

CAA MEETING – February 28th, 2016

March 16, 2016

Agenda

1. Opening by the President-Forrest Kan
2. Announcement of New Division Head-Frank Doran Sensei
3. Administrative & Financial Report-Cyndy Hayashi
4. Announcement of New Members-Division Heads
5. Membership Announcements
6. Announcement of the next meeting-August 28th, 2016 @ Aikido West
7. Adjournment-Forrest Kan

Opening:

Forrest Kan, President, opened the meeting. This is the 27th bi-annual meeting. He started the meeting with a breathing exercise to start the meeting in a centered state.

Pat Hendricks Sensei explained the meaning of Kagami Biraki. It is a 300 year old traditional Japanese ceremony, which literally means “Opening the mirror”. She explained that in Iwama, Japan, the New Year would start with the opening of the shrine. The shrine contained many mirrors. The idea was to open everything and reflect upon things with the idea of starting anew. Kagami Biraki is usually celebrated on January 11th.

Announcement of Kagami Biraki Promotions and Awards

5th Dan

1. Phil Booth of Aikido Aotearoa, Division 3
2. John Gorzanski of Takemusu Aikido Salisbury, Division 1
3. David Hurley of Aikido West, Division 2
4. Timothy Magill of Aikido West, Division 2
5. Marcel Schriber of Aikido Sursee, Division 2
6. Paul Stallman of Aikido Central Coast, Division 2

6th Dan

1. Jordan Kramer of Aikido of San Leandro, Division 1
2. Henry Lynch of Riai Aikido Learning Centre, Division 3
3. Michael Smith of Aikido of Monterey, Division 2

7th Dan

1. Tom Gambell of East Bay Aikido, Division 2

Shihan Title Awards

1. Cyndy Hayashi of Aikido West, Division 2
2. Michael Friedl of Aikido of Ashland, Division 2
3. Frank McGouirk of Aikido Ai, Division 2
4. Jack Wada of Aikido of San Jose, Division 3

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Congratulations to Christian Tissier Sensei on his promotion to 8th Dan.

Announcement by Frank Doran Sensei:

After much reflection, Doran Sensei has decided to step down from his position as Division Head. Michael Friedl, 7th Dan Shihan is the new head of Division 2. A letter will go out this coming week to all dojo cho in Division 2. Doran Sensei will continue to teach seminars and his classes at Aikido West. Michael will work closely with Doran Sensei in providing for the needs of the Division 2 students and community. He thanks everyone for their support and love through the years. Michael can be contacted for any questions or concerns at: magimic@mind.net

Administrative/Financial Report:

Our Bank of America account is currently holding about \$35,214.36. The Pay Pal account holds about \$674.57. Our total holdings are \$35,888.93. Our core amount subtracting out the pending March promotions to be sent out is approximately \$31,608.93.

One U.S. dollar is about 113 Japanese yen. The yen is gaining strength. We will maintain our current prices for membership and ranks.

The office continues to perform upgrades to the website and databases. We hope to have remodeled databases within the next six months.

As of today, 7 member dojos are outstanding in their membership fees. These members are facing a termination notice if payment is not rendered. Terminated members will have to pay a \$75.00 registration fee, the \$75.00 annual fee and a \$25.00 late fee. \$175.00 to be reinstated.

Division 1

Aikido of Sandpoint-Scott Santarpio-still owes \$25.00 late fee
Golden Triangle-Stefan Barton
Takemusu Aikido-Frimley-Graham Johnson
Stockholm Aikido-Mats Alexandersson

Division 2

Aikido Ai Rochester-Bill McGouirk
Aikido Ethiopia-Tes Tekulu Biche

Division 3

Riai Ponsonby-Mike Ashwell

We currently have 118 member dojos. 34 in Division 1, 43 in Division 2 and 41 in Division 3

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We continue to have incomplete applications, wrong amounts of payment and books with no recorded seminar/camp attendance submitted. The CAA website has all the information and instructions needed for processing ranks and sending in memberships fees. I am considering adding a fee for rejected paperwork. The fee will be applied to the dojo cho sending in the paperwork not the student(s).

Reminder to all dojo cho: Any student being ranked through the CAA should be a paying member of a member dojo. There are exceptions as allowed by the Division Heads. Students must be tested and ranked within their designated Division.

