

CAA MEETING – February 26th, 2017

Agenda

1. Opening- Forrest Kan, President

The President opened the meeting with centering through breathing. He introduced Victor Gallardo from Santiago, Chile as the newest and first South American dojo to join the CAA. Victor read the CAA statement of purpose. Forrest expressed gratitude to the registration crew and Wada Sensei and thanks to Adrienne and Bruce Wonnacott. He also recognized the many years of training of all attendees.

2. Congratulations to:

Hachidans - Hombu Delegation and 7th dan committee

Adrienne Wonnacott -Hombu Delegation

On January 19th, Pat Hendricks Shihan, Cyndy Hayashi Shihan and I travelled to Tokyo Japan. We attended the Doshu's 6:30 am classes on Saturday and Monday. We were graciously received in each class. On Monday morning after training, I received the 7th dan certificate for Richard Strozzi Heckler Sensei. Hendricks Sensei received the 8th Dan certificate for Robert Nadeau Shihan and Hayashi Sensei received the 8th Dan certificate for Frank Doran Shihan. Following the ceremony, we had a sake toast and a conversation with the Doshu and Ms. Ueshiba. After the presentation of certificates, we had a meeting with Mr. Tani and Mr. Barudi. A number of issues were discussed. A notice to all International Dojo members was sent out as a result of this meeting. Thank you all for allowing us to be the representatives of the CAA for this occasion.

Pat Hendricks Sensei also spoke and elaborated on the visit with the Doshu, who expressed his appreciation for the CAA organization and Cyndy Hayashi for her excellent work as the Administrator for so many years.

Kagami Biraki candidates - Denise Barry

8th Dan	Robert Nadeau Frank Doran
7th Dan	Richard Strozzi-Heckler
6th Dan	Michael Ashwell Glen Kimoto
5th Dan	Erik Frank Haag Gil Izaguirre Cathy Jaeger Edgar Johansson Daniel McIntyre

Gino Meehleib
Lorn Razzano
Roger Shannon
Frank Silvey

3. Bookkeeper Report - Carla Garrett

The CAA is in the process of becoming an LLC. As part of this process, we are dividing the money collected for rank processing money from the dues. We have made a separate business bank account and opened it with \$5,000 from the dues. This income will be used to run the association and spent on such things, the food at the CAA meetings, web hosting, and expenses related to the LLC.

The money paid by yudansha will remain in the rank processing account and will be spent on rank processing costs (e.g., money sent to Hombu, cost of mailing certificates, etc.).

As of Friday 2/24, the balances in the accounts were:

- A) Business: \$3,000 (plus money collected today, minus money paid for pizza)
- B) Rank Processing Account: \$4,691.60
- C) Pay Pal: \$1,373.46

As bookkeeper, I have been and will continue to monitor and balance all accounts monthly.

4. Webmaster report - Michael Smith

Webmaster Report

AI-KI-DO.ORG is the official website of the California Aikido Association.

I would like to acknowledge the work put in by Bruce and Adrienne Wonnacott in laying the groundwork for the latest version of the CAA website.

There have been quite a few changes made in the past 6 months:

- Images have been added throughout to enhance the overall look
- The layout of the Home Page has been revised and a now includes a feed from the CAA FaceBook organization page
- The Divisions Dojo Directories have been extensively revised and now include click-dropdown info panels for each dojo
- A USA Dojo List has been created that lists all member dojos by State and city
- An Overseas Dojo List has been created that lists all non-USA member dojos by Country and city
- An online form has been added to simplify the submission of changes to the Dojo Directory. Please help us keep your dojo information up-to-date.
- The "Spotlight On" page is back and previous spotlight articles have been restored

- The "Dan Papers" page is back and previous essays restored
- The "Articles" page is back and previous articles restored
- An online form has been added for the submission of event information for the Events Calendar page

In addition to the website, the CAA has two Facebook pages:

Organization page: <https://www.facebook.com/California-Aikido-Association-139827474856/>

Public page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/91215569332/?fref=nf>

Please encourage your students to check out, and contribute to, these resources!

5. Rank Processing - Adrienne Wonnacott

We processed a total of 91 yudansha applications over the last 6 months, 12 were Recommendation ranks.

34 applications for September

12 applications for Kagami Biraki

45 applications for December

The Rank Processing Area of the website has been updated. There are now 2 sections, one for shodan to yondan applications, the other for godan and above. The application forms are now online version since additional people will be entering these applications now that the database is finished.

A new process has been created for shodan to yondan examinations that occur outside of the United States;. These now require a form be submitted to Japan at least three weeks before the actual yudansha examination; the Delegation of Examination Form. In the case of multiple exams on the same day/weekend, the dojo cho should send an email with a list of all applicants and the date.

