

## AGA Annual Report for FY2009

### President's Report - Allan Abramson

#### O Introduction

This first year as President has been one of learning, and of great satisfaction in dealing with an excellent Board, led by Roy Schmidt, and with a growing number of energetic volunteers who collectively have strengthened the AGA with their efforts. Without intending to slight anyone, special recognition must be given to Chris Kirschner, who continues to dedicate himself tirelessly to improving the AGA, to Phil Waldron, who took over the Tournament Coordinator's position with great intelligence and productivity, to Paul Barchilon, whose passion for our youth is unexcelled, to Thomas Hsiang, whose diplomacy and personal integrity has immeasurably improved our international role, to Chris Garlock, for his continued 24/7 commitment to the E-Journal, which is far beyond any reasonable expectation, and to Steve Colburn, our new webmaster, who has taken us a long way with his good ideas and technical expertise. All of the AGA team, both old regulars and new hands, deserve our appreciation.

#### O Membership

Thanks to those who took the membership pledge, and to our membership drives, the erosion of membership which took place late last year has been reversed. While we still are far from the doubling I set as a goal, the clouds have scattered, and growth has resumed.

We are working on issuing new permanent membership cards to everyone. These will be credit card size and weight, and carry membership numbers/bar codes. Still negotiating with the company, but these should be in the mail before the end of the year.

#### O Funding

The economic situation took its toll with the complete loss of Ing funding, for both the AGA and the EGF (European Go Federation). We had some reserves, which have been used for last year's and this year's Congresses, but after this one we will be out of Ing funds in our accounts. The vision and long-term gift made possible by Mr. Ing were extraordinary. We cannot thank him anymore, but we will continue to recognize and thank his foundation and his successors for this wonderful support. Our best thanks, of course, will come with the growth of our youth membership, both in numbers and in strength, until one day we produce internationally recognized professionals.

The Board broke with precedent this year, approving AGA funding for our major tournaments, especially those for youth. The amount is relatively modest at \$6,000, but our players will appreciate the support.

## O International

After receiving much input, the Board voted to amend our international policy, removing the limit of two trips per year for an individual, and extending the minimum of ten rated games to apply to professionals as well as amateurs.

We began a series of internet friendly matches with our friends in the EGF, which should grow to include pair go, challenge matches, and many other possibilities. Over time, internet friendlies with other countries will link us to much of the rest of the Go world.

China offered to send us both pros and strong amateurs for up to 90 days each, to teach our youth. This program will start small, and grow with more experience. We appreciate the support from the China Weiqi Association.

## O Tournament software

A number of people have expressed interest in developing more robust tournament pairing and reporting software. With the completion of our technical specifications, the next year could see a lot of progress toward a new generation of software to support our tournament directors.

## O Volunteers

Finally, some words about our volunteer situation. While our corps of volunteers is growing, our list of good ideas remains much larger than we can handle. Our list of AGA leaders shows some vacancies (Executive Vice President, VP - Operations, and Volunteer Coordinator), but even if leadership positions are filled, we need more people to contribute ideas and energy to improve the AGA. Some of the areas needing more people include: (1) developing and managing a computerized system to issue rank certificates to members when they reach new levels; (2) developing and managing an AGA online store; (3) running a training program for tournament directors; (4) developing a mentoring program for lower kyu players; (5) developing outreach programs for minorities and disabled; (6) leading preparations for our 75th anniversary next year; (7) and, of course, helping with fund-raising. The opportunities are great!

## Tournaments - Phil Waldron, Tournament Coordinator

This year was a strong one from the perspective of AGA tournaments, with more than 140 rated events since July 2008. Selection of international representatives went smoothly, and these players represented the AGA admirably in international competition.

I am particularly pleased to report the completion of two international friendship matches this year: the North American Youth Friendship Match and the Trans-Atlantic Youth Friendship Match. These online events were the brainchild of youth organizer Lawrence Ku and were extremely successful. We hope they will serve as a model for other friendship events in the future. I am also pleased to report progress on an AGA Tournament Archives project, which is being spearheaded by Jonathan Bresler. This aims to provide a web-based interface for players to check the historical results of AGA players and tournaments that have been submitted for ratings in the past. We are following a similar successful effort from the European Go Federation and have received a great deal of assistance from them in the form of source code and advice.

We remain critically constrained by a lack of volunteer resources. Dennis Wheeler, Oren Laskin, Lawrence Ku and Daniel Short have done tremendous work as online tournament directors, but burnout among this group is high. Empirically it appears that running more than two online tournaments a year is the threshold for tournament director burnout. Maintaining current online events will prove to be a challenge and we are unlikely to undertake additional activities without additional manpower.

