

Minutes for Board Meeting of 13 February 2003

1. Roll Call

All members present

2. Final Acceptance and Disposition of the Report of the NAMT Committee in Response to the Complaint of Ms. Feng (Motion by Dave Weimer)

This motion was withdrawn by Dave Weimer on Monday, February 10. In the e-mail of February 10, it indicated that the President was instructed to send Mr. Jinag and Ms. He the comment submitted by Ms. Fend. The NAMT report, Ms. Feng's comment, and any comments received from Mr. Jiang or Ms. He will be posted on the NAMT web page in the FAQ section.

3. Acceptance of the Revised Conduct Statement (Motion by John Stephenson)

WHEREAS, the American Go Association's (AGA) reputation for integrity and ethical conduct cannot be taken for granted, but arises from the collective actions of those who generously perform services on behalf of the organization; and,

WHEREAS, the AGA strives to create an environment that is open, fair and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the elected Board of the AGA is responsible for setting standards, guidelines and policies to help ensure the continued prosperity of the organization;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED THAT, "AGA Ethics Guidelines v1.2.rtf," as appended to this motion, supersede the existing AGA Conduct and Guidelines policy, and that the new policy be made publicly available; and,

FURTHER MOVE THAT, as prerequisite to appointment or condition of continued service, all who occupy or accept elected or appointed organizational roles, including committee memberships, within the AGA national organization, agree to read and adhere to said policy, and so affirm their understanding directly to the President or someone the President may designate.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Sense of the Board on Chris Garlock's Proposal as Distributed by Chris Kirschenr February 7 (Motion by D. Weimer)

The Board accepts the President's recommendation that the Editorial Board seek comments on the proposal from chapters and the membership, make revisions as appropriate, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan.

Motion revised by friendly amendment:

The Board thanks Chris Garlock for making such a fine proposal. The Board accepts the

President's recommendation that the Editorial Board seek comments on the proposal from chapters and the membership, make revisions as appropriate, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan. Comments will be collected for distribution through a reflector for review.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Policy on Open Ballots (motion by John Stephenson)

WHEREAS, the American Go Association (AGA) Articles and By-Laws call for annual elections to decide certain Board of Director positions;

WHEREAS, the current structure of member enfranchisement is accomplished indirectly through Chapter Representatives of record, who are expected to ascertain and vote the amalgamated will of their clubs' affiliated AGA members; and,

WHEREAS, the AGA strives to be a fair and transparent organization, with its leadership accountable to the membership;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED THAT the President shall establish a standing Election Committee to oversee an unbiased and honest election process that facilitates all duly authorized Chapter Representatives to vote for Board of Director candidates in accordance with the AGA Articles and By-Laws; and,

FURTHER MOVED THAT, the President shall direct the Election Committee chairperson to devise and implement an open ballot system, such that bona fide Chapter Representatives' votes be publicly tallied, audited and published next to the Chapter Representative's name and club name, and be made part of the public record.

A motion was put forward to table for one meeting and seek comment from chapter representatives

Lin: yes

Lloyd: yes

O'Malley: yes

Stephenson: no

Boley: yes

Dinhofer: no

Weimer: yes

Motion to table passes 5-2.

6. Distribution of Agenda of Unscheduled Meetings to All Officers and Chapter Representatives (Motion by Jon Boley)

Notices of all meetings, and their agendas, are to be sent to all AGA Chapter Representatives and all AGA Officers.

Revision by friendly amendment:

It is the intention of the Board that notices of all meetings, and their agendas, are to be sent to all AGA Chapter Representatives and all AGA officers, when feasible.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion of Foreign Chapter Issues
(discussion led by David Dinhofer)

This item was omitted.

8. President Seeks Advice on Fujitsu
(discussion led by Chris Kirschner)

opening comments by Chris

After the second round of discussion it was clear that the Board needed to continue this discussion before any opinion could be formed.

9. President Seeks Guidance on IGF Rerpresentation
(discussion led by Chris Kirschner)

Given the lateness of the meeting, it was determined to first pursue this with e-mail discussion.

10. Motion accepted to go to closed session.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob O'Malley