

PAGODA MID-WEST UNITED
MARTIAL ARTS
ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS
and
OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS

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BYLAWS

◆ The core of our philosophy stems from our ability to enter Mushin, or 'no mind'. This mental state is the principal source of the traditional warrior's quick reaction, extrasensory perception, and steely calm. In fact, Mushin is probably the biggest discriminating factor between modern martial artists and the true warriors of the past.

Additionally, 'Living the Martial Way', a significant tenet of our association, is the root of our existence, and we are devoted to the perfection of character, not the collection of prizes.

We welcome all who will adopt and adhere to the principles and teachings of Honesty; Integrity; Kindness; Compassion and Loyalty.

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1102 W. Garfield Blvd.
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October 20, 2001

Prospective Member

Address

city, State, Zip Code, Country

RE: Pagoda Mid-West United Martial Arts Association /Board & Officers

Dear Prospective Member:

A Martial Artist for over 45 years a Five Time World Champion and Inducted into the World

Martial Arts Hall of Fame May 1996!

On October 20, 2001, we met with Dr. Shorty Mills, in regard to the formation of a Martial Arts Association that would serve to support his teachings. At a meeting October 24, 2001, Dr. Mills gave me his permission and blessing to proceed with the formation of what we have now named the "*PAGODA MID-WEST UNITED MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION*" herein referred to as the "Association."

The purpose of the *Association* is to preserve, promote and provide the teachings of Hanshi, Shorty Mills on a national scale and to promote health and peace among all human beings. The core of our philosophy stems from our ability to enter **mushin or mind-no-mind**. This mental state is the principal source of the traditional warrior's quick reactions, extrasensory perception, and steely calm. In fact, **mushin**, is probably the biggest discriminating factor between modern martial artists and true warriors of the past and present. Secondly **Living the Martial Way**, is the root of our existence a discipline devoted to the perfection of character, not the collection of prizes. We welcome all who will adopt these principles of honesty, integrity, kindness, compassion and loyalty and adhere to these teachings.

We have provided an organizational structure that will motivate students to join your dojo and to set goals based on the possibility of acquiring authentic DAN Jnd Kyu ranking under Hanshi, Shorty Mills. We intend to support these goals by conducting regularly scheduled DAN tests once per year. In the event Hanshi, Shorty Mills cannot attend the scheduled DAN testing event, I have been authorized by him to conduct the test on his behalf and make recommendations accordingly.

In addition, we have adopted the "Pagoda-Ryu" newsletter, published by the Association as our official means of keeping all members informed of any news and other information relative to Hanshi, Shorty Mills and Association activities. The Association is being built as a For Profit Corporation with Dr. Mills as its Master Instructor and Chairman of the Board (POB). Bylaws (*ratification pending*) will be supplied to all new members and prospective members upon request subsequent to our first Board of Directors meeting.

In as much as I have knowledge of your past support of the teachings of Hanshi, Shorty Mills, I now would like to invite you and your Dojo to join our Association.

You may join the Association in one of the following ways that best fits your present **situation**:

Pagoda-Ryu System Dojo Affiliate Member: Defined as a Dojo that has a Dojo-Cho (**Chief Instructor**) who has received authentic DAN rank under Hanshi, Shorty Mills; or a Dojo that has a Dojo-Cho without authentic DAN rank under Hanshi, Shorty Mills, but has been nominated, accepted and approved by the Board of Directors as an Affiliate Member due to extraordinary circumstances and experience.

A Membership fee, \$125.00 (US) per year.

Pagoda-Ryu System Dojo Conditional Member: Defined as a Dojo that has a Dojo-Cho (**Chief Instructor**) without authentic DAN rank under Hanshi, Shorty Mills, but has the intention of seeking such rank by embracing and supporting his teachings. A Membership fee, \$100.00 (US) per year.

Patron Dojo Member: Defined as any Martial Arts School that has the intention of supporting the teachings of **Aikido, Tae-Kwon-Do, Shorin-Ryu, Kempo** and Hanshi, Shorty Mills. A membership fee, \$75.00 (US) per year.

