American Go Association, Inc.

Unanimous Written Consent in Lieu of Organizational Meeting of Board of Directors

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

1993 Original	2002 Proposed Changes	Notes
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 405(b) of the Not-for- Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, the undersigned, being all the members of the Board of Directors of American Go Association, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby consent to the adoption of the following resolutions by written consent in lieu of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation:	No change.	
Resolved, that the By-laws attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby approved as the By-laws of the Corporation.	No change.	
In order to give the operations of the former, unincorporated American Go Association correct legal form and status under the new American Go Association, Inc., it is resolved that:		
1. For the purposes of managing the Corporation, the U.S. is divided into three geographical Regions, namely Eastern, Central, and Western, with an elected representative from each who serves as Vice President. Chapters may request changes in their affiliation and shall be notified if their affiliation is changed.	 For the purpose of managing the Corporation, AGA chapters and members are divided into three geographic regions: Eastern, Central, and Western. The Eastern Region includes the following states and territories: ME, RI, VT, NH, CT, MA, NY, PA, NJ, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The Central Region includes the following states and territories: WV, IA, AR, OH, IL, IN, MI, WI, MN, ND, SD, MT, ID, WY, CO, NV, NB, TN, OK, KS, UT, MO, MS, LA, AL, TX, NM, KY, and AZ. The Western Region includes the following states and/or territories: WA, OR, CA, AK, HI, and Guam. The Board of Directors shall develop policy and guidelines for AGA international membership, procedural and operational issues, e.g. enfranchisement through chapter representation. 	Rationale: For voting purposes, the regions must be defined. Also, unless the by-laws specifically restrict international members from voting, their voting rights, as full members, should be addressed by the Board. From an admin viewpoint, this clarifies the chain of responsibility for new Directors and Officers.

	The Board of Directors, with the consent of the Chapter Representatives Assembly, may modify the regional structure.	
2. The following individuals hereby are elected to the offices set forth opposite their names to serve until their successors are elected and qualify:	2. The AGA Board of Directors shall be an elected body. All AGA officer and committee chair positions are to be filled through appointments by the Board.	Increases Board of Directors accountability through new election process.
President: Phil Straus Vice President: Western Ernest Brown Vice President: Eastern Chen-Dao Lin Vice President: Central Roger White		
The President and one Regional Vice President from each Region in the U.S. shall be elected by a weighted vote of Chapters. The President's term shall begin January 1 of odd numbered years, the Vice Presidents' terms on January 1 of even numbered years.		
(NEW SECTION TO BE ADDED \$	3. Standing Committees. The Board of Directors shall establish standing committees to carry out the purposes and functions of the Corporation, and the membership of each committee shall be filled by appointment of the Board, or by the President, if delegated by the Board.	
3. When the Board of Directors moves to fill a vacancy among Elected Officers, if the remaining term to be filled is greater than one year, a special election shall be held. In any election for President, the candidates shall provide a statement in writing: that they have read the AGA By-Laws, and that they are now and have been full AGA Members and residents of the U.S. (Region in the case of Regional Vice President) for at least one year, and either a) have been an officer for at least one year, or b) present a petition representing 1/3 of the weighted Chapter votes.	4. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy among appointed officers if the remaining term to be filled is greater than one year, except in the case of the President's position, which should be filled if the remaining term is more than six months. All potential candidates shall provide a statement in writing that they have read the AGA By-Laws, and that they are now, and have been, full AGA Members and residents of the U.S. (Region in the case of Regional Vice Presidents) for at least one year.	Simplified language to reflect new appointment concept. Relaxed qualification requirements, opening the positions to a greater number of potentially capable members.

4. For the purposes of authorizing the Corporation to do business in any state, territory or dependency of the United States or any foreign country in which it is necessary or expedient for the Corporation to transact business, the proper officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized to appoint all necessary agents or attorneys for service of process, to designate and change the location of all necessary statutory offices and to make and file all necessary applications, certificates, reports, powers of attorney, and other instruments as may be required by the laws of such state, territory, dependency or country to authorize the Corporation to transact business therein.

5. For the purposes of authorizing the Corporation to do business in any state, territory or dependency of the United States or any foreign country in which it is necessary or expedient for the Corporation to transact business, the Board of the Corporation are hereby authorized to appoint all necessary agents or attorneys for service of process, to designate and change the location of all necessary statutory offices and to make and file all necessary applications, certificates, reports, powers of attorney, and other instruments as may be required by the laws of such state, territory, dependency or country to authorize the Corporation to transact business therein.

