

Minutes for AGA Board Meeting April 10, 2016 (via conference phone call)

Present: Gurujeet Khalsa (Chairman), Bob Gilman, Martin Lebl, Chris Kirschner, Diego Pierrottet, Ted Terpstra (taking minutes), Edward Zhang, Andy Okun (President)

Meeting called to order by Gurujeet at 8:05 p.m. EDT

A) Minutes of the last two AGA board meetings, 12/13/15 & 1/17/16, were unanimously approved after being motioned by Bob and seconded by Diego. They will be posted online by Steve Colburn (see <http://www.usgo.org/board-minutes>).

B) President's report by Andy:

1. Treasurer and budget

- A search to replace Roy Schmidt as AGA treasurer has begun. Roy, who has served the AGA with distinction for several years, is stepping down in September 2016. There was discussion of selecting at the same time an assistant treasurer, who could be trained at the same time and act as a backup.

- the budget process for next fiscal year has started.

- there was some discussion of the idea of special fund-raising for one-time basic organizational needs, for example, building IT infra-structure. No conclusion was reached.

3. Current status of Go Congress

- Over 130 players have registered for the 2016 US Go Congress in Boston.

- Special events for this Congress include

- AlphaGo staff will give the keynote address; there will be a special lecture on computer go (AlphaGo will not be playing, though)

- Bao Yun, will conduct a blindfold go demo.

- There will be a team relay go competition.

4. IEMG (International Elite Mind Games) event

- North America had a good team which achieved a good result.

- Ryan Li & Eric Lui had wins with Ryan beating a Japanese 2p.

5. AlphaGo/ Lee Sedol event

- Remarkable audio/visual work was done by Andrew Jackson, Chris Garlock, Myungwan Kim and Michael Redmond.

- Andy is gathering information about effects on the US go scene. He will send a report to board

- There were dozens of media mentions, including Daily Show, CNN, Guardian, WSJ, NY Times and NPR.

- Andy noted nifty magnetic stones that were white on one side and black on the other. It would be nice to get some available in the USA.

- It was the largest press conference in Google history

6. Sankei Cup, Ing Pro

- Andy Liu will represent the AGA at the Sankei Cup.
- Andy Liu and Eric Lui will represent the AGA at the 8th Ing Pro Cup in Shanghai, China during the week of April 18, 2016.

Board Entered Executive session to discuss Ing Cup at 8:50 p.m. EST (Moved by Martin; Second by Bob)  
Board Left Executive session at 9:03 p.m. EDT (Moved by Bob; Second by Martin)

#### 7. YouTube, Twitch et al. ACTION ITEM

- The Board directed Andy to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the Korean Baduk Association so that the AGA can show Korean professional games on the AGA YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/USGOWeb>

- Quite apart from AlphaGo broadcasts, Andrew Jackson and Myungwan Kim have raised the profile of AGA and improved the go community.

#### 8. Rank Certificates

- Jon Boley and Chris Kirschner are analyzing first runs of data for determining the number of games needed for a base sequence. Very soon, this issue will be resolved. Jon Boley will be named ratings coordinator.

#### 9. INAF (Iwamoto North America Foundation)

- The INAF Board is considering three strong proposals for furthering Pair Go.
- Several teachers have applied for a teaching program in Japan this fall.

End of President's report  
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C) Bob's email privacy proposal. Andy thinks Bob's proposal is good.

See addendum 1.  
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D) There was a suggestion that we update AGA tournament regulations to add provision for Pair Go: Action item for Ted.

E) Action is needed on furthering the AGA pro system.  
(deferred to the next meeting).

F) Policies are needed for AGA youth events such as background checks for "guardians" at the next Go Congress in Boston. Ted volunteered to help draw up policies.

Next AGA Board meeting will be via phone on May 15, 2016.  
Move for adjournment at 9:52 EDT by Chris; Martin Second.

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Bob's Addendum 1:

Member Email Address Privacy Proposal

Protection of the privacy of member information obtained by the AGA is a natural and important concern. Email addresses are a key piece of data at once important for the AGA to have and also potentially subject to outside abuse if not properly protected. At the same time, members may desire to receive information about go related projects. At present there is no way for members to designate their preferences in this area nor a mechanism for permitting them to receive information on go related projects if they wish to do so.

1. A mechanism be devised so that members who do not wish to receive emails regarding go related projects, opinion surveys, and the like may do so. The AGA will not send such mailings to members so choosing.
2. Organizers of go related activities may request the AGA's assistance in emailing AGA members about their projects. Such organizers must submit to the President or his designated
  - a. Specifications for the selection of members to receive a mailing,
  - b. Text of the mailing, and
  - c. Description of the purpose of the mailing.
3. If, in the judgment of the President (or his designated representative) such a mailing request is consistent with the purposes of the AGA, the AGA will mail the proposed text to members meeting the selection specification. The email addresses receiving the mailing will not be disclosed to the requester.
4. The President, or his designated representative will maintain records to include:
  - a. Requests made, text, and specifications,
  - b. Requests granted, final text, email addresses selected, and a count of these addresses by category, e.g., selection by AGA region, age, rating, etc.
  - c. Date of emails for granted requests.

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