

SOA Board Minutes September 10, 2017 2pm PST via SKYPE

Present: C. Borden, D. Franklin, S. Aoki, Michael T. and Ito-Sensei

Absent: Brad and Nancy

I. Re-Election of SOA Board Members

Brad is to be sending out a request for others to self-nominate for SOA Board. David, Brad, Nancy and Connie do wish to be re-nominated for the next 2-year term. Connie hopes for elections to be complete by the end of this month. Connie reports that Lee Ordemann is planning to run for re-election to the ISC board and is willing to be an ISC liaison/non-voting SOA board member.

II. SOA Membership updates

Connie reports 17 members paid. Another membership request can be sent about November.

III. January 2019 – East Coast/West Coast Kangeiko

Connie reports that the West Coast NTC discussed a proposal for the West Coast to organized an East/West Shintaido Kangeiko for January 2019. This event would be staying in the Bay Area at people's home' with keiko at Marin Academy. Ito-sensei states that all levels of exams up to Nidan – Shintaido, Karate, Boh, as well as Kenjutsu should be offered. Shin would like Minagawa to both teach as well as give exams. David is confirming with ESC on their plans for Oct-Nov 2018 semi-international gasshuku so that SOA does not have a scheduling conflict for Minagawa and Ito-sensei. Shin is willing to be the contact to extend the invitation to Minagawa.

IV. SOA Support for Kenjutsu consultant for Ito-sensei for 2018

David, Shin, Michael and Connie approved \$500 for Ito-sensei for 2018 for Kenjutsu consultant. Connie will ask Brad and Nancy for their votes.

V. ISC 2020 International

Connie presented that ESC has wondered if SOA/North America would be hosting the ISC International in 2020. Shin states that SOA has the capability to host this event. David will report from the October ESC event in Prague on ESC discussions and future calendar events from ESC. Ongoing discussions of time of year/location.

Updates were given by David, Michael and Ito on events in their areas.

NEXT meeting: Sunday, December 3, 2017 2pm PST