

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC.  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 1:30 pm  
Las Vegas, Nevada

AGENDA Rev. 2.0

NOTE: Each Yudanshakai president is to certify to the USJF Secretary (c/o the National Office) the identity and address of each Yudanshakai Delegate and Alternate to the Board of Directors.

Registration of Delegates

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

- A. Welcome by the Chairperson

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

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
  - i. Note: The minutes from the February Special BoD teleconference and the previous Fall Corporate Meeting will be approved at the Spring Corporate Meeting. The minutes from the August (Budget) meeting and the Spring Corporate Meeting will be approved at the Fall Corporate Meeting.

**IV. MINUTES FOR REVIEW & APPROVAL**

- A. Minutes:
  - i. April 6, 2024
  - ii. August 4, 2024

**V. REPORTS**

- A. President
  - i. Parliamentarian – Chase Morinaka
- B. Website menu
  - i. Menu crash
  - ii. Responsive to Dojo/Club Sensei
- C. Online Courses
  - i. Self Defense, Referee, Teacher, Coach
  - ii. Assisting in the development
- D. Referee Development
  - i. Opportunity to observe training of local and regional referee's
  - ii. Appreciation to Koyama, Johnson, Dr. Oishi, Endow, Palmer and Dr. Mani
- E. Training Camp – Fresno
  - i. Congratulations to Sensei's Hannah, Krista, Julia, Wilma and the "Dad" Dr. Larry Tsutsui for an excellent training camp and tournament a few weeks ago.
- F. IJF Veterans and Kata Championships
  - i. Great appreciation to Dr. Medani for being the USJF photographer at the IJF tournament.

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- G. Leadership Transition
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joshua Kindelberger will conduct the corporation's business.
- H. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Joshua Kindelberger
  - i. Update
- I. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Chase Morinaka
  - i. Update
- J. Financial Report
  - i. Rome Acopan Jr. Treasurer
  - ii. Update: Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- K. Board of Examiners
  - i. Promotion Committee – Nishioka, Chair
  - ii. Takeda – Chair
- L. Executive Director
  - i. Update

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

- A.
  - 1. Waive 30-notice for Spec BOD Mtg 09/29/2024 - NPC 1-seat election.
  - 2. Allow use of proxies for Spec BOD Mtg 09/29/2024.
  - 3. Approve use of voting structure from 04/06/2024 BOD mtg in DC for Spec BOD MTG 09/29/2024.
  - 4. USJF suspend Alexander M. Coxwell's USJF membership and USJF judo rank indefinitely until the criminal cases against him are completely adjudicated by the State of Alaska.
  - 5. Accept the decisions by the SC in the course of their work with regard to Alexander M. Coxwell.
  - 6. Approve and adopt the work and recommendations of our Standards Committee with regard to their work and decisions with regard to Joseph Cannizzo's complaints of discrimination against Hudson Judo Yudanshakai.
- B. Accept all reports, actions and appointments.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Motion:** USJF Development Certification Standardized Fee Structure
  - i. **Rationale:** To standardize the certification fees structure for all current and future USJF development certifications. The fee structure would be as follows:
    - Initial certification = \$100

