

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

9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017

Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

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	Edward Hanashiro/50th State	Gene Nakashima/50th State
Vaughn Imada/Central Coast	Calvert Kitaura/Central Coast	Matthew Carpenter/Chicago
Sandra Hauptmann/Chicago	Tom Jay/Chuka	Haruo Makimoto/Daiheigen
Robert Suyehira/Daiheigen	James Marshman/Florida	Harry Kaneakua/Hawaii
Mark Muranaka /Hawaii	S. Keith Watanabe/Hokka	Nobuyoshi Higashi/Hudson
Shintaro Higashi/Hudson	Rodney Lima/Intermountain	Thomas Sheehan/Konan
Janet Johnson/Niagara	Julie Koyama/Northwest	John Schaedler/Northwest
Dr. Larry Tsutsui/San Joaquin	D. Eric Spears/Shufu	

Observers:

Robert Brink, Jerry Hays, Phyllis Imada, Karen Mackey, Scott Morifuji, Karen Nagai, Max Rayner, Renee Saunders, Terri Waibel

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 OCTOBER 28, 2016, BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETINGS

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2016 meeting as published was made by Low Dong and seconded by Mac Takeda. The motion passed on a voice vote.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Promotion Committee

Chairman Hayward Nishioka presented the following Report.

## Promotion Committee Meeting Minutes

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017 Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hayward Nishioka at 4:00 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance: (10)** 50<sup>th</sup> State: Gene Nakashima, Chicago: Eiko Shepherd, Niagara: Janet Johnson, Hawaii: Harry Kaneakua, Hokka: Mac Takeda. Hudson: Nobuyoshi Higashi, Konan: Tom Sheehan, Nanka: Hayward Nishioka, Northwest: John Schaedler, Sufu: Eric Spears.

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

**Observers in Attendance: (6)** Brice Oishi Nanka, Low Dong Nanka, Jim Marshman Florida, Tom Jay Chuka, Larry Tsutsu San Joaquin, and Shintaro Higashi Hudson.

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
Garcia, Roland A.	Florida	Nidan	Brink / Kaneakua	Pass	
Hosang, Brian	Florida	Nidan	Takeda / Purcell	Pass	
Miller, Garfield F.	Florida	Nidan	Takeda / Kaneakua	Pass	
Shenkman, Michael	Florida	Nidan	Takeda / Kaneakua	Pass	
Zelihic, Mahir	Florida	Nidan	Takeda / Purcell	Pass	
Francisco, Jose	Florida	Sandan	Kaneakua / Spears	Pass	
Madan, Omar	Florida	Sandan	Kaneakua / Spears	Pass	
Zelihic, Saud	Florida	Sandan	Kaneakua / Spears	Pass	
Boulet, Andre Y.	Niagara	Yondan	Kaneakua / Purcell	Pass	
Grisanti, Martin S Jr.	Niagara	Yondan	Kaneakua / Johnson	Pass	
Harvey, Elliott L.	PSJA	Yondan	Kaneakua / Spears	Pass	
Baron, Salvatore L.	Niagara	Godan	Kaneakua / Johnson	Pass	
Caldwell, William B.	PJSA	Godan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Dickie, Marc S.	Florida	Godan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Fernandez, Alberto T.	Florida	Godan	Kaneakua / Spears	Pass	
Yamanaka, Mark K.	PISA	Godan	Kaneakua / Shephard	Pass	
Higashi, Shintaro	Hudson	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Shepherd	Pass	
Kanno, David Y.	50 <sup>th</sup> State	Rokudan	Kaneakua / Takeda	Pass	
Lima Rodney .K.	Intermountain	Rokudan	Takeda / Shepherd	Pass	
Llamas, Lloyd Timothy	Hudson	Rokudan	Brink / Spears	Pass	

Harai Sr. James	Northwest	Hachidan	-----	Out-of-order	
Imamura, Haruo	San Joaquin	Judan	-----	Out-of-order	

A motion to adjourn was made and a second was established. The motion passed on a voice vote. Chairman Nishioka adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

#### **B. Honorary/Posthumous**

A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then passed by the Board on a voice vote for the following:

1. Honorary promotion to Shodan has a past precedent in the USJF. This will be the only honorary promotion considered for a living person.
2. All posthumous promotions must reflect the rank integrity the USJF prides itself in maintaining.
3. Regardless of the rank being considered, posthumous promotion can only be for honorary rank. A completed promotion application must be submitted to the Promotion Committee for review at the subsequent semiannual meeting to the applicant's passing. Should an individual pass within 30 days of the semiannual meeting, the application may be submitted at the next semiannual meeting. Applications submitted after that time will not be considered. Obviously, only one application for a posthumous promotion may be submitted.
4. Should a promotion application be submitted to the Promotion Committee as per standard promotion regulations, and the candidate passes after that submission but before the semi-annual meeting, that application will be considered for a full promotion rather than an honorary one.

#### **C. Form 20**

A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then passed by the Board on a voice vote for the following:

1. If the typed Form 20 does not have the required information (e.g. kata, class of competitor etc.), the promotion will be automatically tabled.

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Judan (10<sup>th</sup> Dan) Promotion Procedure & Criteria (16-1028-1)**

A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then tabled as only 6 YDKs provided input for the following. The adhoc committee to pursue input from the remaining YDKs and make a final recommendation for the Fall 2017 BOE meeting:

1. For #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).

2. For #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.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Florida Judo Yudanshakai Request For Suisenken To Sandan (17-0427-1)

Need to double membership in two years for full authority.

A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then passed by the Board on a voice vote.

- B. Five Star Dojo Certification (17-0427-2)

A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then passed by the Board on a voice vote.

- C. Reduce The Time-In-Grade And Points Requirement To Achieve The Rank Of Shodan (17-0427-3)

Out-Of-Order. Previously approved.

- D. Self-Defense Criteria for Rank Reduction for Form 20

5% - Trainer

3% - Teacher

1% - Assistant Teacher

A motion to accept and a second was established for discussion. The motion was then passed by the Board on a voice vote.

- E. Junior and Regional Referee Program

To allow the Board time to read and act on the Program at the Fall Meetings

## VI. NEXT MEETING

- A. Summer Teleconference Meeting For Reallocation & Budget Approvals

**Date:** Saturday, July 15, 2017

**Time:** 17:00 – East / 16:00 – Cen / 15:00 – Mtn / 14:00 – Pac / 13:00 Alaska /  
11:00 Hawaii

- B. Fall Meetings: Dates & Locations (TBD)

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and a second was established. The motion passed on a voice vote and Chairman Takeda adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. MTN