

2022: Train Gamers Association Major Tournament Structure

The TGA is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization overseen by a Board of Directors. The Board has established an independent Tournament Management Committee, consisting of two Senior Directors and a Regional Director, which has full authority and responsibility for managing all aspects of TGA tournaments. We run three major tournaments each year (Origins, Gen Con, and Railcon), and sanction various Regional tournaments and other events.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT SENIOR LEADERSHIP (Senior Directors):

These Senior Directors work closely together to manage convention and sponsor relations, convention volunteer activities, and all aspects of the TGA's major tournament preparation and on-site operations.

Trella Bromley is the Senior Director of Tournament Operations. This position has primary responsibility for the operational side of working with Origins and Gen Con, creating playing schedules, and coordinating on-site operations.

Jeff Jackson is the Senior Director of Tournament Systems. This position has primary responsibility for the rules and systems by which tournaments and games are organized and played, and for developing and implementing the structures and processes under which TGA convention volunteers operate.

CONVENTION LEADERSHIP (Head Conductors):

Each major tournament has a Head Conductor, appointed and overseen by the Senior Directors. Head Conductors have autonomy as to logistics and management of their conventions, within guidelines established by the Tournament Systems and Rules Committees. 2022 Head Conductors are:

Origins – **Jeff Jackson**

Gen Con – **Jeff Jackson**

Railcon – **Trella Bromley & Jeff Jackson**

CONDUCTORS AND VOLUNTEERS AT ORIGINS AND GEN CON

At any point in time there will be a designated Conductor on Duty, plus other Volunteers helping to run the tournament. **David Belew** assists the Senior Directors by coordinating volunteers for Origins and Gen Con in advance of the tournaments. At the conventions all volunteers work under the direction of the convention Head Conductor, who is supported by the Senior Directors.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, CONCERNS ?

For any issue regarding a game in progress, you can speak to the Conductor on Duty. If you do not know who that is, ask any Volunteer to help you find out. If the issue cannot be resolved by the Conductor on Duty, it can be escalated to the Head Conductor or to a Senior Director.

For issues regarding the convention rules or organization, please talk to Trella or Jeff. If you wish to volunteer to help (thanks!), please talk to David or either Senior Director.

2022: What Else Does the TGA Do ?

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS (all other conventions beyond Origins, Gen Con, and Railcon):

Phil Cottrell, our Regional Tournament Director, is in charge of sanctioning conventions that wish to run an official Puffing Billy Tournament or other TGA-affiliated events. He has information about becoming a conductor, getting started, and sanctioning a PBT, modified PBT, or other TGA affiliated train game tournament. If you represent a local convention that might be interested in running a TGA-sanctioned event, please talk to Phil, or ask one of our Volunteers how to get in touch with him.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS TRACKING:

Phil Cottrell is also our TGA Results Coordinator. Phil has compiled our major tournament results over the past 10 years, and is developing a new approach for tracking results and PB points over the years. Check out the initial report that is posted on the wall. Ideas welcome!

TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS AND SPONSOR RELATIONS:

Trella Bromley and Jeff Jackson manage TGA Sponsor Relations. Please contact one of us if you are interested in sponsoring a tournament at our major conventions, or supporting the TGA in other ways.

TGA ADMINISTRATION. FORMAL TGA ORGANIZATION 2022:

In addition to the tournament side of things, the TGA corporation has an administrative side to keep things running smoothly and to ensure we comply with our articles of incorporation. This is headed up by the President of the TGA, Melissa Mendick. She is in charge of overseeing and managing all day-to-day operations of the TGA; essentially everything that is not part of managing the tournaments.

She is supported by Officers that are elected annually. Voting Members are TGA members who have been recognized by the Board for their sustained contributions to the TGA, and who provide input on various issues as requested by the organization.

OFFICERS: President: Melissa Mendick
Vice-President: Justin Moul
Treasurer: Chris Meyer
Secretary: Ken Bachman

BOARD: Ken Bachman, Chip Charnley, Phil Cottrell, Jeff Jackson,
Melissa Mendick, Chris Meyer, Justin Moul, Brian Tipper

VOTING

MEMBERS: Deborah Anderson, Ken Bachman, Amy Beery, Dave Beery, David Belew, Paul Bonday, Alan Borowski, Janet Bromley, Trella Bromley*, Jack Burnham, John Butler, Anthony Carver*, Chip Charnley, Sue Charnley, Phil Cottrell, Robin Cottrell, Rick Dutton, Debbie Gutermuth, Ken Gutermuth*, Jef Halberstadt, Megan Harper, Tricia Hermon, Ed Hewlett*, Charles Hooks, Brian Humphreys, Jeff Jackson, Michael Jacobs, Roger Jarrett, Kevin Jaekley, Lynne Lewellen, Mark Liberman, Cathy Lizama, Jen McConnell, Anthony Medici, Melissa Mendick, Michael Mendick, Chris Meyer, Dave Mitton, Lori Moo, Justin Moul, Heather Munn, Bart Pisarik*, John Puddifoot*, Robert Rich, Bob Roby, Charlie Rucker, Richard Sheaves-Bein, William Spear, Al Stiles*, Paul Stoffels, Dave Thornburg, Brian Tipper, Eric Verheiden, Pat Wolf

*Past Board Member

If you have questions about the organization, please ask any of the Voting or Board Members.