

UNITED STATES JUDO FEDERATION, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sunday, February 2, 2025, 9:00 am (Hawaiian)
Zoom

AGENDA

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.

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 to the Agenda, Motion Takeda, 2nd H. Tsutsui
- i. The President form an Ad hoc committee looking at the relationship between small and large YDK for voting privileges.
- B. Note: The minutes from the previous Fall Corporate Meeting will be approved at the Spring Corporate Meeting.

IV. REPORTS

- A. President
- i. Leadership Ad Hoc Committee
- Update: Strategic Task force initiative
 - Meeting put on “hold” since a lot of issues that has been happening within USA Judo for a few more months
- ii. USA Judo
- Initial a conversation with Corrine Shigemoto: New CEO, President
 - On notice with USOPC with potential 25% reduction in funding
 - USA Judo By-Law rewrite
 - USA Judo cannot make any major decisions because a few of their Board members resigned and they will have a new election in March.
 - President expressed an interest that USJF and USA Judo begin to work together.
 - USA Judo decision at this time is not appropriate since USA Judo does not have a full Board of Directors.
 - President Palacio indicated that it was a good idea to have a judo person as the new CEO of USA Judo.
 - President Palacio looking forward to fruit conversation with USA Judo in the future.
- iii. Status with American Judo and USJF.
- Update: Pedro has sent us his COI and insurance company looking into the viability.
 - Pedro agreeable to the following when using American Judo System for tournament management
 - USJF Charter Club will submit sanction application under USJF banner

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- USJF Charter Club can subcontract out the tournament management to American Judo as a 3rd party vendor.
- Further details to be worked out.
- American Judo will adhere to the USJF tournament sanction requirements.
- USJF create tournament rules template for the American Judo Management System.
- The American Judo Management System must adhere to the tournament sanction requirements set by USJF and should advise the tournament director accordingly, Pedro was agreeable.
- With American Judo you do not have to go with USA Judo. The USJF Charter Club can get the sanction with USJF and follow the rules with USJF.
- American Judo is a vendor helping the charter club run their event.
- iv. Exploring Online Event Sanction app program development.
 - Hanashiro and Edward Yagi
 - Another process to integrate with the sanction process.
 - Reid/Acopan Jr. – March 1: Deadline
 - Chris Reid/Rome Acopan Jr., working on Event sanction template
 - Choice of various tournament templates you can choose from. USJF can provide the service to help you run the Smoothcomp process.
- v. Judo in an Elementary school in Hawaii with a credential teacher and dedicated classroom
 - USJF support – Mats in the classroom
 - USJF Grant request through development - Sheldon Konno
 - Potential to get a dedicated classroom. Kindelberger indicated the “YDK Grant Process” to submit a request.
 - Use of the Credential teacher from the Hawaii Teacher Certification.
 - USJF becomes a vendor with the State of Hawaii.
- vi. Website menu and page suggestions
 - Need continued feedback
 - What works, missing or doesn’t work
 - Reminder password: bod2025 – boe2025
- vii. Leadership Transition
 - 2nd Vice President, Chase Morinaka will conduct the corporation’s business.
 - 1st Vice President, Joshua Kindelberger - Parliamentarian
- B. 1st Vice President – Joshua Kindelberger
 - i. Update
 - Opportunities for creating events
 - USJF Kata Championships
 - Grow interest in kata – competition
 - Regional Kata Tournaments (West/Midwest/Eastern)

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- Yearly Development Program to generate interest
 - D. Jackson: Kata judge clinician
 - Use of Fukuda Scholarship
 - Winners: Utilize Fukuda Scholarship
 - USJF Referee Development Clinics
 - Seminar/clinic activity schedule for April meeting.
 - Creating USJF driven local/regional interest in certification
 - LMS
 - Referee
 - In person
 - Learning what works and what doesn't work
- C. 2nd Vice President – Chase Morinaka
 - i. By law updates, organized our Corporate Records
 - Compliance
 - Solicit help for business lawyers
 - ii. Marketing
 - Historical perspective on marketing.
 - Developing communication system: email
 - Limitation of our database
 - Website: strategy of development
 - Solicit marketing or social media professionals
 - Building a team
- D. Secretary – Chris Reid
 - i. Scholarships
 - Importance of the scholarship committee coordinating all scholarship application and award process.
- E. Financial Report
 - i. Rome Acopan Jr. Treasurer
 - ii. Update: Fiscal Year 2024-2025
 - Stable and strong
 - Fiscal 2024 - \$85,000 surplus (\$60,000 Covid relief fund, \$50,000 from Endowment)
 - 2026 recommend: Rebate the YDK fee Fiscal 2024 year, not until next calendar year 2026
 - iii. Increase Membership fee: \$80. (2nd Reading - April Meeting)
 - Raise membership fee from \$70-\$80

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- Looking for feedback in preparation at the April meeting
- iv. Endowment Trust
 - Looking into another company to manage the endowment funds
 - Develop a process of what monies are available to be used.
- F. Broad of Examiners
 - i. Promotion Committee – Kevin Tamai, Chair
 - ii. Takeda, Chair
 - iii. Addition to Agenda – The President form an Ad hoc committee looking at the relationship between small and large YDK for voting privileges.
- G. Executive Director
 - i. Update
 - National Office Issues
 - Plumbing issues fixed at the NO., \$15,000 repairs + \$5000 concrete repair = \$20,000
 - Repair and replace gutters; approx. \$2500
 - April Meeting: Hotel confirmation
 - Transgender issues: We adopt USA Transgender Policy. Fukuda will contact USA Judo if they have any issues with our adoption of the transgender policy.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Motion:** Maintain the IJF pre-2025 contest rules, regarding tori using the head to throw and uke using head as a defense until we have direction from USJF Medical Committee
 - i. Landing in a bridge is still ippon. Diving on to the mat with the headfirst is still considered dangerous and will be penalized with hansoku-make.
 - Motion: Matsuoka, 2nd Sheehan, Motion: PASSED

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. USJF Summer National
 - i. Update – Nathan Lee
 - ii. After Party: Sunday, 5 – 10 pm (Meet and Greet)
 - iii. Competitive Divisions:
 - iv. YDK “All Star” 5-person Tournament, single elimination
 - v. Two-day Training Camp after the Tournament
- B. Future Fall & Spring Meeting Location
 - i. Yudanshakai interested in having the Spring or Fall meetings

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- Spring 2025, Florida - Friday, April 25, 2025 – Committee Meetings
- Saturday, April 26, 2025 – BoE & BoD Meetings, Interactive Seminar & Events
 - TBD at A. Kolychkine Judo
- NO HoF/LAA/Presidents Awards Dinner
- ii. Fall 2025 - Las Vegas, TBD
 - Late October/November 2025
- iii. Spring 2026 – is Open
 - Potential Locations
 - TBD:
- iv. LAA Submission Announcement Deadline- Simon

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- 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.