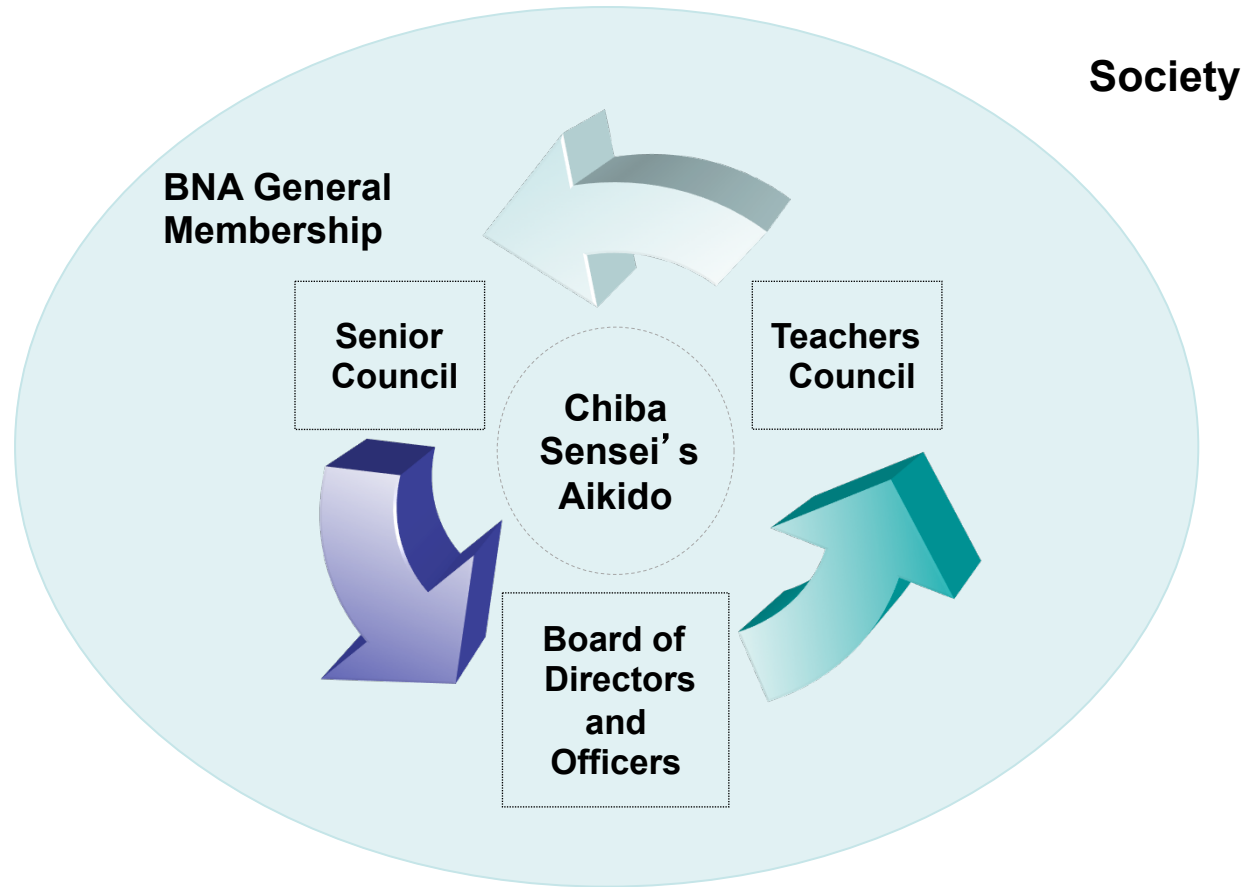


Birankai North America: We are an association of Aikido Practitioners and dojos founded by T.K. Chiba, Shihan, forged by rigorous training, tempered by mutual respect, and committed to the relentless pursuit of the art.

Objectives

1. Curriculum
 - a. Advise and decide (SC)
 - b. Evaluate and develop (TC)
2. Planning (BoD/SC)
3. Organization/ Management (BoD)
4. Participation (TC)
5. Resource Management (BoD)



Our Vision: We desire to create a healthy, stable community which will preserve the technical and ethical principles transmitted to us by our founder, and develop clear guidelines through which the dynamic nature of his methodology and curriculum may be transmitted to future generations.

