

THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 13, 1988

New York Zendo

Present: Eido Roshi, Abbot; Andy Affable, Jean Bankier, Karen Barnes,
Wilkie Pretorius, Yasuko Shimano, Bernard Spitz

Excused: Richard Rudin

Absent: David Schneyer

1. Eido Roshi's plans for the future:

In referring to the discussion at the previous board meeting, Eido Roshi said that being in charge of two Zendos was very exhausting. He felt that New York Zendo was in good shape after its twentieth anniversary and could function on its own. He then announced his decision to resign as Abbot of New York Zendo effective December 31, 1988.

He would no longer give talks on Thursday nights and conduct weekend sesshins at New York Zendo, although he did not exclude the possibility of the occasional weekend sesshin.

Because of his affinity with the Japanese community, Eido Roshi would continue to attend the monthly Japanese Dharma meeting at New York Zendo,

During October this year Eido Roshi will visit Japan and upon his return inform the board about his plans for a leave of absence during 1989. As he plans to be away for part of the year, 1989 will be a year of transition.

Starting in 1990, the new system will be in operation. Eido Roshi will make Dai Bosatsu Zendo his residence and concentrate on activities there. He would, however, continue to maintain the New York residence at 333 East 69th Street.

He asked that this matter be treated confidentially until he could make an announcement to the sangha.

New York Zendo will thus be independent within the Zen Studies Society "umbrella" organization. Clark Strand will continue as resident and will be invited to attend future board meetings in an ex officio capacity.

The board expressed its support.

2. Land sale:

After a short discussion, the board agreed that it was premature to discuss the sale of DBZ land as there was no urgency to do so. In view of the fact that the Balsam Lake Club made an offer to buy land, it was decided to study the Club's charter and also to ascertain the value of land in the Beaverkill Valley.

3. Jim Woolcott:

The board agreed that Jim Woolcott's social security be paid by Dai Bosatsu Zendo as requested, additional to his salary. It was also suggested that Ellen, who now overseas the office at DBZ, be asked to contact a Mr. Wolf, an auditor with offices nearby, for information and help with this matter, and also to investigate the possibility of paying social security for the monks in residence.

4. The next meeting of the board was tentatively scheduled for January 7th, 1989, at New York Zendo.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Wilkie Pretorius, Secretary