

CAA MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 24, 2019

AIKIDO OF SAN JOSE

1. Meeting called to order by Craig Fife, CAA President.

Gratitude was suggested as a theme for the meeting. A quote from Michael Smith was read by Craig.

2. Announcement of the passing of Hana Granados, long time student of Nadeau Sensei. One of her friends spoke kind words about her.

3. Announcements of the 2019 Kagami Baraki promotions by the three Division Heads:

6th Dan: Russell Alvey (North Texas Aikido) Stephen Barton (Golden Triangle Aikido) Teja Myoo Bell (Aikido Ai) Johnny Newsome (Morehead Aikido)

5th Dan: Ylva Beckman (Aikido Dojo Gamlestaden) Lou Bermingham (Aikido of San Jose) Ron Bonomo (Aikido in Sparks) Felina Cesar Cruz (Aikido West) Thomas Davidson (Northern Alberta Aikikai) Doug Reichert (Aikido of Winnipeg) Michele Simone (Aikido Central Coast) Linda Wennersten Sporre (Boras Aikido Dojo) Brandon WilliamsCraig (Aikido of Berkley) Bruce Wonnacott (Aikido West)

4. Webmaster Report: Michael Smith (read by Craig Fife)

Over the last 6 months the website has averaged 2000 visitors per month. The number of unique visitors has increased by 83% over the same period last year. Our total # of visitors has more than doubled. This sharp rise corresponds to the announcement of the Doshu event in Sept., and the new information and registration webpages created to support the event.

It was acknowledged that Adrienne Wonnacott was responsible for doing that work and deserves our thanks and gratitude!

The Doshu seminar info page alone accounts for almost 20% of all page views since the last meeting. All Doshu seminar event related pages account for almost 1/3 of the site traffic.

Aside from the Doshu seminar info page, the homepage, event calendar, dojo directory, rank processing, and spotlight on pages are the most visited.

Dojo Cho are encouraged to check the accuracy of the information in the dojo directory and keep it up to date. Dojo Cho are also encouraged to submit Dan Essays from their students to be shared on the website.

The CAA maintains two facebook pages. One is for the CAA executive staff to communicate information to the CAA membership. The other is for the membership to exchange info of interest to the membership.

5. Bookkeeper Report: Carla Garrett:

108 dojo's in our organization. All have paid their 2019 membership dues!

We have \$55,889.41 in the Doshu PayPal account. Carla moves money over to pay bills when we incur expenses. We have paid out about \$25,000.00 so far (airfare, SMCEC, and others) so this is what we have currently in the account.

Regular PayPal (dues and Rank Processing) \$672.20 (most of the money received has been transferred into the Chase bank accounts.

We have two Chase accounts. Rank processing and business (dues insurance, etc.)

Rank Processing = \$8,883.05

Business = \$8,455.35

6. Rank Processing: Adrienne Wonnacott:

We processed a total of 63 yudansha applications over the last 6 months. 14 were recommendation ranks.

15 applications for September

14 applications for Kagami Biraki; 4 for 6th Dan, 10 for 5th Dan.

34 applications for December

We are raising the rates for yudansha ranks by \$25.00 for shodan - yondan and \$50.00 for recommendation ranks godan and above. This will take effect for the June 2019 batch.

Please put a photo in your yudansha book. It helps people return your book at the end of seminars.

7. Doshu Seminar Report: Michael Friedl Sensei and Adrienne Wonnacott:

Kids 8 - 15 yrs old are invited to attend. Their fees are reduced by 25% and scholarships are available.

Doshu only goes to one country per year. It is important and noteworthy that he agreed to come to the USA under the CAA's invitation. This is an important event for the CAA!

We currently have 400 people registered for the seminar. Six are children. Female 34% Male 66%

RSVP's are due April 8, 2019: 24 of 31 comped people have RSVP'd. 6 of 55 banquet attendees have RSVP'd.

8. Words from the Division Heads: Importance of the Doshu visit.

Hendricks Sensei: Spoke about what an amazing person Doshu is. A compassionate, forward thinking leader. She encouraged everyone to visit Japan and go to Hombu dojo. She encouraged everyone to support the seminar.

Friedl Sensei: He spoke earlier in the meeting about the importance of the visit, Doshu only visiting one country per year. This is a big validation on the CAA and its standing in the world of Aikido.

