



Ontario Chess Association Inc.

OCA Vice-President's Report

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To the governorship and membership of the OCA:

Welcome to a new fiscal year, which brings with it a new set of challenges, and, as always, new faces to the table, prepared to serve in the interest of their constituents at the local, regional, provincial, and even national levels. I must say that I never cease to be amazed by the dedication and commitment our organization is wont to benefit from, year after year.

What comes as no surprise, however, is the energy and demands of such a diverse group of individuals. Earlier in this past term, the “OCA Action Committee” released its findings, particularly as they related to the Trillium fiasco. Claims were made that the document read like an executive summary, lacking the substance one would expect of a thorough investigative review. This document, prepared by me, was intended as a starting point for further expansion by the Committee Chair, Eric van Dusen, who simply approved the working draft as the final report. Going forward, I believe any notion of further investigation, however, should not be pursued. Not only did governors external to the committee act to prepare a more ample summary of events, but I can also assure you that the OCA has not been blacklisted by the Trillium Foundation.

As to the efforts of the Association as a whole to move forward, I do not believe we are necessarily prepared to do so at this time. Claims are continually being made that particular regions have been shortchanged by the OCA, our website lies dormant, and, with the exception of the Ontario Open, none of our marquee events have seen the light of day for some years. For those unaware, I plan to run for President this year, with the hope of working towards rectifying our current state of affairs. This includes reviving the website, the possible debut of the Ontario Closed and Ontario Junior for the first time in a long while, and financial reconciliation with the leagues. Only then can we consider the possibility of a cooperative future, marked by transparency and probity in all dealings with the leagues and with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

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