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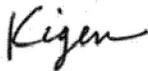
Re: Zen Studies Society Assets

Dear Ed:

It was good to talk to you yesterday. As I indicated during our conversation, I have just read your cover-letter to the organization's financial statement for the year ending 12/31/01, and the statement itself -- both of which were distributed to the Board of Directors on Tuesday afternoon. The letter indicates, among other things, an ongoing failure of the organization properly to identify and list its assets, making it difficult to value them and keep track of their disposition. A review of the statements themselves indicates the omission of a significant Zen Studies Society asset, namely, the parsonage apartment located at 333 West 69th Street Apt. 3J, in which the Shimanos currently reside. I am enclosing a copy of an agreement dated March 1, 1985, between the Shimanos and The Zen Studies Society which directly addresses this issue. Beyond placing beneficial ownership of the apartment and any proceeds from its eventual sale unequivocally and exclusively with the organization, the document also provides a mechanism for the grant of a "security interest" to the organization. Paragraph 1 of the document provides that the Stock Certificate and Proprietary Lease covering the apartment, together with an assignment of interest in the those two agreements, shall be delivered by the Shimanos to The Zen Studies Society on or before April 1, 1985. I do not know whether the documents were delivered as required but I will look into this. In any event, it is clear to me that basic principles of GAAP require this material item accurately to be reflected in the organization's financial statements and bookkeeping records as an asset of the Zen Studies Society, and that an amendment to the '01 statements may well be necessary to avoid a material misstatement of the organization's financial condition.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Kigen James Frechter
Director

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