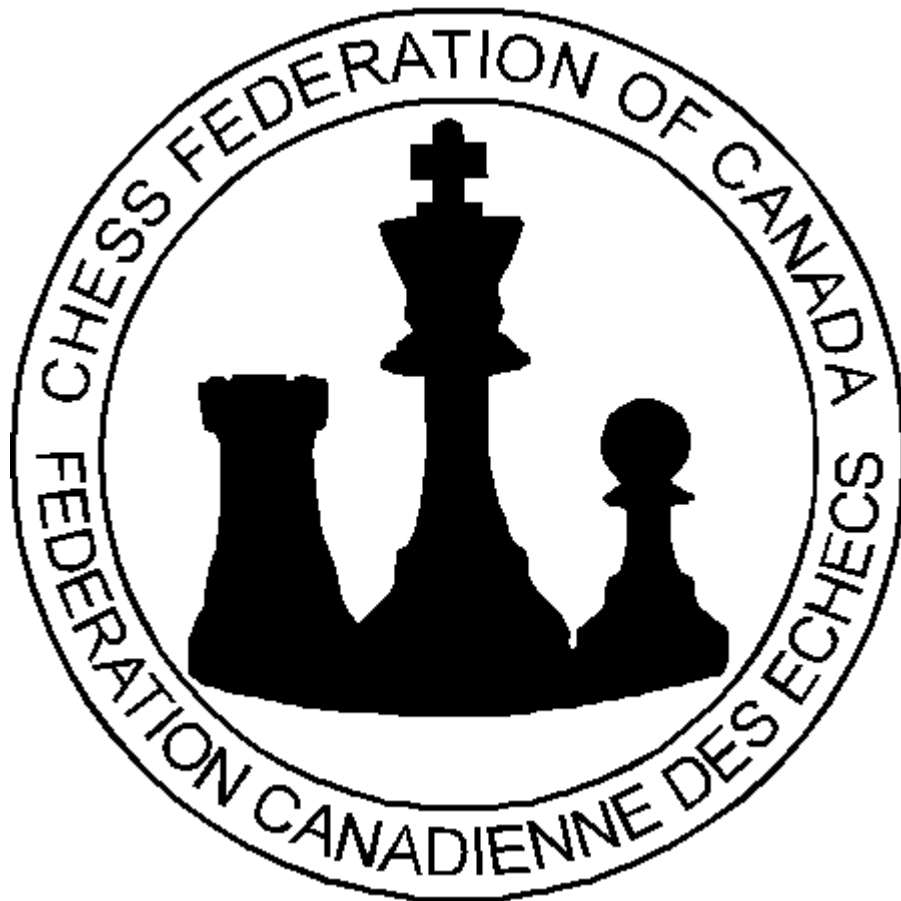


CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER FOUR 2011-2012



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ATTENTION ALL GOVERNORS: The Governors Letter is now distributed by e-mail only. Governors without regular e-mail access should contact the Business Office to make special arrangements.

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

Governors are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting July 2-8

President's Message

As we are now rapidly approaching our AGM, please look for my report on the year in the forums shortly.

Best wishes,

Michael von Keitz
President, Chess Federation of Canada

Message from the Secretary:

The single most important item since the last Quarterly meeting was the following motion. Governors are reminded that a Governors' Motion to make the 2012-13 Governors' Meeting an Online meeting was passed in May

The motion was:

Moved: Paul Leblanc; Seconded: Lyle Craver

Whereas, feedback from the April 2012 CFC Quarterly Meeting indicated a projection of low attendance at the forthcoming 2012 AGM in Victoria, and;
Whereas, the experience of the 2011 AGM raises concerns about the possible marginalization of those attending an AGM remotely;
BIRT the 2012 CFC AGM be held online from 2012 July 2-8, in accordance with the rules governing the federation's quarterly meetings;
BIFRT electoral ballots will be kept confidential, both publicly and within the assembly.

We will be requiring a supermajority of 2/3 for passage of this motion. In addition, to quote Lyle: "Bear in mind that this is a 'for all time' type measure - not just for when the meeting happens not to be in Ontario!"

Results of voting were as follows:

Votes YES: (23) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Francisco Cabanas Fred McKim Garvin Nunes Gordon Ritchie (e-mail) Halldor P. Palsson Hugh Brodie Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Kevin Pacey Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Paul Leblanc Pierre Dénoimée Rob Clark Robert Laszlo Simon Ong Vladimir Drkulec

Votes NO: (3) Les Bunning Brian Fiedler (e-mail) Maurice Smith

ABSTENTIONS (3): Christopher Field Michael von Keitz Valer Eugen Demian

Governors should note that non-Governors will be able to see the meeting but not able to post or vote. This is the first time I have done a 'dual access' forum so am working hard to ensure the permissions are exactly as they should be.

