


# AGA Board Meeting

	03/17/2013 4 p.m. Eastern Time Conference Call													
Meeting called by:	Acting Chair, Gurujeet Khalsa													
Type of meeting:	AGA Monthly Board Meeting													
Minutes:	Daniel Smith													
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Called to order at 6:05 EDT

***Filling the midwest board vacancies.***

Khalsa: Lisa Scott is willing to fill Smith's seat.

Okun: Election to fill Barber's seat is moving forward.

Discussion about whether Lisa should leave the call. (Smith interjects: It's a good idea to always go into executive session for these discussions so that it's not unusual in the case when it is really needed.)

Celmer moves to enter executive session to discuss matters regarding personnel. Burrall seconds. Unanimous.

In executive session at 3:10. (Terpstra, Scott, and Smith leave.)

Left executive session at 3:16 EDT. (Smith rejoins)

Burrall moves to appoint Lisa Scott to fill Smith's vacancy. Celmer seconds. Unanimous.

(Terpstra and Scott rejoin the call.)

***Approval of prior minutes.***

Celmer moves to approve the minutes. Scott seconds ("I looked at them"). Unanimous.

***President's report.***

Okun: Attended North American Go Convention. Event could possibly be a winter congress equivalent. Weather was bad. Joanne Missingham was very well received. Okun is hopeful that we could learn from the Taiwanese pro system.

Khalsa: Any international politics to be aware of regarding Taiwan?

Okun: I don't think so. I ran it by Thomas. Taiwan gets its own invitations to international tournaments, etc.

Zhang: Might be wise to refer to it as "Chinese Taipei."

Kirschner: Concur.

Okun: ? might be a good sponsor/partner. They run Magic the gathering tournaments and are happy about anything that makes for more game players.

Okun: Cuba still hard to get in to. Would be nice if we could get them internet access, that's what their strong players need to get stronger. They don't have clocks, we should send them some. We should sponsor one of them to come to the congress. Thoughts as to how we could raise money for this?

Celmer: discuss over email.

Okun: Went to Shanghai for the Nong-shim (?) finals. Relations with KBA remain great. Brief conversation with China Qi-won, but did not get much of anywhere. Stayed for G? cup final. Taiwan Ing Foundation seems to be losing money. Shanghai Ing Foundation is in good shape. Yang Yuchia (head of Taiwan Ing Foundation) did not want to meet with Okun. Would like to invite ? instead of Yang Yuchia to this year's congress.

Okun: Boston folks have set up Go Expo next week at behest of Ing Foundation to kick off ACGA. Okun will attend. Oddly, Ing Foundation officials will not be attending.

Okun: John Kwei in Bay area had tournament, they are on their way to having a World Youth finalist.

Okun: Have not found replacement for Tygem. We will announce that we will do a selection, but it will be a process that starts this year and will end in 2014.

### ***Report on how congress preparations are going***

Kirschner: I sent out a synopsis. We're behind schedule but pretty much on track. Bank account open and functional. Set up to remain open for future congresses indefinitely. Changed processors. Application process was delayed. It took a while to get ? that we needed. Pricing is almost fixed. 330 attendees is the break-even point for the budget. We're being a little conservative. At 460, we'd make 28,000.

Khalsa: when will registration open?

Kirschner: Thursday or Friday.

Scott: What demographics are you assuming with those numbers?

Kirschner: (table of numbers)

Celmer: Who's acting as congress liaison?

Kirschner: Terpstra is filling in.

### **Old business.**

#### ***Mentor program.***

Khalsa: Brainstorming. A lot of enthusiasm. Identified one or two folks interested, but looking for more. Paul (Barchilon?) was very helpful.

#### ***Secretary position***

Khalsa: Still in limbo. No resignation letter has been received.

Kirschner: Sam is going to remind Chuck. But it might be reasonable at this point to send a registered letter.

Scott: After six months, it's probably time to remove him.

Kirschner: removal process requires publication, etc.

Okun: You all should decide to put on agenda of a special meeting 50 days from now the question of removing secretary. Registered letter would be a good idea.

Khalsa: What are we missing out on besides minutes?

Kirshner: Secretary's signature is useful for lots of things.

Kirshner moves that we send a letter conditional on not receiving a resignation in the next week. And his removal to be voted on in the April 5th meeting. Burrall seconds.

Discussion in executive session, 7:19 - 7:25.

Unanimous.

### ***Chairman***

Celmer moves to have a special meeting to appoint a chair on March 31. Burrall seconded.

Motion carries, 5-1

### **New Business**

#### ***Discount incentives.***

Zhang: Since we usually have a surplus, we should spend some money to help players who have to travel further.

Scott: How to decide who gets these funds?

Zhang: Perhaps to those who have to travel, for example more than 200 miles.

Scott: Most players travel more than 200 miles.

Zhang: First we should try to decide if it's a good idea to give a subsidy.

Khalsa: I think it's hard to fairly administrate a travel subsidy.

Kirschner: how much of a discount are we talking about? \$15 just doesn't make a difference.

Scott: Cheap, off-site housing is the sort of thing that might make a difference.

Khalsa: Perhaps take this up again by email.

#### ***Waive AGA chapter fee***

Zhang: Has talked to many clubs. Could we waive fee for first timers, or all clubs? The key thing is to get them involved, they don't have voting rights or ownership in the AGA.

Scott: Agree with sentiment, but I'm not sure that it's really that a big barrier. Many clubs just don't see benefits.

Kirschner: Setting membership dues and types is in the purview of the Assembly, not the board. If we waive the fee entirely, there's no bar for an individual to sign up as a chapter. If we make it free, we might get so many chapters (ooo I want to be a chapter too! etc) that it will be difficult to get a quorum at national assembly.

Khalsa: Let's continue this by email, also.

Next meeting will be 21st of April at 8 PM.

Scott moves to adjourn. Zhang seconds. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 EDT.