



2025 Annual Report

About the USAF

The United States Aikido Federation



- **Organization Identity**

A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization registered in New York.

- **Core Mission**

Spreading and maintaining the Japanese martial art of Aikido as created by founder Morihei Ueshiba.

- **Global Affiliation**

Officially recognized by the Aikikai World Headquarters (Hombu Dojo) in Tokyo, Japan.

- **International Representation**

Serves as the U.S. representative to the International Aikido Federation (IAF).

- **Community Impact**

Dedicated to promoting and developing goodwill and friendship among its members and the broader global Aikido community.

Governance of the USAF is through the Board of Directors and the Technical Committee which carry out the mission and purposes of the USAF in their respective areas of responsibility and in cooperation with one another, as described in the By-laws.

Governance

All Board and committee members are volunteers, donating their time, expertise and experience to ensure that policies and decisions reflect the best interest of the USAF and its members.

Board of Directors

The business and affairs of the USAF are conducted under the supervision of the Board of Directors. In addition to the Board's fiduciary responsibility, its role is to ensure that the organization remains accountable to its mission and operates both ethically and responsibly.

As the governing body of the USAF, the Board is responsible for setting the organization's direction as well as overseeing all legal and ethical compliance matters.

2025								
David Kedney Chair IL	Christine Wong Secretary (effective 9/1) CA	Matthias Lynch Treasurer IL	George Kennedy Director (through 3/31) GA	Arturo Peal Director LA	Steven Pimsler Director NY	Wee-wow Dumlao Director FL	Donna Grant Director MD	James Soviero Director NJ

Technical Committee

One of the purposes of the USAF is to encourage positive practice and technical proficiency to ensure the future preservation of traditional Aikido. As such, the Technical Committee is responsible for overseeing the technical standards of the USAF.

Together with the Board of Directors, the Technical Committee supports the USAF mission, while continuing the legacy of the founding Shihan-kai.

2025

**Harvey
Konigsbery**
Woodstock
Aikido
NY

**Andy
Demko**
Aikido of New
Castle
PA

**Claude
Berthiaume**
Aikido de la
Montagne
Canada

**Peter
Bernath**
TC Chair
Florida Aikikai
FL

**Steven
Pimsler**
New York
Aikikai
NY

**Penny
Bernath**
Florida Aikikai
FL

**Vu
Ha**
Boston Aikikai
MA

**Wee-wow
Dumlao**
Gold Coast
Aikikai
FL

**Blue
Spruell**
Peachtree
Aikikai
GA

Financial Reporting

USAF Fiscal Oversight and Methodology

- **Administration**

Records are maintained by the Director of Operations and the Assistant to the Director to ensure transparency.

- **Cash-Basis Accounting**

Income and expenses are recorded as cash is received or paid, providing a clear view of liquid financial health.

- **Fiscal Cycle**

Year-end reports cover all transactions from January 1 through December 31.

