

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER FIVE 2009-2010



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CFC Annual General Meeting to be held in Toronto July 12th and 13th 2010

President's Message

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL GOVERNORS

Please contact your Provincial President or Secretary to ensure they have submitted your province's 2010-11 Governors to the Secretary and Business Office before the Annual General Meeting to ensure your province's nominees are properly registered as Incoming Governors. In addition, I am requesting that all provincial bodies submit to the Secretary and the Business Office the AGM minutes, including record of attendance, in which the governors were selected. In the case of Ontario, in addition to the above request, please submit the equivalent documentation for each of your four leagues. This documentation will ensure that all governors attending the CFC AGM are the legitimate representatives of the provincially affiliated body.

As this will be my final message before the Annual General Meeting, I want to state that it has been my distinct privilege serving the CFC as President. I learned a great deal during the year, much of it from the school of hard knocks. I praise Bob Gillanders vociferously for volunteering to be President next year. He has put together an excellent slate of candidates for the CFC Board of Directors.

I want to thank the Secretary, Lyle Craver, for taking me to task regarding the role of CFC President regarding the Governors Letters. I am calling a vote on motions 2010-03 to 2010-18, except 2010-08, 2010-10 and 2010-18, which I have ruled out of order.

I rule motion 2010-08, "Role of President", out of order. While I share the concerns of the movers of this motion regarding the powers of the President, it is my opinion, that the adoption of this motion will result in the reduction of the corporate accountability of the President, and in turn, the Officers of the Federation.

The CFC legal counsel, Les Bunning, who specializes in corporate law, wrote the CFC constitution. In all of my consultations with Les, he has been explicitly clear that the governors make policy and the executive run the corporation.

Under the CFC constitution, the Assembly of the Governors has the legislative powers to establish the programs of the CFC, and the policy by which these programs are to be managed.

It is the Officers of the Federation that have the executive responsibilities to manage on a day-to-day basis these programs and carry out the policy as dictated by the assembly of the governors. The President is fully responsible under the Constitution to supervise all of the Officers of the Federation in their duties. Therefore, the President must have the full powers and rights to take action regarding this supervision.

It is paramount that a clear line of demarcation between the legislative and executive powers of the corporation be preserved. If this line becomes blurry and confused, uncertainty is introduced regarding which individual(s) the ultimate corporate accountability resides in.

The movers of this motion state that the current wording in the CFC Constitution gives "some type of absolute power to the President, which is contrary to the fact that the governors run the corporation." This is patently false. The legal regulations that govern corporations in Canada limit the power of all corporate officers, including the President. These regulations protect damage against the corporation caused by irresponsible acts of these officers, such as breach of trust or breach of fiduciary responsibility.

Furthermore, in accordance with Bylaw #2, Clause 14, Paragraph, "REPLACEMENT OF PRESIDENT", the Board of Directors, excluding the President, may replace upon unanimous decision a President who consistently fails to carry out the duties of his office. That the first line of defence against an irresponsible president is delegated to those that have executive powers to act is consistent with the principle of a clear line

of demarcation between the legislative and executive powers. If you will, the Board of Directors is a buffer between the President and the Assembly of Governors. Should the Assembly of Governors have misgivings regarding the powers of the president, I recommend that the Assembly of Governors reduce the stringency of the condition of unanimity to something more reasonable and balanced.

In conclusion, this clear line of demarcation ensures that no confusion exists in the accountability the board of directors and the officers of the corporation. At the Annual General Meeting, if the Assembly of the Governors have found that the officers did not adequately carry out their responsibilities, this assembly selects new officers. In the final analysis, the Assembly of the Governors must not interfere unduly with the management of the day-to-day operations by the Officers of the Federation.

I also rule out of order any requirement that the budget show a surplus, that is, a profit. A not-for-profit corporation is not permitted to continually make a profit year by year. At some point, it is required to apply the surplus to its objectives as a corporation.

I rule out of order Motion 2010-10 Treasurer out of order. According to the CFC Handbook, Motion 350, [see GL, August 1985, p. 1-19], a CFC Management Committee was formed to do the following: initiate a budgeting process, act as a liaison between the Executive and the Business Office, and deal with employee salaries and contracts. Considering these tasks, it is my opinion that the CFC Management Committee is the best qualified to establish and present a budget to the Assembly of Governors. I would recommend that the Assembly of the Governors appoint to this committee at least the following: the Treasurer as the chair of this committee; the Vice-President, or officer delegated in managing the contractors, and a Governor, not of the Board of the Directors.

Regarding Motion 2010-17, "Public Relations Coordinator", please note that the Handbook contains Motion 397 (Pacey /Cohen in 2004-05 GL8), which established a general officer, Director of Publicity. Should motion 2010-17 be adopted, I recommend that Motion 397 be stricken from the CFC Handbook.

I am ruling out of order Motion 2010-18, "Governors' On-Line Meetings". The Secretary, Lyle Craver, who has been CFC Secretary for more years than I can remember, has brought to my attention his grave misgivings regarding this motion and its effects on the roles of the President and the Secretary. In addition, I find paragraph 4, "Standards Applied to On-line Meeting re Constitutional Amendments" extremely troubling. The requirements to achieve quorum are too easily met, permitting the Assembly of Governors to change the programs and the policies of the CFC on an arbitrary basis. A person must have a clear idea of their duties as an Officer of the Federation and a reasonable expectation that said duties will not change significantly over their term. As in my ruling to Motion 2010-08, I reiterate that a clear line of demarcation must exist between the legislative powers of the Assembly of Governors to make policy and the executive powers to take action by the Officers of the Federation.

Please note that the Meeting of the Incoming Governors must appoint a Director of Fundraising in accordance with Handbook Motion 396, "Director of Fundraising" (Motion Pacey /Cohen in 2004-05 GL8). In my opinion, fundraising represents the greatest weakness of the CFC as an organization. In order to ensure the stable continuation of CFC programs, in particular, the Olympiad program, the Director of Publicity and the Director of Fundraising must coordinate their efforts. Furthermore, I recommend that the next CFC Executive explore the option of contracting a professional firm to do fundraising.

Please note that the Meeting of the Incoming Governors must appoint an Ethics Committee in accordance with Handbook 398, "Ethics Committee" (Motion Lambruschini/Dutton in 2005-06 GL7). A number of issues arose this past year that required the attention of this committee.

It has taken much more considerable thought and time than I expected to render these rulings due to their complicated nature. Again, I am extremely grateful that the Secretary, Lyle Craver expounded upon the fuller consequences of these motions. I am also extremely grateful to Treasurer, Maurice Smith, for revising the CFC Handbook as I have had to refer to it extensively to make these rulings.

Since the deadline requiring distribution to the governors is imminent, this message will have to serve in the interim until the release of the Presidential Report. I feel this task is considerable more simple than these rulings. I expect that the Presidential Report to be released in a couple of days, but no later than Friday, 2 July 2010.

Vice-President's Message

Dear Fellow Governors,

Financially, this year was a good one for our Federation. We reported a surplus of approximately 12 000 and things are on the right track going forward. Part of my role of VP is to oversee the CFC Office – I have been in contact with ED Gerry Litchfield almost daily to find out what is happening and how we (the Executive) can be of support.