Renumbered

5. The following list of Officers are appointed to serve until their successors are appointed and qualify:

Secretary Lawrence Gross
Treasurer Michael Simon
Membership Secretary Chris Garlock
Clubs Coordinator Roger White
Publications Coordinator Roy Laird
Education Coordinator Peter Schumer
Membership Database Manager Samuel
Zimmerman
International Go Federation Director
Barbara Calhoun
Rules Committee Chair Terry Benson

6. The following Officers will serve until their successors are properly appointed and qualify:

President, Roy Laird Western Vice President, Lawrence Gross Central Vice President, Michael Peng Eastern Vice President, Chen-Dao Lin Secretary, Susan Weir Treasurer, Ulo Tamm Membership Secretary, John Goon Clubs Coordinator, William Cobb Publications Coordinator, Chris Garlock Youth Coordinator, None Redmond Education Coordinator (vacant) Tournament Coordinator, Michael Bull Ratings Coordinator, Paul Matthews Congress Liaison, Chris Kirschner Membership Database Manager, Sam Zimmerman International Go Federation Director, Chen-Dao Lin Rules Coordinator, Terry Benson Nomination Committee, Sam Zimmerman

The Board has the discretion to leave the

offices of Regional VP vacant.

Updated names and positions.

Renumbered.

Regional representation will now be handled by election of Board members

6. The Board grants approval to the President to form an Executive Committee. to include the President who shall be chairperson, the Regional Vice Presidents one of whom shall be selected as Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer, the Club Coordinator, the Membership Secretary, the Publications Coordinator, and the US Director to the IGF. The Secretary of the Corporation shall be a member ex-officio. The Committee may approve agendas, budget overrun expenditures or commitments, designate Nominating Committee Chairpersons, and examine project proposals to assist in Board deliberations. The Executive Committee will act only as advisors to the Assembly and the President; its decisions shall not limit the responsibility of the President. However, if the President and the Executive Committee disagree on any action, the President shall confirm that action with the Board of Directors before proceeding.

7. The Board may establish one or more committees, in addition to the standing committees, if the Board deems that they are necessary to develop, implement, and manage long or short term functions. projects, or plans for the Corporation. Each committee so designated shall have their membership stated by the Board in terms of numbers of members, their required status, if any, and length of terms, and, to the extent provided in an organizational document and not restricted by law, shall have and exercise the authority delegated to them by the Board. Designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Directors of any responsibility imposed upon them by law. Membership of each committee, unless prescribed by the Board, may include the President and any other AGA members who are deemed suitable by the Board. The Board may delegate authority to the President to form any Committee besides the standing committees. The Board reserves the authority to direct the President to take any lawful and appropriate action regarding the membership or performance of any committee or committee member.

Term of Office. Each member's term shall be defined in the original act of appointment, but shall not exceed two years in any case. Each member of a committee shall continue in office, unless the committee shall be terminated, or unless such member is removed from such committee, or ceases to qualify as a committee member, or such member resigns with appropriate notice.

Rules. Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance not inconsistent with these By-Laws or with rules prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Renumbered.

Clarifies Board appointment and delegation authority.

Assimilates language from the original by-laws Article V. Committees. The old Article V is now deleted.

- 7. The Board resolves to define and limit the rights of Members in the following ways:
- a) Limited Membership Limited Membership shall include the AGA Newsletter, participation in the AGA National Computer Rating System, and participation in AGA-sanctioned tournaments anywhere.
- b) Full Membership shall confer all the

- 8. Rights of members are defined and limited as follows:
- a) Limited Member. Limited Membership includes participation in the AGA National Computer Rating System and in all AGA-sanctioned tournaments subject to other qualification conditions that might be imposed by tournament organizers.
- b) Full Member. Full Membership shall confer all the benefits of Limited

Renumbered.

References to specific AGA publications deleted to enhance future flexibility..

Clarified need for at least five AGA FULL members, in order to vote.

