

**CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
GOVERNORS' LETTER TWO
2010-2011**



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Deadline for submissions to GL#3 is Friday, November 26, 2010

President's Message

The first official Governors' online meeting is now behind us. The exercise demonstrated that we need to work out a few bugs, some procedural issues regarding handling motion amendments, issues involving voting (secret/public), and a few others, but IMHO, the meeting was an great success. We had 42 governors in attendance, a number thought unattainable a few years ago. We are working on a few tweaks before the next meeting in January.

I will keep my comments short, but not for lack of material. A quick summary here by me would not do the subject matter justice. The CFC Executives are currently tackling numerous files along with strong involvement from Governors and volunteers. The evidence can be found in the archived online meetings. I recommend that Governors review them as well as the GL reports, and to visit the Governors forum on a regular basis between quarterly meetings.

We had a good response from our Website RFP. The bids are under review by the Executive and several computer savvy members. Treasurer Fred McKim is leading the review team. The Governors will be receiving a report shortly.

How about our Olympians! We are so proud. Both teams achieved excellent results. Special mention must go to Thomas Roussel-Roozmon for his GM title and Mark Bluvshstein for his win over Veselin Topolov.

Cheers,

Robert Gillanders
CFC President
October 19, 2010

Message from the Secretary:

For me this is an exciting Governors' Letter as there are THREE major items included. First the minutes of the October Online Governors Meeting (see Appendix 1), second Hal's report from the FIDE Congress and lastly the second quarter financials.

This GL is light on motions which is to be expected given it follows on the heels of an Online meeting.

During the Online meeting I received e-mails requesting access to the Forum. Only Chris Mallon (forum administrator) has the authority to open new accounts but here's how you go about it:

1. Visit <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/register.php> and create an account. Make sure to use a valid email address.
2. You will receive an automated email to confirm your email address. You must click on

a link in this email to partially activate your account.

3. Send an email to cmallon@chess.ca indicating that you have registered and that you require Governor level access.

If you have any trouble with any of this, contact Chris directly: cmallon@chess.ca

It has been suggested that in light of the fact we are expecting motions for the January Online meeting that will require 30 days advance notice that we delay the January meeting to the week of January 10th to avoid having to set up the meeting during the week of Christmas.

What is the opinion of the Governors on this?

Treasurer's Report

Most of my recent efforts have focussed around getting a new web site in place. As of today (Oct 30, 2010) I have started a debate of the Governors Forum, that I'm hoping will lead to a quick consensus.

With the price increase, it will almost certainly take extra time to get the site up and running. I am now anticipating we can be ready for the end of January.

I have copied the following these two pieces from the discussion board as my introductory remarks to the debate (for the record).

Post 1

Thanks for the intro, Bob.

We have been working on this project since August. As we got into the bidding comparisons, Bob felt that I could handle the job of taking this project on. While no web site expert, I have written rudimentary chess sites for the past 15 years, and have worked in the IT industry since receiving my CS degree in 1981.

The past month has seen a flurry of activity, as I have activated a number of IT volunteers (Chris Mallon, Garland Best, Steve Karpik, Chris Felix, and Anthony Howarth) to rank and talk about the quality of the bids we received. What became clear is that what we expected to receive for \$9000 capital cost (what we allowed for in the approved 2010/11 operating budget (depreciation figure of \$1500)) just wasn't going to cut it.

The experts all agreed with this.... the vendors were very consistent in prices... What we do need, comes in at double this previously talked about price.

While this may seem like a high figure, I have to remind you that last year the Executive was able to put CCN forward, at more than double the initial cost (!), for

an annual cost of \$18,000, and the Governors had no say that I'm aware of. Doing this, gave this year's Executive very little flexibility in the budget we could set. We are offering a chance for you to weigh in on this budget item now, by expressing any concerns you might have about the web site project.

We could go back and point fingers as to who should have known we were so far out of line in our estimates, but what point would that serve.

Our plan in future years is to have a budget item for ongoing web site costs (mostly depreciation) and media content, whether this be a PDF e-mailed CCN or a revised CCN that would be on the web site (members only area). In either case, that amount would be approximately \$20,000. Should our memberships and/or sales increase that gives us the opportunity to increase content and or web features.

I am going to follow this note up with some specific features we are planning to have on the new web site.

Post 2

Despite presenting a balanced budget two months ago, I think we realize that we are very close member wise to having to reduce the number of issues of CCN (as this is our truly discretionary budget item).

Yes, we hope the membership campaign will take off, but it was always intended to take off in conjunction with the new web site. How can you even contemplating putting a picture of the present web site on a brochure, with a straight face ?

