

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER NINE 2002-2003



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Introduction:

Keeping Governors Informed

Elections for new CFC Executive

I fully support the candidacies of Halldor Palsson, Lyle Craver and Maurice Smith. This trio would make a good basis for the next Executive.

WYCC 2008

Larry Bevand from the CMA submitted a preliminary Budget for this event. It is reproduced below together with my letter asking for further information. As you can appreciate, this is fairly serious for us, as the CFC has to submit and sign the official bid to FIDE.

World Youth Chess Festival Quebec - 2008

	Revenues
Lodging (1)	\$962,500
Food (3)	\$ 315,000
Souvenirs	\$ 18,000
Bulletin	\$ 23,000
Transportation	\$ 45,000
Federal Government	\$ 150,000
Provincial Government	\$ 150,000
Municipal Government	\$ 150,000
Private Companies	\$ 170,000
Chess & Math	\$ 200,000
Total Revenue	\$2,183,500

	Expenses
Preparation	\$ 100,000
Ceremonies	\$ 20,000
Supplies	\$ 13,000
Bulletin	\$ 7,000
Gifts	\$ 5,000
Human Resources	\$ 40,000
Transportation	\$ 25,000
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000
Hall Rental	\$ 60,000
Dignitaries	\$ 5,000
Lodging (2)	\$1,403,000
Food (4)	\$ 450,000
Souvenirs	\$ 10,000
Staff	\$ 40,000
Total Expenses	\$2,183,000

1, 700 parents and extra players=350 rooms x \$275/day (Surcharge of 350x\$56)
2, 582 players paid by organizers=291 rooms x \$219/day
3, 700 parents and extra players=700x10 days

x \$45(Surcharge 700x10x(\$20-\$10)
4, 582 players x 10 days x \$35

Lodging: A total of 1,282 people=641 rooms
X 10 nights @ \$219 = \$1,403,790

Food: A total of 1,282 people = 1,282 x 10 days
@ \$35 = \$448,700

Mr. Larry Bevand
Executive Director
CMA

Peter Stockhausen
President
CFC

June 23, 2003

Dear Larry,

Thank you for your proposed budget for the WYCC in Quebec City for 2008. Before we can submit this to the Governors of the CFC for a vote, we need the following information:

- Name and address of the actual organizing body.
- Names and functions of the Organizing Committee Members
- Dates of the Tournament
- Copies of letters from the Convention Centre and the Hotel(s) confirming the tentative bookings and rates and rates for room and food.
- Tax inclusion and treatment
- Financial Control system
- Schedule of Progress Reports on Fund Raising.

As I mentioned to you in my e-mail of March 23rd 2003, it would be really helpful for the Governors if you could use our bid and budget forms. I am attaching the forms, again, for your convenience. (You can also download the forms from the CFC website).

Glancing at the actual numbers I will question if there will be 350 parents willing to spend **\$365** for a double room including FAP, **per day**. I would think that unless you force the parents to stay in your chosen hotel at least most of the Canadian and US parents would shop for more cost effective accommodation. A "drop off" of only, say 20%, would create a shortfall of over \$250,000.

On the other hand you might consider running

your own "Housing Bureau", thus cutting out any travel agencies. I would suggest that the hotel(s) would be quite open to pay a 10% or even 15% commission on the room rate to you.

Best Regards

Peter Stockhausen

Cc Governor's Letter #9
Mr. Yves Charbonneau, President CMA
Mr. Stephane Beaudoin, President FQE
Mr. Gerry Litchfield, CFC Office

Kevin Spraggett's accusations

This is the last I have heard of it, posted on chesstalk. Since I have not committed any fraud, improprieties or unethical acts as Mr. Spraggett alleged earlier, I have not resigned. These totally unsubstantiated allegations by the Master's Representative are most unfortunate.

last chance to butt out...

by [kevinspraggett](#) on June 16, 2003, 1:03:32
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My report (which will officially be represented as the Master's Report to the AGM) will be made public and available by Friday of this week, in any form you wish (Electronic, hard copy, etc)

I offer Mr. Stockhausen until thursday at midnight to resign and avoid the public humiliation of having his mistakes aired.

My sources of information, in this report of 26 pages, are for the most part independent of the Executive's knowledge of the 'facts'

Mr. Stockhausen does not have access to these sources.

CFC President's Report **2002-2003**

Prior to last year's election I submitted to all of you a number of objectives that I promised to work on during the year. Here they are in no particular order:

Governor's Letters

We did not quite get to 12 issues per year, but we are at least at 9 per year, which is a 50% increase from the past. Also, the distribution is now almost entirely by e-mail.

Frankly, there was such a low participation rate by the 60+ Governors, on average less than 15% in each issue, that more GL's would have made little sense.

Business Office Communication

Particularly in the first six or seven months I communicated at least twice a week with Gerry Litchfield. And this turned out to work very well.

