

Record of Card Votes at the ECF Annual General Meeting 17 October 2020

This document shows how representatives voted in the two card votes conducted at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Latitude has been allowed this year in relation to errors in voting as the result of the resolutions concerned has not been affected and because the voting procedures were new, somewhat cumbersome and prone to error. As the overall result was not in doubt, it seemed right that in a published document it would be wrong to throw doubt on the integrity of the voters when their intentions were clear. This does not set a precedent for future meetings.

The motions involved were as follows:

Card Vote 1 was on the motion:

Council resolves:

That the Articles of Association be amended as follows:

Instead of:

‘59. At each Annual General Meeting held in or after 2017 Directors shall retire in accordance with the Board Rota.

60. Any Director who retires at an Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 59 shall be eligible for re-election at such Annual General Meeting.’

They should be changed to read:

‘59. In the interests of Board renewal, all Directors are eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same board position. At each Annual General Meeting, Directors shall retire in accordance with the Board Rota.

60. Any Director who retires at an Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 59 shall not be eligible for re-election at such Annual General Meeting, but if the post is not filled at that Annual General Meeting then that retiring Director may consequently be appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy in accordance with Article 57.’

That the amended Articles of Association come into effect immediately, and that this resolution is enacted before the Board elections take place at the 2020 AGM.

That additionally the Board is directed to amend Regulation No. 2 (Election Rota) accordingly.

This was a “Special Resolution” and required a 75% vote in favour to be passed

The result of the vote was not announced in the meeting, as the tellers had not returned before the close of meeting. Nevertheless, the Zoom meeting room was kept open and the result was announced informally to those who chose to remain after the meeting. The result announced gave 68 votes in favour of the motion and 182 against. In this document the results are shown as 77 in favour and 180 against. The discrepancy is a result of changed allocations as follows:

- (a) the tellers mistakenly discounted a card on the basis that the vote was cast by someone other than the correct representative but they had overlooked a proxy allocation.
- (b) a card submitted by a named representative but without a named organisation was correctly discounted by the tellers but on review the number of votes exactly matched the voter's allocation and the intention was clear.
- (c) a card submitted with an organisation for which the voter was not a representative was correctly discounted by the tellers but on review it was noted that the voter did have a vote for a very similarly named organisation and the voter had not otherwise cast that vote. It was decided this was a genuine error and the intention of the voter was clear.
- (d) There were nine incidents of double voting and, as notified in the meeting, the later vote was accepted as valid. However, two duplicate votes were not detected by the tellers.

Card Vote 2 was on the motion:

Council resolves that

Bye Law No 1 (The Direct Members Bye Laws) be amended by replacing the first sentence of paragraph 5.2 from:

‘Each of the five categories in 5.1 shall be entitled each year to elect two representatives (who shall be Direct Members but not necessarily of the relevant category).’

to read:

‘Each of the five categories in 5.1 shall be entitled each year to elect two representatives (who shall be Direct Members of the category they seek to represent).’

The result announced shortly after the close of the meeting was 99 votes in favour of the motion and 127 against. In this document the results are shown as 96 in favour and 133 against. The discrepancy is a result of changed allocations as follows:

- (a) the tellers mistakenly discounted a card on the basis that the vote was cast by someone other than the correct representative but they had overlooked a proxy allocation.
- (b) a card submitted by a named representative but without an organisation was correctly discounted by the tellers but on review the number of votes exactly matched the individual voter's allocation and the intention was clear.
- (c) two cards submitted with an organisation for which the voters were not representatives were correctly discounted by the tellers but on review it was noted that the voters did have votes for very similarly named organisations and the voters had not otherwise cast those

votes. It was decided these were genuine errors and the intentions of the voters were clear.

(d) There was one incident of double voting and, as notified in the meeting, the later vote was accepted as valid.

(e) There was one incident of over voting where the vote was split. This had been overlooked by the tellers but was subsequently disallowed as the voter's intention could not be determined.

(f) There were three incidents of over voting where the voting was not split. This was not noticed until the review when the votes were reduced to the number allowed.