Hombu Dojo in Japan is now offering to add pages to yudansha books. They prefer students do this rather than order a new book. Students sending their books in with rank applications may now request the addition of pages for recording seminars and camps. I will also put on our CAA website a document that allows you make your own pages on cardstock and add them to your book at any time. There will be instructions on the website as well.

The International Aikido Federation will hold a seminar/Congress in Takasaki, Japan from September 26th to October 2nd. This event occurs every 4 years. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the IAF and the 12th IAF Congress/Seminar. During the week, senior instructors from the Aikikai and other countries will be teaching. Pat Hendricks Sensei will be one of the instructors at this seminar. On line Registration starts April 1st and will have links to book hotel rooms. I will be attending with a group of CAA students.

Hawassa Aikido in Ethiopia is a new member dojo of Division 2. Working in concert with Richard Strozzi Heckler, Tesfaye Tekulu Biche is trying to raise funds to build a dojo. We are asking members to support this wonderful effort to bring Aikido to Eastern Africa. You may send donations to:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/newdojoineastafrica/fundraiser/tesfayetekelu>

Mary McLean of Centerfield Aikido is possibly moving the dojo to Washington State. She has sold her Swain mats and still has a tent for sale. Any interested parties should contact her at: mayr4@sonic.net.

New Members:

Division 1-

1. 2 potential members in August

Division 2 –

1. Aikido Mountain West in Salt Lake City, UT–Wayne Belka, 4th Dan, Max Roach, 4th Dan, Shawn Ellingson, 4th Dan
2. On Kon Dojo in Bruderheim, Alberta, Canada – David Kai, 3rd Dan

Division 3-

1. None to report

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Membership Announcements:

Nadeau Sensei announced Henry Kono Sensei from Toronto Canada has passed away. This great teacher spent 4 years with the founder of Aikido from 1964-1968. There are some nice articles about his life if you look him up on the web.

Vince Salvatore recommended his book Fight, Flight, Flow for students wishing to understand and know more about Aikido.

Look on the CAA website for seminar details and more. If you wish to add an event or seminar, contact the web master, Steve Rathbun: snrathbun@comcast.net

- March 4-6 Doran Sensei at Aikido of Northern Virginia
- March 5 Annual Women's Seminar at Aikido of Santa Cruz - Please call to inquire about openings since registration is closed.
- March 11-13 Kimberly Richardson at Aikido'Ka
- March 19th Aiki Summit in Denver, CO
- March 19 Aikido of Monterey with Michael & Danielle Smith
- March 20th Doran Sensei at East Bay Aikido
- April 1-3 Aikido Mountain West opening with Cyndy Hayashi
- April 18-24 Cyndy Hayashi Sensei in Switzerland at Aikikai Zurich, Aikido Luzern and Sursee Aikido
- April 22-24 Doran Sensei at Two Cranes Aikido in Seattle, WA
- April 22-24 O'Sensei revisited @ CYO camp, Occidental, CA with Nadeau Sensei, Mary Heiny, Jack Wada, Denise Barry
- April 22-24 Michael Friedl at Aikido'ka
- April 29 May 1 - 7th annual Aiki Horizons in Monterey, CA
- May 6-8 Doran Sensei at Best Martial Arts Institute/Aikido of Eugene, OR
- May 20-22 Cyndy Hayashi Sensei at Utah University
- May 21-22 Doran Sensei at Mateel Aikido
- May 27-30 Mt. Baldy Retreat with Frank McGouirk Sensei, Cyndy Hayashi Sensei, Danielle & Michael Smith Sensei and Teja Bell Sensei
- Week of June 25th – Summer Camp in Quincy, CA
- July 6-10 Santa Cruz summer retreat with Anno Sensei, Linda Holiday and Mary Heiny
- July 8-10 Doran Sensei at Aikido North
- August 12-14 Doran Sensei at Sunset Cliffs Aikido

Announcement of next meeting:

We sincerely thank Jack Wada Sensei, and the students of Aikido of San Jose for hosting the meeting and coordinating the luncheon. Special thanks to Michael Brown, Frank Silvey and Harry Concepcion who continues to step up and assist every year.

Reminder: The next meeting will be **Sunday, August 28th, 2016 at Aikido West.**

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Adjournment

Forrest ended the meeting with quotes from Aikido the Art of Peace.

