

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)	<i>Development of DHC</i> <i>Membership roster created</i> 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>Final approval of SZBA Ethics Statement 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: Dai-en Bennage 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
2017		<p><i>September: SZBA Membership Standards adopted by board after approval from membership</i> November: Chimyo Atkinson, Peg Syverson and Charlie Pokorny elected from nominating committee's list replacing Hozan Alan Senauke, Mary Mocine, and James Ford. Tenku Ruff becomes president, Koun Franz and Musho Hamilton become co-vice-presidents and Jyoshin Clay becomes Secretary.</p>	191	114	305

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