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Greetings to All ABA/NBAA Members.

First and foremost I would like to say that I hope all is well for you and your families in this new year. As we begin to navigate through 2024, it is time to release a brief message regarding a few of our Bando events. At this time, we want to continue our commitment, dedication and desire to maintain our focus on moving forward the ABA/NBAA organization as established by our great grand master, Dr. Gyi.

Myself, Dave Peluchette and Carl Knoyer made a day visit to Dr. Gyi's home a few weekends ago. He was in a very good frame of mind and spirit. We believe he enjoyed our visit almost as much as we enjoyed visiting him.

At the time of this letter, the following events for 2024 have been brought to the table;

April 19, 20 and 21 Atlanta, GA: Bando Yoga, Eagle and Panther Systems Clinic instructed by Gary Layton, Mary Mester and John Kelley,

May 3 and 4 Monkton, MD: Monk Camp instructed by Dr. Duvon Winborne,

May 17, 18, 19 Triadelphia, WV: Free-Style Tournament hosted by Jerry George/Wheeling Bando,

June 7, 8 and 9 Kukri Camp, Canada instructed by Tim Dobson.

Additional events that dates are still to be confirmed are the August Animal Clinic and the Bando Full Contact Tournament traditionally held around Veterans Day.

It has been brought to my attention for members promotions, all is well and we want to continue as we have been with the criteria of 1. Action/Perform 2. Dues Current 3. Recommendation/Approved. It seems to be working well to this point. Additional ideas presented by the newly formed committee, BPAC (Bando Presidents Advisory Council) is being worked on and hopefully some of these items will be implemented soon. FYI a Bando BOD meeting was held on 12/12/23 to discuss the checklist handed down by the BPAC. All were very receptive of the list. PS. For those who follow college football, the Big 10 and SEC conferences must have liked our idea of the BPAC committee because they are doing a similar thing!

We also received a positive update on Bando friend, Jim Lilly, with his ongoing battle with "C." Jim is back at his home and able to live with more quality of life. He thanks us all for our thoughts and prayers for continued progress.

Have a great 2024. Best regards. Feel free to contact me or any of the clinic organizers for more information.

Respectfully,

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ABA/NBAA President/Chief Instructor