Financial Reporting

Following a year of \$33,000 loss this was of course absolute priority. The reporting and adherence to the budget worked very well. Gerry Litchfield and Les Bunning deserve great thanks for their efforts. 2002/2003 proved to be a turn around year. The details are all covered in the Treasurer's Report. Because our GOP was around \$25,000, we may recognize obsolete inventory and also expense Gerry Litchfield's well-deserved bonus in this fiscal year as opposed to next years, where it was budgeted.

Major Tournaments

We introduced a standardized Bid Form and Budget Form for all tournaments that are awarded by the CFC. This is a great tool for our organizers.

CYCC and Canadian Junior

We introduced and passed a motion that, once again, makes the CFC the principal organizer of those events. This also means that the CFC manages the finances of those events and any excess of income over expenses will only be used for junior and CYCC funding and NOT commingled with general revenues.

Internet Association

The association with ICC continues to the end of 2003 and the new Executive can open the process up for bidding for next year, provided it serves ICC notice 90 days prior to the expiry of the contract.

Canadian Closed/CYCC

This one we did not address, primarily because we have at least two more years before the next Closed is necessary. I still think we should switch, similarly to the USA, to a "mixed" Championship, but with 11 rounds rather than 9.

The same should be introduced for the CYCC,

especially now, as the female participation rate is approaching 40%. Something for the new Executive to ponder.

Executive Group

While we did not quite set formal objectives for each of us, we worked very well. The Secretary, the Treasurer, FIDE Representative and Junior Co-ordinator who have specific duties, worked very hard, and very smartly! They all were readily available whenever necessary. It was a pleasure to work with this entire Executive.

Sales Activities

While I did not get around myself to look at this situation, Les Bunning, who lives in Ottawa, spent a good amount of time looking at our office and sales situation.

Once again we are greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Belzberg for their tremendous financial support of the Canadian Olympic Team, which performed very well and did us all proud last year in Bled.

In addition Mr. Belzberg deserves our thanks as he contributed a lot of his time and effort, which went a long way in dealing with and diffusing of the inevitable "hot buttons" that develop in each Olympiad. This time the issues revolved around board order, board 3 and 4, before the Olympiad and some team line up issues in a few of the later rounds of the Olympiad.

In closing I thank all of you and especially Gerry Litchfield for your support and dedication. It made my job so much easier.

Peter Stockhausen

FIDE Representative's Message for GL #9:

The following is my report for the Annual Meeting.

I attended the General Assembly in Bled last November. Also I attended the Qualifications Commission, the Titles and Ratings Committee and the Continental Board Meetings. At the General Assembly, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov was reelected President and appears to be in firm control. Ignatius Leong who had previously announced he was running against Ilyumzhinov withdrew his candidacy and was appointed Vice President. Two others were appointed Vice Presidents. Now on the FIDE

Presidential Board we have a President, an Honorary President, a Deputy President, 6 Vice Presidents, 3 Honorary Vice Presidents, 4 Continental Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

FIDE is indeed a political organization, a veritable United Nations of chess. This is not as bad as it may sound. Each delegate does seem committed to the promotion of chess in their Country. However, delegates can have their own personal agendas, which can take priority in their minds over what maybe best overall for the chess world. Alliances often need to be formed to successfully achieve any new chess cause or policy. Alliances are not permanent and can be changed at any time. For example, at the Continental Board meeting, the United States was prepared to make a motion to separate the two Americas. The U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and Bahamas would be one Continent and Central America and South America as the other Continent. That would change the present situation of all one Continent. The reason for the change being primarily the heavy travel expenses between North and South America, plus the meetings in South America tend to be mostly in Spanish. Two different worlds really. I advised the U.S. that I would support their motion. However, William Kelleher the U.S. Delegate consulted with Jorge Vega the Continental President and then withdrew his motion. Mr. Kelleher told me that Mr. Vega had said that Mexico, all Central American Countries and all South American Countries would have voted against it. So the status quo remains. Therefore in FIDE's mind, from the top of Ellesmere Island in the Arctic Circle to Cape Horn at the bottom of South America is all one Continent.

Two topics of conversation at the General Assembly were drug testing and time controls. I spoke out against both. However, FIDE emphasizes that to be part of the regular Olympics we must first conform to their drug policies as in any other sport. Regarding the faster time controls, only the U.S. and Canada seemed that concerned about the faster time controls. Deputy Vice President Georgios Makropoulos stated that although there was some criticism at first, now everybody likes the faster time controls. Well I do not think so.

The unification process is going forward, although some problems keep arising.

Yasser Seirawan gave a long speech at the General Assembly about the process and how it was a great thing for chess. Then Garry Kasparov appeared and endorsed it saying that the World Championship now

belonged to FIDE. I believe that by next year we will have a single world champion. Expect snags along the way though.

The next Olympiad is set for October 2004 in Majorca, a Spanish resort island in the Mediterranean. Turin, Italy, site of the 2006 Olympic Games was awarded the Olympiad for that year.

