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## National Qigong (Chi Kung) Association • USA NQA Research and Education Committee

### Minutes 7/22

Meeting: **July 22, 8:00 pm Eastern Time, 5:00 pm Pacific Time**

(meetings are generally the fourth Sunday of each month)

Conference Number: **605 475-4333 code 919728**

Webconference Site: **Joinme.com** (used only if necessary, meeting number given on phone)

### **Committee Members**

#### **Invited Members (Attendees in Blue)**

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**Discussion:**(Blue indicated issues resolved, Red indicates further action needed)

#### **Time Change:**

Time change from 7:00 to 8:00 ET (4:00 to 5:00 PT) to accommodate Matthew Komelski as secretary

Discussion: **All present in favor**

#### **Formal Nomination and Vote on Secretary:**

Discussion: **CJ nominated Matthew. No other nominations were made. All present voted in favor.**

#### **Research Panel Progress**

Alan Graham - Moderator  
Dr. Matthew Komelski  
Dr. Linda Larkey

Dr. Qin Xiping (waiting - still working on Visa,  
but subsequent conversation)  
Dr. Joel Bennett

Research Panel conference call did not happen, and we've had communication issues with Dr. Qin in Japan; they tried to schedule a call but called the wrong number and did not initially respond to any of the emails we sent. When they did respond, they requested a translator, which we made arrangements for, but they have not responded to the email on that. The phone number we have doesn't appear to reach anyone, and there doesn't appear to be an answering machine where we can leave a message. At the present time, we have still awaiting their response to the fact that we found a translator for them. Nonetheless, we felt it better to have another panelist since Dr. Klein can't make it, so after discussion with Alan, we added Joel Bennett. He is working on making that possible.

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*Further discussion during meeting:* Matthew and Linda have confirmed attendance. Dr. Qin will not attend. Joel Bennett has not yet confirmed.

### **International Research Agenda**

#### **Terminology Clarification: Matthew, Alan, and Maryann report**

Page has been created and mostly organized. Definitions are still mostly unlinked. More on this below.

### **Collaborative Relationships**

Step #2: Identify all the people and organizations from whom we wish to solicit opinions about the terminology and definitions, and/or accept comments on terminology and definition drafts. This should be the complete list of people of whom we hope to utilize the terms in a standard way.

Review Organizations and add to list. Discuss Process.

*Further discussion during meeting:* Tabled for discussion at next meeting.

### **Standardization process**

Step #3: Prepare survey and solicit opinions/comments from people in list.

Step #4: Publish results and standards and clarifications.

*Further discussion during meeting:* There was a consensus among the members present that standardization should be resolved through community review on Wikipedia. C.J. asked the sub-committee to move ahead with posting relevant terms and definitions on Wikipedia. The sub-committee needs to divide up this task and report back on progress at the next meeting.

### **Education: Direction and Projects**

Gary Giamboi and Eric Imbody to report on education initiatives - identify list of topics.

*Further discussion during meeting:* Tabled for discussion when Gary and Eric are present

### **Wikipedia Project**

Based upon conversation from last month, it might be beneficial, in advance of the standardization project, to review the Wikipedia and make changes as we see fit:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qigong>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tai\\_chi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tai_chi)

*Further discussion during meeting:* See above

Other Discussions: Alan asked for consent/consensus to pursue a research slot/panel for next year's conference. All present were in favor. C.J. asked for help recruiting panelists.

NEXT MEETING: August 26, 2012 8:00 pm Eastern Time, 5:00 pm Pacific Time  
(meetings are generally the fourth Sunday of each month)

Topics for future discussion: Several members would like to see the NQA allot time and resources to attracting scholars and researchers. Ideas for how to get more involvement from the academic community will be discussed at a future meeting.