

THE ZEN STUDIES SOCIETY, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

July 19, 1992

New York City

Present: Eido Tai Shimano, Roshi; Jean Bankier, John Brady, Denis Kelly, Wilkie Pretorius, Yasuko Shimano, Bernard Spitz.  
Robert Greene as observer.

Excused: Richard Rudin

Absent: Karen Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

New York Zendo

Yasuko Shimano reported that dharma activity was stable, students were serious. Since Susan Morningstar's departure, many regular members helped out regularly at the Zendo.

At the end of June, the Operation Fund had a balance of about \$7,000.

In reporting on the Building Fund, John Brady said total balance was \$29,251.51.

Dai Bosatsu Zendo

Denis Kelly provided financial information for the first six months: Income was \$194,068.68 and expenses \$154,396.16, bringing a profit of \$39,672.52. However, unexpected major expenses during the next two months involved the sewer project (around \$33,000) and the road project (about \$28,000).

The pending lawsuit seems to have been put on hold and might even have been withdrawn.

He was planning a series of six workshops in the Fall, to be conducted by Professor John McRae, a professor in Buddhist studies.

O-An cottage was not quite completed, but Jim Haber offered to pay for the road and interior work.

Bylaws

Wilkie Pretorius briefly summarized the proposed new bylaws. It was decided that every board member study the draft handed out at the meeting and submit suggestions and/or changes in writing, to be received no later than September 5th. (Letters can be addressed to him c/o New York Zendo, or to his home: 260 Riverside Drive, #2E, New York, NY 10025).

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The Bylaws Committee will meet shortly afterwards to write the final draft incorporating the full board's suggestions which will be presented to Robert Greene for review. He will then write the final version in the proper vernacular.

This will be mailed to all board members by December 1st for perusal prior to the annual meeting in early 1993 when the board will be asked to approve the proposed adaptations and changes.

## New Board Members

In view of the board's present size of nine members, Eido Roshi asked those present to suggest people whom they thought could serve as board members.

Denis Kelly said his understanding of the role board members were expected to play, was primarily to be fund raisers and to be responsible for an organization's financial well-being. He asked the board to keep that in mind when making their selections.

Wilkie Pretorius suggested that a Japanese businessman or any other outside (non-practicing) person with a specific expertise or knowledge, beneficial to the organization, be considered.

Those present suggested the following:

Jean Bankier	Hinju, Vaskén
Denis Kelly	Arnold Zidell, George Birch
Bernard Spitz	Kuya, Gordon Johnson
Yasuko Shimano	Don Douglas, Martin Hara
John Brady	Vaskén
Wilkie Pretorius	Gordon Johnson, Alan Mills

During the ensuing discussion, Eido Roshi suggested that a term of board membership be included in the bylaws and a two-year term was selected.

## Fund Raising

Yasuko Shimano reported that at a meeting earlier this year of the New York Zendo Committee, it was decided not to continue with the annual Zen Arts Sale.

A general discussion on the viability of fund raising followed during which Denis Kelly suggested that a professional be hired to do fund raising.

He also requested each board member to live up to what was expected of board members and to be responsible for an amount of \$4,000 in annual income.

The usual discussion on the fairness of fund raising by either New York Zendo or Dai Bosatsu Zendo, followed. No decision was taken.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. Dinner was at Elio's Restaurant, sponsored by the Zen Studies Society Endowment Fund.