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- Recertification = \$75
  - For instance, the fee for an initial certification in Nage-no-kata, awarded at C-Level would be \$100. The next certification to B-Level would be \$75, as this would be considered a recertification.
  - Each committee has the authority and discretion to award certifications at the level deemed appropriate to the applicant. The length of time each certification is valid, or the expiration date, shall be determined by each committee.
    - Current certification programs offered by USJF: Coach, Teacher, Referee, Kata, Self Defense  
(Rome Acopan Jr., Treasurer)
- B. **Motion:** The US Judo Hall of Fame Committee (HoFC) proposes to expand its membership by adding the Promotional Committee Chair as a member for a two-year term, aligned with their election or re-election as PCC. This motion will take effect immediately upon approval by the committee and subsequent acceptance of the committee's report by the Board of Directors.
- i. **Rationale: Moving the Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Awards, and Presidential Recognition Awards to an Every-Other-Year Schedule:**
- Due to the limited number of nominations from Yudanshakai Presidents and other nominators, the US Judo Hall of Fame Committee (HoFC) recommends transitioning the nomination process for the Hall of Fame to an every-other-year schedule, with nominations resuming in 2026. (Neil Simon: HoF Chairperson)
- C. **Motion:** The US Judo Hall of Fame Committee (HoFC) moves to award the Hall of Fame every other year, starting in 2026. As part of this change, the HoFC will skip the 2025 awards cycle. The USJF Lifetime Achievement and Presidents Recognition Award will be presented every year. (submitted by Neil Simon: HoF Chairperson)
- D. **Motion:** 1st reading -To raise annual registration fee from \$70 to \$80 per year, commencing on September 1, 2025.
- i. **Rationale:** The USJF would raise the annual registration fee for individual members to \$80 to a minimum equivalent of similar organizations. In doing so, the \$80 would reflect the lower end of annual membership fee of similar sports organizations. (Rome Acopan Jr., Treasurer)
- E. **Motion:** 1st reading - To raise dan promotion fees for Nidan and higher.
- i. **Rationale:** The USJF last increased its dan promotion fees in 2013. This nominal increase in promotion fees will be on par with the fees of similar sports organizations. (Rome Acopan Jr., Treasurer)
- F. **Motion:** To formalize the historic practice of retaining surplus funds in the operating funds.

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- i. Rationale: To reduce redundancy at the BOD meetings each year, when a surplus is available. Starting immediately, any surplus funds would be retained in the operating funds of the organization. (Rome Acopan Jr., Treasurer)
- G. **2<sup>st</sup> Reading Motion:** USJF By-Law Revision
  - i. Second Reading: USJF By-Law revision, “Red” edits are to be deleted, “Blue” edits are revisions.
- H. **Motion** – To allow USJF communications to be sent directly to members for the purpose of information sharing and marketing. Members will have the ability to opt-out. (Chase Morinaka, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)
- I. **Motion** – To Allow USJF communications to be sent directly to yudansha to allow for the purposes of information sharing and marketing. Yudansha will have ability to opt-out. (Chase Morinaka, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)
- J. **Motion** – To Allow USJF communications to be sent directly to head instructors, head senseis, clubs, club contacts. They will have the ability to opt-out. (Chase Morinaka, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)
- K. **Motion** – Creation of Scholarship and Grants Committee as a standing committee
  - i. **Rationale:** The standing committee is crucial in influencing the organization's strategic direction, steering its interests, programs, projects, and overall mission. It is tasked with reviewing key issues and recommending effective solutions. (Palacio)
- L. **Motion: Resolution: Strategic Plan (Hanashiro, 50th State) pdf.**
  - i. On this 12th day of November 2024, the board of directors of the United States Judo Federation, Inc. resolves to develop and implement a corporate strategic plan (“Strategic Plan”) through an action plan as described below.
- M. Future Spring & Fall Meeting Location
  - i. Yudanshakai interested in having the Spring or Fall meetings
    - Spring 2025  
Florida  
Friday, April 25, 2025 – Committee Meetings  
Saturday, April 26, 2025 – BoE & BoD Meetings  
Seminar 7 Events  
TBD at A. Kolychkin Judo  
NO HoF/LAA/Presidents Awards Dinner
    - Fall 2025  
Location TBD  
October/November 2025

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- Spring 2026  
Location TBD: Seattle????  
April/May 2026
- Fall 2026  
Location TBD: Shufu????  
October/November 2026
- Spring 2027  
Location TBD  
April/May 2027

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. 2025 USJF Nationals - Honolulu, Hawaii – Update
  - i. Nathan Lee, 50<sup>th</sup> State President

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**XI. REMINDERS**

- A. All committee members and other interested USJF members are welcome to attend USJF committee and board meetings. USJF meetings are open. Committee Chairpersons and Yudanshakai Presidents should, as a matter of course, routinely communicate all USJF meeting schedules and related National Office information/notices to all dojos.
- B. In accordance with the USJF by-laws, the deadline for member agenda item requests is 45 days prior to the meeting.