### Youth Activities - Paul Barchilon, Youth Coordinator

AGA youth membership remains high at 791, or about a third of total AGA membership. We have maintained strong support for Youth Go this year, despite economic difficulties and the loss of Ing Funds. The Redmond Cup was held for the 16th time this year, and four talented youngsters will compete for the division titles here at the Congress, with a live broadcast on KGS. The United States Youth Go Championship is now in its third year, and finalists Andrew Lu 6d, age 11, and Calvin Sun 7d, age 12, will represent the US at the World Youth Go Championships in China this August. Our partnership with the American Go Honor Society (AGHS) continued this year, and the Ing School Teams Tournament drew 228 youth competing in 72 teams, breaking last year's record attendance and making it the largest youth tournament in the US. We also debuted new events, like the first ever Transatlantic Youth Match, and a team match between the US and Canada, both thanks to the hard work of youth organizer Lawrence Ku.

Congress youth will again benefit from an exciting program. We will have professional instruction daily in the youth room, as well as fun competitions and activities. Don't forget to find a partner and register early for the Youth Adult Pair Go Tournament, which is on Tuesday afternoon. Come visit us in the Youth Room to see the future of American Go in action.

This year the AGF is recognizing Florida middle school teacher Joshua Frye with the Teacher of the Year Award. As a math teacher, Frye not only teaches Go in his classroom, but launched a popular after school club as well. So many students were excited by his lessons, that Lexington Middle School has added Go to its regular curricula, and Frye now teaches two sections of Go every semester. Frye will hold a round-table and networking session for youth Go teachers (Monday at 5 pm?), come meet the teacher of the year and share your best ideas with teachers from around the nation.

The American Go Foundation (AGF) has continued to work in tandem with the AGA on multiple ventures, and together we are ensuring a bright future for America's youth. The Tiger's Mouth website, launched last year, is a great success. With over 550 members, who have posted almost 13,000 messages in the forums, the site has become a magnet for youth who are learning about Go. In part fueled by the website, the AGF launched a record number of new school programs this year, over 140, which is almost double from last year. We also expanded our school programs to include limited support for College Programs, and through a new partnership with the Canadian Go Association are now offering our services to Canadian schools as well. The AGF will soon be unveiling a new re-granting program that will allow Go clubs to use our 501c3 status to apply for educational grants. All of these activities are funded entirely by your generous donations, which is the AGF's sole source of revenue.

## Webmasters Report - Steve Colburn

This past year has seen a number of improvements for the AGA website. Since the 2008 Go Congress we worked to reduce bandwidth on the site to 1/3 of what was used a year ago. We moved all of our videos to YouTube hosting (<http://www.youtube.com/USGOWeb>). By updating the layout of the site we were also able to make pages load much faster.

Since implementing tracking and reporting information I have gathered some numbers for the past seven months:

- We are visited by 181 countries around the world.
- 44% of our traffic comes from people looking for our site, specifically through search engines..
- Since the layout change more content has been viewed than ever before.
- Almost half of of all visitors are new to the site.

The current year's Congress site is a new change for yearly stability. We have registered the domain name [www.gocongress.org](http://www.gocongress.org). This allows us to use a standard site layout year to year and quickly generate a new site for the next year's congress with easy access to the last year's data. This eliminates the need for each new congress to register a domain and create a website for the new year. We have also integrated an Authorize.Net account with the site for instant transactions from visitors.

We are looking to upgrade the site in a few ways in the coming months. I have approached the President and the Board about selling/leasing advertising on our site. As of this report, this has not been approved to help the AGA's budget and financial growth. I am also asking a programmer to integrate the application eidogo(<http://www.eidogo.com>) into our pages with SGF files. I have been looking into store front ideas to sell AGA branded merchandise using vendors that can quickly make one-off items.

The two major ongoing infrastructure projects ongoing are updating the Chapters Database and Membership Database. These major projects have been going on for a few months now and have no specific implementation date. The Chapter database is close to implementation and the Membership database has recently started development.

The website cannot function without a few people. We were built by former webmasters like Jeff Shaevel, Chuck Robbins, Gordon Fraser, and Roy Laird. We are currently helped by Chuck Robbins, Jon Hilt, Calvin Clark, Myron Souris, Paul Matthews, Justin Kramer, Josh Simmons, and Phil Waldron. Without these people and the hundreds that write to us, the website wouldn't be where it is today.

## Budget - Summary by Allan Abramson

Special thanks to Adam Bridges, our Treasurer, who has worked hard to make tracking our finances much easier.

Two major events affected our budget in FY 09: the major commitment to send a team to the first World Mind Sports Games, and the loss of new Ing Foundation grants.

The total cost of the Mind Games participation was about \$47,000, of which about \$5,000 was IGF dues and fees. This was offset by donations of about \$15,000 (Thank you all!), giving a net cost from our reserves of \$32,000.