Getting back to the Continental Chess Association, although the Americas remain one Continent, the U.S. and Canada still retain their Zonal tournaments. This was confirmed at both the Continental Board Meeting and the General Assembly. During this meeting I was thanked for revising the Continental Statutes and Financial Regulations. The revision was grammatical as the English translation from Spanish left a lot to be desired. Other items of note from that meeting. There will be a membership fee of \$100 minimum for each national federation. The Pan Am Youth Festival in 2004 will be in Cartagena, Columbia. A new event was endorsed. It will be the first North America Chess Championship for children and youth in the under 10, 12 and 14 categories. The event will be open to players from Bermuda, Canada, Mexico and the U.S. The first event will be in the U.S. next year. I mentioned that Canada would be interested in holding the event in 2005. We have to become more involved in these tournaments, to have any voice that matters in Continental and world chess. However, we must be sure we are able to first do it right. On any FIDE international tournament or meeting that we bid on, there must be full adequate funding outlined and a comprehensive report showing positive details of all the functions involved and how they will be handled.

If all goes well, then Canada and the CFC will be looked upon with new respect. However, if the proper preparation is not there, and the event is cancelled or is mired in problems, the reverse will be true. Therefore I propose that a CFC Governor attend the 2004 event to see how it is run and get an idea of the funding required.

Other than all of the above, I have been involved in getting International Arbiter Titles for Canadians and have recently submitted more applications. Hopefully if approved, this should give Canada a record number of IAs. I also communicated with FIDE to assist in getting IM and FM titles for our players. Also I contacted the FIDE office on occasion to clear up confusing FIDE Handbook rulings for our organizers.

Recently, Gerry Litchfield in our office has been contacting FIDE regarding various title applications and corrections to rating and spelling errors. The office has most of the backup information for these types of things. This is another of the many functions that Gerry performs. He is now achieving excellent results in his communications with FIDE, and I believe he deserves a lot of credit for this.

This sums up my report. FIDE will continue to operate and both delight and exasperate various parts of the chess world with its actions and decisions. I will again stand for nomination as FIDE Delegate and Zonal President. If elected, I will continue to voice opinions on Canada's behalf, work for Canadians on the world chess scene, and report back to our members on FIDE actions that affect them in the chess world.

Maurice Smith
CFC FIDE Delegate
Zonal President 2.2

Addendum: I am pleased to report to the Governors that we have received official notification from FIDE that the following Canadian players have received the FIDE Master title:

Rodulfo Alipayo
Andrew Ho
Marcel Milat
Andrew Peredun
Jura Ochkoos
John C. Yoos

Maurice Smith

CFC Treasurers report

Although we will record a significant profit this year the poor state of our finances has made it a difficult year for the federation. Following last year's loss of \$33,000, I reviewed all non-essential spending and made economies where possible. For example, we saved approximately \$600 by switching our fire insurance to another company. The biggest saving, however, has come from the willingness of our Business Manager, Gerry Litchfield to work alone for most of the year. This has meant some reduced service and certain projects that could not be done. We have now hired a part time employee to work with Gerry and should the governors accept my recommendations to reduce expenses and increase income then further hiring is in order. My recommendation is to change the structure of the

business office so that we have two part time non chess related employees who would do all of the day to day functions of the business office and then have a technical or executive director to handle all of the chess related matters. In this manner, with the inevitable turnover in staff we will not be as dependent on a single person as we are now.

During the past year our computer system was upgraded at a reasonable cost and we now have a computer programmer available to assist with upgrades on an ongoing basis. We continued with the services of the independent bookkeeper that was hired at the end of our last fiscal year. Her job is to balance the monthly statements so we can avoid the problems that occurred last year. It was not many years ago that we had \$50,000 in the bank. At one time this year we had less than \$5,000. One of our problems is that many of our expenses have increased gradually over the years but our income has not. It has been many years since we increased our membership fees or our rating fees. Our magazine now costs between \$9,000 & \$10,000 per issue.

Another of our problems is that we are assailed on all sides for money to fund a variety of projects including our ever-increasing International program. In particular, international participation for various youth age groups has been increasing with both Pan-American and World events for both boys and girls. We are now being asked to pay the way of our girls to international events the same as we pay for our boys. The problem is there are not as many girl participants as boys to finance these expenses. For example there were 22 players in last year's Canadian Junior, (19 boys 3 girls) from which the CFC retained \$1100 to fund the airfare to the World event. Due to the World Junior being held in Azerbaijan the cost of a single airfare was approximately \$2,300. The inevitable result is that if we wish to continue our policy of making these events self-financing we should either increase the entry fee for these events or reduce the prizes so that the winners incur some of the travel costs.

In order to increase our income the two obvious choices are to either increase our membership fees by \$5 or increase our rating fees by \$1. In the past when we increased our membership fees it resulted in a drop in membership. I appreciate that there are different points of view on what is best but my proposal is to increase rating fees to \$3. This should increase our income by at least \$8,000. My second proposal is to reduce the number of issues of our magazine to 4 per year and to expand our web site to

make available some of the articles and other information that are now published in our magazine. The resulting increase in income and savings in expenses should enable us to rebuild our cash reserves and stabilize our business office operation by returning to adequate staffing levels.