The main issue with the Office this year was the issues with Google when our site was attacked. This took much longer to resolve than anticipated, and I have no doubt that once we have a new website these kind of issues will disappear.

The other part of my role was to support the President in anyway possible. This involved either acting for him directly (when he was absent), or by vetting his emails and reporting issues directly to him.

After 4 or 5 terms (I have lost count) as being Vice-President, I have decided to step down and not seek re-election. I feel it is time for new blood and new ideas to move the CFC forward as an organization. I wish the new Executive the best of luck in the following year, and would like to thank the current Executive, particularly Hal Bond and Eric Van Dusen, for their guidance and support this year.

I apologize for not being at the meeting – I am unable to attend due to work commitments.

For those of you playing in the Canadian Open – I wish you the best of luck!

Warmest Regards,

Stijn De Kerpel
Vice-President
Chess Federation of Canada.

Message from the Secretary:

This has been a particularly challenging year to be Secretary as we are forging a new relationship with the Business Office and while there have been a few kinks most everything has been worked out with goodwill from all sides.

Having a special e-mail account secretary@chess.ca has been a huge help for me though I plead with those who have sent mail to both it and my personal account (lcraver@shaw.ca) to desist as it means I get everything twice!

In the interests of keeping GL preparation coherent I ask that all Governors restrict their file attachments to one per e-mail - I get a lot of Governor-related e-mail and it is a LOT easier to process it all when there are no attachments or at most one per e-mail. As for more GLs a critical element in this is Executive members keeping to a schedule - a lot of my time has been spent chasing reports though I am as prone to delay as anyone.

Now for the core of my message: there is clearly a discussion taking place concerning the proper role of the Assembly of Governors of which the Executive is part. Some would allow all Governors to perform all functions, others would leave it all to the Executive. One of the key reasons I do NOT support the present concept of the "Online Governors' Meeting" is that it is all too easy for the Governors to get into Executive matters. My personal view is that some years ago the President went too far in ruling out of order too much - this year I feel the opposite has happened and the sheer volume of motions created a dysfunctional situation. As I say below the fact that Motion 12 on eliminating the Type "P" membership didn't reach a final vote during the year says all that needs to be said.

There are those with a vision of the CFC in the "new age" (i.e. since the move from Ottawa) that would suggest things are a failure if we do not share their views - I say to them "hang in there - just because we don't agree with you doesn't mean we reject everything and we will adopt what we find good".

Concerning the budget motion the Executive has heard this before but some of the Governors need to hear clearly that it is the right of the President alone to call a vote on a motion. The Secretary can bring a motion through the GL process to a final vote but that is power delegated by the President who has the right to declare a motion a "straw vote" or declare a motion to be constitutional in nature. Any Governor proposing a motion has the right to say a motion is constitutional though the President has the final say subject only to a successful challenge to the chair. When a Governor this year called a vote on the budget I contacted the President to make sure he knew that - but any Secretary's role is to support the President so long as he is operating within the Handbook and advise him on the 'grey areas'. I do think the Online meeting affected the Governor response since there were 15 votes given online and only 5 received by e-mail though it is likely that some like me did not vote as they saw it was not a properly called vote. To summarize: calling a vote (straw or binding) is a Presidential role and under the Handbook no one but the President has the right to call a vote. To any Governor who feels otherwise please check the Handbook and it will be clear.

Since there are an unusual number of motions for this year's AGM I will declare my intentions:

Comments on the motions:

Motions 3 and 4 are a pair - it makes no sense to me to support or oppose one without supporting or oppose the other. I will be voting against these as I think past CFC Presidents have greatly benefitted the CFC and it makes no sense to downgrade them

Motions 5, 6 and 7: I will be voting Yes to these as I think they're a positive step forward. Governors should expect to represent both their province to the CFC and vice versa, a break for first time players is a good thing (though I would prefer to see the Tournament Membership repealed as it's designed to accomplish the same thing as motion 6) and I think the CYCC is an important Canadian event.

Motions 9 and 11 - 11: (Please note that 8 and 10 have been ruled out of order by the President) I will be voting NO to these motions as I do not think the AGM is the best way to reach most Governors - and I do think that on the one hand it changes the balance of the Executive and on the other unnecessarily obfuscates the Handbook. Quite apart from anything else, I'd argue it is the Treasurer's role to prepare a budget not the President's though I would expect both to work in close consultation. Motion 12 I will vote YES for as it re-states the existing practice.

Motion 12: Since the demise of En Passant this motion is a 'no brainer' and it is a sign of the dysfunctionality caused by a tidal wave of motions that this could not quickly be passed.

Motions 13 and 14: I'll be voting YES for these as they seem to encompass "best practices" and I'm pleased that we're getting Master input on these

Motion 15: I am undecided as I write this how I will vote

Motion 16: I will be voting YES as it recognizes existing practice

Motion 17: I'll be voting YES to this as it's a reasonable effort towards an important function

Motion 18: Please note that this has been out of order by the President. Had he not done so I would have been voting NO to this and urge all Governors to do likewise as I feel it radically alters the powers of the President and Secretary to an extent that neither is likely to be able to function thereafter. To the proponents of this motion I say I'm sorry - this motion has NOT had adequate Governor discussion despite the efforts of its supporters and it would forever alter how the CFC does business. Maybe that's a good thing but that's a discussion we have not had yet and until we do I cannot urge Governors to support it.

It is my hope that a new Executive and new Assembly of Governors will see far less acrimony that has been the case in the last year. It has been a highly and unnecessarily stressful year to be on the Executive and I hope for a calmer year in 2010-2011 - the CFC is no longer financially on the brink though we have much work ahead of us yet.

One area of concern is the lack of feedback from Governors - once again we see no comments from Governors on matters of national interest apart from the motions. This is not a good sign and a key role of the position of Governor is representing your region to the national body and vice versa.

One thing that would be extremely helpful is if all Governors could forward to me at secretary@chess.ca the name and e-mail of their provincial presidents for 2010-11 along with the expected month of your 2011 provincial AGMs. This is particularly important if the provincial president is NOT a Governor since he/she won't automatically see

Finally, I ask for your support for a new term as Secretary in 2010-2011 but if it is not the will of the Assembly of Governors that I continue then let me say it has been a pleasure to serve you all.

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

Treasurer's Report

After several years of rather large losses, the CFC finally had a financially good year showing a surplus of over \$12,000. This I feel was due to the Executive showing considerable restraint in spending, and tackling financial decisions in a responsible manner. This was my urging throughout the year and I was aided considerably by Gerry Litchfield who provided me with all due financial documentation and also insightful analytical comment.

Specific comments are as follows:

The revenue from Amazon and FEN was somewhat disappointing. I found FEN easy to deal with and they provided me with good value and service. I would suggest more members use this service and as word gets around, revenue should increase in the upcoming year.

While membership revenues did not change much, rating fees increased by around 10%. So perhaps there has been an increase in tournament play which would be encouraging.

Expenses that increased were FIDE fees and the cost of the Newsletter. FIDE fees not only include rating fees but also, membership fees, title applications, rating list fees and Americas Zonal fees. We cannot do much about most of this except possibly raise our own fees for FIDE rated tournaments.

