

Former Members of the WMKA

The WMKA is frequently contacted by people interested in studying Matsubayashi-Ryu and to verify if individuals and dojo's are recognized and authorized to teach Matsubayashi-Ryu following the lineage established by Grandmaster Nagamine and now under Soke T. Nagamine. The WMKA is the only organization authorized by the Board of Director's in Okinawa of the WMKA that was established by Grandmaster S. Nagamine prior to his death. All authorized dojo's are listed on or referred to by this web site or the EMKA which is also listed on this site.

All dojo owners will possess promotion certificates signed by Grandmaster Nagamine or Soke Nagamine. There are many who have forged promotion certificates. Authentic promotion certificates issued in the last 14 years will have an original stamp on the certificate that says "The Term of Validity This certificate shall be valid only so long as the holder there-of is a member in good standing of the World Matsubayashi-Ryu (Shorin-Ryu) Karate-Do Association (W.M.K.A.)." with a signature Authorized by _____. Newer certificates issued by Soke Nagamine were revised in 2008 due to the increased number of forgeries; the new certificates have the same wording as above with a much different appearance and have a sticker seal attached to the certificate.

In summary, if a person is not a member of the WMKA the person and his/her dojo are not recognized by the WMKA's Board of Directors or Soke.

Listed below are the most frequent individuals the WMKA receives requests to verify and are NOT members or training with Soke Nagamine. Information has been verified by Soke as being current.

Name	Highest Rank Achieved	Last Year Membership	Notes
Kent Bice	2 nd Dan	2008	
Don Caponigro	6 th Dan	2004	
David Cloud	5 th Dan	2000	
Phil Epstein	5 th Dan	2001	
Bill George	6 th Dan	2000	
Mike Ritter	6 th Dan	2004	
Michael J. Rosati	6 th Dan	2000	
Kalani Monios	1 st Dan	2008	
Ralph Sanchez	1 st Dan	2004	
Carl Prather	3 rd Dan	2008	
Marcel Dulaney	no record	no record	