



Constitution and Bylaws

Instituted by the Assembly of Seidokanka

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Ryukoku Seidokan Karate represents the best and strongest of Okinawa Karate. We, the teachers and practitioners of Shian Toma's Te, establish ourselves to preserving Shian Toma's legacy not only in content, but also in consistent quality representative of Okinawan empty hand Kata, Kobudo, and Toide. We dedicate ourselves to promote the spirit of brotherhood and secure the rewards of training and our posterity; we ordain and establish this Constitution and Bylaws for the heirs of Shian Toma's Martial Art Systems and the preservation of his teachings.



ARTICLE 1—THE ASSOCIATION:

Section 1—The name of this association (renmei) is the Ryukoku Seidokan Karate Kobudo Renmei, hereafter designated as the RSKKR.

Section 2— The headquarters of this association is located at the RSKKR President's honbu dojo.

Section 3 —RSKKR members who visit Okinawa with the intent of karate training or Renmei business with either the RSKKR or Sensei Toma's Zen Okinawa Seidokan Karate Kobudo Toide Renmei (ZOKKTR), are requested to give advance notice to the RSKKR Okinawa Liaison to allow for host planning and arrangements. Correspondence intended for Sensei Toma is requested to first be sent to the office of RSKKR Vice President for translation and to expedite response/action.

ARTICLE 2 – THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE RSKKR SHALL BE:

Section 1 –To preserve and build on the legacy of Sensei Shian Toma's Okinawan Seidokan Karate, Kobudo, and Toide systems.

Section 2 –To ensure and maintain high standards by providing defined systematic guidelines for the practice and progression of individuals and dojos/karate clubs within the RSKKR Seidokan Family.

Section 3 –To build a highly skilled core of individuals to serve as instructors and associate instructors within the Association.

Section 4 – To expand the membership of the Association.

Section 5—To conduct research into the technical and historical aspects of Seidokan karate, toide, and kobudo.

Section 6 – To provide guidelines for the conduct of its members.

Section 7 – To develop and instill the traditional martial arts virtues into the student membership.

Section 8 – To enhance mutual friendship and trust among the members of the Association.

Section 9 – To aid in obtaining the objectives of this organization, the RSKKR Honbu Staff and the Assembly of USA Dojo Leaders recognize its existence is founded on the basic principle that organization policy is established and laid down by a select group of senior ranked members who place the interest of this organizations before their own.

ARTICLE 3 – THE RSKKR SHALL ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES BY PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1 –Competent instruction for members in the art of Seidokan Karate, Kodudo, and Toide.

Section 2 – Develop training programs for students and instructors.

Section 3 – Improve the Seidokan standards of members who have previous Seidokan training.

Section 4 – Award Kyu and Dan grade ranking where earned by members.

Section 5 – Provide continuing education for instructors.

Section 6 – Arbitrate any conflicts between member dojos/karate clubs and have final jurisdiction.

Section 7 – Organize methods of training.

Section 8 – Provide a forum for communication between members.

ARTICLE 4 – ORGANIZATION OF THE RSKKR:

Section 1 – The special status of *Senior Advisor* is conferred to Sensei Shian Toma and to Sensei Shigemitsu Tamae. These individuals are not part of the RSKKR administrative structure, but retain honorary status in the RSKKR.

Section 2--The RSKKR is made up of Senior Leaders, honbu officers, support staff, dojos/karate clubs, and individual members. Renmei Officers include the office of President, Vice President, USA Liaison, Okinawa Liaison, and Public Relations Officer. Together, these officers make up the governing body of the RSKKR and should carry a suitable rank in the Seidokan System of Martial Arts. Support staff in Renmei business is selected by the President from senior members of the Honbu dojo. Those offices shall consist of

Treasurer, Webmaster, Secretary, Forum Moderator, Facebook Administrator, and Newsletter Editor.

Section 3 – All appointments in the RSKKR shall be made by the President. Minimum rank of all officers shall be shodan. Minimum rank of all staff shall be sixth kyu.

Section 4 – An appointed Officer or support staff in the RSKKR may hold more than one position.

Section 5 – The position of President is a lifetime position. Reasons for the vacancy of the President are as follows: voluntary retirement, medical disability that prevents the President from fulfilling his/her responsibilities, or death.

Section 6 – In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President or appoint someone else to the Office, and appoint a new Vice President. A quorum of senior advisors and leaders may be convened to nominate a new President, to be confirmed by the Acting President.