Two months ago I announced my intention to retire from the CFC executive. I will be 60 in a few years and it is time for new blood and new ideas. I had 'retired' 3 years ago but Peter Stockhausen persuaded me to serve again this year because of the financial problems we suffered last year. In order to do a competent job it became necessary for me to spend far more time on CFC matters this year than I had intended. Hopefully you will now allow me to retire permanently. Please indulge me while I review my involvement with the CFC.

30 years ago I was hired as the CFC's first business manager by President Kalev Pugi, himself a great contributor to the development of the CFC, whose bequest to the CFC established the 'Pugi fund' for developing chess players. The position was supposed to be a part time one and my tasks were to establish a business office, centralize the membership records, calculate the ratings and publish a magazine. The first issue of the magazine was published in November 1973. In 1974 we started selling books and equipment. In November 1975 the business manager's position became a full time job and I moved on to other challenges.

Since those early days the Chess federation has made considerable advances and I consider myself to have been privileged to have been involved in its progress. In 1977 we purchased our own premises in Ottawa. In 1978 the CFC future committee charted a path for the future evolution of the CFC. In the 25 years since that time the CFC has developed into a more mature organization and purchased its present headquarters in Ottawa in 1983. I have served on the CFC executive for a majority of those 25 years including 2 spells as CFC President totaling 4 years. I have a busy law practice and other recreational interests in addition to my beloved chess. I value the many friendships that I have made in the chess community over the years.

Good-bye and Thank you
Les Bunning

Secretary's Report:

The biggest single change from last year has been the

move from a bi-monthly Governors' Letter to a monthly Governors' Letter. While we did not achieve 12 GLs we did achieve 9 and quite a lot of business has been discussed.

With more GLs it has been clear that each GL has been smaller than previous year's but we have had a better forum for discussion among Governors. I would like to see more active participation next year among Governors and if re-elected am quite prepared to handle the workload even if each Governor contributes each issue.

I strongly favour the CFC Executive investigating the cost of hosting a message board similar to that currently operated by the Échecs & Math organization for discussion of matters of interest. I expect this would facilitate further the free flow of discussion amongst the Governors. Clearly there is a right price and a wrong price but assuming the cost is reasonably do-able I think we definitely should proceed in this direction. I know of several organizations locally that maintain such message boards that are much smaller than the CFC so I would be highly surprised if this is infeasible.

It should be noted that the percentage of Governors receiving their Governors' Letters by e-mail is now over 90%.

In addition to the Governors' Letter there is a large volume of CFC Executive related e-mail to handle and I agree with my predecessor Mr. Quiring that access to e-mail is pretty much a requirement for anyone seeking a position on the CFC Executive these days.

Lyle Craver

Results of Votes: None

New Motions:

Motion 2003-09: Moved (Les Bunning / Hugh Brodie) that the following be adopted as CFC policy and be incorporated in section 16 of the handbook

1606 UNRATED PLAYERS

- a) Where an unrated prize is advertised an unrated player cannot win more than the unrated prize unless he is competing in the Open or Top section of the tournament, unless the tournament advertising indicates otherwise.
- b) Where a tournament does not advertise an unrated

prize an unrated player may not win more than 50% of the 1st prize he is competing for unless he is competing in the open or top section of the tournament, unless the tournament advertising indicates otherwise.

- c) Unrated players are not eligible for non-cash prizes such as trophies etc except where
 - i) they are competing in the Open or Top section of a tournament, or
 - ii) the trophy or other non cash prize is intended for a non rated player or
 - iii) the tournament advertising indicates otherwise.

Motion 2003-10 Moved (Les Bunning/ Peter Stockhausen) The rating fee be increased to \$3 per player for events starting after Labour day 2003.

Motion 2003-11 Moved (Les Bunning / Peter Stockhausen) Effective September 2003 the number of Magazines be reduced to 4 per year and the CFC web site be used to publish some of the articles or other contents now published in the magazine

Discussion of Motions:

Motion 2003-06: Moved (Frarey / Palsson)

Be it so resolved that Handbook paragraph 711 be amended to read, " To be rated under the CFC Blitz (Speed) rating system the maximum game time must be at least 10 minutes but less 50 minutes."

Rating fee of 50 cents per player with a \$5.00 minimum.

Only electronic format submissions will be accepted. Which in turn will increase participation in the Chess Federation of Canada.

Ari Mendrinis: 2003-06 It is OK .

Lyle Craver: While sympathetic to the idea of rating Rapid events I am not willing to vote yes until we definitely hear from the Business Office that this is do-able with existing staff levels. We need to understand that a lot of Rapid Chess is currently being rated through the various chess servers who would be our main competition for this type of chess.

Neil Frarey: Fellow governors:

There has been over the last decade a rapid increase in the number of people playing both active and speed chess, thanks in large part to the Internet. Also, this increase is due to the popularity of these two forms of chess.

