

INAF Report 2022-23

– *Hajin Lee, Executive Director, January 25, 2024*

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INAF Financial Summary

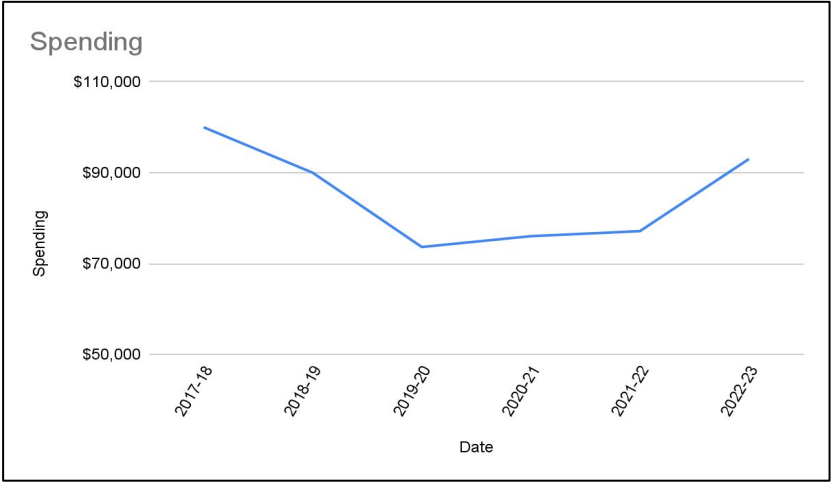
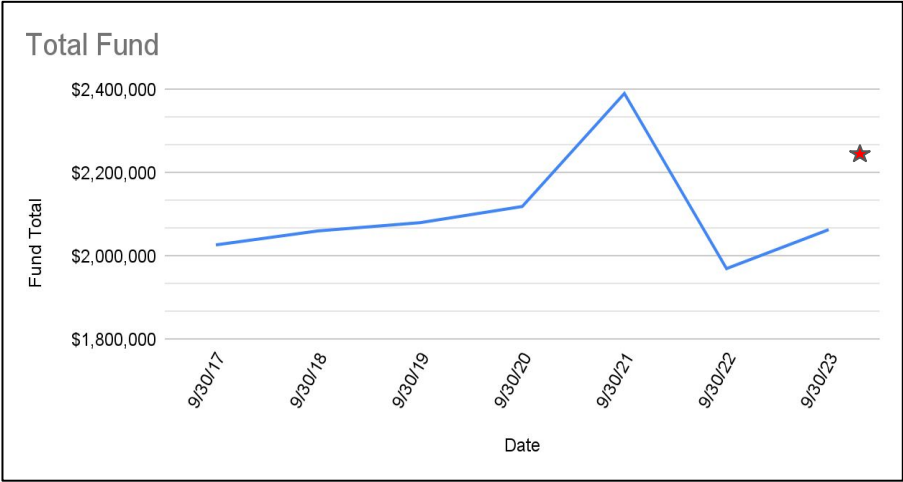
Balance as of 9/30/2023

JPMorgan Investment	\$ 2,063,550
JPMorgan Checking	\$ 39,194
Total	\$ 2,102,744
Previous (9/30/2022)	\$ 1,970,351
Expense for prior 12 months	\$ (93,019)
Investment gain (<i>before spending</i>)	\$ 186,218 (~9.4% <i>gain</i>)

Current portfolio (managed by *JPMorgan*)

Equities	54.4% (2022 – 53%)
Fixed income	44.5% (2022 – 45%)
Alternatives and cash	1.1% (2022 - 2%)

INAF Finance History



*On Dec. 29, 2023 (2,251,187)

2022-23 Spending Breakdown

National Go Center	\$56,000
Accountant	\$1,950
Other expenses	\$1,355
Nihon Kiin projects	\$10,000
NAGF Pro Qualification	\$10,000
Go Research Project	\$9,714
NAOL project	\$3,000
INAF Award	\$1,000

TOTAL	\$93,019
Budgeted spending	\$100,610
Balance forwarded (unspent budget)	\$7,591

2022-23 Spending Details (provided by Terri Schurter)

