



# Australian Go Association

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## **Notice and Agenda of the 2016 Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association will be held during lunch at the National Championships, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at Box Hill Town Hall, Level 2, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, Vic. 3128

The Agenda is:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous AGM
3. Reports
  - a. President's report
  - b. Treasurer's report and finance papers
  - c. Secretary's report
4. Election of Office Bearers
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - 3 to 5 Members
5. The establishment of the AGA as an incorporated legal entity.
6. Consideration of the attached proposed changes to the AGA Constitution.
7. Location of 2017 Nationals & AGM and appointment of Tournament Director
8. Presentation of 7 Dan diplomas
9. Any other business



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## Australian Go Association Annual General Meeting 2015

### Minutes of the meeting

#### Location

The meeting opened at 1.20pm, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Saint Leo's College. University of Queensland. St Lucia, Brisbane.

#### Attendance

A list of attendees is attached.

#### Apologies:

Matthew Crossman; Bill Leveritt; Eugene Lee.

#### Meeting Officials

The meeting was chaired by Horatio Davis; Minutes by David Mitchell

#### Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed. Proposed by Barry Jay, Seconded by Neville Smythe - passed unanimously.

#### Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### Reports

The president's report was delivered by Raphael Shin. A motion to accept the report was proposed by David Mitchell, Seconded by Horatio Davis - passed unanimously.

The Vice President's report was delivered by Neville Smythe (attached). A motion to accept the report was proposed by Robin Garner, Seconded by David Boffinger - passed unanimously.

Neville proposed a vote of thanks to Erli Qui for organising Australia's entry to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Team Tournament in Guang Zhou, China. The team consists of Zheng Hong 9p, Yiming Guo 7d and Shuping Cai 7 dan. David Mitchell seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

The secretary's report was delivered by David Mitchell (attached). A motion to accept the report was proposed by Robin Garner, Seconded by Neville Smythe - passed unanimously.

The treasure's report was delivered by Horatio Davis (attached). A motion to accept the report was proposed by Neville Smythe, Seconded by Robin Garner - passed unanimously.

Treasurer proposed the meeting authorise the treasurer to change the signatures for the association's ANZ Bank account 013-481 4938 00806 to the current secretary, treasurer and vice-president with one to sign, online access and at least one debit card, and do all things necessary or convenient to that purpose. The motion was seconded by David Mitchell and passed unopposed.



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David Boffinger (and others) observed that our cash reserves were high and the association should seek to leverage that resource for the aims of the association.

The meeting thanked the office bearers and committee members for their time, commitment and efforts over the previous year.

## **Election of office bearers for 2015**

**President:** David Mitchell proposed Raphael Shin continue as president – Raphael accepted nomination. The proposal was seconded by Horatio Davis and with no other candidates Raphael was elected unopposed.

**Vice President:** Horatio Davis proposed Neville Smythe as vice president – Neville accepted nomination. The proposal was seconded and with no other candidates Raphael was elected unopposed.

**Treasurer:** Neville Smythe proposed Horatio Davis for the role as treasurer. Horatio accepted the nomination which was seconded by Robin Garner and with no other candidates Horatio was elected unopposed.

**Secretary:** Robin Garner proposed David Mitchell as secretary. David accepted the proposal which was seconded by Neville Smythe and with no other candidates David was elected unopposed.

## **Other committee members:**

The meeting elected unopposed the following people as ordinary members of the committee:

Matthew Crossman, Yoko Usami, Erli Qiu, Billy Sun and Robin Garner

## **Location of 2016 National Championships**

Melbourne is the next location in the cycle - David Boffinger proposed Melbourne organize the 2016 National Championships, Seconded by Robin Garner. Billy Sun accepted the proposal on behalf of the Melbourne clubs. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **A.O.B.**

### **Rating system proposal**

The AGA Rating sub-committee proposed a review of the existing rating system and software. David Mitchell explained that the current system (Agatha) was supported by just one person which needs to be addressed. In addition, the ratings around the country vary considerably, particularly for kyu players. The proposal attached is for a 2 year review of all aspects of the rating system by a working group.

The working group will be chaired by Neville Smythe with David Boffinger, Robin, Matthew Crossman and others at Neville's discretion.

David Boffinger moved the proposal, seconded by Barry Jay - the motion was passed unanimously.