Individual Member: Defined as any person that has the intention of supporting the teachings of Hanshi Shorty Mills and/or being active within the Association. A membership fee, \$50.00 (US) per year.

If you have any further questions in regard to membership you may call me directly at (773)-268-2338) or send a message to my E-mail address: andrewacash@msn.com

Thank you for your support and I look forward to serving you in regards to the Pagoda United Martial Arts Association

Sincerely,

Andrew A. Cash, Shihan
President

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Article 1 - Name

- 1.1 This for profit organization, herein referred to as '*Association*' will be known as **PAGODA MID-WEST UNITED MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION.**

Article 2 - Purpose

1. The purpose of the ***Pagoda Mid-West United Martial Arts Association*** is to preserve, promote and provide the teachings of Hanshi, Shorty Mills who developed and established, **The Pagoda-Ryu Martial Arts System**, on a national scale, to promote health and peace among all human beings. The core of our philosophy stems from our ability to enter **mushin, or "mind-no-mind.** This mental state is the principal source of the traditional warrior's quick reactions, extrasensory perception, and steely calm. In fact, **mushin**, is probably the biggest discriminating factor between modern martial artists and true warriors of the past and present. Secondly **Living the Martial Way**, is the root of our existence a discipline devoted to the perfection of character, not the collection of prizes. We welcome all who will adopt these principles of honesty, integrity, kindness, compassion and loyalty and adhere to these teachings.

Article 3 - Association Logo

1. The Association Logo
2. The Association Logo will be regarded as the official trademark of the PAGODA MID-WEST UNITED MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION and will not be used in any other way without the express written consent of the Board of Directors.

Article 4 - Association Organization

1. The Association will be operated as a _____ For profit Taxed Corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois
2. The principal office of the Association will be located at 1102 W. Garfield Blvd. Chicago, IL 60609. Email andrewacash@MSN.com

Article 5 - Memberships

1. There will be four classes of membership as follows:
 - A. **Pagoda-Ryu System Dojo Affiliate Membership**

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B. Pagoda-Ryu System Dojo Conditional Membership

C. Patron Dojo Membership

D. Individual Membership

2. Membership Qualifications

- A. Must submit official membership application?
- B. A membership fee paid at the time of application
- C. Dojo must be financially solvent and free from litigation pending

3. Classifications of Memberships

A. Pagoda-Ryu System Dojo Affiliate Member

1. Definition: Pagoda-Ryu System Dojo with Ujio-Cho that requests membership and has been granted authentic DAN ranking under Dr. Shorty Mills, Hanshi; or a Dojo that has a Dojo-Cho without authentic DAN rank under Hanshi, Shorty Mills, but has been nominated, accepted and approved by the Board of Directors as an Affiliate Member due to extraordinary circumstances and experience.

2. Membership Fees: \$125.00 per year.

3. Ranking Opportunities:

- a. Dojo-Cho authorized to nominate students for DAN ranking within Association under Hanshi, Shorty Mills.
 - 1) For rules relating to nominations see *Article 10 - Rules for DAN Ranking*
- b. SHODAN may rank up to and including Sankyu
- c. NIDAN may rank up to and including NIKYU.
- d. SANDAN may rank up to and including IKKYU
- e. All DAN ranks will be granted by Dr. Mills, Hanshi or Andrew A. Cash, Shihan, via examination or recommendation.
- f. Kyu ranks will be granted by Dojo-Cho to members of the Association in accordance with 5.3.A.3.b-d above.

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4. Conditions for continued membership:

- a. Membership fees paid directly to Association prior to membership expiration date which is defined as the Dojo's original membership enrollment date.
- b. Dojo-Cho must attend DAN Examination events each year.

5. Other Benefits:

- a. Dojo-Cho will receive an 'Individual Association Membership and subscription to "Pagoda Ryu" newsletter at no additional fee.
- b. Dojo will be issued an official **Certificate of Membership**.

B. Pagoda-Ryu System Dojo Conditional Membership

1. Definition: Pagoda Ryu System Dojo with a Dojo-Cho that requests membership and has not been granted authentic DAN rank under Hanshi, Shorty Mills, but has the intention of embracing and supporting his teachings.