Section 7 – All positions of the RSKKR are appointed and held by the will of the President. Office holders can be removed from their position by the President only, for any cause and at any time. Otherwise, the office holder shall serve until such time as he/she is incapacitated or until he/she resigns.

Section 8 – Reasons for dismissal from appointed position: at the request of the office holder; failure to maintain lines of communication; failure to abide by RSKKR policies and guidelines; failure to satisfactorily perform official duties of the appointed office; insubordination to RSKKR officers in senior positions; verbal abuse of RSKKR members of any rank or grade or practitioners of other styles/systems; serious legal or moral infractions; drug or alcohol abuse.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF OFFICERS. RSKKR Officers must be of Shodan rank or higher. All Officers shall document their RSKKR activities in the form of standard operating procedures (SOP).

Section 1 – President is the ultimate leader, arbitrator, and representative of the RSKKR. He/she is responsible for its administration, policies, and

officers. It is his/her task to see that the RSKKR policies are set forth and maintained. He/she is also the chief public relations officer for the RSKKR.

- 1) The President alone will appoint the Vice President, Okinawa Liaison, USA Liaison, Webmaster, Secretary, Forum Moderator, Newsletter Editor, and all other RSKKR Officers and Staff. RSKKR members may submit, for recommendation, names to fill these positions, but it is the President's final decision as to who will fill the position.
- 2) The President is responsible for the content in the official RSKKR website, facebook site, and newsletter. He/she shall be assisted in this task by RSKKR Officers and Staff as needed.
- 3) The President has the right to delegate his/her responsibilities.

Section 2 – Vice President is to support the President and more specifically, ensure that all of the policies as set forth by the President are performed by all other officers and members of the RSKKR.

- 1) The Vice President shall be the Acting-President in the event of the President's incapacity or death pending the convening of the Renmei Senior Advisors and Leaders to determine the next long term successor.
- 2) The Vice President shall give his/her recommendations for all appointments of RSKKR members.
- 3) The Vice President has the right to delegate his/her responsibilities with the approval of the President.

Section 3 – USA Liaison Officer shall be responsible for the coordination, recruitment, and management of RSKKR within the United States and its territories, also known as the USA Chapter of the RSKKR. At a minimum his/her duties will include to:

- 1) Assist in coordinating the official visits of RSKKR officers and team members to the United States.
- 2) Arbitrate any disputes arising in member dojos/karate clubs within his/her region and advise the President as to the nature of the dispute and its solution. If the dispute cannot be successfully arbitrated by the USA Liaison Officer, it shall be forwarded to the President.

- 3) Ensure that all of the policies as set forth by the President are performed by all other officers and members of the RSKKR located in his/her jurisdiction.
- 4) Give his/her recommendations for appointments of RSKKR Officers and Staff.
- 5) With the knowledge of the President and Vice President, the USA Liaison has the right to delegate his/her responsibilities and develop a chain of command and management to ensure the work of the Honbu Policies is accomplished.
- 6) Assist the Okinawa Liaison as needed in the coordination and recruitment of RSKKR members residing outside of Japan.

Section 4 – Okinawa Liaison Officer shall be responsible for the coordination of the honbu dojo and RSKKR staff activities.

These duties will include:

- 1) Coordinating the official visits of RSKKR officer and regular member visits to Okinawa.
- 2) Assist as needed in the coordination and recruitment of RSKKR members residing outside the United States and her territories.
- 3) Provide oversight for the official RSKKR website and newsletter, as requested by the President.
- 4) Ensure that all policies as set forth by the President are performed by all other officers and members of the RSKKR located in his/her region.
- 5) Give his/her recommendations for appointments of RSKKR members.
- 6) Request permission from the President before delegating his/her responsibilities.
- 7) Maintain a database of all RSKKR members at Shodan and higher belt levels and update it as needed. Information collected from new RSKKR members shall be maintained on a database and shared with RSKKR Officers and Staff as needed.
- 8) Submit the names of new member dojos to the RSKKR webmaster.

Section 5 – Honbu Sempai shall

- 1) Assist the Honbu Sensei in the performance of dojo and RSKKR duties.
- 2) Assist the Okinawa Liaison Officer as needed.

Section 6 – Public Relations Officer(s) shall be responsible for submitting press releases, reviewing the official RSKKR website for content, advising the President on marketing of any RSKKR materials, and assisting as needed to preserve the good name of the Ryukoku Seidokan Karate and Kobudo Renmei.

