

SOA NTC meeting minutes January 15, 2018 12:30pm PST to 3pm PST

Present: Shin (chair), Jim, Connie, Rob, Chris, Ito and via SKYPE Michael and Lee. S. Guest: Leo Ordeman
Absent: Joe Z., Bela, David

- I. Kenjutsu Timeline for curriculum development and exams
Completed – Sho Dan examinations in Czech Republic October 2017
Oct-Nov 2018 – Semi international in Italy – Sho Dan and Ni Dan Kenjutsu exams. Complete SanDan examination curriculum. Ito reports that YonDan curriculum might also be finalized.
Jan 2019 – Kangeiko SF California to offer Shodan and Nidan Kenjutsu examinations
2019 – ESC tentatively to be in England
2020 – tentatively in Quebec and offer SanDan Kenjutsu examination and tentatively YonDan Kenjutsu
- II. Status of SOA NTC curriculum leads
 - A. Soft Shintaido – Lee S. agrees to be SOA NTC lead to partner with Ula Chambers. Lee currently teaches one class a week to 6 women, ages between 45 – 70. They study Ito's Tai Chi, Core muscle training, fall prevention, and footwork/stepping. They report positive results with posture and core strength plus the community of practitioners. Thirty minutes are warm ups and 30 minutes are Ito Sensei's kata. This group is through the Unitarian church and church newsletter.
Lee would be available after March – preferably April or May. Lee would like ITEC to have a vision of the role of Soft Shintaido within the Shintaido program. Lee would recommend to not think of soft Shintaido as an 'entry point' to the larger Shintaido programs. Lee sees the role of SOA and ISC as enhancing the skills of teachers. Lee reports her students have little desire to be members of SOA or ISC. **Action Item:** Jim to communicate with ITEC on role of Soft Shintaido within Shintaido curriculum. Jim to coordinate communication between Lee S. and Ula.
 - B. Karate – Shin is point person with Gianni and ESC Karate discussions. Ito reports ESC is doing exam revisions to have separate kyu ranks (i.e. not 9 -10, but 10, 9 etc.). Shin reports SOA NTC is more interested in R & D and less on refining exam curriculum. Shin likes the approach used in Kenjutsu to list hitori keiko and teaching curriculum options and would like to do something similar for other programs.
 - C. Shintaido – Jim. Jim has a desire to revise Shintaido curriculum from advanced student to Instructor.
 - D. Boh/Jo – Rob, Mike and Connie agree to be a subcommittee. Rob would like the goal to look at ways to encourage new participants. Lee S. would also like to participate in ways to get beginners and how to get people interested in Shintaido.
- III. Business Items
 - A. Keiko with Michael Thompson Saturday April 21, 2018 at Lake Temescal
 - B. Ito-sensei will teach 2/3 – one open keiko at Marin Academy and then one NTC keiko 2/4/2018
 - C. Ito sensei will teach 8/18 two open keiko at Marin Academy and 8/19 teach two NTC keiko; currently NTC meeting scheduled for 4pm to 6pm on 8/19. Ito sensei plans to finish teaching the Jissen curriculum to NTC at this time. Lee S. suggesting including a video of Japanese swordsmanship at the potluck for the general attendees.

- D. Kangeiko January 2019 19-20-21 and PacShin will lead the organizing of the event. Shin agrees to be Director of Instruction and to invite Minagawa sensei. NTC discussed teaching opportunities with Minagawa sensei. Shin to send formal invitation to Minagawa. Connie offers housing to Minagawa and Pam. Shin to request Minagawa to teach NTC advanced keiko on the weekend of January 12 & 13, 2019. NTC would like Minagawa to teach 4 keiko for the Kangeiko and Ito and Minagawa to offer exams. (Two keiko Saturday, one keiko Sunday, exams Sunday afternoon, and then one keiko Monday is proposed). Ito sensei would be available to teach Feb 2 and 3, 2019 and also his Taimyo classes. Connie reports Minagawa and Pam could come as early as January 10th, pending conclusion of Kangeiko in England.
- E. SOA NTC grant of \$500 for 2018
Shin discussed the current available grant for 2018 to NTC. Jim, Chris, Shin and Connie hope to go to Italy in the fall of 2018. Rob hopes to go to the SNE gasshuku if held in the fall of 2018. NTC requests Shin to ask SOA for an additional \$1500 for 2018 to total \$2000 and grants would be no more than \$500/pp. Next SOA board meeting is March 4, 2018.
- F. Semi – international 31 Oct to 4 Nov 2018. Ito sensei reports he will ask that the event in Italy include ITEC face to face meeting as well as officially be considered a semi-international gasshuku. Ito reports schedule would most likely be:
31 Oct and 1 Nov as ITEC and advanced workshop. Exams in Europe are offered on the first day so exams would be Friday afternoon 2 Nov. Then 3 Nov and 4 Nov would be the general gasshuku.
- G. Dates for NTC meetings: 6/24 will be combined NTC and SOA board at 11am. NTC meeting 8/19 at 4pm. 11/11 is tentatively held for meeting after semi-international.

IV. ISC

- A. ISC Board – Lee O. gave update on recent election of ISC board and recent ISC email on 1/12/18 to members. The new ISC board met 1/5 & 6 to set goals and priorities for 2018. ISC board members will give updates to groups, such as Lee is doing today, when present at regional events. The desire to obtain feedback and responses from members. The current mailing list of 151 needs updating as reflected in 51 responses to the voting on bylaws and about 30 responses to the referendum of voting on the ISC board. Lee reports about \$26,000 USA dollars in the French Shintaido bank account with the French treasurer monitoring the account. Lee reports Jean-Louis believes he can have ISC incorporated as a business and non-profit in France. Then the money will be moved to an ISC bank account in France.
- B. ITEC – Jim reports agreeing to be chair of ITEC. Ito and Minagawa to send announcement of this appointment. Ito and Minagawa along with Jim to send recommendation that Connie would be the liaison (non-voting) to the ISC Board. The next ISC board meeting is 1pm PST on Saturday January 20th. It is not certain that ITEC membership will be able to give approval by the above-mentioned date. Action Item: Ito and Minagawa to send announcement and recommendation to ITEC membership. Connie to join ISC board meetings once ITEC membership agrees.

Respectfully submitted - Connie Borden - January 15, 2018