

**UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING**

9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016  
Marriott Dallas Las Colinas Hotel, Irving, TX

MINUTES

NOTE: Each Yudanshakai President is to certify to the USJF Secretary (c/o the National Office) the identity and address of each Yudanshakai Delegate and Alternate to the Board of Directors and the Board of Examiners.

Registration of Delegates and Distribution of Delegate Packets and Ballot (immediately prior to meeting)

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES

(Executive Committee acts as a committee on credentials)

Delegates:

Robert Brink/Chairperson	Gene Nakashima/50th State	Calvert Kitaura/Central Coast
Vaughn Imada/Central Coast	Sandra Hauptmann/Chicago	Eiko Shepherd/Chicago
Jeffrey Takeda/Chuka	Bryan Matsuoka/Daiheigen	Dr. Kuniko Takeuchi/Daiheigen
Dale Thompson/Florida	Harry Kaneakua/Hawaii	Scott Morifuji/Hawaii
Matsuo Takeda/Hokka	S. Keith Watanabe/Hokka	Nobuyoshi Higashi/Hudson
William Martin/Hudson	Val Brisbin/Intermountain	Frances Glaze/Konan
Thomas Sheehan/Konan	Low Dong/Nanka	Hayward Nishioka/Nanka
Janet Johnson/Niagara	Michael Purcell/Northwest	John Schaedler/Northwest
Anson Pang/Pacific SW	Harry Kendall/San Joaquin	D. Eric Spears/Shufu

Observers:

Dr. Joseph Fitzsimmons, Garry Goltz, Jerry Hays, Phyllis Imada, Julie Koyama, Karen Mackey, Karen Nagai, Mitchell Palacio, Yoko Thompson, Delynn Purcell, Terri Waibel, Robert Fukuda

A quorum being present, Chairman Robert Brink called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

A. Welcome by Chairperson

B. Introduction of Guests

Sandra Hauptmann, President of the Chicago Yudanshakai was introduced.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2015, BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETINGS

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A motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2015 meeting as published was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Jeff Takeda. The motion passed on a voice vote.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Promotion Committee

Chairman Hayward Nishioka presented the following report:

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016  
Marriott Dallas Las Colinas Hotel, Irving, TX

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hayward Nishioka at 6:00 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance: (9)** Hayward Nishioka, Chairman, Nanka; Mac Takeda, Vice Chairman, Hokka; Mike Purcell, Secretary, Northwest; Jeff Takeda, Chuka; Tom Sheehan, Konan; Nobuyoshi Higashi, Hudson; Harry Kaneakua Jr., JBBAH; Kuniko Takeuchi, Daiheigen; D. Eric Spears, Shufu.

**Ex Officio Member in Attendance: (1)** Robert Brink- 50<sup>th</sup> State

**Observers in Attendance: (25)** Delynn Purcell, Northwest; Frances Glaze, Konan; Terry Waibel, National Office; Joseph Fitzsimmons, Hokka; Billy Martin, Hudson; Mark Muranaka, Hawaii; Richard Nakatsu, Hawaii; Mitchell Palacio, CENCO; Low Dong, Nanka; Gene Nakashima 50<sup>th</sup> State; Janet Johnson, Niagara; Bert Mackey, Northwest; Scott Morifuji, Hawaii; Dale Thompson, Florida; Yoko Thompson, Florida; Keith Watanabe, Hokka; Sandra Hauptmann, CJBBA; Julie Koyama, Northwest; Karen Nagai, Northwest; Jerry Hays, Nanka; Nancy Washburn; Keith Chu, Nanka; John Schaedler, Northwest; Bryan Matsuoka, Daiheigen; Jason Uno, Nanka.

Breakout sessions, facilitated by Mitchell Palacio were conducted involving both Committee members and observers. The topics investigated were, “Why Do We Have Time-in-Grade?”, “What are Contributions?”, and “What Contributions Can/Could Be Applied to Dan Rank?”.

The following decisions were made by the Promotion Committee in regards to the promotion applications that were submitted to the USJF National Office:

Name	Yudanshakai	Rank Appl'd For	Moved/Seconded by	Decision	Comments
Fernandez, Jonathan P.	Florida	Sandan	Takeda, J / Kaneakua	Pass	
Suguieda, Sergio	Florida State	Yodan	Sheehan / Kaneakua	Pass	
Rodriguez Fernandez, Abelardo	Florida State	Godan	Takeda, J / Takeda, M	Pass	
Llamas, Lloyd Timothy D.	Hudson	Rokudan	Takeda, M / Spears	Tabled	More information on competitive record requested
Neuendorf, Charles A.	PSJA	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Sheehan	Pass	

Penick-Lincoln, Christine	Central Coast	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Sheehan	Pass	
Rude, Steven D.	Nanka	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda, M	Pass	
Seale, Gladstone O.	Hudson	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Sheehan	Pass	
Whilden, Karen C.	Shufu	Rokudan	Sheehan / Kaneakua	Pass	
Clark, WilliamA.	Konan	Shichidan	Kaneakua / Takeda, J	Pass	
Bunasawa, Noriaki	Nanka	Kudan	Kaneakua / Takeda, J	Pass*	

\*Advisory vote only. Consideration for promotion to Kudan passed to the Board of Examiners.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Harry Kaneakua. The motion passed on a voice vote. Chairman Nishioka adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

