

*SAKA Meeting – Coral Springs, Florida
May 25, 2008*

Attendees: Sensei Takashina (SAKA HQ), Jose Ferrand (Miami Shotokan), Jay Exum (Orlando), Rick Schlottmann (Orlando), Jay Exum (Orlando), Kent Wang (UNC – Chapel Hill), John Crocker (HQ), Tom Leeman (HQ Coconut Creek North), Donnie Abel (North Carolina Karate Club), Eric Holden (Tampa Bay Shotokan), Suzanne Tuzzeo (University of West Florida), Ricardo Rodriguez (Puerto Rico Region), Albert Ikeda (JKA Atlanta), Philip Armour (University of West Florida), Suzanne Tuzzeo (University of West Florida), Guibao Yang (Emory University), Enrique Marentes (HQ Coconut Creek South), Ron Lewis (Brevard), Boyd Ammons (Western North Carolina Karate Club), Mahogany Swanson (Georgia State University), Douglas Jones (University of South Florida), Donald Jones (University of Miami Karate Club)

General Meeting Notes

Sensei Takashina called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Sensei thanked the group for their participation and helping make this 33rd Summer Camp a success. He also thanked Tom Leeman for his leadership in organizing and running this camp.

National Tournament update

The JKA/WF Americas National Tournament will be held on October 11-12, 2008 at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. All registration applications and money should be sent to SAKA headquarters. After the registration deadline, Sensei Takashina will forward the registration information to Eric Holden to process.

Sensei announced that the following people would be responsible for National Tournament:

Eric Holden	Event Management
Jay Exum	Tournament Coordination
Rick Schlottmann	Assistant Tournament Coordinator
Albert Ikeda	Assistant Tournament Coordination

Please work on seeking advertisers for the National Tournament. Our objection is to raise at least \$5,000 to cover the cost of publishing the tournament program. The costs of the advertisements are listed on page 33 of the 2008 JKA-WFA Tournament Guide. Please see if the SAKA website if you do not have a copy. Since JKA-WFA is a non-profit organization, the advertisement may be considered a donation. Please contact SAKA HQ if your advertiser needs a copy of the 501c3 non-profit documentation. The deadline for seeking advertisers is August 10, 2008. All information and money must be in SAKA HQ at that time.

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The following people were asked to secure a welcome letter from the following dignitaries:

Governor of Florida	Jam Exum
Tampa Mayor	Eric Holden
University of South Florida President	Eric Holden
University of South Florida Director	Eric Holden

Jay Exum will get a tape of the United States and Japan National Anthems.

This year, there won't be a dinner but SAKA will host a Sunday evening party. Cost will be \$20 to attend. Team selections and Judging and Dan Tests results will be announced at this event.

It was decided that there would be a new Kumite division category for over 45.

Senior Age	45-54	Free Sparring
Senior Age	55-64	Semi Free, one step Sparring
Senior Age	65 and up	Semi Free, one step Sparring

Children 12 and under will not free spar. Children over age 12 in the final four matches will free spar.

Sensei Takashina announced that Mr. Mori's group will participate in the National Tournament. This means there will not be a separate selection process to select the United States team to participate in the 2009 Gichin Funakoshi Cup. The key criteria's for selection will be "spirit" and strong techniques

Passport Book update

"The Research for the 3 Technical Exams" section will be used to record camp attendances. SAKA will use the following coding scheme:

Spring	Green
Summer	Red
Atlanta	Purple
Fall	Yellow
National	Blue

Starting in August at the Atlanta Camp, a Purple sticker will be given to Brown and Black belts for Atlanta Camp participation. The 2008 Spring and Summer Camp stickers will be mailed in 2009 when you are send a 2009 announcement if you participated in the 2008 camps. The following is the correct placement of the stickers.

The Research for the 3 Technical Exams					
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Spring					
Summer					
Atlanta					
Fall					
National					

The sticker should be placed in the individual passport book to indicate camp attendance.

The “Kyu Ranking” will be used for 2009 dues payment. The back page “Tournament Data” page was stamped with pass SAKA dues payment.

Please update your “Dan Ranking” section with your Black Belt data.

SAKA Registration

Sensei Takashina passed out the two-part carbon less paper forms used to register Kyu and Dan students.

Please continue to fill out the registration paperwork so that it is efficient as possible. The renewal process for Kyu students starts in September. The Brown and Black Belt registration should be completed in December. Use three separate forms for each group.

For Brown and Black Belt Students, it is not necessary to send in a SAKA information card with the student’s contact information if it hasn’t changed. Please send in a card for a new student or if some part of the information is changed.

Do not send in any SAKA information card for Kyu students. The local club will be responsible for managing this information.

Information Update

Sensei Takashina reminded everyone that all 4th Dan and below will only test at the regional camps. He also announced the creation of a SAKA Shihan Kai committee for the purpose of making recommendations about future Yondan (4th) and above tests. The committee will be composed of all current SAKA Godan (5th). The individuals on the committee are Jose Ferrand, Bill McDavitt, Darryl Adams and Javier Simons. Any SAKA person wishing to test for yondan and above must send in a letter requesting permission from the SAKA Shihan Kai three (3) months prior to the test. The committee will make a recommendation to Sensei Takashina and JKA/WF Americas.

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Sensei announced that anyone testing for 5th Dan must submit a Kumite Technical Techniques paper (3-4 pages in length) 3 months prior to testing. Godan and above testing will be held at National Tournaments or Camps.

Cancellation

It was decided that the 2008 SAKA Regional Tournament will not be held so the participants can concentrate on the 2008 National Tournament.

Events 2008

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
JKA/WF Americas Camp Guest Instructor – Sensei Ueki	June 13-15	Santa Fe, NM
SAKA Atlanta Camp	August 15-17	Atlanta, GA
SAKA Junior Tai Kai	September 6	Coconut Creek, FL
JKA/WF Americas National Tournament	October 11-12	Tampa, FL
SAKA Regional Tournament	Cancelled	
SAKA Fall Camp	November 14-16	Chapel Hill, NC

Club Test Schedule 2008

Jun 8 - HQ	Sep 7 - HQ	Dec 6 - Brevard
Jun 10 - Miami	Sep 9 - Miami	Dec 7 – HQ
July 25- UWF	Nov 20 – UWF	Dec 18 - Miami
July 26 - Tallahassee	Nov 21 – Tallahassee	Jan 9 - Franklin
Aug 8 – USF	Dec 2 – U of Miami	Jan 10 - Atlanta
Aug 9 - Brevard	Dec 5 - USF	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert Ikeda
JKA Atlanta