 27

2. Election of Governors from Non-Affiliated Provinces/Territories

2A.Selection of Quebec Govenors: 1) Van Dusen nominated Hugh Brodie. 2) Barron nominated Richard Keep, who has already stated in writing to stand.
Acclaimed.

2B,C,D For three territories the meeting deemed that no person was active enough to be a governor.

2E PEI Ritchie/Bond moved that PEI be 2E on Agenda. Passed unanimously.
Fred McKim is approved by meeting to be governor for PEI.

3. Re-registration of Proxies

For AGM of Incoming governors, two additional votes are now added as Hugh Brodie is present and holding Richard Keep's proxies. This change in number of total votes does not change the fact that each governor is able to hold only one proxy.

Total votes for AGM are now 29.

4. Opening comments of the Chair, Maurice Smith

5. Elections

5.1 President

Palsson nominated Van Dusen.

Bluvshtein nominated Lavin.

Van Dusen responds to Barron that he would distribute financial statements on a monthly basis.

Secret ballot: Van Dusen-13 Lavin-12.

Van Dusen elected.

5.2 Vice-President

Ritchie nominated De Kerpel.

De Kerpel acclaimed.

5.3 Secretary

Barron nominated Craver.

Ritchie nominated Doubleday who refused.

Craver acclaimed.

5.4 Treasurer

Ritchie nominated Smith.

Smith acclaimed.

5.5 Youth Coordinator

Bond nominated Patrick McDonald, but withdrew nomination when Barron nominated Barron.

Barron acclaimed.

5.6 FIDE Representative

Barron nominated Bond. **Bond acclaimed.**

5.7 Women Coordinator

Barron nominated Bela Kosoian. **Kosoian acclaimed.**

5.8 Rating Aditor

Brodie nominated Dénommée

Palsson nominated Doubleday. Bond nominated Mallon.

Secret ballot: Doubleday 14 Mallon 4 Dénommée 3 Abstain 1

Doubleday elected.

6. Appointment of Auditors

Motion Ritchie/Armstrong Delegate to President responsibility to appoint auditor.

Doubleday would like proper audit because of concern of restatement of books.

Ritchie: Few years ago, books were messy so audit was costly. Are books in good shape so that auditing costs would be minimized.

Litchfield: State of books are in good shape in Quickbooks.

Ritchie: Review engagement may be appropriate.

Passed unanimously except for one abstention.

7. Appointment of Chess Foundation of Canada Trustees

7.1 Four year term: Haley nominated Ritchie who refused. Ritchie nominated Brodie. Brodie acclaimed.

7.2 One year term: Ritchie nominated Micah Hughey. Hughey acclaimed.

7.3 Action: CFC Executive investigate the removal of Thorvardsson from Trustee position.

8. Appointment of Committee Members

8.1 Kavel Pugi Fund Committee: Palsson nominated Stringer. Armstrong nominated Barron. Langer nominated Craver. **All members were acclaimed.**

8.2 National Appeals Committee: Bond nominated Mallon. Barron nominated Ilia Bluvshtein. Brodie nominated Denomee. Palsson nominated Vlad Rekhson. Armstrong nominated Mark Dutton. Nominated are acclaimed.

Action: President directs Secretary to canvass incumbents regarding activity of this committee.

9. Bids for 2010 Events

The President was directed by the meeting to request of Canadian Open organisers to submit short report discussing what they did well and lessons learned from things that did not go so well.

9A 2010 Canadian Open

David Lavin expressed the idea that an organiser should pay a fee for privilege to organize Canadian Open. Over the past year, Micah Hughey approached CFC President David Lavin regarding free advertising and free online registration capability but Lavin refused. Lavin had been planning on submitting 2010 Canadian Open bid but informed last CFC executive meeting before AGM that he could not find suitable site in Toronto.

9B 2010 CYCC:

Motion Ritchie/Steer Delegate to President the garnering of bids for 2010 CYCC and work with potential bidders especially John Coleman of Windsor who had submitted a Letter of Intent.

9F Any other Bids: Herb Langer of Arnprior submitted Letter of Intent for 2012 Canadian Open.

10. Any other business

10.1 Formal thanks to 2009 Canadian Open Organisers

Action: CFC President make a formal thanks to Alberta Chess association for fabulous organisation of Canadian Open and supplying all of the equipment.

