

Au Diapason Inc.
Ontario Corporation number 442583
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The purpose of Au Diapason is to establish a music school and further the interest of music in general.

In 1990, the corporation added the game of Chess for Kids to its mandate and has been developing the abilities in Chess for people of all ages, especially our youth.

1. NAME:

The name of the organization shall be Au Diapason Inc. (In tune - working together)

Au Diapason is a non-profit organization.

2. THE OBJECTIVES:

- a. The Aims of Au Diapason shall be:
- b. To be the sanctioning and administrative body for running Chess Tournaments, especially of schools, in Cornwall and the area.
- c. To promote interest and participation in chess at all levels, in particular Chess'n Math Association rated competitive chess, for the purpose of increasing the popularity of the game among youth.
- d. To co-ordinate and harmonize chess activities in the Eastern Ontario area. The Au Diapason Board may sanction other tournaments, matches, exhibitions and lectures for the benefit of chess players in the region served by it.
- e. The Au Diapason Board may aid and co-operate with other chess organizations whose interest is to promote chess in Ontario.

3. OUR TOURNAMENTS:

- a. Au Diapason will be running Chess Tournaments for schools in Cornwall and the area.
- b. It will also run tournaments at the Cornwall Public Library and in individual schools if requested by the administration of this said school.

4. THE AU DIAPASON BOARD:

The Board shall include four executive officers elected at the annual meeting of its members: a president, a treasurer, a secretary and 2 advisors. To this will be added members as advisors approved by the Board members.

The Au Diapason President may invite other Chess Tournament organizers to meet with and participate in its Board meetings.

5. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

The term of office will be left at the discretion of the Board members themselves with a commitment of 1 - 2 - or 3 years of service to Au Diapason Inc. A maximum of 6 years in a position will be imposed.

The Executive shall conduct the affairs of Au Diapason between Annual Meetings.

6. CONDUCT OF BOARD MEETINGS:

- a. The President chairs Board meetings. Quorum for Board meetings is three executive members.
- b. Non-Board members may address the meeting at the invitation of the chair but shall have no vote.
- c. The Chair of Board meetings has a deliberative and (if necessary) a tie breaking vote.

7. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE:

The duties of the President shall be:

- a. To give leadership and to administer within the laws of this constitution and Robert's Rules of conduct, the affairs of Au Diapason.
- b. To act as Chair for all meetings of the Board and the Annual Meeting.
- c. To convene all meetings of the Board and the Annual Meeting.

The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

- a. To assist the President in the discharge of his duties whenever requested by the President.
- b. To be the first Acting President.
- c. To maintain an up to date list of all members of Au Diapason.
- d. To keep all tournament statistics and standings.
- e. To have the website updated with the results and standings after each event.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- a. To budget the finances
- b. Prepare and present a financial statement at every meeting
- c. To collect tournament fees from tournaments

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- a. To record and distribute the minutes of all meetings of the Board and Annual Meetings.
- b. To prepare agendas for upcoming meetings.
- c. To maintain an updated mailing list.

8. FINANCIAL STRUCTURE:

The Executive of Au Diapason shall not be paid by the organization for their duties on the Board of Directors. With Board approval, Au Diapason may reimburse Executives expenses related to their duties.

9. THE ANNUAL MEETING:

The election of Au Diapason Board members, when vacant, shall be held at the Annual Meeting.

The Au Diapason fiscal year is September 1 to August 31.

Written notification, on the website and by email, of the Annual Meeting shall be given to its members by the Au Diapason President at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

All members in good standing may attend this meeting.

A quorum at the annual meeting shall consist of 4 members of whom 2 must be Board members.

The Executive members shall present a report of their activities during the Annual Meeting.

Au Diapason constitutional amendments must be made and approved at a general meeting.

The Au Diapason constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the eligible voters at the Annual Meeting.

Amendments not previously adopted by the Board, may be voted on at the annual meeting provided a notice of motion has been presented to the Secretary or President at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting.