

Minutes of Information exchange between members of SOA NTC and members of SOA board

November 19, 2017 11am PST via SKYPE

Present: Shin (NTC chair), Connie (SOA President), Michael T., Jim, David F., Nancy, Brad, Sandra

Absent: Ito, Chris, Lee S., Rob, Byron, Joe, Bela

- I. **NTC member updates:** Shin lead the discussions.
 - A. SOA Kenjutsu funding request to ISC. Shin asked group if there are other identified areas for Kenjutsu funding. Connie reports currently there are \$500/year instructional costs and \$500/year for dojo costs based on 2017. Ula is requesting 2017 – 2020 budget to present a combine SOA/ESC budget request to ISC. Nancy requests additional funding be included for SNE for 2018 – 2020. David reports ESC funding requests includes costs privately paid by people such as Pierre and Alain when they paid for travel and lessons with Ito on Jissen. David requests other curriculum areas be considered for ISC funding. Action item: Connie will ask Ula; this funding request is based on the Kenjutsu program which is a new area of development for ITEC. Connie to present funding requests at SOA board meeting on Dec 3rd and give Ula SOA the budget funding request by Dec 15th.
 - B. Connie's highlights from ESC Fall High in Czech Republic. The ESC Kenjutsu task force met before the gasshuku to practice for a total of 12 hours to study the Jissen Kenjutsu program of 22 techniques. The gasshuku included ESC exams with 5 people who passed the challenge for Kenjutsu ShoDan, 1 Boh ShoDan and 1 for Shintaido graduate. Pierre, Ito and Minagawa taught at the main gasshuku with 32 participants from ESC. Connie congratulated David and his students for the well-organized event held at a sports hotel with modern facilities and accommodating staff. David reported that a written Jissen curriculum is underdevelopment with an open feedback loop for all ITEC members. Connie believes that the January 2018 Kangeiko will be the time Ito shares the document with SOA and after January, the ITEC will finalize the document. Jim asked David to continue to keep the communication flow on ESC activities between ESC and SOA and David agrees.
 - C. ShoDan exams in SF January/February 2018. The ITEC members of NTC report that ITEC is still discussing the proposal that either Ito or Minagawa-sensei can be solo examiners for Kenjutsu ShoDan and therefore SOA NTC cannot make a decision about 2018. SOA NTC members confirmed their interest in Shintaido Kenjutsu and wish for their students to have the opportunity to prepare for an examination. NTC confirmed their enthusiasm for January 2019 with both Ito and Minagawa sensei in attendance and want to build the enthusiasm for SOA members to attend and challenge exams (in all areas). This item is tabled.
 - D. SOA NTC Curriculum leads. Jim reports ESC has curriculum leads for Boh, Karate, Soft Shintaido and would like to propose SOA have similar leads who are also in communication with ESC. David reports Gianni and David will be working on Karate would like to invite Shin to join. Ula will be looking at 'soft' Shintaido. Connie suggested Lee S. to be invited for 'soft' Shintaido. Discussion supported this exchange between ESC and SOA with the outcomes of: a) enriched curriculum, b) changes to hitori keiko, c) changes to teaching curriculum, and/or d) changes to exam curriculum. Any proposed

changes are finalized by the respective ESC TC or SOA TC groups at the level of kyu, ShoDan or NiDan which is under national TC authority.

- E. Quebec 2020 proposal. Connie reports Quebec (who are members of SOA), has given SOA a written proposal for 2020. At this time there is not an active ISC board. Connie is seeking NTC members input about Quebec and that the SOA board will discuss more about it on Dec 3rd. NTC members agree on encouragement for the Quebec group to continue with their enthusiasm. It was suggested for the Quebec group to have either regular communication or membership on the SOA board. Connie to bring Quebec proposal to the SOA board on Dec 3rd.
- F. 2018 Information exchanges between members of SOA NTC and members of SOA board. Connie asked if both members of NTC and members of the board wished to continue with these joint information exchanges in 2018. All present agreed there is benefit to see the big picture and discuss overlapping areas between the two groups. NTC updates will be first on the agenda. Connie and Shin to present dates for 2018.

II. **SOA member updates**

- A. West Coast/East Coast Kangeiko 2019. Connie asked Shin to present to the PacShin board if there is interest to be the organizational lead for January 2019. Shin agrees to make this request.

Adjourned 12noon.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Connie Borden