Regarding the Newsletter, it is certainly popular and can be considered quite a success. Tony Ficzer should be highly congratulated for his work in making this happen in such a professional manner. However, do we really need it every month? Once every two months would save us around \$8,000 a year.

Looking towards the future, this could be a very challenging year. Problems with the website and database requiring funding keep being mentioned by our management contractor EKG. The Olympiad looms large on the horizon. At this writing we cannot afford to fund the women's team. However, they have graciously agreed to pay their own way if necessary. Airfare costing around \$1,200 per person results in a cost of \$14,400 for five player teams and two captains. Then there are FIDE fees on top of that. At this writing the Olympic Fund stood at around \$6,000, so a big push is needed there.

To summarize then, we had a good year and were financially sound. To continue this success we must still show considerable restraint and keep a strong rein on our expenses wherever possible. Once again I would like to thank Gerry Litchfield for all his help this past year.

Finally, after 22 years in chess administration including being CFC President, Treasurer and FIDE Representative I am retiring from all chess administration positions. I will not be running for any position on the Executive. It has been an extremely exciting and interesting time with many ups and downs. There have been many chess friends made and there were many great times. So as someone else once said: Thanks For The Memories.

Maurice Smith

FIDE Representative's Report

Congratulations to World Champion Vishwanathan Anand for his successful title defence against Veselin Topalov. As you know this was a very hard fought match, featuring 5 decisive results in 12 games. Anand is a worthy champion. Despite being too old in the eyes of some, despite the stress of interrupted travel due to the volcanic ash from Iceland, despite playing on the challengers home turf and losing the first game badly he still finished on top. Bravo!

The Canadian delegation will be leaving for the Chess Olympiad in Khanty Mansiysk, Siberia on September 18, and returning October 4. Since the announcement earlier in May that Canada will be sending both teams, the Olympic Fund has grown steadily to almost \$8000. I wish to sincerely thank the FQE for their recent donation of \$2,000. The budget proposed by Treasurer Maurice Smith has set aside an amount of \$4,000 if required, as well as money for the FIDE Delegate to attend the FIDE Congress. If I am re-elected this summer, the Delegate funds will be available for the Olympic Teams because I have been appointed as a Sector Arbiter for the Olympiad and thus will not require financial assistance. The Pugi Fund is also being accessed by some of our younger team members. The cost of sending both teams is roughly \$18,000. Contributions and guarantees already exceed \$14,000.

As acting chair of our fundraising efforts I remain optimistic that we can finance the entire project by the time of our departure in September, and if asked I intend to begin the fundraising campaign for 2012 in Istanbul immediately upon my return. Hopefully corporate sponsorship has a future role to play. In addition to the traditional canvassing of the membership for donations, the CFC has authorized the "Olympic Waive" tournaments whereby the events are rated and all CFC dues and rating fees are waived. In return, \$20 per player is remitted to the CFC Olympic Fund. This initiative allows the CFC to raise funds from an expanded base and also generates a strong list of potential new members. A number of organizers have expressed an interest in running Olympic Waive tournaments and I hope that you will encourage these efforts in your region.

Some concern has been expressed about the composition of the National Team, and whether or not our rules were followed when selecting it. I have stated to our Executive and the bulletin boards that some interpretation of our rules was required when they were inexplicit and even ambiguous. I believe that our Olympic Co-ordinator Ilia Bluvstein acted in the best interests of the team and I thank him for his ongoing work.

This is an election year for FIDE. Former World Champion Anatoly Karpov is running against the incumbent Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. The CFC Executive has already spent some time discussing Canada's vote. At this point we are taking a wait and see approach in order to better understand the policies and personnel involved in each of the two camps. In light of our own elections it makes some sense to defer this matter to the new Executive and incoming board. To avoid any appearance of conflict I shall be happy to take instruction from the CFC on this decision.

The second vote which Canada will cast relates to the 2014 Olympiad. Tromsø Norway has been campaigning since the Dresden Olympiad in 2008 and they have received substantial Government backing for their bid, which would stage the Olympiad from August 1 – 14, 2014. Bulgaria has come to the table relatively recently. They are bidding to hold the Olympiad in the Varna region from September 20 – October 4, 2014. As part of the package, both Federations are bidding to host the 2013 World Cup.

Looking back on the year it has been an active one. Knowing that our Zone was under some pressure from FIDE I helped organize both Zonal Championships in August of 2009. At the time, the World Women's Championship was scheduled for April 2011 and has since been postponed until December 2011. The "Absolute Zonal" was won by IM Jean Hebert who went on to play in the World Cup in November 2009. Both of these championships were unpleasant experiences from an organizing perspective. Neither event was afforded the support worthy of a national championship. The players were all model competitors but they are becoming dismayed by the deteriorating conditions of our National Championships. It is not enough to insist that organizers do more – the Federation must step up as well. We used to set aside \$2,000 per year to help the organizer. Notwithstanding our delicate financial condition we must revisit this idea.

After all this zonal upkeep, the October 2009 Congress in Greece proceeded quite favourably. Our zone survived, the Arbiter's Commission paid for my trip (!) and we succeeded with all of our title applications despite a variety of problems. Congratulations to FA Aris Marghetis, IM Raja Panjwani, WIM Yuanling Yuan and WIM Dina Kagramanov. They join our new zonal titlists, namely IM Jonathan Tayar, FM Louie Jiang and FM Aman Hambleton. Following a number of discussions with our colleagues in FIDE America, the North American Youth emerged as a possible project for Canada. As a result the Chess n' Math Association is staging the NAYCC from August 16 – 19 as part of their 25 Anniversary celebrations. Thank you CMA! Further information about this 80th FIDE Congress can be found in my report in GL #2.

On the note of FIDE titles, David Cohen undertook this year to have several missed or lapsed titles awarded to Canadian players at his own expense. Thanks to David's persistence, Diane Mongeau's WIM title has been restored, Cornelia Dinca is a WFM and Yakov Vaingorten has his FM title.

Looking ahead, I am slightly encouraged by the interest shown by some Governors and members in developing a long range vision for Canada. We have been preoccupied by the demands of the day for as long as I have been involved with the CFC – almost 30 years. We will not achieve our full potential as an organization without devoting some quality time to this process.

This concludes my report. I have enjoyed serving the CFC as FIDE Representative this past year and I hope you will re-elect me to the incoming executive.

Respectfully submitted,
Hal Bond, IO, IA
FIDE Representative
FIDE Zone President, Canada

Youth Coordinator Report

The past year was successful for Canadian Youth Chess.

The credits go to many chess organizers, players and parents, who put a lot of efforts to make Canada proud! Without your dedicated work our successes wouldn't be possible!

For each international tournament the CFC collected necessary information for all players and accompanying persons, completed and submitted registration forms, arranged hotel booking and transportation, remitted payments to FIDE and event organizers. This couldn't be done without competency and dedication of our Executive Director Gerry Litchfield.

