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2005 Accomplishments

During my second year of presidency of the SIBBA, I have been so thankful and appreciative for all of the support and help that I have received from the SIBBA Cabinet and Chairs. They have truly worked hard to make the SIBBA a stronger organization and one that its members can be proud of. They have all put in a great deal of time and effort and for that, I am grateful.

During this past year, I have...

- learned that it takes time to make changes within the organization,
- scheduled and conducted SIBBA meetings and have arranged for sub-committees to meet (SIBBA Symposium, meeting with the treasurer and nominee for the position of treasurer,
- assisted in the planning, organization and implementation of the 2005 SIBBA Symposium,
- kept open discussions with cabinet members relative to business related to SIBBA (scoreboards, finances, membership, scholarships, website, etc.)
- encourage the Cabinet to continue with their duties and help them achieve their goals,
- encourage the Chairs to continue with their projects and assist them as much as possible,
- continue to help prepare for the annual SIBBA Symposium by putting out a call for presenters and proposals via e-mail, newsletters and fliers at tournaments; and organizing meetings to plan and prepare for the 2006 event,
- continue to try and receive more input from our members regarding ways in which the SIBBA may serve them,
- continue to look for ways to increase funding so that we may be able to continue to offer the services we currently provide and hopefully, add more services for our members;
- review our by-laws and suggest the provision of "mini-grants" (set amount) for each martial art and to specifically look at Article IV: Members to align what is written in the by-laws with what is listed on our membership application form.

2006 Goals

I am honored and looking forward to working with newly elected officials, those who continue to remain on the Cabinet and those who continue to Chair the various committees to promote the SIBBA and strive to make it an organization that is respected and sought out to join. I will...

- continue to meet with the Cabinet and Chairs on a regular basis and keep communication open in regard to SIBBA topics,

Once again, I want to thank the SIBBA Cabinet and the Chairs for all of their support and help to make the State of Iowa Black Belt Association a wonderful organization that its members can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn E. Gundlach
SIBBA President
president@sibba.org

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Martial Artists

I am honored to be your elected Treasurer for the 2006–2009 term, and I am excited to represent the SIBBA in this capacity and look forward to working with you all.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ana Maria Reyes de Oropeza, a 1st Dan under the instruction of Dr. Master Faass at Parks and Recreation TKD in Ames, Iowa. I fell in love with TKD before becoming a white belt. Inspired by our tenants and by my son, I joined FMAC in 2002. In 2003, I started working out at Parks and Recreation TKD.

My husband Arturo, a Master of Science and doctor in Veterinary Medicine, is an orange belt in TKD. Arturo, my son, is a red belt in TKD, an orange belt in Bong Sul and Num Chucks, and a yellow belt in Kum Do. We are very fortunate, to be part of the Pak family.

My professional life is in the business world. I obtained two degrees from University of Guadalajara: a Management Associate in 1987, and a Licensed Public Accountant in 1992. Since 1994, I have held the Mexican CPA designation. Currently, I am working on my MBA with emphasis in Finance at Drake University, and I will be graduating this summer, Yes!

In 1989, while in college, I started my career in public accounting in a local CPA firm in Mexico, after that I worked for several companies, and my experience includes four years with PWC as Auditing and Consulting Supervisor. Currently, I work as Auditor for John Deere Credit, at the International headquarters located in Johnston, Iowa.

During my term, I would like to focus on branding and enhancing our operational standards.

Growing our brand is a strategy to successfully face one of the greatest challenges currently facing nonprofit organizations: "Finding the money to accomplish our mission." An organization's greatest asset is its brand. Successful brand management helps attract, build, and maintain a robust membership base and sponsor network.

Operational standards assist organizations in building trust, and for nonprofits, trust is the universal currency. To earn that trust and to sustain it, we need to demonstrate clearly that we deliver on our mission, while operating in an efficient and transparent manner. By delivering on these expectations, we will strengthen our reputation and increase our competitive standing for funding. If we fail to do so, we risk our very existence.