benefits of Limited, but Full Members	Membership. In addition, Full Members	
receive the Journal, may become candidates for U.S. representation in international tournaments, and may become AGA officers.	receive a copy of all "full-members-only" publications, may become candidates for U.S. representation in international tournaments, and may become AGA Directors or officers.	
c) Chapter Membership Chapter Membership shall include the Journal and Newsletter, which the Chapter Club may circulate to all its members whether or not they are AGA members. Chapter Member clubs will receive in advance the agenda for each Assembly and are welcome to attend. Chapters with five or more AGA Members are entitled to vote on all major policy matters, whether in person, by proxy, or by mail ballot. Chapters shall be authorized to sell Limited Memberships.	c) Chapter Membership. Chapter Membership shall include a copy of all "full-members-only" publications, which the Chapter Club may circulate to all its AGA or non-AGA members. Chapter Member clubs will also receive an advance copy of the agenda for each Assembly Meeting and an open invitation to attend. Chapters with five or more AGA Full Members are entitled to vote on all major policy matters, whether in person, by proxy, or by mail ballot. Only chapters shall be authorized to sell Limited Memberships.	
	d) Membership types, requirement criteria, rights, privileges, and obligations of membership may be revised as provided in the by-laws.	
(NEW SECTION TO BE ADDED →	9.) The Articles Of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative mail vote of the Individual Members. Counting all votes received within 45 days of ballot mailing, a two-thirds majority of those votes shall constitute adoption.	Borrowed words from the by-laws' newly revised and renumbered Article 11. Amendments.
8. Any and each of the officers of the Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to pay all fees and expenses incident to and necessary for the organization and incorporation of the Corporation. The proper officers of the Corporation hereby are authorized to file the registration forms required by the New York State Department of Law and New York Department of State, and such other registration forms as may be required by any agency of the State. The Treasurer of the Corporation shall prepare and file with the Internal Revenue Service an Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(7) of the IRS Code.	10. Any and each of the officers of the Corporation is hereby authorized and directed to pay all fees and expenses incident to and necessary for the organization and incorporation of the Corporation. The officers of the Corporation hereby are authorized to file the registration forms required by the New York State Department of Law and New York Department of State, and such other registration forms as may be required by any agency of the State.	Renumbered. The AGA IRS tax-exempt status is now 501(c)(4).
9. The proper officers of the Corporation hereby are authorized and directed to do or cause to be done any and all such acts and things and to execute and deliver any	11. The officers of the Corporation hereby are authorized and directed to do or cause to be done any and all such acts and things and to execute and deliver any and	Renumbered. Minor rephrasing.
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This unanimous consent may be separately executed in two or more counterparts by the Directors of the	The Board of Directors may separately execute this unanimous consent in two or more counterparts.
Corporation.	In witness whereof, the undersigned have
In witness whereof, the undersigned have executed this Consent as of this 12th day	executed this Consent as of this day of, 2002.
of October, 1993.	2001 AGA Directors
	Barbara Calhoun Jeff Shaevel
	Keith Arnold
	Roger White Chen-Dao Lin

EXHIBIT A

By-Laws, American Go Association, Inc.

(Jan 1, 2002)

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ARTICLE I: Purposes The Corporation shall be organized exclusively as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and shall be operated exclusively for the following exempt purposes: to foster knowledge and appreciation of the art of "go" (also called "wei chi", "baduk", and "igo") in the United States of America through publicizing the game; to encourage and assist in game activities and education; to promote tournaments, seminars, professional tours, congresses, and improvement of individual game skills throughout the nation; and to encourage intercultural and international goodwill through related activities.	ARTICLE I: Purposes The Corporation shall be organized exclusively as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and shall be operated exclusively for the following exempt purposes: to foster knowledge and appreciation of the <i>game and</i> art of "go" (also called "wei chi", "baduk", and "igo") in the United States of America through publicizing the game; to encourage and assist in game activities and education; to promote tournaments, seminars, professional tours, congresses, and improvement of individual game skills throughout the nation; and to encourage intercultural and international goodwill through related activities.	The AGA IRS tax- exempt status is now 501(c)(4).
ARTICLE II: Members Section 1. Types of Membership. There shall be two primary classes of membership:	ARTICLE II: members Section 1. Types of Membership. There shall be two primary classes of membership:	Corrected to be consistent with section 8c of the
 a) Individual - Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the purposes of the Corporation. b) Chapter - Any club or group of players which professes to support the purposes of the Corporation may become a Chapter Member. Each Chapter with five or more Individual Members shall designate at least one Chapter Representative, hereinafter referred to as "Representative." 	 a) Individual - This membership class shall be open to all persons interested in the purposes of the Corporation. It is further sub-divided into Full Memberships and Limited Memberships, whose entitlements are contained in section 8 of the Articles of Incorporation. b) Chapter - Any club or group of players which professes to support the purposes of the Corporation may become a Chapter Member. Each Chapter with five or more Full Members shall designate at least one Chapter Representative, hereinafter referred to as "Representative." 	Articles.
Section 2. Members' Rights and Responsibilities. At an Annual Assembly of the Chapter Representatives, known as the Assembly, the Representatives may establish such other criteria for membership or categories of membership, including a schedule of dues, as they deem appropriate, including the rights of the Members in general.	No change.	
Section 3. Meetings. The Assembly shall be held at the place, time, and date as may be fixed by the President of the Corporation, at any place within or without the State of New	Section 3. Meetings. The Assembly shall be held yearly at the U.S. Go Congress. If there is no Go Congress, the Assembly shall meet at an alternative place, time, and date fixed by	

