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THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JANUARY 10, 1988  
NEW YORK CITY

Present were Eido Tai Shimano, Abbot; Yasuko Shimano, David Schnyer, Lee Milton, Jean Bankier, Richard Rudin, Bernard Spitz, Wilkie Pretorius and Andy Afable. Karen Barnes was absent.

Eido Roshi opened the meeting by welcoming Wilkie Pretorius and Andy Afable (elected pursuant to their acceptance at the meeting of September 15, 1987) to the board of trustees.

Next on the agenda was the review and amendment of the By-Law entitled "Creation of Executive Committees for the Governing of The Zen Studies Society". The name "Carlson Fund" was changed to "The Zen Studies Society Endowment Fund", and minor changes were made in the wording of paragraphs #5 and 7. The By-Law as amended is attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Shimano presented financial reports as at 12/31/87 for New York Zendo Shoboji and for The Zen Studies Society Endowment Fund. Copies of the reports were distributed at the meeting. NYZ showed a total income of \$93,336.35 and disbursements of \$88,020.69. The ZSS Endowment Fund showed total expenditures of \$53,188.16, income of \$59,894.94, and a portfolio value in Nomura of \$430,800.40.

David Schnyer reported for Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongoji as at 12/31/87 and passed out copies of the financial statement. Totals were \$155,247.81 income and \$161,164.98 disbursements. He raised for discussion at a later date the proposal that Rita Owen's stipend of \$2400 be transferred after her death to her favorite charity.

Eido Roshi then read aloud a letter from Michael Raftery in which he submitted his resignation from the board of trustees.

The election of officers came next on the agenda. Eido Roshi stated that the presidency of The Zen Studies Society traditionally is held by the longest-running trustee. Yasuko Shimano, however, is inappropriate, being the abbot's wife. He therefore nominated Jean Bankier to serve until January, 1989. This appointment met with the approval of the board. Yasuko Shimano was elected to continue in the position of treasurer; and Wilkie Pretorius to serve as secretary of The Zen Studies Society.

Next on the agenda were the appointments of the Executive Committee chairmen. Since David Schnyer is leaving on a year's sabbatical in March, Eido Roshi said he will spend more time at DBZ and will serve as this year's committee chairman. Bernard Spitz and Richard Rudin will remain on the committee, and Andy Afable was asked to serve on it as well.

Lee Milton will continue as chairman for the New York Zendo Committee. Wilkie Pretorius was asked to be chairman of The Zen Studies Society Endowment Fund.

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Mr. Milton spoke of a new "Zenkai" program which has been launched at New York Zendo to accomodate the local Japanese community. One Saturday a month from 1:00 to 3:00, Eido Roshi will conduct a Zen meeting during which only the Japanese language will be used. The NYZ sangha is welcome to attend, and any Japanese who become interested may attend the regular sangha meetings.

Mr. Milton stated that the December Arts Sale had been very successful, netting some \$13,000.

Mr. Milton said that the 20th Anniversary of NYZ (September 15) will be the focus of a general refurbishing for which funds will be sought. New carpeting for the meeting and computer rooms has already been ordered. Following the customary weekend Anniversary Sesshin September 9 to 11, there will be weeklong sittings September 12-16. Part of the proceeds of the DBZ Golden Wind sesshin September 21 to October 1 will be donated to Shoboji. Mr. Milton said the present square and round sitting cushions need to be replaced with 50 new sets. Possible sources were discussed and will be investigated.

Mr. Schnyer said that the DBZ gatekeeper is self-employed, and DBZ is not required to pay taxes or social security for him, although it does pay disability. He said a sub contract will be drawn up for the gatekeeper's services, which will run between \$1400-1500 a month. Since this puts a strain on DBZ's funds, Mr. Schnyer suggested approaching persons close to DBZ with the idea of "gatekeeper sponsorship" to a total of \$10,000.

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

*Jean M. Bankier, Sec.*