

*SAKA Meeting – Chapel Hill, North Carolina
November 6, 2010*

Attendees: Sensei Takashina (SAKA Headquarters), Kent Wang (UNC-Chapel Hill), Cliff Rivers (Florida State University Karate Club), Eric Holden (Tampa Bay Shotokan), Suzanne Tuzzeo (University of West Florida), Craig Bloch (North Florida Karate Club), Albert Ikeda (JKA Atlanta), Boyd Ammons (Western Carolina Karate Club), Calvin Brown (UNC-Chapel Hill), Ika Prawoko (University of South Florida), Terry Gartner (SAKA Headquarters), Mahogany Swanson (Georgia State University Karate Club), Don Whaley (Bainbridge Karate Club)

Sensei Takashina called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM and thanked all of the attendees for participating in the 2010 Fall Camp. He also thanked Kent Wang and the University of North Carolina Karate Club for organizing this year's camp.

Sensei Takashina reiterated that any student attending SAKA Camps must be a current paid up member or they will pay an additional participation \$20 fee. This also means that any student testing for a Dan rank, he or she must be up to date with their SAKA dues at the time of testing. If they are not current with their dues, they will not test. This policy also applies to Kyu rank students expect for white belts (10 Kyu) and new yellow belts who received their rank in the same year prior to September of that year. For example, if a white belt tests in January and receives a 9 Kyu rank and wants to test at the Atlanta Camp, he or she does not have to have a membership card.

When submitting your SAKA renewal membership forms, please make sure you send three separate forms in:

- 1) Kyu rank 10-4
- 2) Brown Belts rank 3-1
- 3) Black Belts

The membership period for Kyu ranks are from September 1 through August 31 and for Dan ranks are from January 1 through December 31.

SAKA club dues should be mailed so that SAKA Headquarters receives the money by December 31, 2010. Dues are \$155 for an Affiliate Club and \$180 for Regular Club. It is best to pay with separate checks for club dues and membership dues.

The SAKA student information card should be send it only for *new* Brown and Black Belt students. Do not send in SAKA student information cards for Kyu rank students.

SAKA Regional Tournament

There was discussion about when and where we should hold the SAKA Regional Tournament in 2011.

Kent Wang and Albert Ikeda discussed the financial concerns with hosting a Regional Tournament in Chapel Hill and Atlanta. Since the Universities charge significant fees for the use of the gym (\$600-700), it is very difficult to host the tournament and financially breakeven. There were the following suggestions:

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- 1) Charge each club \$100 to help pay for the cost of the tournament. The club would be refunded for the tournament fees based on participation. For example, a club has three participants for a total charge of \$35 times 3 equals \$105. In this case, the club would receive its full money back. If there were excess funds, money could be distributed to the clubs based on participation.
- 2) Have the tournament in conjunction with the Fall or Atlanta Camp. In November 2006, the University of North Carolina Karate Club held the Fall Camp and SAKA Tournament. The Fall Camp started on Friday morning as usual, the Kyu and Dan tests were on Saturday afternoon from 1-3 PM and the Regional Tournament held on Sunday, November 5, 2006 starting at 10 AM. This approach will share some of the cost of hosting a tournament.
- 3) It was suggested that we switch the Fall Camp with the Atlanta Camp if we hold the tournament during the camp weekend since the October and November timeframe is better than August. Atlanta is a preferred location because it is more central to all SAKA clubs.

It was decided to table the discussion until we meet again at the Spring Camp 2011 in Tampa Bay.

Events

SAKA Spring Camp	Feb 11-13 (tentative)	Tampa Bay, FL
SAKA Summer Camp Guest Instructor – Sensei Ochi	May 27-29	Coral Springs, FL
JKA/WF Americas National Camp Guest Instructor – Sensei Ueki	June 9-11	Santa Fe, NM
JKA/WF Americas National Tournament	June 12	Santa Fe, NM

Club Test Schedule

Nov 18 – UWF	Jan 21 – Franklin, NC	Apr 15 - FSU
Nov 19 – FSU	Jan 22 – Atlanta	Apr 22 - Franklin, NC
Dec 3 - USF	Apr 8-9 - USF	Apr 23 - Atlanta
Dec 5 - HQ	Apr 14 - UWF	

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Albert Ikeda