York.	the Board.	
Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, date, and hour of the Assembly shall be given to each Chapter Representative by first class mail or by personal delivery, not less than thirty nor more than fifty days before the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid.	No change.	
Section 5. Conduct of Meetings. The President of the Corporation shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter Representatives or, in the absence of the President, a Vice President or a Chairman elected by those present. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary at all meetings of the Chapter Representatives and all members may attend. The President shall circulate an Agenda to all Chapter Representatives and Officers at least 30 days in advance of such meeting. Conduct of business shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. If any four Chapter Representatives jointly request Board consideration of a proposal at least 30 days in advance of such meeting, it shall be placed on the next Meeting Agenda.	Section 5. Conduct of Meetings. The President of the Corporation shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter Representatives or, in the absence of the President, an officer appointed by the Board for that purpose. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary at all meetings of the Chapter Representatives and all members may attend. The Secretary shall circulate an Agenda approved by the Board to all Chapter Representatives and Officers at least 30 days in advance of such meeting. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of business. If any four Chapter Representatives jointly request Board consideration of a proposal at least 30 days in advance of such meeting, it shall be placed on the next Meeting Agenda.	Deletes reference to an officer, i.e. the VP, who is not a mandatory officer under the new By- Laws.
Section 6. Quorum. At all meetings of the Chapter Representatives, a one-fourth majority of the Representatives, weighted by the number of Individual Members of their Chapters, along with any two elected officers, whether present in person, by letter, or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.	Section 6. Quorum. At all meetings of the Chapter Representatives, a one-fourth majority of the Representatives, weighted by the number of Individual Members of their Chapters, along with any two Board members, whether present in person, by letter, or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.	
Section 7. Voting. At any meeting of the Chapter Representatives, each Representative present shall be entitled to one vote for each ten Individual Members of their Chapter (rounded to the nearest ten, e.g. 5 to 14 Members - 1 vote, 15 to 24 Members - 2 votes, etc.) After any resolution vote, any Chapter Representative or his proxy may demand a Chapter Veto Vote, tallied by a count of one vote per qualifying Chapter. Voting by proxy shall be permitted. Upon demand of any person entitled to vote, any vote upon any question before the meeting shall be by ballot. Except in votes for election of officers, each elected officer shall be entitled to cast one vote apiece.	Section 7. Voting. At any meeting of the Chapter Representatives, each Representative of a Chapter present shall be entitled to one vote. Chapters will receive additional votes at the ratio of one vote for each ten additional Full Members of their Chapter (rounded to the nearest ten, e.g. 5 to 14 Members - 1 vote, 15 to 24 Members - 2 votes, etc.) Voting by proxy shall be permitted. Upon demand of any person entitled to vote, any vote upon any question before the meeting shall be by ballot.	Corrected to be consistent with the Articles Section 8c.

ARTICLE III: Directors

Section 1. Powers and Number. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power to initiate a vote for recall of any Officer and the responsibility to appoint as quickly as practicable a temporary officer to fill vacancies caused by resignation, removal, or death. The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be not less than five nor more than seventeen. If the number of Directors falls below five, the remaining Directors shall elect replacement(s) within 60 days.

Section 2. Designation and Term of Office. Directors may elect new Directors by a majority vote, with the advice and consent of the Assembly of Chapter Representatives, for a maximum term of four years. Alternatively, a petition signed by ten percent of the Individual Members will serve to designate one Director, who may not be recalled except for gross negligence for two years after appointment. After such appointment by petition, the same Members' signatures on further petitions shall not be used for the purpose of appointing other Directors for a period of two years. Directors shall be at least eighteen years of age and need not be residents of New York State.

ARTICLE III: Directors

Section 1. Powers and Number. The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be not more than nine. If the number of Directors falls below seven, the remaining Directors shall elect replacement(s) within 30 days. The Board shall have the responsibility to appoint as quickly as practicable an interim director to fill vacancies caused by resignation, removal, or death.

Section 2. Designation and Term of Office.

- a.) Except for the election immediately following adoption of this article, Directors shall be elected individually for a term of two years by weighted vote of Chapter Representatives at the Assembly. Each region shall have two Directors on the Board, and there shall be at least one atlarge Director (having no regional affiliation). Regional Directors shall serve staggered terms of two years each, such that one seat is up for election each year. Regional representatives shall be elected only by Chapters within their regions. Atlarge representatives will be elected by all Chapters.
- b.) Each calendar year, nominations shall be made by no later than June 15th. Ballots shall be sent out by no later than July 1st. If there is no US Go Congress or Assembly, the ballots shall be mailed in for counting by no later than August 15th. Directors shall take office on the following January 1st.

For the first election following adoption of this article, the following procedures will apply:

- c.) Seven Directors shall be elected by a weighted vote of chapter representatives. These positions shall be filled as follows: two from each region and one at-large position. Starting in January 2003, the top vote getter from each region shall serve a two-year term as a Director. The next top vote getter from each region shall serve a one-year term as a Director. The top vote getter for the at-large position shall serve a two-year term as a Director. Directors shall be at least eighteen years of age and need not be residents of New York State.
- d.) In case of a tie between regional

Chapter weighted voting vs. onemember-one-vote is probably the most controversial issue the Commission faced. The issue was debated at length at the 2001 National Assembly, with an inconclusive result. (See minutes of that meeting for details.) In the end, the Commission felt that changing both the nature of the Board and the basic voting mechanism would be too much at one time. The Commission believes that weighted chapter voting will work, and the hope is that individual members will become more active as they begin to realize their greater power under the new by-laws.