The Ing Foundation contributed \$5,000 in new funds in FY09, so we had to use earmarked Ing reserves to support both the 2008 and the 2009 Congresses, as well as other Ing-supported events, such as the National Go Honor Society Team Championship and the US Youth Go Championship.

Ing funds used for the 2008 Congress were about \$35,000, and for 2009 activities, including this year's Congress, \$22,000. At the end of this Congress, we will have depleted all Ing funds, raising again the question of how to obtain sponsors and donors in the years ahead.

The net effect of the Mind Games and the Ing funding was a decrease in net assets of over \$70,000, to about \$259,000, partially offset by an increase in reserves, resulting in an overall net decrease in liabilities and reserves by about \$50,000, to \$323,000.

The impact of all of this on planning for FY 2010 made it obvious that we have to be conservative in all of our estimates and planning. In June, the Board approved the 2010 budget, which will be posted on the AGA web site. It is attached to this report.

## AGA 2009 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

*Chris Garlock, AGA Communications VP, Managing Editor, American Go E-Journal and American Go Yearbook*

It's been another great year for AGA communications – see below for my reports on the E-Journal and Yearbook – and I thank Assistant Editor Bill Cobb for his tireless contributions, AGA President Allan Abramson for his support, all of the wonderful folks who work so hard on getting the EJ and Yearbook out and of course the local go organizers around the world who put together the events that we report on.

### AMERICAN GO E-JOURNAL

In its 9th year of publication the American Go E-Journal continued to expand readership and coverage, with well over 13,000 readers worldwide – including the vast majority of the AGA membership – and extensive coverage of the U.S.

and world go scene. In addition to wall-to-wall coverage of the 2008 U.S. Go Congress, AGA's flagship event – including nightly live simulcasts of North American Ing Masters top-board games with pro commentary by the legendary Takemiya Masaki and others -- we once again reported on the World Amateur Go Championships in Japan, in both 2008 and 2009, when we joined forces with the Ranka team to provide exceptional reporting from the 30th annual WAGC. In addition to our terrific existing volunteer staff, we were joined over the last year by Gurujeeet Khalsa as Website Editor, copy editors Jake Edge and Mark Proctor, Games Editor Myron Souris: Nicholas Roussos (Cyprus Correspondent); Horatio



Davis (Australia/New Zealand Correspondent), as well as significantly more in-depth reporting on the European go scene by veteran go writer Peter Dijkema and weekly formatting by Adam Wright (see below for complete EJ staff roster). The EJ also continued to help coordinate special membership promotions over the course of the year that helped stem the significant membership losses experienced in Fall 2008. As previously noted, such regular semi-annual promotions – like the December and early Spring Yearbook offers, which help retain existing members and recruit new members out of the ever-larger pool on non-members who sign up for the free edition of the E-Journal. – are clearly effective and it's recommended that we regularize the schedule in 2009-2010.

*EJ STAFF: Managing Editor: Chris Garlock; Assistant Editor: Bill Cobb; Website Editor: Gurujeeet Khalsa; Games Editor: Myron Souris; Professionals: Yilun Yang 7P; Alexandr Dinerchtein 3P; Fan Hui 2P; Contributors: Paul Barchilon (Youth Editor); Lawrence Ku (U.S. West Coast Reporter); Brian Allen (U.S. West Coast Photographer); Keith Arnold (Go Quiz); Peter Dijkema (Dutch/European Correspondent); Marilena Bara (Romania/European Correspondent); Ian Davis (Ireland Correspondent); Jens Henker (Korea Correspondent); Nicholas Roussos (Cyprus Correspondent); Horatio Davis (Australia/New Zealand Correspondent); Columnists: James Kerwin 1P; Kazunari Furuyama; Rob van Zeijst; Roy Laird; Peter Shotwell; Translations: Bob McGuigan (Japan); Formatting: Adam Wright*

### AMERICAN GO YEARBOOK

The sixth annual American Go Yearbook instituted several design changes, including a photo Year in Review section and replacing the Scoreboard tournament winner reports with a smaller, more user-friendly collection of event photos from across the country over the course of the year. We realized significant production cost savings by bringing design/layout in-house – I learned and used InDesign to produce the Yearbook – but this entailed an increase in my time investment.

While the Yearbook continues to be extremely popular with AGA members – who count it as one of the few tangible benefits of membership – the significant expense in both staff time and organizational financial support suggest a review of the cost-benefit analysis, taking into consideration the Yearbook's added function as the annual historical record of the organization.