Check Number	Date	Recipient	Memo	Amount
1123	10-6-2022	Thomas Hsiang	Expense Reimbursement	\$421.94
1124	1-6-2023	National Go Center, Inc.	bi yearly payment	\$28,000.00
Wire Transfer	3-24-2023	National Go Center, Inc.	partial pre payment	\$19,791.74
1125	4-11-2023	National Louis University	Research Award	\$9,714.00
1126	6-27-2023	Thomas Hsiang	Expense Reimbursement	\$933.15
1127	6-27-2023	Davie Kaplan, CPA. P.C.	CPA (accounting)	\$1,950.00
1128	6-27-2023	Terry Benson	Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00
1129	6-29-2023	National Go Center	partial bi yearly payment	\$402.85
101	6-29-2023	National Go Center	Partial bi yearly payment	\$7,805.41
102	7-6-2023	The American Go Association	Pro Qualifier	\$10,000.00
Wire Transfer	8-3-2023	Nihon Ki-in	Congress Expenses	\$10,000.00
Wire Transfer	8-20-2023	11858645 CANADA INC	Leago Payment (Nick Prince)	\$3,000.00

Assessment of INAF Financial Status

- For the 2022-23 fiscal year, the INAF accounts gained \$186,218 before spending, which represents about 9.4% increase. The 2022-23 INAF spending budget was (\$100,610); the actual spending was \$93,019.
- The initial INAF fund was ~\$1.94M on 1/1/2015. As of 12/29/2023, it is ~**\$2.25M**. This suggests spending 4.5% of the 3-year running average has been a sound strategy.
- The financial status of INAF continues to be steady, despite market uncertainties due to high interest rates, inflation, and global conflicts.
- For 2023-24, the spending budget is set at 4.5% of the 3-year running average of INAF assets for a total of **\$99,459**. This represents a decrease of 1% from the 2022-23 budget (\$100,610).

Prognosticating 2024

- Overall, our JPMorgan investment strategy seems to be sound. Over the last 3 years, which have been tumultuous for many investors, our fund has gained in value while also providing enough income to meet our spending plans.
- We see no reason to change the current asset allocation (54/45/1 equities/bonds/cash), which aims for modest long-term growth of capital with acceptable short-term volatility.
- Current short-term bond yields are around ~4.5%. The stock market is predicted to rise as the Federal Reserve gradually cuts interest rates throughout 2024. Wall Street analysts predict about a ~11% increase for equities in 2024.
- Based on the predictions above, the INAF portfolio is expected to increase by about 7%.

Summary of 2022-23 Activities

- The National Go Center's activities have recovered fully to pre-pandemic levels.
- The inaugural INAF Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Terry Benson at the 2023 US Go Congress.
- The NAGF successfully organized the 2023 Pro Qualification Tournament and Transatlantic Professional Team Championship.
- The North American Online League is expanding with more and more participants each season.
- Nihon Kiin projects enabled Japanese professionals to attend the 2023 US Go Congress as well as to produce online Go lessons in English.
- A Go Research grant was given to Professor Xiuwen Wu's team at the National Louis University for a review of the Relationship Between Mind Sports and Cognitive Functions.

Proposed Budget for 2023-24

10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024 budget			
Items	Budget	Details	Notes
Operational expenses	\$5,000		
Website rental, office		\$1,000	
Website maintenance		\$1,000	
Board meeting		\$1,000	
Accountant		\$2,000	
Project expenses	\$94,000		
National Go Center		\$58,000	(3.5% increase from 2022-23)
WAGC support		\$15,000	(2-year commitment for 2024, 2025)
NAGF Pro Qualification		\$10,000	(2-year commitment for 2024, 2025)
Nihon Kiin Project		\$5,000	
NAOL Project		\$3,000	
INAF Award		\$1,500	
Unspecified		\$1,500	
Total spending budget	\$99,000		
Assets, average of three prior years		\$2,210,190	
Designated 4.5% draw from endowment		\$99,459	

Summary of 2023-24 Proposed Activities

- The National Go Center continues to play a central role for the AGA and North American Go.
- The INAF Lifetime Achievement Award will be offered to Sam Zimmerman for his critical contribution to the AGA database and the US Go Congress software.
- The NAGF will continue to organize annual pro qualification tournaments.
- Second-year funding for the North American Online League software will be given.
- The INAF will support either the AGA or CGA to organize the 2025 World Amateur Go Championship. \$15,000 will be given to the organizing team for each of 2024 and 2025.

Next Board Meeting

- The regular annual meeting should be held in November 2024.
- In addition, an in-person meeting at the 2024 US Go Congress, along with a dinner with the INAF Awardee, can be considered.