Hawaii Kendo Federation

Iaido Branch

I. HISTORY OF THE IAIDO BRANCH (IAIBU)

Has been operating informally under the HKF for over 30 years. Dr. Noboru Akagi and

Kazuo Kato, Kyoshi 7-Dan, a visiting Iaido Sensei from Yamanashi Prefecture, first established the Iaibu in Honolulu as a branch of the HKF. The late President Arnold Fukutomi Sensei, 7-Dan was instrumental in maintaining a monetary subsidy from the general HKF account annually for the Iaibu. It was later decided by the Board of Directors to discontinue the annual subsidy and instead provide the funds as needed for their functions.

The Iaibu has hosted 3 Dan shinsa exams over the course of approximately 15 years awarding shodan to yondan exams.

Dr. Jinichi Tokeshi, 5-Dan has been teaching locally for many years. We have a visiting SENSEI, Kazuo Ikenaga, Kyoshi 7-Dan who comes from Kobe, Japan approximately twice a year to give instructions to our students.

II. OPERATIONS

A. The Iaibu has been included to the HKF by-laws to signify their presence in the HKF.

B. Iaibu has it's own executive officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary) with an indeterminate length in term. The financial statements are completed by the

Treasurer of the HKF.

C. Iaibu meets formally on Sunday's at the Honbu dojo.

D. The standard operating procedure follows historical practice or what has been done throughout the years.

E. There are two type of members:

1. Kendo members from their dojos may be part of the iaibu keiko at no added cost. Their dues are paid to their respective dojos.

2. HKF members who take iaido classes only will pay $5/month and $5 HKF annual membership dues.

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