

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION
FALL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Embassy Suites, South San Francisco, Ca.
Friday, October 27, 2023, 1:00 pm

Minutes DRAFT

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES (Executive Committee acts as a committee on credentials)

25 YDKs: 17 possible voting, 15 ydks represented

13 – voting: 50th State, Central Coast, Daiheigen, Florida State, Hawaii, Hokka, Intermountain, Konan, Nanka, Northwest, Pacific Southwest, San Joaquin, Shufu

2 - no votes: Chuka, Niagara

55 max votes:

43 - votes represented

12 – votes unclaimed

Delegates:

Mitchell Palacio/Chairperson

Daniel Kikuchi/ Central Coast

Tom Jay/Chuka

Joell Miller/Daiheigen

Dr. Richard Nakatsu/Hawaii

Joshua Kindelberger/Intermountain

Thomas Sheehan/Konan

Cheryl Harai/Nanka

Rod Conduragis/Northwest

William Caldwell/Pacific SW

Dr. Larry Tsutsui/San Joaquin

D. Eric Spears/Shufu

Edward Hanashiro/50th State

Calvert Kitaura/Central Coast

Daniel Israel/Daiheigen

Hector Estevez/Florida State

Dr. Harvey Takeda/Hokka

Noble Morinaka/Intermountain

Daniel Augustine/Nanka

Janet Johnson/Niagara

Julie Koyama/Northwest

Ronald Suggs/Pacific SW

J. Miki Takemori/Shufu

Gene Nakashima/50th State

Davin Tillman/ Central Coast

Bryan Matsuoka/Daiheigen

Scott Morifushi/Hawaii

Matsuo Takeda/Hokka

Christopher Reid/Konan

Keith Chu/Nanka

Jennifer Badertscher/Northwest

Karen Nagai/Northwest

Hannah Tsutsui/San Joaquin

Kevin Tamai/Shufu

Observers:

Rome Acopan Jr., Dekin Hom, Chase Morinaka, Robert Suyehira, Hunter Mayo, and Terri Waibel

- A. Meeting called to order by President Palacio 1:21 PM
- B. Welcome by the Chairperson -Theme “Education in Leadership”

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA Agenda adopted as amended: Adding -1st reading \$50 dead file for promotions and Remove motion “Increase regular membership from \$70 to \$80.

IV. MINUTES FOR REVIEW & APPROVAL

- A. Minutes: August 6, 2023 - **MSP (Motion Second Passed)**
- B. Minutes: September 10, 2023 - MSP

V. REPORTS

- A. President Palacio message

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B. USJF Technology: on Chris Reid Trying to make it easier to sanction Tournaments. Updating form and making packets for each event: tournaments, Non-smoothcomp (working on first) and smoothcomp tournaments, and for clinics. Working on promotion form 20 online.

C. Treasurer's Report, Rome Acopan, Jr.

Online financial attachments are not up to date. The largest revenue stream is annual membership registration. If we survive with the status quo Rome believes we have about 7 years. We need to grow our membership.

USJF bought a lot of Smoothcomp credit and resells to USJF clubs and yudanshakai for \$.75. There will be a separate website to purchase USJF smoothcomp credits. You have to buy in 50 lot increments.

D. Board of Examiner Report, Mac Takeda - See promotion report in BOE minutes.

1. Promotion committee approved Form 20 applications and other items required for promotion (SafeSport, CDC concussion, CPR/1st aid and background check) must be submitted completely 45 days prior to PC meeting.
2. Promotion committee approved new policies and procedures documents and was approved by the BOE.
3. High ranking (rokudan, shichidan and hachidan) promotion guidelines approved by PC and needs to be voted by BOE in Spring 2024.
4. Unfinished business. Special Needs committee report. Newaza tournament requirements requested by clubs.
5. Frequently Asked Questions to be created by the National Office for the website.
6. Approved that the actions of the BOE from 2016 to present to be equivalent to By-laws to have a second reading at the spring 2024 meeting.
7. Looking into reviewing the voting authority of small yudanshakai with no votes. Some small yudanshakai don't come to National meetings because they don't have a vote.
8. Approved \$50 fee for promotions that are in the dead file to be reactivated. There were some modifications for the BOD to have first reading.
9. Approved that the National Office will send one response letter to the yudanshakai for incomplete Form 20s.
10. Approved Clubs not belonging to a yudanshakai have no vote. They would pay a club fee to National Office of \$50 and to have one BOE and BOD advisor. Motion was amended and approved by BOE.
11. A level Kata D competitor with 20 points has less time in grade of Olympic level time in grade. A ad hoc committee was appointed to review this. Kevin Tamai, Tom Sheehan and Hector Estevez.

E. Development Director, Josh Kindelberger

1. Biggest project: How to incorporate Koka Kids and the Teachers Program and Coach's Program to create a viable product that actually works for the Sensei.
2. Jennifer Badertscher- What is your blueprint for judo to get your student from no belt to black belt. Parents want to know. They want the blue print for their children to follow. A committee created the Blue Print. to work with Koka Kids with USJF Junior promotion rank requirements. "JR Testing Requirements Study Guide." Has QR code to link to Koka Kids resource.
3. One page study guides that will be on the USJF website to be used by Sensei. So far has up to Ikkyu.

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4. Janet Johnson Ashida – Committee drafting promotions guidelines to align for Seniors for Ryokyu through San Dan. Need to continue editing. Aligned with Junior requirement to Senior requirements. Difficulty putting Study guide on website. Needs to be reformatted for website.

