

**Agenda for the ECF Annual General Meeting of 16 October 2021
commencing at 1.30pm**

To be held at the Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone,
London W1U 5AS

also with access for representatives via Zoom

1 Appointment of Chairman

If the Chairman of Council is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting then Council shall elect one of its members to chair the meeting.

2 Observation of a minute's silence

For colleagues who have died since the last meeting

3 Notices

(a) Representatives are directed to the ECF website for the information usually on display at meetings, namely:

Details of voting entitlements;

Apologies for absence;

Members voting by individual proxy;

Members voting by Proxy to the Chairman of the Meeting. [C35.3].

(b) Announcement of others in attendance with the permission of the Chairman.

(c) Appointment of Tellers. The Chairman will suggest names of possible tellers in advance of the meeting, who will then have had time to familiarise themselves with the process. The Chairman will ask Members to accept these tellers or bring forward alternative names.

4 Minutes of the Last Meeting on 24 April 2021

Approval and if necessary amendment of the minutes [C35.4]

Council resolves that the Chairman of the meeting shall sign the minutes of the Finance Council Meeting on 24 April 2021 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 [C35.6a]
- (b) Report from the Non-Executive Directors [C35.6b]
- (c) The Strategy Statement and Business Plan [C35.6c]
- (d) The Report of the Governance Committee [C35.6d]
- (e) The Report of the Finance Committee [C35.6e]

7. To receive and approve the Audited Accounts for the year 2019-20

8 Elections

(a) President

Dominic Lawson, standing for re-election

(b) Chief Executive

Malcolm Pein, nominated by Northern Counties Chess Union, Cumbria Chess Association, Durham County Chess Association, Yorkshire Chess Association, North East League, Barnet Knights, Chess Coaching Services, Northumbria Chess Masters, Northumbria Junior Chess Association, South Tyne League, South Lakes Congress, Gold Direct Members Representative Lorin d'Costa, Gold Direct Members Representative Rob Willmoth, Silver Direct Members Representative Tim Wall, Bronze Direct Members Representative, Aga Milewska, Bronze Direct Members Representative Chris Skulte

Mike Truran, standing for re-election and also nominated by Director of Finance, Director of Home Chess, Director of Junior Chess, Midland Counties Chess Union, Oxfordshire Chess Association, Warwickshire Chess Association, Hull and District Chess Association, South East Lancashire League, Stockport Chess League, Stockport Rapidplay League, Torbay League, Warrington & District Chess League, 4NCL, Kidlington Congress, Ribble Congresses, Scarborough Chess Congress, Witney Congress, Witney Rapidplay, Trustee Ray Edwards, Platinum Direct Members Representative David Eustace

(c) Director of Junior Chess

Alex Holowczak, standing for re-election and also nominated by The Chief Executive, Director of Home Chess, Director of Junior Chess, Midland Counties Chess Union, Warwickshire Chess Association, South East Lancashire Chess League, Stockport Chess League, Stockport Rapidplay League, Torbay League, Warrington & District Chess League

(d) Director of Women's Chess

Aga Milewska, nominated by Northern Counties Chess Union, Durham County Chess Association, North East League, Northumbria Chess Masters, Northumbria Junior Chess Association

(e) Director of Events

Shohreh Bayat, nominated by The Chief Executive, Director of Home Chess, Director of Junior Chess, Midlands Counties Chess Union, Warwickshire Chess Association, South East Lancashire League, Stockport Chess League, Stockport Rapidplay League, Torbay League

(f) Chairman of Council

Michael Farthing, standing for re-election

(g) FIDE Delegate

Malcolm Pein, standing for re-election

(h) Chair of the Governance Committee

Chris Fegan, nominated by the Director of Women's Chess

Robert Stern, standing for re-election

9 Appointment of Auditor

The reappointment of Watson Associates of East Sussex will be proposed

10 Ordinary Resolution proposed by the Director of International Chess and the Director of membership

Council requests the PIF Trustees to work with the Board to simplify the ECF/BCF structure and to ensure that the PIF Funds, while remaining under their stewardship, are transferred to the ECF and not to other organisations or charitable trusts without an explicit vote authorising this by Council and the agreement of the Board.

11 Ordinary Resolution proposed by the Director of International Chess and the Director of Membership

Council requests the Directors of Chess Centre Ltd to work with the Board to simplify the ECF/BCF structure, to dissolve Chess Centre Ltd and transfer the assets to the ECF for the benefit of members.

12 Ordinary Resolution proposed by the Director of International Chess and the Director of Membership

Council notes the recent statement from Oliver Dowden MP regarding chess and instructs the Board to attempt to engage with government to secure recognition of the game as well as funding, with a view of developing the game in England.

13 Awards

Council is invited to note the awards for 2021 as set out in the website presentation from Stephen Greep.

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-awards-2020-citations/> and C35.13(i)]

14 Time and Place of Future Meetings

To approve the dates of the Finance Council and AGM in 2022:

Council resolves that in 2022 its Finance Meeting shall be held in London on 23 April 2022 and its Annual General Meeting shall be held in Birmingham on 15 October 2022.

15 Any Other Business

To consider any other business, notice of which 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.

Note: Council representatives are entitled to appoint a proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Notification of proxies must be received by the end of Wednesday 14th October using the form of words in the Articles of Association (and notified separately to members in the letter accompanying this agenda).