

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING Agenda  
Friday, October 27, 2023- Fall Meeting in San Francisco, California  
Embassy Suites, South San Francisco, California

**AGENDA**

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES

Delegates:

Observers:

II. WELCOME BY CHAIR- Matsuo Mac Takeda

Moment of silence for USJF members that have passed.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR October 27, 2023

IV. APPROVAL OF April 14, 2023, MINUTES – Boise, Idaho. [Attachment #1](#)

V. PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON Thursday, October 26, 2023

| Rank, Candidate, YDK                                     | Motion | 2nd | Pass | Fail | Tabled | Reason Tabled/Failed |
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| <b><u>Nidan</u></b><br>Todd H. Allain -<br>Shinnanbu     |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
| Jeremy Young -<br>Shinnanbu                              |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
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| <b><u>Godan</u></b><br>Sergio Sugieda - Florida<br>State |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
| Lewis E. Palomeque IV -<br>Niagara                       |        |     | X    |      |        |                      |
| Harold H. Oshima -<br>Rokushu                            |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
| Dale Swett - Rokushu                                     |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
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| <b><u>Rokudan</u></b> Henry A. Kaku<br>Central Coast     |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
| Gerardo Tello - Florida<br>State                         |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
| Curtis S. Morita - Hawaii                                |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
| Edwin T. Shiosaki -<br>Nanka                             |        |     |      |      |        |                      |
| Jason S. Harai -<br>Northwest                            |        |     |      |      |        |                      |

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| Gary L. Steward - Northwest                      |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Shichidan</b> Herbert M. Kogasaka - Hawaii    |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Hachidan</b> Edward S. Hanashiro - 50th State |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Ray T. Imada - 50th State                        |  | X |  |  |  |  |

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Special Needs Judo Program report by Miki Takemori, Janet Johnson, Jerry Hazemoto, Larry Tsutsui, and Sandra Hauptmann.
2. Newaza Tournament Rules use Report by the Yudanshakai's.
3. 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.
4. Incorporate all actions from the 2016 to current BOE meeting minutes approved by the Board of Examiners which are equivalent to by-laws into a separate section. The by-laws equivalents will be posted on the website. Currently On BOE section of website but need second reading for spring 2023 - Approved with second for second reading in the fall meeting.
5. Task Force – Look into voting Authority of YDK and smaller YDKs who do not have voting authority. Ad Hoc Committee will be formed by EXCO.
6. Approved a \$50 fee for promotions that have gone to the dead file, and they want to submit again. There should be a fee, even for USJF life members that cannot get their certifications and/or their Form 20s corrected. It needs to go to the Board of Directors for first reading at the Fall Meeting. Tom Sheehan and Terri Waibel.
7. Approved to have the National Office send out just one response form with letter. The response form and the letter would let the Yudanshakai promotion chairperson, and the candidate know what requirements the individual needs to complete their promotion. The letter will also state the date when the six months would be up. It would be the responsibility of the Yudanshakai promotion chairperson and the individual to get everything in on time. Tom Sheehan and Terri Waibel.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

Presented by Mitchell Palacio

- Article II: Membership

### Section 1. Type

#### A. YDK

##### **Motion: Creation of Promotion Committee (PC) at Large Club/Association**

- The PC at Large Club Association could be a State association or group of clubs wanting to belong to the USJF but not sure which YDK to join.
- ***One PC member and One BoE member would be assigned to the association to assist in their growth and development.***
- The PC at Large Club Association is a Non-voting member in the USJF BoD.
  - This association is composed of non specific geographical territory or association. The association is based on the common grounds as the club and judoka believe will promote the best interest of judo. The express purpose of this provision to enhance and otherwise promote membership in the USJF and affiliation of clubs
    - Each association shall operate under its own written constitution By-laws or written Articles of Association.
    - Further, after nurturing the association, they could seek voting rights as a new YDK.
  - What rights do they have: The PC at Large Club/Association will have the;
    - Opportunity for Dan promotion ranks, Shodan and higher
      - Rights of promotion through the PC and BoE representative
    - Eligible for scholarships and grants
    - Eligible for Certifications
- Art. II. Sect I
  - B. Other
    - 1. Club Membership
      - A club member is a group of judoka having 10 or more currently registered members, which includes a head instructor with rank recognized by the USJF of shodan or higher.
      - The club which operates under written constitution or by-laws if incorporated, or written articles of association if unincorporated, and be registered with the USJF for the current fiscal year.

**Rationale:** To become a USJF Charter Club you must be a member of a YDK. The selection and acceptance of USJF Charter Club into a YDK can be a daunting course of action. There must be an alignment between the YDK mission and objectives and the Charter Club.

The institution of the “PC at Large Club Association” can be a temporary placement of clubs believing in the merits of belonging to the USJF. Under the advisement of the PC representative and BoE representative the PC at Large Club Association could form their own YDK or the club could request acceptance into one of our already established YDKs.

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1. Motion to approve a **\$50 fee** for promotions that have gone to the dead file, and they want to submit again. There should be a fee, even for USJF life members that cannot get their certifications and/or their Form 20s corrected. Once approved it needs to go to the Board of Directors for first reading. Tom Sheehan and Terri Waibel. **Approved with second.**

2. Motion to have the National Office to send out just **one response form with letter**. The response form and the letter would let the Yudanshakai promotion chairperson, and the candidate know what requirements the individual needs. We would also put the date when the six months would be up. It would be the responsibility of the Yudanshakai promotion chairperson and the individual to get everything in on time. We have been sending out several response forms and a 30 days deadline letter. Tom Sheehan and Terri Waibel. **Approved with second.**
3. Motion to have only one response form sent out for promotions within the Yudanshakai's authority and candidate. We will send out the response form and a letter stating the 6 month date deadline for all corrections to be finished. Tom Sheehan and Terri Waibel. **Approved with second.**

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION. TBD

IX. ADJOURNMENT