*YEARBOOK STAFF: Managing Editor: Chris Garlock; Assistant Editor: William S. Cobb; Associate Editors: Paul Barchilon, Terry Benson, Roy Laird, John Pinkerton; Contributing Professionals: Feng Yun 9P, Yilun Yang 7P, Guo Juan 5P, Alexander Dinerchtein 3P, Fan Hui 2P, James Kerwin 1P, Jie Li 7d; Correspondents: Marilena Bara (Romania), Peter Dijkema (Europe), Kazunari Furuyama (Japan), Jens Henker (Korea), Lawrence Ku (US Youth); Ratings: Paul Matthews; Design: Chris Garlock; Production: Doyle Printing; Database Manager: Sam Zimmerman*

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	FY 10 Budget Final Approved	FY09 Budget	Difference	Notes	FY 09 Actual thru 3rd qtr	FY 08 Budget Approved	FY08 Actual thru 3rd qtr
<b>Income</b>							
<b>Donations</b>							
Total 40100 – Individual Donations	\$4000	\$5,000	1,000.00		\$2215	\$4,000	\$3,990
<b>Grants</b>							
42100 – Corporate/Business Grants					\$1000		
42300 – Foundation/Trust Grants							
42310 – Ing Foundation	\$22,000			Prior Reserves	\$5000		
42330 – American Go Foundation					\$14979		
42340 – Japan Pair Go Association	\$2,000.00			Gift to promote Pair Go			
Total - Income from Grants	\$24000				\$20979		
<b>51000 - Income from Program Fees</b>							
51100 – Per Tournament Fees	\$500				\$725		
51200 – Allocation from reserves	\$1190						
<b>Membership Dues</b>							
<b>52100 – Membership Dues-Individual</b>							
52110 – Full 1-yr Memberships	\$25000	\$25,000			\$13130		\$19,695
52111 – Multi Year Memberships	\$15000	\$15,000			\$10875	not	\$13,035
52120 – Youth 1-yr Memberships	\$7500	\$7,500			\$5730	detailed	\$5,750
52130 – Promotional Memberships	\$2000	\$2,000			\$1925	in	\$2,225
52140 – International Memberships	\$100				\$40		
52150 – EJ Memberships	\$100	\$250			\$60	FY08	\$200
52151 – Donor Memberships	\$100	\$150					\$150
52152 – Sustainer Memberships	\$400						
52160 – Life Memberships	\$4000	\$4,000			\$4000		\$8,000
Total 52100 – Membership Dues-Individual	\$54200	\$53,900	300.00		\$35760		\$49,055
<b>52200 – Membership Dues - Chapters</b>							
52210 – 1 year Membership Dues	\$3500	\$4,000			\$3115	not	\$3,220
52211 – Multi-year chapter dues	\$1000	\$0				detailed	\$0
Total 52200 – Membership Dues - Chapters	\$4500	\$4,000	500.00			in	\$3,220
Total 52000 – Income from Dues	\$58700	\$57,900	800.00		\$38875	FY08	\$52,275
<b>Investments</b>							
<b>53000 – Investments Income</b>							
53100 – Interest	\$7500	\$15,000			\$5313	\$15,000	\$12,125
53110 – Dividend	\$0					\$0	\$0
- Other	\$0				\$335		
Total 53000 – Income from Investments	\$7500	\$15,000	7,500.00		\$5648	\$15,000	\$12,125
<b>Sales</b>							
<b>54000 – Income from Sales</b>							
54100 – Yearbook Sales	\$500	\$1,000			\$200	\$2,000	\$560
54200 – Online Sales - none in FY08	\$500	\$1,000				\$0	\$0
54400 – Ads	\$1000				\$1350		
54500 – Royalties	\$0				\$200		
54000 – Misc sales	\$1000	\$1,000			\$1334	\$2,000	\$530
Total 54000 – Income from Sales	\$3000	\$3,000	0.00		\$3084	\$4,000	\$1,090
<b>Events</b>							
<b>58000 – Income from AGA Events</b>							
58100 – Go Congress Surplus	\$5000	\$6,000				\$10,000	\$11,770
58200 – Other Events	\$0					na	\$0
Total 58000 – Income from AGA Events	\$5000	\$6,000	1,000.00			\$10,000	\$11,770
<b>Miscellaneous</b>							
59000 Miscellaneous Income	\$500	\$1,000	500.00			na	\$515
70000 – Unassigned Income	\$0				\$1040		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$104390</b>	<b>\$87,900</b>	16,490.00		<b>\$72566</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>	<b>\$81,765</b>



