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Scenes of 1st National Tang Soo Do Convention

THE UNITED STATES TANG SOO DO FEDERATION

REPORT OF
TANG SOO DO MOO DUK KWAN CONVENTION

November 30, 1974

Place Tang Soo Do Headquarters in United States
 555 Washington Avenue
 Burlington, New Jersey 08016

Meeting Started: 5:15 P.M.

Mr. Shin started the meeting with an official opening and bowing to Master Hwang Kee. Mr. Shin gave his opening speech and thanked everyone for coming to this meeting, and stated how much we needed this meeting. We then had Master Hwang Kee's greetings speech. He stated that he was very happy to be here with us and was sure that this meeting will be one of the greatest events in Tang Soo Do's history. He expressed his sincere appreciation to everyone for attending this meeting and also his thanks to Mr. Shin for having this convention. He also stated that he hoped and prayed that this meeting will be one that is strong and great in starting our strong organization here in the United States. Master Hwang Kee hoped that everyone will speak up and discuss their most valuable points and topics of doubt concerning Tang Soo Do. He stated that he would also like to express his valuable points at this meeting. Next there was the presentation of Black Belt Certificates to the students of the October Black Belt Cycle. Master Hwang Kee presented the certificates to the new black belts personally, with the assistance of Mr. Shin.

Next, Mr. Shin introduced the convention officials. He began with Mr. Robert Beaudoin (Vice-Chairman); Mr. Benjamin Cortese (Secretary); Mr. Robert Coia (Transportation); Ms. Christina Schuetz (Accommodations); Mr. Jin Moon Hwang, Master Hwang Kee's only son. Mr. Shin then called the role of the State Delegates and asked them to stand when their name was called.

At 5:40 P.M. the actual meeting took place. Mr. Shin stated that we must get suggestions and ideas from all attending, because we are all Black Belts and so called experts, please feel free to speak up and give your suggestions. Mr. Shin stated that we have here tonight four generations of Black Belts. Four proposals were submitted to Mr. Shin from various states by Black Belts. The first and all conclusive one was submitted by Mr. Arthur Petzal from New York. (See proposal given by Arthur Petzal) After Mr. Petzal's proposal, Mr. Fontaine was recognized by the Board and stated that it is a rule, that a proposal be made to start a Tang Soo Do organization here in the United States, being that this meeting and everything discussed will effect the organization in years to come. The proposals must be seconded and accepted, then voted on for approval. To get things started along the lines of starting an organization, Mr. Shin asked Master Hwang Kee to express his ideas concerning the starting of the organization. Before Master Hwang Kee gave his ideas, Mr. Fontaine asked what was the most important question at this point, whether to reorganize or not reorganize. Mr. Shin at this point asked Master Hwang Kee for his views on reorganization. Master Hwang Kee said that recently our Tang Soo Do population is over one million members and that he is more interested in overseas Tang Soo Do organizations of which the United States is one. In Malaysia a strong Tang Soo Do organization already exists, but as you know in the United States, all the Black Belts are not well organized, so I am becoming more interested in the overseas organizations, especially in the United States. But who will make this strong organization, I

can't because I don't know the circumstances in the United States. This is a big country. I would like this meeting to be a stepping stone for the next meeting of Tang Soo Do. I would like to know what you want, what I can do for you and what you need and if possible, at least make (today) some foundation for the future overall organization, by establishing some preparation committee. I have studied and know why we must make a strong organization. By a strong organization we will insure many benefits.

- First: One of my ideas is Insurance Protection.
- Second: If we have a strong organization we may have good full time lawyers available for legal protection.
- Third: Control the opening of another Tang Soo Do School close to yours that is already established or the opening of another in some other location.
- Fourth: To help other schools in their demonstrations for the promotion of their school.
- Fifth: Help in tax problems, possibly by the use of a clinic on the subject.
- Sixth: The use of the Newsletter to communicate between the organization and Black Belts.

We must establish an organization to build international relations with other Tang Soo Do organizations throughout the world. (Malaysia, England, Greece, etc.). Next Master Hwang Kee has Mr. Shin introduce Mr. Charles DePiero to express his ideas on organizations, their establishments, functions and how to go about organizing ourselves.

Mr. DPiero stated his experience with organizations and is at the New York University and has worked with organizations for many years. He gave us some of his ideas on the establishment of an organization as follows: It is his understanding that this will be an American Tang Soo Do organization and that Master Hwang Kee will assign a task force, whose job, charge and responsibility is to obtain proposals for consideration, at a larger National Convention which Master Hwang Kee is contemplating for the spring of 75.

