Draft Minutes, AGA General Assembly, August 10, 2013

1. Roll Call
   - Willard Haynes, Davis Sacramento, 4
   - Greg Smith, Central Mississippi Go Club, 1
   - Judith Debel, Seattle Go Club, 10
   - Terry Benson, Brooklyn Go Club, 3
   - Andrew Jackson, Blacksburg go club,
   - Jill Curtis
   - Josh Larson, Twin Cities, 4
   - Tim Hoyle
   - Moon Ki Cho, Evanston & Schaumburg Go Club, 7
   - James Sedgwick
   - Brian Allen
   - Ted Terpstra, San Deigo Go club, 3
   - James Pinkerton, Greater Washington
   - Brian McDonald
   - Lisa Scott
   - Arnold Eudell, Baltimore Go Club, 3
   - Terri Schurter, Wings, 2
   - Peter Baker,
   - Gurujeet Khalsa, XYZ Go Club, 3
   - Garret Smith, Nova, 5
   - Mathew Hershberger, Gotham Go Group, 5
   - Eric Jankowski
   - Martin Lebl, Arizona Go Club, 4
   - Andy Okun, Santa Monica Go Club,
   - Daniel Smith

1. Meeting called to order at 2:20 PM PDT, the above being present.
2. Greg Smith moved to table the approval of minutes to the end of the session, Haynes seconds. Unanimous.
3. President's report.
   a. Organization is financially solvent. Membership slightly declined, as did tournaments. New pair go coordinator is doing great. Greg Smith is new chapter coordinator: much energy has gone to strong player stuff; we'll continue this, but we want to do more for "regular" players. Greg has conducted a new survey of chapters, and will do more in the future.
      i. Q: Current membership?
         1. Okun: on the order of 2,200.
   b. Pro System
      i. Q: Rate of new pros?
         1. Okun: Probably not more than one per year.
Q: Would you certify new pros even if they are weaker than existing pros?
   1. Okun: Probably not if that would cause derision to the system.
      But expect new pros to be stronger each year for the foreseeable future.

Q: Perhaps a ten-game series between our pros? With game fees? So they could perhaps earn additional ranks?
   1. Okun: There is an idea about perhaps using some funds from teaching to provide modest game fees to our pros.

(Discussion about prize money, game fees, pros, strong players, and the major tournaments.)

Q: Next objective for our pros?
   1. Okun: Results in Asian tournaments. Local titles. Promotion policies; it’d be nice to have “American 2p” mean something. They can teach.

International
   i. Some tournaments have gone away, some new ones appeared. Eric Lui got into the Samsung.
   ii. Sport accord mind games are happening in December for the 3rd year in a row; we’re sending 4 people to that.
   iii. We are consistently told things (invitations, etc) very late.

Operations
   i. Many thanks to Jared Beck for his great work on the go congress website, and for making everything go smoothly.
   ii. Thanks to Frank Lam for submitting new working code to the AGAGD. Hopefully it will be ready to go soon.

Youth
   i. Pilot program in two schools, we’d like to expand it to two more schools in the Fall.
   ii. AGF is active, raising about $35,000 per year. $10,000 to scholarships, $17,000 to equipment. Getting more copies of Hikaru No Go into libraries.

Communications
   i. We’re now reissuing our informational items on Facebook.

Fundraising and Marketing
   i. Thanks to Peter Freedman for running the marketing committee. We’ve gotten a few sponsorships, the most notable being Pandanet.
   ii. Barnes and Noble is distributing a go set with our logo. We may be able to work with them in the future.

Treasurer’s Report
   i. (Discussion about ongoing inventory of AGA property.)

Future Congress Discussion
   a. Vancouver team couldn’t quite make it work.
   b. Some people in NY stepped up, Matthew Hershberger and Yingzhi Qian.
   c. Future congress meeting was well attended; we have plan B and plan C for this and the next congresses.
5. **2014 Congress Presentation**  
   a. Possible Venue in West Chester (SUNY). Continuing to search for a better venue, but going ahead with this one.  
   b. Biggest asset is great local support in NY.  
   c. (Plan B: Chicago. Plan C: Minneapolis. Plan D: random hotel.)  
   d. Khalsa moves to approve Plan A, and to permit the President to explore, execute, and sign contracts as necessary for Plans B-D. Greg Smith seconds. Gotham Go Group abstains, all others vote in favor. Motion passes.

6. **New Business**  
   a. Haynes moves that board assemble a list of additional services to be provided solely to AGA members, Debel seconds. Unanimous.

7. **Approval of minutes.**  
   a. Greg Smith moves to approve the minutes, Khalsa seconds. Minutes approved without objection.

8. **Adjournment**  
   a. Larson moves to adjourn. Approved without objection. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM PDT.