To accomplish these goals, I need your support, and I need you all. If we all commit, we can be certain

that we will succeed. Remember Master Gundlach's statement at the annual meeting "An organization is as strong as its members." I believe we are strong, and I am confident that we, martial artists, will succeed!

Respectfully submitted,
Ana Reyes de Oropeza
treasurer@sibba.org

SIBBA 2006 AWARD WINNERS

Scholarships: Congratulations to Ms. Tina Voorhees and Ms. Keri Andersen, the recipients of the Academic Scholarships at \$400 each. Congratulations to Ms. Emily Eastman, the recipient of the Jared Ringstad Memorial Scholarship of \$150.

Outstanding Service Referee

Award given to Master Anne Chase. True to the award, Master Chase was unable to receive the award at the ISU Martial Arts Banquet as she was refereeing at the US Open. Upon returning from the US Open, she leaves, almost immediately to the Collegiate Nationals in Boston. Thank you Master Chase for your commitment and dedication to refereeing.

New Referee Award presented to Mr. David Niedergeses.

May we all continue to work hard and strive to do and be our best!

REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello Sirs and Ma'ams.

It was great to see so many of you at the 31st Annual ISU Martial Art's Banquet. If you weren't in attendance, you missed a wonderful evening. Thank you to those who were instrumental in planning and executing this event. Kudos to all of you!

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Membership Director. I will do my best to maintain records and work diligently at recruiting new members.

Memberships are slowly trickling in. We are a bit ahead of where we were last year at this time. We currently have 85 members, aside from the 84 lifetime members.

If you haven't sent in your membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you have submitted an SIBBA application and have not received a membership card yet, please contact me at membership@sibba.org

The three clubs with the highest number of renewals/new memberships are ISU Karate Club, Ames Parks & Rec, and Henry's Taekwondo. Way to go!

Thank you also to these clubs for submitting new renewals/memberships: Voorhees Taekwondo, Des Moines Riverfront YMCA, Rice Taekwondo, Rams' Taekwondo, Algona Taekwondo, Knoxville Taekwondo, Collins Taekwondo, Corning Taekwondo,

Des Moines Hapkido, Gateway Taekwondo, Grinnell Taekwondo, Farrells USMA, Point of Grace, James Taekwondo and Luverne Taekwondo.

Lifetime members – if you have a new email address or snail mail address, please let me know. We do not want you to fall out of the loop because we do not have your current contact information.

For those of you with questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact me. Your communication, comments and ideas will assist us in helping to make SIBBA an even better organization.

Respectfully,
Teresa L. Bruns
Algona Taekwondo
membership@sibba.org

REPORT FROM THE AT-LARGE DELEGATE

Greetings Sirs and Ma'ams,

It is my pleasure to represent the SIBBA as your At-Large Delegate.

Let me tell you a little about my background. In 2001, I started taekwondo at ISU. I graduated from ISU with a B.S. degree in Environmental Science in 2002. Since leaving the ISU Karate Club in early 2003, I have been a student with Algona Taekwondo, and I currently train with Rice Taekwondo in Mason City. I work for the Department of Natural Resources and am a part-time graduate student at ISU.

I have been a member of the SIBBA since 2004, and one of my goals is to continue strengthening the lines of communication among our members, especially our "satellite" clubs which are located away from the Ames area. After having trained with such clubs, I realize the importance of maintaining communication. Membership contribution is essential to uphold this organization, and I encourage your questions, comments, or suggestions.

Respectfully,
Michelle Johnson
atlarge@sibba.org

REPORT FROM THE TAEKWONDO DELEGATE

Hello Sirs and Ma'ams,

First of all, hearty congratulations to all who tested at on Iowa State Saturday, March 4. It was a pleasure to see so many well prepared testers. Also, congratulations to the Iowa State Nationals Team on a successful NCTA Championship.