10.2 Bids for National Championships

The CFC should invest resources, time and money to support potential organisers. Form a committee of experienced tournament organisers to help successful bidders.

Ritchie: Recognize that major function of CFC is to help organisers of national championships. National championships should not be viewed as money-makers. Garner reports so that a record of experience can be passed on to future tournament organisers.

10.3 2009/2010 Budget

Assembly was quite concerned about the \$10,000.00 to be spent on the webzine, that is, good money after bad. Some money should be used to support Canadian championships, for example, online registration and CFC absorb rating fee costs (CFC and FIDE). Some money should be used for monthly newsletter.

10.4 Incoming Governors

Action: Letter to be sent to Incoming Governors explaining expectations and that they will be monitored for their participation. A Governor activity motion will be made at a forthcoming GL.

Motion Ritchie/Armstrong Thanks to previous executive for steering the ship and Lavin thanks for his hard work in making and carry out tough decisions.

Adjournment Doubleday.

RESULTS OF VOTE:

Here are the results of the vote of the Governors to accept Windsor's bid for the 2010 CYCC Tournament:

Votes For: (22) Armstrong, Barron, Bond, Brodie, Craft, Dutton, Evans, Farges, Felix, Gladstone, Haley, Hughey, Leblanc, Lohner, Ong, Pedersen, Rekhson, Smith, Steer, Van Dusen, von Keitz, Zeromskis

Votes Against (1): Nadeau

Abstentions: (3): Coleman, Craver, McDonald

Total votes received: 26 of 50 eligible to vote for a turnout of 52%

The bid has been APPROVED

Lyle Craver: I abstained on this bid as like Mrs. Nadeau I am concerned with the precedent this bid creates by making it essentially an Open tournament directly after we have decided that this is to be a tournament players qualify for by region.

MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION:

Motion 2010-01 Moved David Lavin/Lyle Craver

(Note: this is motion 2009-15 which was tabled to Governors' Letter #1 at the Annual General Meeting. Maurice Smith has withdrawn his support for the motion and I have added my name as seconder since while I'm not necessarily convinced the motion should pass unamended, feel it deserves a thorough discussion by the Governors)

Moved to amend By-law Number three of the Chess Federation of Canada, the section "Duties of Officers" to read:

President

The President has the full power to make any and all decisions on any matter that is not explicitly the responsibility of the Assembly of Governors and/or The Board of Directors (aka – The Executive). In matters where an immediate decision is not required the President will confer with other members of The Board of Directors. The President must present a budget for the new fiscal year to The Assembly of Governors at least 30 days prior to the start of the new fiscal year. This budget must indicate a surplus for the upcoming fiscal year.

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Lyle Craver: I am not totally convinced of the merits of this proposal (particularly the linking of relations with FIDE with the Vice-President) but I think there is enough merit to encourage discussion both in the Governors' Letter and in the Forum.

Motion 2010-02: (Moved / Seconded Egidijus Zeromskis / Christopher Mallon)

The Constitution change:
"JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

9. Any person ordinarily resident in Canada who is under the age of 18, shall be granted a Junior membership or a Junior Participating Membership."

is replaced with:

"JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

9. Any person ordinarily resident in Canada who has not reached the age of 20 by January 1st of the current year, shall be granted a Junior membership or a Junior Participating Membership."

(The current text of this paragraph can be found at http://www.chess.ca/section_2.htm - please note that since this motion proposes to change paragraph 9 of the CFC Handbook this is a constitutional change and thus is subject to the rules for constitutional amendments rather than simply an ordinary motion - ed.)

Egidijus Zeromskis:

- a) to unify the term "Junior" in the Constitution (U18) and the Canadian Junior Chess Championship (U20).
- b) "Judgment time" - high school is over and this is when you lose most juniors who never become adult members. If you can keep them through the start of post-secondary school or their jobs, you might form a habit.

Motion to the CFC Governors on Reduction of Past CFC President Governors

(Submitted by the movers/seconders to the CFC Executive/Governors on behalf of the CFC Constitutional Coalition, a grassroots' group of almost 40 CFC members/former members, commentary prepared by Bob Armstrong, Coalition Coordinator, CFC Life Member; Coalition members/supporters of these motions are named below):

Motion # 2010-03: (Moved/Seconded Patrick McDonald / Paul Leblanc)

Governors-at-Large – Past CFC Presidents: Section 6 of By-law # 2 is amended by deleting " the past Presidents of the Federation who have served as President for at least two full terms. A term is that period between one annual meeting and the next."

and deleting

" the past Presidents who have been granted the life title of Governor at Large as at September 1994. "

There shall be added after the words " five years " in the remaining section, the sentence " A term is that period between one annual meeting and the next."

