

Agenda for the ECF Annual General Meeting of 15 October 2022 commencing at 1.30pm

To be held at the Simister Hall, The Signing Tree Conference Centre,
Ladywood Road, Birmingham B16 8SZ
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 Council Database 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.

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

(c) Appointment of tellers. As voting is now conducted electronically and the results are automatically counted, Council is invited to forego the appointment of tellers.

4 Minutes of the Last Meeting on 23 April 2022

Approval and if necessary amendment of the minutes. **[C37.4]**

Council resolves that the Chairman of the meeting shall sign the minutes of the Finance Council Meeting on 23 April 2022 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 [C37.6a]
- (b) Report from the Non-Executive Directors [C37.6b]
- (c) The Strategy Statement and Business Plan [C37.6c]
- (d) The Report of the Governance Committee [C37.6d]
- (e) The Report of the Finance Committee [C37.6e]

7. To receive and approve the Audited Accounts for the year 2020-21**8 Elections**

(a) Chair of Council:

David Eustace, nominated by: Non-Executive Director Stephen Woodhouse, Past Chair of Council [C37.8a]

(b) Non Executive Chairman of the Board:

Tim Wall, nominated by: Northern Counties Chess Union, Cumbria Chess Association, Northumberland Chess Association, South Tyne Chess League, South Lakes Chess Congress, Director of Women's Chess [C37.8b(1)]

Stephen Woodhouse, nominated by: Manchester Chess Federation, Midland Counties Chess Union, Oxfordshire Chess Association, 4 Nations Chess League, Warrington & District Chess League, Kidlington Chess Congress, Witney Congress, Witney Rapidplay, Chief Executive, Director of Home Chess, Director of Events, Past Chair of Council

[C37.8b(2)]

(c) Director of International Chess:

Malcom Pein, restanding and nominated by: Manchester Chess Federation, Midland Counties Chess Union, Warrington and District Chess League, Richmond Junior Chess Club, Director of Events, Director of Women's Chess

(d) Director of Events:

Shohreh Bayat, restanding and nominated by: Manchester Chess Federation, Midland Counties Chess Union, Oxfordshire Chess Association, 4 Nations Chess League, Warrington & District Chess League, Kidlington Chess Congress, Witney Congress, Witney Rapidplay, Chief Executive,

Director of Women's Chess, Director of Home Chess, Non Executive
Director Stephen Woodhouse, Gold Members' Representative Tim Wall

[C37.8d]

(e) Non Executive Director:

Alan Atkinson, nominated by: East Anglian Chess Union, Kent County
Chess Association, Norfolk County Chess Association, Director of
Women's Chess

[C37.8e(1)]

Hok Yin Chiu, nominated by: Lancashire Chess Association, Merseyside
Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League, Central London
Congress, Golders Green Congress, Hampstead Congress, Bronze
Members' Representative Tina Teotia

[C37.8e(2)]

Stephen Greep, nominated by: Manchester Chess Federation, Midland
Counties Chess Union, Oxfordshire Chess Association, 4 Nations Chess
League, Blackpool & Fylde District League, Hull & District Chess
Association, Warrington & District Chess League, Delancey UK Chess
Challenge, Kidlington Chess Congress, Leyland Congress, Ribble
Congresses, Witney Congress, Witney Rapidplay, Friends of Chess, Chief
Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Junior Chess, Director of Home
Chess, Director of Events, Non Executive Chair of the Board, Non Executive
Director Stephen Woodhouse, Past Chair of Council, Platinum Members'
Representative David Eustace

[C37.8e(3)]

(f) FIDE Representative:

Malcom Pein, restanding and nominated by: Richmond Junior Chess Club,
Director of Women's Chess, Director of Events

(g) Chair of Finance Committee:

Nick Faulks, restanding

(h) Member of Governance Committee:

Mike Gunn, nominated by: Chair of Governance Committee

9 Appointment of Auditor

The reappointment of Watson Associates will be proposed.

10 Ordinary Resolution proposed by the Manchester Chess Federation

THAT the choice of venues for Meetings of Council shall be extended to include an accessible Northern city such as Manchester or Leeds, this to be achieved by amending the first sentence of paragraph 2.1 of the Procedural Byelaws to read as follows:

“The Finance Council and Annual General Meeting shall be held successively in London, Birmingham and either Manchester or Leeds commencing with London for the Annual General Meeting in 2023”

replacing the existing sentence:

“The meetings of Council for the Finance Council and the Annual General Meeting shall be held in London and Birmingham on a two-year cycle of London (Finance) and Birmingham (AGM) in even-numbered years, and Birmingham (Finance) and London (AGM) in odd-numbered years”

11 Ordinary Resolution proposed by the Board.

THAT in recognition of his long service to chess, particularly as a trustee of the Permanent Investment Fund, Ray Edwards be made an Honorary Life Member of the ECF.

[C37.11]

12 Awards

Council is invited to note the awards for 2022 as set out in the website presentation by Stephen Greep.

[C37.12]

13 Time and Place of Future Meetings

To approve the dates of the Finance Council and AGM in 2023:

Council resolves that in 2023 its Finance Meeting shall be held by Zoom on 22 April 2023 and its Annual General Meeting shall be held in London, with access also by Zoom, on 14 October 2023.

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 in accordance with the document "Appointment of Proxies and Voting Arrangements" accompanying this Notice of Meeting.