ARTICLE 6 – RSKKR STAFF shall consist of a Webmaster, Secretary, Forum Moderator, Facebook Administrator, and Newsletter Editor. These members may serve in multiple capacities, including RSKKR Officers, provided they hold the appropriate belt rank. All Officers shall document their RSKKR activities in the form of standard operating procedures (SOP) provided to the President. All RSKKR staff members shall be Rokukyu rank or higher.

Section 1 – Treasurer shall maintain records and be accountable for reporting all Renmei monetary issues. This is not limited to, but will include:

- 1) Collection for any and all fees associated with RSKKR membership
- 2) Donations
- 3) Costs and charges for patches and/or other merchandise sold
- 4) Costs incurred with the Renmei travel expenses.
- 5) Make payments as needed to vendors and/or contractors for provision of RSKKR products and services.
- 6) Suggesting Fee schedules for approval by the President.

Section 2 – Webmaster shall be responsible for:

- 1) Maintaining a viable website and the official RyukokuSeidokan.org domain name.
- 2) Posting new training materials, information, and news as requested by the President or his delegated representative. RSKKR Officers, Staff,

and members at large shall assist the Webmaster in providing the materials, as approved by the President, for posting.

- 3) Maintain an archive of RSKKR newsletters on the official RSKKR website.
- 4) Ensure at least one other RSKKR officer or staff member has all current and necessary passwords to all portions of the website, forum, facebook administration, and virtual office.

Section 3 – Secretary shall be responsible for:

- 1) Providing an agenda and taking minutes of RSKKR meetings. In the Secretary's absence, the senior official holding the meeting shall appoint another member to take minutes and forward them to the Secretary in a timely manner. All minutes shall be forwarded to the President for review and disseminated to those RSKKR Officers or Staff. The Secretary shall maintain an archive of all meeting minutes.
- 2) Proofread new materials posted to the website for typographical, omission, or grammatical errors, and make the required corrections or call them to the attention of the Webmaster.
- 3) The Secretary shall maintain files on RSKKR members who have or may require disciplinary action. These files may be released only to the individual(s) who submitted them, the President, or to any individual the President specifies.
- 4) The Secretary shall assist RSKKR Officers in accomplishing their official duties to the best of his/her ability.
- 5) The Secretary shall create and maintain a Welcome Package, have it approved by the President, and send it by electronic means to all new RSKKR members. This Package shall be reviewed periodically and updated as needed.

Section 4 – Forum Moderator and Facebook (FB) Administrator shall:

- 1) Provide oversight on a routine, preferably weekly basis to all postings on the Forum page of the official RSKKR website/FB page. He/she shall report any inappropriate postings to the President in a timely

manner and remove the inappropriate posting unless directed by the President not to do so.

- 2) Provide weekly postings at a minimum.
- 3) Ensure at least one other RSKKR officer or staff member has all current and necessary passwords to all portions of the Forum and FB site.

Section 5 – Newsletter Editor shall provide, at minimum:

- 1) An electronic edition of the RSKKR newsletter, to be published in Oct, Mar, and Jun. Newsletters shall be provided in .pdf format to the Webmaster for posting to the official RSKKR website with an announcement of the newsletter availability posting on the official RSKKR FB site.
- 2) Newsletters may contain solicited or unsolicited articles from any member in good standing. Final approval for Newsletter content rests solely with the President. The Editor is responsible for ensuring final approval is granted prior to dissemination of the Newsletter and for ensuring that the newsletter is free of grammatical and typographical errors prior to dissemination. The Okinawa Liaison Officer shall assist the President in the oversight of the Newsletter.
- 3) Assistant editors, feature columnists, proofreaders, and/or photographers appointed as needed to ensure a timely and quality product.
- 4) Production of newsletters may be suspended by the President.

5) ARTICLE 7 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 –Membership

Is open to any Seidokan Practitioner with a direct traceable lineage to Sensei Shian Toma. This individual must not be a convicted felon and must be an individual in good standing in their home community and the Seidokan Community at large. Exceptions to these criteria will be reviewed by the appropriate liaison with confirmation by the RSKKR President.

Section 2 –Dojo Membership

Seidokan Dojo/Karate Club: A martial arts instructor or associate instructor with a direct lineage to Sensei Shian Toma and actively practicing the Seidokan Martial Art System who desires to join the RSKKR must submit to this headquarters a written request (electronic request is acceptable). An endorsement from an RSKKR member must accompany this request. All persons within the accredited dojo/club that meet the membership criteria, in Section 1 above, are automatically considered members in good standing and may forward their information, for inclusion and career tracking, into the RSKKR data. Accredited Dojos will receive a 'Dojo Certificate' identifying them as an accredited dojo of the RSKKR family.