Commentary:

The current appointment of past CFC Presidents under the CFC Handbook is under section 6 of Bylaw 2, which states:

" 6.GOVERNORS AT LARGE

The following persons shall be known as Governors at large:

the past Presidents of the Federation who have served as President for at least two full terms. A

term is that period between one annual meeting and the next.

the past Presidents of the Federation who have served as President for at least one full term in the immediately preceding five years.

the past Presidents who have been granted the life title of Governor at Large as at September 1994. "

The **new revised section** will now read (as to the part referring to former Presidents):

" 6. GOVERNORS AT LARGE

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the past Presidents of the Federation who have served as President for at least one full term in the immediately preceding five years. A term is that period between one annual meeting and the next. ".

It is felt that it is undemocratic in this day and age for CFC to have " Life " governors. Even the Canadian senate now has an imposed retirement age. It unbalances the democratic principles on which the CFC is founded, to give someone a vote for life, where they are not accountable to any electorate any longer.

Thus this motion will eliminate all life governor presidents (appointed on and before September 1994 and any past president who was elected more than five years ago and has served 2 consecutive terms).

We do recognize the loss of experience in the Assembly our motion will cause, and the contributions life governors have made, but we have kept on the past presidents from the last 5 years. These are the presidents that have the most claim on some type of " recently elected " factor. And they are the most current past presidents, and so have been dealing with the newest issues facing the organization. As well, earlier past presidents can always run again for provincial governor if they want to stay active. Also, they can easily let it be known that they are more than ready to give advice when asked, or to serve as member volunteers on committees, etc. Finally, we are proposing that those governors removed by this motion, be reappointed as non-voting Governors at large for 10 years (see our motion # 3).

Currently there are 10 (one apparently has asked to be removed but that hasn't been done yet) past president governors who are life governors under this section. The Life governors who would be eliminated are: Les Bunning, Francisco Cabanas, Nathan Divinsky, Yves Farges, Terry Fleming Phil Haley, Halldor Palsson, Maurice Smith (he would still be a governor at large though as current Treasurer), Peter Stockhausen and Bruce D. Thomas.. The potential number of such governors-at-large could be reduced to the most recent 5 presidents (and Life Governors eliminated), by deleting the 2 of three categories identified in the motion:

" the past Presidents of the Federation who have served as President for at least two full terms
"

and

"the past Presidents who have been granted the life title of Governor at Large as at September 1994. "

We feel that this will enhance the democratic nature of the CFC.

Notes: (see Appendix 2)

Motion 2010-04: (Moved/Seconded Bob Armstrong / Paul Leblanc)

There shall be added to Bylaw 2, if Motion # 2 (already filed on behalf of the Coalition) is passed, the following new Section 6A:

“ 6A. NON-VOTING GOVERNORS AT LARGE

The following shall be known as non-voting Governors at large:

the past Presidents of the Federation who have served as President for at least two full terms prior to July 1, 2009. A term is that period between one annual meeting and the next.

And

the past Presidents who have been granted the life title of Governor at Large as at September 1994.

They shall have all governor rights, except the right to vote. They shall cease being governors on July 1, 2019. “

Commentary: Currently the section dealing with past president governors at large is section 6 of Bylaw 2, which states in the relevant part:

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This Motion will eliminate all the existing life governors at large.. This is necessary because the concept is anti-democratic.

But it is not wanted to lose the experience of the five past president governors who would be eliminated. As well, we wish to recognize their contribution to the CFC over the years. Further, a commitment had been made to these governors of lifetime governorships, and it is felt CFC should go some way towards honouring that commitment to some extent.

