

Report of Continental President for Americas

First of all, I would like to thank the Central Chess Federation for the help provided to this General Assembly of the CCA, 2017. I would also like to thank all the Delegates and Members of the Continental Bureau for their assistance. Welcome everyone!!

1.-Aspect Sport

As in previous years the CCA has fulfilled its schedule, the only difficulty was the realization of Zonal Championship 2.3 where the Mexican Federation had to decline its organization due to unforeseen financial problems. Fortunately the President of the Zone, with the financial support of the CCA rescued the event, being held in San Salvador under his entire responsibility. I would like to congratulate the President of Zone 2.3 for his excellent work and organization of the Championship which was a great success.

It is also worth noting the organization of the recently completed Continental Absolute, held in Medellín, Colombia, where FECODAZ, chaired by Eng. Luis Perez, carried out an event that brought together 256 participants, well above the assistance forecast.

All the events in the CCA calendar of this first half of the year have been carried out without difficulties, being notable the participation in Zonals 2.4 and 2.5, well above the forecast. For all the organizing federations and their respective Presidents and Board of Directors, congratulations.

The CCA has maintained and will maintain support for the development of Women's Chess, which is reflected in the annual Women's Zone 2.3 Championship, as well as compensation for attendance at various official DEV / CCA events.

Technical training has been maintained at the level of previous years, despite the fact that there has been a substantial reduction of the DEV / CCA budget allocated by FIDE, seminars and online updates of arbiters and organizers have been carried out, while some federations have organized Seminars on their own initiative. Despite the economic crisis that strikes all our members the CCA will maintain the organization of technical seminars as we have done in the past.

I also want to point out that the CCA website has kept a constant report of our activities despite the continuous hacking that we have suffered and that entail a great extra work. My congratulations to Al Santiago Garcia, our webmaster, who despite the serious health problems that affect him has shown an enviable technical level.

Finally, I would like to express my satisfaction with the trust obtained by the Federations of Uruguay and Brazil who will be the organizers of the World Youth and Cadet this year which is a recognition of FIDE not only to them but to our Continent.

2.-Finance.

Although our Treasurer, Engineer Allan Herbert will give all the details concerning our finances, I would like to point out that the CCA has always been in black numbers despite the financial crises, both in FIDE and in our countries, which affects CCA revenue and the support we receive from FIDE through DEV for development.

Although the year 2016 was affected, mainly in the Continental Championship, we went ahead in our income; over the current year and according to what has happened so far the situation has improved significantly with respect to the forecasts of participants, especially in the Zonal Tournaments 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 and the just finished Continental.

Next year although there will be no Zonal Tournaments our finances will not be affected since the Sub Zonal events will partially compensate for this absence, and surely the Pan American Youth to

be held in Chile promises to be very numerous if we observe the participation in that country in the past Southern Youth Regional . It could be thought that a year of the Olympiad the general participation would be affected by the expenses of the federations in attendance, however this is mitigated by the travel compensation provided by Georgia, the venue for this event.

I can also report that half of the budget support provided by FIDE through DEV was received in the month of February, we expect the second half to be allocated in July. This guarantees the travel support provided by DEV / CCA to nations ranked 3 to 5 on the DEV list.

3.-Policy.

I am proud to say that despite being the continent that has fewer federations affiliated to FIDE we are the largest block because of the unity we have had in the past decade and that we must maintain for our wellbeing and interests. This has made us politically very powerful.

Being a year after the elections in both CCA and FIDE is still very early to see what will happen in our continent, not so in FIDE itself whose situation is more complicated.

While I believe that in the next FIDE presidential election there will be two or perhaps three candidates, so far only the current President, Mr. Ilyumzhinov has openly stated his intention to re-elect himself in that position.

This opens a period of uncertainty given that Mr. Ilyumzhinov, sanctioned by the United States Department of the Treasury, could be fatal to FIDE as an organization if FIDE were to be affected by the Treasury Department.

Unfortunately I do not anticipate that this sanction be lifted in the short term and being our first obligation to preserve our institution, FIDE, from any damage, we must assume a defensive position of FIDE, avoiding any impulsive sentimental reaction that creates irreparable damage to our organization. In this regard, I have all confidence that our federations will take a logical stance in an overwhelming way.

Since 1996 I have supported Mr Ilyumzhinov and I acknowledge all the contribution he has made for the chess, which is undeniable, but I want to reiterate that my position has always been and will be FIDE.

FIDE FIRST !!!!

Jorge Vega
Continental President

American Continental Assembly votes not to support any candidate that is under judicial sanction.

The America Continental Assembly was held at San Jose, Costa Rica on July 2-4th, 2017.

26 federations attended the meeting out of 34 members. We were honoured by the presence of FIDE Deputy President, Mr. Makropoulos.

After the President's report a motion was presented in order to protect FIDE from any external harm, the motion reads as follow:

“ The Confederation of Chess of America and its affiliated national federations will not support in any way, especially political or institutional, those persons who intend to join the International Chess Federation (FIDE) or Confederation of American Chess (CCA) through their electives positions, and that:

Are subject to judicial sanction or interdiction, initiated by countries through their administrative or judicial bodies or international organizations, which imply a discredit or risk of discredit to CCA or FIDE.”

After discussion, a vote was taken the result being 26-2 in favor, 2 against (Nicaragua and Venezuela). The 6 federations not attending the meeting were: BVI, Cuba, Jamaica Puerto Rico, Trinidad-Tobago and USA.

Later GM Darcy Lima was elected as America's member to the 2018 Electoral Commission.

The 2019 calendar was approved and will be published on the CCA web page.

The financial report was approved and the Treasurer discharged.

Jorge Vega
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