

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION INC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING
Saturday, May 1, 2021 Teleconference

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

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES
Quorum established.
- II. WELCOME BY CHAIR- Matsuo Mac Takeda **9:07 am Hawaii time**
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda. **Approved with correction of Keith Chiu's last name. It should be Chu.**
- IV. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 31, 2020 TELECONFERENCE MEETING. Motion to approve the minutes. **Approved as written.**
- V. PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2021- Hayward Nishioka, Chair will give report of those individuals approved, tabled, or denied for promotion.
**Opening by Chair Nishioka - 6 responses to why we promote (honor of those who served; lack of Shodans - difference of opinion).
Committee Report read by Chair Nishioka**
Question – for tabled or postponed promotions is automatic put on the next meeting agenda.
Comment on Travis Stevens – Chair forget about 6-dan requirements prior to discussion. Further comments – “why delay”
**Comment on Hal Sharp – to consider promotion to Judan with passing.
Further discussion – Chair to recommend bringing up at next promotion committee meeting.**
Comment from Parliamentarian – use postponing motion rather than tabling
Comment about role of promotion committee is to RECOMMEND to the BOE to ACCEPT or REJECT (If rejected, Godan or higher must wait two years to reapply to the promotion committee).

The following individuals were recommended to the Promotion Committee, for evaluation and were approved for rank or postponed.

Rank/Candidate	Motion	2nd	Pass	Fail	Reason Tabled/Failed
Rokudan					
Jackson, Diane T. Shufu	8	3	X		
Melton, Dave V. Shufu	13	10			Postponed for more Info.
Tamai, Karl I.E Shufu	8	13	X		
Travis, Stevens Northwest	14	1	X (after reconsideration)		
(added by motion and approve					
Shichidan					
Moss, C. Jan Northwest	10	7	X		
Takemori Teri J. Shufu	14	1	X		
Hachidan					
Matsumoto, David R. Daiheigen	14	3	X (after reconsideration)		
Hugh, Richard M. Shufu	8	13	X		

Motion and second to approve the Promotion Committee recommendations for rank awards– PASSED 10:17am

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Yudanshakai's to keep their registered numbers as it was before the pandemic. Therefore, the Yudanshakai will be able to retain their voting Board of Examiners delegates in place as it was before the pandemic for a year and reviewed year by year. This was approved in May of 2020 but not presented to the Board of Directors formally as required by the by-laws.

DISCUSSION – Parliamentarian stated to make a by-law change it must be proposed to the Board of Directors 30 days before the meeting.

President – will be a proposing forming an Ad hoc Committee to study the Board of Examiners and Board of Directors delegate numbers because the pandemic has affected the number of members in the USJF substantially. This will be brought up at the BOD meeting on May 2, 2021. It will probably take 2-3 years or longer to rebuild our membership back to the levels that it was at before the pandemic.

- B. New Form 20 to include changes such as Time in Grade Reductions for Self Defense certification- 5% for Trainer, 3% for Teacher; and 1% for Assistant Teacher. Promotion criteria for 9th and 10th dan and honorary and posthumous promotions. Coach certification change to 3% National, 5% Elite. 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). Report by Mike Purcell.

The revised form 20 was provided to all the Board of Examiners for review and comment last year at the October 31, 2020 meeting. Any further comments or revisions will be discussed at this meeting. Motion to approve the Form 20 with any additional changes if needed and form will be utilized by the National Office.

Approved – form to be used by the National Office and membership from now on. It is a living document so it will be tweaked as we use it.

- C. Special Needs Judo Program report by Miki Takemori, Janet Johnson, and Sandra Hauptmann. **Work in progress.**
- D. Newaza Tournament Rules use Report by the Yudanshakai's. **No Report.**
- E. Motion to modify the USJF Jr. Rank promotion and curriculum system to meet the grade level outcomes for K-12 Physical Education as set by SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators) America 2020. By Mitchel Palacio.(Attachment 2.) Ad Hoc Committee members are Miki Takemori and Margret Catts. They will be reporting back at the Spring Meeting on the modifications made to our USJF Jr. Rank promotion and curriculum system to meet the gradelevel outcomes for K-12 Physical Education as set by SHAPE.
To be sent to Executive Committee and Promotion Committee for more assistance. Miki Takemori made a report. She said that it was difficult to incorporate the SHAPE requirements into our Program. Suggested it should be handled in a form of a work book or handbook for each rank level up to 6th grade.
- F. Form to be used by National Office (NO) to record questions received by NO and the response. The form can be utilized to develop on our website the commonly asked questions and document the technical questions and answers in a binder for use by the NO staff. Mac Takeda. It will be put on the USJF website by Stillman.

In the works

- G. Junior and Senior promotion criteria corrections in Handbook by the Ad hoc Committee- Chair Miki Takemori.
- Hara-gatame into the Sr. & Jr. Nikyu rank requirements was missed.
 - Change pg. 15 to coincide with pg. 7 table. Non-competitor Kime no Kata (Tori & Uke) or Kodokan Goshinjutsu (Tori & Uke) and Ju no Kata(Tori & Uke).
 - On pg. 7 Rokudan Non-competitor Ju no Kata (Tori & Uke) and Itsutsu no Kata (to Tori & Uke) to coincide with pg. 16.

Approved and will be updated soon in the promotion handbook on the website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board of Examiners' Special Meeting on March 20, 2021- Discussion on various topics
- By-laws
 - Accomplishment of the Board
 - Clarification and discussion of various documents
 - Things that need to be worked on:
 - Lag time in getting meeting minutes posted online.
 - Post all Kodanshas on website

In the works

- B. Letter from Nanka YDK concerning Sensei Harold Sharp's promotion to Judan*** (added from the floor by Keith Chu) Discussion and Keith Chu stated he will be submitting a motion at the Spring Meeting regarding the matter.

Clarification on the process of obtaining a Judan – To be submitted and discussed at the next meeting in the fall.

- C. Motion from the floor from R. Brink – regarding changes to BOE rules be done every biennial cycle in conjunction with the election of the corporate Officers. Therefore, the changes to the Board of Examiners rule and requirements are not in effect WHEN PASSED but every biennial cycle they will go into effect. Rather than being in effect 30 days after when published. The motion was withdrawn. He will put the motion in writing and put it on the Spring Meeting agenda.

Withdrawn

- D. JF promotion candidates will not be required to have membership in USJF for year 2020. Back dues for 2020 membership for all promotion candidates will be waived. Time in Grade will be credited for 2020. Rationale: dojos have been closed for more than a year from the pandemic. Recommended by the Promotion Committee.

Moved to BOD.

- E. USJF Promotion Cheat Sheet for obtaining a Shodans. It is the chart on the various pathways to obtain a Shodan in the USJF. The chart compiled by Mac Takeda is to be placed on the USJF website. Recommended by the Promotion Committee.

Approved

- F. Form Ad Hoc Committee to study the promotion criteria for Shiai and Kata competitors because the system is broken. Especially the "D" level point system.

Ad hoc committee recommendations for committee member to be sent to BOE Chair Matsuo Mac Takeda for consideration.

- G. Incorporate all actions approved by the Board of Examiners which are equivalent to the by-laws into the Board of Examiners by-laws or separate section.

BOE secretary appointed. No one else volunteered.

VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location (TBD)

IX. Adjournment **11:00 am Hawaii time.**