2. Membership Fees: \$100.00 per year

3. Ranking Opportunities:

- a. Opportunity to convert DAN rank for Dojo-Cho to the same level under Dr. Shorty Mills, Hanshi and to qualify for 'Pagoda-Ryu Dojo Affiliate Membership'.
 - 1) For rules relating to DAN Rank conversion see *Article 10 - Rules for DAN Rank*

b. Kyu ranks will be made available through examination events involving "Association Dojo-Cho" according to Section 5.3.A.3.

4. Conditions for continued membership:

- a. Membership fees paid directly to Association prior to membership expiration date which is defined as the Dojo's original membership enrollment date.
- b. Dojo-Cho must attend DAN Examination events each year.
- c. The name of 'Shorty Mills' in any advertisement or solicitation of students in any way is prohibited

5. Other Benefits

- a. Dojo-Cho will receive an 'Individual Association Membership' and subscription to the 'Pagoda-Ryu' newsletter at no additional fee.

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C. Patron Dojo Membership

1. Definition: Any Martial Arts School that requests membership and has the intention of supporting the teachings of The Pagoda-Ryu System and Hanshi, Shorty Mills
2. Membership Fees: \$75.00 per year
3. Ranking Opportunities: None under Association
4. Conditions for continued membership:
 - a. An a membership fee paid directly to the Association prior to membership expiration date which is defined as the original Association Membership
 - b. The name of "Shorty Mills" in any advertisement or solicitation of students in any way is prohibited
5. Other Benefits:
 - a. Issued an 'Official Patron Membership Certificate'
 - b. Receive an annual subscription to the "Pagoda-Ryu" Newsletter.

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D. Individual Membership

1. Definition: Any person that requests membership and has the intention of embracing and supporting the teachings of Hanshi, Shorty-Mills and/or being active within the Association.
2. Membership Fees: \$50.00 per year
3. Ranking Opportunities:
 - a. Ability to participate in Kyu and DAN ranking program within Association under Hanshi Shorty Mills
4. Conditions for continued membership:
 - a. Membership fees paid directly to the Association prior to membership expiration date which is defined as a Member's original enrollment date.
5. Other Benefits
 - a. Issued an "Official Association Membership Card"
 1. See Appendix C - Association Membership Card.
 - b. Receive an annual subscription to the "Pagoda-Ryu" Newsletter.

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Article 6 - Acceptance of Members

6.1 Application for Affiliate, Conditional, Patron, and Individual Membership will be made in writing and addressed to the Association. Application on a form designed by the Board of Directors, will be accompanied by payment of the membership fee as required by the Board of Directors for each class of membership. Applications which are incomplete or contain misleading information may be deemed as *not acceptable*.

2. Each application for membership must be signed and dated by the applicant.
3. The Association will notify all members of the Association of the names of new members.
4. Applications for membership will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting. Membership will be granted at same meeting if application meets with all criteria specified in these bylaws.
5. No person will be disqualified from membership solely on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age, political affiliation or disability.
6. A vote of the Board of Directors with at least a quorum present will be required to elect or renew a lifetime member.
7. The Association will notify each new member of his or her election to membership, and of the membership number assigned. Membership numbers will be assigned consecutively in the order in which the members are approved. Terminated membership numbers will not be reassigned. Membership numbers will not be transferrable.
8. Any Association roster or list, furnished or published, is for the private use of Association members and for Association business only, and will not be used for any commercial or business purpose whatsoever.

Article 7 - Transfer of Membership

1. No membership will be transferred to another person or organization.

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Article 8 - Termination or Suspension of Membership