The overall format of the meeting is to be:

Outgoing (Monday, July 2nd - Sunday, July 8th)

July 2nd (11:00am EST) - July 5th (9:00pm EST)

1. Announcement of Proxies (Lyle Craver will execute all proxies)
2. Opening Comments of Chair / President's Report
3. Ratification of 2010 Minutes (published in GL#1) - commentary only
4. Reports
 - A. Vice President

- B. Secretary
- C. Past President
- D. FIDE Representative
- E. Youth Coordinator
- F. Masters Representative
- G. Women's Coordinator
- H. Rating Auditor
- I. Chess Foundation of Canada
- J. Kalev Pugi Fund
- K. Treasurer
- L. Long-Term Planning Committee
- M. Membership Drive Committee
- N. Publicity Officer
- O. Fundraising Officer
- P. Tournament Coordinator

5. Executive Director Financial Report - commentary

6. Budget 2012-13 - commentary only

7. Motions - commentary only

A. Motion: (Denommee/Barron) Governors Ethics and Code of Conduct (Reintroduced)

B. Motion: (Bond/Dutton) Ratification of CFC-FQE Agreement

8. New Business/Business to Refer to Incoming AGM

July 5th (9:00pm EST) - July 8th (9:00pm EST)

9. Voting Booth

A. Ratification of 2011 Minutes

B. Vote on Motions 7A and 7B

Incoming (Monday, July 2nd - Sunday, July 8th)

July 2nd (11:00am EST) - July 5th (9:00pm EST)

1. Announcement of Proxies (Lyle Craver will execute all proxies)

2. Opening Comments of Chair / President's Report

3. Executive/Officer Elections - Nominations

A. President

B. Vice-President

C. Secretary

D. Treasurer

E. Youth Coordinator

F. FIDE Representative

G. Women's Coordinator

H. Rating Auditor

I. Publicity Officer

J. Fundraising Officer

K. Tournament Coordinator

4. Appointment of Auditors - discussion only

5. Appointment of Chess Foundation Trustees - Nominations

A. Four-year term

B. One-year term

6. Appointment of Committee Members - Nominations

A. Kalev Pugi Fund Committee

- B. National Appeals Committee
- 7. Event Bids - submission and discussion
- 8. Other Business

- A. Discussion: CFC 140th Anniversary! (Sept. 24/12) - Bob Armstrong
- B. Discussion: Foreign Ratings - Paul Leblanc

736. Foreign Events and Ratings. If a foreign player has a rating in his own country or from FIDE, that will be used to determine his first CFC rating. If he is inactive in Canada for a year but has a change in his foreign rating, his changed foreign rating will be used to recalculate his CFC rating.

New residents of Canada without a CFC rating are considered unrated, whether or not they have a foreign rating.

- C. Discussion: Revisiting the Public Availability of Online Meeting Proceedings - Hal Bond
- D. Discussion: Provincial Submissions of Governors - Lyle Craver
- E. Discussion: CFC Membership Renewal Policy (Backdating Memberships) - Mark Dutton
- F. Discussion: CFC Newsletter - Bob Armstrong

9. 2012-13 Budget - discussion only

July 5th (9:00pm EST) - July 8th (9:00pm EST)

10. Voting booth

- A. Executive/Officer Elections
- B. Appointment of Auditors
- C. Appointment of Chess Foundation Trustees
- D. Appointment of Committee Members
- E. Vote on Bids
- F. Adopt Budget

11. Closing Address by New President

There are 3 Appendices with this GL as follows:

1. Minutes of the Quarterly Online Governors' Meeting of April 1-8, 2012
2. Annual Meeting Proxy Form – Outgoing Governor
3. Annual Meeting Proxy Form – Incoming Governor

Again my thanks to Michael von Keitz and this year's board – 2011-2012 has been another transitional year and their help and understanding in shepherding the Online AGM to completion

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

Treasurer's Report

As usual the financial statements make up the majority of any report from the Treasurer. Thanks go to Past President Bob Gillanders for doing a lion's share of the work on the 2012/13 budget.

The web site survived some serious growing pains in July and August. While it hasn't received unanimous praise, I think its functionality and content are appreciated by most.

A great year as President by Michael von Keitz and much appreciation for all of his hard work and great co-working on the web site with him.

Fred McKim
Treasurer, Chess Federation of Canada

Past Presidents Report

Another year has passed, and another AGM is before. This time however, it will be online. While we will miss out on the benefits of a face to face meeting, it will allow those who would not have attended in person to participate on a more equal basis. I look forward to discussing the issues with you all at the meeting.

For now, I would just like to say thank you to Michael von Keitz, Marc Poulin, and those involved in crafting the new CFC FQE exchange of services agreement. Excellent work gentlemen. An important step in bringing together the Canadian chess community.

Sincerely.

Robert Gillanders
CFC Past President

RESULTS OF E-MAIL VOTING:

See Secretary's report

General Comments from Governors: none received

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY ONLINE GOVERNORS' MEETING APRIL 1-8, 2012

Part 1 - Preliminaries

1. Agenda – the agenda was approved

2. The following Governors attended the meeting:

Bob Armstrong, Michael Barron, Vladimir Birarov, Ilia Bluvshstein, Hal Bond, Hugh Brodie, Les Bunning, Francisco Cabanas, Rob Clark, Ken Craft, Lyle Craver, Valer Eugen Demian, Pierre Dénommée, Vladimir Drkulec, Mark S. Dutton, I.A., Ken Einarsson, Christopher Field, Bob Gillanders, Michael von Keitz (president), Robert Laszlo, Paul Leblanc, Christopher Mallon, Aris Marghetis, Patrick McDonald, Ellen Nadeau, Nikolay Noritsyn, Garvin Nunes, Simon Ong, Kevin Pacey, Halldor P. Palsson, Vlad Rekhson, Gordon Ritchie, Peter Stockhausen, Egidijus Zeromskis

3. President's Welcome

Welcome to our final online quarterly meeting of the year!