Nadeau Sensei: He spoke of Doshu being our lineage. That he has been following O'Sensei and the Ueshiba lineage for a long time, and will continue to do that.

9. Announcement of New Members: Division Heads.

Division 1: Kokoro Kai Aikido, Jonathan Sharp 2nd Dan
Aikido Dojo Ingelheim, Annette Kompa 3rd Dan

Division 2: One Point Center Aiki Arts, Danielle Smith 7th Dan & Michael Smith 6th Dan.

10. General Membership Announcements:

Molly Hale spoke of her appointment to be the IAF American representative to a task force to help support Aikidoka with disabilities around the world. This task force is lead by Lydia Zidjel from Holland.

There is a handbook that has just been released online that is a guide for teaching people with disabilities.

Various seminars and events were announced. See the CAA website for details.

11. Announcement of the next meeting: Craig Fife: The August meeting is being cancelled for 2019, to encourage everyone to support the Doshu event on September 6 - 8. We will have a short meeting at the end of the seminar, Sunday Sept. 8th.

12 Meeting Adjourned: Craig Fife

Attendance CAA Meeting 2/25/2018

Pat Hendricks	Aikido of San Leandro
Adrienne Wonnacott	Aikido West
Forrest Kan	Mattel Aikido
Craig Fife	Aikido Northwest
Michael Friedl	Aikido of Ashland
Carla Garrett	Hikari Dojo
Yvonne Thelwell	Aikido of Arlington
Michael McVey	Yellow Springs Aikido
Ylva Beckman	Aikido Dojo Gamlestaden
Charlie Batilo	Aikido of San Leandro
Annetee Kompa	Aikido Dojo Ingelheim
John Gorzanski	Takemusu Aikido Salisbury
Renee Johnson	City Aikido
Amy Shipley	City Aikido
Florian Tan	City Aikido
Kayla Feder	Aikido of Berkeley
David Bryan	Aikido of Berkeley
Jeff Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
Bruce Wonnacott	Aikido West
Robert Nadeau	City Aikido
Jack Wada	Aikido of San Jose
Kevin Kemper	Roseville Aikido
Jack Babbitt	Roseville Aikido
Owen Lawyer	Ukiah Aikido
Carol Marrington	Ukiah Aikido
Izmael Arkin	Ukiah Aikido
Lou Bermingham	Aikido of San Jose
Frank Silvey	Aikido of San Jose
Michael Brown	Aikido of San Jose
Harry Concepcion	Aikido of San Jose
Robin Henderson	Aikido of San Leandro
Akemi Maniwa	Aikido of San Leandro
Noah Levine	Aikido of San Leandro
Jordan Krammer	Aikido of San Leandro
Doug Reichert	Aikido of Winnipeg
Mitch Johnson	Aikido of Monterey
Paul Thomas	Aikido West
Bob Leichner	Aikido of Mountain View
Sasha Georgeson	City Aikido
Jeremy Hale	Aikido'ka
Molly Hale	Aikido'ka
Frank Bloksberg	Aikido'ka
Mary Celine Brigham	Aikido'Ka
Mark Zwaggerman	Aikido'ka
Stephen Patek	River City Aikido
Edgar Johansson	Denver Aikikai
Andrew Fairbairn	Denver Aikikai
Kevin Peters Unrau	Golden Triangle Aikido
Brian Berry	Golden Triangle Aikido
Stefan Barton	Golden Triangle Aikido
Carlos Romaz Callado	Golden Triangle Aikido
Marian Draghici	Golden Triangle Aikido

Jarek Adamuszewski	Royal City Aikido
Ray Gardiner	Three Rivers Aikido
Jonathan Sharp	Kokoro Kai Aikido
Martin Lietz	Takemusu Aikido Tubengin
Oswald Henke	Takemusu Aikido Tubengin
Mary Tesoro	Aikido of San Luis Obispo
Martin Thoma	TSG Augsburg Germany
Linda Holiday	Aikido of Santa Cruz
Beth Nielsen	Hikari Dojo
Louis Jumonville	Hikari Dojo
Bruce Miller	Aikido Central Coast
Michele Simone	Aikido Central Coast
Frank King	Aikido of Mountain West
Larry Bardach	Aikido Central Coast
Jerome Buenviaje	Takemusu Aikido New Mexico
Charles Bland	Kinjo Dojo
Tyffany Price	Kinjo Dojo
Ellen Hedenborg	Aikido of San Leandro