	FY 10 Budget	FY09 Budget	Difference	Notes	FY 09 Actual	FY 08 Budget	FY08 Actual
<b>Expenses</b>							
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>							
<b>60000 – Administration</b>							
60020 – Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,500			\$1077	\$2,000	\$1,198
60030 – PO Box	\$70	\$70			\$36	\$0	\$70
60040 – Postage	\$300	\$500			\$208	\$1,200	\$295
60050 - storage		\$0				\$500	see "Equipment" @ 146
60060 - Official travel	\$0	\$2,000		No official travel		\$3,000	\$0
60070 – Office Supplies	\$400	\$400			\$274	\$500	\$527
60090 – Insurance	\$2,000	\$2,500		Liability Insurance	\$1770	\$2,000	\$0
60100 - Tokens	\$250				\$148		
60101 - Elections	\$250	\$250				\$300	\$0
60102 – Casual Labor	\$5,000	\$7,500		Workflow savings	\$5462	\$6,500	\$5,723
60103 – Legal Expenses	\$2,000	\$3,000		Reserve for legal		\$3,000	\$270
60104 - Miscellaneous	\$200	\$200				\$0	\$212
60105 – Board Funds	\$0	\$2,000		No Board fund reserve		\$2,000	\$0
60123 - IGF Dues	\$1,000				\$1003		
60129 - Misc.	\$200				\$160		
<b>Total 60000 – Administration</b>	<b>\$13170</b>	<b>\$19,920</b>	<b>6,750.00</b>		<b>\$10138</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>	<b>\$8,295</b>
<b>60130 – Treasurer Expenses</b>							
60132 - Accounting services	\$1,000	\$1,500				\$1,000	\$0
60135 – PO Box	\$120	\$110			\$70	na	\$104
60136 – Postage	\$100	\$125			\$32	na	\$64
60138 - Supplies	\$100				\$87		
<b>Total 60130 – Treasurer Expenses</b>	<b>\$1320</b>	<b>\$1,735</b>	<b>415.00</b>		<b>\$189</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$168</b>
<b>60150 – President's Expenses</b>							
60154 – Postage	\$0	\$50				na	\$36
60155 – Annual Report	\$900	\$850			\$893	\$650	\$779
60156 – President's Discretionary Fund	\$2000	\$4,000		Cut fund in half	\$500	\$5,000	\$2,239
<b>Total 60150 – President's Expenses</b>	<b>\$2900</b>	<b>\$4,900</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>		<b>\$1393</b>	<b>\$5,650</b>	<b>\$3,054</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17390</b>	<b>\$26,555</b>	<b>9,165.00</b>		<b>\$11720</b>	<b>\$27,650</b>	<b>\$11,517</b>
<b>AS % OF TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>30%</b>				<b>31%</b>	<b>17%</b>

	FY 10 Budget	FY09 Budget	Difference	Notes	FY 09 Actual	FY 08 Budget	FY08 Actual
<b>PROGRAMS</b>							
<b>60160 - International Operations</b>							
60161 - Annual IGF Dues	\$500	\$500				\$500	\$500
60162 - IMSA Dues	\$0	\$5,000		Not needed		\$0	\$0
<b>Total 60160 - International Operations</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>			<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>							
<b>60200 - Website</b>							
60210 - Equipment	\$0				\$510		
60220 - Hosting	\$1200	\$3,295			\$742	\$2,000	\$5,295
60221 - Email services	\$2000	\$2,000				\$2,000	\$2,000
60222 - Tech Support	\$1000	\$1,650				\$2,000	\$350
60223 - Admin/Misc service	\$1000	\$1,140				\$1,000	\$190
60224 - Spamfilter	\$750	\$750			\$576	\$700	\$750
60230 - Upgrade Project	\$1000	\$1,000		Place-holder for upgrades	\$7144	\$8,500	\$1,500
<b>Total 60200 - Website</b>	<b>\$6,950</b>	<b>\$9,835</b>	<b>2,885.00</b>		<b>\$8972</b>	<b>\$16,200</b>	<b>\$10,085</b>
<b>60300 - EJournal</b>							
<b>60301 - Administration</b>							
60310 - Computer	\$500	\$1,200			\$517	\$2,000	\$1,188
60321 - Meals	\$300	\$0			\$241	\$250	\$405
60323 - Telephone	\$400	\$400			\$334	-	\$424
60324 - Postage	\$100	\$125			\$5	-	\$103
60325 - Subscription	\$200			"World of Weichi"	\$200		
60326 - Supplies	\$750	\$750			\$444	\$700	\$725
60327 - Tech support services	\$1000	\$1,000		EJ Format assistant	\$825	\$900	\$95
60328 - Travel	\$1500	\$1,500			\$775		\$1,560
60329 - Ad expenses	\$0	\$200		Design in-house	\$50	-	\$200
60330 - Congress coverage	\$500	\$1,000				\$0	\$0
60331 - Articles	\$1200	\$1,200			\$450	\$1,500	\$999
60332 - Columns	\$400	\$400			\$225	\$0	\$400
60333 - Game Commentary	\$2000	\$2,500			\$1275	\$3,500	\$1,100
60335 - Puzzles	\$1200	\$1,200			\$900	\$1,300	\$1,000
60336 - Report	\$500	\$500			\$475	\$1,200	\$375
60337 - Translation	\$750	\$500			\$1140	\$0	\$325
60340 - Copies of Yearbook	\$0				\$17		
60350 - Gift Certificates	\$0	\$750		Not needed	\$305	\$0	\$875
60301 - Other	\$0				\$415		
60360 - Mail services	\$0			Not needed	\$1998		
60370 - Outsourcing	\$0				\$100		
<b>Total 60300 - EJournal</b>	<b>\$11300</b>	<b>\$13,225</b>	<b>1,925.00</b>		<b>\$10691</b>	<b>\$14,900</b>	<b>\$4,199</b>
<b>60390 - Yearbook</b>							
60391 - Printing	\$14000	\$12,785				\$10,000	\$16,000
60392 - Postage	\$2000	\$2,000			\$1997	\$2,000	\$2,000
60393 - CD	\$1800	\$1,800				\$1,800	\$2,000
60394 - Mailer handling	\$500	\$500				\$800	\$2,425
60395 - Mailing Envelopes	\$500	\$500				\$550	\$550
60396 - Design	\$0	\$1,000		Design in-house		\$500	\$3,500
60397 - Surplus to warehouse	\$200	\$200				\$200	\$250
<b>Total - 60390 Ejournal</b>	<b>\$19,000</b>	<b>\$18,785</b>	<b>215.00</b>		<b>\$1997</b>	<b>\$15,850</b>	<b>\$26,725</b>