Our finances look solid and the reports from each of our committees/coordinators seem to speak to progress on many fronts. For my part, I'd like to mention the tireless efforts of Hal Bond and Stijn de Kerpel in assisting me to get us out of our storage unit. As of April 12th, we will officially be rid of it and have arranged for the archives to stay with Gerry at a cost of \$20/month. Others that helped in making this possible include Gordon Ritchie, Aris Marghetis, Larry Bevand, John Upper and David Cohen. My thanks to all!

On the topic of thanks, I'd also like to recognize Pierre Dénommée for his continuing efforts in translating the content on our website to French. The ongoing endeavours of various governors, committee members and executive members are also much appreciated. In this vein, perhaps the most exciting opportunity for me was to sit in on a meeting of the long-term planning committee, which left me feeling confident that our future is in good hands.

Yearbook sales are continuing to come in, albeit somewhat slowly. At last tally, I believe we were slightly in excess of 20 copies claimed. The Olympiad process is also moving, although a guarantee of financial support from the CFC is being requested from a few of the players, which, if I'm not mistaken, Hal will speak to upon joining the meeting.

As I mention in a thread below, our RCAA application is temporarily on hold, but, one way or another, it will be in the government's hands prior to the end of this executive term.

To close, I'd like to remind the governors that our 2013 calendar is nearly fully booked. Outstanding events are the 2013 CYCC and 2013 Canadian Open (our 50th!). I encourage everyone to consider submitting a bid.

Respectfully,

Michael von Keitz
President, Chess Federation of Canada

4. Instructions/Questions/Comments on the On-line Meeting Procedures

- There were requests for items to be added under new business
- BCCF President Roger Patterson (not a Governor) was given access to the meeting for his technical expertise relating to the proposed rating bonus formula

Part 2 – Reports Section

5. Executive Reports (separate threads)

- Treasurer: the Treasurer's report was giving in GL#3 with the quarterly financials

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- Past President (Bob Gillanders)
- I am optimistic the membership numbers are finally heading upwards, hopefully on a sustained basis. If you check appendix 2 of GL3, the evidence was quietly revealed. Membership as of Feb 1, 2012 stands at 1873, up from 1821 as of May 1, 2011.

It is nothing earth shattering, we have had these fluctuations before. However, I tend to believe it is the start of a longer trend. It is consistent with the trend I see at the club level.

Well, at least at the 3 clubs I visit, Mississauga, Hamilton, and Burlington. Individual club results may vary. 😊

FIDE Report (Hal Bond)

Development Commission

I returned from Athens yesterday evening after a meeting of the FIDE Development Commission. Though the meeting was productive, my new laptop died within 3 hours of arrival. The Development Commission (formerly CACDEC) identifies Federations with financial and technical needs and allocates resources with the goal of increasing FIDE activity.

The 2012 budget (in Euros) for the Continents are:

Africa 70,000

Americas 43,750

Asia 35,000

Europe 13,125

In addition to these amounts, FIDE offers 15,000 in activity rebates as well as youth travel grants (to the WYCC of World Junior) to youth players in developing countries who score well in Continental Championships.

A useful tip came to light for players and organizers wishing to build up our FIDE rating pool. A 10 player RR with 4 rated players can produce official FIDE ratings for the 6 unrated players in a single tournament, provided that the unrateds score a point against rated opposition. Although this is in the FIDE Handbook it is not well understood.

World Championship Match

I leave for Moscow on May 8 for the Anand - Gelfand match. As Deputy Arbiter, this will be my 6th time working with the Chief Arbiter, Armenian IA Ashot Vardapetyan. It was a great honour to be selected by the players themselves. With any luck my next laptop will survive and I can stay in touch with the motherland!

Istanbul Olympiad, August 27 – September 10

As Michael von Keitz has indicated, our teams have been named with one or two cavaets. The players will now select their Captain(s). Though several candidates were approached, we were unable to recruit an Olympic Co-ordinator so these tasks have fallen to a coalition of the willing. Our fundraising campaign is underway but we are unlikely to raise the full amount from donations and tournament activities. Therefore I hope the Governors can support the commitment to fully fund our teams in the event of a shortfall.

I have sensed over the past few years that our Olympic enthusiasm, perhaps due to the burgeoning FIDE calendar, has waned. This is disappointing. The Olympiad provides a unique opportunity for our top players to face off against the very best players in the world. Most of the world's elite players are not accessible – they play amongst themselves in round robins and matches. Without the Olympiad we

would not see Charbonneau beating Anand, or Bluvshstein toppling Veslin, or Roussell-Roozmon scoring a 20 game GM norm to earn the title. We have so little to offer our elite players. They give us two weeks of their time to represent our country. They should not have to pay for this privilege. Please let us give them their chance to shine!

Respectfully submitted,

Hal Bond, 2012-04-02

5e. Youth Report

The main item in the youth portfolio right now would be the planning for the CYCC. I would welcome Governor Ken Jensen to post a brief (or not so brief if he so chooses) report on the planning of the CYCC in Vancouver. Ken?

I am noting, though, that there are disappointingly few YCC tournaments to qualify our youth to the CYCC. There is still time, folks, to organize a few events.

From an Ontario perspective, there have been a couple of events, and the OYCC is coming along nicely. (www.oycc.ca)

Any organizers who would like to perhaps organize a YCC event, I would encourage you to contact me asap. I would help in any way I can to get your event off the ground!

