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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

October 12th, 2025 at the Edmonton Chess Club and via Zoom @ 3:30 p.m.

### (1) Call to Order and introduction of Officers – President

#### Attendance

9 Board members present:

Lars Lowther (President)  
Michael Ludwig (Secretary)  
Dale Haessel (Treasurer)  
Sam Hoekman (Vice President)  
David Ludwig  
Gordon Campbell  
Michael Anderson  
Avery Michalchuk  
Garth Dunn

Zeeshan Munir joined late.

18 general members in attendance.

Lars introduced the executive and outlined the meeting procedures.

### (2) Minutes of the last AGM

It was moved by Avery, seconded by Jim, to accept the minutes of the 2024 AGM. Vlad Rekhson requested clarification on the updated TD honorarium amounts, which were adjusted last year. Motion passed unanimously.

### (3) President's Address – President

Lars thanked everyone for attending the meeting, noting its importance. He expressed his thanks for the opportunity to be a leader in both the Alberta and Calgary chess

communities. He remarked on the highlight moments of the previous year, including the update to tournament director compensation, the 2025 ACA casino and its volunteers from the CCC and CJCC, and the Calgary International run by Vlad. He expressed his appreciation for some of the innovation from Edmonton, including the upcoming adults-only tournament, and that there were three tournaments held in Southern Alberta this year.

He also noted the upcoming discussions to be had, including on TD standards that reflect the heightened compensation, and the CJCC's wish to bid for the Canadian Junior Chess Championship, and concluded by confirming this would be the last meeting he runs, as the outgoing President.

#### (4) Financial Report and Statement – Treasurer

Dale took questions on the 2024 financial statements.

It was moved by Sam, seconded by Vlad, to accept the financial statements. Motion passed unanimously.

#### (5) Election of Officers and Directors

Ian Lee nominates Alex Nguyen as President, seconded by Wanjing Hu. (Accepts)

President – Alex Nguyen by acclamation.

Alex speaks briefly, stating a desire to continue hosting bigger Canadian events in the West, and to invite stronger players from neighbouring provinces to participate in the ACA's events. Jim Daniluk expressed mild caution over Alex's dual roles of ACA President and CJCC President. Alex said he would be willing to step down as CJCC President if required.

Sam nominates Avery as Treasurer, seconded by Dale. (Accepts)

Treasurer – Avery Michalchuk by acclamation.

Sam nominates Garth as Director, seconded by Vlad. (Accepts)

Sam nominates Vitaliy Andreev as Director, seconded by Ian. (Accepts)

Sam nominates Dale as Director, seconded by Zeeshan. (Accepts)

Lars nominates Zeeshan as Director, seconded by Ian. (Accepts)

Wanjing nominates Selena Yang as Director, seconded by Sam. (Accepts)

Terry Seehagen had expressed a willingness to run again. Lars nominates Terry as Director in his absence, seconded by David.

Jim comments that the Board always likes to have diverse representation, and the nominees all make short speeches.

Garth shares his experience in promoting chess in Southern Alberta, including organizing events in Lethbridge, and attending tournaments in Calgary and Edmonton.

Vitaliy introduces himself as an FM who has come to Edmonton more recently, and who can represent the Ukrainian chess community in Edmonton. He shares a wish to have chess included in schools.

Dale also introduces himself as an FM, and speaks of his lengthy ACA Board experience in several roles.

Selena states her family has been in Edmonton for 10 years, and more recently joined the chess community. She shares her experience as a volunteer for junior chess, and shares a desire to support and further girls and female chess players in the province.

Zeeshan comments on his leadership at the CCC, from club improvements to tournaments.

A vote was held for the five positions, with the following results:

Directors (2025-27) – Garth Dunn (19 votes), Vitaliy Andreev (19), Selena Yang (22), Zeeshan Munir (21).

Director (2025-26) – Dale Haessel (12). Terry Seehagen finished sixth (11).

#### (6) Other items

Michael Anderson requested greater assistance from the ACA in promoting its tournaments held at the Calgary Chess Club.

#### (7) Adjournment – It was moved by Michael, seconded by Sam, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

At 4:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.