Chapters gain voting privileges with their fifth member, but must then recruit an additional ten members to obtain an additional vote. This arrangement gives small Chapters somewhat more

	contenders in the first election, the following tie-break procedures shall be employed. For subsequent elections the Board is authorized to adopt whatever tie break procedures are deemed suitable. e.) If only two candidates were on the ballot for that region, they shall draw lots during the first Board meeting to decide between them which will serve for two years and which will serve for one year. f.) If two candidates tie in a region where more than two candidates are on the ballot, there shall be a recount of weighted chapter votes cast, weighing each vote in proportion to chapter membership. g.) Re-weighting of regional votes will also be the preferred tie break method in the atlarge election.	power than large chaapters in regular elections. With proportional weighting of votes the situation is reversed. For chapters with more than one vote, each addition vote counts double.
Section 3. Removal. Any Director may be removed for cause by a majority of the entire Board of Directors. Directors may also be removed by a weighted ballot vote of two-thirds of the Chapter Representatives. Such a removal vote must be initiated by at least four Chapter Representatives or by a petition signed by fifty Individual Members.	DELETED	See section 10 for new removal procedure.
Section 4. Meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the place, time, and date as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, or, if not so fixed, as may be determined by the President of the Corporation, at any place within or without the State of New York. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President and shall be called by the President or Secretary at the direction of not less than two Directors then in office, or as may otherwise be provided by law. Any request for such meeting shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Meetings may be held by telephone conference or other electronic means, as directed by the Board of Directors or the President and stated in the notice of meeting.	Section 3. Meetings. a. The Board of Directors shall meet on at least four separate occasions each calendar year, at times and places fixed by the Board (phone meetings may count for this purpose), provided that one of its yearly meetings must be its Annual Meeting which shall be held yearly at and during the U.S. Go Congress. If the Congress is not held for any reason, the Board shall decide by majority vote on an alternative location and hold its Annual Meeting during the month of August, or as soon thereafter as practicable. b. Special meetings. At any time, unscheduled directors meetings may be called by the Board Chair, or on the written request of not less than two other sitting Directors, or as may otherwise be permitted by law, and notification of such meetings will be sent by the Secretary to the remaining directors and the President. Such notice must include the name of the persons who called the meeting and the stated purpose of the meeting. Any request for such meeting shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Meetings	Renumbered.