F. 50th State Presentation – Ed Hanashiro – 50th State Yudanshakai created a for profit company pertaining to the sport and entertainment industry, Premier Judo. Same judo that we all know. Approach of looking at IJF rule and came up with a unique, innovative judo that is spectator centric. USA Judo and USJF are fighting for the same market. We need to get people outside of judo by reaching out to the spectators. Create an interest in judo by the spectators to become USJF members. On the scoreboard don't use "1" and "0". Have yuko = 3 points, waza ari = 5 points and ippon = 15 points. Shido not negative points. Opponent gets 3 points for penalties. 15 points is the maximum to win. To make it more exciting – team competition from high schools of 5 females and 5 males. Winning team gets a scholarship for their school. Plan for late summer 2024 for the inaugural team tournament. Premier Judo will be a USJF member and get USJF Sanction. Participants will have to be USJF members to help USJF grow. Start at high school level, then college, Nationwide and then worldwide. If our numbers grow in judo, we can get sponsorships then media coverage.

VI. BOARD RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE CORPORATION SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

- A. Reports
- B. Endowment Investment Committee Appointment
 - Bryan Matsuoka, Eric Spears, Tom Sheehan, Ex Officio: Rome Acopan Jr.
- C. Scholarship Committee Appointments
 - Rome Acopan Jr., Josh Kindelberger, Bryan Matsuoka, Jennifer Badertscher, Sheldon Konno, Dekin Hom, 2nd Vice President

Motion to approve the actions of the corporation since the previous meeting. MSP

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 2nd Reading: Motion: Motion: Reduce the YDK rebate of \$17.50 to \$10.00 with \$7.50 going to operation cost effective for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be retroactive of all 2024 membership.
 - Rationale: Increase revenue for Fiscal year 2023 – 2024

-MSP

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Motion:** National Point Roster Scholarship/Grant Program
 - **Rationale:** The USJF will award annual college (higher education) scholarships to the top three athletes (male and female) in Championship Categories; Bantam(s) 4-5-6, Intermediate, Juvenile, IJF Jr., USJF Youth Referees and Jr. Kata (up to age 17 yrs. old).

Funding: The earnings generated from the USJF National Championships in both Fall and Spring are directed to fund the USJF Point Roster Scholarship Program.

USJF National Point Roster Scholarship/Grant Program
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- B. **Motion:** Increase regular membership from \$70 to \$80. The additional \$10 will contribute to

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the USJF Higher Education Scholarship Award (HESA) benefiting both the competitor and non- competitor.

- The USJF Higher Education Scholarship Award, otherwise known as **HESA**, objective is to cultivate a strong collaboration between the USJF Charter Club Sensei and their students.
- The USJF through their Charter Club sensei will grant scholarship(s) to their competitor and/or non competitor members who have demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility in shaping their own path to future success. The sensei acknowledges that the foundation for planning their student's educational future can be laid early on during their judo studies.
- The Scholarship Committee and Endowment Investment Committee will assist in guidance.
- **Rationale:** Program to increase membership in the USJF which also provides the USJF Charter Club to grant scholarships for their student's post-secondary education.

USJF Higher Education Scholarship Award (HESA)

Withdrawn

C. **Motion:** By-Law revision - Art. II, Sect 4, #4, Probationary Period to 6 months.

- Every applicant admitted to YDK membership shall be on probation for a period of 6 months. The probationary period may be extended by the Board of Directors for an additional one year period.
- **Rationale:** New YDK are given a greater opportunity to participate in governance. Motion to Amend probationary period to 0 months for a new yudanshakai joining USJF.

MS Failed

MS Original motion Passed

D. By-Law 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, group of clubs or one club wanting to belong to the USJF but not sure which YDK to join.
 - Membership fees go to the general fund
 - 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.
 - This association is composed of nonspecific geographical territory or association. The association is based on the common grounds as the club and judoka believe will promote the best interest of the judo within the USJF. 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.
 - Furthermore, after nurturing the association, they would 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

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- 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: 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.
- B: 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:** Program to increase USJF clubs and membership

MS P

E. 1ST Reading of \$50 Dead file of Promotion applications

- Motion for an administrative fee of \$50.00 to reinstate promotion applications that have gone dead in the file.
- Rationale: To help with administrative issues of processing promotions. The National Office sends a response form to the Yudanshakai and a letter to notify the Yudanshakai that the candidate has 30 days to rectify all issues with the promotion or the promotion application will be considered dead. The Yudanshakai contacts the candidate and lets them know what is needed. Each candidate is allowed 6 months to correct any issues with their promotion application. Date is from the first response form. If the promotion application goes into the dead file and the candidate wants to re-apply for the promotion, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged to help compensate the National Office and the Yudanshakai for the time spent on the application. The fee would be split \$30.00 to the National Office and \$20.00 to the Yudanshakai.
- Motion to amend the \$50.00 all goes to the National Office. **MSP**
MS Passed as amended for the 1ST Reading of the motion.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. USJF 2024 Spring Nationals: Open for Bid
- B. USJF 2024 Summer Nationals Open for Bid
- C. USJF 2025 Summer Nationals in July in Honolulu, Hawaii
- D. Nishioka Sensei recommended everyone read the book, "The Legacy of Kano Jigoro: Judo and Education". Edited by the Committee for the Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Jigoro Kano.

X. ADJOURNMENT 3:25 PM