

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12 OCTOBER 2019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of the Council will be held at in 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 18 September 2019.

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 are asked to do so before midnight on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

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.

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 and biscuits 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

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 18 September # 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 27 April 2019 \*

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. Strategy\* (Mike Truran)

To receive and approve the Board's Strategy Statement
8. Elections and appointments

- (a) Non Executive Chairman of the Board  
Julian Clissold standing for re-election
- (b) Director of International Chess  
Mialcolm Pein standing for re-election
- (c) Non Executive Director  
Stephen Woodhouse standing for re-election
- (d) Chairman of Council
- (e) FIDE Delegate  
Malcolm Pein standing for re-election
- (f) Chairman of Finance Committee  
Nick Faulks standing for election
- (g) Member of Governance Committee  
Mike Gunn standing for re-election
- (h) Auditor  
The reappointment of Goatcher Chandler Audit Ltd will be proposed

9. Constitutional Matters

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

- (a) a special resolution to update the Articles of Association.
- (b) an ordinary resolution to amend the Game Fee Bye Laws to supplement the amendments to the Articles of Association in (a) above.
- (c) an ordinary resolution to amend the Procedural Bye Laws in relation to holders of posts standing for re-election.
- (d) an ordinary resolution to update the Direct Members Bye Laws

In addition, Council is invited to note that the Coaches Regulations (Regulation No.3) are no longer in force.

10. Council is asked to consider, and if thought fit, approve the following resolution from Mark Murrell (SCCU):

”That fines levied and received by the ECF in the ECF stage of the Counties Championships for defaulted boards and defaulted matches (which currently fall under Counties Championships Rule D4.2) shall be passed on by the ECF to the county defaulted against (the ‘innocent’ county).”

(Note: the text of Rule D4.2 of the 2018/2019 Counties Championships Rules read:

”D4.2. Should any County, having been nominated by its Union for the Final Stage of any of the Championships and having accepted such nomination in accordance with Section B, default any match, or any game in a match, it shall be required to reimburse such of its opponents reasonable expenses incurred as the Controller shall determine; and unless the Controller decides otherwise shall also pay a fine of 20 per game defaulted or 100 per match defaulted, whichever is less; such fines being payable to the English Chess Federation.”)

11. Awards\*

Council is invited to note the awards for 2019 as set out in the Awards paper from Paul Bielby.

12. To approve the dates of the Finance Council and AGM: 25 April 2020 in London and 17 October 2020 in Birmingham, respectively.

13. To consider any actions arising from the lack of a nominee for Chair of Council.

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.