

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC. **BOARD OF EXAMINERS** MEETING
Saturday, May 30, 2020 –Teleconference

9:00am Hawaiian, 11:00am Alaskan, 12:00Pacific,13:00Mountain, 14:00 central, 15:00 Eastern

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES 9:06 am Hawaii time
- II. WELCOME BY CHAIR- Matsuo Mac Takeda 9:09 am Hawaii time
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda. **Motion to Adopt and second. passed**
- IV. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2019 IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FOR APPROVAL **Motion to Adopt and second. passed**
- V. PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT- Hayward Nishioka, Chair **Motion to Adopt and second. Passed (2 abstentions)**
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. New Form 20 to include changes such as Time in Grade Reductions for Self Defense certification- 5% for Trainer, 3% Teacher; 1% Assistant Teacher. Promotion criteria for 9th and 10th dan and honorary and Posthumous promotions. Coach certification change to 3% National, 5% Elite. Report by Mike Purcell. **Proposed template for form 20 presented and discussed. Ongoing.**
 - B. By-law changes: Coach's and Teacher's Certification, the committee can charge up \$120 for the certification. The coach and teacher's certification are now valid for 2 years. **Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.**
 - C. Special Needs Judo Program report by Janet Johnson and Miki Takemori. **Moved to Fall 2020 meeting.**
 - D. Newaza Tournament Rules use Report by the Yudanshakais. **By Calvin Terada Ongoing for rules.**
 - E. Senior Promotion Rank Requirements and criteria was approved on December 15, 2019. Ad hoc committee needed to compare it with the language in 2016 since it was not done. Also, they were working on the handbook revisions up to godan. Chair Miki Takemori. **Discussion about split-color belt ranks. Motion to Adopt and second. Passed to adjust belt colors, combine 2016 handbook**

version with current proposed version, and form 20.

- F. Foreign Dan Rank Promotion verification proposal rewritten by Mac Takeda. **Continue for discussion at Fall meeting. Current procedures are in place with Yudanshakai promotion authority, but issue was clarity of the language in the procedures, and when USJF office cannot verify a foreign rank .**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dojo Shodan promotion requirements- Tom Sheehan **Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.**
- B. Rokudan through Judan portion of the handbook will be completed and reported at the Fall Meeting. Ad hoc Committee- Miki Takemori, chair **Continue in fall 2020 meeting.**
- C. USJF President to contact USA Judo to recognize our Judo Ranks from 5 dan and above. All three judo organizations agreed to recognize the All, the ranks from all three organizations (USJF, USJA and USA Judo). Currently USA judo only recognizes USJF ranks to 5 Dan. President Mark Muranaka and Mitchell Palacio. **Discussion to continue but USA Judo is firm to recognize only up to USJF 5-dan rank .**
- D. Propose Time in Grade Reduction for service as a Committee Chair of USJF and active member of a USJF National Committee. National Chair- 5%, Active member of National Committee- 3% (attendance at more than 50% of the meetings during Time in Grade) by Miki Takemori. **Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.**
- E. President will appoint a Parliamentarian to ensure proper Parliamentary procedures are followed. The Parliamentarian cannot be a member of the Executive Committee. Mitchell Palacio. **Discussion to continue in Fall 2020 meeting.**
- F. Minutes of the Board of Director and Board of Examiners must be published 45 days after conclusion of the meeting. Mitchell Palacio. **Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.**
- G. Motion to have the Yudanshakais keep their dan during this pandemic. Also, the Yudanshakai will be able to retain their voting delegates in place as it was before the pandemic for a year and reviewed year by year. Richard Nakatsu. **Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.**
- H. Consider option inholding the Board of Examiners meetings by teleconference/video conference or any other acceptable remote conferencing format instead of in person. This will allow for a more comfortable and thorough Board of Directors meeting which will be

held in person. **Motion to Adopt and second. Passed.**

- I. **Motion to rescind cpr first aid for any black belt promotions but does not impact any other certifications (i.e. teacher, coach) – out of order**

V. Next Meeting Date and Location (TBD)

VI. Adjournment. **Motion to adjourn and second. 11:55a Hawaii Time**

National Promotion Committee
Minutes of the
Teleconference Meeting
5/24/20

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Nishioka at 3:04 EDT.
2. Moment of silence for those who have passed since our last meeting.
3. Members Present: Cal Kitaura-Central Coast, Kuniko Takeuchi-Daiheigan, Mac Takeda-Hokka, Hayward Nishioka-Nanka, Janet Johnson-Niagara, Bill Caldwell-Pacific Southwest, Mike Purcell-Northwest, Miki Takemori-Shufu, Eiko Shephard-Chicago, Robert Brink-50 State, Tom Sheehan-Konan
4. Observers: Hector Estevez, Mitch Palacio, Richard Natatsu, Gary Goltz, Brice Oishi and Terri Waible
5. Motion by Mac Takeda seconded by Janet Johnson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.
6. Motion by Richard Nakatsu seconded by Tom Sheehan to the BoE allowing the Yudanshakais to keep their rank authority for the next year even if the membership drops below the required levels during this pandemic. Also, the Yudanshakai will be able to retain their voting delegates in place as it was before the pandemic. Motion passed.
7. Motion by Miki Takemori seconded by Mac Takeda to the BoE that time in Grade Reduction be given for service as a Committee Chair of USJF and active member of a USJF National Committee as follows: National Chair- 5%, Active member of National Committee- 3% (attendance at more than 50% of the meetings during Time in Grade). Motion passed.
8. Motion by Mac Takeda seconded by Tom Sheehan to the BoE on Foreigners getting promotion from USJF. Motion tabled.
9. An Ad-Hoc Committee, with Miki Takemori as chair, will be initiated by the BoE at the next meeting. Rokudan through Judan portion of the handbook will be completed and reported at the Fall Meeting. Motion of agreement by Janet Johnson seconded by Eiko Shephard. Motion passed.
10. Motion by Tom Sheehan seconded by Janet Johnson to the BoE to allow Dojo Shodan promotions. Motion passed.
11. Presentation on identifying future candidates for promotion by Bill Caldwell. By using the club roster excel sheet from National Office, you can modify it to your needs as a check list to identify members for dojo membership dues, USJF membership expiration date, last promotion and what they need to do for their next promotion.
12. Review of candidates

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| 1. Ray Imada-50 th State | 2. Cal Kitaura-Central Coast | 3. Kuniko Takeuchi-Daiheigen |
| 4. Harry Kaneakua-Hawaii | 5. Nobuyoshi Higashi Hudson | 6. Hayward Nishioka Nanka |
| 7. Mike Purcell Northwest | 8. Miki Takemori Shufu | 9. Eiko Shepherd Chicago |
| 10. Matsuo Takeda Hokka | 11. Janet Johnson Niagara | 12. William Caldwell |
| 13. Tom Sheehan Konan | | |

Rank /Candidate	Motion	2nd	Pass	Fail	Reason Tabled/Failed
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<u>Rokudan</u>					
Kolychkine, Pedro Florida State	13	11	X		
Spears, Donald Shufu	10	8	X		
Tamai, Kurt Shufu	7	13	X		
<u>Shichidan</u>					
Kogasaka, Herbert M. Hawaii					Hawaii withdrew their candidate from the promotion committee
<u>Judan</u>					
Sharp, Harold Nanka	3	13			Tabled not an unanimous vote by the committee

13. Motion to adjourn at 3:55 EDT by Tom Sheehan seconded by Miki Takemori. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Tom Sheehan
Promotion Committee
Secretary