

David Eustace

Election Address for position of Chair of Council 2024

Background

Chair of Council

Most members of Council will know me by now. I have been Chair for the past two years and am willing to give the role another year if members wish me to continue.

Chair of Council is a significant role in enabling members' views to be fully expressed to the Board which manages the ECF on a daily basis. If elected I will endeavour to meet with members' expectations by:

- Always acting impartially and fairly for the benefit of all members
- Representing Council to the Board
- Organising, leading and managing the Council meetings to ensure an efficient and effective process, but also to ensure all members are fairly heard
- Ensuring that Council meetings follow the approved governance rules
- Working co-operatively with the Board, individual Board members and all member organisations
- Promoting wider participation of members of Council in discussions on important matters
- Ensuring that all governance matters relating to Council are appropriately discussed and considered

Looking Forward

I have worked, and still do, with some of the current Board members and other officials as well as the Trustees of the Chess Trust. That should be a basis for a good working relationship to support the Board in its decisions as appropriate, while still ensuring the Board takes account of the views of Council.

For the future I am aware that organisations need to develop, and Council is no different. Where appropriate I will think about any ways that Council or its operation could be improved. As always there is the issue of improving representation for all groups and particularly of women and younger members. These are matters which will be on the

Board's and Governance Committee's agenda as well as improvements for the general membership.

As with all roles I have served in, if elected, I intend to leave the post in a better place than when I started. If elected, I look forward to the challenge.

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