Hence we are creating a time-limited special category of governor, the non-voting governor at large. Thus the existing governors affected by motion # 2 will be retained in all respects by Motion # 3, except for their right to vote. It will allow these few past presidents to continue to be involved – they can attend the AGM and be recognized; they will continue as part of the Governors' Discussion Board; they can be put on Committees; they can volunteer; they will still carry the title of Governor. Of course, it is always open to them to run again as a provincial

representation governor candidate. This seems a suitable compromise and is an attempt at a kind of "grandparenting" under the change imposed by Motion # 2. The Life Governors who will be moved to this new category are: Les Bunning, Francisco Cabanas, Nathan Divinsky, Yves Farges, Terry Fleming Phil Haley, Halldor Palsson, Maurice Smith (he would still be a normal governor at large though as current Treasurer), Peter Stockhausen and Bruce D. Thomas

General Comments from Governors: none received

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT JULY 31, 2009
UNAUDITED

	July 31st	April 30th
	2009	2009
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 74,644	\$ 70,404
Accounts receivable	2,622	2,321
Prepaid expenses	3,833	7,167
	81,099	79,892
CAPITAL ASSETS	5,078	5,664
	\$ 86,177	\$ 85,556
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,220	\$ 16,674
Chess Foundation - Deffered Contribution	2,718	540
Deferred membership revenue	21,400	21,400
	32,338	38,614
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	8,851	8,300
EQUITY		
Opening balance	38,642	23,922
Net revenue (expenditure) for the year	6,346	14,720
	44,988	38,642
	\$ 86,177	\$ 85,556

**THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
FOR 3 MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 2009
UNAUDITED**

	3 months	12 months
	2010	2009
REVENUE		
Sales of books, equipment and software	\$ 6,272	\$ 66,054
Shipping and handling charges	-	2,535
Memberships	11,606	48,035
Contribution from Foundation	906	5,682
Rating fees	7,906	25,352
Donations	2,128	6,130
Other programs	609	75,964
Other revenue	63	19
	29,490	229,771
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of sales	4,890	52,373
General and administrative		
Salaries, benefits and staff travel	1,702	76,703
Administration services	10,040	-
Building and equipment expenses	-	11,435
Office	2,387	25,297
	14,129	113,435
Programs		
Publications/Webzine	-	3,486
International	1,576	6,519
Contributions to clubs and affiliates	1,940	4,306
Contributions to Chess Foundation	-	1,440
Other programs	609	75,964
	4,125	91,715
Revenue (expenditure) from normal operations	23,144	257,523
Other revenue and expense		
Gain on sale of condo building	-	52,156
Loss on restructuring & transition	-	(9,684)
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	\$ 6,346	\$ 14,720

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JULY 31, 2009
 UNAUDITED

DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	Olympic Donations	CYCC Program	Kalev Pugi Program	TOTAL
Balance - begin of year	\$ 1,945	\$ 4,772	\$ 1,583	\$ 8,300
Add: contributions	-	400	760	1,160
Less: recognized as revenue	-	(109)	(500)	(609)
Balance - end of year	\$ 1,945	\$ 5,063	\$ 1,843	\$ 8,851

ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP REVENUE

	3 months 2010	12 months 2009
Annual memberships	\$ 10,926	\$ 40,761
Tournament memberships	680	3,734
Adjustment to deferred revenue	0	2,100
Life memberships	0	1,440
Membership revenue reported	\$ 11,606	\$ 48,035
Less: Foundation donation	0	1,440
Net membership revenue	\$ 11,606	\$ 46,595

Appendix 2:

Bid for CYCC 2010, Windsor, Ontario

10 August, 2009

President and Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada

We would like to host the Canadian Youth Chess Championships in July, 2010.

As eloquently stated by Gordon Ritchie after the 2007 national events in Ottawa, the Canadian Open and the Canadian Youth Championships are the flagship events of the Chess Federation, and as such deserve first class facilities and organisation. We would like to build on the success of the Ottawa CYCC, held at the Chateau Laurier, and the recent Victoria CYCC, held at the Hotel Grand Pacific. To this end, we intend to hold the CYCC at the new Caesars Windsor Convention Centre, built in 2008. The convention centre is next to Caesars Windsor casino, and has two hotel towers.

The whole downtown Windsor area is geared towards tourism, with many hotels and restaurants. The convention centre is on the riverfront, with a spectacular view of the Detroit skyline. The entire waterfront is a recreation trail, and features contemporary sculptures, flower gardens, fountains, and similar attractions along the 6km length.

For the past eleven years, Windsor has held an annual tournament for elementary children, which attracts about 1500 players from 80 schools. (2009, 1590 players). We have had essentially the same group of key volunteers for the whole eleven years, so we have a good deal of organising experience for youth events, and a commitment to youth chess.

