

THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

A meeting of the board of trustees of The Zen Studies Society was held Tuesday, September 15, 1987, at the New York Zendo Shoboji. Present were: Eido Tai Shimano, Abbot; Yasuko Shimano, David Schnyer, Lee Milton, Jean Bankier, Bernard Spitz and Karen Barnes.

Eido Roshi stated that this 15th day of September, 1987, the 19th Anniversary day of Shoboji, was the 49th day since the death of Sylvan Busch, president of The Zen Studies Society, founding member, and valued friend. A memorial service for Mr. Busch had been held at the Zendo on Sunday, September 13.

Miss Barnes said she believes The Zen Studies Society is legally bound to appoint a new president. After some discussion, it was decided that possible successors will be considered prior to the next board meeting. That most likely will be held in January, 1988.

There now being two vacancies on the board (Richard Rudin having moved to California in the spring), suggestions were invited. Mrs. Bankier proposed Wilkie Pretorius. Mr. Schnyer suggested Andrew Afable, a Washington, D.C. resident who heads Kashin Zendo. The other members of the board expressed approval of both men, and Eido Roshi was asked to find out if they would be willing to serve. If so, they will be invited to attend the next board meeting. At that time, they will be formally nominated and elected.

Eido Roshi then considered the subject of Michael Raftery, a former resident of the New York Zendo and, for that period of time, member of the board. He moved to San Francisco in 1985, but has never submitted his resignation. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Milton would telephone Mr. Raftery offering to send him a letter of resignation for signature. Mrs. Bankier was asked to draw up this letter.

Mr. Milton reported for New York Zendo, saying that a fund-raising drive will be mounted in future months to meet the cost of necessary repairs. He stated that wooden window frames throughout the building are rotted and should be replaced, preferably by entire new windows; the hot water heater is declining and should be supplanted by a smaller unit; the weatherproofing at the back of the building is coming off and there are numerous leaks; the central air conditioning system no longer functions and should be discarded. Window units could be installed where needed to cool the upper floors, and the blower repaired to freshen the zendo proper. The second floor front bathroom plumbing is at present out of operation. For Shoboji's 20th Anniversary next year, Mr. Milton suggested that the street facade of the building be repainted and the tree planters refurbished. He said that he had approached Wilkie Pretorius and Ragnar Naess for assistance with the planning of the drive.

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Mrs. Shimano stated that New York Zendo had cash on hand of \$1,000.43 as of August 31. Since then a CD for \$7,000 had matured, and \$5,000 was transferred to checking.

Speaking for Dai Bosatsu Zendo, Mr. Schnyer said the kessei had been small, but sesshins had done well; and the summer season with its several workshops, guest house activities and O-Bon celebration had been extremely successful. He praised the DBZ residents for their managerial efficiency and helpfulness. Copies of a financial statement to July 1, 1987 (attached hereto) were distributed to the board. Mr. Schnyer stated assets as of September 1 to be \$24,300.

Miss Barnes said it would be desirable for another person to serve on The Zen Studies Society Endowment Fund committee to help evaluate investments. Wilkie Pretorius was suggested.

Mr. Spitz asked that agendas be sent to board members prior to meetings, and Miss Barnes asked that minutes be circulated to members.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was then adjourned.

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Jean H. Bankier, Secretary