	may be held by telephone or video conference	
	call or any other agreed upon electronic means, as directed by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of meeting.	
	c. At the Assembly meeting, the Board shall report to the Assembly the state of affairs of the Association including but not limited to a financial status report, new committee appointments, international agreements, plans for the following year, and such other business, as the Board deems appropriate. Members of the Association whether present at the Assembly or not, may send written inquiries to the Board and the Board shall provide the requested information on a timely basis.	
	d. Immediately after the election of any new Directors at the Assembly, the Directors present shall, by simple majority, elect one Director to be the Board Chair who shall serve for one year or until a successor is elected, whichever is later. The Board Chair shall lead and set agendas for all business meetings, as well as be responsible for the overall operations of the Board. A Board Chair may be reelected without limit so long as he/she continues to be reelected as a Director.	
Section 5. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, date, and hour of the annual meeting shall be given to each Director and Officer by mail or by personal delivery, not less than ninety nor more than one hundred fifty days before the date of the meeting. Notice of the place, date, and hour of other	Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the place, date, and hour of the annual meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Director, Officer, and chapter representative by mail, e-mail, or by personal delivery, not less than ninety nor more than one hundred fifty days before the date of the meeting.	Renumbered.
meetings shall be given to each Director and Officer by mail or by personal delivery, not less than fourteen nor more than ninety days before the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when	Notice of the place, date, and hour of other meetings shall be given by the Secretary to each Director, Officer, and chapter representative by mail, e-mail, or by personal delivery, not less than fourteen nor more than	
deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Notice of special meetings shall indicate the purpose for which they are called and the person or persons calling the meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director	ninety days before the date of the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall indicate the purpose for which they are called and the person or persons calling the meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the	
attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.	transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.	
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in person, by letter, or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.	simple majority of the Directors then in office shall be the minimum number required to make official decisions. The Directors may be present in person, by letter, or by proxy. Valid Board meetings may also be held at which fewer than the said majority are present, to otherwise discuss, review, and propose business matters.	
Section 7. Conduct of Meetings. The Board shall elect a Chairperson who will preside at meetings. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary at all meetings of the Board, but in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding Chairperson may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting. The President of the Corporation or at least one Vice President shall be present at all meetings of the Board. All Members may attend Annual Meetings of the Board; all Officers may attend other meetings of the Board.	Section 6. Conduct of Meetings. The Board Chair shall preside at all Board meetings and in his/her absence, the attending Directors shall appoint one person amongst them by simple majority vote to act as Board Chair for that meeting. The Secretary of the Corporation shall carry out that function at all meetings of the Board, but in his/her absence, the presiding Board Chair may appoint any person to act as Secretary of the meeting. All Members may attend Annual Meetings of the Board; all Officers may attend other meetings of the Board.	Renumbered. Minor changes.
Section 8. Voting. Voting by proxy shall be permitted. Upon demand of any person entitled to vote, any vote upon any question before the meeting shall be by ballot.	Section 7. Voting. Voting by proxy shall be permitted.	Renumbered.
Section 9. Action by the Board. If and when the Directors shall severally or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by the Corporation either before or after the action is taken, such action shall be as valid a corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Directors and the written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors. A Director may participate in a meeting of Directors by a conference telephone or similar communication equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting may hear each other if all participants are advised of the communications equipment and the names of the participants in the conference are divulged to all participants. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section constitutes presence in person at the meeting.	Section 8. Action by the Board. If and when the Directors shall severally or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by the Corporation either before or after the action is taken, such action shall be as valid a corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Directors and the written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors. A Director may participate in a meeting of Directors by a conference telephone or similar communication equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting may hear each other if all participants are advised of the communications equipment and the names of the participants in the conference are divulged to all participants. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section constitutes presence in person at the meeting.	Renumbered.
Section 10. Compensation. Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for their services as Directors, except that the Directors may receive reimbursement of expenditures reasonably incurred on behalf of activities for the benefit of the Corporation.	Section 9. Compensation. Directors shall not receive any wage, commission, or salary, except that the Directors may receive reimbursement of expenditures reasonably incurred on behalf of activities for the benefit of the Corporation.	CK/ML dialogue.
	Section 10. Removal of Directors. Any Director may be removed for malfeasance,	

dereliction of duty or irreconcilable conflict of interest by:

- An affirmative vote of two thirds of the Directors at a Board meeting in which the vote for removal was included as an agenda item in the announcement of the meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting or
- b) a vote of at least 60% of all weighted Chapter Representatives. Such vote may be initiated by petition of at least 6 chapter representatives.

Elections may be called to elect a replacement Director for the remainder of the term of the Director removed if there is more than 12 months remaining. If less than 12 months, the Board may appoint an interim Director until the next election.

Section 11. Conflict of Interest.

In order to avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance thereof, anyone in a policy or decision making position in the AGA shall recuse himself or herself from any discussion where his or her personal, business, or commercial interests may conflict with the interests of the AGA. Policy and decisionmakers may be so instructed by the Board of Directors, with cause, and must provide the Board with information it may request in order to make such a determination. Anyone nominated for such a position in the AGA will inform the Board of any potential sources of such conflicts of interest when they accept nomination. Potential nominees will cooperate with reasonable inquiries the Board may make in order to reach a decision. The Board will render judgment on possible conflicts of interest within 21 days of receiving a written response to any such inquiry. Anyone in such a position within the AGA must inform the Board of Directors of any potential sources of such conflicts of interest whenever such potential sources of conflict arise.

- Family members of AGA policy/decision makers may seek AGA employment, subject to Board approval, guidance, and control.
- b) Board members shall recuse themselves from a conflict of interest deliberation if they have an involvement, or apparent involvement, in the case.
- c) The Board of Directors is the sole

A new section that the Commission felt was overlooked when the previous by-laws were prepared. Many by-laws contain such provisions. It should not be construed to reflect any concerns the Commission had about any current arrangements. The Commission had no such concerns. This section is intended to protect the AGA in the future and to guard against the appearance of impropriety.

