

**2018 ISKF Board of Directors &
Board of Governors Annual Meeting
June 11, 2018
Camp Green Lane, PA USA**

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

1. ROLL CALL

Country Representatives in attendance:

**Argentina
Australia
Barbados
Brazil
Canada
Colombia
Ecuador
England
Ethiopia
Georgia
Germany
Guyana
Haiti**

**India
Israel
Jamaica
Lebanon
Mexico
New Zealand
Nigeria
Panama
Russia
United States
Uruguay**

Proxies:

**Belarus
Italy
Venezuela**

ISKF Shihankai in attendance:

**Hiroyoshi Okazaki Shihan
James Field Shihan
Robin Rielly Shihan
Garry Turnbull Shihan**

ISKF Technical Committee in attendance:

**Cathy Cline Sensei
Oded Friedman Sensei
David Jones Sensei
Mark Tarrant Sensei
Peter Warren Sensei**

1.1 ISKF Chairman Hiroyoshi Okazaki opened the meeting with a greeting. He stated that as everyone knows sports karate will be in the Olympics in 2020. Chairman Okazaki said that he understands that some countries have to be involved in sport karate such as WKF in order for them to participate in some events, however, he advised that they make sure not to forget that ISKF is a Budo organization and not sport karate. He recommended they go to the ISKF website to see the ISKF mission statement and values of our organization. Chairman Okazaki told everyone to keep explaining the values of the ISKF to their members, to keep teaching and advising their members that ISKF is Budo and not a sports organization. He understands that young people like to have fun and you need to do all you can to keep them with us, however, there must be a balance between Budo and sports and again advised them to explain this to their students and keep them with the ISKF.

2. Approval of the ISKF/International Board of Governors Minutes of June 12, 2017.

- **A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the 2017 ISKF Board of Board of Governors Annual Meeting on June 12, 2017. Resolved: The Minutes from the meeting on June 12, 2017 were approved without modification.**

3. Brief Description of ISKF Today

- **Ms. Lois Luzi stated that ISKF as an organization is doing well. ISKF remains consistent and steady. Ms. Luzi told everyone this is because of the country directors who are the foundation and building up the organization. It is not headquarters, ISKF Headquarters supports**

them and the members because they and their members support ISKF.

- Ms. Luzi informed everyone that Ireland is going to be active again soon under the direction of Mr. Damian Estrella who moved to Ireland from Mexico. He is already an ISKF member and holds the rank of Godan.
- Shihan James Field, Chairman of the Technical Committee introduced the newest member of the ISKF Technical Committee – Mr. Mark Tarrant

4. Dan Exam Regulations

A) ISKF Qualifications of Dan Rank Examinations

- Ms. Luzi distributed an information sheet regarding the ISKF Qualifications of Dan Rank Examinations. This information is on the ISKF website. Some of the requirements have changed as of last year.
- Ms. Luzi informed everyone that the time requirement between dan exams has changed.
- The requirements for children under 18 years of age is different from the adults.

B) Procedure for Dan Registrations of Dan Rank Examinations

Ms. Lois Luzi explained the procedures for accepting members and/or clubs from another organization. Especially regarding accepting rank from another organization.

- A copy of the dan certificate of the individual wishing to join ISKF must be sent to ISKF Headquarters. Shihan Okazaki checks the signature of the examiner. Some examiners from organizations such as JKA, Kase Sensei, Asai Sensei for example are accepted. Okazaki Shihan must see the signatures. If the signature is approved, the individual must register that rank with ISKF. This means they must fill out a registration form and send that along with the registration fee to ISKF Headquarters. An ISKF Dan Certificate is issued with their original dan exam date. And that original date is the date that will be put into the database. This must be done before they test for the next rank. If is not accepted, they must be retested by an official ISKF examiner. They may not receive the original rank they received with the previous organization. This is at the discretion of what the ISKF examiner thinks is appropriate. If the individual passes, the exam date will be the date the ISKF examiner did the testing.
- If someone wants to register their club, the same procedure applies.

5. Deadlines

Ms. Lois Luzi explained that the reason it is important to follow deadlines is because ISKF Headquarters must support the entire organization worldwide. There are many events going on all year long. In order to service everyone, it is important everyone follows the deadlines. Everyone was instructed to have all their paperwork in by the appropriate deadline.

6. ISKF International Tournaments

Before discussing specific championships, Ms. Lois Luzi stated that hosting a tournament is a big undertaking and those who volunteer to host is much appreciated. However, ISKF Headquarters advised not to agree to take on a project that large if there are not enough resources and man power. ISKF Headquarters is there to support all of the members and when questions come to headquarters we must be able to assist people with the process. If ISKF Headquarters emails the host of an event with questions, we must receive your response as soon as possible. Other members may be waiting for your answers to make their arrangements for a championship. It is in the best interest of the host to have as many participants as possible which means getting the information out quickly.