As your new Taekwondo Delegate, let me introduce myself. My name is Terry Fernando, and I live in Ames with my husband, Rohan, and my four kids. My non-taekwondo background information is a bit convoluted, but I'll give you the highlights. After living in various states and experimenting with several majors and colleges, I ended up graduating with a biology degree from Hunter College in NYC. I continued graduate studies in biochemistry at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. There, I discovered I am comfortable with midwestern culture and, more importantly, met my husband. After the almost simultaneous birth of our first child and final defense of my Ph.D. thesis, I decided to focus on family rather than the academic aspect of my life. One of the many reasons I'm glad I made this choice is that I would probably not be involved in taekwondo if not for focusing on kids. A bit over three years ago, after sitting in the back

and watching my kids in Ames Parks and Recreation Taekwondo for a few months, I decided my daughter could use a little help. I also decided that the best way to help her was to join her in practicing taekwondo. So, I signed up and was soon hooked. Now all four of my kids practice taekwondo under Master Faass at Ames Parks and Rec. The two oldest, Rex and Tim, are first degree blackbelts (decided). My daughter, Margie, is a red belt, and the youngest, Luke, is a green belt. Currently, I am a first degree blackbelt (decided) and have the privilege of working under Master Pak at Iowa State and Master Faass at Ames Parks and Rec. I am also having a great time helping Master Wiggins teach Lil' Red Dragons at her school in Boone.

As the Taekwondo Delegate, part of my job is to be a liaison between members of the taekwondo community and the SIBBA cabinet. So, if you have news or ideas you want to share with the cabinet, please feel free to email me anytime at taekwondo@sibba.org.

Also, updates are being planned for the SIBBA website to make sharing information easier, so please keep checking it and reading the newsletters posted there.

Let me also use this venue to remind you of the upcoming tournaments and events:

- **Regional National Qualifiers: April 1 & 2 in Rochester, MN**
- **ISU Promotions: April 7 & 8**
- **Midwest Open: April 22 in Des Moines**
- **Voorhees Leadership Seminar: June 2-4**

For a more complete schedule, please check the ISU Karate club website at:
<http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/karate/calendar.html>

The SIBBA cabinet is in the beginning stages of planning the Fall '06 Symposium. Considering how great the symposiums have been in the past, attending is definitely worthwhile. So please watch for announcements from your teachers and cabinet members for the symposium date and set it aside.

I am honored and glad to be your new TKD delegate. I look forward to working with the SIBBA cabinet to serve you and the art of taekwondo.

Respectfully,
Terry Fernando
taekwondo@sibba.org

REPORT FROM THE HAPKIDO DELEGATE

Greetings everyone!! Thank you for electing me your new Hapkido delegate for 2006. I am honored to represent you in SIBBA.

I started taekwondo (TKD) in 1984, graduated from ISU and returned in 1991 to restart TKD and begin hapkido (HKD), and the rest is history.

My goal is to increase public knowledge of HKD, and with that, hopefully gain more students in our

clubs. Two ways I hope of doing this is to have more HKD demonstrations and to increase the number of self-defense seminars.

What goals do you have for SIBBA? How can we improve martial arts in Iowa, and how can you get involved in SIBBA? Let us know how SIBBA or your HKD delegate can better serve you by contacting me with your ideas, suggestions, concerns and/or comments.

Please feel free to contact me anytime, by mail at 1111 Iowa Ave, Ames, IA 50014, via email: hapkido@sibba.org or by telephone at: 515.294.7832.