Where were the headlines on our website about our success stories from this week in Greece or what about Mark's results in Corsica. These things are a must. A dynamic web site is necessary. Our present website has become a static list of links - we don't even have news on the main page.

- 1) TD's can send SwissSys events and have these updated immediately.
- 2) All kinds of searching and reporting available on the new and improved database. This can be used for marketing analysis or rating analysis.
- 3) CFC GM / IM profile section. Profiles of new players like Jason Chao can appear over night.
- 4) Game browser.
- 5) Open source CMS will allow new features to be built on over the years. Right now we are afraid to touch the code for fear of breaking the whole web site.

- 6) Blogs by all sorts of people (TD's, organizers, columnists, players, etc).
- 7) Members only section. We would have to be careful as to what we place in this section, as we need to give our members something for their contribution to the CFC.
- 8) Improved Security, so breaches like last years google fiasco doesn't happen again.
- 9) Content will be changing on a more frequent basis, will promote users to return.
- 10) Advertising possibilities.
- 11) Mobile version being built for Ipod, Blackberry and Android for ratings and membership, etc.
- 12) Can conduct online polls with members and or customers.
- 13) Can provide a forum for newsletter content, where there is no limit to user supplied content. So for example the things that I read might be completely different from the things you read. A dynamic modern news format as opposed to the present monthly essentially linear news format where content is restricted by space limitations.
- 14) Customized brochures could be hand printed by organizers.
- 15) Automated e-mails sent out to expiring members.
- 16) Automated e-mails sent out to players who have tournament upcoming in their area, etc.

Youth Coordinator Report

Dear chess friends,

Thank you for participating in the Governors Online Meeting!

During the Meeting we discussed several important issues, and I would like to summarize discussions related to Canadian Youth Chess:

1) The CFC Youth Program Operation:

The Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) is the main qualifying event for all International Youth competition, as defined by Motion 2010-07, passed at the 2010 AGM.

Additional clarifications were needed regarding selection of players for World Youth Chess Championship (WYCC).

After discussion was decided:

Canadian Champions in 12 age/gender categories are official Canadian representatives at the WYCC.

If a Champion can't participate at the WYCC, the highest CYCC finisher who accepts the invitation will be the official Canadian representative.

Additional players could participate at the WYCC at their own expense.

The criteria employed for additional players selection are:

1. Finish 2nd or 3rd at CYCC,
2. At the discretion of CFC Executive/Youth Committee.

2) Provincial YCC Qualifiers to the 2011 CYCC:

According to Motion 2009-13 passed at the 2009 AGM in Edmonton:

In the CYCC could participate only following players:

- the qualifiers from that years YCC's,
- the qualifiers from the CYCC to the WYCC of the previous year,
- the highest rating of each age category (open and female) of each province (as of May 1st prior to the CYCC),
- three players for each category nominated by the host organizer.

Guidelines for YCC qualifiers for CYCC:

CFC Agrees to:

- send 36 medals (3 medals for each of the 12 sections),
- send 36 certificates for the winners,
- send 1 CFC Organizers shirt,
- send one sack (16 pieces) of key chains as small door prizes,
- rate the tournament upon payment of dues.

Organizer Agrees to:

- mention CFC in media and publicity,
- rate the tournament CFC,
- pay dues after the tournament.

Fee structure between CFC and Organizer :

After the tournament the organizer sends \$6 per participant to the CFC Youth Program but must send a minimum \$200 and only to a maximum of \$400.

If the tournament is submitted electronically using Swiss Sys there is no additional rating fee. If the submission is other than electronic Swiss Sys then organizers must pay \$1 per player above the series dues.

EXAMPLE OF COSTS

Players	\$ per player	\$ to CFC Youth Program	
		With Swiss Sys	w/o Swiss Sys, add
30	\$6	\$200	\$200 + \$30
40	\$6	\$240	\$240 + \$40
60	\$6	\$360	\$360 + \$60

105 \$6 \$400 \$400 + \$105

Sections:

U8 Open and Girls
U10 Open and Girls
U12 Open and Girls
U14 Open and Girls
U16 Open and Girls
U18 Open and Girls

Age is determined as of Dec 31st 2010, for the 2011 series.

Organizers may combine sections depending upon the number of participants or tradition in their region. This may be Girls and Open sections together or more than one Open and Girls sections combined as necessary for the pairing. Each of the 12 sections may have the first three places as winners of medals, certificates and invitations to the CYCC 2011. The format is a 5 round Swiss (RR as required). There are advantages to having 90 min + 30 sec increment time control to prepare the players for the CYCC, but tradition or regional needs may go with a shorter time control i.e. 30 min/game to accommodate a one day tournament.

