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Subject: WEKAF news

PIMA Denver Members-

I spoke with Grandmaster Dong Cuesta this morning, who just returned from the Philippines. As many of you know, there has been political problems with WEKAF USA, and Grandmaster Dinoy Canete has given us an update.

Tom Sipin has been expelled from both WEKAF and Doce Pares. Sharon Burns of Australia has also been expelled from WEKAF. The version of WEKAF USA headed by Bong Jornales is no longer recognized by WEKAF International, and therefore competing in one of their sanctioned tournaments will not qualify competitors to compete in the next WEKAF world championship in the Philippines.

The current WEKAF USA formed by Grandmaster Alfred Bandalan, assisted by Grandmaster Max Pallen and other Grandmasters, is now officially recognized by WEKAF International. Based on the guidance of my teacher, Grandmaster Dong Cuesta and his teacher, Grandmaster Diony Canete, I will now be supporting the officially sanctioned WEKAF USA, and playing an administrative role. We will again have a Mountain Region, and Guro Tim Mills will be our Regional Director. He is currently making arrangements for our regional qualifying tournament.

If you have questions, please give me a call (303) 883-1831.

Regards,  
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