

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

9:00 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2016
Double Tree Seattle Airport Hotel, Seattle, WA

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:

Matsuo Takeda/Chairperson	Robert Brink/50th State	Edward Hanashiro/50th State
Mitchell Palacio/Central Coast	A. Glenn Hamaoka/Chuka	Bryan Matsuoka/Daiheigen
Dr. Kuniko Takeuchi/Daiheigen	Harry Kaneakua/Hawaii	Dr. Richard Nakatsu/Hawaii
S. Keith Watanabe/Hokka	Nobuyoshi Higashi/Hudson	Val Brisbin/Intermountain
Neil Simon/Konan	Thomas Sheehan/Konan	Low Dong/Nanka
Hayward Nishioka/Nanka	Janet Johnson/Niagara	Michael Purcell/Northwest
Julie Koyama/Northwest	Anson Pang/Pacific SW	Dr. Larry Tsutsui/San Joaquin
Michael Landstreet/Shufu	D. Eric Spears/Shufu	

Observers:

Albert Aoki, Dr. Joseph Fitzsimmons, Frances Glaze, Gary Goltz, Harry Kaneakua, Roy Kawaji, Karen Nagai, John Schaedler, J. Miki Takemori, Terri Waibel, Robert Fukuda

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

A. Welcome by Chairperson

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2016, BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETINGS

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting as published was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Mac Takeda. The motion passed on a voice vote.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Promotion Committee

Tom Sheehan on behalf of Chairman Hayward Nishioka presented the following Report.

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC.
Promotion Committee Meeting Minutes

2:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2016 DoubleTree Seattle Airport Hotel, Seattle, WA

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hayward Nishioka at 2:00 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- 50th 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 50th 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.

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
Imamura, Randy A.	San Joaquin	Yodan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Oshima, Daniel H.	Rokushu	Yodan	Kaneakua / Takeuchi	Pass	
Fernandez, Alberto T.	Florida	Godan	Kaneakua / Spears	Tabled	
Lally, John	Rokushu	Godan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Llamas, Lloyd Timothy D.	Hudson	Rokudan	na	Withdrawn	
Ciokon, Jr., Joseph.	PSJS	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Goode, Ron	Chuka	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Hashiro, Gary.	Hawaii	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda,	Pass	
Kono, Susumu.	Nanka	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Matsubara, Earnest.	PSJA	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Nakayama, Rodney	Hawaii	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Tabled	
Tsutsui, Larry.	San Joaquin	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda,	Pass	
Seino, Toshiyuki	Nanka	Hachidan	Kaneakua / Purcell	Pass	
Harai Sr., James	Northwest	Hachidan	Takeda / Purcell	→	Refer to committee

Imamura, Haruo	San Joaquin	Judan	Kaneakua / Takeuchi	Tabled	
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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 3:29 p.m.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Judan (10th Dan) Promotion Procedure & Criteria **(16-1028-1)**

1. **NOMINATION for JUDAN:** Requires no less than 50% of the yudanshakais (7) represented on the Promotion Committee at the time on nomination. Each Yudanshakai joining in a judan nomination shall have its action pre-approved by its Yudanshakai board of directors prior to submission

A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Palacio and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

2. **MINIMUM TIME-IN-GRADE:** Candidates for judan shall have held the USJF rank of kudan for no less than 10 years. There shall be no judan promotion awarded for any candidate not holding USJF kudan rank.

A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Palacio and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

3. **POSTUMOUS AWARD:** The rank of judan shall be made only posthumously, provided however, that this provision shall sunset on the twenty-fifth anniversary of this provision.

The motion failed

4. **WHEN JUDAN NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED:** Judan nominations may be considered by the Promotion Committee and Board of Examiners only at the annual (Spring) corporate meeting in even numbered years (i.e. 2018, 2020, etc).

A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Glaze and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

5. **APPROVAL or TABLING:** A vote of 100% of both the Promotion Committee and the Board of Examiners shall be required for approval of judan rank. No judan application can be rejected. Any judan promotion not approved must be tabled. Tabled judan application may be taken from the table for reconsideration at any scheduled meeting according to the timing limitation set forth in paragraph 4 above; or may be withdrawn at any time by the yudanshaai responsible for its original submission.

A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Glaze and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

6. TWO CATEGORIES OF JUDAN

A. JUDAN: An Olympic or Senior World Medalist, OR U.S. National Champion and other international medalist in no less than twelve events, OR World and/or USA renowned leader and Judo pioneer (e.g. Keiko Fukuda, Judan).

B. HONORARY JUDAN: All other judan candidates meeting the criteria (to be defined)

A motion to refer to ad hoc committee and second was made by Glaze and Purcell, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

7. LONGTIME USJF YUDANSHA LOYALTY: Absence of lifelong USJF loyalty can be considered one reason for tabling a candidacy for judan.

A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Hanashiro and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

8. JUDAN RANK CRITERIA: It may be difficult but none-the-less helpful to set out a list of factors including such matters of highest level lifetime achievements in judo, leadership at all levels of USJF judo, long record of the highest level of competitive, coaching, officiating successes, unimpeachable character, major contributor in multiple areas of judo development, promotion, support, etc.

A motion to refer to ad hoc committee and second was made by Kaneakua and Nishioka, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

B. CDC Heads Up and USOC Safesport Certifications required for ONLY shodan promotions.

A motion to accept and second the proposal was made by Takeda and Kaneakua, respectively. The motion then passed on a voice vote.

VI. NEXT MEETING

A. Strategic Planning & Fall Meetings

- Location : Salt Lake City, Utah
- Committee Meetings – Wednesday, April 26, 2017
- BOE & BOD – Thursday, April 27, 2017
- (USA Judo Committee Meetings – Friday, April 28, 2017
- Senior Nationals – Saturday, April 29, 2017, and Sunday April 30, 2017

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Sheehan and seconded by Kaneakua. The motion passed on a voice vote and Chairman Takeda adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. PST