

ECF Election Manifesto

PHIL EHR

Strengthening ECF finances



Phil Ehr was Chief Executive of the English Chess Federation from 2013–2015. He was voted out by Council following a plot led by David Eustace following which the Chair of the Governance Committee resigned. Phil had been challenging the way in which ECF finances were managed. He is now standing for the position of Finance Director.

01 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Phil would ensure regular management accounts are delivered to the Board members within the first year. For four years, David Eustace has failed to produce any management accounts for his colleagues. Lack of management accounts was cited by several potential volunteers as a reason not to seek ECF director roles. The risk to their professional careers was too great.



02 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST



Phil has no conflicts of interest and the ECF is his top chess priority. He has no personal stake in any other chess organisation or chess business supplier. The ECF Board is overloaded with 4NCL officials who have failed to demonstrate sufficient independence. The ECF Board should be doing more to promote the interests of club, junior and female players.

03 GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

Phil would adopt financial management and governance standards required of registered charities, conform to the standards suitable for National Governing Bodies of voluntary sports organisations and seek to introduce a quality mark scheme. Phil would focus on sound financial management and would not increase membership fees unless for purposes which are widely agreed by the majority, especially when the ECF paid £11,087 corporation tax last year.



There are other vital policies that Phil would pursue - activate the Chess Trust, review the ECF revenue surplus, assist clubs and chess organisers, share IT resources. Phil believes we must take bold steps if we are to improve our legal, financial and governance structure to have any chance of funding from the National Lottery, corporates, trusts and legacies. Vote for Phil Ehr if you want to transform the English Chess Federation to a modern, professional organisation.