Thank You,
Patrick McDonald

6. Officer + Committee Reports (one thread) (= Rating Auditor, Paul Leblanc; Membership Drive Committee Chair, Kevin Pacey; Long-Term Planning Committee Chair, Vlad Drkulec)

6a. Public Relations Coordinator Report

Public Relations Coordinator Report – Bob Armstrong, CFC Public Relations Coordinator

Bylaw 3 of the CFC Handbook, under Duties of Officers in Section 8C, gives the mandate of the Public Relations Coordinator position (created at the 2010 AGM) as:

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

- deal with mainstream media to promote significant chess news, such as Canadian Chess Champions, a new Canadian GM, major tournaments like the Can. Closed, Canadian Open, Can. Women’s Closed, CYCC, etc., the various benefits accruing from playing chess and other positive aspects of the chess culture. ”

Here is the update on activity since the 2012 Winter Meeting (Jan./12):

1. “ News ” items (on the CFC Website Homepage under “ Latest News ” [copies on the CFC “ News ” Discussion Forum, Facebook, and Twitter]) – Posted 43 news items (to and including April 1). In particular, have started a series of posts promoting the new “ quick chess rating system ” to Canadian organizers (and have posted on numbers of discussion board threads, where appropriate, about the new CFC system, that now parallels the normal “ regular rating ” system).

2. Press releases: issued 1:

Bond - Canadian Deputy Arbiter for 2012 World Chess Championship!

3. Discussion Boards: posted numbers of times on the members' CFC Chess Chat Forum, and the CMA ChessTalk, answering CFC issues raised.

4. New Media Links: I have been provided by members with media links across the country, and will slowly be integrating them into the CFC Media E-mail Groups as time permits.

5. New CFC Facebook Non-Profit Corporation Page: have continued incremental building from about 100 " Likes " in January, up to 121 by April. Adopted early the new FB page format change, and introduced Banner Picture of public playing chess outside with large chess set. The majority of " likes " are not CFC tournament players, and many are not CFC members. We are reaching out in the social media to the non-CFC public.

Bob Armstrong, CFC Public Relations Officer

6b. Olympiad Coordinator Report

6c. CFC Membership Drive Committee Report

Based on the last emails I received from my committee members in March, the CFC Membership Drive Committee has sent emails to a total of at least 1800 ex-CFC members' addresses to date (from a list of 2167 that Executive Director Gerry Litchfield sent to me in October 2011), asking these ex-CFC members to rejoin.

While the rate of emails sent to ex-CFC members by this committee became not quite half of what it was at the end of December (at least 1300 were sent by then), we are still well on track to achieving our committee's goal of finishing sending emails to all the ex-CFC members on our list before 1 July 2012.

Our committee's emails to ex-CFC members asked them to contact Gerry, rather than committee members, if they wished to rejoin the CFC, as I stated in my January report. In handling my own share of emails, I found that, starting in January, some (7) of the ex-CFC members that I had emailed replied to me indicating that they had already rejoined the CFC.

Since ex-CFC members on our list were instructed to contact Gerry if they wished to rejoin, it is somewhat difficult to judge the success of our committee's efforts so far. As of December, six ex-CFC members had elected to at first contact committee members (instead of Gerry) to indicate that they wished to rejoin, as I stated in my January report. This number of six known positive responses still had not changed by the end of March.

However, a hint of more possible success is provided by looking at recent CFC membership stats. As I mentioned in my January report, the total CFC membership for 1 May 2011 was 1821, and as of 1 January 2012 it was 1852. The total CFC membership for 1 February 2012 was 1873, as is noted in the 2011-12 GL #3, in Appendix 2 there.

This is an encouraging trend for the CFC, regardless, though as I noted in my January report, Gerry has stated that it would be best to compare a given month's total for the current year with the same given month's total of the previous year, to obtain a truer picture of the trend. Hence I look forward to seeing the 1 May 2012 CFC membership stats.

Kevin Pacey
CFC Membership Drive Committee Chairman

6d. Rating Auditor Report

Based on the most recent quarterly data available (31 Dec 2011), the average rating of players active in the past 12 months was 1194. This continues a slow uptrend that began when the average bottomed out at 1138 in early 2009 after five years of downtrend. This average appears healthy. http://www.victoriachess.com/cfcstat...g_type=regular

Last week the CFC office updated the CFC:FIDE comparisons and the numbers look quite stable <http://www.chess.ca/cfc-vs-fide-rating-comparison>

Incorrectly submitted junior events continue to cause me much work. Since the CFC office provides minimal quality control, I have to ferret out tournament details from websites and flyers and contact organizers to properly audit events. The most common error continues to be 30 minute events submitted for Regular rating. Despite the fact that the governors re-confirmed the policy on time controls at the last quarterly meeting, a few organizers continue to ignore the rules and the CFC office continues to improperly rate junior events. Apparently, the statement of duties does not include any screening of rating submissions and there is no requirement for organizers to report the time controls for their events.

As promised, I have prepared a motion to replace the existing bonus point system with a better one. The new bonus point formula contains two components - a bonus for achieving a lifetime high rating and a bonus for gaining an exceptional number of points in a single event. I believe that the new formula will help address the issue of under-rated juniors since these criteria are very often met in junior events. The formula is based on a tremendous amount of work done by Roger Patterson and I owe him a great deal of thanks.

I have presented two other motions, one which proposes that we publish rules for rating internet events and one which spells out clearly in one place in the handbook what the CFC expects for events to qualify for rating.

