

**UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC.**  
**BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING**  
**9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 31, 2019**  
**Hilton Dulles North/Loudoun, Dulles, Virginia**

**MINUTES**

A quorum being present, Chairman Matsuo Mac Takeda called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES**

(Executive Committee acts as a committee on credentials)

Delegates:

Matsuo Takeda/Chairperson	Robert Brink/50th State	Gene Nakashima/50th State
Vaughn Imada/Central Coast	Mitchell Palacio/Central Coast	Sandra Hauptmann/Chicago
Eiko Shepherd/Chicago	Bryan Matsuoka/Daiheigen	Dr. Kuniko Takeuchi/Daiheigen
Harry Kaneakua/Hawaii	Jensen Yoshimoto/Hawaii	S. Keith Watanabe/Hokka
Bret Gertje/Intermountain	Intermountain/Joshua Kindelberger	Thomas Sheehan/Konan
Neil Simon/Konan	Gary Goltz/Nanka	Hayward Nishioka/Nanka
Janet Johnson/Niagara	Julie Koyama/Northwest	Karen Nagai/Northwest
William Caldwell/Pacific SW	Dr. Larry Tsutsui/San Joaquin	Roy Englert/Shufu
J. Miki Takemori/Shufu		

A. Welcome by Chairperson

A quorum being present, Chairman Matsuo Mac Takeda called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

B. Revision of items on the agenda and additional Agenda items was approved and second.

**II. APPROVE MINUTES OF November 9, 2018, BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the November 9, 2018 (Seattle) approved and second. The motion passed on a voice vote.

CORRECTION - ADD Fee for Coaches/Teacher Certification to \$125.

ADDITIONAL CORRECTION - An additional correction that was not addressed at the Board of Examiners Meeting was brought up at the Board of Director's meeting before the report which was submitted by chair Matsuo Mac Takeda and was as accepted and approved by the Board of Directors. The November 9, 2018 minutes were not correct in the time in grade requirement for Kudan. The minimum time in grade should read as follows: Candidates for Kudan shall have held the USJF rank of Hachidan. There shall be no Kudan promotion awarded for any candidate not holding the USJF rank.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Promotion Committee

ALL PROMOTIONS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PROMOTION. HAND SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Rank /Candidate	Motion	2nd	Pass	Fail	Reason Tabled/Failed
<b><u>Rokudan</u></b>					
Akioka, Sam Nanka	4	3	X		
Hatanaka, Joyce Chuka	9	4	X		
Honda, Craig Chuka	10	9	X		
Knight, Bruce PSJA	4	9	X		
Ono, Warren 50 <sup>th</sup> State	10	9	X		
Weinmann, Thomas Southern Pacific	10	4	X		
<b><u>Hachidan</u></b>					
Takeda, Matsuo Mac Hokka	3	4	X		
Makimoto, Haruo Daiheigen	13	4	X		
Ichinoe, Toshio Northwest	9	4	X		
<b><u>Judan</u></b>					
<b><u>Sharp. Hal</u></b>	3	4			Tabled didn't get 100% of the promotion committee vote

### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Report of data from USJF data base to clarified how many USJF members have the potential to become Shodans- Mike Purcell. No report, Mike Purcell was not in attendance.
- B. Mini Dojo Concept – approved but requires YDK promotional board approval.
- C. Club scrimmage sanctioning is highly recommended by USJF. Contact USJF office for sanctioning rulers.
- D. Update main USJF Website to include Junior and Regional referee development program, 5 Star Dojo, Changes to Form 20- Self Defense Certification time in grade reductions (5% Trainer; 3% Teacher and 1% Assistant Teacher), Promotion Criteria for 9th Dan and 10th Dan and development of application form for these ranks, and Honorary and Posthumous Promotions.
- E. 5 Star Dojo- Larry Tsutsui - – to recognize instructor/coach/referee/kata/clinic certifications with a 3 x 4 banner with Club Name. Application available at a later time (May 1, 2019).
- F. Continued discussion on the revised USJF Junior and Senior promotion rank criteria developed by the Ad hoc committee headed by Miki Takemori. The proposed changes were presented to the

Yudanshakais for review and comment at the Fall Meeting in Seattle, Washington last year. The proposed Junior promotion criteria was approved.

G. Discussion of the proposed competitor Classification Chart prepared by the Ad hoc committee headed by Miki Takemori. Proposal moved to Fall 2019 meeting.

G.H.

H.I. USJF Junior promotion requirements are guideline except Shodan, which has an additional requirement of First aid/CPR. Therefore first aid and CPR is now required in addition to Safesport and CDC concussion for promotion to Shodan for 15-16 years only.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Ambassador of Judo Certification Program (M. Palacio) – Another track for black belt. – Approved
- B. FORM 20 – Coach changes to (National -3% and Elite – 5%) and Teacher’s Certification and Fee is \$120 (Coaches – 2 year and Teacher’s 4-year) - Approved
- C. Change of Coach’s Classification to National Coach and Elite Coach. Also addition of percentages for the reductions in time in grade.
- D. The proposal of a fee of \$125 for Certification as a coach or teacher. The certification for coach will be valid for two years and teacher for 4 years. (Larry Tsutsui).
- E. Newaza Tournament Rules review for FALL 2019 meeting (Calvin Terada).
- F. Rokudan promotion additional requirements: Exemplary moral character; Certification (i.e. teacher, coach, self-defense, kata, referee and attending/sharing skills beyond dojo - sanction clinics). Therefore kata and time in grade is not enough effective after the Spring 2019 National Meeting.
- G. Contributions and Special Needs Judo Program be added to form 20 for time in grade reduction
- H. Another Shodan motion to be discussed at FALL 2019 meeting. Proposed by Mitchell Palacio.

## **VI. NEXT MEETING (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 11:09 a.m.