Many of our young players proudly represented Canada at many International chess competitions:

1) World Youth Chess Championship 2009:

21 Canadian players participated, Richard Wong got 3rd place and won bronze medal – it's the first Canadian medal since Jeff Sarwer's victory in 1986. We were fortunate to have great volunteers in Canadian delegation - Andrei Botez as Head of Delegation and IM Artiom Samsonkin as Team coach. We were considering several candidates for the Team coach position, and Artiom was the most inexpensive among prospects, and eager to prove himself as coach.

2) North American Youth Chess Championship 2009:

4 Canadian players participated, and all 4 won medals! Janak Awatramani and Jiaxin Liu won 1st place and gold medals, James Fu and Yuanchen Zhang won 2nd place and silver medals. Daxin Jin was the Head of Canadian Delegation at this tournament.

3) World Amateur Chess Championship 2010:

3 young Canadian players participated, and 2 of them won prizes: Richard Huang shared 2nd prize and Regina Veronicka Kalaydina won 5th women prize.

We have successfully organized and ran Canadian Junior Championship 2010 in Toronto in April-May – thanks to Alex Ferreira for organizing and directing this important event on a short notice!

We have completed registration for coming International chess competitions:

1) World Scholastic Chess Championship 2010:

Canada will be represented by Agastya Kalra, accompanied by his coach from India.

2) World Junior Chess Championship 2010:

Canada will be represented by last 2 Canadian Junior Champions – FM Shiyam Thavandiran and IM Raja Panjwani, accompanied by GM Victor Mikhalevski as a coach.

Currently we're working on preparation to:

Canadian Youth Chess Championship 2010,

Pan American Youth Chess Championship 2010,

North American Youth Chess Championship 2010.

We have made a number of important decisions regarding qualification to youth tournaments, including Motion 2010-07 "CYCC Qualification Rules".

Canadian Youth Chess Championship is a qualifier to International youth chess competitions.

Top 3 finishers in each section are qualified to become official representatives for:

1) World Youth Chess Championship;

2) Pan American Youth Chess Championship;

3) North American Youth Chess Championship.

This year we have tough deadlines for registration.

Please note:

Everybody, who wishes to participate at these competitions, should inform me about it:

1) for Pan American Youth Chess Championship – by July 9,

2) for North American Youth Chess Championship – by July 11,

3) for World Youth Chess Championship – by July 31.

We're looking for volunteers willing to be a Head of Canadian Delegation and Team Coach for these competitions. Please let me know, if you're willing to volunteer.

While at World Youth Chess Championship could participate only top 3 finishers, at other competitions could play any CYCC participant. We would like to encourage as many players as possible to participate at North American Youth Chess Championship – this event this year takes place in Canada for the first time – thanks to Chess and Math Association that celebrate its 25th anniversary! Let's make this event memorable for all participants!

Hope coming year will be even more successful!

Michael Barron
CFC Youth Coordinator
June 26, 2010

MOTIONS FOR FINAL VOTE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion # 2010-03 :Moved: Governor Patrick McDonald; Seconded: Governor 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.

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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

The following persons shall be known as Governors at large:...

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.

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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 # 2010-04).

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:

1. “ Constitutional Amendments “: This amendment is considered a “ constitutional amendment “ under Bylaw # 3 of the CFC, section 3

2. The current number of Governors-at-Large are:

A - Executive - President - 1 - Eric Van Dusen; an elected provincial representative governor originally;

B - Representative of Other Chess Bodies: 2

- i) Chess Foundation of Canada: Lynn Stringer - elected at AGM as Foundation Board member, and
- ii) Canadian Correspondence Chess Association : Valer Eugen Demian

C - Canadian Closed Representatives - 2

- i) Canadian Champion: IM Jean Hebert, and
- ii) Runner-Up : GM Mark Bluvshstein

D – Former CFC Presidents(some Life Governors) – 12

- i) Life Governors Not Elected - 9 - Les Bunning, Francisco Cabanas, Nathan Divinsky, Yves Farges, Terry Fleming, Phil Haley, Halldor Palsson, Peter Stockhausen and Bruce D. Thomas
- ii) Life Governors Elected - 1 : Maurice Smith (as Treasurer)
- iii) Past President (last 5 years) Governors:
 - a) Elected - 1 : Hal Bond (FIDE Representative)

b) Unelected - 1: Chris Mallon

Total – 17 (over 1/3 of total governors)

(**Note:** 1. Non-Executive Officers – Rating Auditor, Masters' Representative and Women's Coordinator – are not governors.
2. There is usually one more Executive governor at large, the “ Past President “ , but this year David Lavin declined to serve)

Motion 2010-04: Moved: Governor Bob Armstrong Seconded: Governor Paul Leblanc

There shall be added to Bylaw 2, if Motion # 2010-03 (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:

" 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.

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

The CFC Constitutional Coalition Motion #2 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 # 2010-03 will be retained in all respects by this Motion # 2010-04, 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 # 2010-03. 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

Motion 2010-05 – Governor Activity Rule

Moved: Bob Armstrong; Seconded: Jason Lohner

There shall be added to CFC By-law # 2, a new section 23 as follows:

“ 23. Governor Inactivity Rule

- (1) Any governor, no matter whether provincial representative governor, or governor at large, including the Executive, appointees, etc., who does not vote in two consecutive Governors’ meetings, shall be removed from office and their position shall no longer be part of a quorum until their replacement, if any.;
- (2) Should it happen that in meeting, there are no motions for either discussion or vote, then the participation required will merely be attendance.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, the CFC Secretary shall do the monitoring of attendance, since he has the records on attendance;
- (4) The Secretary shall send a warning notice to any governor missing a meeting.;
- (5) A governor who misses two consecutive meetings can be excused by the President for some exceptional reason;
- (6) Once removed by the Secretary, or President, the Governor and his provincial/territorial body/appointing body shall be notified by the Secretary .
- (7) The Secretary shall also request that a provincial/territorial body hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, or that the appointing body appoint a replacement, for the balance of the removed governor’s term. ”

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

Motion 2010-06: CFC Fees (Moved / Seconded Bob Armstrong / Gary Gladstone)

First-Time CFC Member Introductory Discount –

Section 375 (Tournament Playing Fee) of Section 3 (Motions Applicable to No Other Section) of the CFC Handbook is deleted. Substituted for it is:

“ 375. An annual membership discount of 40% will be given for first time CFC members (CFC will publish a rounded off figure for the convenience of organizers). “

Motion 2010-07: (Moved/Seconded Michael Barron / John Coleman) To amend the CYCC rules to include the following:

"Canadian Youth Chess Championship is a qualifier to international youth chess competitions. Top 3 finishers in each section are qualified to become official representatives for: 1) World Youth Chess Championship; 2) Pan American Youth Chess Championship; 3) North American Youth Chess Championship."

Motion # 2010-08 – New Section of Bylaw 3, Duties of Officers, Section 4 - President

Eric Van Dusen: I rule this motion out of order for the reasons given in my statement above

Moved: Robert Armstrong Seconded: Ken Craft

That Section 4 of Bylaw 3 , Duties of Officers, dealing with “ President “ be deleted and the following substituted for it:

“ PRESIDENT

4. The President shall be the chief executive Officer of the Federation. He shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly of Governors, or of the Board of Directors, when he is personally present. He shall exercise constant active and general supervision of the Officers of the Federation, and the conduct of its affairs, with the exception of:

- (a) Those matters which are reserved to the Assembly of Governors or the Board of Directors.
- (b) Those matters which have already been delegated to Committees appointed by the Assembly of Governors.

