

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

9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 2017
Marriott Dallas Las Colinas, 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:

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| Matsuo Takeda/Chairperson | Edward Hanashiro/50th State | Janet Johnson/Niagara |
| Gene Nakashima/50th State | Vaughn Imaa/Central Coast | Mitchell Palacio/Central Coast |
| Nobuyoshi Higashi/Hudson | Frances Glaze/Konan | Neil Simon/Konan |
| Hayward Nishioka/Nanka | Julie Koyama/Northwest | John Schaedler/Northwest |
| Tom Jay/Chuka | Harry Kaneakua/Hawaii | Haruo Makimoto/Daiheigen |
| Low Dong/Nanka | Mark Muranaka/Hawaii | S. Keith Watanabe/Hokka |
| Dr. Chuck Medani/Shufu | Dr. Larry Tsutsui/San Joaquin | |

Observers:

Robert Brink, Phyllis Imada, Scott Morifuji, Terri Waibel, Karen Nagai, Terri Flint, Richard Nakatsu

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 27, 2017, BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETINGS

A motion made to initially table the minutes of the APRIL 27, 2017 (Salt Lake City) meeting to the May 2018 meeting and second. Then, Copies were then made and the minutes were then approved and second. 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, November 15, 2017 Mariott Dallas Las Colinas, Irving, TX

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

Committee Members in Attendance: (10) Takeda - Hokka, Higashi - Hudson, Kaneakua - Hawaii, Makimoto - Daiheigen, Purcell – Northwest, Medani - Shufu, Hanashiro - 50th State, Palacio - Central Coast, Johnson – Niagara, Brink- ex officio

Ex Officio Member in Attendance: Robert Brink- 50th State

Observers in Attendance: (9) Gene Nakashima, Julie Koyama, Larry Tsutsui, Mark Muranaka, Scott Morifuji, Terri Waibel, Low Dong, Brian Matsuoka, Richard Nakatsu

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 |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| English, Jim W. | PSA | Yodan | Takeda / Kaneakua | Pass | |
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| Jay, Tom L. | Chuka | Godan | Takeda / Kaneakua | Pass | |
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| Aoki, Alton | 50 th State | Rokudan | Kaneakua/Takeda | Pass | |
| Agusto, Paulo F. | PSJA | Rokudan | Takeda / Kaneakua | Reject | Not enough time in grade |
| Hamaoka, Glenn A. | Chuka | Rokudan | Kaneakua / Takeda | | Withdrawn |
| Israel, Daniel R. | Daiheigan | Rokudan | Purcell/Kaneakua | Pass | |
| Kinoshita, Dale S. | Chuka | Rokudan | Takeda / Kaneakua | Pass | |
| Miyamasu, Ernest | 50 th State | Rokudan | Hanashiro / Kaneakua | Pass | |
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| Nakayama, Rodney | Hawaii | Rokudan | Kaneakua / Hanashiro | Pass | |
| Regidor, Rolann H.P. | 50 th State | Rokudan | Kaneakua / Takeda | Pass | |
| Sakamoto, Brett C. | Chuka | Rokudan | Kaneakua / Takeda | Pass | |
| Tsubota, Clint T. | 50 th State | Rokudan | Kaneakua / Hanashiro | Pass | |
| Tsubota, Miles K. | 50 th State | Rokudan | Kaneakua / Hanashiro | Pass | |
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| Mackey, Bert | Northwest | Shichidan | Purcell / Kaneaua | Pass | |
| Takeda, Jeffrey T. | Chuka | Shichidan | Kaneakua / Takeda | Pass | |
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| Sakamoto, Kinya | Chuka | Hachidan | Kaneakua / Takeda | Pass | |

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Judan Promotion (6th part)**

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

“Highest level lifetime achievements in judo; Leadership at all levels of USJF judo; Long record of the highest level of competition; Coaching; Officiating successes; Impeccable character; Major contributor in multiple areas of judo development; Promotion; Support; Publication of promotional materials, etc.”

2. A motion to accept and second (Brink/Kaneakua) Junior and Regional Referee Program, which was then passed by the Board on a voice vote for the following.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Improving our promotion system from Hayward Nishioka

1. Ways to promote shodan faster
2. Giving Head Dojo Club Instructor sole authority to promote to shodan
3. **Straw** vote authority for shodan (5 – favor; 3 – not in favor; 2-abstain). Discussion to continue.

B. Update Website for the following **(letter to be sent from National Office to each club)**

1. Honorary/Posthumous promotion criteria
2. Include - If Form 20 (e.g. Kata, class of competitor, or has a blank space), the promotion will be tabled
3. Five Star Dojo certification criteria
4. Self Defense Criteria Rank Reduction (5% - Trainer; 3% - Teacher; 1% - Assistant Teacher.
5. Update Time in Grade chart for non-competitors to reflect Shodan time in grade changes

C. Promotion application from requestor to “hold” Form 20 to be in writing and an answer to be sent back by USJF in writing where Form 20 cannot be on “hold”.

IV. **NEXT MEETING**

- A. USJF Spring 2008 meetings
- B. Fall Meetings: Dates & Locations **(TBD)**

V. **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 **10:10 a.m.** MTN