

SOA Board Meeting
April 13, 2008; Sunday
12 -1 pm Pacific time; 3 –4pm East Coast time; 8-9pm Czech time
Conference Call

Present: Rob K, Stephen B., Shin A., Connie B., Ito, David F., Michael T., Mary C,
Byron R. (no absences)
Convened: 12:05 pm

- I. Assignment of Roles: recorder of minutes – Connie B.; timekeeper Mary C. facilitator – Stephen B. Welcome to new members: Byron Russell and Mary Coe.
- II. Minutes of January 17, 2008 - approved unanimously.
- III. Reports

A. Bojutsu DVD update – Shin

This project is to convert a Japanese production by BAB to an English subtitle version, to be sold by SOA. SOA requests 100 copies of the English subtitle version (when made) from BAB. Shin has sent this email communication to Oi-san. If BAB agrees to our request; David will find a local contact to work with him on communication in Japanese on the technical aspects of DVD conversion (unless BAB has an English speaker).

B. Database Update – Rob and Stephen

This project to place a database on the SOA server to give access to all SOA regions for use of the database for mailings, labels and updating rankings. Rob and Stephen looked at existing software and found an acceptable package versus the need to do a custom version. Currently contact information and rankings are in place. Payment status is pending. Eventually there will be the ability to sort by groups. Phase I is pending. Action Item: Rob Kedoin to send link to SOA board by end of this week, so SOA board can see database.

C. ISF Updates – Connie

See attachments for ISF proposals that have passed and proposals that are pending. See attachment for listing of ISF members by county of affiliation. Clarification asked on decision making process; process of consensus described.

D. SOA Membership update – Connie

See attachment for SOA membership status. Discussion on member status for listing on SOA website. Action Item: Shin to review and if NTC objections to proposals, he will let SOA know. Connie and Shin to communicate on membership status and SOA website listing.

Email correspondence immediately following meeting with agreement that Kazu Shibao and Christophe Bernard be removed from SOA website as they have not paid 2007 or 2008 SOA membership dues. Bill Burtis, Instructor;

Cheryl Williams, Graduate; Mathew Shorten, Graduate will be added to SOA website and they are current with SOA dues. Roby Newman, Graduate and Deirdre Crowley, Graduate, will not be listed on the SOA website as they are not current with SOA dues.

E. SOA meeting location for annual in-person meeting

Mary asked about history of selection of site for in-person meeting and possibility of meetings on the East Coast. One suggestion is to alternate annually. Action Item: Proposal on site for annual meeting to be made in Early August meeting.

F. Proposal for \$1000 for short marketing film on Shintaido – Stephen

See attachment. Stephen proposed a short, 5-7 minute film on SOA to be filmed October 2008 at the Ten Shin Kan dojo and possible filming at Pac Shin Kangeiko January 2009. Stephen reports that David Franklin will be guest instructor in October 2008 for the Fall Gasshuku on the East Coast and will also be available for participation in the filming effort. \$1000 is needed for payment to the cameraperson. Discussion followed on the benefit to having quality filming and the potential for using un-used footage for other projects. Shin reports that PacShin is considering film media for individual instructors and to present kata. MT reports Gianni will be at the Fall Gasshuku. Question was raised if the SOA board should also fund Shin to attend this event. Proposal made for \$1000 for the short marketing film to be made and edited for use on YouTube by Stephen. Seconded by Connie. Proposal passed with majority vote of yes; no abstaining votes and no votes against proposal recorded.

Conference call adjourned 1:05pm

Next conference call for Early August (8/2-3 or 8/9-10)