- **Data Sources**

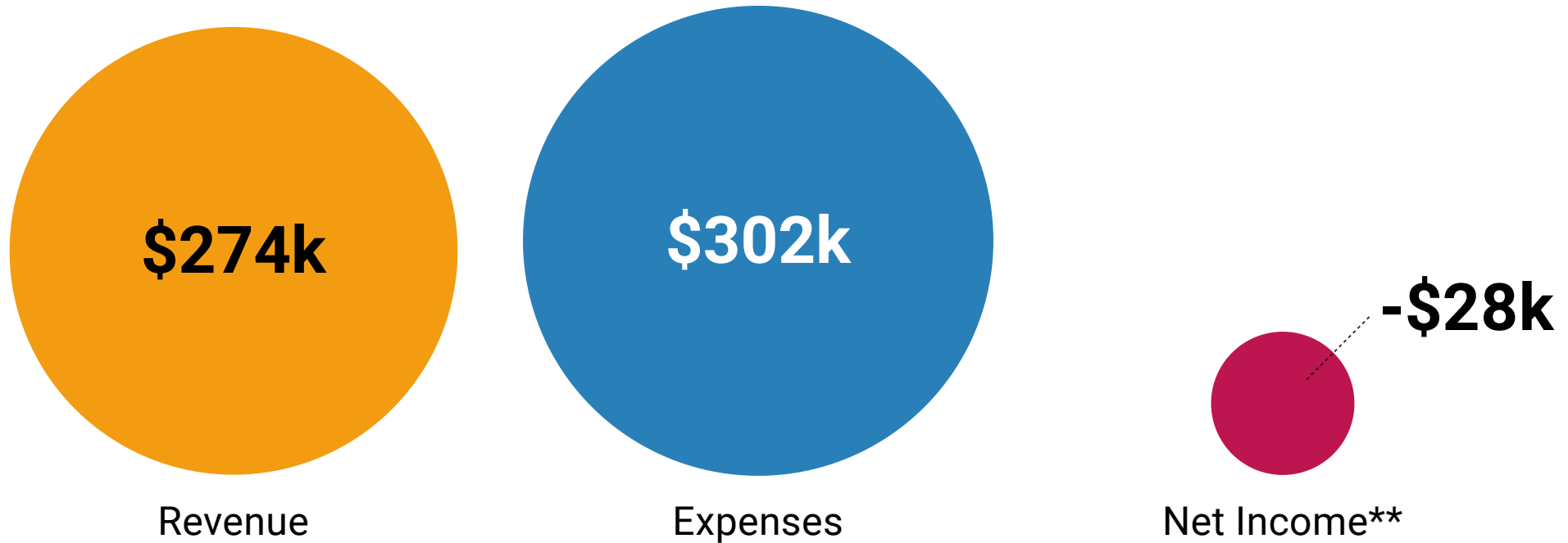
Compiled using Profit & Loss, Bank Balance, and Budget vs. Actual reports from QuickBooks.



