OCEANIA CHESS CONFEDERATION

STATUTES

EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2012

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1. AIMS

1.1 The Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) was formed on 1 January 2011 and established under FIDE for the development of chess in the Oceania region. It is a non-profit body that will coordinate the activity of its members and organise Zone championships. It will represent the interests of OCC members at FIDE and other international organisations.

2. MEMBERS

2.1 All National Chess Federations in Oceania, defined as FIDE Zone 3.6, are members of OCC.

2.2 Any Oceania association related to chess can be accepted as an associate OCC member without the right to vote.

2.3 Appeals against the decisions of OCC (and the Zone President) shall be made to the Continental President as per Chapter 10 and Chapter 14 of the FIDE Handbook.

3. INSTITUTIONS AND OFFICIALS

3.1 OCC's institutions and officials are:

A – The OCC Policy Board

B - The OCC Executive Board

C - The President

D – The Deputy President

E– The Secretary

F – The Treasurer

4. THE POLICY BOARD (PB)

4.1 The PB is the highest authority of the OCC

4.2 The PB is composed of all member federations.

4.3 Associate members do not have the right to vote.

4.4 A member federation may be represented by a delegate or a proxy .

4.5 A representative may have a proxy from only one additional federation beside their own.

4.6 Each member federation has one vote.

4.7 The PB meeting is permitted to pass resolutions.

4.8 Votes are made orally or by email, fax or regular mail.

4.9 Resolutions are passed by a majority of the votes, without counting the abstentions.

4.10 The annual meeting is convened by the President with at least one month notice.

4.11 The agenda must be sent to member federations by email, fax or regular mail at least one month prior to the meeting.

4.12 Proposals from member federations should reach the OCC Secretariat not later than two weeks before the annual meeting.

4.13 The President upon request of one third of the member federations or majority of the PB shall convene an extraordinary meeting. The meeting shall be held within one month of such a request. The agenda shall be sent out within two weeks of the request.

4.14 The President (or Deputy President) is the Chairman of the annual PB meeting which has the following duties that cannot be delegated to another body.

a) Welcome to the new President (after the FIDE Continental elections every four years)

b) President's report, budget and the financial report

c) Vote on financial regulations

d) Change of the statutes

e) Vote on new associate members

f) Other duties defined as non-transferable by the PB or the statutes

5. EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB)

5.1 The EB shall be comprised of the following:

a) President

b) Deputy President

c) Secretary

d) Treasurer

e) Two other Executive Board members

5.2 Where possible, the EB shall meet annually during Zone Championships. The EB also meets whenever the President finds it necessary or when at least half the EB members call for a meeting.

5.3 Decisions of the EB require a majority of votes with at least half the Board members taking part in the meeting. In case of tie the President has a second and casting vote to establish a majority.

6. THE PRESIDENT

6.1 The OCC President shall be confirmed every 4 years and shall be the FIDE Zone 3.6 President, as elected by the FIDE Asia Continental Assembly.

6.2 The President shall be responsible for the coordination and organization of all zone championships.

6.3 The President shall appoint the EB members and also be Chairperson in all EB meetings.

7. THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

7.1 The Deputy President will carry out the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President.

7.2 The Deputy President shall represent the OCC in lieu of the President and Chair meetings in lieu of the President.

8. THE TREASURER

8.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the OCC finances.

8.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for invoicing and collection of moneys from member federations for the services of the previous twelve months that shall include the annual membership fees.

8.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing an annual budget.

8.4 Entry fees and other allocations from FIDE must be deposited into the OCC Bank Account. The Treasurer shall report to the President quarterly on the financial activity of OCC.

8.5 Annual reports of the Treasurer shall be audited.

9. THE SECRETARY

9.1 The Secretary shall be responsible for the OCC administrative affairs and shall be responsible for maintaining the OCC calendar and advising Federations on FIDE regulations.

9.2 The Secretary shall be responsible for the preparations of minutes and the agenda for the meetings of the Policy Board and the Executive Board.

10. OTHER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

10.1 Two other Executive Board Members shall be appointed by the OCC President in consultation with member federations.

11. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

11.1 The financial year shall coincide with the calendar year. (1st January to 31st December).

11.2 The OCC budget and accounting records will be based on the Australian Dollar.

11.3 All OCC bank accounts shall be in the name of the Oceania Chess Confederation.

11.4 The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall have the signature rights. The signature of the President is compulsory for any transaction.

11.5 Each year at the annual meeting the Treasurer shall present the previous years accounts for approval.

11.6 The OCC's revenues are generated through membership fees, agreed entry fees from Tournaments organized by member federations, allocations from FIDE and other sources.

a) The annual membership fee from each member federation will be confirmed at the annual EB meeting.

b) The Treasurer shall bill all the affiliated federations for the annual membership fees. If any member is one year in arrears, their membership will be temporarily suspended.

11.7 The annual budget shall be prepared by the Treasurer following the annual EB meeting.

11.8 For extraordinary expenses, not contained in the budget, a request can be submitted to the Executive Board. The Board may grant such expenses if they are in the interest of the OCC.

11.9 Members of the OCC who are excluded by FIDE due to non-payment of membership fees are also excluded from OCC meetings.

11.10 The OCC officials have the right to have reasonable expenses reimbursed. The Executive Board shall formulate guidelines.

12. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

12.1 The President decides on the location of the OCC permanent office. Normally this is the seat of the OCC President.

12.2 The official language of the OCC is English. In documents containing versions in more than one language, the English version is the official one.

12.3 Communications within the OCC may be by letter, fax or email.

12.4 The PB may change the OCC statutes. For changing the statutes a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is necessary.