

Minutes AGA Board Meeting, June 13, 2004

Present: Allan Abramson, Jon Boley, Bill Cobb, Willard Haynes, Harold Lloyd, Jeff Shaevel, Dave Weimer; Chris Kirschner, President; Lee Anne Bowie, recorder

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM, EDT.

1. Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)

No discussion.

Jon Boley moved to accept the minutes.

Willard Haynes seconded.

A unanimous voice vote approved the minutes.

2. Reports (15 minutes)

a. President's Report (Chris Kirschner)

1. Budget: Update on financial results for 2004

Chris commented that more accounting information was needed and he would be making corrections of some items. Some expenses have not been approved or entered, so surplus will be reduced, etc.

Surplus from the Oza Tournament will be distributed as Congress surpluses are: 50% between organizations that did the majority of the work, and 50% to the AGA.

There is a general Board consensus to make a commitment to plan to spend the full amount of money allocated in the budget, and not to set aside the reserves.

No action beyond that decision.

2. Fund-Raising Committee status

Discussion ensued on direction of fund raising.

Chris will ask David Dinhofer to join the committee and will advertise in the ejournal to attract members with expertise for a fund-raising committee.

The Board was against engaging in commercial activities as a means of fund-raising. The discussion focused on Asian and American corporations, and foundations, as principal targets for solicitations.

It was agreed that setting a clear goal for fund-raising would be important to direct the committee's efforts. Allan suggested setting a goal of one million dollars a year, which others felt might be too high. The discussion did not settle on a specific goal, deferring

to the Committee's input and advice on both the goal and the means to reach it.

Jeff noted that part of any solicitations would be a proposed spending plan. The committee also would be asked for its input on this issue.

Chris will proceed to recruit Committee members, based upon this discussion.

3. Status of Rules for Children's Room at Congresses

Discussion of rules. The phrase "at will" was replaced by "as appropriate."

Dave Weimer moved that the Rules for the Children's Room at Congresses be adopted as board policy.

Harold Lloyd seconded.

None opposed. Motion carries. (See attachment)

Chris was directed to present the rules to the Congress organizers.

b. Board report

1. Extension of President's term to 6 August.

This action was unanimously approved in a closed session on personnel, and is to be appended to the minutes of the prior meeting.

2. Recognition for None Redmond

The Board confirmed that approval in January was given to name None Redmond as Youth Advocate. The Youth Advocate will identify issues and potential activities, and advocate for youth. The Youth Advocate will report to the Youth Coordinator, who reports to the President and thus to the board.

Chris Kirschner: "None has provided a wonderful service and wishes to continue, and she will use this position to its best possible advantage."

3. Old Business

Due to time constraints, the Board next discussed agenda item 3.c. Location of GO Camp, as noted below.

a. Membership (15 minutes) (Not discussed, hold over)

1. Goals for growth

2. Preparing for Hikaru; reaching out to kids

3. Marketing issues and goals
4. Vision for the AGA web site

b. Legal (5 minutes) (Not discussed, hold over)

1. Expectations of counsel

c. Location of GO Camp (5 minutes)

The Board confirmed its support for the 2005 Camp. Chris was directed to call David Dinhofer to say that the Board supports having the Go camp in Pennsylvania in 2005, and that he could proceed to get bids from the two sites.

d. AGA benefits; open disclosure (Bill Cobb - 10 minutes)

Bill expressed a need for full disclosure to the membership of a variety of payments and benefits routinely being approved. He asked for transparency in how such decisions are made, how people are chosen, and so on.

Allan suggested that Chris consider a web page listing the categories of service, as well as the procedures for selecting people to provide the services.

Chris was directed to begin the process of establishing clear procedures as to how and why people are chosen for various activities and benefits, how and why people are hired for certain tasks, and how they should be reported to the membership.

At this point due to time constraints, the Board proceeded to #5. Open discussions.

e. Communication expectations from officers (Bill Cobb - 5 minutes)

Recommendation to require monthly/bimonthly/quarterly activity and issues reports to the President/Board, by the organization's officers.

f. IGF - international ratings development: Update

4. New Business (10 minutes)

a. Tournament procedures document, amateur and pro (Chris K)

b. E-Journal relationship (Chris K)

c. Committee oversight: when do committees work with Board, when with President?

5. Open discussion (5 minutes)

Discussion ensued re a proposed mini-retreat at the Congress for Board members. It was determined that it would be held primarily August 7th and 8th, and it would be for the members of the 2004-2005 Board.

6. Adjourn

Dave Weimer moved to adjourn.

Willard Haynes seconded.

There were no objections and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Anne Bowie
Recorder.