Where there is no time for a major decision to be made by the governors, the president shall preside over a meeting of the executive to make such decision. The president will then bring that decision to the governors as soon as possible for review. Where there is no time for a major decision to be made by the executive, the president shall make such decision, and bring that decision to the governors as soon as possible for review. In other matters within his authority, where an immediate decision is not required, the

President will confer with other members of The Board of Directors. In any matter covered by his general authority and not coming within the duties specifically allotted to any other Officer or Officers, the decision of the President shall override that of any other Officer.

The President shall exercise constant and active supervision over the chief employee of the Chess Federation of Canada (commonly known as the Executive Director) if there is one, or over any office services under outsourcing contract.

The President must present a budget for the new fiscal year for approval to The Assembly of Governors, in consultation with the Treasurer, within 1 month of the start of a new CFC Administration. This budget must indicate a surplus for the upcoming fiscal year. The President will make best efforts to ensure that the annual budget is adhered to by the Executive Director or outsourcing contractee. “

Commentary:

The current section 4 of Bylaw 3 states:

“ PRESIDENT

4. The President shall be the chief executive Officer of the Federation. He shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly of Governors, or of the Board of Directors, when he is personally present. He shall exercise constant active and general supervision of the Officers of the Federation, and the conduct of its affairs, with the exception of:

- (a) Those matters which are reserved to the Assembly of Governors or the Board of Directors.
- (b) Those matters which have already been delegated to Committees appointed by the Assembly of Governors.

The President shall have full power to take such action in the name of the Federation, as he may in his sole discretion decide.

In matters where an immediate decision is not necessary, the president shall confer with the other Officers of the Federation, but as a matter of general policy only, and not so as to limit in any way his authority. In any

matter covered by his general authority and not coming within the duties specifically allotted to any other Officer or Officers, the decision of the President shall override that of any other Officer.

The President shall exercise constant and active supervision over the chief employee of the Chess Federation of Canada (commonly known as the Executive Director). “

The proposed duties of the President in the executive motion 2010-01 were:

“ 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. “

The new section we have proposed is an amalgam of the above 2. It seeks to make clear the paramount role of the Governors to run the Corporation, and the limited powers within this exercised by the President. You will note that we have deleted from the current section the following sentences:

“ The President shall have full power to take such action in the name of the Federation, as he may in his sole discretion decide. In matters where an immediate decision is not necessary, the president shall confer with the other Officers of the Federation, but as a matter of general policy only, and not so as to limit in any way his authority”

We have done this because we believe this sentence introduces an element of ambiguity into the issue of division of power between the President and the Assembly. It purports, in our view, to give some type of absolute power to the president, which is contrary to the fact that the governors run the corporation. There is sufficient wording in the new section proposed, to show the “ emergency “ nature of some of the president’s power.

As well, we have moved the date for presentation of a budget to within 1 month of the start of a new CFC Administration. We feel this is necessary so that the budget is not a reflection of the priorities of the old CFC administration, but of the new administration that comes in in July at the AGM. What happens now is that the budget is presented around the start of the new fiscal year by the old administration, and then the new administration in July says they want to “ revise “ the budget. And then the process of revision drags on. Under our proposal, the budget would have to be presented by early August, given when we have our AGM (if the AGM would in future, under changes being discussed currently, be moved to earlier in the year, then the budget would come in earlier than 3 months into the new fiscal year).

Notes

1. “ Constitutional Amendment “: This amendment is considered a “ constitutional amendment “ under Bylaw # 3 of the CFC, section 3

Motion # 2010-09 – Amending Section 5 of Bylaw 3 – First Vice- President

Moved: Robert Armstrong Seconded: Hal Bond

That in Bylaw 3, Duties of Officers, Section 5 – First Vice-President, the word “ First “ be deleted throughout the section.

Commentary:

The current section 5 of Bylaw 3 reads:

“ FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

5. The First Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties whenever requested by the President. He shall perform the duties of the President whenever the President is unable to perform them owing to his absence from Canada, or his absence from any Province of Canada where at the time such duties must necessarily or can most conveniently be performed, or to illness or other temporary incapacity.

The First Vice-President may also act in the place or stead of the President when specifically delegated to so act by the President; provided, that any delegation of authority by the President to him shall specify the matter to which his authority is delegated, and in the absence of such specifications the First Vice-President shall be deemed to be assisting the President only, and not acting in his place.

Whenever the First Vice-President is delegated by the President to act in his place and stead as to any specified matter, the First Vice-President shall possess and may exercise all the powers of the President. Any delegation of the President, to the First Vice-President may be revoked by the President at any time. “

Our amendment is purely technical in nature – CFC has never referred to the Vice-President as the “ First Vice- President “ and there has never been a “ Second Vice-President “. We have made the section conform with CFC common practice when referring to the position.

Notes

1. “ **Constitutional Amendment** “: This amendment is considered a “ constitutional amendment “ under Bylaw # 3 of the CFC, section 3

Motion # 2010-10 – Amending Section 8 of Bylaw 3 – Treasurer

Eric Van Dusen: I rule this motion out of order for the reasons given in my statement above

Moved: Robert Armstrong Seconded: Paul Leblanc

That Bylaw 3, Duties of Officers, Section 8 – Treasurer - be deleted and that the following replace it:

“ Treasurer

8. (a) The Treasurer will be responsible for reviewing the financial records maintained by the Executive Director, or his/her equivalent, who shall:

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

ii) from time to time, as may be requested by the President, furnish him with such information as to the financial affairs of the Federation, as he may desire.

iii) Annually, as of the last day of the fiscal year, shall close the accounts, and shall prepare a Financial Statement of the Affairs of the Federation as at that date, showing all receipts and disbursements, under such groupings and classifications as he may deem desirable, together with a Balance Sheet showing the assets

and liabilities of the Federation as of that date, and shall file a copy of these statements with the Secretary, over his signature.

iv) file a copy of these statements also with the Auditor to the Federation, and shall submit for his examination, such books and records as the Auditor may require to effect an appropriate examination, and issue a Certificate in connection therewith.

(b) The Treasurer will also be responsible for developing, in conjunction with the President, an annual budget, to be presented by the President for approval to the Assembly of Governors within 1 month of the start of a new CFC administration. ”

1. “ Constitutional Amendment “: This amendment is considered a “ constitutional amendment “ under Bylaw # 3 of the CFC, section 3

Motion # 2010-11 – New Section of Bylaw 3, Duties of Officers, Section 8D– FIDE Representative

Moved: Hal Bond Seconded: Robert Armstrong

That there be added to Bylaw 3 , Duties of Officers, a new Section 8D dealing with “ FIDE Representative “, as follows:

FIDE Representative

8D. The FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs) Representative shall be an officer of the corporation and a member of the Executive, and shall:

- i) be the official liaison between the Chess Federation of Canada and FIDE;
- ii) be the FIDE Zone President for Canada
- iii) deal with matters relating to the FIDE Americas Continent;
- iv) if funding is available, at minimum, attend the annual FIDE Congresses;
- v) work with the Public Relations Coordinator in dealing with mainstream media on chess promotion as it relates to FIDE issues.

