

**Dr Stephen Greep : A brief statement in support of my application to become a committee member of the ECF Governance Committee**

I have a good understanding of organisational governance and accountability at both small and large organisations. I have sat on Governance committees of organisations as a Board Director and Chief Executive Officer for fifteen years and as a non-Executive of a small social housing organisation. I have constructed and implemented a complete organisational Governance structure bought about by the merger of two multi-million-pound organisations. I can bring this experience to the ECF Governance Committee with some independence of the organisation. I was instrumental in bringing charitable status to the Hull and District Chess Association including creating a new constitution. While I am Chair of the ECF Awards Committee I play no role in the management of the ECF (although I recently jointly ran the National Online Club Championships for the ECF) and do not believe I have any conflict in undertaking a role on the governance committee.

By way of further background. Having retired from my role as an acute hospital NHS CEO, I am General Secretary of the Hull and District Chess Association, a registered charity, and a Trustee of the Chess Trust. I am Treasurer of the Hull Chess Club. My non chess roles include lay committee representation on various committees for the General Pharmaceutical Council and General Chiropractic Council. I am a Trustee on the East Riding Cardiac Trust; Chairman, Chairman of the grants and bursary awards committees and conference co-ordinator of the Roman Finds Group (I am an academic archaeologist with around 100 publications; most of my time is spent on archaeological research projects) and sit on the Finance Committee of the Society of Antiquaries of London (I have been a Trustee of the Charity when its Governance structure and Royal Charter was reviewed and changed). A copy of my c.v. can be seen in the Council papers at the ECF Annual General Meeting October 2018 in relation to my becoming a Trustee of the Chess Trust.