Attendance

1. Pat Hendricks	Aikido of San Leandro
2. Jordan Kramer	Aikido of San Leandro
3. Noah Levine	Aikido of San Leandro
4. Akemi Moniwa	Aikido of San Leandro
5. Yvonne Thelwell	Aikido of Arlington
6. Arlene E. Mendibles	Henderson Aikido
7. Chance Tashman	Henderson Aikido
8. D'Andre Childs	Henderson Aikido
9. William Blaze Gaza	Henderson Aikido
10. Vince Salvatore	Aikido of Reno
11. Louis Jumonville	Hikari Dojo
12. Carla Garrett	Hikari Dojo
13. Charles Bland	Kinjo Dojo
14. Kathy Brockdorf	Yellow Springs Aikido
15. Michael McVey	Yellow Springs Aikido
16. Wocheck Gaca	Iwama Aikido Dojo Poland
17. Frank Doran	Aikido West
18. Cyndy Hayashi	Aikido West
19. Adrienne Wonnacott	Aikido West
20. Paul Thomas	Aikido West
21. Jane Nason	Aikido West
22. Molly Hale	Aikido West
23. Jeramy Hale	Aikido West
24. Kathryn Klein	Aikido West
25. Ricardo Jenez	Aikido West
26. Adrienne Wonnacott	Aikido West
27. Bob Leichner	Aikido West/Aikido of Mt. View
28. Alex Gologorsky	Aikido West
29. Matthew Bouyack	Aikido West
30. Helena Henkin	Aikido West
31. Jill Baxter	Aikido West
32. Shawn Ellingson	Aikido Mountain West
33. Wayne Belka	Aikido Mountain West
34. Richard Delewski	Aikido Mountain West
35. Ben Tyler	Aikido Mountain West
36. Frank King	Aikido West/Aikido Mountain West
37. Edgar Johansson	Denver Aikikai
38. Drew Fairbairn	Denver Aikikai
39. Danielle Smith	Aikido of Monterey
40. Michael Smith	Aikido of Monterey

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41. Erik Haag	Aikido of Monterey
42. Mitch Johnson	Aikido of Monterey
43. Michael Friedl	Aikido of Ashland
44. Forrest Kan	Mateel Aikido
45. Kevin Kemper	Aikido & Healing Arts Center of Roseville
46. Jack Babbitt	Aikido & Healing Arts Center of Roseville
47. Derek Hedstrom	Aikido Borealis
48. Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicut	Merced Aikido
49. Ron Duran	Merced Aikido
50. Frank Bloksberg	Aikido'ka
51. Mary Celine Brigham	Aikido'ka
52. Mark Zwagerman	Aikido'ka
53. Ian Isabell	Aikido'ka
54. Gabriel Cuppet	Aikido'ka
55. Craig Fife	Aikido Northwest
56. Cody Clifton	Aikido Northwest
57. Joe Tally	Aikido Northwest
58. Art Vawter	State of Jefferson Aikido
59. Mary Tesoro	Aikido of San Luis Obispo
60. Bruce Miller	Aikido Central Coast
61. Michelle Simone	Aikido Central Coast
62. Larry Bardach	Aikido Central Coast
63. Linda Holiday	Aikido of Santa Cruz
64. Peter Goldsmith	Aikido of Santa Cruz
65. Glen Kimoto	Aikido of Santa Cruz
66. Penny Sablove	Heart of SF Aikido
67. Tom Gambell	East Bay Aikido
68. Andus Brandt	East Bay Aikido
69. Gordon Teekell	East Bay Aikido
70. Robert Lavezzo	East Bay Aikido
71. Tesfaye Tekelu Biche	Aikido Ethiopia/Two Rock Aikido
72. Robert Nadeau	City Aikido
73. Roy Johnston	City Aikido
74. Amy Shipley	City Aikido
75. Elaine Yoder	City Aikido
76. David Floeter	City Aikido
77. Renee Johnson	City Aikido
78. Ross Madden	City Aikido
79. Richard Esmonde	City Aikido
80. Jack Wada	Aikido of San Jose
81. Michael Brown	Aikido of San Jose
82. Kathy Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
83. Jeff Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
84. Paul Bohlman	Aikido of Bloomfield
85. Denise Barry	Kuma Kai Aikido
86. Alice Cudzik	Kuma Kai Aikido

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87. Carol Marrington	Ukiah Aikido (friend)
88. Cora Saxton	Ukiah Aikido (friend)
89. Owen Lawyer	Ukiah Aikido (friend)
90. Kayla Feder	Aikido of Berkeley(friend)
91. Julian Wilner	Aikido of Berkeley(friend)
92. Jamie Zimron	Aiki Extensions(friend)