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Ohara School of Ikebana

## **20<sup>th</sup> NAOTA CONFERENCE** **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023** **Boston, Massachusetts USA**

The 20<sup>th</sup> NAOTA conference will be held from October 16<sup>th</sup> to October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Boston, Massachusetts USA. The conference is hosted by the Boston Study Group, led by Chairperson Russell Bowers.

### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

#### **INSTRUCTORS**

The instructors for the conference will be Assistant Professor Hozuki Oyamada assisted by Grand Master Ingrid Luders.

#### **VENUE**

AC Hotel by Marriott BOSTON DOWNTOWN @ InkBlock225 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118

#### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> : *Informal Reception for Binder and Badge Pickup*** 6 pm to 7 pm.  
*Attendance at this reception is optional. You may pick up your binder and badge on Monday, before the first workshop.*

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> : Three days *Workshops & Lunch***  
Workshops: Morning (9:00 am to noon) and afternoon (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) workshops. Lunch is provided all three days.

General Meeting: A NAOTA General Meeting is scheduled for 4:15 pm on **Monday**, October 16<sup>th</sup> following the afternoon workshop.

Demonstration by Assistant Professor Oyamada: will be from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. scheduled on **Wednesday**, October 18<sup>th</sup> following the afternoon workshop and Certificate Ceremony.

Note: There is no sayonara dinner offered at this conference.

## REQUIRED SUPPLIES

NAOTA will provide containers and floral materials. Participants must bring their own scissors, kenzans, wires, etc. Information about the types of kenzan needed will be provided at a later date.

## ROOM RESERVATIONS

NAOTA has reserved a block of rooms at the AC Hotel for the conference at a nightly rate of USD \$349 plus taxes. Reservations must be made before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This rate is also available three days before and three days after the conference, subject to availability. This rate includes free wi-fi. Valet parking is available onsite for an additional \$59 overnight or \$20 daily. There is also an adjacent parking at the Inkblock Underground for \$20 for 24 hours [Parking — Underground Ink Block](#).

Participants may reserve their hotel room at this rate by calling 888-379-4394 or [HERE \(https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1680703867548&key=GRP\)](#) In order to access this rate and participate in the conference, you must specify **NAOTA Conference** when making the reservation.

## TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airport is Boston Logan Airport located approximately 5.2 miles away. Taxi and Rideshare are recommended options.

The hotel is only steps away from public transportation for the RED LINE, ORANGE LINE SILVER LINE 4 & 5 and Bus Lines. (See diagram below)

## REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

Enclosed are two Registration Forms – one for payment in US dollars, the other for Canadian dollars. Select one payment method, complete the corresponding Registration Form, and mail via **regular mail** with payment as instructed. Participants will be accepted to the conference based on the mailing date (postmark) of their conference Registration Form. Please do not send your Registration Form by overnight delivery or any method requiring a signature. No one will be available to sign for any delivery.

Your March 2022 – February 2024 NAOTA dues must be paid in order for your Registration Form to be processed.

**Space is limited. Consider registering promptly to avoid disappointment.**

**Please review the following important information before sending in your registration form.**

### **ENTERING U.S.A.**

For those living outside of USA, we strongly recommend that you carefully monitor entry requirements into the USA to ensure that you will be able to attend the conference. The following USA government website provides detailed, up-to-date information about entry requirements into the USA:

[Travel | USAGov](#)

It will be your responsibility to make sure you comply with all entry requirements.

We also recommend that you check your health insurance coverage for validity in the USA. You may want to consider purchasing travel insurance as well.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

The standard NAOTA conference cancellation policy will apply:

- Before June 15, 2023: full refund of conference fees.
- After June 15, 2023:
  - A full refund will be made if the slot can be filled by another NAOTA member on the waiting list.
- There is no partial refund if a workshop is not attended.

Should you need to cancel, please **email** NAOTA Treasurer Beth Bowers-Klaine [beth.klaine@gmail.com](mailto:beth.klaine@gmail.com)