Motion 2010-12: (Moved/Seconded Eric Van Dusen / Maurice Smith) The Junior Participating Membership shall be stricken from the CFC Handbook.

Motion 2010-13: (Moved / Seconded Mark Bluvshstein / Bob Armstrong):

That CFC Handbook Section 8 on Canadian Championships be amended as follows:

1. Section 801 be deleted, except for the section reference, and the following substituted for it:
“ Canadian Championship and Canadian Zonal Tournament:

A Canadian Championship shall be held each year. But there can be substituted for it a Championship Tournament known as the "Canadian Zonal Championship Tournament", hereinafter referred to as the "Zonal Tournament", which shall normally be held in Canada to coincide with the FIDE World Championship cycle. The winner of the Zonal Tournament will be that year’s Canadian Champion. “

2. there be added before the words “ the Zonal tournament “ wherever they occur, the words “ the Canadian Championship or “in the following sections: 803. Players; 804. Provincial Champion (a) and (b); 805. Rating Requirements (a); 806. Additional Places; 807. Citizenship and Residency for Canadian Championship; 808. Entries;

3. that there be added to Section 803 on “ Players “ a subsection (h) as follows: (h) the Canadian Women’s Closed Champion;

4. Section 811 on “ Prize Fund “ be deleted and the following substituted for it:

811. (a) Each player will be responsible for paying his own entry fee, accommodation and meal expenses with the exception of the following:

(i) the Canadian Champion and Runner-Up shall have their entry fee, accommodation and meal expenses paid by the tournament organizers;

(ii) free entry shall be given to IM’s and GM’s;

(iii) free accommodation should be provided for GM’s;

(b) The organizers shall provide a prize fund; part of this obligation shall be to make a significant effort to find sponsors;

(c) For the Zonal Tournament, first prize shall be travel to the next round of the world championship cycle and a cash prize of at least 20% of the balance of the prize fund. With the exception of the travel prize, cash prizes will be shared by players in the same score group and not be subject to tie-break.

(d) Bidders for the Canadian Championships shall take into account in their bids this section 811 of section 8 of the Handbook, and if they intend to exempt themselves from any of the conditions herein, they shall clearly note such in their bids, so the CFC can determine whether such bids will be accepted.

5. Section 812 on “ Travel “ be amended by adding after the heading the words “ for the Zonal Tournament “;

Commentary::

Though this section of the Handbook is entitled Canadian Championships, it then goes on to only deal with the Canadian Zonal Championship Tournament. It should refer as well to the Canadian Championship in non-zonal years. Our amendments correct this deficiency.

We also feel that in the interest of promoting women’s chess in Canada, the Canadian Women’s Champion should be a player entitled to play in the Canadian Championships and we have added her into section 803.

The Canadian Closed Championships (both zonal and non-zonal) have lost some of their prestige in recent years. Many of the top Canadian players have not played in recent Canadian Championships. We hope that the quality and importance of the tournament comes back. We have provided some guidelines for what we believe to be a bare minimum for the Closed Championships, in an attempt to standardize and improve the event. We have made these conditions a part of the bidding process by organizers of the Closeds. First of all we have added to the Procedures that the Canadian Champion and Runner-up are entitled to preferential treatment, to accord with their positions in the Canadian chess community – to the current payment for them of their accommodation, we have added entry fee and meals.. In order to encourage Canadian GM’s and IM’s to attend, raising the quality of the Closeds, we have had the organizers give them free entry. And to recognize Canadian GM’s, of whom there are not many, we have added that the organizers must pay for their accommodation. We recognize that these expenses may be difficult to cover only through entry fees, so we have added that organizers must make significant efforts to obtain sponsorships, to help cover all tournament costs.

Motion 2010-14: (Moved / Seconded: Mark Bluvshstein / Bob Armstrong)

That CFC Handbook Section 9 on Important Events in Canada – Guidelines, Bids, be amended as follows:

2. Section 900 be deleted, except for the section reference, and the following substituted for it:

“ In evaluating bids for important events in Canada, a factor shall be whether the bidder has made every effort to provide:

(1) good playing conditions for the participants; and

(2) good viewing conditions for the spectators.

Consideration should be given to the following points:

(Note: original section drafted by : **Phil Haley**, International Arbiter, Member FIDE Rules Commission.) “

3. Section 904 shall be amended by adding at the start of the section the sentence:

“ A minimum of 3 demonstration boards should be provided for the top boards.”

4. Section 912 shall be amended by adding at the start of the section the sentence:

“ FIDE-approved pieces, boards and clocks should be provided by the organizers. “

5. Section 917 shall be amended by adding at the end the sentence:

“ Name cards should be made for all top players (all players in the Canadian Closed/Zonal tournament), with name, rating, title (if any) and province noted, and displayed at their board.”

6. Section 933. shall be added as follows:

For the Canadian Closed, whether or not a Zonal, round by round bulletins should be provided, either online or in print. These should include all the games from each round.

7. Section 934 shall be added as follows:

For the Canadian Closed, whether or not a Zonal, a tournament website should be created with a minimum of:

- A. Live transmission of a minimum of the 3 top boards.
- B. A players' list, and pairings and standings updated after each round.
- C. Photos of the players and the event.

Motion # 2010-15 - Amending Bylaw 2, Section 18 - Officers & Bylaw 3, Duties of Officers - Tournament Coordinator

Moved: Robert Armstrong Seconded: Mark Bluvshstein

1. That there be added to Bylaw 2, section 18, after the words “ the Junior Coordinator “, the words “ Tournament Coordinator “; and

2. That there be added to Bylaw 3 , Duties of Officers, a new Section 8A dealing with “ Tournament Coordinator “, as follows:

“ Tournament Coordinator

8A. (a) The Tournament Coordinator will help to develop and train tournament organizers and directors across the country.

(b) The Tournament Coordinator will be responsible for soliciting individuals to bid on and organize major tournaments in Canada, including, but not limited to:

The Canadian Open Championship
The Canadian Closed Championship

(c) The Tournament Coordinator shall have delegated to him/her by the Executive, their obligation under section 1201 of the Olympiad Regulations to appoint the Olympiad Coordinator. The Tournament Coordinator will then oversee and work with the Olympiad Coordinator re the National and Women's Olympiad Teams. "

Commentary:

This position is a valuable addition to the CFC, and is in line with the CFC's main obligation to promote chess in Canada; it also strengthens the CFC role with respect to elite chess. Organizers in the field need CFC support, and this support should be located within a non-Executive Officer position. Our bidding system for national championships is fragile, and in need of enhancement, which this does to some extent.

The new position must now be made an officer of the CFC, as a non-Executive Officer, by inserting it in the current Bylaw 2, section 18:

Bylaw # 2

18. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Federation shall be

the members of the Board of Directors;

the Masters Representative;

the Women's Co-ordinator;

the Junior Co-ordinator (note - by motion, the position of the rating auditor and junior coordinator (properly called now the Youth Coordinator) were switched - so the Youth Coordinator is now on the Board of Directors/Executive, and the rating auditor is now a non-Executive officer);

the Executive Director; and

any other general Officer who may be elected at the annual meeting of the Assembly or appointed as an Officer from the Assembly by the Board of Directors between the annual meeting at the Assembly. Upon the vacation from office of any officer between the annual meeting the President may fill the vacancy for the rest of the term by way of appointment.

