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Greetings ABA/NBAA Members,

I would first like to say, I hope all is well and everybody is staying healthy during this incredibly unique time. As we know, COVID-19 has changed our everyday activities. It is our hope to return to a normal routine as soon as possible. Recently, I spoke with Dr. Gyi- he sounds well and is in good spirits. Dr. Gyi appreciates any time that any of us reach out to him. If you would like to reach out, the best option is most likely through e-mail.

Below is some updated information from the Board of Administration (BOA) and the Board of Directors (BOD).

Both boards held recent meetings to discuss important matters. Those in attendance at the BOA meeting were as follows: John Kelley, Mark Clayton, Kat Jennings, Eugene Johnson, Dave Daniels, Jerry George, and invited guest: Steve Anderson. During this time, a sub-committee was formed by Eugene Johnson and Mark Clayton to discuss the topic of Marcy company and the rate we pay for our webpage service. As a result, the committee will explore other vendors for the purpose of price checking. Additionally, Kat Jennings agreed to lay out a protocol for usage of Bando symbols, for example: multiple Facebook pages utilizing trademarked symbols in not necessarily allowed as there should be one official ABA/NBAA site. Our Bando symbols are trademarked and must remain as the official emblems of our system.

For purpose of smooth transition only, BOA officers will be appointed by Jerry with discussion amongst the rest of the BOA officials to replace vice president John Kelley, treasurer Dave Daniels and web support Kat Jennings. We thank these members for their time and willingness to serve our organization. Those who are appointed to these positions will be temporary, as a formal election for these positions will take place at a later date.

We would like to congratulate two members of the Weirton Bando Club for recent black belt promotions. Congratulations, John Shelhammer who has been promoted to 2nd level of achievement and Mark Hindsbo who has been promoted to the 1st level of achievement! They have more than fulfilled the requirements to be promoted to the requested levels, which are: 1. Recommended by instructor, 2. Check by current 9th level/Bando elder, 3. Met ABA/NBAA obligations to receive their new ABA/NBAA certificates. Both of these men are role model members who have been fiercely instructed by Sayaji Cordell Blackshere. Additionally, Viper Master, Mike Decker, promoted two students under the same requirements. Congratulations, Logan Tichnor who has been promoted to the 1st level of achievement and Emma Tichnor who has been promoted to brown belt!

Thank you all for taking the time to acknowledge this letter. It is with great pleasure to reach out to you all.

Jerry George