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<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>							
<b>60400 – Database</b>							
60420 - Telephone	\$700	\$500		Will go to flat plan= savings	\$687	\$0	\$445
60430 – Postage	\$1000	\$500		Should decrease w/new system	\$980	\$500	\$966
60440 – Supplies	\$500	\$250		Was one-time cost of new PC	\$2511	\$0	\$454
60450 – Casual Labor	\$7500	\$5,000		Increased warehouse activity	\$6650	\$6,000	\$5,559
60460 - UPS	\$1000			Warehouse mailings	\$964		
<b>Total 60400 – Database</b>	<b>\$10700</b>	<b>\$5,750</b>	4,950.00		<b>\$11792</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>\$7,424</b>
<b>60500 - Tournaments</b>							
60501 - TD Training Course	\$0	\$1,000				\$1,000	\$0
<b>60510 - Ing plus AGA Funded</b>							
60511 - Master's	\$5000	\$5,000		Ing reserve			
60512 - Redmond	\$5000	\$5,000		2000 Ing + 3000 AGA			
60513 - Youth	\$1500	\$3,000		AGA funds			
60514 - High Schools - Honor Society	\$1500	\$2,000		AGA funds			
60515 - Pair Go	\$500	\$0		JPGA donation			
60516 - Congress Youth Subsidy	\$10000	\$17,000		Ing reserve			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23500</b>	<b>\$32000</b>	8,500.00				
<b>60600 – Equipment</b>							
60610 – Storage	\$1000	\$1,000			\$1000	\$500	\$537
60620 - Shipping and Insurance	\$600				\$530		
60630 –Supplies	\$3000	\$3,000			\$62	\$4,000	\$2,773
60640 – Casual Labor	\$250	\$250			\$166	\$0	\$251
<b>Total 60600 – Equipment</b>	<b>\$4850</b>	<b>\$4,250</b>	600.00		<b>\$1758</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$3,561</b>
<b>60700 - Miscellaneous Projects</b>							
607100 - Membership Cards	\$1000	\$0	1,000.00			\$1,000	\$0
<b>60800 - Chapter Services</b>							
60810 certificates	\$0	\$750		To be electronic		\$0	\$0
60820 marketing materials	\$0	\$1,750		Move to marketing		\$0	\$0
<b>Total 60800 - Chapter Services</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	2,500.00				
<b>60900 - Marketing</b>							
Promotional activities - general	\$5000	\$2,500	2,500.00	AGA funds		\$0	\$0
Promotional activities - pair go	\$1500			JPGA funds			
<b>Total - Promotional expenses</b>	<b>\$6500</b>						
<b>64000 - Tournament Expenses</b>							
<b>64100 - World Mind Sports Games</b>							
64110 - Stipends					\$33400		
64120 - IGF Fees and Expenses					\$4620		
64130 - Team Expenses					\$8900		
64100 - Other							
<b>Total - WMSG</b>			0.00		<b>\$46920</b>		
64200 - Fujitsu Cup					\$28		
<b>Total Tournament Expenses</b>			0.00		<b>\$46948</b>		
<b>67000 - Grant Appropriations</b>							
67300 - ING NAMT					\$500		
67400 - ING Redmond Cup					\$75		
67700 - ING Misc					\$3789		
<b>Total - Grant Appropriations</b>			0.00		<b>\$4364</b>		
69000 - Unassigned Expenses			0.00		\$1376		
<b>Other Expenses</b>							
<b>86000 – Business Expenses</b>							
86100 – Bank Expenses	\$200	\$200			\$230	\$200	\$147
86200 – Credit Card Trans. Fees	\$2500	\$200			\$2201	\$0	\$1,723
86300 - Chapter Membership Drive	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$3,225
86400 - Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0	\$1,500				\$1,400	\$0
<b>Total 86000 – Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>	800.00		<b>\$2431</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$5,095</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$87000</b>	<b>\$61,845</b>	25,155.00		<b>\$90329</b>	<b>\$60,350</b>	<b>\$57,089</b>
AS % OF TOTAL EXPENSES	83%	70%				69%	83%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$104,390</b>	<b>\$88,400</b>			<b>\$102049</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>	<b>\$68,606</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$500</b>	500.00		<b>-\$29,483</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,159</b>