2025 Financial Details

2025 Financial Overview

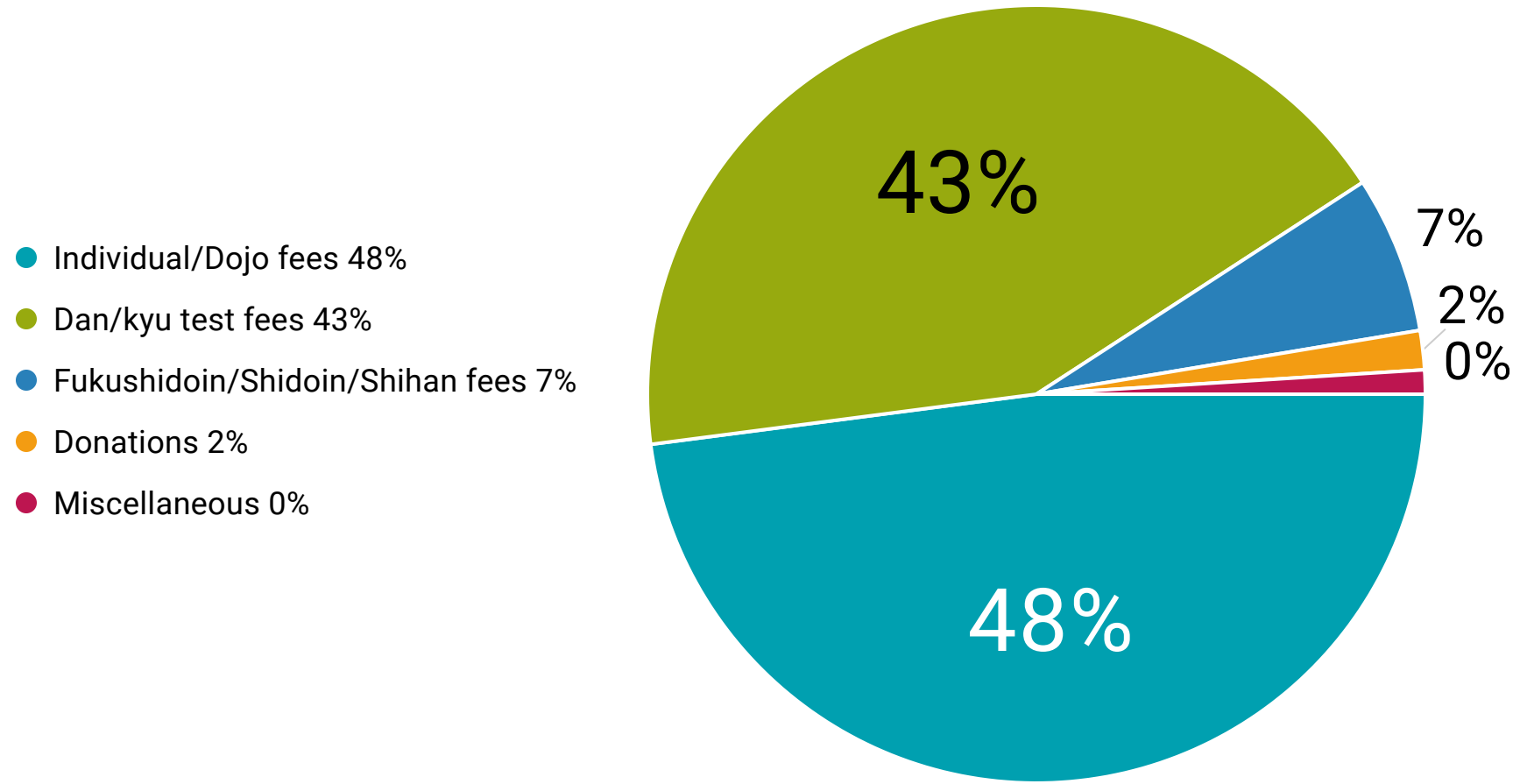
Totals for the year as of December 31, 2025



