

## MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY, 2025

Present: Mike Gunn, Michael Farthing, Mark Murrell, David Eustace, Peter Hornby, Robert Stern (chair)

1. The meeting continued discussions from the previous meeting relating to the role of each of the Chair of Council and of the Non-executive Chair of the Board. It was agreed that increased communication between incumbents would be beneficial (and that it was important that the two posts be kept separate as Council, having an oversight function in relation to the Board, should be chaired separately).
2. Following on from the decision that proposals be put to Finance Council in April that the posts of Chair of Council and of FIDE Delegate be changed to posts of a three year term. It was also agreed that it was logical that all three-year posts should be subject to the right of Council to effect removal from office during the three year term (directors already being capable of removal under Companies Act provisions) and that the proposals for April would be drafted accordingly. It was also said, more generally, that thought was needed as to how to find a greater number of election candidates in future elections.
3. Peter Hornsby reported back on his on-going discussions with the Chair of the Board in relation to seeking to achieve greater involvement of a younger demographic in ECF affairs.
4. It was agreed that the next meeting would be in the second half of March.