First class facilities are expensive. A private organisation has guaranteed \$5000 as a safety net, but given the anticipated attendance, the CYCC will require fundraising. We intend to employ a professional fundraising company to lead the fundraising effort.

At the AGM in July 2009, a motion was passed by the governors that will require entrants to the CYCC to qualify. As a condition of our bid, we would like the implementation of this motion to be delayed until 2011. The reasons for this request are given in a separate document.

Please note that we guarantee the CFC a minimum of \$15,000 from the entry fees, and a maximum of \$20,000. This protects the CFC in case of a low turnout, and if there is an above-average attendance, allows the organisers to make a surplus.

Please refer to our temporary website <http://home.cogeco.ca/~cyccwindsor2010/> for more information.

Yours sincerely

John Coleman

updated 7 August 2009

Canadian Youth Chess Championship 2010

Proposed budget

# of players	100	120	140	160	180
Gross Income					
Entry fees	17,500	21,000	24,500	28,000	31,500
sponsorship	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
total	22,500	26,000	29,500	33,000	36,500
Gross Expenses					
CFC	15,000	15,000	17,500	20,000	20,000
Total event cost	18,450	16,685	14,920	14,205	14,540
total	33,450	31,685	32,420	34,205	34,540
profit/loss	-10,950	-5,685	-2,920	-1,205	1,960
Detailed event expenses					
site costs	10,500	8,400	6,300	5,250	5,250
fundraising	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
awards	400	400	400	400	400
online registration	500	600	700	800	900
paperwork	300	300	300	300	300
TD cost	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
volunteers	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
CFC ratings	50	60	70	80	90
souvenirs	500	600	700	800	900
Monrois	1,500	1,625	1,750	1,875	2,000
Total event cost	18,450	16,685	14,920	14,205	14,540

CFC portion of entry fee

Using the same format as 2009, the base entry fee is \$200, with a \$25 early bird discount.

# of players	100	120	140	160	180
usual CFC cut @ \$125	12,500	15,000	17,500	20,000	22,500
Windsor proposal	15,000	15,000	17,500	20,000	20,000

A private organisation has guaranteed \$5000 as a safety net if the fundraising effort fails

The CFC portion is \$125 per player with \$15,000 minimum and \$20,000 maximum, see blue box below.
See list of expenses, below

Caesars Convention centre, a sliding scale, + 5% GST.
Indaba Marketing Inc

Using Eventbrite and visa (as recommended by Brian Raymer)
Duplicate scoresheets + miscellaneous signage
Patrick McDonald, including hotel room

Usual fee is 50¢ per player
\$5 per player, don't know what to give
Estimated cost. Monro is uncommunicative

it (before June 1, 2010), and a \$25 late fee (after June 30, 2010)

Notice no minimum or maximum dollar amount
The CFC is protected in the case of a low turnout, and
and if there is a good turnout, the organisers might have a surplus

Bid for CYCC 2010, Windsor Ontario

Organising Body	Windsor Chess Association
Chief organiser	John Coleman
Organising committee	Karen Demers, Dan Passador, Frank Lee, Jill Kanswicher, Linda Deforest, Robert Bierer, Alan Baljeu, Carol Myers
Advertising	CFC website, OCA website, posting on chess bulletin boards, emails to organisers and prospective players
Publicity/Fundraising	Indaba Marketing Inc, http://www.indabamarketing.com
Internet site/coverage	Dedicated website in both English and French Live games using MonRoi equipment
City	Windsor, ON
Address	Caesars Windsor Convention Centre, 377 Riverside Drive East, Windsor, Ontario, N9A 7H7
Location description	With over 100,000 square feet of flexible convention space, Caesars Windsor is the largest casino convention resort in Canada. Please note the hotel and convention centre are in a separate building from the casino. Minors are allowed in the convention centre and hotel, but not in the casino. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 26,000 square-foot ballroom that can be separated into four areas • 10,000 square feet of pre-function space (i.e. vast hallways) • A 39,000 square-foot exhibition hall • Seven conference rooms with 12' display screens
Tournament room	Augustus Ballroom, 4348 square feet, carpeted, with excellent lighting and climate control
Analysis rooms	Three separate analysis rooms totalling 4669 square feet, including 12' display screens.
Registration	Online, and onsite
Dates	July 6 - 9, 2010

