

**2016 ISKF Board of Directors &
Board of Governors Annual Meeting
June 13, 2016
Camp Green Lane, PA USA**

Chairman Hiroyoshi Okazaki Sensei called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00AM.

I. ROLL CALL

Country Representatives in attendance:

Algeria	Israel
Australia	Jamaica
Barbados	Lebanon
Belize	Mexico
Bolivia	New Zealand
Brazil	Nigeria
British Virgin Islands	Panama
Canada	Philippines
Cayman Islands	Russia
Colombia	South Africa
England	Switzerland
Ethiopia	Trinidad
Georgia	Ukraine
Germany	United States
Guyana	Uruguay
Venezuela	

Proxies:
India
Italy
St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Sultanate of Oman
Turks & Caicos

ISKF Chairman Hiroyoshi Okazaki opened the meeting with a greeting and stated that Shihan Teruyuki Okazaki sent his best regards to everyone and wished everyone well.

Approval of Minutes

- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the 2015 ISKF Board of Directors & Board of Governors Annual Meeting on June 15, 2015.
Resolved: the Minutes from the meeting on June 15, 2015 were approved without modification.**

II. Brief Description Of Karate Today

- **ISKF continues to grow internationally – this year Greece has joined us, they were previously with SKIF.**
- **ISKF Passports: The procedure will be that each country representative will order the amount of ISKF Passports needed just as they would do for the ISKF Membership Cards and ISKF Kyu Certificates. ISKF rule is that everyone testing for Shodan and above as well as qualification exams (judge, instructor, examiner) MUST have an ISKF Passport to present to the examiner. It is up to each country director whether they want their students to have it at the kyu ranking level. The examiner will be the person to sign the passport at the exam, not the country director. The ISKF Passport replaces the ISKF Qualification Card and has no expiration date. THE ISKF PASSPORT DOES NOT REPLACE THE ISKF MEMBERSHIP CARD. MEMBERSHIP CARDS NEED TO BE RENEWED ANNUALLY. They have a 1-year expiration.**
- **The ISKF Membership Cards have been redesigned. If they have the old cards they can use those and replace them when they need them with the new cards.**
- **Payments can now be made by direct deposit from bank to bank. Contact ISKF Headquarters for payment information.**

III. ISKF International Tournaments

A. ISKF World Shoto Cup – Cape Town International Convention Center, Cape Town, South Africa August 20th – 21st, 2016

- **Ms. Gizelle Kelly – representing South Africa gave update on the upcoming ISKF World Shoto Cup to be held in Cape Town South Africa, August 20 – 21st, 2016. A concern was discussed regarding an email that was sent by the host country that the youth team events were cancelled. This change was reversed after Ms. Kelly called San Pillay (Country Director for South Africa) and she explained to him everyone’s concerns and the youth team events are once again in the Shoto Cup.**
- **Ms. Kelly also stated that there would be an opportunity to use training facilities before the event. Each country should contact Karien Jacobsz in South Africa for training times for your teams.**

B. ISKF Pan-American Championships, Venezuela 2018

- **Mr. Ronald Pedreanez, Country Director for ISKF Venezuela assured everyone that they are preparing the tournament in Venezuela for October or November of 2018. Before they decide the exact date they will contact ISKF Headquarters to be sure everyone can participate and be there.**
- **Mr. Pedreanez assured everyone that all participants will be safe and although Venezuela is having financial difficulties it will be easier for the countries to come there. The hotel and facilities where the event will take place are completely safe.**
- **The tournament will take place at the university in the city of Valencia. The hotels are 5 minutes away from the tournament facility.**
- **The event will be held for 4 days so that they can have a judges training, instructors training and dan examination in addition to the tournament. There will be 1 day for eliminations and 1 day for finals.**

IV. 2017 Business Plan

- **Next year’s Master Camp at this time is scheduled for June 9th – 16th, 2017. That will be our 51st Annual ISKF Master Camp.**

V. Other Business

- All Dan Registration forms must be typewritten in English. Handwritten forms will not be accepted. The PDF is on the ISKF website.
- All visiting instructors and examiners must be cleared through ISKF Headquarters first. This must be done before an exam is given or the dan exams may not be accepted.
- It is very important that everyone understand that it is an ISKF Rule that a person can only be a director for 1 country and that person must be approved by ISKF Headquarters.

