

# 2019 AGA Chapter Assembly Meeting- 7/20/2019

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## Motions Passed

1. Estes Park, CO approved as the 2020 US Go Congress location.

## Call to Order and Quorum

Andy Okun calls to order at 2:23pm

80 votes of chapters represented. Quorum is present so the meeting can continue.

- Central: 22 votes from 7 chapters
- Eastern: 28 votes from 8 chapters
- Western: 30 votes from 6 chapters

## Roll Call:

### Chapter Representatives

Bob Bacon – Triangle Go Club (5)  
Paul Barchilon – Boulder Kids and Teens Club (3)  
Terry Benson – Brooklyn Go Club (3)  
Steve Colburn – Empty Sky Go Club (4)  
Arnold Eudell – proxy for Baltimore Go Club (3)  
Devin Frazee – Columbus OH Go Club (4)  
Jeff Horn – Davis-Sacramento Go Club (3)  
Bart Jacobs – Austin Go Club (5)  
Gurujeet Khalsa – National Go Center (4), proxy for XYZ Private Go Club (3), and Greater Washington Go Club (2)  
Andy Okun – Santa Monica Go Club (4)  
Brad Rose – Peoria and Normal Go Club (1)  
Mark Rubenstein – Evanston Go Club (4)  
Lee Schumacher – GoClub@Google (2)  
Garrett Smith – NOVA Go Club (4)  
Ted Terpstra – San Diego Go Club (9)  
Wric Wainwright – Boulder Go Club (2)  
Nick Wilmes – representative for Seattle AGA Chapter (11) and Ghosts of Seattle (1)  
Steve Zilber – Cleveland Go Club (3)

### AGA/AGF Officers

Paul Barchilon – AGF Vice President, chapter rep  
Terry Benson – AGF President, chapter rep  
Steve Colburn – Eastern Region Board Representative, chapter rep  
Arnold Eudell – Elections officer, chapter proxy  
Devin Frazee – Central Region Board Representative-elect, chapter rep  
Gurujeet Khalsa – Eastern Region Board Representative, chapter rep  
Chris Kirschner – Western Region Board Representative, VP of Planning  
Andy Okun – AGA President  
Lisa Scott – Central Region Board Representative, Chair-elect of the Board, Congress Coordinator, Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion  
Samantha Fede – AGA Secretary

### Attendees who are not Representatives or Officers

Joseph Cua

Todd Heidenreich  
Stephen (Xiaochen) Hu  
Terri Schurter  
Dennis Wheeler

## 1. Future Congresses

The 2020 Go Congress is planned for Estes Park, Colorado. Paul Barchilon [co-director] gives a presentation about the site, including showing pictures of the site and nearby locations.

Highlights include:

- Cooler (at altitude). Stanley hotel (from the Shining) is a major historic place. Beautiful Rocky Mountain town, beautiful outdoor activities. Hotel style rooms and “camp” rooms that sleep up to 6 and have a private bath.

**Terpstra:** How far away are the dorms from eating? [50 yards - 5 min walk]

**Schurter:** Are there single rooms? [Yes, either book a whole bunk room or a hotel-style room]

**Okun:** How many people can we fit? [180 rooms blocked off]

**Scott:** We might need more rooms, and we can ask, but we will be on the hook for them.

**Fraze:** Is there camping? [Hasn't been looked into yet]

**Kirschner:** Will there be a cap on the number of single rooms? Good to keep in mind in case these get filled quickly.

**Scott:** Looking at the contract, we can go over that number. Assuming there's availability.

**Benson:** When do they tend to sell out? [**Scott:** Book early.]

**Khalsa:** I've looked into cabins; basically you aren't going to be able to get a cabin unless you're a YMCA member, because they are very full.

- Player attendance costs run \$1025 (shared room w/ 6 people) to \$2365 (single hotel style). This includes food, registration etc., except dinner.
- Lodging + meals is one package. You can pay out of pocket if you're off site. There's a cafeteria, deli and private restaurant. There are shuttles that run to town. We're planning to have a few special dinners. Lectures are in the lodge areas. There is parking. The venue is at 8000 feet.
- The campus is dry, but they've said the policy is “don't ask don't tell,” so you can buy alcohol off-site and keep it in rooms. There is wifi, but the cell service is iffy. There are shuttles from the Denver airport (1.5 - 1.75 hrs). We know transportation is an issue for people, so that's a priority for us. We may charter buses or look at coordinating rides. We're going back to our usual website.

**Rubenstein:** Can we add sort by city/state to the “Who's Coming” list?

**Scott:** There's a privacy issue with publishing exact city.

**Rubenstein:** Can't people opt in/out?

**Scott:** We'll consider it.

**Schurter:** When will housing/registration open?

**Scott:** It's basically ready now, but we may be able to open housing earlier than general registration. We'll send info via the AGA listserv.

**Smith:** Why aren't we using the congress listserv to contact people?

**Scott:** It doesn't carry over year to year. Only on a per year basis.

**Terpstra:** Do you have to pay for the room in full? [There's a 35% deposit, refundable by around June 1st].

**Benson:** I move that we have the US Congress in Estes Park, CO next year; Devin

**Fraze** seconds. Jeff **Horn** abstains, otherwise unanimous approval, except Eric

**Wainwright**, Co-Director, who votes no according to tradition.

**Estes Park, CO approved as the 2020 Go Congress location**

## 2. President's Report

Given by AGA President, **Andy Okun**

- Membership is pretty stable, but there has been an increase in youth members. Up to 200,000 people were watching the Twitch broadcast at some point.
- Overview of budget [also discussed during Board Meeting, see [7/19/2019 AGA Board Meeting minutes](#) for details].

**Rubenstein:** We have a lot of video of past Teachers Workshops, but the video is not of good quality. Can we buy cameras for AGA stuff to start a repository?

**Kirschner:** People who use these cameras (recording and presenting) are not trained properly so the quality of our videos has room for improvement. Perhaps we can also spend money to train people.

**Benson:** We need better microphones, for better audio, rather than thinking about cameras.

[cross-talk]

**Okun:** We have people in the organization willing to help.

**Kirschner:** We should pay someone.

**Benson:** Perhaps providing comps at congress.

## 3. New Business

**Rubenstein:** The communication between our membership manager and Paypal is a problem. Ratings for my tournaments have taken a very long time.

**Colburn:** We fixed it as of the beginning of May. There's a backlog, so please be patient with us. We also had a new person take over ratings just recently. We are monitoring this.

**Zilber:** What can we do to make the system more resilient?

**Scott:** Steve did a great job with the migration, we shouldn't have these issues any more.

**Terpstra:** I have a problem with the AGA: they don't confirm receipt of my emails.

**Scott:** Because it is a volunteer's email account, not something like an application or a payment that you are submitting for confirmation, so it is not appropriate to have a confirmation message; various people look at the emails when they can.

**Okun:** You can email again if you haven't heard.

**Smith:** How are day passes supposed to work, because they get 24 hours only. [This is an automation issue]

**Kirschner:** Can't we make 3-day passes?

**Colburn:** Theoretically, but categories of membership needs to be voted on by the assembly next year.

**Okun:** We will **add discussion of restructuring of our membership to next year's Assembly Meeting Agenda.**

**Smith:** What about the name of an event in a new field, to solve this problem?

**Colburn:** there's nothing like that now, but that's something to think about.

**Benson** summarized teacher compensation plans [also discussed at Board Meeting, see [7/19/2019 AGA Board Meeting minutes](#) for details]

**Rubenstein:** Why didn't we have an app this year?

**Gurujeet:** I don't know. I wasn't consulted about why we decided not to use it this year.

**Scott:** The app was broken, and not at the level of professionalism we would like. We're looking into it.

**Schumacher:** I think the problem was that there wasn't any correspondence between the AGA infrastructure and the congress infrastructure. I emailed the tech person, and never heard back.

**Okun:** What do people think about having an app?

[Everyone is in favor of the app, but expressed a desire to have physical options, more options, better social media integration.]

**Terpstra:** Can I ask attendees to self-report gender on the TD lists so that I can better TD these pair go tournaments?

[?]: Does indicating "other" disqualify someone from playing pair go?

**Okun:** Technically, but...

**Heindrich:** I run pair go at Go Congress, and if it's not a qualifier for the Japan trip [where there are strict qualifier rules over which we have no control], I don't enforce the male-female gender pair rules for pair go.

**Okun:** I'd like to increase 2-day marquee tournaments (i.e., MD open, NJ open [which is no longer run], Cotsen).

**Smith:** How about expanding chapter rewards for hosting tournaments (and other organizational activities)? [**Okun:** in favor]

**Terpstra:** Can we have "last updated" added to the website?

**Colburn:** No, because there are some issues. The date of terms could be posted.

**Hu:** Players seemed to prefer 7 rounds of the masters instead of 9 rounds. Workload also seemed better for game recorders and TDs, so I would encourage that to happen in the future.

**Fraze:** I'm devoting time right now to work on a project to provide a reference for in-person go play.

**Colburn moves to approve last year's assembly minutes.** They were not sent out to the majority of the membership, so this motion was not seconded, and it was tabled.

**Scott:** We need to have a discussion again about pictures of children posted in the context of AGA tournaments including the US Go Congress. We've discussed this before, but we need to revisit the discussion.

**Benson:** It's unrealistic to check if kids have given consent.

**Okun:** I will handle this administratively.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:25CDT.**