## Report of the 30<sup>th</sup> IGF meetings – 5/24-26/2009

– By Thomas Hsiang

For the duration above, I attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and General Meeting of the International Go Federation, held in parallel with the 30<sup>th</sup> World Amateur Go Championship at Kakegawa City, Shizuoka, Japan. I also met with the officials of the Japan Pair Go Association. Below is a report of the important issues discussed in these meetings.

The IGF Board Meeting was attended by these Directors: Hiromu Okabe, president of IGF and CEO of Denso-Toyota; Runan Wang, VP of IGF and President of the Chinese Weiqi Association; Eduardo Lopez, VP of IGF; Thomas Hsiang, VP of IGF and VP of AGA; Martin Stiassny, VP of EGF; Korsak Chairasmisak, President of Thai Go Association and World Chinese Weiqi Association; Ichiro Tanioka, President of Osaka University of Commerce; Neville Smythe, National Secretary of the Australian Go Association; Young-Gu Cha, proxy for Han Sang-yul, Executive Secretary of the Korean Baduk Association; Maria Dolores Puerta, President of Venezuelan Go Association; and Viktor Bogdanov, VP of Russian Go Federation. The staff members attending were Ei Kanda, IGF Office Manager, and Yuki Shigeno, IGF Secretary. Attending as Advisor to the Board was Mrs. Hiroko Taki, VP of World Pair Go Association.

The first business was the election of a new president. Mr. Okabe submitted his resignation from IGF and recommended that the new Nihon Kiin Chairman, Hideo Otake 9p, be appointed IGF Director and President for 1 year. This was passed unanimously, along with my election as IGF VP, the election of Viktor Bogdanov as Director, the re-election of Maria Puerta as Director, and the election of Australia and US as auditors.

### ***New structure and support for IGF***

IGF's Secretary General Yuki Shigeno reported that a subset of the IGF Directors have been working hard the past two years to bring a broader support base to IGF. Earlier this year, the leaders of China Qiyuan, Korean Kiwon, and Nihon Kiin met in two meetings to discuss a format in which the three bodies will share the support of IGF with a rotating IGF presidency. The meetings were successful in establishing a general agreement to proceed. The operational details are expected to be



worked out this summer and to be presented to the next three-country meeting in August. A transition of the IGF presidency from Japan to China will take place in May 2010.

Separately, in 2007 the IGF Board accepted a proposal to open up a new category of membership, the “Association Members”, intended for cross-national Go organizations and Go foundations. The IGF Statutes were re-written in 2008 to establish this membership. In the first round of implementation, five organizations have applied for admission into IGF: the Japan Pair Go Association, the Korean Amateur Baduk Association, Taiwan Chi-Yuan, Iberoamerican Go Federation, and European Go Federation. The Board accepted JPGA and IAGF as members, leaving the other three applications for further study.

A third development is the establishment of a new organization, “Friends of Go International”, or FGI. Neville Smythe and Korsak Chairasmisak are leading this effort to seek out and bring together international Go promoters and philanthropists to develop resources to support Go. Chairasmisak, president of the Thai Seven-Eleven Chain, is well known in Southeast Asia for his broad and innovative support of Go education in schools. His experience will be key for FGI to move quickly in the next few years to become an integral element of IGF’s Go promotion effort.

A personal note: Two years ago, IGF’s financial status looked grim in the midst of Japan’s economic difficulties. The three-pronged effort outlined above now lends renewed optimism that IGF may yet emerge in good financial shape. This could be a model for the AGA Board to consider.

