

## Minutes Joint SOA Board and SOA TC – March 26, 2017

Present: Connie, Jim, Shin, Sandra, Nancy, Michael T., and Ito

Absent: Brad, David, Bela, Chris, Byron, Joe and Rob

- I. SOA Board updates  
Connie presented the work of Brad, Rob Kedoin and Stephen Billias on the SOA mailing list and SOA website. Through their efforts, the SOA website has the \$60 membership rate, a workable electronic connection to pay dues with PayPal and they have undertaken updating the email list so that MailChimp can be used to for electronic membership notifications. Brad and Nancy are writing a membership letter – target May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- II. SOA TC updates  
Shin presented efforts to keep studying the Kenjutsu curriculum. Those in the Bay Area had keiko today March 26<sup>th</sup> and will have their next keiko June 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a West Coast workshop with Ito-sensei Aug 19<sup>th</sup> as a general workshop and Aug 20<sup>th</sup> as NTC. Shin and Nancy will follow up with SNF and Joe on interest to have a fall SNE East Coast Workshop. There is potential interest for exams to be included. Action item: consider having August 20<sup>th</sup> to include videotaping the Kenjutsu curriculum and then having Ito review the videos to provide approved or vetted videos as the final source for review on the SOA website.
- III. ISC bylaws updates  
Connie gave Chris's report on ISC bylaws committee. They are working on an operational guide for present and future that includes role of Doshu, ITEC, ISC membership and ISC board. Elections of ISC board members that is currently 3 per region could be modified to include both regional board members and members elected at large. They are also looking at online meetings with the membership as well as the in person general membership every 4 years.
- IV. ISC ITEC updates  
Jim reports that the ITEC has completed the topics of the purpose of ITEC and membership. The next topic is role of the Doshu. What will need to be clarified is the number of people on ITEC and the role of the chairperson. Jim will give the final summary to ITEC.
- V. Updates from Ito-sensei  
Ito-sensei thanked Jim for his efforts on ITEC. He also talked about his new title as Master ¾ and his coming 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ito will share the recent email from Pierre on the October ETC Gasshuku. The dates are Oct 25 – 29, with the advanced workshop Oct 25 and 26. Exams will be held before the general workshop that is Oct 27 – 29. Ito presented exams for Shodan Kenjutsu focused on those who did not attend the ESC workshop in 2016 and will help Minagawa and Ito-sensei refine their view of the curriculum. Ito confirmed no changes have been made to the Kenjutsu curriculum since August 2016. This workshop will be in Prague with tentative plans for an ESC workshop in 2018 to be held in Italy. The goal is have Nidan-Sandan exam at this semi-international workshop.

Next meeting: to be confirmed; tentative June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
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