

USJF Promotion Committee  
 Agenda Rev. 2  
 Thursday October 26, 2023  
 Fall Meeting

Topic: Promotion Committee

Time: xxxxxxx

**Committee Member:**

Ray Imada-50th State, Cal Kitaura-Central Coast, David Matsumoto-Daiheigen, Richard Nakatsu-Hawaii, Anthony Catanese-Hudson, Matsuo Takeda-Hokka, Joshua Kindelberger-Intermountain, Tom Sheehan-Konan, Hayward Nishioka-Nanka Janet Johnson-Niagara, Michael Purcell-Northwest, Larry Tsutsui-San Joaquin, Kevin Tamai-Shufu, Mitchell Palacio-Ex-officio, Robert Brink-Ex-officio.

**Quorum**

1. Call to order by acting chair Cal Kitaura
2. Moment of silence for those that have passed.
3. Motion to adopt the agenda.
4. Motion to approve the minutes 7/30/2023
5. Chairman Nishioka remarks.
6. Janet's ad-hoc committee on USJF contribution on promotion.
7. USJF Policy and Procedures (J Kindelberger)
8. OTHER- JUDAN candidates
9. Candidate list for promotion

Rank, Candidate, YDK	Motion	2nd	Pass	Fail	Tabled	Reason Tabled/Failed
<b><u>Nidan</u></b>						
Todd H. Allain - Shinnanbu						
Jeremy Young - Shinnanbu						
<b><u>Godan</u></b>						
Sergio Suguieda - Florida State						
Lewis E. Palomeque IV - Niagara			X			
Harold H. Oshima - Rokushu						
Dale Swett - Rokushu						
<b><u>Rokudan</u></b> Henry A. Kaku Central Coast						
Gerardo Tello - Florida State						

Curtis S. Morita - Hawaii						
Edwin T. Shiosaki - Nanka						
Jason S. Harai - Northwest						
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				

## 10. Adjournment

USJF Promotion Committee  
 MINUTES  
 July 30, 2023  
 Teleconference

Topic: Promotion Committee

Time: July 30, 2023 9:00am Hawaii, Alaskan, 11:00, Pacific 12:00, Mountain 1:00, Central 2:00, Eastern 3:00

Committee Member:

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Quorum

1. Call to order by acting Michael Purcell **Quorum established**  
**Meeting called to order 9:04am HST**
2. Moment of silence for those that have passed.
3. Motion to adopt the agenda. **Suspend USJF by-laws to have M. Purcell conduct meeting. Motion accepted and passed to add Agenda items #11 and #12. Agenda item #13 FAILS (see below)**
4. Motion to approve the minutes 4/14/23 **approved with comment that Ex-officio Brink has no vote. CORRECTION - acting chair CAN vote in the event of a tie. After providing the names of observers, we will vote on the minutes either by email or next meeting.**
5. Chairman Nishioka remarks.
6. Janet's ad-hoc committee on USJF contribution on promotion. **Attached Will need more work on editing report**
7. USJF Policy and Procedures motion by Josh Kindelberger. Continued in the works. Below in previous minutes **Motion made and approved to include additional edits AND additional motion passed**
8. Motion: To use the **new excel sheet** to be used by National Office for Promotion Committee for the candidates. **Attached Motion made and approved for USJF National office to initially input and PC committee to assist and finish with input. Motion passed**
9. **ADD:** Discuss Scheduling of PC meeting – **Withdrawn**
10. Motion to BoE that Lewis Palomeque passing his Godanpromotion will be back dated to 4/14/23. **Motion made and approved**
11. **ADD:** Judan Promotion Promotions **Motion – (TSUTSUI) Start process for Judan for H. NISHIOKA AND Y. UCHIDA where members of the promotion committee go back to their YDKs for support as we need 50% of the YDK support to proceed (PASSED).**  
**MOTION (TSUTSUI)- PC to hold annual training for YDK on promotion paperwork and procedures(PASSED). Chair to appoint someone to lead training. To follow current written guidelines. as written for YDK approval prior to presentation to PC – Motion Passed. Therefore waiving guidelines for Judan consideration for Y. Uchida and H. Nishioka (NOT passed).**
12. **ADD MOTION FAILS:** R. Imada promotion to Hachidan- **YES – (3)**  
Nishioka, Sheehan, Tsutsui; **NO (5)**  
Johnson, Tamai, Matsumoto, Kitaura, Kindleberger; Abstain – (1) Nakatsu
13. **RECONSIDER PROMOTION OF R. IMADA TO HACHIDAN. YES – Nishioka, Brink, Tsutsui, Kitaura, Sheehan; NO – Johnson; Abstain – Nakatsu (Tamai, Matsumoto, and Kindelberger departed**

meeting ). Motion passed. Statement from (Brink) – Once Promotion passes PC committee, promotion deemed passed.