When the Chess Federation of Canada becomes involved in rating Blitz chess, it will offer not only to our members, but also to a vast segment of the Canadian chess community, the chance to participate with the Chess Federation of Canada.

The same rating program that we use for Regular and Active chess, can be applied to rate Blitz chess with no significant changes. And if there are changes to be made I have offered, public ally in En Passant vol.31, to financially contribute.

Why do I feel that we need to offer this service?

Well, not only will it bring long-term revenue to the CFC but also, it will give the greater chess community a chance to participate in the Chess Federation of Canada.

I have also found that there is a corporate interest in sponsoring Blitz chess. And, from the events that I have organized there has been great interest by television stations to cover such event.

And when you consider that all tournament submissions to the CFC must be done in electronic form only, therefore there will be no 'extra' work for the business office except to collect the rating fee. Plus, there exists a nation wide CFC Blitz chess community already involved in 'local ratings', offering a CFC Blitz chess rating system seems to be a natural addition to our rating structure.

Some day, not to far off, there could be a CFC Blitz Chess Championship perhaps held in tandem with the Canadian Open. What an event that would be!

Cheers,
Neil.

Motion 2003-07: Motion (Spraggett / Smith)

Replace the entire Section 12 of the CFC Handbook, Canadian Participation in the Chess Olympics with the following revision:

THE OLYMPIAD REGULATIONS

Article 1. Objectives

The CFC has as major objectives in participating at the Chess Olympiad:

- i. To finish as high as possible in the Olympiad**
- ii. To project a dignified and honourable image of Canada within FIDE and amongst the chess players of other countries.**

- iii. To provide a goal as an incentive for all categories of Canadian chess players, especially the younger players.**

- iv. To arouse the interest of the Canadian media as well as the general public.**

Article 2. National Team structure

1. The Canadian National Team shall be defined as having the following general structure:

- i. Head of Delegation**

- ii. Captain**

- iii. Technical Assistant(s)**

- iv. Players**

2. Head of Delegation

- The Head of Delegation shall represent the interests of the Canadian Chess Federation at the Olympiad and is answerable directly to the President of the CFC.**

- He/she shall act as a liaison between the Canadian National Team and the Olympiad organizers, and he/she is to especially concern him/her self with the day-to-day necessities of the team and other practical issues affecting its normal functioning.**

- He/she is responsible for maintaining a cohesive atmosphere on the team and should work very closely with the Captain to promote and safe guard team spirit. He/she is to ensure that each individual team member, in the course of exercising his/her responsibilities and duties, represents Canada with dignity and honour. He/she is charged with the task of resolving any personal dispute or misunderstanding that might arise on the National Team during the Olympiad.**

- To these ends he/she has wide discretionary authority and his/her decision in all matters is final.**

- He/she is charged with writing the official report on the representation of the National Team at the Olympiad.**

3. Captain

- The Captain's principal responsibility is to carry out the CFC's objective of finishing**

as high as is reasonably possible in the final classification of the Olympiad.

- The Captain is responsible for overseeing every aspect of the chess players' performance during the course of the Olympiad: daily team meetings, technical preparation, choosing the daily team line up, and team strategy.
- He/she is responsible for providing the leadership necessary to motivate the players to perform to their very best potential.
- The Captain is entirely responsible for deciding how many games each player will play. He/she is trusted to use his/her best judgement, and it is assumed that he/she will be impartial and fair, putting the interests of the CFC's principal objective before everything else. For example, any player who is clearly out of form should be benched for an indefinite number of rounds.
- The Captain should be able to spot potential trouble among the players, solve problems and try to smooth differences between the players of the team if they arise. He/she is to work very closely with the Head of Delegation to ensure a cohesive team atmosphere and excellent team spirit.
- The Captain is answerable directly to the Head of Delegation

4. Technical Assistant(s)

- He/she is to assist the Captain in carrying out his technical duties, such as helping prepare the players, analyze games, data base management, the collection of daily bulletins, etc.
- He/she is answerable directly to the Captain

5. Players

- Each player is a member of the Canadian National Team regardless of how many games he/she may be asked by the Captain to play.
- The players are to behave in a dignified and honourable fashion at all times, be it at the board or elsewhere.

- The players are required to eat their meals together, attend team meetings and attend preparation/training sessions.
- The players are to show respect for each other and for every other member of the National Team. A unified and cohesive team is in everybody's interest.
- Any dispute or misunderstanding that arises is to be brought immediately to the Captain's attention.
- The players are answerable to the Captain and the Head of Delegation.

Article 3. Selection Procedures

1. Basic principles

- While it is recognized that no selection process can be absolutely objective or can satisfy every critic, the selection procedures should in every instance try to be as transparent as is reasonably possible and in every instance serve the best interests of the CFC's objectives put forward in Article 1 .
- It is recognized that the 'best' team can never be chosen by hard and fast rules only, and that the inclusion of some subjectivity / independent judgement at certain pre-determined stages of the selection process is to be seen as a strengthening of the said process, and not a weakening.
- Participation on the Canadian National Team is an honour and a privilege, carrying with it concrete responsibilities and duties. Inclusion on the Canadian National Team is to be understood as acceptance by each individual of his/her responsibilities and duties, and will require that each individual sign a contract with the CFC recognizing the said responsibilities and duties.

