

Global Taimyo Community Proposal to be Affiliated with Shintaido of America September 2024

Proposal: GTC proposes to affiliate with and be integrated within SOA

Affiliate: Officially attach a subsidiary to a larger group

Integrate: Combine two groups to become a larger whole

Purpose of the Global Taimyo Community (GTC)

The Global *Taimyo* Community (GTC) formed after September 11, 2001, as the *Taimyo* Network for World Peace, as a peaceful and compassionate response to the violence of 9/11 and subsequent retaliatory violence. As we practice, we see ourselves standing around the globe holding hands in a protective embrace.

GTC believes that *Taimyo Kata* can function as a movement form through which we can search and/or heal our inner world as well create better relationships with our outer world – neighbors, community near and far, and Nature – beyond time and space.

GTC Activities

GTC organizes three 2-hour virtual gatherings per year using our shared *Taimyo Kata* practice to deepen our relationship with one another. We reflect on how our insights can inform and enrich our everyday lives and thus, the world around us.

Healing and peacemaking are foundational values for GTC. The first Saturday of each month - and on three other dates - we encourage practitioners to practice in their own places and to be connected through the *kata* and our peaceful intention. A global WhatsApp group offers a way to share insights in-between gatherings.

In the past GTC organized a *Taimyo* Local Leader certification process for French practitioners interested in leading *Taimyo* locally.

GTC hosts an information and educational website

<https://sites.google.com/view/globaltaimyo/home?authuser=0>

with articles that create a theme for each year's gatherings, along with video and related resources.

The cost is \$60 per year (\$25 per session) though no one is turned away for lack of funds. Funds are used to pay honoraria to the planning team (staff) and a consultant.

Purpose of Shintaido of America (SoA)

SOA Vision

Shintaido is a system of natural body movement to integrate body, mind, and spirit, build healthy relations with others, and encourage spiritual growth. Shintaido of America (SoA) is a national network of regional and local Shintaido groups to support, encourage, and guide members in their Shintaido practice. SoA also offers advanced training for those who teach Shintaido.

SOA Mission

The mission of SoA is to transmit the form and spirit of Shintaido in the United States.

- SoA encourages the growth of regional and local Shintaido groups.
- SoA works with the regional organizations to offer examinations, accreditation, advanced training, and peer contact for SoA members.
- SoA informs Shintaido instructors of new developments at the international and national levels, including changes in curriculum and examination requirements.
- SoA develops resources for teaching Shintaido, such as books and videos.
- SoA supports fledgling international groups and provides outreach instruction.

Entities' Legal Status

Legal Status of Global Taimyo Community: None; informal network

Legal Status of Shintaido of America: Nonprofit, 501(c)(3)

Current Staffing of Each Group

Workforce of GTC: Tomi Nagai-Rothe, Sarah Baker, Rob Gaston, and Connie Borden with Masashi Minagawa as consultant

Workforce of SOA: Elected board and appointed officers

Reasons/Benefits for Affiliation

GTC

- 1) Financial. Registration funds would be managed through SOA, PayPal status and nonprofit status. Distribution of funds would be through the nonprofit. GTC has no financial loans or debits.
- 2) Longevity. Has a home base in larger organization for future growth
- 3) Recognition. Affiliation with an established nonprofit organization provides both recognition and credibility