14. **ADD:** Lewis Palomeque passing his Godan promotion - Motion made and approved

15. Motion to adjournment. **11:26 HST**

### Chairman's Remarks 7-30-2023 Hayward Nishioka

**Everyone has a lifespan. We don't know how long it is most of the time. It starts at conception and ends at death. In between we go through phases, childhood, adolescence, adult, middle age, old age, old, old, age. In these phases we do things: grow and learn, learn to exist, get a job, raise a family, get old and frail, and eventually die. Sounds rather sad, that is, unless you are a judoka.**

Now you have a magic gift, a tool to enhance the quality of your life physically, mentally, and emotionally. As judoka you are suddenly thrust on this journey. As one of Kano's famous saying goes, "There is but one journey of life." Here he brings to life the idea that it is not forever. Your time is finite and must be given serious thought. Thus, Seiryoku zenryo, maximize your efficiency. To do this is to better oneself. Jiko no kansei, Self-perfection, this is one of his aphorisms that is forgotten but is to be read into Jita kyoei , Mutual welfare and Benefit. It kind of fits the Golden Rule, of Do unto others as you would do unto yourself. That is part of what we do. Always trying to find a mutually beneficial outcome. but not always possible. A student supposedly asked Kano shihan, " How can you have self-perfection and Mutual welfare and benefit at the same time? One is thinking of the SELF while the other idea is to assist OTHERS? He answered," Let's think of two countries at war, you are a citizen of one country, the other is now at war with yours, naturally you have to side with your country". It's only when there is a possibility of mutual benefit that we do so. Think about USAJ vs USJF. We let them into our tournaments, do they do likewise? In fact, there are people who logically think, well, if I can just pay one side and get into both, why join the other. You get the picture. That's how they increased their numbers.

On the subject of contributions, basically it's any acts or thoughts given to making life better for our fellow judoka in the USJF. Even the act of going to the dojo and helping out a little, is a contribution. Ah, but

how do go-about adequately quantifying what a contribution is. Also, there are Contributions that are greater than others. Unlike sequential points in tournament play. There are contributions that have a timeliness order about them. If not done at the right time they cannot be done. "A" referees by age 65, "A" level competitor by 35 years of age or forget it!

The reason I mention this is that while we mention a lot of ways to be elevated to the next rank, we are diminishing the number of ways to make it possible to advance. Someone should contribute some time and figure out how we could use rank as a means of advancing our judoka who in turn will advance the USJF. What areas are needed? Reasons why some areas are fading away, or growing, or need to be attended to. Assessing and data mining are going to be needed in the future if USJF and Promotions are to be meaningful.

While I have heard many wonderful words flying back and forth as to what a certain dan rank is it is still hard to say because no one has of yet quantified what a contribution is for a certain rank. That's because it would take a lot of energy and time to write them down as a certification.

What's the value of a certification? Two of our best certifications are for refereeing, and for kata. They both standardize and test for minimum qualifications. They also have a self-regulating ongoing continuing education program. The areas that are coming up are teaching, coaching, which are building up now.

Here are a few for the future. Certifications that could help to make for a better USJF, but they have to be written up, tested, practiced, and have a continuing ed program. Certifications for: Rules of Order, Grant writing, Data mining for judo. Think Tanks, Story Telling for judo, News writing for judo, Videomaking for judo, running a money making dojo. Teaching seniors how to fall correctly, judo games and training. Etc.

Just remember this. A contribution is anything that will help to make a better person and a better organization, but it has to be written down. "An uttered word can disappear into thin air, but a written word can last a 1000 years."

Lastly, going back to LIFESPAN. I will not be running for reelection at the end of my term. As I said before I am getting too old for this and it's time for another generation to take over. I will be investing what little time I have left into writing a book on judo. I hope that your journey will be as good as mine was for me. I thank my mentors and colleagues.