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Dear Mr. Posner:

As you will notice in the list of local, regional, and national organizations printed in the "Skeptical Inquirer," there has been no organization in Japan similar to yours. Therefore we are preparing to initiate the Japan Skeptics in coming fall. I would very much appreciate your reply to the following questionnaire.

1. Would you kindly send me a copy of the bylaws of your organization?
2. About how many memberships are there in your organization?
3. In what kind of activities are you engaged?
4. Do you publish your own journal or newsletter similar to the "Skeptical Inquirer"? If so, would you send me a sample copy?
5. How do you maintain your organization financially?

We look forward to working in cooperation with you.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Professor Jugaku,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 5. I have just returned from a vacation (which included attendance at the CSICOP conference in California), which accounts for this brief delay in responding.

The TBS bylaws were accepted by CSICOP as a model for the other local groups to emulate. I am enclosing the generic version that we have supplied to CSICOP, which they apparently are distributing to newly forming groups.

TBS has about 100 members, which seems to be about average for the local groups (although a few are much larger). We publish a quarterly newsletter (most recent two issues enclosed), and hold quarterly meetings. We have had the opportunity to test one "psychic" for our "\$1,000 Challenge" (she failed). On June 3 we will be addressing a meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists, at the invitation of the news director of a local television station.

I am not quite certain as to what you mean by your question about our finances. At present, we charge annual dues/subscription fee of \$10, which we may need to raise to \$15 in the near future. All of us volunteer our services free of charge (i.e. there are no salaried employees), and we are incorporated as a non-profit organization.

Good luck with the Japan Skeptics! Please write again if you have any further questions, or if we can be of service in any way.

Sincerely,

Gary P. Posner, M.D.