

Shintaido of America Business Reports for years of 2015 to 2017

October 2015

First SOA board meeting of newly elected SOA board that was elected in September 2015. This is a two-year term of September 2015 to September 2017.

Connie Borden was elected President and Brad Larson was elected Treasurer. Sandra B. was thanked for her 19+ years as SOA Treasurer. Shin as NTC Chair and Connie planned for joint informational meetings between SOA board members and SOA NTC members.

January 2016 to December 2016

Three SOA board meetings were held in March, May and August of 2016.

Two joint informational meetings of SOA board and SOA NTC members were held in May and December of 2016.

The SOA board completed changes to the SOA bank account to have Brad Larson as Treasurer. The bank account remains in California. Tax reports were filed as a nonprofit for 2015 by Chris Ikeda-Nash. The Financial report for FY 15 was received and is on the SOA website.

The SOA board approved continued liability coverage and approved a risk management plan for use by instructors as a guideline to review sites being used for classes and gasshuku as having basic safety features. This plan is on the SOA website.

SOA received an anonymous donation of \$1000 and the SOA board approved this donation be used to support the completion of the book Ito's Gaiden.

Brad Larson began work with Stephen Billias, Body Dialogue editor and Rob Kedoin, Webmaster, on updating and combing mailing lists for supporters of SOA. This mail list is now located on MailChimp.

The SOA board approved a stipend for the consultation services of HF Ito, Master Instructor, for the instruction and development of Shintaido Kenjutsu in the USA. This funding was approved in December 2016 for 2017.

January 2017 to December 2017

Four SOA board meetings were held in February, May, September and December of 2017.

Three joint informational meetings of the SOA board members and SOA NTC members were held March, July and November of 2017.

In July 2017 a membership letter was sent to supporters of Shintaido of America. The list serve of MailChimp was used to send these electronic letters.

In September of 2017, an electronic election was held to elect SOA board members for the two-year term of September 2017 to September 2019.

National Liability coverage was renewed and the tax report for 2016 was filed.

SOA was approached by members in Quebec, Canada of their interest in hosting the Shintaido International in 2020. The SOA board members and SOA NTC members both support the interest by Quebec. This request was communicated to Lee Ordeman as interim liaison to the International organization.

SOA with input from SOA NTC gave a request to ITEC, the international instructors group, of funding needs related to current and future Shintaido Kenjutsu development.

In December, the SOA board along with Rob Kedoin, SOA webmaster, began to plan changes for the SOA website to have it compatible with iPhone, tablets and with the new blog style newsletter.

The SOA board approved a stipend for the consultation services of HF Ito for continued instruction and development of Shintaido Kenjutsu for 2018. This funding was approved in December 2017.

The SOA board approved a request by the SOA NTC for a \$500 grant for 2018.

The SOA board along with SOA NTC discussed an East Coast/West Coast Gasshuku for January 2019. Pac Shin confirmed their interest to organize this event with Minagawa sensei as guest. Shin Aoki to be Director of Instruction

Planned dates for 2018 for the SOA Board are March, June, Sept and December. Planned dates for informational meeting between the Board and NTC members are June and November 2018.

- Elected members for two-year terms:
 - Nancy Billias
 - Connie Borden, President and Board Chair
 - David Franklin
 - Brad Larson, Treasurer
- Permanent Members:
 - Haruyoshi F. Ito
 - Michael Thompson
- Officers (not elected):
 - Stephen Billias, Editor Body Dialogue
 - Shin Aoki, NTC Chairperson
 - Chris Ikeda-Nash, Financial Officer
 - Robert Kedoin, Webmaster