A) Pan-American Championships – August 16th – 19th, 2018 Panama City, Panama

- Panama Country Director – Mr. Martin Ruiz stated that as today there are 15 countries registered to participate in the tournament. He requested everyone send their registrations as soon as possible.**
- Ms. Luzi told Mr. Ruiz that Headquarters is still waiting for a corrected tournament packet for the ISKF website. Mr. Ruiz said that he sent a corrected packet before he left Panama for Master Camp.**
- Mr. Ruiz distributed a copy of the schedule of activities to be at the Pan-American Championships.**
- Mr. Ruiz said there will be transportation provided from the airport.**
- Mr. Ruiz stated that there will be two ways to register, both by paper and online. Each country will be sent a link to register online.**
- Ms. Luzi advised the importance of the medical physician at the tournament to have easy access to the medical release**

forms and waivers. They should be in alphabetical order by contestant so that if necessary they can be found quickly.

- Mr. Ruiz requested to have 2 Instructor Trainee classes during the event. Okazaki Shihan agreed.

B) European Championships – September 20th – 24th, 2018 Berlin, Germany

- Mr. Michael Bock, Country Director for Germany informed everyone that everything is organized and that one day will be an open championship and the other day will be the official ISKF European Championship. Both events will be under the rules of the ISKF. There may also be groups outside of Europe who can participate.
- In addition to the tournament there will be dan exams.
- Mr. Fady Antakly, Country Director for Lebanon questioned how it would an official European Championship if countries outside of Europe participated. Okazaki Shihan stated that divisions can be created to represent different regions, such as Europe, Middle East, etc.

C) ISKF Shoto Cup – 2020

- Mr. Ahcene Moussaoui, Country Director for ISKF England distributed brief information regarding the venue of the 4th ISKF World Shoto Cup which will be in London, England. He informed everyone that he and his members are already working on the details of this championship.
- Ms. Lois Luzi requested Mr. Moussaoui give headquarters as much information as possible and as soon as possible and to try to do that before 2019 to post on the ISKF website for the members to start preparing.
- Mr. John Russo, Country Director for ISKF Australia posed the question about the date of the event and that it would be best to have it during the summer. However, this would be difficult as different countries have a different summer time.
- Okazaki Shihan recommended it be held May, October, or November.
- Mr. Moussaoui stated that the price goes up considerably during October and November because that is tourist season. Ms. Luzi suggested he make it as economical for everyone as possible.
- Mr. Peter Warren, Country Director for ISKF Barbados stated that May would be impossible for them because of the school term.

- After much discussion regarding a good month for everyone, the majority stated that the end of August would be best for everyone.
- Mr. Moussaoui said he will get a definite date as soon as possible which will be posted on the ISKF website.

7. 2019 Business Plan

- Okazaki Shihan informed everyone that at the ISKF Technical Committee Meeting the previous night, the technical committee discussed sending ISKF Technical Committee members to visit the countries who cannot attend the ISKF Master Camp to give Godan and above exams. Member countries will be notified when this is finalized.
- Ms. Lois Luzi introduced the new ISKF Treasurer, Mr. Jaron Burch. She noted he has an extensive financial background. Mr. Burch told the group that ISKF is in a very good position financially. The finance committee has worked on a budget that seems to be working out well. Financially this year looks good and they are starting to plan for next year. He stated that at the beginning of 2018 we asked all examiners to send 20% of the dan exam fees to ISKF Headquarters. This is one of the things that has helped us to keep the fees flat for this year. We appreciate your participation in doing that which helps ISKF to grow as a whole into the future.
- Ms. Lois Luzi stated that our 53rd Annual ISKF Master Camp will be June 7th – 14th, 2019 and will be held here at Camp Green Lane, PA.

8. Other Business

- Mr. Pedro Torre of Merida, Mexico would like to host the next Pan-American Championships in 2022.
- Mr. Eduardo Alonso, Country Director for Argentina also said that they would like to host the next Pan-American Championship.
- Mr. Edgardo Auza of Uruguay volunteered as well to host the Pan-American Championships. Mr. Auza stated that Mexico hosted the last Pan-American Championship and Argentina would be too far for many countries to attend.
- Okazaki Shihan said he will take everyone's suggestion into consideration and decide who will host the next Pan-American Championships in 2022.

- **Mr. Fady Antakly of Lebanon asked how they can be notified of the changes to the tournament rules. Ms. Cathy Cline, ISKF Technical Committee explained that in the newest edition of the ISKF Tournament Rulebook it shows the pages of the edits that have been made at the beginning of the book. She also said that she will highlight the edits/changes to make it easier for everyone.**
- **A question was posed regarding the Instructor Trainee Booklet and can it be translated into Spanish. Okazaki Shihan said yes.**
- **Mr. Paul Yves Fausner, Country Director for Haiti asked if there were Guidelines for Dan Exams. Ms. Cathy Cline explained to him that it can be found on the ISKF Website under Informaton and Exam Guidelines.**
- **Mr. Athelstan Gilbert Bellamy, Instructor for ISKF Jamaica remarked what a pleasure it is coming to camp and seeing the improvements that Camp Green Lane has made and how accommodating it is.**

Ms. Luzi would like to add to these official minutes our appreciation and thank you to Mr. Rubem Cauduro of Brazil for his assistance in translating during the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Jaron Burch, ISKF Treasurer to adjourn the ISKF Board of Directors Annual Meeting of June 11, 2018, and was seconded by Mr. Pedro Torre, ISKF Mexico.

All in favor – Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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