

Minutes NTC 19 August 2019 4pm to 5pm PST via SKYPE

Present: Shin (Chair), Jim, Connie, Rob G., Chris, Ito and Michael T. Absent: Bela, Lee S. David

Shin Chairperson:

1. Shintaido Kentjutsu curriculum and timelines - confirmed:

- a) November 2018 at Semi-international in Italy – Shodan and Nidan Shintaido Kenjutsu exams
- b) January 2019 – Shodan and Nidan Shintaido Kenjutsu exams in SF
- c) 2020 – Sandan and Yondan Shintaido Kenjutsu exams (i.e. at the international)
- d) Ito-sensei and the Kenjutsu exam process and handout. Ito presented the transition proposal for Kenjutsu exams for 2019 and 2020. One main difference from other categories of Shintaido exams is the proposal that One 4-Dan can offer 1-Dan exam by himself or herself. The proposal would begin the transition for the summer of 2019. The SOA NTC discussed and agreed to support this proposal with the following modifications
 - 1) To state this proposal for ITEC's approval would apply to Shintaido Kenjutsu exams in all national regions covered by ITEC (i.e. ESC, SOA, Japan)
 - 2) To state the procedure of transition to examiner is monitored by Ito and Minagawa who will confirm that a given person has demonstrated adequate study of the Shintaido Kenjutsu program through both individual training and attendance at workshops
 - 3) Under the section labeled process – record that 19 August 2018 the SOA NTC approved the proposal as modified above and that if ITEC approves the proposal it will be operational in the summer of 2019 for all ISP regions (i.e. ESC, SOA, Japan).

2. 12 & 13 January 2019 Advanced Workshop

Shin reports there will be 3 keiko; two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Curriculum will include both Kenjutsu and open hand Shintaido. Attendees will need to be ShoDan/Graduate or above as well as a currently paid SOA member.

3. 19,20, & 21 January 2019 Kangeiko

Shin reports there will be 4 keiko and exams. Shin will lead the opening keiko on Saturday and the Minagawa will teach the following 3 keiko. Exams will be Sunday morning and will offer up to Nidan in all disciplines. The curriculum will be open hand Shintaido and classic Shintaido sword. The Kangeiko is open to anyone who is interested, including beginners. Participants from the East Coast are being encouraged to attend.

4. Update on 2018 and 2019 NTC projected expenses (currently \$500 each calendar year)

Shin reports there is potential for NTC to use the money to support attendance at the East Coast Fall Gasshuku.

5. Grassroots instructors virtual communication – Lee Seaman

Connie presented in Lee's absence that Lee was interested in forming an Instructor Group. Shin will contact Lee to hear more about her plans and how NTC can help.

6. NTC input to SOA board on consideration for SOA developing and offering SOA organizational awards:

Connie gave an overview of her proposed SOA awards for people who have done sustained and ongoing contributions for SOA

- a) Awards to recognize contributions from SOA members
 - i) For teaching Shintaido at local area
 - ii) For teaching Shintaido at regional area

- iii) For contributions via the arts and media, including the website
- iv) For contributions to promote community engagement, including the newsletter
- v) For bringing enthusiasm and a beginner's mind to Shintaido
- b) Awards are named for deceased SOA members
 - 1) Joe Z
 - 2) John S
 - 3) Barbara B
 - 4) Juliette F
 - 5) Bill P
- c) Awards are funded by donations
- d) Nominations from SOA members
- e) Process
 - 1) Using an electronic survey (i.e. Survey Monkey) ask paid SOA members yes or no for developing awards
 - 2) Ask if they agree for the 5 categories or have others
 - 3) Ask if they agree on naming of awards or if there are others
 - 4) If determined to give an honorarium with award, solicit donations
 - 5) Nominees for awards are open to SOA members to submit with written reason for award and letter of support
 - 6) Potential to give awards January 2019 when sizeable number of people are expected to attend.

NTC input was positive to recognize individual contributions to the organization. Recommendation was to name the awards by category of work rather by individual names.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting to be scheduled.

Minutes submitted by

Connie Borden

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