I hope to see most of you at the AGM in Victoria in July!

Paul Leblanc
Treasurer, Chess Foundation of Canada
CFC Rating Auditor
CFC Governor
6e. Long-term Planning Committee Report

Part 3 - Motions

7. 2012-H TDOCP Motion (Ong/Bond)

Motion 2012-H TDOCP Motion

Moved by: Simon Ong, Seconded by: Hal Bond

Moved adding the following regulation to current section 20 of the CFC Handbook

Regulations:

1. Introduction

20.1 The following regulations can be altered by the CFC executive with the recommendation from the TDOCP committee members.

20.2 The titles for award are the Regional-TD (RTD), Regional-Organizer (RO), National-TD

(NTD), and National-Organizer (NO).

20.3 Individuals with National-TD (NTD) and National-Organizer (NO) will qualify to apply for the FIDE arbiter and organizer titles (NA, FA, IA, and IO).

20.4 The titles are valid for life from the date awarded. Licence fee will be charge every 6 years.

20.5 The judging unit is the TDOCP committee members.

20.6 All applicants for these titles must be current CFC members.

20.7 All applicants must have at least 2 recommendations from 2 different people preferably FIDE-certified arbiter/organizer, CFC Executive/Governor and Provincial/Club Executive member.

2. Regulation for the Regional-TD (RTD)

20.8 Knowledge of the Laws of Chess, CFC Regulations for chess competitions outlined in the CFC handbook.

20.9 Skills in operating electronic chess clocks , SwissSys/SwissManager program, and computer (Words, Excel, Email).

20.10 Experience as tournament director in at least 4 CFC-rated events, including one Swiss and one Round Robin. The Swiss tournament must have at least 10 participants and the Round-robin must have at least 4.

3. Regulation for the Regional-Organizer (RO)

20.11 Knowledge of the organizing chess tournament, CFC Regulations for chess competitions outlined in the CFC handbook, and submission of CFC/FIDE reports to CFC office.

20.12 Experience as tournament organizer in at least 4 CFC-rated events, including one Swiss and one Round Robin. The Swiss tournament must have at least 10 participants and the Round-robin must have at least 4.

4. Regulation for the National-TD (NTD)

20.13 The NTD title is awarded only to those who have already been awarded the title of RTD.

20.14 Experience as tournament director in at least 4 CFC-rated events, including one national and/or international event. In order to count as a norm, the Swiss tournament must have at least 20 participants and the Round-robin must have at least 6.

20.15 Attend either FIDE Arbiters' Seminar or CFC TDOCP(TD) Seminar. You must pass the examination (80% +) given in either of the aforementioned seminar.

5. Regulation for the National-Organizer (NO)

20.16 The NO title is awarded only to those who have already been awarded the title of RO.

20.17 Experience as tournament organizer in at least 4 CFC-rated events, including one national and/or international event. In order to count as a norm, the Swiss tournament must have at least 20 participants and the Round-robin must have at least 6.

20.18 Attend either FIDE Organizer Seminar or CFC TDOCP (Organizer) Seminar. You must

pass the examination (80% +) given in either of the aforementioned seminar.

6. Regulation for CFC TDOCP Seminar

The list of lecturers shall be nominated by the TDOCP committee. There should be at least one lecturer in each province. The lecturer can be FIDE arbiter/organizer and/or National certified TD/organizer.

20.19 The TDOCP (TD) seminar will be a full day discussing the following topic:

- (a) Laws of Chess
- (b) CFC Rating System & Regulations for chess competitions outlined in the CFC handbook.
- (c) SwissSys/SwissManager Program
- (d) Use of the electronic clocks
- (e) Directing FIDE-rated Events
- (f) Other topics suggested by the TDOCP committee.

20.20 The TDOCP (Organizer) seminar will be a full day discussing the following topic:

- (a) Laws of Chess
- (b) CFC Rating System & Regulations for chess competitions outlined in the CFC handbook.
- (c) SwissSys/SwissManager Program & Submission of tournament report to CFC.
- (d) Topics from Chess Organizer's Handbook
- (e) Organizing FIDE-rated Events
- (f) Other topics suggested by the TDOCP committee.

20.21 The TDOCP Committee will prepare multiple choice/written examinations for each seminar. The participants must achieve 80% or above to pass the examination.

20.22 NTD and NO applicants who fail the examination must wait one month before taking the examination the second time.

20.23 The cost of attendance of TDOCP seminar (including the examination fees) will be decided by the TDOCP Committee members. The money collected from the TDOCP seminar will be submitted to the CFC office. The CFC office shall pay the lecturer on the basis of the number of participants.

20.24 The details to the TDOCP seminar (i.e. date, address, lecturer, etc) must be approved by the TDOCP committee one month before the starting day of the seminar.

Certificates & Pins

1. Qualified applicants may request a certificate and "CFC TD/organizer" pin at the cost of \$15 (not including tax). The \$15 includes shipping.

There was an amendment to motion 2012-H as follows:

Pacey/Palsson

Just before 'Certificates and Pins', etc., near the end of the text of Motion 2012-H, insert the following Regulation as an amendment:

7. Regulation for retroactively awarded TD titles

Notwithstanding regulations 1, 2 and 4 above, the title of RTD shall be awarded for life retroactively to current CFC members who prior to 1 January 2012 have directed at least 40 CFC-rated events, and who apply to receive such a retroactively awarded title. Similarly, the title of NTD shall be awarded for life retroactively to current CFC members who prior to 1 January 2012 have directed at least 60 CFC-rated events, and who apply to receive such a retroactively awarded title. For such retroactively awarded TD titles, Licence fee will still be charged every 6 years.

Results:

Vote on the amendment:

Yes (16) Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Christopher Mallon Ellen Nadeau Francisco Cabanas Hal Bond Halldor P. Palsson Ken Einarsson Kevin Pacey Les Bunning Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Vlad Rekhson Vladimir Drkulec

No (7) Aris Marghetis Garvin Nunes Lyle Craver Michael Barron Pierre Dénoimée Rob Clark Robert Laszlo

Abstain (6) Egidijus Zeromskis Ken Craft Michael von Keitz Peter Stockhausen Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian

Amendment passes

Vote on the amended motion:

Yes (10) Christopher Field Ellen Nadeau Francisco Cabanas Halldor P. Palsson Kevin Pacey Les Bunning Lyle Craver Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Vladimir Drkulec

No (9) Aris Marghetis Christopher Mallon Garvin Nunes Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Michael Barron Pierre Dénoimée Rob Clark Robert Laszlo

Abstain (7) Bob Armstrong Ilia Bluvshstein Michael von Keitz Peter Stockhausen Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian Bob Gillanders (e-mail)

Amended motion passes

8. 2012-L CFC Governors Ethics and Code of Conduct Motion (Dénoimée/Barron) **Re-submitting original motion, with controversial clause removed**

Moved Pierre Dénoimée, Seconded Michael Barron

(This is a re-submission of the original motion, with a controversial clause removed - ed.)

That the CFC Assembly of Governors adopt the attached Code of Conduct

CFC Governor's and Executive Member's Code of Conduct

Part I: decision making process

The Assembly of Governors is committed to effective decision-making and, once a decision has been made, speaking with one voice. Towards this end the Governors will:

- Speak from broad member and community interests
- Speak for themselves ("my own thinking on this is that...") rather for than a group of members.
- Express additional or alternative points of view and invite others to do so too.
- Refrain from "lobbying" other Governors outside of board meetings that might have the effect of creating factions and limiting free and open discussion.
- On important issues, be balanced in one's effort to understand others and to make oneself understood.
- Once made, support, indeed defend, Assembly of Governors decisions, even if one's own view is a minority one.
- Respect the confidentiality of information on sensitive issues, especially in personnel matters.
- Refrain from speaking for the organization unless authorized to do so.
- Disclose one's involvement with other organizations, businesses or individuals where such a relationship might be viewed as a conflict of interest. Involvement in chess clubs Leagues and Provincial Association, whether affiliated or not, does not constitute a conflict of interest.
- Refrain from giving direction, as an individual Governor, to the Executive Director or any

member of staff.

- Do not publicly comment on the performance of any arbiter or organiser. Direct complaints against arbiters or organisers to the relevant CFC Committee: NAC for rules of the game, Ethics for matters set out in the CFC Code of Ethics or TDOCP, for failure to pay guaranteed prices.
- Do not support any third party involved in a dispute when a case is pending at the NAC, the Ethics Committee or the TDOCP.

Part II: Duties and Ethics

Goal: To establish a set of principles and practices of the CFC Assembly of Governors that will set parameters and provide guidance and direction for board conduct and decision-making.

Code: Members of the Assembly of Governors of the CFC are committed to observing and promoting the highest standards of ethical conduct in the performance of their responsibilities on the Assembly of Governors of CFC. Assembly members pledge to accept this code as a minimum guideline for ethical conduct and shall abide by it.

Scope: This Code also applies to all Governors, to the members of the CFC Executive and to the members of all CFC Committees even if they are not a Governor.

Accountability

1. Faithfully abide by the Articles of Incorporation, by-laws and policies of the CFC
2. Exercise reasonable care, good faith and due diligence in organizational affairs.
3. Fully disclose, at the earliest opportunity, information that may result in a perceived or actual conflict of interest.
4. Fully disclose, at the earliest opportunity, information of fact that would have significance in board decision-making.
5. Remain accountable for prudent fiscal management to association members, the board, and non-profit sector, and where applicable, to government and funding bodies.

Professional Excellence

6. Maintain a professional level of courtesy, respect, and objectivity in all CFC activities
7. Strive to uphold those practices and assist other CFC members of the board in upholding the highest standards of conduct

Personal Gain

8. Exercise the powers invested for the good of all members of the CFC rather than for his or her personal benefit, or that of the province they represent.

Equal Opportunity

9. Ensure the right of all association members to appropriate and effective services without discrimination on the basis of geography, political, religious, or socio-economical characteristics of the province or region represented.
10. Ensure the right of all association members to appropriate and effective services without discrimination on the basis of the organization's volunteer or staff make-up in respect to gender, sexual orientation, national origin, race, religion, age, political affiliation or disability, in accordance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Confidential Information

11. Respect the confidentiality of sensitive information known due to board service.

Collaboration and Cooperation

12. Respect the diversity of opinions as expressed or acted upon by the CFC Assembly of Governors, committees and membership, and formally register dissent as appropriate.

13. Promote collaboration, cooperation, and partnership among association members.

Allegation of violation of this code shall be investigated by the Assembly of Governors.

