



THE INTERNATIONAL GO FEDERATION

**The 37th Annual General Meeting of the International Go Federation  
Meeting Minutes**

Date: 3 May 2018, 13:30-15:00

Venue: Nihon Kiin, Tokyo, Japan

1. Opening Remarks: Mr. Chang, President of IGF
2. Approval of the 36th General Meeting minutes (Annex 01)  
The minutes of the 36th General Meeting were approved after they were explained by Secretary General Mr. Wang.
3. 2017-2018 Operations Summary Reports  
Each of the following Operation Summary Reports were reviewed and approved.
  - (a) The 38th WAGC in Guizhou (Guiyang), China held on June 4-7 2017: Secretary General Mr. Wang
  - (b) The 28th IAPGC in Tokyo, Japan held on Dec 2-3 2017: Director Ms. Taki
  - (c) The Pair Go World Championship 2017 held in Tokyo, Japan on 12-13 August and 5 October 2017: Director Ms. Taki
  - (d) The 1st World AI Go Open CITIC Securities Cup held in Inner Mongolia, China on 15-19 August 2017: Secretary General Mr. Wang
  - (e) The First Latin American Go Congress held in Cancún, Mexico on 12-16 October 2017: Vice President Mr. Lopez
  - (f) The 2nd IMSA Elite Mind Games held in Huai'an (Huaiyin) Jiangsu, China on 10-15 December 2017: Vice President Mr. Hsiang
  - (g) GAISF, SportAccord, and IMSA Updates: Vice President Hsiang
  - (h) The 16th Students Go Oza Championship held in Tokyo, Japan on 20-21 February 2018: Director Ms. Taki
  - (i) Doping Tests and Anti-Doping Activities: Secretary General Mr. Wang
4. Auditors Reports  
Auditor reports on the Financial Accounts for 2016 and 2017 (carried out by Thailand and Australia) were reviewed and confirmed.
5. Financial Summary and Budget Report (Annex 02)  
The following financial and budget reports for 2018 were submitted by Secretary General Mr. Wang and approved.
  - Financial Report on Financial Accounts for 2016 and 2017
  - Budget Report for 2018

## 6. 2018-2019 Progress Reports on Operations

Reports on the progress of various future operations were explained and confirmed.

- (a) The 40th WAGC in Matsue, Shimane, Japan on 30 May – 7 June 2019: Vice President Mr. Dan (Explanation given at the General Meeting by the Preparatory Committee on the 40th WAGC in Shimane, Japan.)
- (b) The 29th IAPGC in Tokyo, Japan on Dec 1-2 2018: Director Ms. Taki
- (c) The Pair Go World Championship 2018 in Tokyo, Japan on Aug 19-21 2018: Director Ms. Taki
- (d) The 2nd World AI Go Open CITIC Securities Cup: Secretary General Mr. Wang
- (e) The Third edition of IMSA Elite Mind Games: Vice President Mr. Hsiang
- (f) The 17th Students Go Oza Championship: Director Ms. Taki

## 7. Proposals Offered for Consideration

The following proposals were presented and considered during the meeting.

- (a) Proposal: Selection of Auditing countries and the method of auditing  
Vice President Mr. Dan proposed a plan for reviewing and improving the method to be used to audit of IGF Financial Statements, which was subsequently considered and approved.

- Review of the method of IGF accounting -

In the proposal, audits of the respective GO associations of the chairing country and country which conducts the head office business if the IGF (i.e., holds the IGF bankbooks and money) would first be conducted by a professional accounting firm with offices in the respective country to be audited. This would be followed by an audit review performed by the two countries selected to conduct the accounting audits required by the Statutes, once the above professional audits have been completed. (Applicable from 2018)

- (b) Recommendation of President Mr. Zhenming Chang as Honorary President of IGF (Annex 03):  
Secretary General Mr. Wang

With regards to granting the title, Honorary President of the IGF, to Mr. Zhenming Chang with the expiration of his term of office this past May, Mr. Chang commented that the matter should be put off and discussed at the next meeting. (Not brought up for discussion or consideration this time.)

- (c) Proposal: Recommendation of Mr. Koichiro Matsuura (former president of IGF) as Honorary Advisor of IGF (Annex 03)

Japan is the chairing country from this term when Tokyo will be hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games. It is certain that GO will play an important role as one of the cultural programs that will help to liven up and enhance 'Tokyo 2020'. Therefore, Vice President Mr. Dan proposed that Mr. Koichiro Matsuura should become 'Honorary Advisor of IGF' (a term of 2 years) so that he could support these efforts. The matter was approved.

- (d) Proposal: Go Teachers' Workshop in Europe (draft): (Annex 04)

Vice President Mr. Dan proposed holding a Go Teachers' Workshop in Europe, which was subsequently approved. The purpose of the workshop would be to promote GO education in schools around the world, in which the GO associations from the three countries of Japan, China, and Korea as well as from other member countries could join the workshop and collaborate in studying and exchanging information and know-how with each other on how to promote the introduction of GO to younger generations of students based on their respective experience. The matter was considered and approved.

(e) Proposal: Entry requirements for the WAGC

Vice President Mr. Dan requested confirmation of entry requirements for the WAGC.

The following requirements were presented and finalized.

- No professional player would be permitted to enter. In addition, prospective professional players would not be accepted either before or as of this championship, as well.
- A former professional player's entry in the WAGC would not be accepted even after he/she retires from professional GO.
- Insei (Go players in training to become professional) may be allowed to enter. Insei attending a professional training institute may be permitted to enter the WAGC at the request of the country concerned.

8. Election of 2018-2020 IGF President and Directors (Annex 05)

Secretary General Mr. Wang proposed the election and changes in the IGF President and Directors as shown in the Appendix. The matter was considered and approved.

9. Other Items

The following other matters were also considered during the meeting.

(a) Proposal: New Event in Tokyo 2020 (Annex 06)

Vice President Mr. Dan proposed holding the 'World Amateur Women's Go Championship' in Tokyo on May 1-7, 2020 (tentative) as a new event at Tokyo 2020, as shown in the Appendix. The matter was approved.

(b) Pair Go World Cup 2020 (Tentative)

Director Ms. Taki explained details about this Cup.

(c) Forming a project group for obtaining IOC recognition: Vice President Mr. Hsiang

(d) Future use of IGF funds: Vice President Hsiang

Vice President Mr. Thomas Hsiang proposed forming a project group for IOC recognition and the future use of IGF funds. The above matters were subsequently considered and approved.

(e) Director Mr. Stiasny reported on the 41st WAGC 2020 to be held in Vladivostok, Russia in 2020.

10. Next Meeting

The next IGF BM will be held at WAGC in Matsue, Shimane, Japan in 2019.