

## Minutes 11-22-15 AGA Board Meeting

Board Members: Bob Gilman, Central; Martin Lebl, Central; Ted Terpstra, West; Chris Kirschner, West; Gurujeet Khalsa, East; Diego Pierrottet, East; Edward Zhang, At-Large; Andy Okun President.

Present: Martin Lebl, Ted Terpstra, Bob Gilman, Gurujeet Khalsa, Andy Okun, Diego Pierrottet, Chris Kirschner, Edward Zhang (joined at 9:20)

Meeting called to order at 8:10 PM EST

Minutes were approved with changes to spelling. Moved and seconded by Ted and Diego.

Board went into executive session to discuss Secretary position. Board agreed that all discussions of nominations go into executive session. Upon return Peter Schumer was approved as Secretary by acclamation.

### **President's Report**

Worries that new policy on tournaments was not widely read via chapters' list led to Chris asking that TDs be emailed directly.

Youtube: Lots of activity ranging from games and commentary from the Cotsen to MyungWan Kim's Samsung commentary.

Tournament News: Mind games in China delayed to Feb or Mar because city is not ready. Team selected is Mingjiu Jiang, Eric Lui.

Jin Chen Tourney in Guangzhou, Guangdong, China Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Andy is invited to witness blind go game on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Dec 5-7 in Tokyo for Pair Go.

Los Angeles will hold pro qualifying tournament January 1-3 at the same hotel. Jeff Shaevel will be referee; same structure as in MA. Round robin with knockout following--for eight players.

Gender record is informally recorded but not system wide yet in database.

Regulations have been updated but not yet on website.

Gurujeet reported that redemption in chapter reward points increased with nice thank-yous. There is also \$3700 available in Presidential points.

Question as to use of the word "official" for AGA (e.g. "The Official AGA YouTube Channel") was requested as agenda item for future meeting.

Budget discussions were tabled for work via email.

Jon Boley joined meeting for discussion of development of a mathematically-based method of conferring a meaningful rank. For 3d and up the method looks good and can be used to issue rank certificates. He wishes to look further at false positives and false negatives, but currently is within our tolerances. How to correct the system for fast improving kyu players is the problem. Debate ensued.

General agreement that certificates would promote the game and that guidelines need to be set differently for kyu and dan.

Martin suggested we just go ahead and issue certificates and fix the ratings system later since this problem has been holding up certificates for almost 20 years. Edward Zhang agreed that this would lead to more rated games. Gurujeeet and Andy agreed we should go ahead with certificates.

Motion one: Moved, Seconded and Approved that we look at data beginning 1-1-2010 in granting certificates

Motion Two: The president is authorized to adopt a policy to adjust ratings to reflect actual rank demonstrated in play. Moved, seconded, passed four to three.

Andy will issue 2015 certificates ASAP.

Jon Boley will be certificate award person for the first year of retroactive certificates.

Next meeting date 5 PM EST December 13, 2015.