Result:

The motion was withdrawn without coming to a vote

9. 2012-R Crosstables changed to international format (Field/Dénommée)

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Moved by Christopher Field, seconded by Pierre Dénommée:

That Crosstables / Tableaux de résultats be posted on the CFC website in the international format, using the symbols + for win, - for loss, = for draw.

Results:

Yes (23) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Christopher Field Ellen Nadeau Francisco Cabanas Garvin Nunes Hal Bond Halldor P. Palsson Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Einarsson Kevin Pacey Les Bunning Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Peter Stockhausen Pierre Dénommée Rob Clark Robert Laszlo Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian

No (1) Egidijus Zeromskis

Abstain (6) Bob Gillanders Christopher Mallon Ken Craft Michael von Keitz Vlad Rekhson Vladimir Drkulec Motion Carries

10. 2012-S Improved Bonus Point Formula (Leblanc/McKim)

Moved by Paul Leblanc

Seconded by Fred McKim

To replace the existing Bonus Point Formula (CFC Handbook Art. 714.d) with the following:

$BONUS\ 1 = R_{max} BONUS * a * K_e$

$BONUS\ 2 = b * RATING\ CHANGE\ BONUS * (R_{new} - R_{old} - THRESHOLD) * K_e$

$TOTAL\ BONUS = BONUS\ 1 + BONUS\ 2$

where:

$a = 1$ if the new rating is at an all time high, 0 otherwise;

$b = 1$ if $R_{new} > R_{old} + Threshold$, 0 otherwise;

$Threshold = RtgChangeThreshold * K_e * \sqrt{n}$ where n is the number of games played; no bonus points are awarded if less than 4 games are played;

K_e is the ratio of the player's K factor to the K factor used for players rated under 2200; For the CFC rating system, $K=32$ for players under 2200 and $K=16$ for players at or over 2200;

R_{new} is the post-event rating and R_{old} is the pre-event rating; and $RatingMaxBonus$, $RtgChangeBonus$, and $RtgChangeThreshold$ are constants with the following values:

$RatingMaxBonus = 20$; $RtgChangeBonus = 1.75$; $RtgChangeThreshold = 13$.

The numerical values in the bonus point equation may be adjusted from time to time by the

Rating Auditor as deemed necessary and in consultation with the CFC Executive

Result:

Yes (27) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Christopher Mallon Ellen Nadeau Francisco Cabanas Garvin Nunes Hal Bond Halldor P. Palsson Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Peter Stockhausen Pierre Dénomée Rob Clark Robert Laszlo Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian Vladimir Drkulec

Abstain (2) Egidijus Zeromskis Michael von Keitz
Motion Carries

11. 2012-T Guide for rating Internet games (Leblanc/Rekhson)

Moved: Paul Leblanc, Seconded: Vlad Rekhson

Introduction: The CFC is silent on the issue of rating internet events yet from time to time such events are held and results submitted for rating. This issue was raised in the Rating Auditor Report during the January 2012 Governors Meeting. Discussion was limited however it appears that there is an agreement that there should be a published policy.

Motion: That an article be added to the CFC Handbook Section 7 CFC Rating System as follows:

"Events played over the internet may be submitted for CFC rating provided that:

- i) Conditions of play are advertised ahead of the event and agreed to by all participants"
- ii) A non-playing TD must be present at each playing site to ensure that normal tournament regulations and playing conditions are upheld.
- iii) Along with all the information that is usually sent to CFC, an event that has games played on the internet shall also provide the following information:
 - a) moves from games played over the internet
 - b) The names of TDs present at each site,
 - c) provide the website where the games took place.
 - d) provide the internet handles of the participants.

Results:

Yes (17) Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Egidijus Zeromskis Francisco Cabanas Hal Bond Halldor P. Palsson Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Kevin Pacey Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Pierre Dénomée Rob Clark Vlad Rekhson

No (9) Aris Marghetis Ellen Nadeau Ilia Bluvshstein Lyle Craver Michael Barron Peter Stockhausen Robert Laszlo Valer Eugen Demian Vladimir Drkulec

Abstain (4) Christopher Mallon Les Bunning Michael von Keitz Simon Ong
Motion Carries

12. 2012-U Guidelines for Standard/Regular rated events (Leblanc/McKim)

Moved Paul Leblanc, seconded Fred McKim

All events rated Standard/Regular should:

1. use chess clocks
2. require both players to record moves

3. have time set for no less than game in 60 minutes per player (may include increments based on 60 moves) (CFC Handbook article 711)

4. have time controls and round times advertised in pre-event advertising and posted on organizer's website (CFC Handbook article 711)

5. have no more than 4 games per day

6. include the exact time control with the rating submission to the CFC

Otherwise, events must be submitted for Active/Quick Rating. Rare exemptions may be granted on the recommendation of the Rating Auditor and approved by the CFC Executive

Governors should note that this will be an addendum to the CFC Handbook Article 711 and to the website under "Rating".

Results:

Yes (24) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Egidijus Zeromskis Francisco Cabanas Hal Bond Halldor P. Palsson Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Kevin Pacey Lyle Craver Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Peter Stockhausen Pierre Dénommée Simon Ong Valer Eugen Demian Vlad Rekhson Vladimir Drkulec

No (3) Christopher Mallon Garvin Nunes Robert Laszlo

Abstain (3) Ellen Nadeau Les Bunning Michael von Keitz
Motion Carries

13. 2012-V Size of Olympic Selection Committee (Barron/Zeromskis)

The Handbook sentence in 1205. The Selection Committee
"The CFC Executive shall appoint a Selection Committee consisting of **two** well known and respected individuals who are of at least master strength and have knowledge of the Canadian chess community.",

is amended as

"The CFC Executive shall appoint a Selection Committee consisting of **three** well known and respected individuals who are of at least master strength and have knowledge of the Canadian chess community."