Article 5(1) Constituent Units

Constituent Unit	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2	
		For	Against	For	Against
East Anglian Chess Union	2	0	2		
London Chess League	5	1	4	3	2
Manchester Chess Federation	3	0	3		
Midland Counties Chess Union	3	0	3	3	0
Northern Counties Chess Union	1	1	0		
Southern Counties Chess Union	2	0	2	1	0
West of England Chess Union	1				

Article 5(2) County Associations

County	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2	
		For	Against	For	Against
Bedfordshire	1	0	1	0	1
Berkshire	1	0	1		
Buckinghamshire	1				
Cambridgeshire	2	2	0	2	0
Cheshire & North Wales	1				
Cleveland	2	2	0	0	2
Cornwall	1				
Cumbria	1	1	0	0	1
Derbyshire	2	0	2	0	2
Devon	2	0	2	0	2
Dorset	2	0	2	2	0
Durham	2	2	0	0	2
Essex	2	0	2	2	0
Gloucestershire	1				
Hampshire	1				
Herefordshire	1	0	1	1	0
Hertfordshire	3				
Kent	3	0	3	3	0
Lancashire	1	0	1	1	0
Leicestershire & Rutland	3	3	0		
Lincolnshire	1	0	1	0	1
Merseyside	3	0	3	3	0
Middlesex	2	2	0	0	2
Norfolk	4	0	4		
Northamptonshire	1	0	1	0	1
Northumberland	3	0	3	0	3
Nottinghamshire	3	0	3	0	3
Oxfordshire	2	0	2	2	0
Shropshire	2	0	2	2	0
Somerset	1				
Staffordshire	1	0	1	0	1
Suffolk	2				
Surrey	2	0	2	0	2
Sussex	2	0	2	0	2
Warwickshire	2	0	2	2	0
Wiltshire	1				
Worcestershire	1	0	1	0	1
Yorkshire	2	2	0	0	2

Article 5(3) Chess Leagues

League	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2	
		For	Against	For	Against
4NCL	9	0	9	9	0
Birmingham & District League	6	0	6	0	6
Blackpool & Fylde League	1	0	1	0	1
Bolton & District Chess League	1	0	1		
Bournemouth & District League	2	0	2	2	0
Bradford & District League	2	2	0	0	2
Briant Poulter Chess League	2	0	2	2	0
Bristol & District League	4				
Bronowski Trophy	1	0	1	0	1
Bury & Rochdale League	1	0	1	1	0
Cannock & District League	1	0	1	0	1
Central Lancashire League	1	0	1	1	0
Central London League	2	0	2	2	0
Chess 2020	1				
Chester & District League	1				
Chiltern League	1	0	1	1	0
City Chess Association	1	1	0	0	1
Coventry & District League	2	1	1	0	2
Croydon & District League	1	0	1	0	1
Darlington & District League	1	1	0		
Dudley & District League	1	0	1	0	1
Exeter & District League	1	0	1	0	1
Hertford & District League	1				
Hillingdon & District League	1				
Hull & District Chess Association	2	0	2	0	2
Lancaster & Morecambe League	1	0	1	1	0
Leamington & District League	2	1	1	0	2
Leeds League	2	2	0	0	2
London Public Service Chess League	2	0	2	2	0
Mid-Sussex League	2	0	2	0	2
North Circular Chess League	1	0	1	1	0
North Essex League	1	1	0	0	1
North Gloucestershire Chess League	2				
North Staffordshire League	2	0	2	0	2
Portsmouth & District League	1				
South East Lancashire League	1	0	1	1	0
South Tynedale League	1	1	0	0	1
Southampton League	2				
Southend & District League	1				
Stockport Chess League	2	0	2	2	0
Stockport Rapidplay League	1	0	1	1	0
Surrey Border League	2	0	2	2	0
Thames Valley League	2	0	2	0	2
Thanet & East Kent Chess League	2				
Torbay League	2	0	2	2	0
Warrington & District Chess League	1	0	1	1	0
Wirral Chess League	1				
Wolverhampton & District Chess League	2	0	2	0	2
Worcester & District League	1	0	1	0	1