1. All resignations will be made in writing and addressed to the Association.
2. No resignation from membership shall be accepted, or will take effect until all indebtedness from the member resigning will have been paid however, no additional dues, fees, or assessments will accrue in such cases, subject to the time that a resignation notice is filed with the Association. The Board of Directors may waive some or all of the indebtedness of a resigning member.
3. A member may be suspended by the Board of Directors, in closed session, for conduct injurious to the welfare of the Association. Upon written complaint of one or more Association members, the Board of Directors will investigate the circumstances of alleged misconduct. Any further action is deemed necessary, both or all of the members involved in the complaint will be called to appear before the Board of Directors. After such a hearing, the Board of Directors may suspend or censure the member(s) at its discretion. The members will be notified of the Board's decision.
4. A member will be suspended by the Board of Directors for failure to pay any dues or indebtedness to the Association within thirty (30) days of notification by the Association of such dues or indebtedness.
5. A suspended member will *not* enjoy the privileges of membership; be permitted to vote, participate in any ranking event or serve in any office until the cause for such suspension is removed. A suspended member will be notified by the Association.
6. Any members suspended for nonpayment of indebtedness will be expelled by the Board of Directors, without further notice, if payment in full of all indebtedness is not received by the Association within thirty (30) days of notification by the Association of suspension.
7. Any cessation of membership, by death, resignation or otherwise, will operate as an unconditional assignment to the Association of all rights, title, and privileges of such membership, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by these bylaws.
8. The Board of Directors may reinstate a terminated member if the cause for termination has been removed, if not more than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the termination.

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9. The Board of Directors may reinstate a terminated member and restore the membership number of such members if the terminated member applies in writing to the Secretary for such reinstatement, and that payment is made to the Association of all dues and assessments subsequent to the termination up to the date of application for reinstatement. No credit will be allowed for unused credits of any kind. **(A Ten dollars assessment fee for late dues).(A twenty-five dollar assessment fee for bounced checks).**

Article 9 - Meetings of the Senior Membership

1. The Senior Membership will be defined as the Master Instructor COB, President, Board of Directors, Staff officers and all other members of the rank

1. The Senior Membership will convene semi-annually for DAN Examinations on the third Saturday of the month. The location of the DAN Examinations will be decided by Hanshi Shorty Mills and/or the President and/or by the Board of Directors and will be announced to all members at least three (3) months prior to DAN Examination Day. Any modification to the date of this meeting will be announced at least three (3) months ahead of a modified date.

2. The Senior Membership will convene semi-annually for DAN Examinations on the third Saturday of the month. The location of the DAN Examinations will be decided by Hanshi Shorty Mills and/or the President and/or by the Board of Directors and will be announced to all members at least three (3) months prior to DAN Examination Day. Any modification to the date of this meeting will be announced at least three (3) months ahead of a modified date.

3. Dates for Senior Membership meetings for DAN 'Re-Examinations' will be set at the discretion of Hanshi Shorty Mills and/or the President and/or the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis. Only DAN Candidates that failed a previous exam will be considered on these dates.

4. There will be Senior Training/DAN Candidate Evaluation Sessions conducted on the third Saturday in the months of April, July & October, unless otherwise specified in accordance with these bylaws. The location for these sessions will be at the Association Headquarters located at _____ Chicago, Illinois, USA, unless otherwise specified in accordance with these bylaws. Any modification to the date or location of these meetings will be announced at least three (3) months prior to the session being modified.

5. Special Meetings of the membership may be called by Hanshi Shorty Mills COB, the President, a quorum of the Board of Directors or by written petition signed by at least ten (10) Association members in good standing.

6. The Association will notify all members of the time and place of any special meeting of the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance. The notice of any special meeting will state the business of the meeting and no other business may be transacted at a special meeting except as designated in the notice.

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7. Each Association member present at a special meeting and in good standing will be entitled to one (1) vote.
8. Except as otherwise provided by law or by these bylaws, all questions will be decided by majority vote of those Association members in good standing, or their alternates as provided herein, present and voting.

