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BRITISH GO ASSOCIATION
Now a Company Limited by Guarantee

At the 2022 AGM Members voted to convert the BGA from an unincorporated association to a company limited by guarantee. Council has been working hard to complete the paperwork required and – albeit a little later than we had initially envisaged – this is now complete and the new company (whose name is “The British Go Association”) referred to in this letter as “BGA CLG” is “up and running”. More information about the process is available at <https://www.britgo.org/council/practicalities>.

For the next three months the two organisations – the “old BGA” and BGA CLG – will be effectively running in parallel, until on or around November 20 all the assets (and any liabilities) of the old BGA will be transferred to BGA CLG and the old BGA will effectively cease to exist. However, this is a legal nicety; the name (“The British Go Association”), website, logo etc. will be unaltered and you should not see any change.

The Board of Directors of BGA CLG is identical to the existing Council, with the exception of our Treasurer, Richard Wheeldon, whose contract of employment prevents him from becoming a company director. We are therefore looking for a new Treasurer (Finance Director). You don’t need to be professionally qualified, anyone who has kept the records of a small voluntary organisation or a business will be able to do it.

We have engineered the conversion so that it is largely transparent to Members – you do not need to do anything. You will retain all your rights as an existing BGA member until your subscription expires – with the exception of the rights to vote at general Meetings, and the right to become a Director (because Directors have to be Members). When your subscription expires you will be invited to become a Member of BGA CLG.

However, you may transfer your membership to BGA CLG at any time – and we hope that the majority of you will do so soon. Please visit <https://www.britgo.org/form/transfer-your-membership> and complete the form: it is very simple and no money changes hand.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Toby Manning", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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