

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEETING

Saturday, April 6, 2024  
8:30 am to 11:30 am Eastern Time

Spring Meeting in Herndon Virginia at Hyatt Regency Dulles

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER, SEATING OF DELEGATES **8:40am**

25 YDKs: 22 voting eligible, 13 ydks represented

13 – voting: 50<sup>th</sup> State, Central Coast, Daiheigen, Florida State, Hawaii, Hokka, Hudson, Intermountain, Konan, Nanka, Niagara, Northwest, San Joaquin, Shufu

51 max votes:

30 – votes represented

21 – votes unclaimed

Delegates:

Matsuo Takeda/Chairperson	Robert Brink/50 <sup>th</sup> State	Edward Hanashiro/50 <sup>th</sup> State
Mitchell Palacio/Central Coast	Dr. David Matsumoto/Daiheigen	Dr. Kuniko Takeuchi/Daiheigen
Hector Estevez/Florida State	Dr. Richard Nakatsu/Hawaii	Dr. Harvey Takeda/Hokka
Matsuo Takeda/Hokka	Dr. Anthony Catanese/Hudson	Joaquin Gonzales/Hudson
Joshua Kindelberger/Intermntn	Noble Morinaka/Intermountain	Frances Glaze/Konan
Thomas Sheehan/Konan	Keith Chu/Nanka	Hayward Nishioka/Nanka
Janet Johnson/Niagara	Julie Koyama/Northwest	Michael Purcell/Northwest
Dr. Larry Tsutsui/San Joaquin	J. Miki Takemori/Shufu	Kevin Tamai/Shufu

Observers:

Rome Acopan, Roy Englert, John Floyd, Brian Green, Ray Imada, Diane Jackson, Harry Kindelberger, Bryan Matsuoka, Dr. Charles Medani, Christopher Reid, D. Eric Spears, Krista Tsutsui Steele, Karen Whilden, and Terri Waibel

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II. WELCOME BY CHAIR- Matsuo Mac Takeda

Moment of silence for USJF members that have passed.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR April 6, 2024 -**Approved**

IV. APPROVAL OF October 27, 2023, MINUTES – San Francisco, CA - **Approved**

V. PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MEETING HELD on Friday, April 5, 2024 -**Approved**

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Special Needs Judo Program report by Miki Takemori. She will be making a presentation. **Reported on Sweden's Ukemi fundamental video. Also, an adaptive Judo program is being conducted in DC. Los Angeles, California**

**will be having an upcoming referee certification program for Special Needs Judo competition.**

2. Newaza Tournament Rules use Report by the Yudanshakai's. I would like to remove this item from further agendas since there has been no report for quite a while. **Keep on Agenda and adopt Canada's Rules for newaza for the moment. Passed with 1 abstention (Nanka)**
3. Form to be used by National Office (NO) to record questions received by NO and their 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. The President will set-up an Ad hoc committee to accomplish this. Has anything been done? **N.O. to do hereafter.**
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. It was approved by the BOD at the Fall Meeting. Has the equivalent to by-laws been put in a separate section? **Attachment 2. Will be worked out.**
5. Task Force – Look into the voting Authority of YDK and smaller YDKs who do not have voting authority. An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed by the EXCO. Has the Ad Hoc Committee been formed? **Ongoing**
6. Approved a **\$50 fee** for promotions that have gone to the dead file, and if 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 by Tom Sheehan and Terri Waibel. It needs to go to the Board of Directors for first reading at the Fall Meeting. Passed by Board of Directors at Fall Meeting. The second reading will be at the Spring 2024 Meeting. **It was approved and will go into effect.**
7. Motion - In order to be put on the final NPC Candidates list, the candidate must be a current member of USJF, and any back dues must be paid. They must also have Safesports, Heads Up, Background check & First Aid & CPR certifications. They will have UNTIL the deadline date to provide the missing information. If they don't, their application will be postponed and be put on the candidate list for the following NPC meeting if they complete all the missing information. **Previously passed**

Rational for motion. If an YDK sends in a promotion under their authority with information missing, the National office will not process the promotion until the candidate completes any of the missing information.

8. Ad hoc Committee was established by the Chairperson Mac Takeda to investigate the current Class "D" Kata point system for promotion and look at the current requirements. Also, the committee will investigate the "D" classifications and JUDO veterans. The report will be written and given by Chair Tom Sheehan. The other members are Hector Estevez, and Kevin Tamai. **Attachment 3 – Postpone. Document to be studied for presentation in Fall 2024 meeting. Please send comments to Ad Hoc committee members. T\_j\_sheehan@yahoo.com**
9. 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. It would be the responsibility of the Yudanshakai promotion chairperson and the individual to get everything in on time. Is this being done? **Letter and response to YDK promotion chair only and after 3 months, promotion will go into dead file. Motion presented and approved.**

10. Motion to create a promotion Committee (PC) at Large Club/Association Presented by Mitchell Palacio. It was presented at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to be brought up at the Spring Meeting.

- Article 11: 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. **Motion to go back to committee – fails; Motion to move to BOD - approved**

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Self-Defense Committee Report on the history and update of the Self-Defense Certification-Chair Neil Simon

#### **Attachment 4 – Motion to endorsement - Passed**

2. Motion to change and clarification on form 20 by Tom Sheehan.
  - Fix box 9 on page one so the YDK can endorse their electronic signature to the form. **To be fixed by national office**
  - Can a candidate count more than one dojo that they teach at regularly as either a head instructor or assistant instructor? **To be fixed by national office**
  - On website teacher certificate list only has National certification listed. No master or assistant instructor? Per Karen Whilden Sensei **To be added on website.**
  - Can a candidate claim being a Vice Chair of the BoE or Promotion Chair of the YDK. Seeing that they are elected by YDK Board of Examiner **To be worked out**
3. Proposal to modify the standards for USJF judo rank for the creation of limited authority for the President of USJF to award a promotion in USJF judo rank to any member of the USJF (including an award posthumously) to be known as a “PRESIDENTIAL PROMOTION” by Bob Brink. **Attachment 5 – Not clear what action was taken on this motion.**
4. **Election of BOE officers – Motion to re-elect current officers. Motion passed.**
  - **Matsuo Mac Takeda-** Chair
  - **Michel Purcell-** Vice Chair
  - **Dr. Richard Nakatsu-** Secretary
5. **Adjournment: 11:14 EST**

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION. TBD

IX. ADJOURNMENT