Article 10 - Rules for DAN Rank

1. All candidates will be nominated by an Association Dojo-Cho or by applying directly to the Association for consideration a minimum of three (3) months prior to a scheduled examination date. The Applicant must supply a **Certificate** of their current Rank.
2. All applicable fees are to be submitted directly to Association along with examination application.
 - A. Refer to *Appendix A - Testing Fee Structure*.
3. All DAN candidates will be required to attend at least two (2) out of the three(3) quarterly "Senior Training/DAN Candidate Evaluation" meetings one of which must be the October meeting just prior to DAN testing in January
4. Keiko (practice) records of all candidates must be submitted to Association two (2) weeks prior to examination. These records must show that candidates have been participating in Dojo training equivalent to three (3) practices per week since the date of their nomination.
5. Candidates possessing DAN or Kyu rank from a dojo that has a Pagoda Ryu Dojo Conditional Membership, must submit a training resume which is to include the history of the Dojo at which they are currently going and a personal training history in Aikido, Tae-Kwondo, Shorin-Ryu and Kempo.
6. Candidates possessing DAN rank must submit a copy of **Signed Certificate. Authenticity** will be confirmed by the Board of Directors.
7. Dojo-Cho must accompany any student that he/she nominates for DAN rank to testing location.
8. Any candidate who is not promoted at the time of examination will have the opportunity for reevaluating and reexamination in accordance with Article 9.2 above.

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Article 11 - Board of Directors

1. The government of the Association will be vested in a Chairman of The Board (COB), President, Treasurer, Board of Directors composed of five (5) persons, and Staff Officers which will include a Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers as deemed necessary by the Board.
2. Each governing position will be occupied by an Association member in good standings.
3. Regular meetings of the Board *Of* directors will be held on the same dates as the 'Senior Membership DAN Testing/Training/Candidate Evaluation Meetings' are held in accordance with the scheduling criteria specified in Articles 9 & 10 above.
4. Special meetings of the Board of directors may be called by COB Hanshi Shorty Mills, the President, or members of the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting *special business* having to do with the Association. All Directors shall be notified of the time and place at least **five** (5) working days prior to the meeting date. No business may be cited at a special meeting except that which is designated in the notice.
5. Any Association member may attend Board of Directors meetings, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.
6. A quorum will consist of at least four members of the Board of Directors. An Officer present and acting for an absent Director will be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.
7. If any Director fails to attend two (2) consecutive Board of Directors meetings without a legitimate excuse from the COB, or President this will constitute grounds for removal by the remaining Board members in accordance with these bylaws. **(If they see fit to do so).**
8. If a vacancy on the Board of Directors, through death, resignation or removal from office, the Board of Directors may appoint a qualified successor to serve until such appointee or a successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the membership.
9. The Board of Directors will have the power to make Association rules and to appoint officers and designate committees as it deems advisable to carry out the purpose of the Association.

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10. The Board of Directors will establish the dues and fee's assessments required for each membership classification in accordance with the bylaws.
11. A file of standard Operating Procedures will be maintained, added to and amended by the Board of Directors to handle the day to day administrative tasks and clerical business of the Association, and to give guidance to the Officers and future Board Members.
12. The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors will be posted or distributed to all Association members upon request.
14. The term of Office of each Director will be three(3) years. The Chairman of the Board (COB) is a permanent Position. The President will be the highest ranking student under Hanshi, Shorty Mills and be approved by him for an indefinite term. Treasurer will be appointed by the COB and approved by the Board of Directors. An eligible member may be elected to fill an unexpired term of office in the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors.
15. The term of each Director will commence at a special installation meeting of the membership following his or her election
16. The term of each Director will terminate upon the installation of a qualified successor.

Article 12 - Officers

1. The appointed officers of the Association will consist of at least a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Other Officers will be appointed by the Board as deemed necessary to carry on Association business.
4. The term of each officer will be determined by the Board of Directors.
5. The term of office for each officer will commence at a special installation meeting of the membership following his or her election or appointment.
6. The term of office for each officer will terminate upon the installation of a qualified successor.

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Article 13 - Duties of Officers

1. The COB and President will preside at all the meetings of the Board of Directors and at all meetings of the membership; and, with the Secretary, to sign the record of the proceedings of such meetings; to sign and execute all written contracts, conveyances, and obligations of the Association; to enforce all the bylaws and rules of the Association; to carry out the will of the Board of Directors; to appoint such committees as he or she may deem appropriate; and to perform such other duties as may pertain to the office of the COB and President in accordance with the article of incorporation and these bylaws.

2. It will be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the membership; to keep and maintain at all times a roll of the members of the Association; to receive and conduct, in a timely fashion, all correspondence for, and on behalf of, the Board of Directors; to keep and maintain the Association files; to, jointly with the COB and President, sign any and all necessary bonds, contracts, conveyances, and any obligations of the Association; and to perform such other duties as pertain to the office of Secretary.