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## **Travel scholarship proposal**

Barry Jay proposed that the AGA establishes a process to manage The AGA Travel Scholarship which will be funded by the AGA until a sponsorship can be found. The guidelines are as follows:

1. The maximum value of a scholarship is \$300
2. The maximum number of scholarships is 4
3. Applicants must have won a first-class AGA tournament in the 12 months prior to AGANC 2016
4. Applicants must not reside in the city hosting the AGANC 2016 tournament.

There was debate on the proposal which questioned the details of who will benefit, how it will be managed and other associated concerns. There were some strong opinions from the floor which related to the benefit to the association and who would benefit from the proposal.

David Boffinger proposed that the AGA commit to spending \$1,200 on travel scholarships for 2016 with the detailed method, target recipients and other details to be prepared by a working group by February 2016. The working group proposal will be put to the full committee for consideration at the AGA Committee meeting in February. Details of the approved proposal will be circulated to all AGA members and clubs. This was proposed was seconded by Barry Jay and passed by a majority.

David Mitchell proposed that Robin Garner (as an AGA committee member) chair the working group and work with Barry Jay and others at Robin's discretion to deliver a comprehensive solution in the time-frame set by the AGM. The motion was passed unopposed.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 2:25pm.



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## List of members at the meeting

Alexander Hanysz  
Amy Song  
Chen Wei Jiang  
David Bofinger  
David Mitchell  
Edwin Clarke  
Erli Qiu  
Ge Zhou  
Horatio Davis  
Kaile Su  
Mark Bell  
Markus Pache  
Neville Smythe  
Ravi Newman-Pache  
Wei Zhou  
Yanis Newman-Pache  
Yoko Usami  
Aaron Wang  
Andrew Gray  
Barry Jay  
Billy Sun  
David Schofield  
Davis Kim  
Dominic Chan  
Dongjie Wu  
James Kim  
Jason Mackay-Dwyer  
Kevin Jiang  
Mark Brough  
Peter Hexel  
Peter Hong  
Raphael Shin  
Rene Hexel  
Robin Garner  
Simon Lyu  
Watson Zhou

## Proposal to change the Australian Go Association Constitution

As signalled at the 2015 AGM the AGA committee wish to propose changes to the AGA Constitution. The AGA Committee recognizes that the existing document is in need of change to eliminate ambiguity and bring it up to date. After due consideration and taking into account resources, time, other activities and the amount of change needed the committee propose to address the matter in two stages.

### Stage 1 – address short term issues

The AGA Committee propose the following changes to the existing constitution:

Change section 4.2 to read...

*4.2 The Committee shall be comprised of the following officers:*

*President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to six Ordinary Committee members.*

*Further, in the event of incorporation of the Association or if otherwise legally required, the Committee shall contain, if necessary by the addition of a further member, a Public Officer.*

*Add the following clauses following 4.2...*

*4.2a In the event that there are more than six candidates for the role of Ordinary Committee member then a secret ballot will be held using the preferential voting system.*

*4.2b The quorum for a committee meeting shall be five elected members including at least one AGA officer.*

*Add the following clauses following 4.5*

*4.5a The Committee may appoint and dismiss sub-committees.*

*4.5b The committee will determine each subcommittee's terms of reference.*

*4.5c Committee members will chair sub-committee(s) and/or take on administrative roles as part of their duties as a Committee member. (This is to ensure committee members control sub-committees and can report directly to the committee on subcommittee matters)*

*4.5d A sub-committee cannot commit the AGA to any expenditure. Where expenditure of AGA funds is required the sub-committee must prepare a proposal for consideration of the full Committee.*

*Add the following clause following 6.4*

*6.4a If a secret ballot is required, the AGM shall appoint two members as returning officers to distribute voting slips, collect voting slips and determine the result of any secret ballot.*

*New clauses*

*6.6 Notice of Motions for inclusion in the Agenda of a General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary at least 5 weeks prior to the Meeting, and must be accompanied by the names of two AGA members who propose and second the Motion*

*6.8 The Secretary shall provide the membership of the AGA with a Notice of the date, venue and Agenda of the Annual General Meeting at least 4 weeks prior to that meeting.*

### Stage 2

The AGA Committee propose to carry out a full review of the AGA constitution during 2017 and prepare a proposal for consideration at the 2017 AGM.