2. Selection of the Head of Delegation

- The Head of Delegation shall be appointed by the President of the CFC.

3. Selection of the Captain

- The Captain shall be appointed by the Executive of the CFC.

4. Selection of the Technical Assistant(s)

- The Technical Assistant(s) shall be appointed by the Executive of the CFC.
- The expenses for the Technical Assistant(s) will be assumed by the Technical Assistant(s)

5. Selection of the players

i) Eligibility

Players are eligible to be considered for the team who fulfill all the following conditions:

- a) Be a Canadian Citizen or a landed immigrant in Canada and be a resident of Canada for the twelve-month period immediately preceding the Olympics. Exceptions may be made for persons who are temporarily resident abroad or for persons who are not citizens or landed immigrants but who have been a resident of Canada for the twelve month period immediately preceding the Olympics. Such exceptions will be at the discretion of the CFC Executive. They will only be made after the person involved has provided the CFC Business Office with a written and signed declaration that Canada is his or her primary national affiliation and that he or she will not play, or attempt to play, in the Closed Championship or on the Olympic team of any other country. [ref: Motion 84-23; GL, September 1983, p. 2-4]
- b) Be a member in good standing of the CFC and the affiliated provincial association in the province of residence (if one exists) at the time of mailing the declaration of intention to participate and for the previous 6 months.

ii) The players

- a) The Canadian National Team shall include 6 players
 - The winner of the most recent Canadian Closed and Zonal
 - Two players decided upon by the Selection Committee
 - The three highest rated players on the Selection Rating list

If any of the above declines the invitation to join the Canadian National Team then the replacement player will be chosen from the selection rating list outlined below

iii) Confirmation of participation

- All those players eligible for participating on the Canadian National Team must notify the CFC business office, in writing, not less than 90 days before the beginning of the Olympiad of their intention to participate if chosen
- The CFC shall notify successful applicants for the team as soon as possible by registered mail, probably 75 days before the start of the Olympiad, and present each with a contract to sign and then immediately return to the CFC office by registered mail
- Once all signed contracts will have been received by the CFC office, the official listing of the Canadian National Team will be put on the CFC web site.

Article 4. Selection Rating System

- **Eligible Ratings:** Only Established CFC Ratings will be considered in determining the Initial Ratings and the Selection Ratings.
- **Rating Lists:** The Initial Rating List is the last published rating list on the CFC Internet site 16 calendar months before the announced date by FIDE for the start of the Olympics. The Final Rating List is the last published rating list on the CFC Internet site 4 calendar months before the announced date by FIDE for the start of the Olympics.
- **Initial Rating:** The initial rating is the "new" rating from the most recent regular tournament cross-table rated before and including the initial rating list, provided that 12 CFC rated games have been played in regular tournaments during the 12 calendar month period before and including the initial rating list. If the required 12 games above have not been played then the initial rating is the "new" rating from the earliest regular tournament cross-table, in which the required 12th game was played, provided this regular tournament is rated after the initial rating list but before and including the final rating list.
- **Selection Rating:** The Selection Rating is the highest of the Initial Rating and all

the "new" ratings from the regular tournament cross-tables rated after the regular tournament cross-table that determines the initial rating for the player but before and including the final rating list.

- **The Selection Rating List:** The interim selection rating list shall be published on the CFC Internet Site after each rating update during the period between the initial rating list and the final rating list, provided the dates of the Olympiad are known. The final selection rating list shall be published on CFC Internet Site and in the Magazine.

Article 5. The Selection Committee

- This committee of two well known and respected individuals shall be chosen by the Executive of the CFC of the year of the Olympiad in question
- It is assumed that both of these individuals will be of at least master strength and have in-depth knowledge of the Canadian chess community
- To avoid any conflict of interest, neither member of this committee can become part of the Canadian National Team for the Olympiad in question
- This Committee is charged with selecting, using its best judgement, two candidates—approximately between the ages of 15 and 35-- who do not qualify by rating for the National Team in question.
- It is assumed that both candidates selected by the Selection Committee are master strength players and that not only will each be able to make a concrete contribution to the National Team but that the experience each will gain this time around will be beneficial for the development of future Canadian teams.

Article 6. Board Order

- The official board order shall be decided upon by the Captain.
- While there should be no hard and fast rules for choosing the board order, the official board order should embody the

spirit of the principal objectives of the CFC outlined in article 1.

Article 7. Financial matters

- The CFC should actively seek sponsorship for the Canadian National Team
- In the absence of any corporate sponsorship the CFC will pay the travel expenses of at least five players of the National Team. The sixth player is optional depending upon the state of the CFC's finances.
- When possible the CFC should give pocket money to each player (Currently the CFC allows for \$200 per member of the National Team)
- The terms of sponsorship that directly involve the players as well as the awarding of any other money that the players are to receive while participating on the Canadian National Team shall be written into each player's individual contract.
- When finances do not permit sending a Head of Delegation, then his responsibilities and duties will be assumed by the Captain.
- When finances do not permit sending a non-playing Captain, then one of the players will be chosen by the Executive of the CFC to assume these responsibilities and duties.

