

EWCA-Kansai

Activities in 2014

Naha, Okinawa

Sept. 18, 2014: During a lunch meeting held during the EWC/EWCA conference, board members nominated former vice president, the late Dr. Kiyoshi Hamano, to the EWC Wall of Honor under the name of the Kansai Chapter. Kiyoshi's active and enthusiastic service is missed by all. He also served as administrative officer of the Tokyo Chapter.

Doshisha University

Dec. 7, 2014: An ad hoc meeting was held to approve a new type of chapter organization (see adjacent article).

Myoshinji Temple, Kyoto: (see photos, p. 3) After the ad hoc meeting, many attendees participated in the one-year memorial service for Kiyoshi Hamano. The service was small but moving. After the service, we attended a dinner reception in which everyone shared personal memories of Kiyoshi. His family really appreciated hearing of the special ways that Kiyoshi touched the lives of EWCA/UH friends.



Sitting (L-R): Yumiko Okamoto, Marie Thorsten, Seiko Furuhashi; Standing: Takashi Mita; Not pictured: Fred Anderson (from ad hoc meeting on Dec. 27, 2014 in Osaka).

KC Board approves new organization after loss

Kiyoshi Hamano, Professor of Economics at Kansai University and former vice president of the Kansai Chapter (KC), died unexpectedly on December 23, 2013. KC held an ad hoc meeting on December 7, 2014 to discuss how to proceed with chapter activities following this tragic loss.

The agenda for the meeting was:

Item #1: Proposal of re-structuring of the Kansai Chapter Board

Item #2: Report of the special chapter meeting at the Okinawa Conference

Item #3: Report/requesting the Board consent of nominating Kiyoshi Hamano to be added to the Wall of Honor

Item #4: Nomination of new board members and establishment of positions.



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Miho, his widow, was especially honored to receive a letter from EWC Development Office on his nomination to the EWC Wall of Honor.

Saito Rehabilitation Hospital, Osaka

Dec. 27, 2014: (see photo) Due to Seiko's injury, the meeting was held at her hospital in Osaka. New board members, Takashi Mita and Fred Anderson

1. Consolidate two EWCA boxes Kiyoshi had left
2. Management system of KC
3. General Meeting in 2015

Decisions reached:

- (1) The KC bankbook and seal needs to be transferred to new treasurer.
- (2) The Membership record needs to be up-dated and a new system of maintenance created.

We need to change the communication system with chapter members to more IT supported systems. Takashi is working on a EWCA-KC Facebook account. Yumiko will transfer Kiyoshi's files to her office and also check into the bank account of KC. Seiko and Marie will create an English-language newsletter.

Seiko Furuhashi proposed to shift the governing style to :
 (1) Establish a governing board and distribute duties and authorities to the members while the president is still responsible for the overall governing of the Chapter. New board members Takashi Mita (Osaka University) and Fred Anderson (Kansai University) were approved by the Board.
 (2) Each position will be shared by at least two people (main and sub) in case one of them is transferred or goes on leave. This will be effective for deduction of individual responsibilities and for risk management. This will also activate the interaction among board members.
 With unanimous approval, the new board is:

President: *Seiko Furuhashi* (Overall supervision, Liaison to EWCA and other Chapters)

Vice-President: *Yumiko Okamoto* (Assistant to the president, administrative supervision)

Administrative Officers (including treasury): *Nobukazu Tanii, Yumiko Okamoto, Fred Anderson*

Information Manager: *Takashi Mita*

Public Relations: *Marie Thorsten, Seiko Furuhashi*

Additional Board Members: *Fumiteru Nitta, Yasumasa Maeda*

The Board thanks the two retiring members, Hideaki Sakamoto and Kazufumi Boh for their service and we look forward to have them back to the Chapter in near future. Two advisors (ex-presidents) remain in their present position.

Seiko reported that the Okinawa Conference was a great success, thanks to the Okinawa Chapter and EWCA staff. The KC Board gave ex post facto consent to the nomination of Kiyoshi Hamano to the Wall of Honor.

Attendance on Dec. 7: *Board Members:* Seiko Furuhashi, Yumiko Okamoto, Nobukazu Tanii, Marie Thorsten; *Advisors:* Eiji Saito, Tomohide Ashida; *Observers:* Eriko Yamamoto (Chubu Chapter), Mariko Kitayama-Takagi (UH Alumni Association)

Next Proposed General Meeting: May 31, 2015

Questions and Comments about EWCA-KC?

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PHOTOS from Memorial Service and Reception for former Kansai Chapter Vice President Kiyoshi Hamano (1958-2013)