Conversion Applicant/Dojo/Karate Club: A martial artist, instructor, or associate instructor from a different martial arts lineage wishing to convert to RSKKR must undergo an evaluation period and conversion process. This is initially established in written policy by each sponsoring RSKKR Chapter Liaison/Director. He is assisted in monitoring and evaluations by Regional Directors, with Technical Advisors to recommend conversion. Final approval of a conversion rests solely with the RSKKR President. The RSKKR President reserves the right to review and amend any region's process to align with Honbu prescribed international policy. Full membership status is awarded after the converting applicant/dojo/club has integrated an acceptable curriculum; its students are consistently meeting recommended rank promotion standards; attendance at international and/or regional RSKKR seminars or conferences; promoting students with certified RSKKR and/or ZOSTR certificates; and the applicant/head instructor/associate instructor's rank has been confirmed at the level he/she occupies in relation to RSKKR standards.

Associate Instructors: RSKKR dojos and karate clubs must be headed by a Seidokan trained Shodan or higher rank. Dojos headed by members between the ranks of Shodan and Sandan shall be considered Associate Instructors and must be sponsored by a Seidokan trained Yondan or higher. Sponsorships must be agreed to in writing with a copy forwarded to the President. Associate instructors may promote students up to one rank below their own, provided they follow RSKKR belt rank promotion guidelines. Associate Instructors are highly encouraged to conduct board testing with their sponsor and conduct sankyu and above testing at Regional Testing/Seminars whenever possible. The criteria are published on the RSKKR website.

Instructors: Dojos/clubs headed by RSKKR members who possess a Seidokan teaching credential and hold the rank of Yondan or above will be considered an Instructor. Instructors may promote students up to and including their own rank, provided they follow RSKKR belt rank promotion guidelines published on the RSKKR website. Rank promotions to Rokudan or above are made by Committee and are detailed in the Bylaws separately.

Dojo instructors shall make every attempt to attend RSKKR seminars and to bring as many senior students as they are able.

Section 3 – Inactive Members

Inactive members are those individuals who do not engage in weekly practice on a routine basis, but still meet the requirements as set forth by the RSKKR bylaws.

Section 4 –Revoking/Denying Membership

Any member of this Association may have their membership revoked by the President.

Any dojo/karate club associate instructor who loses the support of their sponsoring Yondan instructor may petition the RSKKR President, via the appropriate Liaison Officer, for an alternate sponsor.

Section 5 – Returning Membership

Any former member of the Association who voluntarily leaves and wishes to restore membership shall reapply as a new member.

A member who has their membership suspended may file for reactivation after the probation period has ended.

A member who has had their membership revoked may file for reactivation with permission of the President.

ARTICLE 8 –RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Individual and dojo/karate club RSKKR members enjoy the privilege of association with fellow dedicated and committed karateka.

- 1) All members in good standing with the RSKKR shall enjoy the full instructional resources and services of the RSKKR. A key member

benefit is communication with expert Seidokan instructors. The preferred means of communication with the honbu dojo is by email.

2) The RSKKR shall provide:

- a. A structure for members to seek instruction, advice, and redress of grievances.
- b. Qualified advisors for its member dojos/karate clubs. The Association is committed to increasing the availability of quality Seidokan dojos/clubs.
- c. Full certification of all members, belt rankings, and title recognitions for international recognition.
- d. All member services maintained at reasonable cost to achieve the goals of the RSKKR, which is to make Seidokan Karate available to all.
- e. Periodic international Seidokan Karate seminars.

3) All members of the RSKKR are expected to:

- a. Support this Association by attending and sponsoring functions developed for participation by the membership at large.
- b. Uphold the highest standards of moral conduct.
- c. Follow the general training guidelines as outlined in the official RSKKR website.

4) Dojo/club owners are expected to abide by RSKKR policy and update associate membership data on a routine basis, or as requested by RSKKR staff.

ARTICLE 9 –MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

Section 1 –General meetings and seminars may be held locally or regionally by appointed RSKKR Representatives. Announcement of such events and pertinent information will be posted on the RSKKR website and any other regional dojo websites.