Format	As specified by CFC (“Swiss, single, double or triple round robin or match format held over 4 days taking into account the number and age of the players”); max of 7 rounds. Sections will be combined where numbers warrant.
Rounds	2 rounds per day, 1 round on the last day with playoffs as required
Time controls	G/90+30 sec increment
Playoffs	As necessary
Rated by	CFC regular rated. Organiser to pay \$0.50 rating fee per player.
Equipment provided	Digital clocks and Staunton pieces on vinyl boards in new or as new condition will be used at each playing position. Monrois tournament hub and PCMs at select boards. Laptops for onsite registration and pairings.
Prizes	Trophies and/or medals for top 3 players in each section; Travel to WYCC substantially funded by CFC for winner in each section. Souvenir for all players.
Entry fees	As per CFC regulations (see budget details)
TD	IA Patrick McDonald will be the chief arbiter
Side events	Not yet determined
Accommodation	Caesars Windsor is a four-diamond hotel with 758 luxurious rooms. A special chess rate of \$135 for a 2-bed room includes a coffee maker, fridge, valet parking, 24-hour room service, and wireless high-speed internet. Up to 100 rooms will be set aside at this rate.
Date submitted	10 August 2009
Submitted by	John Coleman

our temporary website is <http://home.cogeco.ca/~cyccwindsor2010/>

Bid for CYCC 2010, Windsor, Ontario

10 August, 2009

President and Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada

At the AGM in July 2009, a motion was passed by the governors that will require entrants to the CYCC to qualify. As a condition of our bid, we would like the implementation of this motion to be delayed until 2011. The reasons are as follows:

- **organiser finances:** the five-year average attendance (2004-2008) is 153 players. We believe that less-than-average attendance means the local organiser doesn't generate enough income to pay for the tournament expenses, and a low attendance impacts on sponsorship.

It is true that some tournament expenses could be reduced. For example, the event could be held in a community centre, which would lower the site cost. Participants could be asked to supply their own chess equipment. An organiser could scrimp on website costs, publicity costs, Monro, etc. This is not our intent. We believe that the national championship deserves first class conditions.

- **CFC finances:** the CFC finances are a labyrinth that could swallow an entire convention of accountants, but it seems clear that in the past the CFC has relied on CYCC entry fees to substantially fund the expenses of WYCC. If the number of players at CYCC falls, how will the CFC fund the shortfall?

It may be that, as local organisers are encouraged to hold YCC events, the number of participants at the national level will rise. The qualifying tournaments are planned as 'revenue neutral' (http://www.chess.ca/Gls/08_09GL4.pdf). When the qualifier motion is implemented, in the short run there will a reduced attendance at the national. With negligible income from YCC events, it appears that the CYCC - WYCC program will run at a deficit.

- **CFC preparedness:** one purpose of qualifying tournaments is weed out lower-skilled players before they get to the national tournament. However, there appears to be little effort on the part of the CFC to encourage participation in YCC events. Indeed, the rules for YCCs are not laid out. Is it one event per city? One event per region? Can a city hold more than one YCC event? At the last Ontario CYCC (Ottawa 2007), players came from no fewer than 40 communities in Ontario. It will take a great deal of time and effort to arrange for YCC events to serve those 40 communities.

In general, we are not against having qualifying tournaments. A national event should not be the initial tournament for lower-skilled players, and some of the new players clearly need more experience. However, the fact is that those lower-skilled players pay entry fees, and without that money, how are the CYCC and Canadian team to be financed?

Please note that we guarantee the CFC a minimum of \$15,000 from the entry fees, and a maximum of \$20,000. This protects the CFC in case of a low turnout, and if there is an above-average attendance, allows the organisers to make a surplus.

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Appendix 3: CFC Constitutional Coalition

(note: this is not an official CFC body but is rather a group of Governors and regular members who discuss issues informally – ed.)

1. NOTES:

1. “Constitutional Amendments”: These amendments are considered “constitutional amendments” under Bylaw # 3 of the CFC, section 3, which is:

BY-LAW NUMBER THREE OF THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA

ANNUAL MEETING AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1.

