

President's Report

For the OCA AGM, May 15, 2010

Greetings to all.

This year was a quietly successful year for the Ontario Chess Association. There is not much to report on, which in the context of past years is a good thing!

The best news of the year is of course the Windsor CYCC Team, in conjunction with the OCA, being awarded a Trillium grant of \$19,600 to facilitate this year's CYCC. The OCA stepped in after the CFC declined to assist in the grant, and the grant amount was virtually the entire amount requested. We all look forward to seeing a very successful CYCC in Windsor this year, and personally I am very happy to see Windsor getting involved provincially and nationally to a greater extent, something I've been working on for years.

The OCA Governors have passed two motions to improve governance. The first major change is that instead of electing a V-P at the AGM, the individual leagues may each elect a "Regional V-P" at their own AGMs, who will sit on the OCA Executive Board. The second change is tying CFC Governorship to OCA Governorship – removing a lot of confusion over who is and is not a CFC and/or OCA Governor.

In the news this week the provincial government announced changes to the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, mainly aimed at governance but also retail activities. I'm not a lawyer but from my brief investigation it appears that the OCA is already in compliance with the proposed new rules – apparently many not-for-profits do not have a regular AGM or a constitution/set of bylaws!

On the financial side, the OCA was pleased to support the Ontario Youth Chess Championship as well as the recently completed Ontario High School Chess Championship. We did have some problems with some cheques (going in both directions) going stale-dated however those are now mostly resolved.

Regarding the results of the Trillium Investigation released late last year, suffice it to say I was not pleased with the report, but at this point there is little more that can be done. All OCA bank records from that era were in a box which I gave to Eric Van Dusen at last year's AGM to go through for the investigation, and he now tells me that he destroyed them all, without permission!

The new Chess Ontario site is now online. While it is still a work in progress, we at least now have a website again and work can continue on improving it.

I have always stated that I thought of myself as a caretaker President, getting the \$5000 debt paid off that was left over from the previous President and getting the OCA going in the right direction. Now that we have a good candidate running for President, I am happy to step aside and strongly support Michael von Keitz for OCA President, 2010-2011.

Sincerely,


Christopher Mallon