

CAA MEETING MINUTES — — — FEBRUARY 25, 2018

MEETING OPENED by CAA President: Forrest Kan, with breathing and thanks.

READING OF THE CAA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE by Johnny Newsome

BOOKKEEPERS REPORT: Carla Garrett

The CAA is now a LLC. This requires a more formal bookkeeping process.

The CAA has two bank accounts and a Pay Pal account.

1. Operating Account: The operating account is is for dues collection and fees collected from CAA semi-annual trainings. Currently, all membership dues for 2018 have been paid! Currently the balance in the operating account is \$7043.88.

2. Rank Processing Account: The rank processing account is for all fees paid by CAA members for their Yudansha ranks and certificates from Hombu dojo.

Currently the balance in the rank processing account is \$5374.61.

3. Pay Pal account: Currently the balance in the pay pal account is zero.

It was noted by the CAA Bookkeeper, Carla Garrett that both she and Adrienne Wonnacott receive a modest salary for their time and efforts as bookkeeper and Rank Processor.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Michael Smith

The CAA Website is up and running. It is averaging between 500 - 700 visits per month. CAA members and dojo cho are encouraged to contribute to the website! Dojo Cho are reminded to check the accuracy of the information in the Dojo Directory.

Dojo Cho are encouraged to submit Dan Essays and articles from their students for publication 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 a page for the CAA membership to exchange information and discuss things of interest to the membership. Both pages are open to all CAA members.

RANK PROCESSING: Adrienne Wonnacott

There have been 81 Dan promotions in the last 6 months.

Currently all rank processing is done on line on the CAA website. No more paperwork to fill out by hand and put in the mail!

We are all encouraged to put a current photo in our Yudansha books.

2018 Kagami Biraki promotions were announced with heart felt congratulations to all:

Danielle Molles Smith: 7th Dan

Daryl Berlie & Bill McGouirk: 6th Dan

Miguel Castro, Ronald Chestnut, Alan Holiday, David Keip, & Penny Sablove: 5th Dan

All CAA Dan promotions can be found listed by date received in the CAA Website

ELECTING A NEW CAA PRESIDENT: Forrest Kan

Duties of the CAA president are explained by Forrest Kan, current president: Conduct semi-annual meetings; works as a part of the Executive Committee; represents the CAA in general, and specifically at events sponsored by the CAA, as in hosting a visit by Doshu, or Waka Sensei, or any Shihan from Hombu Dojo.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT ARE NOW OPEN: President is a 4 yr term.

All CAA members 5th Dan and higher are eligible to be nominated. Nominations are open until May 1st, 2018. Voting will take place at the August, 2018 CAA meeting. All candidates must be present at the August meeting.

Two candidates were nominated during the meeting:

Laurin Herr, 6th Dan, City Aikido was nominated by Danielle Molles Smith Sensei
Craig Fife, 6th Dan, Aikido Northwest was nominated by Pat Hendricks Shihan

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS:

Division 2 - Two River Aikido / Kalispell Zen Center, Leigh Schickendance and Mark Leitzel, nidan

TASK FORCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

Molly Hale has been appointed to represent the USA in the International Aikido Federation on the task force for people with disabilities practicing Aikido. Molly is now on the IAF Board, sanctioned by the USAF.

Molly wants to develop a list of dojo's open to disabled students, along with a list of Aikidoka who are disabled.

WORDS FROM OUR DIVISION HEADS:

Nadeau Sensei: He encourages us to read O'Sensei's writings. We must not lose O'Sensei's spirit in our practice. We need more depth in our practice, not just more techniques to remember.

Hendricks Sensei: She is inspired by what we have created in the CAA. It is unique in the Aikido world, and a model for the world in how an organization can uphold an ideal and support the individual membership.

Friedl Sensei: He emphasized the importance of the CAA's role in the world during these divisive and challenging times. He acknowledged Molly Hales' role in expanding the influence of the CAA with the IAF.
He also acknowledged Doran Sensei and Nadeau Sensei for their life long contribution to our organization and the world of Aikido, noting how they have set the example of sharing their training and honoring the many expressions of Aikido that exist today.

SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Everyone present had a chance to announce up coming seminars and events in their dojo. Please see the CAA Website events calendar for a comprehensive list of these events!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING: August 26th, 2018 @ Aikido West.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Forrest Kan, President. With reading a quote by Mary Heiny Sensei: The techniques of Aikido are intended for us to use in examining the nature of power, to engage in uncompromising self-scrutiny, and to realize our potential as powerful, compassionate, self-aware human beings.

Attendance CAA Meeting 2/25/2018

Forrest Kan	Mattel Aikido
Craig Fife	Aikido Northwest
Michael Friedl	Aikido of Ashland
Pat Hendricks	Aikido of San Leandro
Carla Garrett	Hikari Dojo
Michael Smith	Aikido of Monterey
Adrienne Wonnacott	Aikido West
Robert Nadeau	City Aikido
Frank Doran	Aikido West
Betsy Hill	Tenchi Aikido
Naomi Sagan	Aikido of San Leandro
Gillian Sadler	Aikido of Winnipeg
Noah Levine	Aikido of San Leandro
Ann Au	Aikido of San Leandro
Robin Henderson	Aikido of Winnipeg
Jeff Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
Heather Criss	Ukiah Aikido
Cora Saxton	Ukiah Aikido
Juli Nash	Aikido of San Jose
Paul Heffernan	Aikido of San Jose
Bill Essig	Aikido of Berkeley
David Bryan	Aikido of Berkeley
Shawn Ellingson	Aikido Mountain West
Michele Simone	Aikido Central Coast
Jamie Hinter	Aikido Central Coast
Bruce Miller	Aikido Central Coast
Gordon Allen	Aikido of Berkeley
Maria Pacheco	Tenchi Aikido
James Gauer	Tenchi Aikido
Stephen Patek	River City Aikido
Harry Concepcion	Aikido of San Jose

Johnny Newsome	Morehead Aikido
Ray Gardiner	Three Rivers Aikido
Danielle Smith	Aikido of Monterey
Doug Reichert	Aikido of Winnipeg
Florian Tan	City Aikido
Ross Madden	City Aikido
Paul Thomas	Aikido West
Jeremy Hale	Aikido West
Molly Hale	Aikido West
Tesfaye Tekelu	Aikido of Ethiopia
Linda Holiday	Aikido of Santa Cruz
Beth Nielsen	Hikari Dojo
Louis Jumonville	Hikari Dojo
Penny Sablove	Heart of San Francisco Aikido
Ylva Beckman	Aikido Dojo Gamlestaden
Nick Burcher	Hikari Dojo
Noah Ramirez	Hikari Dojo
Alice Lopez	Hikari Dojo
Bian Grabowski	Kinjo Dojo
Charles Bland	Kinjo Dojo
Kathy Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
Akemi Maniwa	Aikido of San Leandro
Will Letchworth	Aikido of Berkeley
Lisi Baldwin	Aikido of Berkeley
Lauren Herr	City Aikido
Edgar Johansson	Denver Aikikai
Michael Brown	Aikido of San Jose
Michael McVey	Yellow Springs Aikido
Larry Bardach	Aikido Central Coast
Urusla Doran	Aikido West
Richard Alward	Hikari Dojo
Jordan Krammer	Aikido of San Leandro
Charlie Batilo	Aikido of San Leandro
Chuck Fisher	Tenchi Aikido
Kevin Kemper	Roseville Aikido
Jack Babbitt	Roseville Aikido
Gary Roeske	Aikido of San Jose
Jack Wada	Aikido of San Jose
Erik Betz	Tenchi Aikido
Joe Talley	Aikido Northwest
Roy Johnston	City Aikido
Richard Delewski	Aikido Mountain West
Amy Shipley	City Aikido
Elaine Yoder	City Aikido

Renee Johnson	City Aikido
Ron Duran	Merced Aikido
Erik Haag	Aikido of Monterey
Frank Bloksberg	Aikido of Grass Valley
Mary Celine Brigham	Aikido'Ka
Mark Zwaggerman	Aikido of Grass Valley
Izmael Arkin	Ukiah Aikido
Carol Marrington	Ukiah Aikido
Owen Lawyer	Ukiah Aikido
Mary Tesoro	Aikido of San Luis Obispo
John Gorzanski	Takemusu Aikido Salisbury
Ron Bonomo	Aikido in Sparks
Christine Bonomo	Aikido in Sparks