1. A motion to accept the recommendations of the Promotion Committee was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Eric Spears. The motion passed on a voice vote.
2. A motion to promote Noriaki Bunasawa to the rank of Kudan was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Harry Kaneakua. The motion passed on a voice vote.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

**NOTE: Items C, G, H, and I below were removed from the agenda and no discussion or action was taken on them.**

- A. Review & Discuss Proposed Bylaw Amendment: The Board of Examiners Chairperson (BOE Chair) and all former BOE Chair(s) shall be ex-officio member(s) of the Promotion Committee. **16-0407-1 (page 12)**  
A motion to accept the proposed Bylaw Amendment was made by Mitchell Palacio and seconded by Jeff Takeda. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- B. Proposal to Reduce Time-In-Grade & Points Requirement to Achieve Rank of Shodan. **16-0407-2 (page 13 & separate document)**  
A motion to accept the proposal was made by Jeff Takeda and seconded by Low Dong.  
An amendment to the proposal on reduced time-in-grade requirements, to include Coaching Certification, so the #9 reads "Assistant Teacher, Teacher, or Coaching Certification" was made by Mike Purcell and seconded by Harry Kaneakua. The amendment passed on a voice vote.  
The proposal as amended was passed on a voice vote.

- C. Proposal to Require One USJF Certified Teacher in Each USJF Chartered Dojo/Club with 3-Year Phase-In Period (2016-2018). Full Compliance to Start in FY 2019. By Mitchell Palacio, USJF National Teachers Institute Subcommittee Chairperson.

Rationale: Set standardization of excellence in the USJF and chartered dojos/clubs.  
For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard.  
Not considered.

- D. Approve & Accept the Creation of the USJF Master Instructor Certification Program. By Mitchell Palacio, USJF National Teachers Institute Subcommittee Chairperson.

Rationale: The USJF Master Instructor Certification Program is the delivery mechanism for the USJF Teacher Certification system.

For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard.  
Included in the minutes as a “housekeeping item” to be sure previous actions were reflected in the minutes. No new action was taken.

- E. Approve & Accept the Creation of the USJF Master Coach Certification Program. By Hayward Nishioka, USJF National Coach Certification & Development Subcommittee Chairperson.

Rationale: The USJF Master Coach Certification Program is the delivery mechanism for the USJF Coach Certification system.

For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard.  
Included in the minutes as a “housekeeping item” to be sure previous actions were reflected in the minutes. No new action was taken.

- F. Approve & Accept the Creation of The Mini-Dojo Instructor Program. By Mitchell Palacio, USJF National Teachers Institute Subcommittee Chairperson.

Rationale: The USJF Mini-Dojo Instructor Program will facilitate the implementation of Judo within the YMCA/YWCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, Urban Recreation Centers, and etc.

For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard.  
A motion to accept the program, specifying that the person in charge of such a program be eighteen years of age and possess the minimum rank of Shodan, was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Mac Takeda. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

- G. Proposal to Make USJF Teacher Certification a Requirement for Black Belt Promotion (Shodan) for Non-Competitor Candidates with 3-Year Phase-In Period (2016-2018). Full Compliance to Start in FY 2019. By Mitchell Palacio, USJF National Teachers Institute Subcommittee Chairperson.

Rationale: The large majority of individuals running judo clubs in the United States are non-competitors. We need to inform, education, and facilitate the benefits of USJF Teacher excellence and the concepts associated with development of a champion of character.

For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard.  
Not considered.

- H. Proposal to Budget \$7,000 for USJF National Teacher/Coach Conference. By Mitchell Palacio, USJF National Teachers Institute Subcommittee Chairperson.

Similar to last year's program.

One YDK representative to become certified to deliver the USJF Teacher Certification Program.

Not considered.

- I. Proposal to Modify USJF Mission Statement. By Mitchell Palacio, USJF National Teachers Institute Subcommittee Chairperson.

Currently: The vision of USJF is to have JUDO in every American community and school.

Our mission is to serve and support our members in the American judo community while upholding the principles of mutual welfare and benefit.

Proposed: The vision of USJF is to have JUDO in every American community and school.

Our mission is to serve and support our members in the American judo community while upholding the principles of mutual welfare and benefit, ***in addition to developing champions of character.***

Rationale: We need to identify in our mission, the creation of a better citizen. The character traits of respect, loyalty, perseverance, courage, and humility are clearly developed through our judo programs. For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard.

For review and discussion about acceptability of proposal to become a new USJF standard.

Not considered.

## VI. ELECTIONS (Term 2016-2018)

A. Final Remarks from the Chairman

B. The new Officers elected are:

- BOE Chairperson: Mac Takeda, Hokka
- BOE Vice-Chairperson: Mike Purcell, Northwest
- BOE Secretary: Richard Nakatsu, Hawaii

## VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Strategic Planning & Fall Meetings

- TBD - Seattle, Washington???
- ***Strategic Planning Meetings - Tuesday, November 2016***
- ***Strategic Planning Meetings - Wednesday, November***
- ***2016 Committee Meetings - Thursday, November 2016***
- ***BOE & BOD - Friday, November 2016***

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Low Dong. The motion passed on a voice vote and Chairman Brink adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.