

**Minutes**  
**AGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**June 3, 2012 – 8:05 PM EST**

Meeting called to order by: Andrew Okun at 8:05p, EDT/5:05pm PDT  
Type of meeting: Regular Monthly Conference Call

**Attendees:**

Chuck Robbins (Eastern Region)  
Paul Celmer (Eastern Region)  
Lisa Scott (Central Region)  
Daniel Smith (Central Region)  
Andrew Okun (Western Region, Chairman)  
Gordon Castanza (Western Region)  
Allan Abramson (President)

**Absent:** Jie Li (At Large)  
Quorum established

**Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes for meeting of April 22, 2012. Scott said she had a few changes to April minutes. Okun agreed to deal with them quickly when he received them.
- 2) Additional Items/New Business:
  - a) Okun added the World Mind Sports Games.
- 3) President's report
  - a) Website migration. Abramson said Chris Garlock had sent out an e-mail requesting board members and anyone else to test the new server vigorously to find any problems and give feedback via SurveyMonkey. Okun asked who were the staff of the new website. Abramson said the list included Dan Short; Jason Preuss; John.Pinkerton; Jonathan M Bresler; Joshua Simmons; Justin Kramer; Steve Colburn. Paul Barchilon; Roger Schrag and Roy Laird. Celmer said it was a good team.
- 4) World Mind Sports Games.
  - a) Abramson said the AGA could send up to 25 people aside from team officials. The AGA has donations under \$2,000 to help fund the team and, estimating expenses of \$2,000 per player, could use \$50,000. If we asked adult members to contribute an average of \$30.00, organized scholarships and allowed some duplication, we could pay for the team. He did not want to hit the membership so hard, but was open to suggestions. He said he was not asking the board for reserve money but was open to the suggestion if the board decided it wanted to. The team needed to be named by the end of June to make travel arrangements, around the time the last points would be awarded in the Tygem.
  - b) Celmer said Abramson's approach was modest and conservative and that Celmer was not in favor of spending reserves. Smith agreed with Celmer Okun asked about the other US mind sports teams. Abramson said that the bridge

people he'd heard from said the players were used to spending a lot of money to travel to competitions. Okun said he would approach the organizers of the US Mind Sports Association to see if they had contacts or suggestions for, say, some small airline sponsorship. Okun also suggested the idea crowd financing, like Kickstarter. Celmer said there was not enough time. Okun suggested the idea of having a few official slots, for which people would pay their own expenses and donate to support the team. Abramson said there could be membership blow-back on fairness there, since it was like selling positions.

- 5) Selection of president and executive vice president
  - a) Okun said as one of the applicants for the post of president, he should not be on the call. He turned the meeting over to Smith and left the call.
  - b) Celmer moved to go into executive session. Robbins seconded. Castanza asked the reason to go into executive session. Smith said to discuss the selection of officers. Castanza noted that was not one of the allowed reasons by board policy and offered to amend the motion to give the reason "To discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation or character of any person." Scott seconded. The amended motion passed unanimously.
    - i) The Board went into Executive Session at 8:30pm (EDT)/5:30pm (PDT).
    - ii) The Board came out of Executive Session at 8: 49pm (EDT)/5:49pm (PDT).
  - c) Castanza moved to accept nominations for President of the AGA. Robbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Celmer nominated Okun as President of the AGA. Robbins seconded. Castanza moved that nominations be closed. Robbins seconded. Scott said she would oppose in order to also nominate Steve Colburn. The vote to close nominations was one in favor, two opposed. Motion failed. Scott nominated Colburn, Robbins seconded. Robbins moved to close nominations. Scott seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Smith called for a roll call vote for president. The votes were: Celmer: Andy Okun for President; Scott: Andy Okun for President; Castanza: Andy Okun; Robbins: Andy Okun. Smith: Andy Okun. Smith said Okun was elected president unanimously.
  - d) Scott moved to accept nominations for Executive Vice President. Celmer seconded and nominated Ted Terpstra. Robbins seconded. Scott nominated Steve Colburn for Executive Vice-President. Robbins seconded. Celmer moved to close nominations. Robbins seconded. The motion to close nominations passed unanimously. Smith called for a roll-call vote: Celmer, Teddy Terpstra; Scott: Steve Colburn; Castanza: Terpstra; Robbins: Terpstra. Smith: Colburn. Smith said Ted Terpstra was elected Executive Vice President.
- 6) Date and Time of the next meeting July 8th, 2012 at 8:00pm (EDT)
- 7) Adjournment: Celmer moved to adjourn. Robbins seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm EDT/6:00pm PDT.