

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Go Association will be held on November 22, 2008 in Brisbane at the venue of the Australian National Championships. The Agenda follows below.

Explanatory Note: The Committee considers that in order to secure the future of the Australian Go Association we should move to a model of individual based membership. Up until now the AGA has been supported by the fees paid to it by affiliated Go clubs (each club pays \$150 a year). The members of these clubs have also been considered members of the AGA for various purposes. This system has been problematic and by changing it we hope to:

- Remove financial burdens from existing Go clubs.

- Open the AGA to a wider membership, and encourage individual members to be active in the AGA activities directly

- Make it easier for new clubs to affiliate to the AGA and receive support and promotion through the AGA website

- Improve our ability to contact AGA members directly.

- Improve our ability to deliver services to the Australian Go community

- Increase our capacity to promote Go throughout Australia.

The fee structure of this new model will be set at a level which will encourage individual membership, with an annual fee of only \$10 (or \$50 for Sustaining Members who wish contribute more); Clubs will be able to purchase bulk memberships at \$150 for 20 members, \$5 per extra member. Participants in AGA tournaments (Nationals, State, Toyota, KAC) must be members.

At the same time we wish to make the Credit Point system more attractive to members by allowing all members, dan or kyu, Australian citizens or not, participating in open or handicap tournaments of the AGA, to accrue points. While the primary aim of the Points system remains to select representatives at international tournaments, we are investigating ways use the system to reward AGA members at all levels.

Links to the draft Constitution and Representative Point Rules can be found below.

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1. *Minutes*

2. *President's report — John Hardy*

3. *Secretary's report — Neville Smythe*

4. *Treasurer's report — David Ormerod*

5. *IGF Director's report — Neville Smythe*

6. *Ratings report — David Bofinger*

7. *Business arising from the Minutes*

8. *Constitution*

moved the adoption of a new Constitution — Secretary

[Draft Constitution 2008](#)

[http://www.australiango.asn.au/files/Draft Constitution 2008.pdf](http://www.australiango.asn.au/files/Draft%20Constitution%202008.pdf)

For comparison : [AGA Constitution](#)

<http://www.australiango.asn.au/files/Constitution.pdf>

9. *Representative Points Rules*

moved the adoption of new Rules to replace the Credit Points — Secretary

[Draft Representative Points Rules](#)

[http://www.australiango.asn.au/files/Draft Representative Points Rules.pdf](http://www.australiango.asn.au/files/Draft%20Representative%20Points%20Rules.pdf)

For comparison : [Credit Point Rules](#)

<http://www.australiango.asn.au/files/CreditPointsRules.pdf>

10. *Election of Office Bearers*

12. *Venue of 32nd AGM and appointment of Tournament Director for 31st Australian Nationals*

12. *Any other business*