A motion was made by Michael Alexander (Trinidad) to accept the Business and Current Status of the ISKF and was seconded by Hala Zoghby (Lebanon). All were in favor.

Special Announcements

1. Sensei James Field – Chairman of the ISKF Technical Committee addressed the International representatives:

“The Technical Committee had a meeting and we selected Sensei Hiroyoshi Okazaki as our ISKF Chief Instructor. As you know Okazaki Shihan has retired and Sensei Hiroyoshi Okazaki has taken that position. We would love to keep Okazaki Shihan as part of our organization. He has always referred to Gichin Funakoshi as his Grand Master, and we would like to do that also for him. We would like to refer to Okazaki Shihan from now on as Grand Master Teruyuki Okazaki. Is everyone in favor of this?”

Everyone was unanimously in favor of referring to Teruyuki Okazaki Shihan as Grand Master Teruyuki Okazaki from this day forward.

2. Chairman and Chief Instructor Hiroyoshi Okazaki then addressed the group:

“As you may know the ISKF was founded in 1977, Grand Master Teruyuki Okazaki and Shihan Yutaka Yaguchi were two of the original founders. Today our organization is comprised of over 30 Pan-American countries, and over 40 countries from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. We continue to grow and are expecting to have over 65,000 members. This is a real tribute to the vision and energy of our founders and we are grateful to them. Shihan Yutaka Yaguchi is one of the greatest instructors as you may know and a great human being. He has

been supportive to Shihan Okazaki for many, many years. He always kept his word and we are really grateful to have him.”

“Our ISKF President Judge Paul Ribner has retired and now we will refer to him as ISKF President Emeritus. The active ISKF President will be Mr. Lance Astrella.”

3. ISKF President Lance Astrella then addressed the International representatives:

“The last year there have been a lot of changes and with changes come a lot of opportunity. We are fortunate to have had 2 of the world’s greatest teachers, Okazaki Shihan and Yaguchi Shihan. They have not only taught us a martial art but they have also taught us principles which we strive to live by. Okazaki Shihan used to say at these meetings many times that his vision was to help through this international organization to advance the cause for world peace based upon the relationships developed here. Our new chairman wishes to follow the teachings of the original instructors & Master Funakoshi but realizes the organization must be modernized. It must be structurally reorganized and also reorganized in the sense that it has more meaningful, international participation. In order to accomplish this our chairman will appoint an advisory committee which will consist of international members to come up with policies and adopt procedures and will report to this organization at next year’s meeting. The ISKF International greatly appreciates everyone’s participation and enthusiasm and I think you all will be pleased with the changes in the organization.”

4. Chairman Hiroyoshi Okazaki once again addressed the representatives:

“Now that Mr. Lance Astrella has been appointed the acting ISKF President, I’d like to appoint Mr. Justin Nepo as Vice President of our organization. We also have a new ISKF Treasurer – Mr. Michael Katayanagi.”

5. Yutaka Yaguchi Shihan spoke to the International representatives through translator Mr. Tatsuun Ryu:

“I want to celebrate this 50th Anniversary of our ISKF Master Camp with all of you. I wish that the number 50 can increase more to 60, 70 and even 100 in the future. I really do not want to say anything private but this is probably a very suitable time for me to do so. I have been here in the United States 51 years and I started the ISKF about 40 years ago. One of the greatest contributions for the ISKF was actually done by Sensei Cathy Cline and I want to acknowledge her for her contributions.

I have had the duty of being on the ISKF Technical Committee for 40 years and by doing so I would like to show my appreciation for your support and everyone's support. Today I am announcing my official retirement. I will be carrying on my duties until the end of the year but after that I will be retired. I have been married to my wife for about 56 years but I wasn't really a good husband. With this retirement I would like to go back to my family, especially to my wife. I also want to express my appreciation that I always had a language barrier which was my biggest barrier but everyone was so patient to accept me so that I came this far. With that being said, I would like to say thank you to all of you. In the future, someday if our paths should come close together I will be very very happy. Thank you very much."

**A motion was made by Ms. Cathy Cline – USA/Norwest to adjourn the ISKF Board of Directors Annual Meeting of June 13, 2016, and was seconded by Mr. Gary Swain – USA/Mountain States.
All in favor – Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

**Lois Luzi
Executive Administrator/Secretary
International Shotokan Karate Federation**