I look forward hearing from you and will keep you informed of our activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina McAndrews
hapkido@sibba.org

REPORT FROM THE JUDO DELEGATE

Judo Annual Report

Judo competition in the upper midwest saw some growth in the adult divisions of about 10% from last year while juniors declined in general. Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa increased numbers in the spring and fall Shiai and are now running three mats. The University of Iowa hosted the State Championships, and Iowa State hosted the VEISHEA Tournament and the Iowa Games. Lincoln, Nebraska hosted two meets in 2005; Minnesota and Wisconsin have increased their meets and attendance. A grass roots clinic was held in Iowa City featuring Gerald Lafon, and Minneapolis hosted a clinic with Jimmy Pedro. Referees are still in shortage for most Shiai. The State of Iowa sent one junior to middle

school nationals and one to high school nationals, and five judoka to college nationals. The upper midwest is still under-represented in the past five college nationals, sending just a few competitors. There are many opportunities to improve the recruitment in the sport.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenwood Scoggin
judo@sibba.org

REPORT FROM INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Greetings, sirs and ma'ams. It was good to see many of you at Reunion and Banquet in February.

We rolled out the Instructor Certification program at the Annual Meeting in February. For those you that were not able to be at the meeting, it is a comprehensive program, covering all levels of instructor certification from Associate Instructor all the way through Grand Master. I encourage you to visit the SIBBA website,

and look over the program. Applications for certification are also on the website, along with explanations of how we will "grandfather" people into the program for certifications for 2006. There is also a very detailed explanation of how people can earn the necessary Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) for recertification for 2007.

I urge you to receive your appropriate certification for 2006, and begin the process of collecting

and documenting your CEU's for recertification and/or advancement for next year.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact me via email at: certifications@sibba.org

Sincerely,
Larry W. Voorhees, Chair
Instructor Certification and
Continuing Education
certification@sibba.org

2006 SIBBA SYMPOSIUM—CALL FOR PROPOSALS

If you are interested in presenting at the 2006 SIBBA Symposium, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 11, please send the following information to Kathy Gundlach at president@sibba.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(_____) _____ Email: _____

Title of presentation or session: _____

Length of time desired? 75 minutes 90 minutes 120 minutes

Maximum number of participants: _____

Equipment needed:

Other information needed for your presentation / session:



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- DUES:**
- Family - \$80
 - Academic Student (K-12/College Student) - \$20
 - Non-Black Belt - \$20
 - Black Belt - \$40
 - Lifetime Membership - \$400/individual \$800/family

New Member _____ Renewal _____

The dues are for one year (January through December). Dues are tax-deductible.

Name _____ Birth date _____ Age _____

Address _____ New Address? Yes No

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Telephone: (H) (_____) _____ (W) (_____) _____

Are you a... Martial Artist Friend Family Member

TaeKwonDo / Judo / Hapkido / Other _____ Rank _____ Rec'd _____ / _____
 (circle one) mo yr

Name of Instructor _____ Club _____

Are you teaching? Yes No Where? _____

How many students? _____ What ranks? _____

*******AN OATH OF MEMBERS*******

1. We as members, train our spirits and bodies according to the strict code of martial arts etiquette.
2. We as members are united in mutual friendship.
3. We as members will comply with the regulations and obey the instructors.

Signature

Date

Make checks payable to: S.I.B.B.A.
 Mail to: Teresa Bruns, Membership Director
 State of Iowa Black Belt Association
 PO Box 36
 West Bend, IA 50597

Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Check	<input type="checkbox"/> # _____ \$ _____
Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> # _____ \$ _____
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CONTINUING SUPPORT

Yes, I would like to help the SIBBA with my tax-deductible donation.

My donation of \$25 \$40 \$50 \$_____ is enclosed.

Please put my donation toward:

- ____ SIBBA Scholarships (please specify, if you wish: Academic, Leadership, Jared Ringstad, Junior Olympic)
- ____ SIBBA Scoreboard Maintenance
- ____ SIBBA Symposium
- ____ SIBBA Educational Materials (videos, DVDs, newsletters, etc.)
- ____ SIBBA Website
- ____ Other (please list) _____

On behalf of the State of Iowa Black Belt Association, thank you!

Please send your donation to:

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