**2025 expenses included an advance payment of \$10,000 towards 2026 Summer Camp. In addition, the \$10,000 Lifetime Achievement Award granted to the Yamada family was awarded in 2024 but paid out in 2025.

2025 Revenue

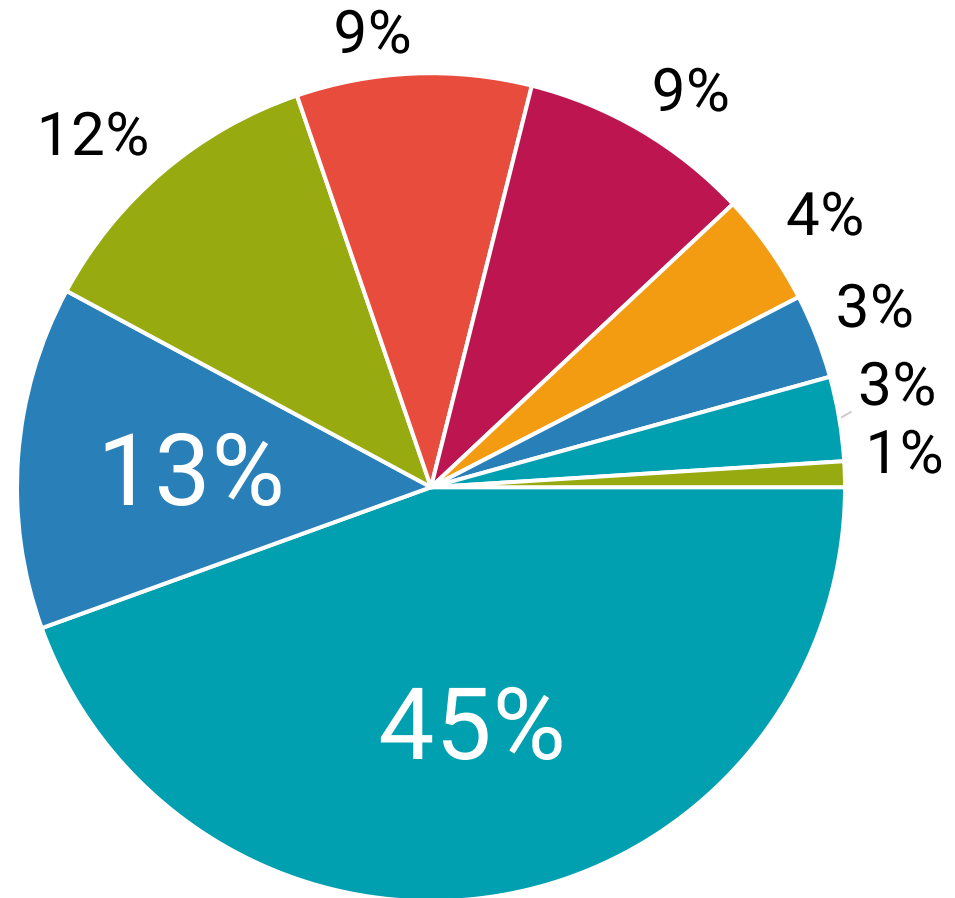
\$274,124



2025 Expenses

\$302,198

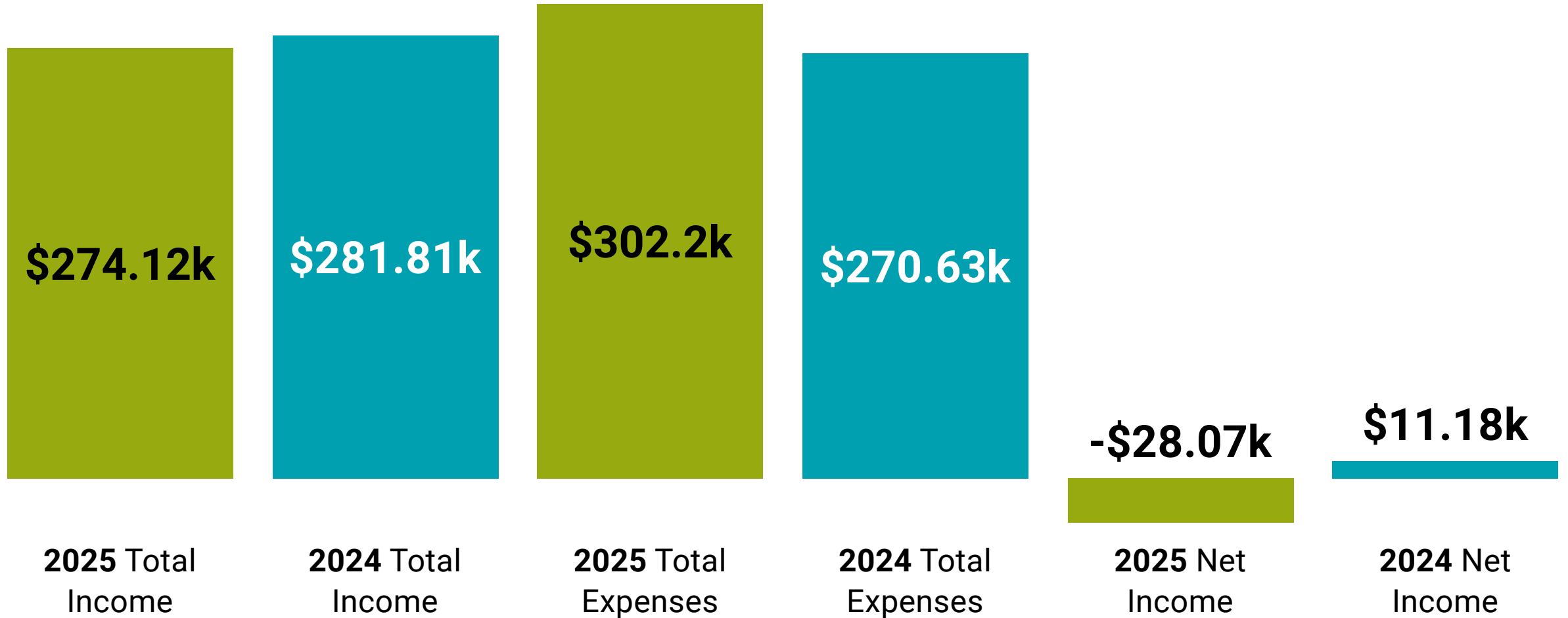
- Salaries & Related Expenses 45%
- Office & Other Related Expenses 12%
- Dan Fees to Hombu/IAF Fees 13%
- Professional/Consultant Fees 4%
- IT (website, database programming, etc) 9%
- Travel 9%
- 2026 Summer Camp Deposit 3%
- Marketing 1%
- 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award paid out in 2025 3%



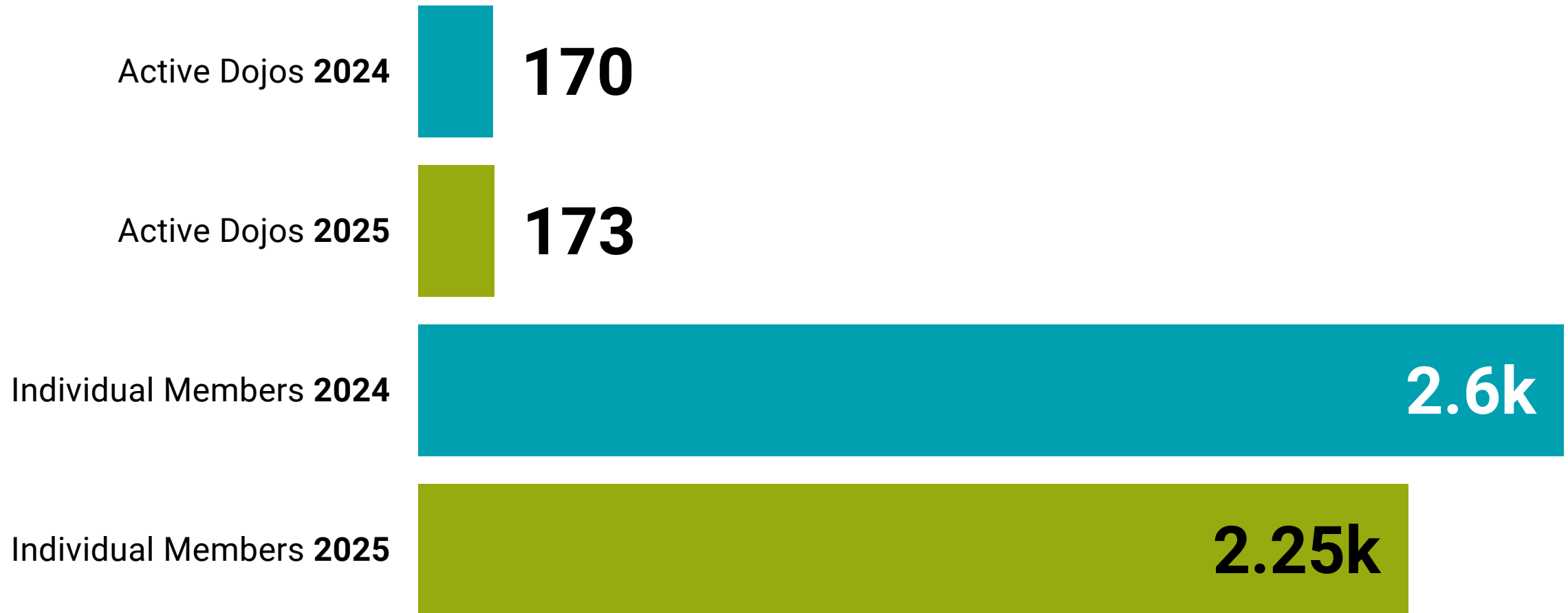


2025 vs 2024 Comparisons

2025 vs 2024 Year-End Financial Summary

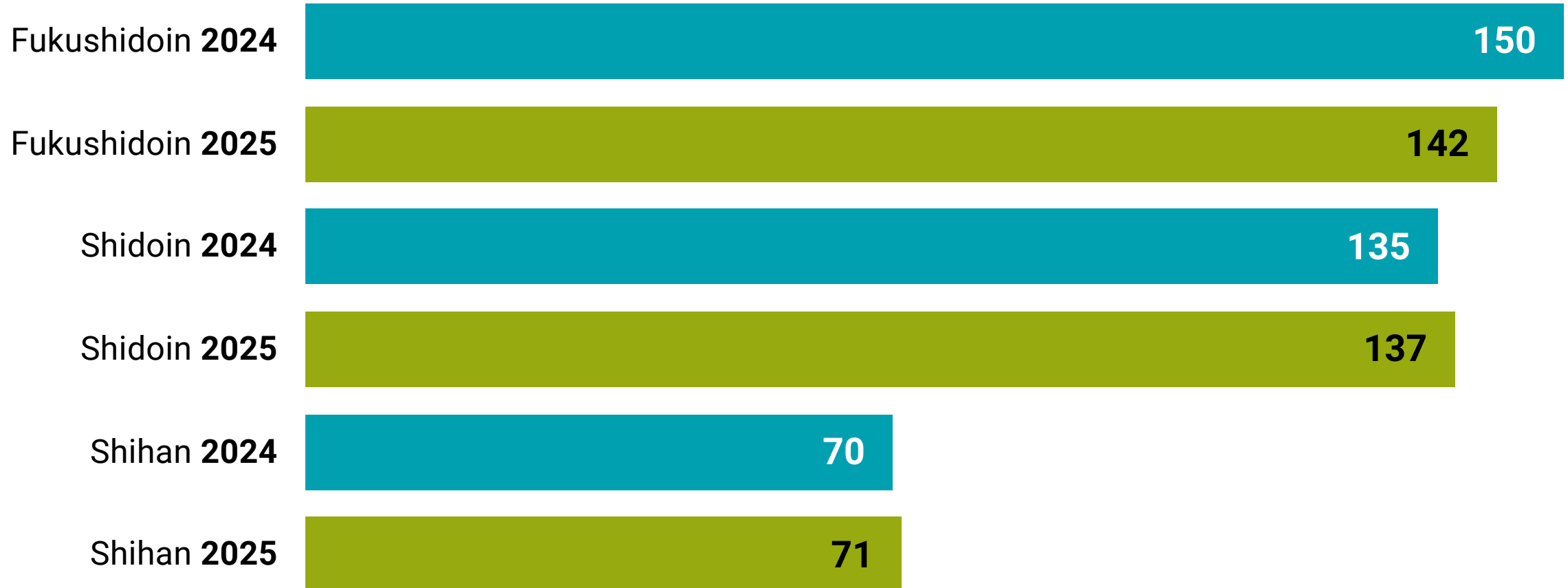


2025 vs 2024 – Dojos & Membership



