

Minutes Shintaido of America Board of Directors Saturday October 10 2pm to 3pm PST

Present: Connie, Nancy, Shin, Michael and Ito

Absent: Brad and David

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO/WHEN
<p>Welcome 2015 -2017 new board members. Individual visions for SOA.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Shin presented that SOA has many informative materials. He believes if these were presented free via the internet that people would read/see Shintaido and be interested in practicing. Shin is currently the one to respond to bookstore orders and store the materials in his home. He does not find the labor portion difficult to accomplish. 2) Michael stated SOA should focus on Body Dialogue, the Website and the technical committee 3) Connie stated she believes that SOA providing national liability insurance, exams and national certification, as well as keeping nonprofit/incorporation status is important. Connie sees our teachers 		

	<p>as our main stakeholders.</p> <p>4) Nancy reports from her teaching activities at the college level, that students with healthy bodies need the mind-body connection. However the current students are reluctant to make a commitment of 6 weeks to a class. She is focusing on the mindfulness approach. Nancy hopes SOA can “reboot” Shintaido.</p> <p>5) Ito would prefer to listen at this time.</p>		
Election of Treasurer	<p>Connie thanked Sandra for 19 plus years as treasurer. Connie states Brad is willing to be treasurer.</p>	<p>Unanimous election! Thank you Brad. Connie proposes Brad, Sandra, Chris and Connie use the next 4 months to collect and finalize the FY 15 financial data and be sure the IRS tax report is filed. This will provide the basis for a budget for 2016.</p>	<p>February 2016 have FY15 financial report with a balance sheet. Preliminary budget for 2016. Brad and Connie</p>
Election of board chair/SOA President	<p>Connie volunteered to be SOA board chair/SOA President.</p>	<p>Unanimous election. Connie to confirm that Stephen Billias is happy to continue as Body Dialogue editor. Connie to confirm that national liability insurance policy is in place and current.</p>	
Publications	<p>Shin is willing to continue in his</p>	<p>Shin and Connie to develop plan</p>	<p>Target January Kangeiko’s as a</p>

	<p>role with publications. SOA board agrees with Shin that the majority of items be converted into an electronic format/ebook/pdf that can be shared free of charge. Nancy states most books could be scanned and uploaded as an ebook/pdf.</p> <p>Michael proposes the Shintaido book be given to all instructors to have them sell/distribute to students. Connie suggests Shin contact Michael deCampo about the progress being made between ISC and SOA to make an ebook of the Shintaido book. Shin asked about the Student Handbook.</p>	<p>to distribute most of the Shintaido books to instructors. Shin to contact Michael deCamp on the status of the Ebook. Connie to look in files for student handbook.</p>	<p>time to distribute Shintaido books. February 2016 for update on plans.</p>
Engagement with Shintaido Teachers	<p>Connie proposed a joint Board and SOA TC meeting. Shin agrees. Discussion expanded to a method for engagement with all current teachers.</p>	<p>Connie and Shin to set joint Board and TC date. Connie and board to plan a 'teacher's forum'. Kangeiko can be a format for being discussions.</p>	<p>Target February 2016 for a 'teacher forum'. Connie and board.</p>
Ito book proposal	<p>Ito requests if SOA would be publisher and provide the copyright for his new book. The book is about 100 pages; Ito would like 100 copies to sell directly; Ito would agree that SOA could turn his book into an Ebook. Ito estimates \$1000 -\$3000 would be needed. The board agreed that Connie should be Ito's contact along with Shin. SOA agreed to the copyright but will need to</p>	<p>Ito to be in email contact with Connie and Shin about his book and the specifics such as cost. Connie and Brad to determine SOA's financial standing to give recommendation to SOA board on ability to make financial commitment.</p>	<p>December 2015 for preliminary information.</p>

	know SOA's financial position before making a financial commitment.		
Next meeting			February 2016