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Happy New Year

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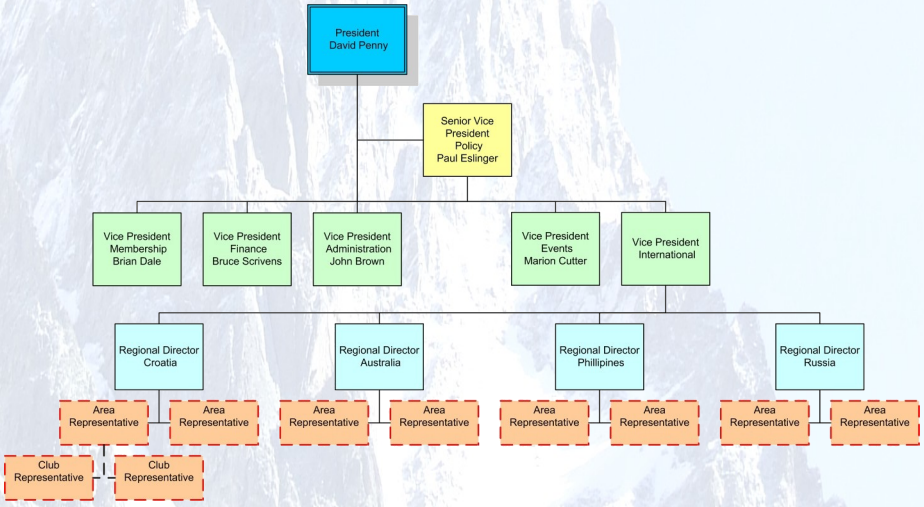
Happy New Year from all the Board of ISA.

2010 promises to be an exiting year for ISA with a growing international membership and the appointment of regional directors for Croatia, Russia and the Philippines. I personally would like to welcome these individuals and hope that they are able to increase the awareness of Saikei in their respective countries.

There has been an adjustment to the Board of ISA to accommodate new roles and the growing international membership. A diagram of the new Board structure appears below but if you have any queries please contact me and I will be happy to discuss these. Any role indicated with a red dotted line is proposed but not filled.



Philippines Saikei Demonstration

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The Philippine Horticultural Society, in cooperation with the Manila Seedling Bank Foundation (MSBF), headed by Chito Bertol, will hold 'Horti 2010, It's a Green World After All,' a flower and garden show, from **29 January to 8 February 2010** at the Manila Seedling Bank corner EDSA and Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

'Horti 2010' is aimed at disseminating information on climate change. The show is composed of three sections: the exhibits of landscape and individual collection of plants that will make our world green; the lecture-demonstrations on how we can implement and maintain our environment beautiful through the green technologies; and the commercial section where one can shop for all the materials for the greening of our environment.

On 7 February at 2:00 P.M Fely Gupit will demonstrate Saikei and stone appreciation.

Datsuzoku

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During the Certificate 2 we teach the real basics of Saikei this is important to ensure that the student has a real basic understanding of the primary design principles. In later certificates students are encouraged to move away from the principles taught at this early stage and to explore their own artistic sensibilities there is an expectation that students will trust their imagination and feelings and allow their mind to go free it is at this point that it can be said that they and their Saikei have achieved Datsuzoku.

The group planting above is a good example of Datsuzoku the artist has freed his mind from the conventional and traditional and has explored the naturalness of group planting; we can imagine the stream running between the two angular pieces of rock.

Is this a Bonsai or Saikei when we look at the meaning of Saikei, 'Planted Landscape' we can see that this planting would fit neatly into this bracket. I think this planting has real character and a naturalness that is not seen that often in Japanese Bonsai. I enjoy this planting and feel that it is part Saikei in its approach but most of all it is free from the constrictions of tradition and convention and through this is the epitome of Datsuzoku.

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