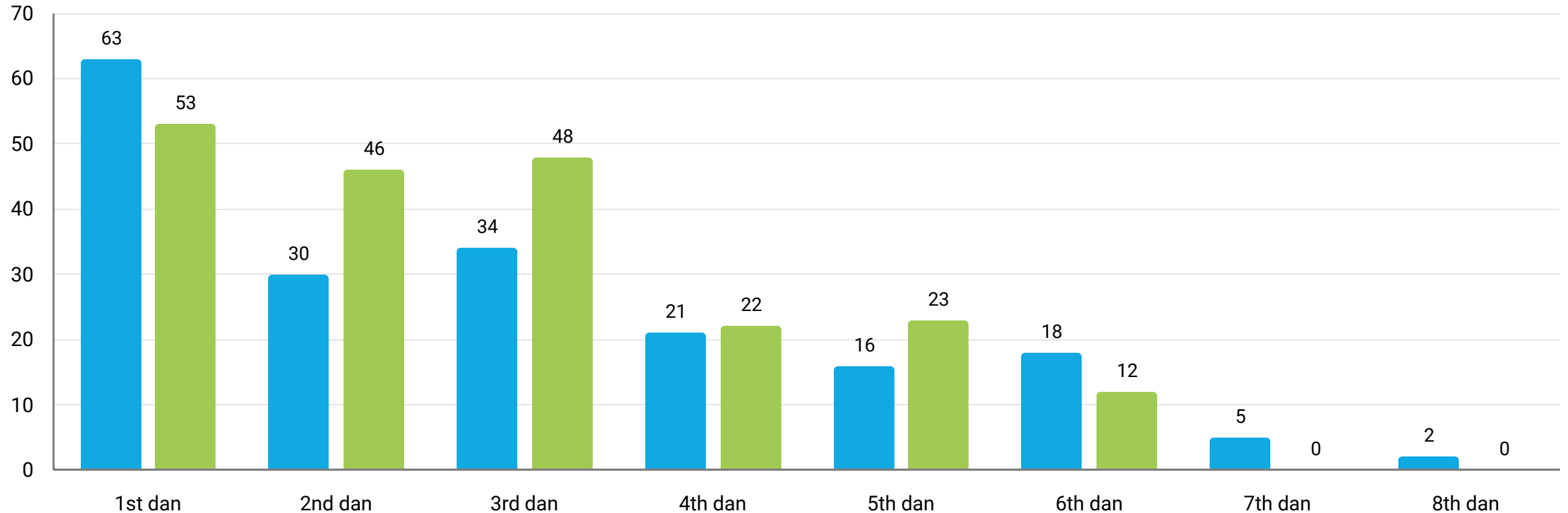
2025 vs 2024 – Instructor Certifications

includes both initial and renewal certification fees paid during the year.



