

2024 USJF Elections Guide

BOD, BOE, Endowment Trust, & Promotion Committee

Elections will be held for **positions/seats highlighted and bolded in RED**

Reminders:

- **ALL** candidates for office must be nominated by a member (delegate) of the Board of Directors.
- A second for the nomination is **NOT** required.
- The Nominee **MUST** either: be present to accept the nomination or have agreed prior to the meeting to accept the nomination and serve in the position if elected.
- Normally, the election is conducted as a separate vote/election for each individual office.
- In the specific situation when there is only one (1) nominee for each office, the vote may be conducted as a slate since all of the offices are **UNCONTESTED**.

I. Board of Examiners Officers@ BOE Meeting, Saturday, May 14, 2022

Office	Incumbent Potential Candidates *running for re-election	Announced New Potential Candidate(s)
Chairperson	*Matsuo Takeda (Hokka)	
Vice-Chairperson	*Michael Purcell (Northwest)	
Secretary	*Dr. Richard Nakatsu (Hawaii)	

II. Corporate Officers/Executive Committee @ BOD Meeting, Sunday, May 15, 2022

Office	Incumbent Potential Candidates *running for re-election • ?re-election intent not known • Xnot running	Announced New Potential Candidate(s)
President	*Mitchell Palacio (Central Coast) (3 rd & last term)	
1st Vice-Pres.	XEdward Hanashiro (50 th State)	Joshua Kindelberger (Intermountain)
2nd Vice-Pres.	XBoris Munoz (Hudson)	Chase Morinaka (Northwest)
Secretary	X Krista Tsutsui (San Joaquin)	Christopher Reid (Konan)
Treasurer	*Rome Acopan Jr (Intermountain)	
BOE Chairperson (election at BOE)	*Matsuo Takeda (Hokka)	

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III. Executive Committee Members (total of 10)

A. Elected officers (6)

- i. President**
- ii. 1st-Vice President**
- iii. 2nd-Vice President**
- iv. Secretary**
- v. Treasurer**
- vi. Board of Examiners Chairperson (BOE election)**

B. Special Skill Presidential Appointments (2)

C. Presidential Appointments (2)

IV. Promotion Committee 2022-2024 (13 Members Total – using 3/31/2024 membership)

A. Promotion Committee Qualifications

- i. No yudanshakai may have more than one (1) representative
- ii. Member must be current member of representative yudanshakai
- iii. Minimum recognized rank of Godan

B. 6 Automatic Large Yudanshakai Seats (SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED by yudanshakai)

- i. 50th State
- ii. Daiheigen
- iii. Hawaii
- iv. Nanka
- v. Northwest
- vi. Shufu

C. Five (5) BOD Elected Seats (NO SUBSTITUTIONS at PC meetings)

- i. Unrepresented yudanshakai 1**
- ii. Unrepresented yudanshakai 2**
- iii. Unrepresented yudanshakai 3**
- iv. Unrepresented yudanshakai 4**
- v. Unrepresented yudanshakai 5**

D. Two (2) Appointed by President (NO SUBSTITUTIONS at PC meetings)

- i. Unrepresented yudanshakai 6
- ii. Unrepresented yudanshakai 7

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E. PC Officer Elections (at next PC meeting, AFTER Presidential appointments, oftentimes immediately after the BOD meeting concludes)

i. Chairperson

ii. Vice-Chairperson

iii. Secretary

V. USJF Endowment Fund Trustees

A. Corrections due to a recent review of the USJF Endowment Fund by-laws

- i. We have been using the name, “Endowment Trust” incorrectly
 1. The USJF Endowment is a trust.
 2. The proper and formal name is,
“United States Judo Federation, Inc. Endowment Fund”.
 3. The approved shortened version is: “USJF Endowment”
 4. We should start using the correct nomenclature (s) and refer to our trust as “USJF Endowment”
- ii. Incorrect terms of service for the Trustees
 1. Initially, the USJF Endowment started with 2 different lengths of terms for the Trustees
 - a. 2-Year terms
 - b. 4-Year terms
 - c. We continued to alternate 2 & 4 year terms so that there has always been either 2 or 3 of the Trustees continuing for 2 more years in pursuit of some continuity of planning.
 2. With the recent review
 - a. After the 4th year of the founding of the USJF Endowment, all successive terms should have been 2-year terms for all 5 trustees
 - b. We have been incorrectly using the staggered formula with a mix of 2-year and 4-year terms
 - c. Therefore, All Trustee Terms Are Expiring At This Meeting
 3. Starting with this year’s Trustee election, all 5 Trustees will have 2-year terms
 - a. All of the outgoing trustees are eligible for re-election
 - i. Keith T. Chu (Nanka)
 - ii. Bert A. Mackey (Northwest)
 - iii. Bryan J. Matsuoka (Daiheigen)
 - iv. Dr. Richard S. Nakatsu (Hawaii)
 - v. Thomas J. Sheehan (Konan)

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- B. Anyone Interested in serving as a Trustee of the USJF Endowment must meet the following requirements
- i. A member in good standing with current USJF membership throughout their time in office (a requirement to serve on the BOD)
 - ii. Have a minimum recognized Judo rank of Shodan (a requirement to serve on the BOD)
 - iii. Be a member of the USJF Board of Directors