

SOA Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, March 18, 2012

Skype Phone Meeting

Present: Haruyoshi Ito, Michael Thompson, Shin Aoki, David Franklin, Rob Gaston, Rob Kedoin, Byron Russell

Not Present: Bill Burtis (President), Mary Coe Foran

1) Topic: Approval of minutes for last meeting (2/25/2012). Approved with amendments.

2) Topic: Proposed SOA Board Slate for new two-year term, beginning March 31, 2012. Nancy Billias has agreed to join the Board. Bill Burtis and Mary Coe Foran will leave the board.

3) Topic: Membership letter. Rob Gaston will send out the annual membership letter later today. As part of that letter he will list the proposed SOA Board Slate to be considered approved if there are no objections as of 3/31/12. He will collect any responses and report such to the Board.

The Slate:

Permanent Members: Ito Sensei and Michael Thompson Sensei

NTC Chair: Shin Aoki

Elected Members:

Nancy Billias

David Franklin

Rob Gaston

Rob Kedoin

Byron Russell

ACTION ITEM: Rob G. will consult with Rob K. regarding an updated membership list and send out the membership letter, collecting and reporting any responses to the Board before the next meeting.

4) Topic: International Gasshuku Update. Rob K. reported that there are now 80 paying participants registered for the Gasshuku and over 90 participants total. A request was made for more information on the website Travel and Accommodations' page. Suggestions included making a specific hotel recommendation in Rohnert Park, giving specific links for Buses from SF to Rohnert Park and the exact origin and destination names, and giving suggestions on latest recommended arrival time to Rohnert Park, among others. David Franklin also made the suggestion to add the list of Team Leaders to the Contacts page on the website.

ACTION ITEM: Rob G. will pass these recommendations to Sandra B. for discussion with Stephen Billias (Transportation and Accommodation Coordinator) and Cheryl W.

6) Topic: Next Meeting. The next SOA Board Meeting will be Saturday April 14, 2012 at 1PM PST, 4PM EST. The meeting will be by Skype.

ACTION ITEM: Byron R. will contact Nancy Billias, Cheryl Williams and Sandra Bengtsson about attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron J. Russell, March 18, 2012