Suggested Fee Structure/Prize Fund:

Prize Fund is up to the organizers and depends upon costs incurred for tournament site. This is meant as a guideline to help new organizers plan.

\$20-\$30 per player should be for CYCC registration of top players (60 players x \$20= \$1200 or \$100 towards 12 sections 1st place CYCC Entry Fee: 60 x \$30 = \$1800 or \$150 toward CYCC EF) if there are fewer than 60 players this is difficult.

\$6 per player for CFC Youth Program.

So Entry Fee should be \$26- \$36+ expenses and any organizer 's share, which makes it a \$45- \$70 Entry Fee.

Once the winners have confirmed and registered participation at the CYCC, the CFC Youth Coordinator will facilitate payment from YCC organizers to CYCC organizer.

Pairing with Swiss Sys:

Swiss Sys Pairing program is provided free of charge to organizers of a CFC rated event and using Swiss Sys will cut costs when submitting the results for rating.

Here is the URL for the procedure to get a copy of Swiss Sys for a tournament.

<http://www.chess.ca/swissys.htm>

Good tournament conditions:

First and Foremost: the organizers and the participants should have fun.

The most important conditions for the players include quiet, good air quality and good lighting. Parents need a place to be able to congregate without disrupting play and should be separated from the players. This is much better for players, Tournament Directors and the parents.

For more detailed descriptions of good tournament conditions please see

http://www.chess.ca/section_9.htm

Thanks to Ellen Nadeau for preparing these Guidelines!

I would like to ask all Governors and Provincial organizations to encourage local chess organizers to have at least one YCC qualifier in every Province to facilitate local youth chess and qualify best local players for Canadian Championship.

In conclusion, I would like to inform you about great success at the World Youth Chess Championship 2010 just concluded in Porto Carras resort in Halkidiki, Greece:

For the first time since Jeff Sarwer Canada has its own World Champion – Jason Cao from Victoria, BC!

Jason scored 9 points in 11 games and won Gold medal in Open Under 10 section!

In general, whole Canadian team showed very respectable results:

Surname	Name	Category	Points	Place	Players
Doknjas	Joshua	Open U08	6.5	32	124
Bellissimo	Joseph F	Open U10	6	51	155
Cao	Jason	Open U10	9	1	155
Zhang	Yuanchen	Open U10	5	92	155
Doknjas	John	Open U12	5	94	156
Plotkin	Mark	Open U12	5	96	156
Song	Edward	Open U12	5	91	156
Song	Guannan Terry	Open U12	6	60	156
Sohal	Tanraj	Open U14	4.5	90	128
Itkin	David	Open U14	5	79	128
Sapozhnikov	Roman	Open U16	6	48	139
Xiong	Jerry	Open U16	6	55	139
Birarov	Nicole	Girls U08	5.5	38	80
Botez	Andrea	Girls U08	6.5	25	80
Bai	Minya	Girls U10	5.5	56	104
Peng	Janet	Girls U10	6	45	104
Wang	Kelly	Girls U10	6	35	104
Peng	Jackie	Girls U12	7	12	116
Giblon	Melissa	Girls U12	4.5	90	116
Kalaydina	Regina Veronicka	Girls U14	6	31	98
Giblon	Rebecca	Girls U14	4.5	75	98
Botez	Alexandra	Girls U16	5	63	96
Yang	Marguerite	Girls U18	3.5	68	72
		Total:	129		

Thanks to the Team Coach Vladimir Birarov and Head of Delegation Andrei Botez for the work well done!

Please see more information and great pictures by Andrew Giblon and Victoria Doknjas on the Canadian Team blog:

<http://wycc2010.blogspot.com/>

Congratulations to the World Champion Jason Cao and whole Canadian Team!

One more important event on the horizon - World Youth Under-16 Chess Olympiad:
<http://wyco2010.tsf.org.tr/>

The Turkish Chess Federation (TCF) will organise the World Youth Under-16 Chess Olympiad 2010 in Burdur, Turkey from 26 November (Arrival) to 05 December (Departure).

The first Canadian Team in the history of Youth Chess Olympiads is confirmed!

The complete Team is:

Nikita Kraiouchkine,
Konstantin Semianiuk,
Mike Ivanov,
Simon Gladstone.

The Team Captain Gary Gladstone has registered the team and clarified all details of the trip to Turkey.

Best of luck to Canadian Youth Chess Olympiad Team!

Michael Barron
CFC Youth Coordinator
October 30, 2010

FIDE Representative's Report

FIDE Report – Khanty Mansiysk 2010-10-10

The 81st FIDE Congress and General Assembly was held in Khanty Mansiysk, during the 39 Chess Olympiad. This was an election year and also the year in which the 2014 Olympiad bids were voted upon.

