

O-An Zendo

2024 State of the Zendo



Our Teachers

Meidō Barbara Anderson Roshi
Guiding Teacher

Hōan Taishin Michael Augustin
Teacher in Training



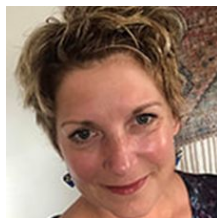
2024 O-An Board of Directors



Sherri Hankal
President



Brad Kozlek
Vice President



Andrea Young
Secretary-
Treasurer



Michele Chernega
Membership Chair



Vacant
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Chair

Meido - Guiding Teacher

Students Receiving Precepts:

- Joanna Lewis/ completed Rakusu
- Georgi Johnson/completed Rakusu
- Ramon Vera/Completed Rakusu
- Sherri Hankal
- Shulong Yan

Student preparing for Priest Ordination:

Daigen Ross McCurdy

Priest preparing for Transmission

Taishin Michael Augustin

- Offering Dokusan close to daily, both in person and on Zoom
- Led 7-Day Denko-e Sesshin at Jikoji Zen Center, Los Gatos California
- Conducted Shuso Hossen for Taishin Michael Augustin
- Conducted Shukke Tokudo for Taishin Michael Augustin
- Served as Roshi during Sunday services
- Served as Guiding teacher for seasonal sesshin
- Co-led day-long workshop for Penn State students
- Co-led periodic Zazenkais



Meido - Resident Abbess

- Met with newcomers periodically
- Built and am maintaining Friendship Garden
- Caring for grounds
- Offering downstairs space for Airbnb
- Offering upstairs space for oryoki practice and social events
- Serving as Tenzo for seasonal sesshins
- Hosting individual retreatants in main house

Other

- Weekly 2 hour visits to Rockview Prison to lead practice and study for inmates
- In process of being authorized to lead meditation practice for staff at Mount Nittany Medical Center
- Planning first “Moon On The Water” women’s retreat
- Yoga Class
- Weekly T'ai Chi Class



Zendo Projects & Events

- Michele Ryan moves into Priest’s quarters, sharing life with Taishin, contributing to the work at and for O-An
- Airbnb set up and functioning
- Creation of Friendship Garden, new trees planted
- Extension of Meditation Trail
- Rebuilding Jizo Shrine
- Replaced water heater in Zendo
- New Sewing Room



Taishin - Teacher in Training

Highlights

- Serves as O-An Zendo's Ino (Temple Manager)
- Led 2023 Winter Ango
- Shuso Hossen (Dharma Inquiry Ceremony)
- Managed O-An Zendo while Meidō Roshi led Denko-e Sesshin at Jikoji Zen Center
- Shukke Tokudo (Novice Priest Ordination)
- Constructed Sewing Room
- Weekly Dokusan with Meidō Roshi

Samu

- Assists with maintenance of temple grounds, especially the meditation trail
- Attends to various areas and tasks in Zendo building (e.g., bathrooms, library, mediation hall)

Facilitates and Leads

- Newcomer's Orientation
- Service Position Training
- Recovery Dharma of Centre County
- Thursday Evening Dharma Study
- O-An Sews
- Communications (e.g., MailChimp, Website)

Collaborations with Meidō Roshi

- Monthly Zazenkai / Day of Samu
- Quarterly Sesshin
- Workshops with Penn State Students
- Liturgy Development
- General Practice Offerings (e.g., Buddy Practice)



Taishin - Teacher in Training

Other

- Co-manages Airbnb with Meidō Roshi and Michele Ryan; oversees Airbnb communications; assists with cleaning and maintenance of the Airbnb
- Publishes semiweekly articles on the Substack platform

All of this (and more) is part of Taishin's on-going practice, study, and training under Meidō Roshi towards becoming a Guiding Teacher.



Andrea - Treasurer's Report

Summary

Income	\$36,110
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$18,048</u>
Net Income	\$18,062

AirBNB

August – December 2023

Income	\$3,049
<u>Expense</u>	<u>\$474</u>
AirBNB Income	\$2,607

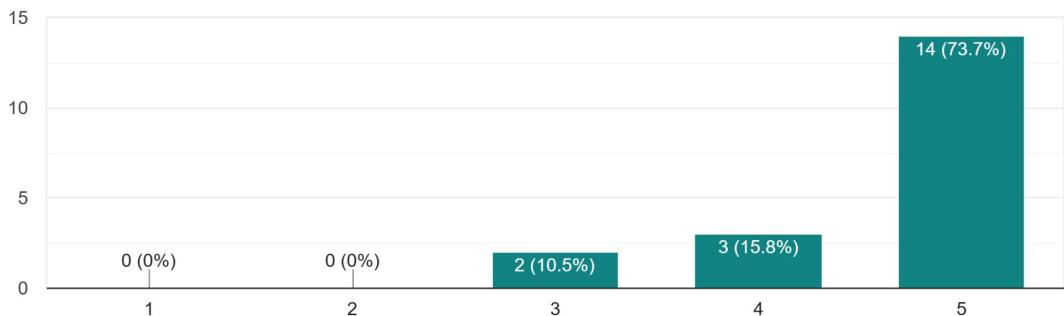
- O-An has 32 dues paying members



Brad - Vice President

1. Please rate your overall satisfaction with O-An Zendo.

19 responses





Brad - Survey

Continue or expand

- Zoom Offerings
- In-person Zazen
- Social Activities
- Study/Teaching
- Buddy Practice

Engaged Buddhism

- Received 10 Suggestions for Engaged Buddhism activities
- Respondents indicate they are available for engaged Buddhism activities:
 - 30% Quarterly or More
 - 10% Twice per year
 - 50% available on ad-hoc basis.

This was the first survey. Next year the board plans to fine tune the survey questions and consider strategies to increase response rate.



Sherri - President

Engaged Buddhism

- Participate in the community as a Sangha
- Pursue opportunities to serve as a group
- Existing activities
 - Recovery Dharma (Taishin)
 - Prison Sangha (Meido)
 - Food Bank (Michele & Georgie)
- 2024 Potential Opportunities
 - Out of the Cold (participated in 2023)
 - 10 other suggestions from survey



Sherri - Engaged Buddhism

From Survey

1. Hospice
2. Prison
3. Local Food Bank
4. Tutoring
5. Lack of Child Care
6. Domestic Abuse
7. Healthcare Worker Burnout
8. LGBTQ Mental Health
9. Homeless Support (Out of the Cold)
10. Peace Building

Suggested Procedure

- Define the opportunity
- Identify the resources needed
- Time
- Location
- Communicate with the Board first
- Communicate the opportunity to Sangha
- Survey indicated strong support



Sherri - Samu

The Fourth Jewel - Our Zendo and Grounds

Current State

- Samu activities are predominantly done by Meido and Taishin
- Samu is part of Zazenkai and Sesshin's (one hour)

Future State

- Samu activities are highlighted by Teachers and executed by Sangha
- Weeding is done without ceasing
- Focused Samu is done before Zazenkai and Sesshin's