Article 8. Miscellaneous

- Once all the contracts have been signed with the members of the National Team and the CFC website will have published the official line up, then it will be considered that the Selection Procedures in Article 3 have been properly followed and that the selection process has formally come to an end.
- Should any withdrawal(s) from the Canadian National Team take place after that date, then the Executive of the CFC will have discretionary powers to choose the replacement(s).

Article 9: THE WOMEN'S TEAM

- When finances permit, the CFC will send a women's team

- **The Women's Team shall be comprised of 3 or 4 female players. One shall be the winner of the most recent Canadian Women's Zonal, one female player shall be chosen by the Selection Committee with the remaining player(s) to be the highest rated female players from the selection rating list as outlined above. If a player declines after selection, the replacement female player shall be filled from the selection rating list.**
- **The CFC will appoint someone to be captain of the Women's Team and his/her duties and responsibilities will be similar to the captain of the National Team.**
- **It is recommended that each member of the Women's Team also sign a contract with the CFC**
- **Each member of the Women's Team will receive \$100 from the CFC**

Ari Mendrinis: 2003-07 it seems that the new proposals are very much acceptable. Therefore let's modify the old chess laws.

Motion 2003-08: Motion (Frarey / Van Dusen) to amend motion 2003-07 as follows:

Amendments: Van Dusen/Frarey.

Amendment 01

In reference to Article 2, "National team structure", Paragraph 2, "Head of Delegation", Bullet 1 be amended to read: "The Head of Delegation shall represent the interest of the Chess Federation of Canada at the Olympiad and is answerable to the Executive of the CFC."

Amendment 02

In reference to Article 3, "Selection Procedures", Paragraph 2, "Selection of the Head of Delegation" be amended to read: "The Head of Delegation shall be appointed by the Executive of the CFC."

Amendment 03

Revisions shall be made to Section 12 to reflect that the phrase 'National Team' refers to both: a) the Men's team, and b) the Women's team.

As the motion presently reads, any and all uses of the term 'National Team' be amended to 'Men's Team'; with the exception when BOTH the Men's Team and Women's Team are referenced, then the term, 'National Team' shall be used.

For example:

Article 2. National team structure, amended to, Article 2. Men's team structure.

Therefore in Article 2. Head of Delegation, Paragraph 2,3, and 5, the term National Team would be acceptably used with reference to our amendment. In Article 3. Selection Procedures., point 5. Selection of the players., ii) The Canadian National Team shall include 6 players, should be amended to read, "ii) The Men's Team ..."

Therefore in Article 9. The Women's Team, paragraph 3, should be amended to "...similar to the captain of the Men's Team." ...etc...

Ari Mendrinis: 2003-08: I agree with Kevin that the National Team could be open to both Male and Female players. e.g. Judit Polgar plays with (Men's Team) the National Team of Hungary

Maurice Smith:

a} Having been involved with last minute problems regarding the Olympic teams, I can safely say that sometimes these matters are of an urgent nature. The President should be able to make an immediate decision to resolve these matters whether they involve the Head of Delegation or the Captain. Having to consult with each member of the Executive would only delay things and could result in further problems. I believe that when problems require immediate attention, our President should be allowed to use his discretionary power. Of course, the Executive should be notified of any decision that was made.

b} If the "mens" team had to be composed of just men, and the "womens" team of just women, then I might agree with the amendment. However, it is possible for women to play on the "mens" team. Therefore if both sexes are allowed, and the team represents the best players in the Country regardless of gender, then it truly is a "National" team.

General Comments from Governors:

Les Bunning: Halldor Pallson is running for President this year and I urge governors to vote for him. Halldor has served on the CFC executive in the

past and has a good grasp of the problems that the CFC faces. I have discussed the CFC's problems at length with Halldor and believe that he has the experience and professional outlook required to make a good president.

Les Bunning: A motion was passed at last year's annual meeting but the actual wording was not properly recorded in the minutes. It appears in the other matters section of the outgoing board.

Part of the agenda for this year's annual meeting will be approval of minutes of last year's annual meeting. Could you please add the following correct wording of this motion as a correction to the minutes of the last annual meeting? This way it will get recorded in the minutes of the next annual meeting and in due course make its way into the handbook. The correct wording as passed at last years annual meeting is as follows:-

Moved (Les Bunning/ Gordon Taylor) The CFC will not advertise and/or rate a tournament which competes with another event in the same province when the provincial association for that province requests the CFC in writing not to advertise and/ or rate that tournament.

Halldor P. Palsson: I am once again seeking election as CFC President. I am running on my record for getting things done on the CFC Executive. I have in the recent past served as both CFC Secretary and Vice President.