As you probably know by now, the Presidential Election between the incumbent Kirsan Ilyumzhinov and the former World Champion Anatoly Karpov resulted in a decisive victory for Ilyumzhinov. The final vote was 95-55. In the days leading up to the Olympiad Karpov appeared to have some momentum, offering to waive Federation member fees and watching the chaos resulting from charter flight switches and rumoured lack of readiness in the Ugra Okrug.

As it turned out, the hotels were ready and the Organizers were willing to compensate Federations who were out of pocket due to charter resched's. (Canada has its money.) About 2 days prior to the election, news of Karpov's unsuccessful court case also became known. Karpov's team took FIDE to sports court (the CAS in Switzerland) for not following their statutes. In particular, they attacked the eligibility of Ilyumzhinov for President and Beatriz Marinello as VP. At that time, FIDE's legal costs were in the order of 600,000 Euros and expected to reach 1,000,000. Karpov's legal bill's, according to unofficial reports, were in the neighbourhood of \$2,000,000, but provided pro bono.

I decided to stand for one of 3 elected Vice President positions. At the time of this writing there are 168 member Federations in FIDE. Africa has 34, Americas 35, Asia 47 and Europe 52. I was able to secure the support of FIDE America in advance. Each candidate was given 5 minutes in which to present themselves. In my speech I went against the grain of chess in the developing world, and discussed the prospect of “chess in the west”, which is an often heard battle cry but nothing more. My point was that chess competes with many more activities in the west and it will not achieve more prominence without a concerted effort, including some by FIDE. A few Delegates from Europe and Asia indicated that they voted for me because I raised this point, but in the end the agreement reached by Asia and Africa was too powerful. Their candidates swept into office. The Elected VP’s are: D V Sundar (India), Mohammad Jafar Kambuzia (Iran) and Nizar Ali Elhaj (Libya).

If I am still involved in 2014 I intend to try again, and won’t leave it until the last minute!

The calendar of FIDE events is facing some other amendments. News of Magnus Carlsen’s withdrawal from the current cycle is most disappointing. The 2011 Candidates matches, which will ultimately produce Anand’s next challenger, were moved from Azerbaijan to Russia, loosely scheduled between March and May. This was a positive development because the ongoing conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan was making it difficult to accommodate Levon Aronian. The Azeris will retain their host nominee. The participants will now be:

1. Veselin Topalov
2. Alexander Grischuk
3. Vladimir Kramnik
4. Levon Aronian
5. Boris Gelfand
6. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov
7. Teimour Radjabov
8. Gata Kamsky

World Cup in 2011 will no longer be held in Estonia. Khanty Mansiysk is the most probable substitute at this point. The World Championship match in London is also in some trouble due to the local tax situation. News of Carlsen puts London’s bid in further difficulty.

The World Youth Championship takes place in Brazil, from November 12-22, 2011. Four European countries were initially bidding for the 2012 WYCC. Given the importance of the WYCC I asked the Chair if this vote would be decided by ballot, as with the Olympiad which was next on the agenda. A show of hands was deemed sufficient, and ultimately proved somewhat controversial. Georgia and Turkey both withdrew their bids and the Delegates reviewed presentations by Slovenia and Montenegro. Slovenia won the bid by a margin of roughly 30 votes. The Montenegro delegation was very disappointed but did not protest officially.

The Olympic presentations were reviewed next. Norway's bid has been developed for several years and featured an personal address by their Minister of Culture, Anniken Huitfeldt. They are treating the Olympiad as a historical occasion – coinciding with the 200th year of the Norwegian Constitution and the 100th anniversary of the Norwegian Chess Federation. Their budget is 15 million Euros. Bulgaria's bid was also competent, presented by the resort management team from Albana. Their angle was more of a good time and an affordable family vacation. Their budget was roughly one third of Norway's. I told Ms. Huitfeldt after the presentations that I expected a result of 2-1 in Norway's favour. The final tally came in at 95-47. Hosting will be the island city Tromso, the 9th largest city in Norway, and home to the northern most university in the world. It is located 2000km from the North Pole. Due to its arctic location, the Olympiad will take place in August.

The next FIDE Congress will take place in Krakow, Poland in October 2011. This Congress will involve the Executive Board, which includes Zonal Presidents and the Presidential Board.

I am concerned about the trend of the past two Olympiads as it pertains to funding. Both Olympiads faced political and practical problems which nearly lead to our absence. Future Olympiads will receive sufficient attention to avoid the funding difficulties of 2010 and 2008. We must strive to do better!

In closing, I congratulate:

Jason Cao, Canada's U10 World Champion!!

