



## MINUTES OF MCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

*Present for meeting in Budapest, Hungary on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 :*

MCA PRESIDENT	Mr. Georgios Makropoulos (GREECE)
MCA DEPUTY PRESIDENT	Mr. Azzedine Brahim Djelloul (ALGERIA - President)
MCA TREASURER	Mr. Patrick Van Hoolandt (MONACO)
MCA GENERAL SECRETARY	Mr. Geoffrey Borg (MALTA)
MCA VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Ali Abbas (SYRIA - President)
MCA VICE PRESIDENT	GM Alojzije Jankovic (CROATIA)
BOARD MEMBER	GM Erald Dervishi (ALBANIA - President)
BOARD MEMBER	Mr. Paris Klerides (CYPRUS)
ANDORRA CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Francesc Rechi (President)
ANDORRA CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Marti Martinez
EGYPT CHESS FEDERATION	GM Ahmed Adly (President)
FRANCE CHESS FEDERATION	GM Eloi Relange (President)
FRANCE CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Stephan Escafre
KOSOVO CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Armend Budima (President)
KOSOVO CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Bekim Ermeni
LEBANON CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Habib Kalil
LIBYA CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Ali Fouzi Fathullah (President)
MALTA CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Duncan Vella (President)
MONACO CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Jean Michel Rapaire (President)
MOROCCO CHESS FEDERATION	Ms. Bouchra Kadiri (President)
PORTUGAL CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Dominic Cross (President)
SLOVENIA CHESS FEDERATION	Ms. Nina Rob
SLOVENIA CHESS FEDERATION	Ms. Klara Vidmar
SPAIN CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Pepo Vinas
TUNISIA CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Khaled Arfa
TUNISIA CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Ezzine Mohammed
TURKIYE CHESS FEDERATION	Mr. Ozgur Solakoglu

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1. The General Assembly was started by Mr Makropoulos at 8.30pm and it was noted that 20 out of the 26 MCA countries were present.
  2. Mr Makropoulos welcomed all the Board members and all MCA Federation officials to the meeting and thanked them. The meeting had been set at a late hour as the schedule for the FIDE Congress was very busy and the meeting had originally been planned for the previous day.

3. Mr Makropoulos gave an overview of the Activities that MCA had organized during the four years since the election of the Board in 2020. This included the Checkmate Corona Virus. 20 federations out of our 26 were represented in that event. Thanks to the commitment of those federations we had some incredible numbers: 7.901 participations, 71.183 games, in 9 events!
4. Additionally Mediterranean Championships had been organized in Montenegro in 2021, Egypt in 2022 and Spain in 2023. Unfortunately 2024 had suffered as a result of lack of response from Federations and this was also due to the fact that FIDE had reduced the subsidy for this year from 15,000 euros to 5,000 euros. Additionally, he recommended that more events were played online given the current difficulties in organising.
5. Mr Makropoulos announced that he would be stepping down from the position of MCA President.
6. MCA General Secretary, Mr Geoffrey Borg, also expressed that the Association had to setup a better presence on the internet by using social media and having an updated website.
7. The meeting then passed to the election of the new Board and it was proposed by Mr Makropoulos that the Board should have 8 Vice Presidents and an Advisory Board should be introduced.
8. The new board elected by acclamation is :

GM Erald Dervishi (Albania)	PRESIDENT
GM Ahmed Adly (Egypt)	DEPUTY PRESIDENT
Mr. Patrick Van Hoolandt (Monaco)	TREASURER
Mr. Geoffrey Borg	GENERAL SECRETARY

**VICE PRESIDENTS**

GM Alojzije Jankovic (Croatia)	Mr. Paris Klerides (Cyprus)
Mr. Efstathios Efstathopoulos (Greece)	Mr. Ali El Jawich (Lebanon)
Mr. Ali Fouzi Fathullah (Libya)	Ms. Bouchra Kadiri (Morocco)
Ms. Nina Rob (Slovenia)	Mr. Ali Abbas (Syria)

9. GM Erald Dervishi thanked the General Assembly for the trust shown in him. He was confident that the new Board will do their best and work on the development and improvement of the organization with specific focus on towards the revival of the core events.
10. He augured that once events would start once again, then there would be the commitment by all member countries to participate. He would also look into registering MCA in Albania and opening up a bank account there. Some work had been done previously in Cyprus on this matter and it was oportune to set this up properly.
11. Mr Patrick Van Hoolandt suggested the possible introduction of a subscription fee and after some discussion it was agreed that the idea could be considered in the near future.



12. Ms. Bouchra Kadiri said that Morocco may be in a position to organize a future edition but this could be confirmed in the near future. GM Ahmed Adly also proposed that Egypt could look at organizing some training camps for juniors and he would work on organizing some sponsorship.
13. Mr Borg also proposed Mr Yves Marek from the French Chess Federation as a Board Member and also as Chair of the MCA Advisory Board and Mr Tahar Battikh (Tunisian Chess Federation) as Vice chair of the Advisory Board. *This was approved by acclamation by the General Assembly.*
14. There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned.

**Geoffrey Borg**  
**MCA General Secretary**



