



# AGTA news

American Gem Trade Association

September 23, 2014

Dear fellow AGTA Members,

I want to share the result of the vote to approve our new AGTA Bylaws with you. I am excited and happy to inform you that our membership has overwhelmingly approved these Bylaws.

Here is the breakdown:

- 406 members were eligible to vote.
- 151 members actually voted
- 141 members voted YES
- 10 members voted No

This is an important milestone for AGTA. We now have new governing documents in place that are well thought of, sound, fair and compliant with the not-for-profit corporate law in the State of New York.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Constitution Committee for this amazing job, which took 18 months to complete. I specially want to thank Jeffery Bilgore, Chairman of the Constitution Committee for his selfless efforts and great determination during this process. Make no mistake about it, this was a monumental task that required months of hard work that our Committee did voluntarily.

I also want to thank the Board of Directors for their time, effort and eventually, a unanimous approval of the Bylaws.

The new Bylaws are now in effect and AGTA has a governing document that will guide our association for years to come.

Once again I want to thank all of you for an overwhelming support and approval.

Sincerely yours,



Ruben Bindra  
President  
**American Gem Trade Association**