Canada's two newest Grandmasters, Thomas Roussel-Roozmon and Bator Sambuev.

Canadian Senior Champion Ralph Deline for his respectable performance at the World Seniors' Championship Stage in Arco Italy.

Respectfully submitted,

Hal Bond, IO, IA

Delegate and FIDE Zone President, Canada

Saturday, November-13-10

MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION: none received

(Note: there have been motions received where the authors have requested they be held over to the January Online meeting.)

General Comments from Governors: none received

Appendix 1: Minutes of the October Online Governors Meeting Oct 1-12

1. Governors' sign in - 42 Governors members took part in the meeting. Not all of these signed in in the requested manner.
2. President's Welcome/ Report – Bob gave his report on the state of the Federation including the membership numbers as of October 1st
3. Questions/Comments on the On-line Meeting Procedures - besides technical questions concerning the software the main point raised is that there has been an amendment to motion 2011-03 which is being discussed as 2011-11. An amendment to motion 2011-03 To facilitate this the original schedule of the meeting was changed to extend the meeting through Tuesday October 12th.
4. 2010-11 Revised Budget - there was no discussion on this item in the meeting.
5. CFC Charitable Status/ CRA – there was a report from the President indicating that the Canada Revenue Agency intends to wind up the CFC's charitable status as of 26 October 2010. There has been a great deal of discussion by the Executive on this and the consensus by the Executive and in this meeting that we should accept CRA Annulment as it protects the assets of the CFC from further litigation.
6. Procedures' Committee – Update - last year there were 3 committees struck. These were:
 1. The Governors' Voting Modernization Subcommittee – this subcommittee brought in its report in 2009-10, and has now been disbanded without final agreement.
 2. The AGM Modernization Subcommittee – see item 7
 3. The CFC Handbook Updating Subcommittee – see item 8
7. AGM Modernization Subcommittee - Update – discussions have taken place on ways to run the AGM electronically. There have been several suggestions but budget is the sticking point as it would be easy to spend considerable sums on this. This is expected to be discussed at the next Online Meeting.
8. CFC Handbook Updating Subcommittee – Update – former Governor Kerry Kiles has taken this on as a one man committee and several Governors thanked him for taking on what is regarded as one of the most thankless jobs in the entire federation. There is a strong desire for integrating Governor motions passed since the last revision into the Handbook in such a way that it is easily referenced and cross-references are very much appreciated. At the same time beyond the rules and bylaw sections where much revision would be beneficial.
9. Tournament Director and Organizer Certification Program (TDOCP) Committee –

Mandate – there has been a lively discussion on the need for this program with the main point of contention being whether or not it should be made mandatory. Chris Mallon has suggested re-introducing the program as the "TDOACP" where the extra A stands for "and assistance". This is expected to be discussed at the next Online Meeting.

10. New CFC Website - the CFC is currently receiving responses to our Request For Proposals (RFP) for a new CFC website with a view to the site being up and running 1 January 2011. Whether this can be achieved by 1 January 2011 is not at all clear.

11. CFC Discussion Boards – Usefulness – There has been an interesting discussion on the varying roles of the CFC Forum and ChessTalk and there seems a strong consensus that maintaining each as separate forums is the way to go. A motion to authorize \$50 to upgrade the software was passed 29-2 with 3 abstentions.

For: Bob Armstrong, Bob Gillanders, Christopher Field, Christopher Mallon, David Moore, David Steer, Daxin Jin, Egidijus Zeromskis, Ellen Nadeau, Garland Best, Gordon Ritchie, Halldor P. Palsson, Howard Wu, Ilia Bluvshstein, Ken Einarsson, Les Bunning, Lyle Craver, Lynn Stringer, Michael Barron, Nikolay Noritsyn, Patrick McDonald, Paul Leblanc, Phil Haley, Rick Pedersen, Simon Ong, Stuart Brammall, Valer Eugen Demian, Vlad Rekhson, Vladimir Birarov,
Against: Fred McKim, Ken Craft,
Abstaining: Aris Marghetis, Hugh Brodie, Michael von Keitz

12. Tournament Coordination Committee – no Tournament Coordinator was elected at the AGM and the Canadian Open, Canadian Championship and CYCC for 2011 do not have approved bidders. Victoria is working on a 2012 Canadian Open bid but there's a recognition that we have a problem but no solutions as yet. There was discussion of bids in preparation but these have not yet been presented to the Governors.

13. The CFC Youth Program (2010 WYCC/CYCC) – Michael Barron gave his report followed by a free-ranging discussion on unqualified siblings of our representatives going along due to parental interest.