2025 vs 2024 – Dan Promotions by Rank

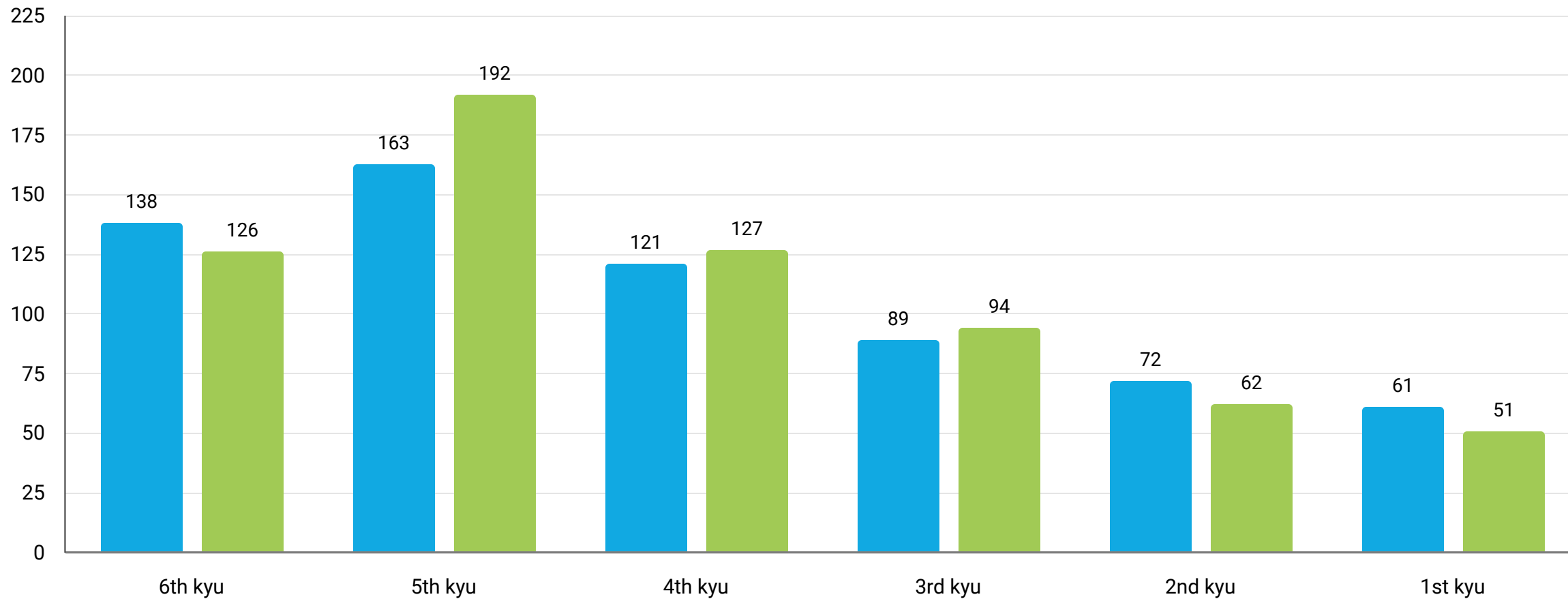
2024 total: 189 promotions / 2025 total: 204 promotions



5th, 6th, 7th and 8th dan fees collected at the end of the year are for the following year's kagami biraki promotion

2025 vs 2024 – Kyu Promotions by Rank

2024 total: 644 promotions / *2025 total: 652 promotions*



2025 Highlights

- **8th Dan Promotions**

Claude Berthiaume, Aikido de la Montagne, and Peter Bernath, Florida Aikikai were awarded 8th dan promotions by Doshu at the Kagami Biraki ceremony at Aikikai Hombu Dojo.