	authority within the Corporation to determine whether a conflict of interest exists and, if so, the appropriate remedy	
	 d) The Board shall write and publish its policies and requirements regarding the provisions of this section. 	
ARTICLE IV: Officers Section 1. Officers. The elected officers of the	ARTICLE IV: Officers Section 1. Officers.	
Corporation shall be a President and three or more Vice Presidents. The President shall appoint a Secretary, a Treasurer and such Assistant Secretaries or other officers as may	a.) The Board appointed officers of the Corporation shall be President, Treasurer, and Secretary.	
be desired. Officers whose authority and duties are not prescribed in these By-Laws shall have the authority and perform the duties prescribed, from time to time, by the President. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary and President and Treasurer.	b.) The Board may appoint such other operating officers to fulfil various duties of the Corporation, including Regional Vice Presidents, as may be needed. Officers whose authority and duties are not prescribed in these by-laws shall have the authority and perform the duties prescribed, from time to time, by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary and President and Treasurer.	
Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by mail ballot for a term of two years. A majority of the weighted Chapter votes tendered shall determine the winner. If no candidate has a majority, there shall be a runoff between the top two candidates. Only Chapters in that Region may vote in the election of the Vice President for that Region. All other officers shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.	DELETED.	No longer relevant, since the Board will now appoint the officers.
Section 3. Removal. Any elected officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter Representatives. Any elected officer may be suspended from duty for cause by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors. Votes for removal by the Chapter Representatives must be initiated by at least six Representatives in the case of President and by four Representatives, with at least one from each of three Regions, in	Section 2. Removal or Resignation of Appointed Officers. Any appointed officer may be removed from duty by a simple majority vote of the entire Board of Directors. An officer may resign by written notice to the Board. The resignation shall be effective upon its receipt or at a subsequent time specified in the notice of resignation. The Directors shall have power to fill any vacancies in any appointed office occurring for whatever reason.	
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Section 4. Compensation. Officers may receive reimbursement of expenditures reasonably incurred on behalf of activities for the benefit of the Corporation. With the explicit consent of both the National Assembly and the Board of Directors, the officers of the Corporation may receive stated salaries for their services.	Section 3. Compensation. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer shall not receive any wages, commissions, or salaries. With the explicit consent of the Board of Directors, the other appointed officers of the Corporation may receive wages, commissions, or salaries for their services. All officers may receive reimbursement of expenditures reasonably incurred on behalf of activities for the benefit of the Corporation.	Changed to be more uniform with Director's compensation section, Article III: 9.
Section 5. President. The President shall have the general power to control and manage the affairs and property of the Corporation in accordance with the purposes and limitations set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation, and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter Representatives and of the Board of Directors; shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation; shall see that the resolutions and directives of the Board of Directors are carried into effect except in those instances in which responsibility is assigned to some other person by the Board of Directors; and, in general, shall discharge all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. Except in those instances in which the authority to execute is expressly delegated to another officer or agent of the Corporation or a different mode of execution is expressly prescribed by the Board of Directors, the President may execute for the Corporation any contracts, deeds, mortgages, bonds, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and may accomplish such execution either under or without the seal of the Corporation and either individually or with the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or any other officer thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, according to the requirements of the form of the instrument.	Section 4. President. The President shall have the powers delegated by the Board to control and manage the affairs and property of the Corporation in accordance with the purposes and limitations set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation. The President shall see that the resolutions and directives of the Board of Directors are carried into effect except in those instances in which responsibility is assigned to some other person by the Board of Directors; and, in general, shall discharge all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. In those instances in which the authority to execute is expressly delegated by the Board of Directors, the President may execute for the Corporation any contracts, deeds, mortgages, bonds, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and may accomplish such execution either under or without the seal of the Corporation and either individually or with the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or any other officer thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, according to the requirements of the form of the instrument.	
Section 6. Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents in the order designated by the President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.	Section 5. Vice Presidents. Vice Presidents are appointed at the discretion of the Board and shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Should the President be absent or unable to perform his/her duties, the Board may appoint a Vice President as Acting President until a new President is formally appointed by the Board, or it may reassign some or all of the President's tasks	

or duties to the Vice presidents, or to any other appointed officer that the Board deems capable.

Section 7. The Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Chapter Representatives and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Directors and the Chapter Representatives for which notice may be required, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President. The Secretary shall execute with the President all authorized conveyances, contracts, or other obligations in the name of the Corporation except as otherwise directed by the Directors.

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Section 8. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in records which shall belong to the Corporation, and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the President. The Treasurer shall render to the President and Directors, at the regular meetings of the Directors, or whenever they may require it, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer of the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall at all reasonable times exhibit the books and accounts to any officer or Director of the Corporation, and shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer, and such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. Annually, at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall present a report showing in appropriate detail: (1) the assets and liabilities of the Corporation as of a twelve month fiscal period terminating not more than six months prior to the meeting; (2) the principal changes in assets and liabilities during that fiscal period; (3) the revenues or receipts of the Corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for that fiscal period; and (4) the expenses or disbursements of the Corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, during said fiscal period. The report shall be filed with the minutes of a meeting of the Board. The report to the Board may consist of a verified or certified copy of any report by the Corporation