Questions about this requirement should be sent to your division head, questions about the process can be sent to the Processing Clerk, but please check the website for information first

6. Announcement of New Members

Division 1 - Victor Gallardo, Fudo Aiki Juku, Santiago, Chile

Jarek Adamuszewski, Royal City Aikido, Guelph, Canada

Division 2 - Joe Fisher, Aikido Southwest, Tucson, Arizona

Division 3 - Mark Fitzwater, Herbert Aikido Oamaru, Herbert, New Zealand

7. Words from the Division Heads

Pat Hendricks Sensei - She expressed appreciation for what our leaders have built over the years. She reflected on the humble start in 1964 and emphasized again what a pleasure it was to hear the Doshu's positive comments on the CAA .

Michael Friedel Shihan - Michael commented how incredible it was to have two hachidans as mentors and leaders in the association. Exhorted everyone to keep training.

8. General Announcements

9. Announcement of the next meeting- August 27, 2017 @ Aikido West

10. Adjournment-Forrest Kan, President closed with a quote from O-Sensei :

Attendees

Forrest Kan	Mateel Aikido
Jordan Kramer	Aikido of San Leandro
Steve Patek	Rivery City Sacramento
Paul Thomas	Aikido West
Bruce Miller	Aikido Central Coast
Michele Simone	Aikido Central Coast
Richard Alward	Hikari Dojo
Carla Garrett	Hikari Dojo
Prittam Chopda	Hikari Dojo
Yvonne Thelwell	Aikido of Arlington
Michael McVey	Yellow Springs Aikido
Christopher McLaggan	Aikido of Virginia Beach
Anthony Paul	Aikido of Virginia Beach
Stefan Barton	Golden Triangle Aikido
Bill Essig	Aikido of Mountain Village
Scott Devaney	City Aikido
Roy Johnston	City Aikido
Richard Esmonde	City Aikido
Renee Johnson	City Aikido
Elaine Yoder	City Aikido
Amy Shipley	City Aikido
Florian Tan	City Aikido
Jeremy Hale	Aikido'ka

Molly Hale	Aikido'ka
Mary Celine Brigham	Aikido'ka
Mark Zwagerman	Aikido'ka
Lana Lensky	Aikido of San Leandro
Noah Levine	Aikido of San Leandro
Miguel Macaya	Aikido of San Leandro
Victor Guillard	Fudo Aiki Juku
Felipe Chavez	Fudo Aiki Juku
Vianey Villela	City Aikido
Chip Forman	City Aikido
Akemi Maniwa	Aikido of San Leandro
Arlene Mendebles	Henderson Aikido
Vince Salvatore	Aikido of Reno
Jerome Buenviaje	Takemusu Aikido New Mexico
Alice Barry	Kuma Kai Dojo
Mike Koenig	Aikido Academy
Murray Hunter	Aikido Central Coast
Jack Babbitt	Aikido of Roseville
Richard Delewski	Aikido Mountain West
Michael Smith	Aikido of Monterey
Adrienne Wonnacott	Aikido West
Robert Lavezzo	East Bay Aikido
Alise Halbert	City Aikido
Ross Madden	City Aikido
Edgar Johansson	Denver Aikikai
Don Cooper	Denver Aikikai
Art Vawter	State of Jefferson Aikido
Jack Wada	Aikido of San Jose
Jeff Adams	Aikido of Los Gatos
Gordon Teekell	East Bay Aikido
Ricardo Jenez	Aikido West
Ursula Doran	Aikido West
Frank Doran	Aikido West
Robert Nadeau	City Aikido
Veera Kasicharernvat	Ganshinkan Aikido
Patrick Cassidy	Aikido Montreux
Dave Goldberg	Aikido of San Diego
Dave Bryan	Aikido of Berkeley
Kevin Kemper	Aikido of Roseville
Tom Gambell	East Bay Aikido
Alex Kolbasov	Aikido of San Jose
David Floeter	Grass Valley Aikido
Ben Tyler	Aikido Mountain West
Wayne Belka	Aikido Mountain West
Penny Sablove	Heart of San Francisco Aikido

Glen Kimoto	Aikido of Santa Cruz
Mary Tesoro	Aikido of San Luis Obispo
Craig Fife	Aikido Northwest
Danielle Smith	Aikido of Monterey
Linda Holiday	Aikido of Santa Cruz
Laurin Herr	City Aikido
Beth Nielsen	Hikari Dojo
Louis Jumonville	Hikari Dojo
Charles Bland	Kinjo Dojo
Doug Reichert	Aikido of Winnipeg
Michael Friedel	Aikido of Ashland
Denise Barry	Kuma Kai Dojo
Shawn Ellingson	Aikido Mountain West
Kayla Feder	Aikido of Berkeley
Cora Saxton	Ukiah Aikido
Owen Lawyer	Ukiah Aikido
Chuck Hauk	Aikido of Eugene
William Gray	Aikido Academy
Frank King	Aikido Mountain West
Sharaze Colley	Aikido at the Center
Harry Concepcion	Aikido of San Jose