

CAA Meeting minutes, August 26th, 2018

At the end of our combined training, before the beginning of the meeting, two candidates for CAA President, Laurin Herr and Craig Fife had a chance to speak to the group.

MEETING OPENED: by CAA President, Forrest Kan with a breathing exercise, reading the CAA statement of purpose, and his expression of thanks for his opportunity to serve as our President over the last 4 years.

WORDS FROM CAA DIVISION HEADS:

Pat Hendricks Shihan: She expressed gratitude to Doran & Nadeau Shihan for their years of devotion and leadership to our training and our organization. She also expressed gratitude to everyone in leadership for their contributions to our group.

Michael Friedl Shihan: He spoke of our special relationship in the CAA, referring to the friendship and spirit of love that we have cultivated through our practice together.

Robert Nadeau Shihan: He encouraged us to continue in our practice from the idea of heart in our practice, to the feeling of heart in our practice, to the expression and radiance of heart energy in our lives/practice. He encouraged us to recognize the continuous process of learning and evolution as we train.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS:

Division I has new dojos.
Google Aikido, Li Li
Traditional Aikido of Colorado Springs, John Wiley

WEBMASTER REPORT:

Our Webmaster, Michael Smith Sensei was not able to be at the meeting, but passed on his report which was read by President Forrest Kan.

In the past 12 months the website has averaged 528 visitors per month, which is an increase of 5.8 %. The total number of visits dropped by 9.7%. The average number of pages viewed per visit was 3, and the most popular pages visited were the Home Page, CAA Directory, and the CAA Calendar.

The majority of traffic comes from the USA (70%) The next highest geographic area visiting our site is New Zealand.

We had visitors from over 80 different countries from around the world.

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 information of interest to the membership.

BOOKKEEPING REPORT: Carla Garrett

We currently have \$13,540.54 in our rank processing account. To be used as promotions are sent to Japan.

We currently have \$904.91 in our business account.

We currently have \$214.80 in our paypal account.

RANK PROCESSING: Adrienne Wonnacott

We have had 46 Yudansha applications since our last meeting in February, 2018.

If you have problems with the application process, which is all on line now, please contact Adrienne for clarity.

September 7th is the deadline for Kagami Biraki applications this year, as they will be hand delivered by the delegation from the CAA going to Japan.

The December deadline for rank applications is shifted to December 7th so the Aikikai can receive them before they close for the holidays.

PAT HENDRICKS SHIHAN READ A LETTER FROM DENISE BERRY SENSEI:

This was a letter expressing Berry Sensei's deep gratitude to Forrest Kan for his 4 years of service as our President. She sited his "being at our service" for his tenure as President, his auditing of our finances, his transparency of the organization to the membership, and his challenging us to be clear in our intentions as hallmarks of his contributions as our President.

AWARD TO FORREST KAN AS OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT:

Michael Friedl Shihan awarded Forrest a gift of a plaque from the CAA for his service as our President.

PARTING WORDS FROM FORREST KAN:

Forrest encouraged us to enjoy our practice and to spread joy to the world with our practice. "Always practice in a Vibrant and Joyful Manner!"

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW PRESIDENT:

Our new president is Craig Fife. There was a ceremonial passing of the gavel, and a "quite dandy" tiara.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING:

February 24, 2019 at Aikido of San Jose

MEETING ADJOURNED: by our new President.

Attendance

Pat Hendricks	Aikido of San Leandro
Forrest Kan	Mattel Aikido
Craig Fife	Aikido Northwest
Michael Friedl	Aikido of Ashland
Carla Garrett	Hikari Dojo
Adrienne Wonnacott	Aikido West
Robert Nadeau	City Aikido
Frank Doran	Aikido West
Ursula Doran	Aikido West
Noah Levine	Aikido of San Leandro
Jordan Krammer	Aikido of San Leandro
Li Li	Aikido of San Leandro
Charlie Batilo	Aikido of San Leandro
Akemi Maniwa	Aikido of San Leandro
Ylva Beckman	Aikido Dojo Gamlestaden
Doug Reichert	Aikido of Winnipeg
Leanne Reichert	Aikido of Winnipeg
Ralph Dueck	Aikido of Winnipeg
Johnny Newsome	Morehead Aikido
Mitch Johnson	Aikido of Monterey
Calvin Koshiyama	Aikido North
Russel Wisby	Mateel Aikido
Linda Wennersten Spore	Boras Aikidodojo
Per Lornell	Boras Aikidodojo
Penny Sablove	Heart of San Francisco Aikido
Paul Thomas	Aikido West
Jane Nason	Aikido West
Kristen Benson	Aikido West

Mark Vestrich	Aikido West
Ricardo Jenez	Aikido West
Jennifer Trimble	Aikido West
Jill Baxter	Aikido West
Bob Leichner	City Aikido
Ross Madden	City Aikido
Lauren Herr	City Aikido
Richard Esmonde	City Aikido
Roy Johnston	City Aikido
Elaine Yoder	City Aikido
Sasha Georgeson	City Aikido
Renee Johnson	City Aikido
Florian Tan	City Aikido
David Keip	Aikido of Ashland
Michelle Keip	Aikido of Ashland
Jeremy Hale	Aikido'ka
Molly Hale	Aikido'ka
Frank Bloksberg	Aikido'ka
Mary Celine Brigham	Aikido'Ka
Mark Zwaggerman	Aikido'ka
Lou Bermingham	Aikido of San Jose
Jack Wada	Aikido of San Jose
Frank Silvey	Aikido of San Jose
Stephen Patek	River City Aikido
Yvonne Thelwell	Aikido of Arlington
Elizabeth Hartman	Traditional Aikido of Colorado Springs
John Wiley	Traditional Aikido of Colorado Springs
Kathy Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
Jeff Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
Tom Gambell	East Bay Aikido
Vincent Wenzler	East Bay Aikido
Kathleen Bloom	East Bay Aikido
Vincent Bland	East Bay Aikido
Giovanni Wenzler	East Bay Aikido
Andus Brandt	East Bay Aikido
Gordon Teekell	East Bay Aikido
Kevin Kemper	Roseville Aikido
Jack Babbitt	Roseville Aikido
Charles Bland	Kinjo Dojo
Art Vawter	State of Jefferson Aikido
Shawn Ellingson	Aikido Mountain West
Kayla Feder	Aikido of Berkeley
David Bryan	Aikido of Berkeley
Gordon Allen	Aikido of Berkeley

Owen Lawyer	Ukiah Aikido
Carol Marrington	Ukiah Aikido
Travis Criss	Ukiah Aikido
Cora Saxton	Ukiah Aikido
Izmael Arkin	Ukiah Aikido
Ron Duran	Merced Aikido
Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicutt	Merced Aikido
Derek Hedstrom	Aikido Borealis
Michele Simone	Aikido Central Coast
Jamie Hinter	Aikido Central Coast
Bruce Miller	Aikido Central Coast
Larry Bardach	Aikido Central Coast
Veera Kasicharenavat	Ganshinkan Dojo
Beth Nielsen	Hikari Dojo
Louis Jumonville	Hikari Dojo
Richard Alward	Hikari Dojo
Jem Sebastian-Wortman	Hikari Dojo
Alice Lopez	Hikari Dojo
Erin Neuner	North Texas Aikido
Russell Alvey	North Texas Aikido