The creation of a section number for the section in Bylaw 3 is technical, to make it integrate into the current Bylaw 3.

The CFC already has an Olympiad Coordinator. As to the Olympiad Coordinator, Section 12 of the CFC Handbook - The Olympiad Regulations, section 1201, states:

" 1201. The CFC Executive shall appoint an Olympiad Coordinator "

We think the proper way to handle this is to have the Executive delegate the responsibility for appointment of the Olympiad Coordinator to the Tournament Coordinator. Then under the Olympiad Regulations, the Tournament Coordinator will appoint the Olympiad Coordinator. It shall then be his responsibility to oversee and work with the Olympiad Coordinator. The issue here is that now some one person who is a non-Executive Officer, will be responsible for the Olympiad as a primary responsibility of theirs, and to support the Olympiad Coordinator.

Motion # 2010-16 - Amending Bylaw 3, Duties of Officers - Youth Coordinator

March 15, 2010

Moved: Robert Armstrong Seconded: Patrick McDonald

That there be added to Bylaw 3 , Duties of Officers, a new Section 8B dealing with “ Youth Coordinator “, as follows:

“ 8B. Youth Coordinator

The Youth Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating our participation in the World Junior Championship, the World Girls Championship, the WYCC, the Pan-American Junior and Youth Championships, the North American Junior and Youth Championships, the World Youth Chess Olympiad, and any other FIDE-related junior tournaments, and for finding organizers for the Canadian Junior Championship and the Canadian Youth Chess Championships, and for assisting the Provincial Junior Coordinators in finding organizers for the Youth Chess Championships, and any Regional Qualifier Youth Chess Championships.”

Motion # 2010-17 - Amending Bylaw 2, Section 18 - Officers & Bylaw 3, Duties of Officers – Public Relations Coordinator

April 10, 2010.

Moved: Robert Armstrong Seconded: Michael von Keitz

1. That there be added to Bylaw 2, section 18, after the words “ the Junior Coordinator “, the words “ Public Relations Coordinator “; and
2. That there be added to Bylaw 3 , Duties of Officers, a new Section 8C dealing with “ Public Relations Coordinator “, as follows:

“ 8C Public Relations Coordinator

8C. The Public Relations Coordinator will be responsible for promoting the image of the CFC and for promoting chess generally to the public. As such the Public Relations Coordinator will, among other things:

- work with chess clubs and organizers across Canada to raise the profile of the CFC and chess generally;
- work with the editor of the Canadian Chess News E-newsletter to develop content that is club specific;
- work with the Canadian Chess News editor and celebrity chess commentators to develop paid content that raises the profile of the e-newsletter and the CFC and chess generally.
- deal with mainstream media to promote significant chess news, such as Canadian Chess Champions, a new Canadian GM, major tournaments like the Can. Closed, Canadian Open, Can. Women’s Closed, CYCC, etc., the various benefits accruing from playing chess and other positive aspects of the chess culture.

Motion 2010-18 on Governors’ On-Line Meetings

Eric Van Dusen: I rule this motion out of order for the reasons given in my statement above

Moved: Bob Armstrong Seconded: Fred McKim

That there be implemented a Quarterly Governors’ On-line Meeting system, to replace the current GL voting system, by:

1. adding to [SECTION 2](#) of the Handbook – under Rules and Regulations, Article One, a section 22A – **Procedures for Governors’ On-Line Meetings**, as follows:

1. The Meeting

- (i) Meetings shall be held on the CFC Governors' Discussion Board.
- (ii) Meetings shall be held from the 1st to the 7th of every third month, beginning with the CFC AGM in July (whether that be a normal or on-line meeting). The meeting will start at 11:00 AM on the 1st, and conclude at 10:00 PM on the 7th (subject to a motion amendment extension). All times in this motion are Eastern Standard Time, and where relevant, Eastern Daylight Time.
- (iii) There shall be a quorum of 15 governors to constitute a meeting.
- (iv) Motions will be passed during meetings, and such meeting extensions as may be required due to amending motions.
- (v) The President, or someone designated by him/her as an alternate, shall chair the meeting.
- (vi) The Posting Secretary will post the agenda items to be dealt with.
- (vii) Proposed agenda items will be sent to the Secretary by 6:00 PM, two days before the start of the meeting. The Secretary will assemble these suggestions and forward them to the President. The President shall draw up the meeting final agenda (he may consult with the Secretary in doing this). The President shall publish the agenda as soon as possible, before the meeting.

2. The Role of the Chairperson

- (i) The Chair will decide on procedural matters such as motions of order, when to close agenda items, whether to add items to the agenda after the deadline, adjournment, etc..
- (ii) The President shall initially abstain on all motion votes. However, in case of a tie vote on motions or elections, s/he shall have the tie-breaking vote.

3. Role of the Posting Secretary

The Secretary, or his/her designated alternate, shall be made a Governors' Discussion Board Administrator. S/he shall post the meeting agenda, discussion threads and motion voting threads on the Governors' Discussion Board as follows:

- (i) Posting of Meeting Agenda – As soon as the Secretary can, s/he shall post the agenda on both the Governors' Discussion Board, and the members' CFC Chess Forum.
- (ii) Agenda Items – each agenda item shall be a new thread. The opening agenda item will be “ Those Present “, where governors will sign in. It will be a “ sticky “ so it remains at the top of the page. The second last agenda item will be “ New Business “. The Chair will instruct the Posting Secretary whether to open a new thread on “ New Business “ items proposed (i.e. whether there is sufficient meeting time left to deal with the item; etc..).
- (iii) Agenda Item Introductions – the Posting Secretary will post any preliminary introduction statement, giving relevant facts and issues, as the first post under agenda item headings. These will have been developed by the Secretary, in consultation with the agenda item proposer, in advance of the meeting.
- (iv) Motions – motions will be “ stickies “ at the top of the page, and will only be used for recording governor votes. No voting on motions can occur until after 9:00 PM on the 4th, to allow for initial discussion, and the filing of amending motions. After voting on motions has commenced, there can be no amending of the motion. Motions voting closes at 6:00 PM on the 7th. Discussion of motions will be under normal agenda item headings.
- (v) Amending Motions – motions to amend a tabled motion may be introduced up to 6:00 PM on the 3rd. A discussion thread for them shall be started. They shall be voted on by the normal motion vote closing time – 6:00 PM on the 7th. Once an amending motion is filed, the main motion sought to be amended shall be temporarily closed, pending the outcome of the amending motion.
- (vi) Motion Meeting-Extension – where a motion has been “ closed “ due to an amending motion, as soon after 6:00 PM on the 7th as possible, the Posting Secretary will reopen the motion, or if amended, start a new thread on voting on the amended motion. There will be no longer be a discussion thread for the unamended

motion nor a new one started for the amended motion. The meeting will then be extended to 6:00 PM on the 10th to vote on this motion(s) (and for no other business). Voting on this motion(s) shall be closed at 6:00 PM on the 10th.

