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American Bando Association/National Bando Association of American and All Others,

It is with great honor that I accept the new title for our organization as Chief Instructor as of April 15th, 2022. It was a grateful, humbling and unanticipated moment when Great Grand Master, Dr. U Maung Gyi appointed me to this role. Since 1973, I have taken martial arts, specifically, Bando to heart and have wanted very much to grow myself in the system. I fully respect that there are many others who could fulfill this position under Dr. Gyi's standards as well. I have looked up to Dr. Gyi as a role model and a father figure for as long as I can remember. Dr. Gyi is a special man who can never be replaced in our system for his philosophy, principles, and practice. We have been grateful to experience his passion and dedication to others. This appointment suggests that he entrusts in me, along with the help of our members, to carry out the tradition he has instilled. Although I do not like to boast and with an attempt to remain humble, I will prepare a Bando autobiography in the near future. I feel it is important for you all to see the "why." It has been brought to my attention the creation of this will also be submitted to Black Belt Magazine, and/or other relevant publishing's. This autobiography may provide an understanding of the success and reason for trust Dr. Gyi has in me. It is my hope that we can continue to work together as an organization to prosper. I would like to thank those in attendance at the May 2022 Open Bando Tournament who took the time to acknowledge the passing of the reigns with an 18 second moment of silence led by Bando Elder, Grand Master Randy Webb, acknowledging the very first initiation held in Bando history. I strive to do the best I possibly can as Dr. U Maung Gyi anticipates. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jerry A. George

President and Chief Instructor