14. 2010-11 Provincial YCC Qualifiers to the 2011 CYCC – again a good general discussion of Provincial YCCs with the key line being "The goals are admirable, and if all provinces were as organized as Ontario, things would be great." This is expected to be discussed at the next Online Meeting.

15. Non-Executive Officer Vacancies – there were 3 vacancies at the AGM: Tournament Coordinator, Women's Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator . Gordon Ritchie is heading up a Tournament Coordination Committee (see #12), Bob introduced Daxin (Anna) Jin as our new Womens' Coordinator and Bob Armstrong is acting as PR Coordinator on a temporary basis

16. CFC Membership Fee/ Tournament Playing Fee (= “ tournament membership “) – this has been a fairly hot discussion with one major point being that the Tournament

Playing Fee should be renamed to exclude any mention of the word "Membership". Various options were discussed including the need to keep pace with the FQE and the BC "experiment" where with the exception of provincial life members, all players now pay provincial dues on a per tournament basis.

Action items:

Motion 2011-D - Membership/Rating Fee Restructuring Committee

Moved : Stuart Brammall; Seconded : Michael von Keitz

- that a committee be formed to investigate a possible restructuring in the direction of one CFC fee.

Votes Yes: (24) Aris Marghetis, Bob Armstrong, Christopher Field, Christopher Mallon, David Moore, David Steer, Daxin Jin, Egidijus Zeromskis, Fred McKim, Garland Best, Gordon Ritchie, Howard Wu, Hugh Brodie, Ilia Bluvshstein, Ken Einarsson, Lynn Stringer, Michael Barron, Michael von Keitz, Nikolay Noritsyn, Patrick McDonald, Paul Leblanc, Simon Ong, Stuart Brammall, Valer Eugen Demian

Votes No: Bob Gillanders, Halldor P. Palsson, Ken Craft, Les Bunning, Phil Haley, Rick Pedersen, Vlad Rekhson, Lyle Craver

There were no abstentions

17. Modifications to the Can. Rating System / Report of the Rating Auditor - this has led to a spirited discussion on player ratings particularly with respect to "under-rated juniors". No consensus was reached and this matter is likely to be discussed at the next Online Meeting.

18. CFC Objective of Chess Promotion to the General Public – Bob Armstrong gives his report on how he has worked to promote chess outside the chess community - there was a good exchange of views on this subject and Governors were generally supportive with no specific action taken..

19. CFC Membership Drive - CFC/Club Joint Advertising Poster Campaign – the President outlined his plan for publicizing chess with posters and brochures and has received very favorable feedback

20. Elimination of Past President/ Life Governors (Motion 2010-03 & 04)– these motions have the intent of removing Life Governors (who are all former CFC presidents) from governorship. These two motions were clearly the most contentious motions on the agenda and the arguments are that (a) life governors are anti-democratic vs (b) no one becomes a life governor except by a long history of service to chess and these people are a resource we should not exclude.

A motion to amend motion 2011-03 was made (see below)

20A, Motion 2011-01: Clarification of Annual Meeting proxy rules – this is a

housekeeping motion design to de-fuzzify the existing language to make it better reflect current CFC practice going back several years.

From CFC By-Laws Article 21

Any Governor who is unable to be personally present at a meeting of the Assembly may appoint any CFC Member to act as his proxy.

Proxies made out to "The Secretary" will be distributed to CFC Members, present at the meeting, who do not have a vote. Preference will be given to members of the same province as the proxy giver. Non-Governors may not receive more than one proxy by this method. Remaining proxies of this type will not be used.

No person shall act as proxy for more than 10% of all possible votes. Any Governor receiving more than the maximum allowed must distribute the excess, first to any alternate designees by the proxy giver and then at his own discretion.

AMENDED WORDING OF PARAGRAPH 3

No person shall act as proxy for more than 10% of all possible votes. Any proxy holder receiving more than the maximum allowed must distribute the excess, first to any alternate designees by the proxy giver and then at his own discretion.

The statement will be:

Motion 2011-01 should be adopted.

The options will be : yes, no, abstain.

Note that the section being amended is under RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA. As such the amendment of this section is NOT a constitutional amendment, and therefore can be passed by a simple majority.

The motion was passed 30-1 with no abstentions as follows:

Votes Yes (30) Aris Marghetis, Bob Armstrong, Bob Gillanders, Christopher Field, Christopher Mallon, David Moore, David Steer, Daxin Jin, Egidijus Zeromskis, Ellen Nadeau, Fred McKim, Gordon Ritchie, Halldor P. Palsson, Howard Wu, Hugh Brodie, Ken Craft, Ken Einarsson, Les Bunning, Lyle Craver, Lynn Stringer, Michael Barron, Michael von Keitz, Nikolay Noritsyn, Patrick McDonald, Paul Leblanc, Rick Pedersen, Simon Ong, Stuart Brammall, Valer Eugen Demian, Vladimir Birarov

Votes No (1) Ilia Bluvshstein

21. Motion 2011-03 – Elimination of Past President Life Governors

Motion 2011-03 - Reduction of Past CFC President Governors

Motion :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.”.