4. Agenda Item Summary

At 9:00 AM on the 6th, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President, or the Posting Secretary if asked by the President, will post a summary of the agenda item discussion, setting out the critical points and the majority view, if any, on any controversial issue. S/he will propose what action might be taken on the agenda item, if any, in his/her opinion. Governors will have until 9:00 PM on the 7th to respond to the President's Summary,. Whether the President or Posting Secretary summarizes discussions during a meeting extension is optional.

5. Vote Results

As soon after the close of voting on motions as possible, the Posting Secretary will post the results of all motions, giving the names of governors and their vote, and confirm whether the motion passed or failed (e.g. whether constitutional amendments achieved the 2/3 majority needed, and 50% quorum for non-AGM constitutional amendments), on the Governors' Discussion Board and the members' CFC Chess Forum.

6. Meeting Minutes

Within 7 days of the close of the meeting, the Secretary shall prepare the Minutes of the governors' meeting, and they shall be posted on the Governors' Discussion Board, to allow for any corrections to be raised.. Notice by e-mail shall be sent to all governors once the Minutes are Posted. Governors shall have 3 days to post corrections or e-mail them to the Posting Secretary.

7. Governors' Letters

After 3 days, the Minutes, as corrected if necessary, shall then be immediately published in a Governors' Letter, to be posted immediately on the CFC Website. This may be combined with any other content the CFC Secretary wishes to publish at the same time. As well, the Governors' On-line Meetings, will replace the tradition of motions being discussed and voted on in Governors' Letters. Motions filed will now be for the next Governors' Meeting, unless dealt with by e-mail.

2. adding to Bylaw 3, Section 3 (a), after the words “ Annual Meeting “ whenever they occur, the words “ or Governors' On-line Meeting “

Commentary:

1. Constitutional Amendment:

This motion is a Constitutional amendment under Bylaw 3, section 3, since it is in part, an amendment of a Bylaw (the other part amends the Rules and Regulations). Therefore it must be passed with an enhanced 2/3 majority, with no quorum required if dealt with at the AGM..

2. Governors' Letters

The motion deals only with the immediate publication and posting of the Minutes of the meeting. However, by tradition, other Governors' Letters can continue to be issued from time to time, containing matters the executive/governors wish to convey to the membership, results of e-mail votes, etc... The Secretary will continue to suggest to the President a possible deadline for submissions to the next GL, and the President shall make the final decision. But the Governors' Letters will no longer deal in first and second discussion, and voting on motions. They may, if timing of them is right, publish motions, and any

commentary, filed for the agenda of the next upcoming governors' meeting, whether on-line or AGM.

3. On-line Meeting Procedures

These were tested in a “ trial “ Spring Quarterly Governors' On-line Meeting from April 8-14, 2010, and were found to work smoothly. They use the Governors' Discussion Board where all governors can attend. The meeting, since it lasts 1 week, is flexible, and allows governors to attend when they can within their regular schedules of work, family, etc.. Motions were smoothly dealt with. One issue arose in the trial meeting, and it has been resolved by making it clear now that the first 3 ½ days are, in part, for debate of motions, and bringing any amending motions. Once voting starts, no amendments will then be entertained.

4. Standards Applied to On-line Meeting re Constitutional Amendments

The on-line meeting is treated the same as the AGM – no quorum required for the constitutional amendment; 2/3 majority required.

General Comments from Governors: none received

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AGENDA FOR OUTGOING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
3. Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting
4. Reports:
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Past President
 - D. Secretary
 - E. FIDE Representative
 - F. Treasurer
 - G. Auditor
 - H. Office Manager
 - I. Rating Auditor
 - J. Junior Coordinator
 - K. Woman's Coordinator
 - L. Master Representative
 - M. Chess Foundation
 - N. Kalev Pugi Fund
 - O. National Appeals Committee
 - P. Canadian Correspondence Chess Association
5. Motions for Final Vote

2010-03	Governors-at-Large - Past CFC Presidents
2010-04	Non-voting Governors-at-Large
2010-05	Governor Activity Rule
2010-06	First-Time CFC Member Introductory Discount
2010-07	CYCC Qualifier
2010-09	Role of Vice-President
2010-11	Role of the Fide Representative
2010-12	Abolition of type "P" Membership class
2010-13	Canadian Championship Standards
2010-14	Important Canadian Tournament Standards
2010-15	Tournament Coordinator Position
2010-16	Youth Coordinator
2010-17	Public Relations Coordinator

6. Any other business
7. Adjournment

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AGENDA FOR INCOMING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

- 1) Registration of Proxies
- 2) Election of Governors from Provinces (Territories) without an Affiliated Provincial (Territorial) Association
 - a) Quebec
 - b) North West Territories
 - c) Nunavut Territory
 - d) Yukon Territory
- 3) Re-Registration of Proxies
- 4) Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
- 5) Election of Officers
 - a) Executive
 - i) President
 - ii) Vice-President
 - iii) Secretary
 - iv) Treasurer
 - v) FIDE Representative
 - vi) Junior Coordinator
 - b) Other Officers
 - i) Women's Coordinator
 - ii) Rating Officer
 - iii) Director of Fund Raising
 - iv) Director of Publicity
- 6) Appointment of Auditors
- 7) Appointment of Chess Foundation of Canada Trustees
- 8) Appointment of Committee Members
 - a) Kalev Pugi Fund
 - b) National Appeals Committee
 - c) Ethics Committee
- 9) Bids for 2011 events
- 10) 2011 Canadian Open
- 11) 2011 CYCC
- 12) 2011 Canadian Closed
- 13) 2011 Canadian Women's Closed
- 14) 2011 Canadian Junior
- 15) Any Other Bids
- 16) Any Other Business
- 17) Location and Time of 2011 AGM
- 18) Adjournment

Proxy Form

Annual General Meeting of the C.F.C. Toronto 2010

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a member of the **Outgoing Assembly** of Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada, hereby appoint
“ _____ ”

as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf in the same manner as I could if personally present at the Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto on the 12th and 13th of July 2010, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2010.

Witness _____ Signature of Governor _____

Instructions to Proxy:

Motions for Final Vote:

2010-03	Governors-at-Large - Past CFC Presidents	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-04	Non-voting Governors-at-Large	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-05	Governor Activity Rule	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-06	First-Time CFC Member Introductory Discount	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
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2010-09	Role of Vice-President	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-11	Role of the Fide Representative	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-12	Abolition of type "P" Membership class	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-13	Canadian Championship Standards	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
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2010-15	Tournament Coordinator Position	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-16	Youth Coordinator	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain
2010-17	Public Relations Coordinator	Vote: Yes	No	Abstain

Please note that motions 8, 10 and 18 have been ruled out of order by the President - therefore please do NOT vote on these.

2010-08	Role of President			
2010-10	Role of Treasurer			
2010-18	Online Governors' Meetings			

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Instructions to Proxy:

Nominate For: President _____
Vice-President _____
Treasurer _____
Secretary _____
FIDE Representative _____
Rating Auditor _____
Junior Coordinator _____
Women's Coordinator _____

Vote For: President _____
Vice-President _____
Treasurer _____
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