

**Agenda for the ECF Annual General Meeting of 26 October 2024 starting at 1.30pm.**

To be held at Mercure London Hyde Park, 8-14 Talbot Square London W2 1TS. There will also be video conference access for representatives via Zoom.

**1 Appointment of Chair**

If the Chair 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 Chair of the Meeting.

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

(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 27 April 2024**

**[C41.4]**

Approval and, if necessary, amendment of the minutes.

Council resolves that the Chair of the meeting shall sign the minutes of the Finance Council Meeting on 27 April 2024 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 [C41.5a]
- (b) Report from the Non-Executive Directors [C41.5b]
- (c) The Strategy Statement and Business Plan [C41.5c]
- (d) The Report of the Governance Committee [C41.5d]
- (e) The Report of the Finance Committee [C41.5e]

**To receive and note the following:**

- (f) Accounts of the British Chess Federation for the year ended  
31 August 2023 [C41.5f]

**7 Elections**

**Note:** All existing post holders have indicated they wish to continue.

- (a) President: **Dominic Lawson** nominated by Aga Milewska [C41.6a]
- (b) Chair of Council: **David Eustace**, nominated by Aga Milewska [C41.6b]
- (c) Chief Executive: **Mike Truran** nominated by Aga Milewska  
[C41.6c]
- (d) Director of Finance: **Alex Longson** nominated by Aga Milewska [C41.6d]
- (e) Director of Women's Chess: **Aga Milewska** nominated by  
Malcolm Pein [C41.6e]
- (f) Director of Junior Chess: **Alex Holowczak** nominated by  
Aga Milewska [C41.6f]
- (g) Non-Executive Director: **Danny Rosenbaum** nominated by  
Mike Truran [C41.6g]
- (h) FIDE Delegate: **Malcolm Pein** nominated by Aga Milewska [C41.6h]
- (i) Chair of Governance: **Robert Stern** nominated by Aga Milewska [C41.6i]
- (j) Member of the Finance Committee  
**Zoe Varney**, nominated by Nick Faulks, Chair of the Finance Committee [C41.6j]
- (k) Member of Governance Committee  
**Mark Murrell**, nominated by Robert Stern the Chair of Governance [C41.6]

**8 Appointment of Auditor**

The reappointment of Watson Associates is proposed.

**9 Future-Proofing the ECF's IT Estate: Addressing Weaknesses and Enhancing Resilience****[C41.7]****10 ECF Awards**

Council is invited to note the awards for 2024 as set out in the website presentation by Keith Gegory. The full details of the awards can be found at:

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-awards-2024/>

**11 Report on the Grassroots Fund**

Report by Stephen Greep on Grassroots activities.

**[C41.8]****12 Constitution Changes**

Explanation of constitutional changes.

**[C41.9]****A. Articles**

The following resolution shall be proposed as a special resolution:

Resolution: "That the articles of association of the ECF be amended by making the changes as set out in the draft document presented to the meeting and signed by the Chair for the purposes of identification".

Document attached to this agenda.

**[C41.10]****B. Changes to Bye-Laws**

i) The following resolution shall be proposed as an ordinary resolution to adopt the

Resolution: "That the Direct Members' Bye-Laws be amended by making the changes set out in the draft document presented to the meeting and signed by the Chair for the purposes of identification".

amendments to the Direct Members Bye-Laws:

Document attached to this agenda.

**[C41.11]**

- ii) The following resolution shall be proposed as an ordinary resolution to adopt the amendments to the Game Fee Bye-Laws:

Resolution: “That the Game Fee Bye-Laws be amended by making the changes set out in the draft document presented to the meeting and signed by the Chair for the purposes of identification”.

Document attached to this agenda.

[C41.12]

**C. Changes to regulations to be noted:**

- (i) To note the changes made to Regulation No. 5 ECF Complaints Procedure.

Document attached to this agenda.

[C41.13]

- (ii) To note the changes made to Regulation No. 7 ECF Complaints Direct Members and Supporters Procedure.

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[C41.14]

**12 Time and Place of Future Meetings**

To approve the dates of the Finance Council and AGM in 2025:

Council resolves that in 2025 its Finance Meeting shall be held by Zoom on 27 April 2025 and its Annual General Meeting shall be held on 25 October 2025.

Note: Discussion to be held on the location and form of future meetings.

**14 Any Other Business**

To consider any other business, notice of which has been given to the Chair 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 23rd October using the form of words in the Articles of Association (and notified separately to members in the letter accompanying the agenda).*

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