A second note: Because of internationalization of Go with the new IGF structure and because of the upcoming Asian Games and WMSG’s, the three countries (China, Japan, and Korea) finally decided that there is a need to unify the name of our game in English, henceforth officially as GO and not “Baduk”, “Weiqi”, “Wei-chi”, or “Igo”. Who knows, next we might actually agree on a rule set...

### ***WAGC and other tournaments***

This year WAGC celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the beautiful Shizuoka Prefecture. Starting 2010, WAGC will no longer be held only in Japan. Instead, hosts from around the world will be invited. Another change is

that in the future all participants will pay for their own travel cost.

For 2010, Hangzhou bid and won the hosting right. For 2011, candidate cities have emerged from China, Thailand, and Japan. At this time, it looks like Shimane, Japan (on the north coast of Japan's Honshu, bordering Japan Sea), is the leading candidate.

For other tournaments, the Korean Prime Minister Cup will move back to October this year; the Hi Seoul World Businessman Baduk Fair, the Hangzhou World City-Team tournament, and the Children's Team Tournament (Thailand) will all continue at their traditional times.

International Pair Go Tournament will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary November 14 and 15 at Hotel Edmont, Iidabashi, Tokyo. Included in the celebration is the much-anticipated inauguration of Koichiro Matsuura, current Director General of UNESCO, as the first president of World Pair Go Association.

The World Student Oza, previously supported by Yomiuri Shimbun, was at in danger of being eliminated when Yomiuri pulled out its support earlier this year. Fortunately NKB, a Japanese advertising company and the sponsor of JPGA, came forth as a last-moment white knight to save this tournament for the next few years.

The 2010 Asian Games has announced the inclusion of Go as a competition item. IGF is working with the Asian Go Federation and the Chinese Weiqi Association to coordinate the Go event.

### ***WMSG, IMSA, and WADA***

The 2009 SportAccord was held in Denver in March, the first time the event took place in North America. This is the annual meeting for GAISF (the General Association of International Sports Federations, of which IGF is a member) that provides a forum for international federations to interact with each other and to organize international tournaments. For Go, most important is our engagement with IMSA (the International Mind Sports Association) and WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) during the week.

I participated in all meetings on behalf of IGF. During the IMSA meetings,

we had a long debriefing of the first World Mind Sports Games (WMSG) to tie up some financial loose ends and to plan on the second WMSG. For AGA, we should know that (1) there will be a second WMSG to be held in summer 2013; (2) there are a number of potential hosts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> WMSG, leading off with Dubai and Abu Dhabi; and (3) Go's participation will be similar in scale as in the first WMSG. IMSA itself was re-organized following this round of meetings and I was elected its Secretary General. Chess was assigned to develop a protocol for sponsorship and a set of criteria for bidding by potential WMSG hosts.

I met with WADA officials about Go's compliance with the anti-doping regulations. The issue has become pressing because of the upcoming Asian Games where all participants may be subject to drug testing. Go and Chess have coordinated our efforts in negotiating with WADA to have us placed under the "low risk" category and hence more relaxed testing requirements. Based on these meetings, an implementation plan for Go was drafted and passed by the IGF Board of Directors. The IGF Anti-doping Regulations, a FAQ, the WADA Prohibited List, and the Implementation Plan are available on the IGF website.

For AGA, we need to notify our strong players of the possibility of drug testing when they represent US and they must sign an agreement to subject themselves to testing. A notification letter has been drafted and will be sent out by the AGA President. In addition, the AGA Statutes need to be updated to include a statement that we agree to comply with the IGF anti-doping policy and regulations.

I should add that, in the three months after the SportAccord, the World Bridge Federation has further pressed WADA on the possibility of completely eliminating out-of-competition testing for mind sports. Go and Chess are fully supporting this effort.

The last business of IMSA was to define criteria for future members. We converged on three: that the game be universal, that the game be a skill game only, and that the federation representing the game be a member of GAISF. Backgammon and poker were refused because of the second criterion, while Scrabble was refused because it is based on English language and hence not "universal".

### ***Miscellaneous***

The D.P.R. Korea problem once again surfaced. The Japanese State Department continues to require North Korea not to use the name “D.P.R. Korea” and its flag. North Korea continues to refuse to attend WAGC under the name “North Korea”. There does not seem to be any resolution in sight.

The development of Go activities in Brunei was reported. A special lecture was given by the Thai Go Association on how to promote Go in schools and colleges. Go activities in Europe, Latin America, and Oceania were reviewed.

During the WAGC, the people from Ranka-online and e-journal were brought together to discuss collaboration between the two teams. As a result, the second half of WAGC was reported with this joint effort. It is planned that the 2010 WAGC in China and other future events will be reported similarly.