13.4 It will be the duty of the Treasurer in receiving and collecting all funds owing to the Association; to render a report at regular meetings of the Board of Directors, to pay all Association bills, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; to keep at all times an account of the Association's funds and disbursements in proper books provided for that purpose, to render a financial report whenever called for by the Board of Directors and at the annual meeting of the membership; and to perform such other duties as pertain to the office of Treasurer.

13.6 The Board of Directors, when deemed necessary, may appoint a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, an Accountant, a Bookkeeper, and/or a Manager, and such others as may be deemed necessary to assist the officers in their duties. These persons need not be members of the Association

Article 14 - Elections

1. At least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting of the membership, the Board of Directors will select a nominating committee composed of at least (5) Association members, who will nominate eligible Association members for Directors, to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of their terms.

2. The Secretary will receive the nominations and will enclose, with the notice for the meeting, a ballot or listing of the nominees.

3. Eligible persons may be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting of the membership, provided they are present to accept such nomination.

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4. At the Annual Meeting of the membership, those nominees for Director, will be declared elected. Each person eligible to vote must cast his or her ballot in person, in such a manner as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. After nominations are closed, if there is only one nominee for each elective office, then the procedure of voting by secret ballot may be waived, with the approval of the membership present and voting.

Article 15 - Finances

1. The Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Directors will designate the bank, banks or other financial institutions wherein the Association's funds will be deposited and will be responsible for the Association's funds and financial affairs, including the submission of an annual budget.

2. All monies collected as a result of memberships and other contributions, will be deposited in one account. All monies will be recorded on a computer software accounting system called _____ or other Board approved software system. (Three signatures required on checks, COB, Treasurer and President).

3. Monies may be used for the acquisition and continuing capital improvements of facilities and furnishings used for Association meetings and business.

4. Monies may also be used to organize and sponsor special meetings in regard to Association examinations, seminars and summer camps.

Article 16. Amendments

1. These bylaws may be amended and additional provisions added there to or provisions deleted at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is declared. Notice of any and all amendments will be sent to all Association members.

Article 17 - Approval and Effectivity

1. These bylaws supersede and replace all previous Association bylaws.

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Notes.- Each individual Dojo is separate and apart from the Association in regards to liability relative to teaching **Aikido, Tae-Kwon-Do, Shorin-Ryu and Kempo** and doing business as a Martial Arts Dojo.

Definition of terms:

Honorary Black Belt Certificate

This Certificate is a special DAN Rank Certificate created by the Association as a means to "**Honor**" those members because of their past and present support and dedication to Pagoda-Ryu and the Association. Recipients of this certificate would be allowed to wear black belt and hakama.

Appendix A - Testing Fee Structure

- I. Kyu Rank Testing Fees
 - A. Rokkyu (Sixth Kyu): Entry level for all new students.
 - B. Gokyu (Fifth Kyu): \$15
 - C. Yonkyu (Fourth Kyu): \$25
 - D. Sankyū (Third Kyu): \$35
 - E. Nikkyū (Second Kyu): \$50
 - F. Ikkyū (First Kyu): \$75
11. DAN Rank Testing Fees
 - A. SHODAN (First DAN): \$1
 - B. NIDAN (Second DAN): \$125
 - C. SANDAN (Third DAN): \$100
 - D. YONDAN (Fourth DAN): \$175

Note 1. Rank of Godan (Fifth DAN) and higher is obtained through recommendation by Dr. Shorty Mills, Hanshi and is approved by the Pagoda-Ryu Board. The certificate is typically published at the _____ celebration near the beginning of January of each year.

Note 2. All testing fees must be paid directly to the Association upon application. After a test and upon promotion, students will fill out DAN Certificate application to be sent directly to the Pagoda-Ryu Board. Fee for DAN Certificate is separate from testing fee and the amount of the fee is dependent on the rank being granted as determined by Hanshi

Note 3. Dan Rank exceeding SAN DAN; That DAN must be actively **Teaching** and **Producing Black Belts**.

