

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2017**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of the Council will be held at the Thistle City Barbican Hotel, 120 Central Street, Clerkenwell, London, EC1V 8DS, starting at 1.30 p.m.

The Procedural Bye Laws prescribe that the Chairman shall seek to end the ECF Council meeting by 6:00 p.m. but it may be extended to 6:30 p.m. if Members wish.

This meeting is convened by the Company Secretary (Bruce Wallace Associates) on the instruction of the board. This Agenda is issued from the English Chess Federation Office (The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0YD) on Thursday 21st September 2017.

Members considering the appointment of a proxy or voting by directed proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting are directed to the relevant enclosure and should note that deadlines apply to the receipt of written proxies of all kinds.

Any organisation wishing to change its Representative Member should note that they must do so before 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday 11 October 2017.

In order to expedite the business of the meeting, Members are invited to contact the ECF Office beforehand should they have any questions of detail on the papers for the meeting, particularly the financial papers.

As usual, members will have the opportunity to question candidates in elections. As Malcolm Pein (candidate for FIDE Delegate) will be attending FIDE Congress at the time of this meeting members are invited to submit questions by email to the ECF Office and these questions and replies will be read or circulated at the meeting.

The Chairman of Council indicates that details of how members have exercised their votes in a poll (apart from the election of individuals) will be published as part of the minutes of the meeting.

Members are reminded of the advice of the Pearce Commission that they should consult the organisations that they represent (and the members thereof) when deciding how to cast their votes.

The Annual General Council Meeting of the British Chess Federation will take place during the afternoon adjournment of the ECF AGM. The agenda for the BCF meeting is being sent to the members of the BCF Council (effectively the ECF Officers, Constituent Units and County Associations) and only these members are entitled to vote at the meeting. However, all members of the ECF Council are welcome to be in attendance.

Directions:

The hotel is situated a short walk from both Old Street and Barbican stations.

From Old Street, take Exit 4, turn left up the slope, walk along Old Street and turn right into Bath Street. After 150 yards, turn left into Lever Street and you will find the hotel 150 yards on your right.

From Barbican, turn left and walk along Goswell Road. At the next set of traffic lights, turn right into Old Street. Turn left into Central Street and you will find the hotel on your right

Coffee will be served on arrival at 1.15pm, and again during the break whilst the BCF meeting takes place.

Enclosures:

- (i) The Agenda
- (ii) Attendance reply slip
- (iii) Directed proxy form
- (iv) Paper on Voting and Constitutional Reform

The full set of paperwork is published on the ECF website at

<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/about/ecf-council-and-board/>

Papers for the BCF Council Meeting can also be downloaded from the website at the same URL.

Should you require to be mailed a paper copy of the documentation please contact the ECF Office.

Agenda items have been annotated as follows

* Paper available for download on 21 October 2017 # Paper to follow

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman

If the Chairman of Council (Mike Gunn) is not present then Council will elect one of its members to chair the meeting.
2. Observation of a minute's silence to remember colleagues who have died since the last meeting
3. Notices
 - (a) Location of printed lists of Apologies for Absence, Members voting by individual Proxy and Members voting by Proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting.
 - (b) Announcement of others in attendance with the permission of the Chairman
 - (c) Appointment of Tellers
 - (d) Voting Register *

Council is invited to note the Voting Register and any amendments thereto.
4. Approval and, if necessary, correction of minutes of the Finance Meeting of the Council held on 22 April 2017 *

Council is invited to consider and, if thought fit, resolve: "That the Chairman of the meeting shall sign the minutes as being an accurate record."
5. Matters Arising from these Minutes and not otherwise on the agenda
6. To receive and approve the following reports
 - (a) The Board of Directors' report# (Mike Truran)
 - (b) The Chairman of the Governance Committee's report* (Robert Stern)
 - (c) The Chairman of the Finance Committee's report# (Tim Herring)
7. Elections and appointments
 - (a) Director of Finance
David Eustace standing for re-election

- (b) Director of Home Chess
Alex Holowczak standing for re-election
- (c) Director of Membership
David Thomas standing for re-election
- (d) Non-Executive Director
Julie Denning standing for re-election
Peter Hornsby nominated by Francis Bowers Platinum Direct Members Representative, Middlesex County Chess Association, Cumbria Chess Association, South Tyne League, Cambridgeshire County Chess Association
- (e) Chairman of Council
Mike Gunn standing for re-election
- (f) FIDE Delegate
Malcolm Pein standing for re-election
- (g) 1 Member of Finance Committee
Ray Clark nominated by Tim Herring (Chairman of Finance Committee)
- (h) 2 Members of Governance Committee
Andrew Leadbetter nominated by Robert Stern (Chairman of Governance Committee)
Michael Farthing nominated by Robert Stern (Chairman of Governance Committee)
- (i) Auditor
The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler Audit Ltd will be proposed

8. Awards* (Paul Bielby)

- (a) Honorary Life Vice President
- (b) Honorary Life Member
- (c) To note other ECF awards

9. Voting Reform and Other Constitutional Matters

Council is invited to consider, and if thought fit, approve the following resolutions as further set out in the accompanying paper entitled Voting reform and other Constitutional Matters. The resolutions indicated as special resolutions require 75% of the votes cast to be in favour to be passed.

- (a) a special resolution to amend the Articles of Association to increase the representation at Council of Direct Members Representatives.
- (b) an ordinary resolution to amend the Direct Members Bye Laws to supplement the amendments to the Articles of Association in (a) above.
- (c) a special resolution to amend the Articles of Association to provide for the publication of how members cast their votes on certain votes conducted by way of poll at meetings of Council.
- (d) a special resolution to make some routine amendments to the Articles of Association, principally reflecting the out-sourcing of the role of Company Secretary.
- (e) an ordinary resolution to amend the Procedural Bye Laws to reflect the out-sourcing of the role of Company Secretary.
- (f) an ordinary resolution to update the Direct Members Bye Laws to reflect changes made in recent years to membership categories, fees and benefits and other matters.

Council is invited to note the amendments to the following regulations by the Board:

- (a) Regulation No. 1 The Bids Regulations.
 - (b) Regulation No. 2 The Directors and Officers Responsibilities Regulations.
 - (c) Regulation No. 3 The Coaches Regulations.
10. To approve the dates of the Finance Council and AGM: 28 April 2018 in London and 13 October 2018 in Birmingham, respectively.
 11. Strategy# (Mike Truran)
To receive and approve the Board's Strategy Statement
 12. Finance# (David Eustace)
To receive and approve Annual Accounts for the period 2015/16.
 13. Platinum membership (Stephen Woodhouse)
To consider a possible re-structuring of the Platinum membership subscription for reasons of tax efficiency.

14. Any Other Business of which notice has been given to the Chairman of the Meeting and which is of a minor nature only.

Matters of substance may not be raised under this heading, except in terms of information or a preliminary notification of important business for a future Meeting.