

**Minutes for the
MKP Elder Court Zoom Call
Monday, June 1, 2015**

Men on the call: Robert Berger, Rod Clay, Jim Fannon (MKP USA Elder Chair), Scott Lederman, John Lindermuth, Norman Pearl, Allan Podbelsek, Ron Roesler.

Not on Call and Accounted for: David Bauerly, Simon Hinkly

In the past week Jerry England resigned from the Court due to an overwhelming work load and dealing with emergencies caused by the floods in Dallas.

Blessing: Allan Podbelsek

Check In by all present on the Zoom Call

Building a Strong Elder Court Container: Due to some differences of opinion in the court the first 40 minutes were spent in discussion and coming to a resolution of these disagreements. Scott Lederman facilitated the discussion. Feelings were cited, data were presented, judgements were made, shadows were called and wants were expressed in the best way possible on Zoom. There was resolution with both Chair (Jim Fannon) and Vice Chair (Ron Roesler) agreeing to work collaboratively with one another as we move forward on behalf of the MKP USA Elder Council in a good, effective transparent way.

Elder Chair Report: Jim polled the Court on whether or not to take a recess from monthly calls during the months of July and August. Some of the other groups and committees on which he serves are doing this. The Court recommended having the monthly call at least in July and perhaps in August as well. The decision about a call in August will be finalized at the July call.

Jim voiced his concern about Jerry England stepping down from the Court and asked Court members to give him offline the names of any potential candidates to replace Jerry who was focusing on finances particularly fund raising.

Jim asked John Lindermuth (Court member) to serve on the MKP USA Curriculum Committee to relieve Jim of some of his responsibilities. John agreed to serve.

Jim mentioned (later in meeting) that he will have Podbelek work with him on a plan of action with priorities that express his vision. These will be sent to the court for feedback.

Elder Development: John Lindermuth is taking point on Elder Development for the Elder Constituency.

John reported that the Ritual Elder Workshop is designed and ready for presentation at WEG 2015 (in Hawaii). Now he is seeking presenters as none of the designers will be attending WEG 2015. Steve Frankel in Denver has indicated an interest to help with the workshop in Hawaii. He asked if there were Court members who would

work on the presentation. Both Bob Berger and Allan Podbelsek indicate interest in working on this. Court members are invited to let John know if they are interested in being involved in presenting the workshop.

John is also working on offering some form of Multicultural training at WEG 2015. Such a workshop would be in alignment with the requirement that all Ritual Elders have a Multicultural training and approved by the appropriate MKP USA committee.

John stated that the Elder Guidebook needs revision. He has sent out a revision agenda. John is hoping for a revision of the guidebook by sections and is seeking men to commit to working on specific sections.

Ritual Elder Report: Ritual Elder Coordinator Rod Clay gave a report with data about new Ritual Elders this year. He broke the data down between the MKP USA and the MKPI (men certified in areas outside the US). There is a good flow of men stepping up to become Ritual Elders in Training, Ritual Elders in Training stepping up to hot seat for certification as Ritual Elders and Ritual Elders certifying to continue serving. There are some new Ritual Elder Emeriti. Details are contained in the attached report from Rod.

Elder-Young Warrior Connections: Scott Lederman and Bob Berger are taking point on Elder-Young Warrior connections. Scott reported that he and Bob are supporting the Young Warriors to facilitate the forming of a Young Warrior group in each community, both in the US and outside the US. He also mentioned that the MKPI Chair, David Kaar (Minnesota) is working to offer a NWTAs for Young Warriors only (as opposed to a YW Gateway NWTAs). Both Bob and Scott reiterated that elders must keep their boundaries with the Young Warriors. The elders are in a supporting (perhaps advising) role recognizing that the Young Warriors are our future. Bob pointed out that elders must consciously keep their shadows in check as this relationship develops. [NOTE: The WEG 2015 Planning Committee is working to raise \$30,000 to help the Young Warriors' governing leadership come to WEG 2015 to bring their energetic presence and also have their own face-to-face meeting.]

Vice Chair: Ron Roesler (Vice Chair) reported that he has sought an update for the list of Elder Contacts across all communities. He posted requests for information from communities several times this year and has received information from the majority of the communities. He considers the list complete at this point.

Next Meeting of the Court (by Zoom): July 6, 2015

Check Out: The meeting was completed with each man checking out.

Submitted by Elder Court Secretary

Allan Podbelsek

June 3, 2015