

CAA MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 28, 2022

11TH ST. DOJO & VIA ZOOM

1. Meeting called to order by Craig Fife, CAA President.

Started with a quote from the movie Second Hand Lions:

Sometimes the things that may or may not be true are the things that a man needs to believe in the most. That people are basically good. That honor, courage and virtues mean everything. That power and money, money and power mean nothing; that Good always triumphs over Evil; and I want you to remember this: That Love, true Love never dies. Doesn't matter if any of this is true or not. You see a man should believe in these things because these are the things worth believing in.

2. CAA Webmaster Report: Michael Smith Sensei, read by Craig Fife

NEW SITE CONTENT

Thank you to those who submitted articles for the "community pages" of the CAA website. Since the February meeting the "Dan Papers" page has added 6 new postings. These are from: Richard Delewski, Lars Hofhansl, Rene Picolo, Ligia Sanchez, Jo Anna Shaw, Ben Tyler In August, a new "Spotlight On" article from Fernando Sanchez, Michi Dojo Brazil, was posted. These personal and inspirational articles present thoughts from future leaders in our Aikido community and are recommended reading.

SITE STATISTICS

After several years of significant decline in site visits, our Total Site Visits appears to be leveling off at about 400/month.

2018: 10,630

2019: 17,244 (CAA hosted seminar with Doshu)

2020: 7,122

2021: 5,552 - 22%

2022: (year to date) 3,197 - 16% from same period last year

3. Bookkeeper Report: Carla Garrett Sensei.

\$12,955.77 in Rank Processing (most soon to go out for September 15 batch.

\$ 2,843.39 in the Business Account

\$ 1,865.67 in PayPal (all will be transferred to the bank this week for rank processing or business.

4. Rank Processing: Molly Hale Sensei.

Hale Sensei expressed her appreciation for the complexities of this job and the enormous contribution that Adrienne Wonnacott Sensei has made and continues to make in teaching Molly this job.

March 2022 rank applications: 13 ranks were processed

2 Yondan

5 Sandan

4 Nidan

2 Shodan

All certificates were received and mailed.

June 2022 rank applications: 20 ranks were processed

2 Yondan

4 Sandan

9 Nidan

5 Shodan

The certificates have arrived and will be mailed out the week of August 29th.

Applications for ranking are arriving. This batch is being coordinated with Adrienne and Molly, as the transition continues to Molly being the full-time clerk, and will be sent to Hombu the week of September 5th.

Kagamibaraki applications are arriving with an October 15 mailing to Hombu. This will be a coordinated processing with Adrienne and Molly.

5. International Aikido Federation report: Pat Hendricks Shihan.

Hendricks Sensei lead a group in an Aikido demonstration at the World Games in Alabama in July. This CAA group represented the United States IAF at the World Games. There were 15 countries represented in the Aikido demonstrations.

There were issues dealing with COVID in the large gathering of people from around the world. As per Hendricks Sensei's inspiration, the overall Aikido message was one of Peace, which set their demonstration apart from the other sports that were represented. This message was very well received.

6. Words from the Division Heads: How would you define "inspired leadership?"

Michael Friedl Shihan spoke of the unique challenges of leading through the COVID shutdown. He spoke of never working harder to adapt and change to provide leadership during this time. He spoke of the importance of being accessible, holding to what's important, leading by being true to who you are and providing an enduring presence.

Pat Hendricks Shihan spoke of the importance of never giving up, and that opening is harder than closing. She mentioned that she is inspired by the leadership efforts of the CAA membership. She reminded us that the model of the CAA is unique in the Aikido world and sets us apart and provides an example for others.

7. Announcement of New Members: Division Heads.

Division I has one new dojo: Kiryu Aikido: Chief Instructor Andrew Blevins Sensei, with dojo in Denver, CO & San Luis Obispo, CA.

Aikido Contra Costa, Pleasant Hill, CA. Dojo Cho, Carla Garrett Sensei and Traditional Aikido of Colorado Springs, CO. Dojo Cho John Wiley Sensei are now Full Member Dojo in Division I.

8. General Membership Announcements.

See the CAA website for listings of upcoming Seminars.

9. Announcement of the New President:

Elaine Yoder Sensei is our New CAA President!

10. Ceremonial Passing of the gavel.

The former President, Craig Fife Sensei passed the ceremonial gavel and crown to our New President: Elaine Yoder Sensei.

11. Announcement of the next meeting:

February 26, 2023. Location to be announced.

President Elaine Yoder Sensei.

12. Meeting adjourned:

President Elaine Yoder Sensei.

13. Attendees

Dojo Name	Participant
11th Street Dojo	Marshall White
11th Street Dojo	Michael Ingram
11th Street Dojo	Michael Norelli
11th Street Dojo	Patrick Schork
11th Street Dojo	YVES CHAUVIN
11th Street Dojo	Zachary Crockett
Aikido Central Coast	Larry Bardach
Aikido Contra Costa	Carla Garrett
Aikido North	Calvin Kazuo Koshiyama
Aikido Northwest	Craig Fife
Aikido of Arlington Virginia	Yvonne Thelwell
Aikido of Ashland	Mary Celine Brigham
Aikido of Ashland	Michael Friedl
Aikido of Berkeley	Bill Essig
Aikido of Eugene	Mark Kruger
Aikido of Penn Valley	Jeremy Hale
Aikido of San Leandro	Akemi Maniwa
Aikido of San Leandro	Laurence Biachini
Aikido of San Leandro	Noah Levine
Aikido of San Leandro	Ozer Emah Ozturk
Aikido of San Leandro	Patricia Hendricks
Aikido of San Leandro	Tanya Berardini
Aikido of Santa Cruz	Mark Zwagerman
Aikido of Santa Cruz	Peter Ralls
Aikido of Winnipeg	Doug Reichert
Aikido of Winnipeg	Leanne Reichert
Aikido of Winnipeg	Robin Henderson
Aikido Penn Valley	Molly Hale
Aikido West	Adrienne Wonnacott
Aikido West	Alex Gholz
Aikido West	Paul Thomas
Aikido West	Ricardo Jenez
City Aikido	Carhenna dela Cruz
City Aikido	Elaine Yoder
City Aikido	Tianmeizi Ge
Hikari Dojo	Louis Jumonville
Kawaakari Dojo	Eric Winter
Kinjo Aikido Dojo	Charles Bland
Kinjo Aikido Dojo	Tyf Price
Kiryu Aikido	Kara Stewart
Mateel Aikido	Forrest Kan
Michi Dojo Brazil	Silvia Munhoz
North Texas Aikido	Keith Flnk