- First: There should be a written charter.
- Second: Paragraphs and data on membership and qualifications for membership, responsibilities of members.
- Third: Elections and duties of officers should be spelled out (Job Description) how elected and how long.
Executive Director runs organization with a legal address
Charter contains data on Board of Directors qualifications and responsibilities.
Composition of Board, whether all American or a 50/50 composition of American and Korean.
Committee's set up and defined in the Charter. Public Relations Committee, Ethics Committee, Publications Committee, Certification Committee, Legislative Committee, Membership Workshop, Communications and Finance Committee.
Include in Charter, how many chapters and whether by States or regions.
The Task Force will have to answer some very tough questions, like why form an organization and what will be its functions (Consider Problems).
Consider advantages of membership as you form your organization. Payroll for members, members must receive some benefits for their tasks performed.
Establish with the Federal Government - a copyright or trade mark for

protection. Incorporate the organization within one state and show correspondence in other states and you are considered a National Organization. Establish an information and research clearing house (data on membership and goings on).

Certification - will it be done through Seoul, Korea or nationally here in the United States?

State qualifications for certification.

Commercial endorsement (commercial products).

Problem of Public Relations on National Scale.

Advertising on National Scale.

Organize Tournaments.

Licensing of Schools (through legislation).

Finance Committee (Financial Assistance - long range budgeting).

How to enforce the powers of the organization.

International Relations.

Organization must not be in isolation(communicate with other countries).

After Mr. DePiero's suggestions, there was a discussion and exchange of ideas on the establishment of an organization. Mr. Fontaine proposed the establishment of the organization and a task force to look into the aspects of the organization, also another convention to take place six months from now.

Another proposal was made to call the organization a Federation. Mr. Shin stated that he has established the United States Tang Soo Do Federation and is the founder and director and this has been the guiding light for all of us to date. Mr. Shin stated many instances where he has trained at least 60 Black Belts a year but without official recognition, and individually has received no self satisfaction in return, some are not even known personally. Many Black Belts in the United States do not even know each other personally when they meet at tournaments. More unification is needed. I wish to share these benefits with all of you.

Mr. Beaudoin then took over the meeting and asked if anyone had any further ideas to submit. Mr. DePiero proposed to establish a temporary task force to obtain proposals and notify all of such through instructors of various schools.

Mr. Fontaine asked to restate his proposals to become an organization and establish a task force. A vote was asked by Mr. Beaudoin and taken, the vote was unanimous, by a show of hands, and none opposed. Formation of a task force was discussed next. Mr. Ah Po restated his proposal that the organization be given a title, the title finally given was: The United States Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation. A vote was taken and it was again unanimous, by a show of hands and none opposed.

Next a vote was taken to elect the members of the task force.
The members are as follows:

Senior advisor	.	.	.	Mr. Shin
Chairman	.	.	.	Mr. Chung
Vermont	.	.	.	Mr. Art Fontaine
California	.	.	.	Mr. Ah Po
Florida	.	.	.	Mr. Blackburn

Ohio Mr. Thomson
Arkansas Mr. Weeks
Technical Advisor . . Mr. Charles DePiero, New Jersey

Establishment of Federations name with the Federal Government was given to Mr. Ben Cortese.

Meeting ended at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Cortese,
Secretary

"EDITORIAL NOTE"

The above report was submitted by Mr. Benjamin Cortese, Convention Secretary. I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank Mr. Cortese for a job well done and also to thank each and every one of you who attended the convention.

This convention served as a compliment to everyone who was present as well as all the Tang Soo Do members. Over 150 Black Belts were present and represented 14 states, - Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Vermont.

There are still many problems we must solve before starting an over-all organization and we will try to solve these with the help of all the members. Any ideas or criticism concerning the establishment of a sound organization you have and care to share will be most welcomed.

Following the convention, 98 members attended a dinner and had the opportunity to get acquainted with one another.

Jae C. Shin

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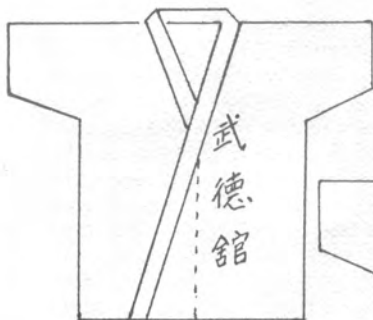
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