2. All matters to be decided by the Assembly, shall be decided by a majority vote, save as hereinafter provided.

3. Any amendment or revision **of these By-Laws**; any matter pertaining to any international agreement between the Federation and any international or foreign Chess Federation or Association; and any matter pertaining to the payment of dues to the Fédération International des Echecs may be made,

(a) **at any Annual Meeting** of the Assembly, providing that a notice of intention to submit such matter to a vote has been received by the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the date of such Annual Meeting and has been transmitted by the Secretary to each Governor at least 14 days prior to the date of such Annual Meeting and that any resolution pertaining to such matter shall be **approved by at least a two-thirds majority of the votes of those present and entitled to vote, including proxy votes.**

(b) **at any time through a mail vote** of Assembly, providing that the exact wording of such proposed amendments or revision, or of the resolution to be passed by the Board through mail vote is submitted to each Governor at least fourteen days before the expiry of the time limit specified by the President for the receipt of the votes by the Secretary, and that **at least one-half of the number of votes eligible to be cast has been received by the Secretary, and there is a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast in favour** of the proposed amendment or revision or resolution.

2. Current CFC Governor Structure:

The current number of Governors-at-Large are:

A - Executive - 7

B – Non-Executive Officers - Masters' Representative and Women's Coordinator - 2

C - Representative of Chess Foundation of Canada, and, Canadian Correspondence Chess Association - 2

D - Canadian Champion and Runner-Up - 2
E - Former CFC Presidents (some Life Governors) - 10 (as now shown on the CFC website)
); almost equal the votes of the other Governors-at-Large)

Total - 23

The current number of Provincial Representative Governors (using 2008-9) are:

A - B.C. -	5
B - Alta. -	5
C - Sask. -	1
D - Man. -	2
E - Ont. -	17
F - Que. -	2
G - N.B. -	2
H - P.E.I. -	1
I - N.S. -	2
J - Nfld. & Lab. -	1
K - no reps from the 3 territories (3 vacancies)	

Total - 38 (and three vacancies)

Overall Total - 61 (and three vacancies)

3. CFC Constitutional Coalition Members (40 to May 4, 2009)

Armstrong, Bob - CFC & OCA Life member; past chess club executive
Doucette, Patrick - CFC life member
Garel, Rick - CFC member; current chess club executive
Casareno, Erwin - CFC member
Kitich, Jerry - CFC member; chess teacher; past chess club executive
Broughton, Dave - former CFC Governor and Executive Member
McDonald, Patrick - CFC Life Member; former CFC Junior Coordinator, OCA
Executive; IA, TD and chess organizer; chess club executive; CFC
Governor (Ont.)
Dattani, Dinesh - CFC member
Moysoski, Randy - CFC member; chess club executive; chess organizer
Perez, Michael - CFC member; chess club executive; organizer
Maguire, Jack - CFC member
Deslauriers, Brian - CFC past member
Ritchie, Gordon - CFC member; past CFC Governor
Tim Knechtel - CFC member
Bellomo, Joe - CFC member
Lawless, David - CFC member, former chess club executive, chess teacher, organizer
and TD.
Peristy, Luke - CFC member
Villalobos, Oscar - CFC member
Azmitia, Gabriel - CFC member
Verde, Pino - CFC member
Bossy, John - CFC member
Hall, John - CFC member

Brodie, Hugh – CFC member; maintainer of Canadian Games Database
Beal, Greg – CFC member
Kurkowski, Ken – CFC member
Henry, Liam – CFC member, organizer/TD, chess teacher
Posylek, Caesar – CFC member, former CFC Governor, chess club executive
Rutherford, Will – CFC member
Stein, Mickey – CFC member
Jackiw, Mark – CFC member
Frilles, Ruperto – CFC member
James Marilla - CFC Member
Leward De la Rama - CFC Member
Mani Mehramooz - CFC Member
Matthew Perez – CFC Member
Joey Ayres – CFC Member
Xavier De Guzman – CFC Member
Kasra Ershandi – CFC Member
Paul Leblanc – CFC Member, CFC Governor (B.C.)
Gillanders, Bob – CFC member; former CFC Executive Director; chess club executive;
former CFC Executive

Motions for Final Vote: none

Motions for Second Discussion: none

Motions for First Discussion: (note – these motions are for discussion and should not be voted on at this time)

2010-01: Roles of Executive

2010-02: Junior Membership

2010-03: Governors at Large 1 (aka “Life Governors”)

2010-04: Governors at Large 2

Deadline for submissions to GL#2 is Friday, September 4, 2009

Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of Canada, 356 Ontario Street, Suite 373, Stratford, ON N5A 7X6

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