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February 1st, 2023

Greetings All ABA/NBAA Brothers and Sisters,

A great thank you to those who were able to attend our classic Bando banquet honoring our Great Grand Master, Dr. U. Maung Gyi on January 14th, 2023. We have a special request from Dr. Gyi, his lovely wife Pat and their daughter and granddaughter Melinda and Melia; each of these great people want it to be known how thankful they are for this special evening. Not only did this gathering make their family feel honored by the attendance and appreciative of each speakers' story, but also uplifted Dr. Gyi's spirits immensely. They consider the events and commentary that took place as a way of making our younger generation understand the original roots of where Bando started.

Another special thank you to those who traveled near and far, especially Bushi Ban Grand Master Zulfi Ahmed and his team who traveled from Texas. Additionally, a couple of Dr. Gyi's original members from his Ohio University boxing team were present as well. Thank you, Pat O'Shaughnessy, and Buddy Wolfe for attending. We just want to thank everyone again for making the trip to attend such a special Bando event. As previously stated, the goal of that evening was to show Dr. Gyi's hard work and dedication develop from the early years to the present plus moving forward.

We appreciate those from Wheeling Bando Club, as well as assistance from others, who helped to make the Orchard Beach Fire Hall in Glen Burnie, MD a great setting and display of our organization. Without them and members Sayaji Eugene Johnson, Sayaji Lon Walls, Sayaji Steve Anderson, and Sayaji Levron Schuchalter and Saya Mike Phan, this event wouldn't have been possible. These members were there from start to finish with planning and we greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication. Additionally, we want to extend a congratulations to Levron as he was promoted to the 6th level of achievement at this event. He has followed the 3 prong criteria: 1. Active/Perform 2. Current 3. Recommended. Congratulations, Levron. Overall, it was a wonderful celebration with a great group of people. We're sorry to those who were unable to attend as each of our members were in our thoughts that evening.

To keep the spirit and as a reminder for our future the 2023 Bando Freestyle Tournament and clinic will be held the weekend of May 20th, 2023, at Total Athlete



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Center in Triadelphia, WV. Further details will be announced soon. Please start or continue training for this event. Lastly, if anyone who did not receive a collared shirt at the honorary banquet, you may place an order to Jerry by 2/18/23 via text or email. Prices will be the same as posted before with an additional cost for shipping.

Thank you all for your dedication to this group. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Respectfully,

Jerry A. George, President and Chief Instructor

