

TGA Organization Update December 2020

Each year, we hold an Annual Members Meeting (AMM) at Railcon to discuss issues and progress, and to hold votes as required. Since Railcon 2020 was canceled, we did not hold the AMM this year. The TGA Board met on 12/22 (via Zoom) and had also taken some actions earlier this year that would normally have been announced. This message is intended to provide you with the official TGA updates that you would otherwise have received at the AMM:

- The Board decided to effectively declare that 2020 did not happen for most TGA purposes. For 2020 only, we waived the requirement for an in-person AMM and canceled all elections, instead extending all existing Board and Officer terms by one additional year. Conveniently, that means there was nothing for the members to officially “vote” on. The TGA Board of Directors remains: Ken Bachman, Trella Bromley, Chip Charnley, Jeff Jackson, Melissa Mendick, Chris Meyer, Justin Moul, Bart Pisarik, and Brian Tipper.
- Financial update: The TGA remains in a solid financial position. Memberships were way down as expected, and we did have to dip into our reserves to cover ongoing expenses, but we are in good shape to resume our normal activities whenever that becomes possible.
- Membership dues will remain at \$15 for next year. Our policy from this year remains in effect that anyone who is unable to renew in 2021 will not lose any status or standing within the TGA.
- 2021 Tournament status: As of now, we do not know. There is some chance that Origins and Gen Con will occur next summer. If they do, we will be there if we feel it is safe to be. We have signed a contract for Railcon at the usual time and place (October 13-17 in Schaumburg, IL), and we believe that event is more likely to happen than the huge events. If Origins reschedules their dates to create a conflict with Railcon, we will reconsider all the options at that point.
- Player’s Handbook project: Many of you are involved in some way in the ongoing work to publish an updated TGA player’s handbook. Rules surveys for several games have been sent in recent months, and more will follow in the

new year. If you did not volunteer initially but would like to be involved in this project, please let us know.

- Organization updates and status: As you may recall the formal organization of the TGA has been evolving. For the past 20 years Trella Bromley and Jeff Jackson have been our Senior Directors and between them, they have been effectively in charge of most aspects of the TGA organization. Over the past few years we have been working to free them up from some of their duties, so they can focus entirely on tournaments and related activities.

The Board took another step in that direction in January, by creating a third Senior Director position, and officially appointed Bart Pisarik to this position in March. This means the TGA top management structure now looks like this:

- Senior Director of Tournament Operations – Trella
- Senior Director of Tournament Systems, Processes and Rules – Jeff
- Senior Director of Administration / President – Bart

Bottom line: Trella and Jeff are collectively in charge of all aspects of preparing for and running our tournaments, and Bart is in charge of everything that happens within the TGA that is NOT related to tournaments.

Other TGA officers and Board appointees will remain the same. They are:

- Chairman of the Board – Justin Moul
- Treasurer – Chris Meyer
- Secretary – Ken Bachman
- Regional Tournament Manager – Phil Cottrell
- Warehouse and Inventory Manager – Charles Hooks

If you have questions or concerns about anything in here, please contact me and I will make sure the appropriate Board Member responds, or I can arrange a conversation if needed.

Ken Bachman, TGA Secretary