- **Summer Camp**

The USAF entered into a contract with the Seaview Hotel in Galloway, NJ, as the location for 2026 summer camp.

- **Technical Committee (TC)**

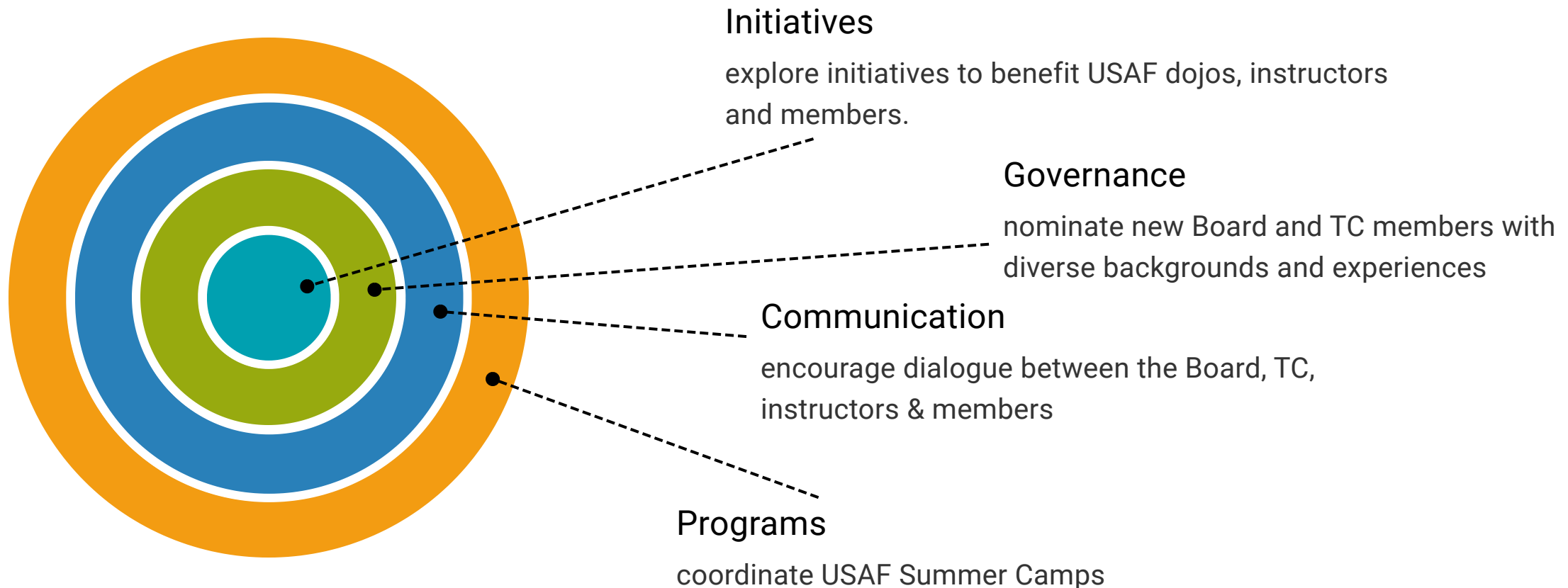
Three new members were elected in the winter of 2025 to join the TC. They are Vu Ha - Boston Aikikai, Wee-wow Dumlao - Gold Coast Aikikai, and Blue Spruell - Peachtree Aikikai Atlanta.

- **Board of Directors**

The Board welcomed Wee-wow Dumlao - Gold Coast Aikikai, James Soviero - Aikido of Red Bank, and Donna Grant - Southern Maryland Aikido Center, as new Directors.

Looking Forward

As the Federation continues to experience changes over time, the Board and Technical Committee will work together to help prepare the USAF for the future. This includes being prudent with financial decisions, introducing the next generation of instructors, and encouraging membership participation.



With Gratitude

The USAF extends its gratitude to the dedicated instructors and members who continue to support the mission and help develop the art of Aikido in the US and around the world. Thank you to everyone who made a donation in 2025. Your support was greatly appreciated and helped the USAF achieve its annual goals.