This motion and 2011-04

This motion and the next were the most contentious motions of the meeting and were discussed at length.

22. Motion 2011-04 – Non-voting Governors-at-Large – see item 20.

Motion 2011-04 - Creating Non-Voting Governors at Large

Moved: Governor Bob Armstrong Seconded: Governor Paul Leblanc

There shall be added to Bylaw 2, if Motion # 2010-03 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. “

The following amendment was made:

Moved: Les Bunning/Lyle Craver –

Motion 2010-03, dealing with Section 6 of by law #2, is amended

1. by deleting from the current motion 2010-03 the first word “ deleting “ and substituting for it the word “ replacing “; and

2. after the sentences "The past presidents of the federation who have served as president for at least 2 terms. A term is that period between one annual meeting and the next", adding “ with the following wording: " The past presidents of the federation who have served as President for at least 2 terms and continue to demonstrate that they are active governors by attending at any one annual meeting over a 2 year period or commenting or voting on not less than 3 governors motions in any two year period or attending at least 2 on line governors meetings over a two year period. A term is that period between one annual meeting and the next. "

You are voting therefore whether to amend the main motion 2010-03 or not. If you vote for the amending Motion 2011-A, then motion 2010-03 will be changed to seeking to keep the Life Governor system, with an activity rule. If you vote against the amending Motion 2011-A, then Motion 2010-03 stays in its original form, seeking to eliminate the Life Governor system totally. Subsequently motion 2010-03 or the amended motion 2010-03 will then go to vote as well.

Voting took place on the Amendment

Votes Yes (10) Christopher Field, Fred McKim, Garland Best, Halldor P. Palsson, Ilia Bluvshstein, Les Bunning, Lyle Craver, Mark S. Dutton, I.A., Nikolay Noritsyn, Phil Haley

Votes No (8) Bob Armstrong, Christopher Mallon, Ken Craft, Michael Barron, Michael von Keitz, Patrick McDonald, Stuart Brammall, Valer Eugen Demian

Abstaining (2) Aris Marghetis, Bob Gillanders

The CFC Secretary Lyle Craver took over as Posting Secretary October 7th. The vBulletin Forum software allows "Secret" and "Public" votes and the practice of the CFC is that all Governor votes should be secret until the close of voting at which all become public. Accordingly the Secretary created the vote as "Secret" expecting to make it "Public" at the close of voting as per normal CFC practice.

However at the close of voting it proved impossible in the software to switch the status of the vote to Public and thus it is not possible to say who voted which way.

This and motion 4 were ruled constitutional amendments meaning the requirements of Bylaw 3 Paragraph 3 (2/3 majority with 50% or more of Governors voting) apply.

The vote was 18 Yes, 1 No, no abstentions - thus the motion fails due to the 50% requirement not being met.

The President then ruled that voting on motion 4 should cease as the motion was out of order without the passage of motion 3 (either amended or unamended)

25. The following items were raised by Governors and discussed under new business:
a) Canadian Chess News (aka "the online magazine") there were discussions pro and con mostly relating to the late release of the September issue
b) Womens' Chess - discussion of the role of Anna Jin

26. Items for the Winter (January) Quarterly Meeting - Governors were invited to propose items for the January meeting. Some of these were

1. Interim report from the TDOCP committee.
2. Proposed motion:
- Single Annual CFC Membership & Fee
Moved: Aris Marghetis; Seconded : Chris Mallon

- that CFC replace the memberships for Adult, Family, and Junior, with a single new annual CFC membership, and the rate for the federal portion would be \$30.

(Note: it may be relevant to this motion that there is also being voted on at this meeting now, Motion 2011-D, which seeks to form a Membership/Rating Fee Restructuring Committee).

- 3 - Procedures' Committee - Report
- 4 - AGM Modernization Subcommittee - Report
- 5 - Handbook Updating Subcommittee - Report
- 6 - Rating Auditor - Report
- 7 - CFC Charitable Status/CRA - Presidential Status Report
- 8 - New CFC Website - Presidential Status Report
- 9 - Tournament Coordination Committee - Report

27. Concluding Address by the President

Thank you to all Governors who attended the online meeting. At last count, I believe we have 42 in attendance. This is an astounding success, special thanks to Bob Armstrong and Lyle Craver for keeping the wheels on the cart. We had a very full menu and I certainly had difficulty keeping up to date on all threads. In fact, I couldn't keep up. I will be going back through various threads to see what I missed. I know I want to spend some time reviewing the thread on the youth program and the rating system. These can be complex topics.

