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Dear Fellow AAKF Members,

As a spokesperson for the newly formed American Amateur Karate Federation Board of Directors, I would like to announce to you that the restructuring of our organization is now complete and once again we are vibrant. At a historical meeting that took place on January 9th, regional representatives from across the country gathered together to form a new administrative body, elected its officers, and created a solid technical board. A cultural shift has begun, full of positive energy and enthusiasm!

We are fortunate that our country is home to many gifted and highly skilled teachers, who all studied passionately under our beloved teacher, Hidetaka Nishiyama. They have digested Sensei's teachings and developed their own voice, which is reflected in our amazing diversity, seen nowhere else in the Traditional Karate world. While we recognize the value of each individual, it is in the strength of a unified group that will propel the next generation, where we will continue to evolve Sensei's brand of Traditional Karate.

As the old adage goes, talk is cheap and action speaks louder, so various events have been scheduled to promote the revitalized AAKF. I want to personally invite you to come and experience this new beginning. An auspicious era has begun.

Sincerely yours,

Toru Shimoji  
President



## INFORMATION, APPLICATIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Enclosed is a copy of the new Rules and Regulations of the American Amateur Karate Federation explaining the new organizational structure of AAKF. Also enclosed are club applications and individual membership application forms for 2010. Some pertinent information is as follows:

<p><b>Club Memberships:</b></p>	<p>The club dues will remain the same for 2010 with dues for new clubs at \$250 (\$100 new application fee and \$150 annual membership fee) for the first calendar year and a renewal fee of club membership at \$150 per year. Clubs have until <u>March 31, 2010</u> to renew their memberships for 2010. Clubs renewing after March 31, 2010 will have to pay a \$50 late penalty fee.</p> <p><i>For 2010 only, the AAKF will waive the \$100 new application fee for clubs that were formerly AAKF club members and new clubs. The membership fee will therefore only be \$150 until <u>March 31, 2010</u>. After March 31, the \$100 application fee will be charged for new clubs.</i></p>
<p><b>Individual Memberships:</b></p>	<p>For 2010, the renewal fee of individual members will remain at \$20 a year and the membership fee for new members will be \$30. Members renewing their memberships after March 31, 2010 will have to pay the new member's rate of \$30. New members who join the AAKF after June 30, 2010 will only have to pay \$15 for 2010.</p>
<p><b>Board of Directors:</b></p>	<p>The affairs of the AAKF will now be managed and governed by the Board of Directors composed of one (1) regional representative from each AAKF region. The director representing the region may be the regional director or another person chosen to represent the region on the Board of Directors. This Board of Directors shall exercise all corporate powers as referenced in the AAKF Bylaws.</p> <p>In the future, the director must be elected by the individual AAKF members of the region according to an election schedule mentioned in the Rules and Regulations. All members voting and directors must be members in good standing</p>
<p><b>Executive Board of Directors:</b></p>	<p>The Executive Board of Directors will be composed of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The Executive Board will be elected by the Board of Directors.</p>
<p><b>Board of Governors:</b></p>	<p>Each club may send one representative to the Board of Governors' meeting held at the National Championship. Board of Governors may make recommendations to the Board of Directors and suggest agenda items for the Board of Directors to consider. Board of Governors may also serve on the committees of the Board of Directors and Technical Board. Individual members are welcome to volunteer.</p>



<b>Technical Board:</b>	The Technical Board will be selected by the Board of Directors according to the qualifications mentioned in the Rules and Regulations.
<b>Events for 2010 :</b>	<p>Some of the upcoming events in AAKF and the International Traditional Karate Federation are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>March 26- 28, 2010 at Dallas Texas</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 26 - Technical Committee training.</li> <li>- March 27 - A 6 hour AAKF sponsored seminar and workshop followed by a black belt examination. Technical Board meeting.</li> <li>- March 28 - Board of Directors meeting.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>2. <u>June 9 -12, 2010 at Seattle, Washington</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- June 9 and 10 - A mini-national camp with general training for individual members and judges' seminar. Technical Board meeting.</li> <li>- June 11 – Judges' seminar and certification examinations, black belt examinations and eliminations for National Championship. Board of Governors meeting.</li> <li>- June 12 – Children's tournament in the morning and possibly an adult tournament for members under black belt. Finals of National Championship in afternoon followed by a banquet in the evening. Selection of U.S. Team to the World Championship. Board of Directors meeting.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>3. <u>July, 2010 at San Diego, California</u> Annual International Traditional Karate Federation Training Camp. Details to be announced by ITKF.</li>   <li>4. <u>September, 2010 at Mid-Atlantic Region (Details to be Announced)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Second AAKF sponsored seminar and workshop for individual members followed by a black belt examination.</li> <li>- U.S. Team training in preparation for the World Championship. Technical Board meeting.</li> <li>- Board of Directors Meeting.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>5. <u>November 13-15, 2010 at Curitiba, Brazil</u> ITKF World Championships. Details to be announced by Brazilian Federation.</li>   <li>6. <u>November, 2010</u> First regional elections for board of directors in Great Lakes, Northwest, Pacific and Southwestern regions.</li> </ol>

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