

**Minutes for the
MKP Elder Court Zoom Call
Monday, September 14, 2015**

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

Not on call: David Bauerly, Norman Pearl, Simon Hinkly

Blessing: Scott Lederman

Robert Berger had to check out early in the call due to another commitment.

Chair Report: Terry Jones has asked the MKP USA Curriculum Committee to accept his “Elder Reflection Series” as **the MKP approved standard Elder Curriculum.**

The Court went into Executive Session to discuss this issue.

The Court returned from Executive Session and voted that the “Elder Reflection Series” not be **the approved** or “**official**” **standard Elder Curriculum of MKP USA.** It was the consensus of the Court that the “door should remain open” for several types of elder curricula. The Court supports the concept that there will be several elder curricula from which elders may choose.

Young Warrior Connections With Elders: On August 5, 2015, Scott Lederman and Bob Berger had a conference call with Eric Thomas and Chris Geyer, the Chair and Vice Chair of the MKP USA Young Warrior Council. They have agreed to have calls every two months. Other young warriors and/or elders will be asked to join their calls. Each court member was sent a copy of the detailed report from Scott. (See attached.)

Survey of Lead Elders: Ron Roesler created a survey to determine the vibrancy and how much elder activity was going on across various MKP USA communities. While he can’t draw specific conclusions the data clearly suggests that there was a need for more elder connection. Ron reported that there is an opportunity to communicate more and motivate more focus on activities in the US elder groups. He indicated that activities that different communities are creating will be shared on the web site that he and Norm are working on with Keith Jarvis. Jim Fannon mentioned that it will be up to some of us to educate lead elders to disseminate information about their activities. Jim asked Ron to initiate zoom meetings with the Lead Elders to increase communication and possible cross-pollination. “Cross pollination” is connected to elder development. John Lindermuth, as the Elder Development Coordinator, agreed to work on this. Podbelsek suggested that there might be an elder who could step up to create ways to share activities across elder communities. John L. asked the court to support him in establishing a court to assist him in Elder Development tasks. The court approved this idea unanimously.

John will create his own court and may find an elder who can work with him and the court in creating a way for elders to share activities more effectively than is currently the case.

John reported on progress in organizing the Ritual Elder Workshop just prior to the World Elder Gathering (WEG) in Hawaii (October 10-11). He and the other 3 co-creators of this workshop will not be at the WEG but have designated a team of Berger, Clay and Podbelsek to facilitate the workshop. Bob Berger is taking the lead in coordinating the pre-workshop preparations. A team of volunteers has been identified and Bob organized an initial zoom call with the group. The initial plan of beginning on Friday, October 9, at 1 p.m. is being impacted by the fact that many men signed up will not be there by 1 p.m. The presenting group will work on how best to proceed. John L. has formed a survey to get input from men who have attended the RE workshop both at as last year's USAGE and one presented in California.

Ritual Elder Coordinator Report: Rod Clay reported that there were only 5 NWTAs in August. There was one Ritual Elder (RE) re-certified, one Ritual Elder in Training blessed and 2 new Elder Emeriti. (See attached report from Rod). He indicated that there will be an increase in NWTAs across the US during October.

Next Meeting of Court: October 5, at 6 p.m. (EDT), 5 p.m. (CDT), 4 p.m. (MDT), 3 p.m. (PDT). Jim will send out the zoom conversation ID.

Those on the call checked out at 7:20 p.m. EDT. The meeting ended by 7:30 p.m. EDT.

**Submitted by Allan Podbelsek
Court Secretary**