Results:

Yes (26) Aris Marghetis Bob Armstrong Bob Gillanders Christopher Field Egidijus Zeromskis Ellen Nadeau Francisco Cabanas Hal Bond Halldor P. Palsson Ilia Bluvshstein Ken Craft Ken Einarsson Kevin Pacey Les Bunning Lyle Craver Mark S. Dutton, I.A. Michael Barron Nikolay Noritsyn Patrick McDonald Paul Leblanc Peter Stockhausen Pierre Dénommée Rob Clark Robert Laszlo Vladimir Birarov Vladimir Drkulec

No (2) Garvin Nunes Vlad Rekhson

Abstain (3) Christopher Mallon Michael von Keitz Valer Eugen Demian
Motion Carries

Part 5 - Other Business

15. New Business (these were all discussion items)

15a. Diamond Jubilee Medals Discussion (Egis Zeromskis) Various provinces are calling for nominees for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The ON link is:

<http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/diamondjubilee.shtml>

(ed. - from non-chess sources I am informed these are to be announced July 1, 2012)

15b. Member Volunteers Discussion (Bob Armstrong)

15c. CFC's 140th Anniversary Discussion (Bob Armstrong) – held over to the AGM

15d. 2013 Canadian Girls Championship (Michael Barron)

16. Suggested Items for Next Quarterly Meeting – Governors were asked to suggest items to be discussed / voted on at the Annual General Meeting

17. A straw vote was taken on whether the CFC should cover any fundraising shortfall. It was a very close vote with no clear consensus of the Governors.

18. Concluding Address by President

Our final online meeting of the year has now drawn to a close. With 34 governors in attendance, discussion was hot in some areas and cold in others. I was particularly disappointed, however, that the occasion of our impending 140th anniversary drew no commentary whatsoever. From an administrative standpoint, the delay in my having received the permissions I needed was also frustrating, although it seems to have worked out in the end. As a sidenote, my thanks go out to Chris, again, for making the number of polling options unlimited - this may prove handy in future.

The meeting was not all doom and gloom, of course, and I think we have a number of positives to show for our efforts: a solid budget in place, presented prior to the AGM; an improved bonus point formula voted in; Bob G.'s Youth Report finally presented and discussed; a new TDOCP on the books (controversial, as it may be); and a revised Olympic Selection Committee structure (imperfect as the whole process still might be). The last-minute inclusion of a Long-Term Planning Committee Report was also pleasing - Vlad Drkulec has been steering a strong team and I expect his report in July will be worth the wait.

Olympic fundraising will continue, but, as the discussion raised by Hal highlights, this is a challenge that may call for creative solutions down the line. In the meantime, each of you is encouraged to consider either putting on, or participating in, a waive event. I also encourage each of you to consider the development of bids for the 2013 Canadian Open and/or 2013 CYCC. With the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Open upcoming, it would be a shame to see a rescue bid prove necessary.

If the desire for further discussion is still burning inside of you, always feel free to turn to the governors' private discussion forum. With that, my thanks to all for participating in this meeting and I hope all of you will take the time to participate in the AGM come July (whether in person, by proxy, or otherwise).

As a postscript, my public congratulations to Hal on his appointment as a deputy arbiter at the World Championship. I wish him safe travels to Moscow come May.

Appendix 2: Outgoing Governors' Proxy Form

Proxy Form
Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada
July 2-8, 2012

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

as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf in the same manner as I could if personally present at the Annual Meeting to be held July 2-8 2012, or at any extension thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2012.

Instructions to Proxy:

PART ONE – Assembly of Outgoing Governors

1. Registration of Proxies

2. Opening Comments of Chair

3. 2011 Minutes (published in GL 1 - http://chess.ca/sites/default/files/webform/2011_2012_GL%231.pdf)

4. Reports

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Past President
- E. FIDE Representative
- F. Youth Coordinator
- G. Masters Representative
- H. Woman's Coordinator
- I. Rating Auditor
- J. Chess Foundation of Canada
- K. Kalev Pugi Fund
- L. Treasurer
- M. Executive Director: Financial Report
- N. Budget 2012 for discussion

5. Motions for Final Vote:

AGM 2012-A Motion: Barron/Denomnee Governor Code of Ethics (Back on Floor from April Quarterly meeting) (Motion Text at <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/showthread.php?t=2409>)

Please vote YES NO ABSTAIN

AGM 2012-B Motion: Bond/Dutton Ratification of FQE-CFC Agreement (Agreement Text at <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/showthread.php?t=2639>)

Please vote YES NO ABSTAIN

Please note any additional instructions to the proxy on the back of this page or additional pages as needed

Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of Canada, 356 Ontario Street, Suite 373, Stratford, ON N5A 7X6, Phone: (519) 508-2362, Fax: (519) 284-0278, E-Mail: info@chess.ca
Please also send a copy of your proxy to the Secretary at secretary@chess.ca

Appendix 3: Incoming Governors' Proxy Form

Proxy Form
Annual General Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada
July 2-8, 2012

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 Toronto on the 2nd through 8th of July 2012, or at any extension thereof.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2012.

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 _____

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