I was quite literally thrown a curve ball at the 11th hour. At a quarter to midnight, as I was writing my concluding address, I received an email from Lyle. He advised me of an email from Les Bunning: that a quorum of 50% of eligible governors must cast a vote in order to pass a constitutional motion at an online meeting. I don't know whether that is correct or not, so I will leave it to our many constitutional experts to sort out. But it does leave the outcome of amended motion 2011-3 (Life Governors) in limbo.

This was our first official online governors' meeting. As expected we hit a few snags. A few comments:

Trivial motions – we passed a motion authorizing an expenditure of \$50. In hindsight, I think we can all agree this is trivial and better left to the executive.

Motions in haste – a motion was introduced that may have fundamentally altered the membership fee / rating fee structure of the CFC without adequate discussion. Instead we agreed to form a committee to study the issue. The online meetings have given us the vehicle to speed up the decision making process. We need to be careful not to become reckless drivers.

Public disclosure – we need to discuss what is considered public vs. private content. The meeting is on the private governors discussion board, but we do publish a summary on the website along with the GL's.

Length of meeting – we are still experiencing complaints about the length of the meeting. Also having to extend the meeting to accommodate the amending motion, raised some issues. It would seem attendance dropped off for the extended period.

All in all, barring the constitutional snags, I think the first online meeting was a success. As it is getting very late, I will save my comments on various topics for GL2 coming soon.

One final note, regular dialogue on a variety of topics occurs between the quarterly governors meetings. I would encourage all governors to visit the board on a regular basis, not just during the quarterly meetings, to keep current on the issues.

Thanks again everyone for participating.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with the President's statement

Appendix 2: 2nd quarter Financial Statements

THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2010
UNAUDITED

	Oct 31st	April 30th
	2010	2010
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CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 18,087	\$ 10,450
In Trust with Foundation	65,809	65,809
Accounts receivable	9,078	4,860
Prepaid expenses	3,917	3,917
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	96,891	85,036
CAPITAL ASSETS	2,678	3,319
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	\$ 99,569	\$ 88,355
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 14,367	\$ 8,434
Deferred Foundation contribution	3,632	-
Deferred membership revenue	21,797	20,581
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	39,796	29,015
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	9,225	10,265
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EQUITY		
Opening balance	49,075	36,942
Net revenue (expenditure) for the year	1,473	12,133
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	50,548	49,075
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	\$ 99,569	\$ 88,355
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**THE CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
LA FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES ÉCHECS**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2010
UNAUDITED**

	6 months 2011	12 months 2010
REVENUE		
Sales of books and equipment	\$ 10,388	\$ 22,070
Memberships	25,284	46,767
Contribution from Foundation	3,632	3,624
Rating fees	13,930	28,582
Donations	4,444	11,640
Other programs	84,556	58,701
Other revenue	186	532
	<u>142,420</u>	<u>171,916</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of sales	7,449	17,730
General and administrative		
Administration services	20,692	42,939
Office	5,755	9,963
Travel & Misc.	778	1,801
	<u>27,225</u>	<u>54,703</u>
Programs		
Publication; e-Newsletter	9,000	7,550
International	5,877	8,045
Contributions to clubs and affiliates	5,220	10,948
Contributions to Chess Foundation	1,620	2,106
Other programs	84,556	58,701
	<u>106,273</u>	<u>87,350</u>
	<u>140,947</u>	<u>159,783</u>
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	\$ 1,473	\$ 12,133

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OCTOBER 31, 2010
UNAUDITED

DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

	Olympic Donations	Youth CC Program	Kalev Pugi Program	TOTAL
Balance - begin of year	\$ 3,120	\$ 5,262	\$ 1,843	\$ 10,225
Add: contributions	9,907	72,829	820	83,556
Less: recognized as revenue	(12,309)	(70,047)	(2,200)	(84,556)
Balance - end of quarter	\$ 718	\$ 8,044	\$ 463	\$ 9,225

ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP REVENUE

	6 months 2011	12 months 2010
Annual memberships	\$ 22,212	\$ 41,632
Tournament memberships	2,668	3,510
Adjustment to deferred revenue	-1,216	-481
Life memberships	1,620	2,106
Membership revenue reported	<u>25,284</u>	<u>46,767</u>
Less: Foundation donation	1,620	2,106
Net membership revenue	<u>\$ 23,664</u>	<u>\$ 44,661</u>

Deadline for submissions to GL#3 is Friday, November 26, 2010

**Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of
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