

### In Attendance

Lisa  
Andrew  
Diego  
Bob  
Gurujeet  
Andy  
Samantha (recording secretary)  
Martin  
Chris

### Absent

Edward

Called to order at 9:06

1. Approving Minutes for this calendar year:

-Approved but didn't post January

-March 12th minutes- Lisa moved to approve, seconded. No discussion, voted, March minutes approved.

-April 23rd minutes- Lisa moved to approve pending review for typos, andrew: several action items in bold, but otherwise seconded. No discussion, voted, April minutes approved.

-May 15 minutes- to do at the end of the meeting.

**Action item- Gurujeet: post minutes for Jan, March, April**

President's address:

Personnel changes- Bob is stepping down as evp, Andrew takes over evp, Andrew takes over pro chair,

Bob takes post of volunteer coordinator and chapter coordinator (chapter rewards as well)

Also, thinking that we can have Bob be the board's secretary.

This was precipitated by Ryan Li's result in the MLily Cup, winning both his 1st round game and then his second round upset against Chen Yaoye 9p, a current world champion. This shines a bit of a light on how i've been running the pro system and it needs to be done better. I've had discussions with Andrew and

---Great notes team :P

Gurujeet: Should we promote Ryan to 2p? Do we have a structure for that?

Andrew: We want to design a policy for that, so we're not just reacting. We were going to wait until we had 8 pros to do any ranking tournies

Pro committee members: Keith arnold, I-Han lui, james sedwick, myungwan kim, jeff cheval.  
Does the whole committee need to agree on the tournament? Up until now the charter of the committee has been to organize qualifiers. Looking for guidance from the board.

Pro committee items:

Administrative stuff- business cards, headshots, usgo email accounts.

Going to try to set up a US-EU team tournament, planning to move in that direction unless hearing otherwise (board agrees).

Promotion system

Qualification organization to allow for interested players to better plan for it and get the strongest players.

Bob: What is the role of current AGA pros in this system?

Andy: That is one of the issues that was discussed at the last committee meeting.

Gurujeet: Bob has resigned from the EVP position. Will discuss replacement of personnel at the end of meeting.

Andrew: Is Bob going to be secretary as in 'takes-the-minutes' secretary, or...?

Lisa: I would like to nominate Samantha!

Bob: Andy, i think you misunderstood, i am not interested in the secretary position

Gurujeet: Good thing you brought it up Andy. Samantha, are you interested?

Samantha: Yes, i think so, what does the position entail?

Andy: [describes previous secretary job]. Before that happens, i need to talk to Pete more.

Gurujeet: He would need to resign as well

Samantha: Happy to step forward into a more active role.

Gurujeet: it would be very welcome, we've been limping along for quite a while, and we're very glad you've been willing to step up and take the minutes recently. We can discuss that as well but can't approve it (pending Pete's resignation above).

So Andy, back to status items? Congress update?

Andy: Congress is in the frenetic phase usual for this close to the event. Adding everything i have together i'm not anticipating a financial loss and it seems like the attendance will be pretty good. Not boston levels, but easily North Carolina levels. We have a good group of people coming, more kids than usual. If any of you haven't booked your room, hurry to do that as the hotel will run out of rooms.

Pressing issue: Recruitment of congress site for 2018 has not lead to any volunteers. Working on some ideas. Tell Andy or Lisa.

Andrew: I suggest Las Vegas chapter, Michael Wanek.

Andy: Pros- cheap rooms, event space; cons- very hot, esp in August.

Gurujeet: Exploring who would volunteer for a DC congress

Lisa: other future interested groups- NC, Buffalo [Andy- Bozeman, Montana]

[digression of other suitable locations, plane fares, etc]

Status update from Chris K:

-50 state deal: Chris K and Edward have been working on it. We should discuss at Congress with chapter people, since chapters need to be organized to do it. Talked to Jeff Cheval about it, but neither he nor I can take the lead on it. Requires in-state and central coordination. Andy, do you have it on the agenda for the chapter assembly?.

Bob requests to be kept in the loop as new chapter coordinator.

Details will be discussed at a later point (at Congress)

-Code of Conduct: We got a response from the professional group regarding the CoC, but we haven't gotten a chance to turn it around. Andy has it on the agenda to discuss at Congress.

Andy is still looking for a replacement of Roy as treasurer. One possibility is David Bannon but he doesn't want to take on the whole position (the tax expertise parts). We have a september deadline, then we may have to pay an accountant or bookkeeper.

Lisa: maybe we can find someone to just handle the organization/ email response part that requires less specific skills.

**The board would like to formally thank Roy for all his hard work.** Andy has offered him free attendance at the Congress. Lisa suggests offering him a lifetime membership.

Chris K motions to offer Roy a lifetime membership. Andrew seconds. No discussion. The board votes and approved.

**Action item-** Gurujeet will draft a letter informing him and the rest of the board will approve it.

Andy has no further items right now. Move into exec section to discuss EVP and secretary.

Andrew would like to thank Bob for his service as EVP.

Kirschner moves to executive session, Scott seconds to discuss personnel. 9:45pm EDT.

Lebl moves to leave executive session, Kirschner seconds. 9:55pm EDT

Kirschner moves to elect Andrew Jackson EVP. Lebl seconds. Unanimously approved.

Scott moves that we approve the May 2017 minutes. Lebl seconds. Approved.

Lebl moves to adjourn, Jackson seconds. Approved. Meeting adjourns at 10:01pm EDT.