My priorities in office will be:

- 1) To prudently manage the finances of the CFC.
- 2) To build up the CFC's ability to attract members and train volunteers. The CFC will certify tournament directors again.

- 3) To have the CFC and its Provincial Affiliates continue to organize the CYCC. To run all CFC youth programs on a break-even basis.
- 4) To spend \$2,000 of CFC funds per year on the Canadian Championship & Zonal. The CFC will not accept bids from organizers that do not fundraise at least \$2,000 for the prize fund.
- 5) To increase the use of the Internet for CFC rated tournaments.

Personal Background. I have an undergraduate degree in business administration, MA & Ph.D. in Economics. I am senior competition law officer and economist at the Competition Bureau, Industry Canada. I am married with a daughter 23 in university and a son 13 in competitive hockey.

Motions for Final Vote: (please record your vote on the attached proxy forms)
Motion 2003-06 (Blitz Chess):

Motion 2003-07 (Olympic Team)

Motion 2003-08 (Amendments to 2003-07)

Motions for First Discussion

Motion 2003-09 (Unrated Players)

Motions for Second Discussion

**Deadline for submissions to Governors' Letter:
June 30th, 2003**

2003 Annual Meeting of the CFC
July 14th to July 16th, 2003
Kapuskasing, Ont.

AGENDA FOR OUTGOING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
3. Minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting
4. Reports:
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Past President
 - D. Secretary
 - E. FIDE Representative
 - F. Treasurer
 - G. Rating Auditor
 - H. Junior Coordinator
 - I. Women's Coordinator
 - J. Masters' Representative
 - K. Auditor's Report
 - L. Office Manager
 - M. Chess Foundation
 - N. Kalev Pugi Fund
 - O. National Appeals Committee
 - P. Canadian Correspondence Chess Association
 - Q. Canadian Youth Chess Championship
5. Motions
6. Any other business
7. Decision of the Assembly as to a Donation to the Chess Foundation of Canada

2003 Annual Meeting of the CFC

July 14th to July 16th, 2003

Kapuskasing, Ont.

AGENDA FOR INCOMING ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS

1. Registration of Proxies
2. Election of Governors from Provinces (Territories) without an Affiliated Provincial (Territorial) Association
 - A. North West Territories (1)
 - B. Nunavut Territory (1)
 - C. Quebec (3)
 - D. Yukon Territory (1)
3. Re-Registration of Proxies
4. Introduction and Opening Comments from the Chair
5. Election of Officers
 - i) Board of Directors
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
 - E. FIDE Representative
 - F. Junior Coordinator
 - ii) Officers not on the Board of Directors
 - A. Masters' Representative
 - B. Women's Coordinator
 - C. Rating Auditor
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
9. Bids for 2004 and later events
 - A. 2004 Canadian Open
 - B. 2004 Canadian Youth (U10, U12, U14, U16, U18)
 - C. 2004 Canadian Closed and Zonal
 - D. 2004 Canadian Women's Closed
 - E. 2004 Canadian U20 (Junior)
10. Any other business
11. Location and time of 2004 AGM
12. Adjournment

Proxy Form

Annual Meeting of the C.F.C. Kapuskasing 2003

I, _____ of _____,
a member of the **Incoming Assembly** of Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada, hereby appoint
“ _____ ”
as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf in the same manner as I could if personally present at the Annual Meeting to be held in Kapuskasing on the 14th to 16th of July, 2003, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2003.

Witness _____ Signature of Governor _____

Instructions to Proxy

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

Instructions to Proxy:

Please note any additional instructions to the proxy on the back of this page.

Proxy Form

Annual Meeting of the C.F.C. Kapuskasing 2003

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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 Kapuskasing on the 14th to 16th of July, 2003, or at any adjournment thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2003.

Witness _____ Signature of Governor _____

Instructions to Proxy:

Motions for Vote

Motion 2003-06: Moved (Frarey / Palsson)

Be it so resolved that Handbook paragraph 711 be amended to read, " To be rated under the CFC Blitz (Speed) rating system the maximum game time must be at least 10 minutes but less 50 minutes."

Rating fee of 50 cents per player with a \$5.00 minimum.

Only electronic format submissions will be accepted.
Which in turn will increase participation in the Chess Federation of Canada.

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

(Note: Motion 2003-08 is an amendment to Motion 2003-07 and thus must be voted on first. Please note that you are being asked to vote separately on motion 2003-07 based on whether Motion 2003-08 is passed. Based on the result of Motion 2003-08 your vote on Motion 2003-07 may or may not differ.)

Motion 2003-08. Amend (**Van Dusen/Frarey**) motion 2003-07 with the revised version as shown in 2002-03 GL#9

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

Motion 2003-07 (Spraggett/Smith) Replace the entire Section 12 (Canadian Participation in the Olympics) of the CFC Handbook with the revised version as shown in 2002-03 GL #9.

If the amendments in Motion 2003-08 are carried cast my vote as follows:

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

If the amendments in Motion 2003-08 are defeated cast my vote as follows:

YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN _____

Please note any additional instructions to the proxy on the back of this page.