

Soto Zen Buddhist Association

SZBA History

Year	Events	Notes, Milestones, etc.	Full members	Associate members	Total
1995		At a tokubetsu sesshin, Sotoshu representatives suggest formation of a U.S.-based Soto organization.	[the numbers listed below are based on who paid dues in any given year]		
1996		SZBA Incorporated in New York State Founding Board members: Sojun Mel Weitsman, President Tenshin Reb Anderson Chozen Bays Tetsugen Glassman Keido Les Kaye Jakusho Kwong Daido Loori Genpo Merzel			
2001		SZBA Board reconstituted: Myogen Steve Stucky, President Misha Merrill, Vice President Eido Frances Carney, Secretary Les Kaye, Treasurer Sojun Mel Weitsman, Past President Zoketsu Norman Fischer Jisho Warner			
2003		Dues start at \$25 full / \$0 associate	55	(55)	110
2004	1st Conference: Host: Great Vow DHC doshi: Sojun Weitsman Certificates: Myogen Steve Stucky Closing doshi: Eido Carney Ino: Jisho Warner Keynote speaker: William Bodiford 50 full member participants (all go through DHC)	Development of DHC Membership roster created New Board: Jisho Warner, President Chikudo Lewis Richmond, Treasurer Hogen Bays Kyogen Carlson Eido Frances Carney Tonon O'Connor Kyoki Roberts	66	(82)	158
2005	Morning Service Training (10 days) (for associate members): Host: Mt Equity Zendo Leaders: Dai-En Bennage Assistant leader: Kyoki Roberts 14 participants	Dues raised to \$100 full / \$25 associate	55	59	114

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2006	<p>2nd Conference: Host: Daido Loori DHC doshi: Zenkei Blanche Hartman certificates: Eido Carney Closing doshi: Dai-en Bennage Ino: Nonin Chowaney Keynote speakers: Peter Gregory and Kaz Tanahashi 40 full members participants 9 DHC candidates</p>	<p>New Board: Eido Carney, President Hogen Bays Kyogen Carlson Setsuan Gaelyn Godwin Barbara Seirin Kohn Myo Lahey, Treasurer Tonen O'Connor Kyoki Roberts</p>	58	60	118
2007	<p>30-day SZBA Ango (for associate members): Host: Jikoji Leaders: Dai-En Bennage Eko Little Jisho Warner Sojun Mel Weitsman Tenzo: Josho Phelan Organizer: Kyoki Roberts 8 participants</p>	<p>Charlie Korin Pokorny hired as director Tonen O'Connor becomes President</p>	75	79	154
2008	<p>3rd Conference: Host: SFZC Opening doshi: Chozen Bayes DHC doshi: Keido Les Kaye Certificates: Tonen O'Connor Closing doshi: Myogen Steve Stuckey Ino: Jisho Warner Keynote speakers: Gil Fronsdal and Robert Sharf 58 full members 29 associate members (87 total) 14 DHC candidates</p>	<p><i>Formally adopted:</i> “Guidelines for the Formation of Soto Zen Priests in the West” New Board: Kyogen Carlson, President Kyoki Roberts, Vice-president Myo Lahey, Treasurer Hogen Bays Domyo Burk Setsuan Gaelyn Godwin Daijaku Kinst Ejo McMullen</p>	87	94	181
2009		<p>Dues raised to \$125 full / \$40 associate Taihaku Priest joins the Board</p>	84	100	184
2010	<p>4th Conference: Host: Great Vow Opening doshi: Norman Fisher DHC doshi: Gyokuko Carlson Certificates: Kyogen Carlson Closing doshi: Kyoki Roberts Ino: Ejo McMullen Keynote speakers: William Bodiford and Shohaku Okumura 40 full members 29 associate members (69 total) 11 DHC candidates</p>	<p><i>Website completely redone</i> Approved list of women ancestors New Board: Setsuan Gaelyn Godwin, President Daijaku Kinst, Vice-president Myo Lahey, Treasurer Domyo Burk, Secretary Ryushin Creedon Daishin McCabe Ejo McMullen Taihaku Priest</p>	94	115	209
2011		<p><i>Final approval of SZBA Ethics Statement</i> New Board nomination process adopted SZBA re-incorporates in California with new By-Laws</p>	103	101	204

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2012	<p>5th Conference: Host: Great Vow Opening doshi: Meian Elbert DHC doshi: Myoun James Ford Certificates: Setsuan Gaelyn Godwin Closing doshi: Josho Phelan Ino: Gyokuko Carlson Keynote speakers: Duncan Ryuken Williams and Dale Wright 68 full members 23 associate members (91 total) 27 DHC candidates</p>	<p>New Board: Taihaku Priest, President Domyo Burk, Vice-president Daishin McCabe, Secretary Ryushin Creedon Shotai De La Rosa Daijaku Kinst Ejo McMullen Hozan Alan Senauke 501(c)3 application for new California based SZBA submitted and approved.</p>	128	97	225
2013		<p>Training directory of ango & intensive practice periods completed and published on the SZBA website. Charlie Pokorny resigns and Domyo Burk hired as Administrative Coordinator, resigns from Board.</p>	138	104	242
2014	<p>6th Conference: Host: Great Vow Opening doshi: ? DHC doshi: Tonen O'Connor Certificates: Taihaku Priest Closing doshi: Grace Schireson Ino: Ejo McMullen Keynote speaker: Paula Arai 73 full members 28 associate members 25 DHC candidates</p>	<p>January: Shotai De La Rosa resigns from board, is replaced by Tenku Ruff, elected from nominating committee's last list New Board: Taihaku Priest, President Hozan Alan Senauke, Vice-pres. Daishin McCabe, Secretary Ryushin Creedon Mary Mocine James Ford Tenku Ruff</p>	152	111	263
2015		<p><i>June: Major Decision-Making Process adopted by board after approval from membership</i> September: Koun Franz, elected from nominating committee's last list, joins board, replacing Taihaku Priest. Hozan Alan Senauke becomes president, Daishin McCabe vice-president.</p>	164	120	284

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2016	<p>7th Conference: Location: Camp Courage Minnesota Hosts: MZMC, Clouds in Water Zen Center, Hokyoji, and Compassionate Ocean Dharma Center Memorial doshi: Mary Mocine DHC doshi: Jisho Warner Certificates: Hozan Senauke Closing doshi: ? Ino: Koun Franz Ino understudy: Domyo Burk Keynote speakers: David Loy and Thomas Bruner 65 full members 23 associate members 25 DHC candidates</p>	<p><i>May: Senior Associate members welcomed to join the Full member listserv</i> April: Domyo Burk resigns and Connie Cummings is hired as Administrative Coordinator. July: Connie Cummings resigns and Shōgen Danielson is hired as Administrative Coordinator. October: Diane Musho Hamilton and Jyoshin Clay, elected from a new slate of candidates, join the board, replacing Daishin McCabe and Ryushin Hart formerly Creedon. Tenku Ruff becomes vice-president, James Myoun Ford becomes secretary.</p>	188	110	298

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