



News from Shin Kaze June 2020

Shin Kaze Aikido Alliance is an organization dedicated to the practice and development of Aikido. It aims to provide technical and administrative guidance to Aikido practitioners and to maintain standards of practice and instruction within an egalitarian and tolerant structure.

Message from Shin Kaze President Robert Zimmerman Shihan



Welcome to our first issue of the Shin Kaze Aikido Alliance newsletter.

Through this publication we will strive to regularly inform Shin Kaze members about the work going on in our organization, upcoming events, seminars and issues of interest in the Aikido world. We plan to publish this newsletter monthly.

In this initial stage, we are setting up the advisory councils to the Board and Technical Committee and organizing other committees to ensure the voices of all Shin Kaze members are heard and we can act upon pressing concerns.

We are also focusing on providing means for managing the current crisis, and to that end we have created on the Shin Kaze website a dedicated Covid-19 page and a private web page on how to connect to online virtual classes offered by several Shin Kaze dojos.

And we want to do more. So please, get involved, contribute, and let us know if you have pressing concerns by emailing us at shinkazeaikidoalliance@gmail.com.

Thank you for your commitment and hard work as we embark on this unique experiment in creating a truly inclusive and responsive Aikido organization.

On behalf of all Directors,
Robert Zimmerman Shihan
President, Shin Kaze Aikido Alliance

First Meeting Kicks off New Era

More than 50 dojocho and Shin Kaze Aikido Alliance members met on Zoom on May 9 to outline the work being done to start full operation of our organization. Aikidoka from Canada, Africa, South America and the United States attended and took part in a discussion of Shin Kaze's priorities and processes. A main topic was setting up two advisory councils and a steering committee was formed to kick off the effort.

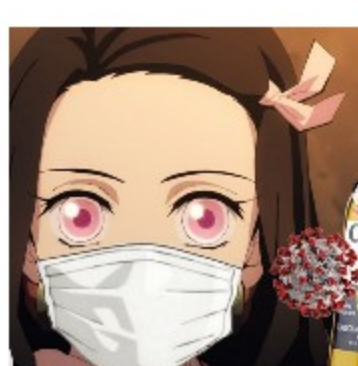
Steering Committee Update: The four Shin Kaze members who comprise the Advisory Council Steering Committee are compiling the results of the recent survey of dojo-cho and will be reporting soon on the results. Thank you for your patience!



Shin Kaze at Zoom Solstice Seminar

Shin Kaze members Janice Taitel of [Aikido Center of Dover](#) (pictured above), Liese Klein of [New Haven Aikikai](#), and Yeli Cuevas of [Toronto Aikikai](#) are taking part in the first [Aikido Solstice Seminar](#) taking place online June 19-21. This event brings together Aikidoka from across generations, styles and affiliations to celebrate the power of women instructors. Yeli Cuevas Sensei will be teaching a Zoom Aikido class and Janice Taitel Sensei and Liese Klein Sensei will be taking part in panel discussions on topics like "Aikido and Protest." All are welcome to participate. More information [here](#).

Attend online classes from a range of Shin Kaze Aikido Alliance instructors through our new guide to virtual instruction, now available through dojo-cho. Classes include Aikido movement, conditioning, stretching and technique -- along with Iaido basics and introductory weapons -- and are open to all members. Ask your dojo-cho for the links and passwords.



Educate Yourself About Covid

The Covid-19 Pandemic and associated shutdown are many people's top concern right now.

Here are some reliable, current resources to help on the Shin Kaze Aikido Alliance website. Visit our dedicated page [here](#).

Dear Dojo-cho and Supporters:

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