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to the Internal Revenue Service or to the Attorney General of the State of New York which includes the information hereinabove specified. The Treasurer shall, if required by the Board of Directors, give the Corporation such security for the faithful performance of his or her duties as the Board of Directors may require. Section 9. Assistant Secretaries. The	to the Internal Revenue Service or to the Attorney General of the State of New York, which includes the information hereinabove specified. The Treasurer shall, if required by the Board of Directors, give the Corporation such security for the faithful performance of his or her duties as the Board of Directors may require. Section 8. Assistant Secretaries. The Board	
Assistant Secretaries (in the order designated by the President), in the absence of the Secretary, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of Secretary and shall perform such other duties as the President shall prescribe.	may appoint an Assistant Secretary or Secretaries, and designate their duties. The Board may assign secretarial duties to any individual.	
Section 10. Assistant Treasurers. The Assistant Treasurers (in the order designated by the President), in the absence of the Treasurer, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of Treasurer and shall perform such other duties as the President shall prescribe.	Section 9. Assistant Treasurers. The Board may appoint Assistant Treasurers who shall perform such duties as the Board may prescribe. In the event that the Treasurer is incapacitated, the Board may assign the Treasurer's duties to the Assistant Treasurers, or to any individual that the Board deems competent.	
Section 11. Other Officers. The President may appoint other operating officers to fulfill various duties of the corporation.	DELETED	
Section 12. Employees and Other Agents. The President may appoint from time to time such employees and other agents as he or she shall deem necessary, each of whom shall hold office during the pleasure of the President, and shall have such authority and perform such duties and shall receive such reasonable compensation, as the President may from time to time determine.	Section 10. Employees and Other Agents. The Board of Directors may <i>hire</i> from time to time such employees and other agents as the Board shall deem necessary, each of whom shall hold employment at the pleasure of the Board, and shall have such authority and perform such duties and shall receive such reasonable compensation, as the Board may from time to time determine.	Renumbered.
ARTICLE V: Committees	DELETE THIS SECTION	
Section 1. Committees. The President may designate one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more Officers, which committees, to the extent provided in an organizational document and not restricted by law, shall have and exercise the authority and act on behalf of the President in the management of the Corporation; but the designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Directors or President of any responsibility imposed upon them by law.	DELETED	The essentials of this section have been incorporated into the Articles of Incorporation, Paragraph 7.
Section 2. Term of Office. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the	DELETED	Same as above

annual Assembly, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof, or unless such member resign with appropriate notice.		
Section 3. Rules. Each committee may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these By-Laws or with rules prescribed by the Board of Directors.	DELETED	Same as above
ARTICLE VI: Contracts, Checks, Bank Accounts, And Investments Section 1. Checks, Notes, and Contracts. The President is authorized to select the banks or	ARTICLE V: Contracts, Checks, Bank Accounts, And Investments Section 1. Checks, Notes, and Contracts. The Board of Directors is authorized to select the	Replaced President with Board.
depositories he or she deems proper for the funds of the Corporation. The President shall determine who shall be authorized from time to time on the Corporation's behalf to sign checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, to enter into contracts, or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments.	banks or depositories deemed proper for the funds of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall determine who shall be authorized from time to time on the Corporation's behalf to sign checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, to enter into contracts, or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments.	Renumbered.
Section 2. Investments. The funds of the Corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested from time to time in such property, real, personal, or otherwise, including stocks, bonds, or other securities, as to the President may seem desirable.	Section 2. Investments. The funds of the Corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested from time to time in such property, real, personal, or otherwise, including stocks, bonds, or other securities, as to the Board may determine.	

ARTICLE VII: Books And Records The Corporation shall keep in New York State correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors, Chapter Representatives, and committees having any of the authority of the President, and of the appointment of officers and other actions of the President.	ARTICLE VI: Books And Records The Corporation shall keep in New York State correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors, Chapter Representatives, and committees, and of the appointment of officers and other actions of the President.	Renumbered.
ARTICLE VIII: Fiscal Year The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on the last day of the month of February.	ARTICLE VII: Fiscal Year The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on the last day of the month of February unless changed by the Board.	Renumbered.
ARTICLE IX The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, New York."	ARTICLE VIII The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, New York."	Renumbered.
ARTICLE X: Waiver Of Notice Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Act of the State of New York or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.	ARTICLE IX: Waiver Of Notice Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Act of the State of New York or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.	Renumbered.
ARTICLE XI: Indemnification And Insurance The Corporation may, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she, his or her testator or intestate, was a Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement, and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, and to purchase insurance therefore.	ARTICLE X: Indemnification And Insurance The Corporation may, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she, his or her testator or intestate, was a Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement, and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, and to purchase insurance therefore.	Renumbered.
ARTICLE XII: Amendments These By-Laws may be amended by the affirmative mail vote of the Individual Members. Counting all votes received within 45 days of ballot mailing, a two-thirds majority shall constitute adoption. The By-Laws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Incorporation.	ARTICLE XI: Amendments These by-laws may be amended by the affirmative mail vote of the Individual Members. Counting all votes received within 45 days of ballot mailing, a 2/3 majority of these votes shall constitute adoption. The By-Laws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Incorporation.	Renumbered.