

**KSKA General Assembly**  
**Saturday 10th October 2020 14.30**

Report of the President

Dear members

More than 7 months since March 2020 our karate practice has been deeply disturbed by the COVID -19 pandemic. Our training is depending for almost 50 % on accommodation and kumite.

Through online connection we can keep the physical and technical level. But it is not the same. A lot of effort and creativity is requested from the online teaching instructors and I wonder how sensei Kase would manage this situation.

That is why some online instructors get all my respect. Especially for this matter Greg Konieczka from Kuwait. But also in Finland Raimo and in Portugal the KSKA instructors are doing a lot of effort to keep things going.

Also in the Academy we feel the need of connections and I hope we can see each other soon and train together. A lot of people are missing the motivation and hook of. It is important to find and keep the connection with the way of karate practice for the specific mobility of knowledge.

Of course to follow up the gradings and the preparations of the candidates is more complex. Grading candidates should keep contact with a shihankai member and with our secretary Mike Cowburn as well. For this Mike is the golden wire between the shihankai and the administration committee .

Also because of the situation some members forget to pay their membership. Livia Castro has the unfortunate function to check the finances.

We have to be prepared for the coming Gasshukus in May and October 2021. The costs remain the same, but the income is changing.

Let us try to keep the connection and the continuous training in the dojo or the replacing situation, whatever it is.

I wish you all the best and a strong spirit in this times.

Dirk Heene  
President KSKA, member of the Shihankai