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To whom it may concern

On behalf of the undersigned members of SAGA, I would like to propose Paul Edwards for Honorary Membership of SAGA. Honorary Membership, according to the SAGA Constitution, is limited to persons whom SAGA especially desires to honour in recognition of their exceptional services to the development of Go in South Africa. In this regard, I would like to bring attention to Paul's history of service in South African Go and its development.

Paul Edwards was already developing Go in South Africa in the 1970's, teaching the game to prospective players. Dave Gale says: "I have not seen anyone more willing to help weaker players or to give them a game." Furthermore, Paul was one of the mainstays of the Johannesburg Club, continuing to attend its meetings even when there were only 3 or 4 players left regularly attending, and largely due to his efforts, the club made it through that dark patch and began to grow again into the next decade.

In the early 1990's, it was Paul who provided the impetus for the formation of SAGA, and handled SAGA's application for recognition by the International Go Federation. This, of course, was the first step in ensuring South Africa's presence at the World Amateur Go Championship — a presence with a far-reaching impact in the development of South African Go.

Furthermore, Paul served continuously on the council since its inception until this year - more than 10 years. All this time, Paul worked diligently on the council, particularly in the organization of tournaments - these ranged from the large-scale 1st Toyota-Denso African Oza to any number of smaller tournaments. Of course, Paul's activities on the council were not limited to tournaments - even the ranking system we use today was designed primarily by Paul.

Finally, in terms of developing Go in previously disadvantaged communi-

ties in South Africa, it would be hard to argue that anyone has had as much impact as Paul. Paul introduced Welile Gogotshe, Julius Paulu and a number of other children from Soweto to Go, and the formation of the Soweto Go Club was under his supervision. Here again, Paul showed his commitment, organizing tournaments, driving players' to and from venues, providing overnight accomodation, and administering the club's finances.

Four paragraphs are not enough to cover Paul's contributions to South African Go, and as you can see, I have only provided a brief overview of his contributions here.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Kroon