

The Zen Studies Society - Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, July 5, 1983 - Dai Bosatsu Zendo Kongō-ji, Livingston
Manor, New York

Present: Aiho Yasuko Shimano, Korin Sylvan Busch, Bugyo David
Schneyer, Genro Lee Milton, Kogen Mike Raftery, Muin Bernard
Spitz, Jikei Jean Bankier

The first subject to come under discussion was the arts sale. Aiho suggested renting space to potters instead of taking commissions. The proposal will be considered at the August committee meeting. Muin said the 1984 calendar will feature koans illustrated by Father Maxima.

The next topic of discussion was the Shobo-ji residencies. Genro has been assigned to do his training as a novice monk at the N.Y. Zendo, starting immediately. Kogen stated that he wishes to remain at the Zendo but ultimately may decide to get a job. He said he would earnestly consider his future during the next training period. After some discussion, in the course of which Eido Roshi was invited to join the meeting, it was concluded that through the close of the fall training period, Kogen will take the lead at the Zendo. In the meantime, Aiho will train Genro in the duties of treasurer, and Kogen will continue to be in charge of petty cash.

Continuing the discussion of the N.Y. Zendo, Roshi charged Kogen and Genro to clarify who the members are and to urge prompt payment of dues. To facilitate compiling a membership list and also a mailing list, financial statements and other matters, the board determined to investigate the computer market and to purchase a computer before the end of the year. The arts sale proceeds will go towards the purchase price.

A second important project for the Shobo-ji residents, aided by Bugyo, will be to master the air conditioning system.

Roshi stated his belief that each Zendo should become an independent organization, owning its own property and having its own board of directors and lawyer.

Bugyo recommended that another woman be added to the board, preferably a more recent member with a fresh point of view.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned.