

**KRI****ATA**AQUARIAN  
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ACADEMY[English](#) | [中文](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Deutsch](#) | [Italiano](#) | [Português](#) | [Русский](#)**Submitted Questions/comments from trainers:****Questions for the new KRI board:**

1. I hope that they are interested in more dialogue. Only if we all come without preconceived positions, but rather to listen and as was said by Amrita Devi Kaur, being able to hold all opinions in our aura. Two points to contemplate. First, what does it mean to honor the teacher? Second, what does it mean to change the teachings?
2. Please organize a meeting with trainers, and all members of the new KRI board. And also a 3-way meeting with trainers, the new KRI board and the SSSC
3. KRI has tried to maintain a welcoming stance towards all trainers who want to share Yogi Bhajan's teachings, honoring each individual's personal relationship with him as a man. Some trainers may love YB, quote him all the time, and show many of his videos. That is fine. And some trainers are grateful to him for being the source of these teachings for us, but don't have him very present in their trainings. And that is fine as well. Will you continue to maintain that welcoming stance?
4. Of the 3 trainers now on the KRI board, only Jaap Kaur has been a participant in KRI's ATA events over the past 4 years. Why have Nam Kaur and Dharam Dev Kaur not participated in any trainer calls, forums, or discussions? Are they committed to the inclusive dialogue processes that the ATA follows, even though they did not choose to participate in them?
5. Have you, the new KRI board members, met with the SSSC yet? Do you know what their concerns were/are with KRI and how it was run? Can you get a written list of such concerns and reasons why the prior KRI board was so violently removed and share it with all trainers? Siri Mukta had said on a call with trainers a few weeks ago that he would make and send such a list.
6. How clearly, accurately, [meaning not speculatively], but also practically [not merely through reference to principles, and so called mission statements] can we be informed about any expected change ahead? My request would be that this could be indicated at the earliest possible date! This request is to indicate the urgency of being ahead of the times. As decisions seem to be pending for a lot of teachers and trainers. Meaning that, if trainers, such as those on the 'new aquarians' whatsapp group do not hear something meaningful from the board soon, then they will be increasingly swayed to just follow the trend, the flow of the crowd. For better or worse. Note the majority of people, in general, are sitting in the middle [on the fence] and just go wherever the wind seems to blow. I say this in an attempt to raise the alarm for the KRI board. Independent of any choice I, or my colleagues may make in the times ahead. PS. I notice that the KRI page of the board members is both out of date, and contains no information about the new board. I would also see this as an urgent matter. People are watching.

7. Do you understand the process and protocols which the ATA currently uses to make policy decisions regarding the teacher training programs and the trainer academy.
8. Are you aware that the previous KRI board respected the collective wisdom of that process and never found the need to reject any proposal presented to them. [Will you continue to trust the ATA to make decisions about policies that affect the Academy and the programs?]
9. Do you have plans to change or nullify any of the policies which have been implemented through that process. Specifically:
  - a. White Tantric requirement in Teacher Training
  - b. Requirement of including Master's Touch Book in Teacher Training
  - c. Requirement of including Yogi Bhajan videos in Teacher Training
  - d. Wording of the current Code of Ethics
  - e. The requirements concerning the placement of Yogi Bhajan's personality and image in the teacher training materials
  - f. The open availability of the Olive Branch Report for students in KRI programs
10. Will you support the continued open, transparent, inclusive manner the ATA utilizes to discuss and decide upon policy matters concerning the teacher trainer program and the trainer academy. And will you continue the practice of all previous boards to respect and implement the policy recommendations?
11. In your email to the ATA, you (the new KRI board) said, "It is not the intention of the new board to cancel or stop or alter ANY TEACHER TRAINING certification programs in progress."
  - a. What about future programs?
  - b. Will the board start changing the requirements without any dialogue or consensus from the KRI trainers?
  - c. The current KRI process involves hearing from the trainers and making decisions as a full body through a voting process on a global scale. Our main concern is: Will these processes be dismantled and a new top-down approach implemented?
12. Also in your email to the ATA, "The new board...has views in alignment with the greater historical mission of KRI and NOT the politics of the community factions..."
  - a. This statement suggests that you are more aligned than others. Is that true? If so, why? How?
13. Do any of the new KRI board members agree with the concerns voices by some SSSC members on the calls with the ATA that:
  - a. The purity and integrity of the teachings of Yogi Bhajan was not being held properly by KRI, or
  - b. KRI has become a business organization, trainers are expanding the teachings with that main interest, or
  - c. Students must be allowed to create their own connection with the Yogi Bhajan without communicating "a priori" the allegation situation?
14. If you value the "enormous institutional knowledge of the last 50 years and preserve the incredible achievements of KRI", why don't you oppose the way these elders were

- treated with such disrespect by the same people that appointed you? If there was such success in their functions, why were they ousted without any evaluation process?
15. I would like to see transparency on the selection of the New KRI CEO. How many applications have been submitted? Is there a committee working on the review of these applications? Can trainers participate? The CEO plays a crucial role in maintaining the work that KRI has been doing in such a diverse community.
  16. Do you see the KRI Aquarian Academy more like an employee to be managed, instructed and disciplined or more like a creative artist to be encouraged, supported, listened to and learned from?
  17. During the last meeting with KRI new board and trainers, one of you mentioned “budget issues” and that you were not aware of “the situation”. What do you mean by this? Amrit Singh has over and over explained very clearly the sources of income to KRI. The main one is SSSC money.
  18. Will you continue the “global work” with the ATA team, that have being happening for the last years?. If so, how will you honor and include this multicultural community we have built, and make sure different needs, shapes and cultural realities are accomplished?
  19. When will the new CEO start his/her functions? How will you support the transition between Amrit Singh and the person that arrives? Will the new CEO be also an active trainer or, at least, an experienced trainer that has being involved in communities dialogue?
  20. How can we make sure that this current KRI board will keep helping the ATA grow, considering that one one member is still and active trainer and has participated during the last years? How will the rest of the current board members include-participate?

#### **Questions for the SSSC board:**

1. Please list the specific reasons for the dismissal of the previous KRI board?
2. If you did not agree with the direction or specific actions of the board, did you address them with the board before dismissing it? If not why?
3. What was your reason for disregarding the agreed upon protocol for renewing the KRI board.
4. What are the expectations you have of the new board. Specifically concerning:
  - a. The White Tantric requirement in Teacher Training
  - b. Requirement of including Master’s Touch Book in Teacher Training
  - c. Requirement of including Yogi Bhajan videos in Teacher Training
  - d. Wording of the current Code of Ethics
  - e. The requirements concerning the placement of Yogi Bhajan’s personality and image in the teacher training materials
  - f. The open availability of the Olive Branch Report for students in KRI programs

- g. The continued open, transparent, inclusive manner of decision in policy matters concerning the teacher trainer program and the trainer academy. And continuing to allow the ATA to make policy decisions from Trainers and Trainings.
- 5. What actions will you take if the new board does not conform to your expectations.
- 6. Do you see the KRI Aquarian Academy more like an employee to be managed, instructed and disciplined or more like a creative artist to be encouraged, supported, listened to and learned from?
- 7. Given that you have comprehensively broken the unspoken trust that many members of the ATA had in you, and considering that without such trust the answers you may give to this and other questions may be seen to have little value (i.e. not to be trusted), are you concerned about this and do you intend to now try to rebuild that trust and if so how do you propose to do so?