Section 2 --International seminars/meetings shall be held every other year (even numbered years) beginning in 2010. Regional seminars shall be held

during the in-between (odd numbered) years. Within the United States, meetings shall be held where there is a sponsoring dojo/club. If there are multiple offers for locations, seminars/meetings shall be rotated in different locations to encourage membership participation from all. Seminars held in the USA shall be coordinated by the USA Liaison and the sponsoring dojo/club; seminars held in Okinawa shall be coordinated by the Okinawa Liaison Officer.

Section 3 --A secretary shall be appointed at each formal regional meeting or seminar to keep notes and provide a copy of these notes to the RSKKR Secretary.

ARTICLE 10 – UNIFORMS

Section 1 –RSKKR members shall follow Okinawan tradition in the style of karategi worn for seminars and other Association events. This karategi shall consist of white pants, top, and appropriate belt. All uniforms are to be kept clean and in good condition. Shodan and above may substitute black karategi.

Section 2 –All students of RSKKR dojos/clubs shall attach a Zen Okinawa Seidokan Karate Kobudo Toide Renmei (ZOSKKTR) patch to the karategi top over the left breast. The RSKKR rocker shall be centered approximately ¼” to ½” above the patch. Patches are provided through the Honbu RSKKR website for purchase but also may be made local as long as the artwork is consistent with the Honbu RSKKR model.

Section 3 – Belts shall be worn with the karategi and must be of the appropriate rank. Belts may be left blank or embroidered in gold with the individual’s name and/or a personal message, as long as the message is in good taste. It is preferable to have these items written in Japanese. Belt stripes for Kyu rank are indicated with ½ inch black embroidery or electrician’s tape. Belts for Nidan and above may be identified with the appropriate number and size of gold stripe(s) to indicate the wearer’s black belt rank; see belt rank charts on the official RSKKR website for details.

ARTICLE 11 – FEES

Section 1 –In general, fees shall be kept to a minimum to encourage the widest possible participation. Fees cover the cost of materials provided, such as patches and certificates, as well as cover the cost of postage.

Section 2 -- Individual membership is free. Dojo membership is \$20 with \$10 shipping and handling for the certificate. Dojo membership is current for as long as the member dojo maintains its association with the RSKKR in good faith and remains a member in good standing.

Section 3 --RSKKR rockers are available from Honbu dojo for a minimum cost, plus postage. ZOSKKTR Seidokan patches are also available at minimal cost plus postage; specify child, medium adult, or large adult size. Patches/rockers may alternately be manufactured by local vendors, provided they faithfully copy the rockers/patches as posted on the official website. See the RSKKR website for details on ordering these items from the Okinawan Honbu.

Section 4 --To reduce mailing costs from Okinawa, bulk orders are encouraged to dojo leaders for individual dissemination. Orders and will be mailed to the dojo/club address unless otherwise arranged. Details will be posted on the RSKKR website.

Section 5--Belt testing fees shall be provided to dojo/karate club instructors and associate instructors upon request.

ARTICLE 12 – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 --Amendments to these bylaws may be made by the President and confirmed by RSKKR members attending a regularly scheduled annual seminar/meeting. Confirmation of an amendment is achieved by majority agreement by the Senior Leaders (RSKKR members in good standing Yondan rank and above) in attendance.

Section 2 -- Suggestions for amendments may be made by any RSKKR member in good standing, endorsed by the member's dojo/club owner and the appropriate Liaison Officer.

ARTICLE 13 –ESTABLISHING NEW DOJOS/KARATE CLUBS

Section 1 --It is a stated goal of this Association to increase the number of quality Seidokan dojos/clubs internationally.

Section 2 --An individual holding the Seidokan rank of Shodan or higher may establish an RSKKR dojo or karate club with written permission from the President or his/her appointee. Acceptance in the RSKKR as a

dojo/karate club member implies that permission from the RSKKR President has been granted.

Section 3a– An RSKKR dojo is defined as a Seidokan trained Shodan or higher ranked instructor/associate instructor with one or more students in a facility dedicated to the purpose of studying karate, with the principal instructor/associate instructor holding primary responsibility for the facility.

Section 3b--An RSKKR karate club is defined as a Seidokan trained Shodan or higher ranked instructor/associate instructor with one or more students in a facility or using multiple facilities that are not necessarily dedicated to the sole use of Seidokan martial arts training or are not under the primary responsibility of the principal instructor/associate instructor.

Section 4 --To be considered an official RSKKR dojo or karate club, classes must be regularly scheduled and students must meet minimum RSKKR standards for belt promotions; belt promotion certificates at Shodan level and above must be official RSKKR/ZOSKKTR certificates.