Article 5(4) Chess Congresses

Congress	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2	
		For	Against	For	Against
Barnet Knights	2	2	0	0	2
Berks & Bucks Congress	1	0	1	1	0
Blackpool Chess Conference	2	0	2	2	0
Bolton Easter Congress	1	0	1	1	0
British Rapidplay	1				
Bury St Edmunds Congress	1	0	1		
Caplin Hastings International Congress	3	0	3	0	3
Castle Chess	1				
Central London Chess Congress	1				
Chess Coaching Services	1	1	0	0	1
Chess in Schools and Communities	4	4	0	0	4
Coulsdon Chess Fellowship	6	6	0	0	6
Crowborough Congress	1				
Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge	8	0	8		
Doncaster Congress	1	1	0	0	1
East Devon Chess Congress	1	0	1	1	0
Frodsham Congress	1				
Frome	1				
Gibraltar Masters	5	5	0	0	5
Golders Green	4	4	0	4	0
Hampstead Congress	3	3	0	3	0
Heywood Congress	1	0	1	1	0
Kent Junior Chess Association	2				
Kidlington Chess Tournament	1	0	1	1	0
King's Place Chess Festival	1	1	0	1	0
Leek Congress	1				
Leyland Congress	1	0	1	0	1
London Junior Chess Championships	6				
Maidenhead Juniors	2	0	2	2	0
National Chess Junior Squad	1				
Northumbria Junior Chess Association	1	1	0	0	1
Pimlico Summer Tournament	1	0	1	1	0
Preston Chess Congress	1				
Ribble Congresses	1	0	1	0	1
Richmond Junior CC	3				
Scarborough Congress	2	0	2	0	2
South Lakes Congress	1	1	0	0	1
Southend Easter Congress	1				
St Albans Congress	1				
Stockport Rapidplay	1	0	1	1	0
Surrey Congress	1	0	1	0	1
Teignmouth Rapidplay	1				
Wiltshire Junior Chess	1				
Witney Rapidplay	1	0	1	1	0
Witney Weekend Congress	1	0	1	1	0

Article (5) Other Organisations

Organisation	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2	
		For	Against	For	Against
Barnstaple Chess Club	1				
Braille Chess Association	1				
British Chess Problem Society	1	0	1	1	0
British Universities' Chess Association	1	0	1	0	0
Chess Arbiters' Association	1	0	1	0	1
English Deaf Chess Association	1				
English Primary Schools Chess Association	3	0	3	3	0
Friends of Chess	1				
National Youth Chess Association	1	0	1	1	0

Article 5(6) to 5(15) Votes conferred to Office Holders

Office	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2	
		For	Against	For	Against
President	1	1	0	0	1
Chief Executive	1	0	1	1	0
Non-Executive Chairman	1	1	0	1	0
Director of Finance	1	0	1	1	0
Director of Home Chess	1	0	1	1	0
Director of International Chess	1	1	0	0	1
Director of Junior Chess & Education	1	0	1	0	0
Director of Membership	1	0	1	0	1
Director of Women's Chess	1			0	1
Non Executive Director	1	0	1	0	1
Non Executive Director	1	0	1	0	1
Chairman of the Council	1				
The FIDE Delegate*	0				
Chairman of the Finance Committee	1	0	1	0	1
Chairman of the Governance Committee	1	0	1	1	0
Trustee: Ray Edwards	1				
Trustee: Isabel Keen	1	1	0	0	1
The Past Chief Executive	1			0	1
The Past Chairman of Council	1	0	1		

*Holders of multiple offices are allowed only 1 vote for all offices held

Article 5(16) Direct Members Representatives

Direct Member	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2	
		For	Against	For	Against
Vice Presidents: Stewart Reuben	1				
Vice Presidents: Gerry Walsh	1				
Platinum: David Eustace1	1	0	1	1	0
Platinum: John Wickham	1	0	1		
Gold: Lorin D'Costa	6	0	6	0	6
Gold: Robert Willmoth	6	0	6	0	6
Silver: John Reyes	6	0	6	6	0
Silver: Tim Wall	6	6	0	0	6
Bronze: Aga Milewska	6	6	0	0	6
Bronze: Chris Skulte	6	6	0	0	6