

I had been working as an international commodity trader in Mitsubishi Corporation for over 20 years, so I know very well how to deal with people from different culture. Also I am skilled to hold tournaments, for example I sponsored and co-hosted the Southern California Open in 2014. I am committed to use all these skills for AGA as a board director.

I am running my own company now but I am merely spending 20% of my time on my business. I can share more time for AGA.

In the near future I wish to introduce more about AGA to the world, especially to China and Japan. This is because I'm fluent at both Chinese and Japanese languages. Moreover, I am close to Runan Wang 8P, President of the Chinese Go Association. I am currently a member of AGA Marketing and Development Committee, but, I believe I can increase the revenue for AGA more quickly, if I am elected to an executive role, the Board Director. After all, Japan has been a significant sponsor till now and China has huge plan to promote Go in the US.

Separately, being a 3-dan player myself, I share the same passion with other AGA members: to seek the chance of learning from professional players. We all agree that learning from experienced professional players is the fastest way to improve. For this reason, my first and foremost focus as a board director in the western region will be providing pro-teaching workshops to each individual club, and give lessons face to face on a regular basis.

Moreover, in order to make my plan last, I will suggest to pay a certain amount of reimbursement or bonus to those who organize the lessons. This way, there will always be people who are willing to run this program. Again, I hope to uphold these improvements as a long-term tradition.

Also I wish to keep on sponsoring Southern California Open and if possible I also have a plan to expand this tournament to other cities in the west coast.

I am sure that financial situation is the key for any organization, so last year I went Guangzhou, China to attend the Yanhuang Cup as an AGA representative and made a lot friends with Asian players who are influential, and/or owns companies. Though I myself paid for the whole trip, I enjoyed it and I wish I can have a bigger stage so that I may work for AGA more effectively.

Thank you.

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