

THE AMERICAN GO ASSOCIATION

Policy Statement - Memorials For AGA Members

The American Go Association (AGA) and the American Go Federation (AGF) wish to establish a policy on making public acknowledgments upon the passing of a member of the American Go community. By such acknowledgments, we honor and pay respect to our membership. Recognition may be given to any current or former AGA member regardless of age, rank, AGA position, membership status or length of membership.

Notices may be published in the Ejournal and any other appropriate publications, along with information given by the family of the deceased. In addition, the notice may include a description of the person's lifetime involvement in and contributions to the AGA or the AGF, their activity in the Go community and life in general, age, city of residence, and chapter or club affiliation. All such notices shall be published with dignity and sensitivity regarding the loss.

A letter of condolences from the AGA or AGF President to the family is appropriate.

At their sole discretion, the Board of either **organization** may authorize additional **memorials, or other means of acknowledging the former** member's lifetime contributions, in cases where extra recognition or a separate donation is appropriate.

The AGA or AGF may accept donations for creating a memorial fund in the name of the passing member. The funds shall be used according to the terms stated by the donor, if appropriate for the AGA or AGF and within the mission of each organization. Funds donated without a specific purpose or limitation may be applied as authorized by the respective Boards of Directors for any appropriate purposes in the name of the passing member including, but not limited to, the following:

- A regular AGA event or trophy
- Youth scholarships
- Endowment for a permanent educational program
- Other ongoing activities that promotes the playing of Go in the United States.

There will not be an annual budget for the above activity but as needed, the President or Board of the respective organization may allocate available funds for honoring this policy.