Birankai North America – Organizational Chart 2024

Senior Council (SC)

Teacher’s Council (TC)

Composition	All active BNA Shihans, Chair of the Teachers’ Council	All active BNA Shidojin, plus Fukushidojin Chief Instructors
Primary Functions	Oversee, recommend and make decisions about BNA curriculum, teaching practices and teacher certification (with the Teachers’ Council), generally support the development of teachers and conduct of seminars, oversee promotions to 4 th dan and above and shidojin, advise on policies for dojo and individual membership, liaise with Hombu Dojo, establish an ethics policy.	Evaluate, develop and teach BNA curriculum. Support and encourage teacher and member participation, elect examination committee to conduct fukushidojin tests and 1st – 3rd dan tests at Summer Camp and instructors ‘ seminars, process applications for shidojin/fukushidojin certifications (Chair and Secretary), develop projects that encourage interaction between member dojos and assist dojos. Plan, conduct and support seminars.
Contacts	Chair of Senior Council: Robert Savoca Senior Advisor: Elizabeth Lynn Liaison to Hombu Dojo: John Brinsley Ethics Committee Chair: Tom Grimaldi	Chair of Teacher’s Council: John Brinsley TC Secretary: Terri Park Scholarship/Grants Committee Chair: Ed Hernandez

Board of Directors (BoD)

Composition	Active BNA members with significant experience within the organization, at least one Shihan selected by the Senior Council (SC) and one Shidojin selected by the Teachers' Council (TC).		
Primary Functions	Establish, monitor, execute and oversee administrative/operational programs and policies of BNA, including, planning, finances, resource management, and employee decisions, oversee the activities of all committees to ensure requirements for nonprofit status maintained, and provide direction to the Executive Director (currently vacant).		
Contacts	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> President: Todd Fessenden Nathalie Daux Deborah Fisher David Stier (SC) Mark Sharp Suzane Van Amburg (TC) </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Non-voting officers Treasurer: Joshua Karlin Corp. Secretary: Gerard Enriquez </td> </tr> </table>	President: Todd Fessenden Nathalie Daux Deborah Fisher David Stier (SC) Mark Sharp Suzane Van Amburg (TC)	Non-voting officers Treasurer: Joshua Karlin Corp. Secretary: Gerard Enriquez
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Board Administrative Staff
Executive Director: Vacant
Accounting Coorindator: Suzanne Gonzales-Webb
 Manages day-to-day administrative tasks, processes applications for BNA dojo membership, oversees registration of members, tracks annual dues and reports, manages accounts and bookkeeping, updates BNA seminar schedule, facilitates general communications and monitoring of BNA activities.

Membership Coordinator: Suzanne Gonzales-Webb
Summer Camp Coordinator: Bianca Zeinali
Youth Committee Chair: Mark Sharp
Medical Director: Vacant

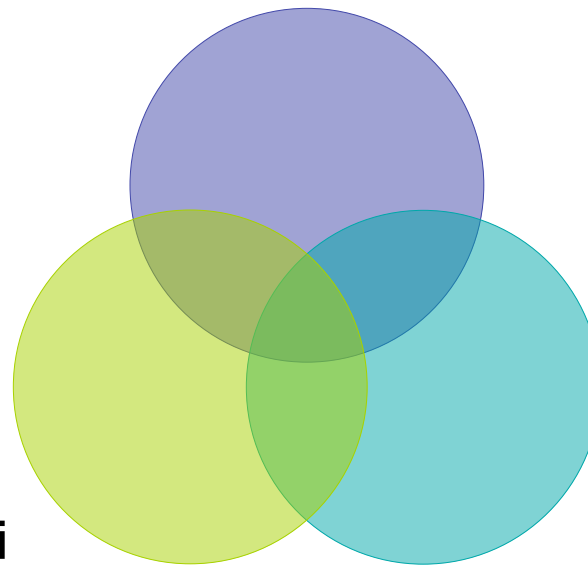
Dan Registrar: Scott Swank
 Processes registration of Dan grades, helps maintain lists of current BNA yudansha and certified teachers.

Birankai International's Purpose: A single organization to support the training of the students of Chiba Sensei

Method

- Establish good communication between organizations, teachers and members
- Strengthen the connection between continental Europe, the UK, and the US
- Support the clear, high standards that Chiba Sensei has developed
- Stimulate the growth of the art by providing strong support for the teacher-student relationship

Birankai Europe



British Birankai

Birankai NA

Desired endstate: Sincere, committed, non-competitive practice to ensure the transmission of Aikido into the future