Section 5 – Shodan, Nidan, or Sandan ranked dojo/karate club owners shall seek sponsorship from a Yondan or higher ranked RSKKR member. The Sponsor shall serve as mentor to the Associate Instructor, providing instruction, oversight, and advice as needed. In general, the Sponsoring Instructor shall be located in sufficient proximity to allow for routine personal visits to the sponsored dojo/club. Special arrangements will be made for Affiliate Instructors not in close proximity to a sponsoring dojo. They will be assigned and overseen as the appropriate Liaison and/or President deems necessary, maintaining the spirit and intent of this section.

Section 6 – Sponsors shall not be legally responsible for the actions of the dojo/club they sponsor; however, if the Sponsor believes the actions of a dojo/club owner are questionable and the associate instructor does not respond to appropriate remedial action, the Sponsor holds a moral obligation to report his/her findings to the RSKKR Chain of Command.

ARTICLE 14 – PROMOTION OF BELT RANKS

Section 1 –Ryukoku Seidokan instructors are expected, as a minimum, to follow the guidelines established for each belt rank as stated on the official Ryukoku Seidokan website.

Section 2 –Instructors and Associate Instructors are responsible for the quality of training they provide their students at all levels. Pretests are recommended prior to formal testing to ensure readiness. Whenever possible, belt tests will consist of a board of three or five Seidokan Karateka of the rank of Shodan or higher. However, the board must consist of karateka of at least two higher ranks than those being tested. Individuals serving on the testing board may be from the same dojo/karate club or may be representatives from other RSKKR dojos. Whenever possible, board members will be representative of all dojos testing.

Section 3 –Instructors and Associate Instructors may promote up to one rank below their own grade.

Section 4 –RSKKR members testing for Godan rank or above must be invited to test by the RSKKR President. Recommendations may come from the field and channeled through the chain of command for endorsement to come to the attention of the President and Senior Advisors. Promotions to these upper black belt levels may happen one of two ways:

- 1) Formal testing may be conducted by either attending a RSKKR National Conference with a minimum of three RSKKR members ranked as prescribed in 'Section 2', above;
- 2) Or, because of service and contribution to the Seidokan Community, individuals may be nominated by Senior Advisors for consideration for promotion. The actual awarding of these promotions is at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE 15 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Section 1—RSKKR members have an obligation to promote goodwill among all members and fellow Martial Artists from all styles.

Section 2 –Disputes among or between RSKKR members shall be addressed at the lowest possible level. If an issue cannot be resolved by the parties involved, those parties will seek arbitration going up the chain of command and may at any time solicit or be referred to the appropriate Liaison Officer. The Vice President and/or President shall be informed of any disputes that cannot be resolved in a timely manner. The Public Affairs Officer shall be informed of any dispute involving RSKKR interests and non-RSKKR members.

ARTICLE 16 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section 1 – In the event there is cause or reason for disciplinary action, a written complaint/report shall be submitted with appropriate endorsements with a recommended course of action to this headquarters for review and/or action and resolution.

Section 2 -- The person being considered for disciplinary action/censure has the right to an interview by the President or his/her appointee.

Section 3 -- Individual membership may be terminated by the President for the following reasons: drug abuse, alcohol abuse, conviction of felony or other serious criminal activity, insubordination or disrespect to RSKKR Officers or other appointed delegates, verbal abuse of fellow students or practitioners of other martial arts, and/or any other items worthy of dismissal.

ARTICLE 17—AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or repealed by the President and must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the assembled Seidokan Leadership (RSKKR members in good standing, Yondan rank or above) present at a regularly scheduled annual seminar. Any changes must be communicated to the RSKKR membership by the President or his/her appointed representative within 45 days.

ARTICLE 18--APPROVAL

These bylaws have been promulgated with the approval of Senior Advisors Master Shian Toma and Sensei Shigemitsu Tamae. The RSKKR Constitution and Bylaws were UNANIMOUSLY carried on July 26, 2009, after three nights of discussion and deliberation by attendees at the first RSKKR Conference. Present were RSKKR President Ron Nix, Liaison Officers, Staff, the USA Chapter of Seidokan Leaders, and members, all totaling 58 attendees, at the Conference held in Cedaredge Colorado on 24-27 July, 2009.

The actual page bearing all attendees signatures is on file at the Honbu Dojo in Okinawa. A digital copy was posted on the RyukokuSeidokan.com website.

So say we all.

