United States Judo Federation
National Promotional Committee
DRAFT MINUTES for 5-7-26 meeting
Honolulu HI

Attendees: .... Will add soon
Remote attendees:
Not in attendance :

1. Call to Order **13:09**
2. Moment of Silence - **DONE**
3. Approval of Agenda for today - **APPROVED**
4. Approval of minutes from last meeting – Zoom 3-22-26 - **APPROVED**
5. Review of Candidates for promotion
    a. William Pfeiffer, Yodan, Pacific Southwest - **PASS**
    b. David Shaughnessy, Yodan, Pacific Southwest - **PASS**
    c. Temujin Matsubata, Godan, Pacific Southwest - **PASS**
    d. James Miller, Godan, Rokushu - **POSTPONE**
    e. Wayne Fukumoto, Rokudan, 50th State - **PASS**
    f. Steven NOHARA, Rokudan, 50th State - **PASS**
    g. Randall Platt, Rokudan, 50th State - **PASS**
    h. Brandon Shimabukuro, Rokudan, 50th State - **PASS**
    i. Dean Shiraki, Rokudan, 50th State -**PASS**
    j. Ronald Suggs, Rokudan, Pacific Southwest - **PASS**
    k. Mark Yamanaka, Rokudan, Pacific Southwest - **PASS**
    l. Eric Joseph, Shichidan, Niagara - **PASS**
    m. Michael Purcell, Hachidan, Northwest – **PASS**
    n. **(((Warren Shimizu – revisit – PASS)))**
6. Old Business
    a. Update – USJF Sr requirements matrix – **completed on website**
    b. Update - handbook - **completed**
    c. Update – Junior shodan kata – sub-committee review – **report presented – motion accepted to move forward to BOE for consideration.**
    d. Update - USJF Promotion Committee will provide clear and precise promotion guidelines and a checklist for promotion applications. **Ongoing. Have "Education" and "employment"**
    e. Update- the USJF PC will conduct seminars with all YDK Promotion Committee chairs and all other interested parties concerning the application requirements. **ongoing**
    f. Update - An announcement be made to all members of the USJF, YDK presidents, and YDK promotion committee chairpersons that the USJF PC may no longer consider for promotion incomplete or untimely submitted application at their semi-annual meetings effective the Spring 2026 meeting. **ongoing**
    g. Update - USJF PC members will be assigned as advisor to YDKs that do not have representation on the USJF PC, and to other YDKs who request so, to advise concerning promotion application requirements and procedures.

        Volunteer

            RNakatsu - Hawaii state

L Tsutsui - chuka
T Sheehan- Chicago
D Matsumoto - ganbaru
A Catanese - rokushu

Open for mentorship:

Arizona, open
PAC southwest, -add D. Terada
Makoto - open
Shinnanbu - open
Florida state - open

h. Update - Concerns that Form 20 is the sole basis on promotional decisions. ongoing
i. Update - Non-competitor promotions ongoing
j. Update - Open v. closed PC meetings (For closed meetings, 2 types -(1) For discussion of specific applications, only an advocate can stay in the room. (2) Once that application is ready for the vote, the advocate must leave the room prior to the

. New Business -

a. 3 DAN AND ABOVE - need TEACHER CERTIFICATION (online USJF course $100) for promotion?? No action. Need further discussion

b. IJF RANK MATRIX suggestion to put on USJF website

c. Junior Shodan kata report - work is ongoing

d. Senior rank matrix(Rokkyu through Godan) - work is ongoing

e. Bringing a previously tabled application back for review - Motion and second made to bring back a rejected application for Warren Shimizu. Discussion and vote completed to pass.

Motion to adjourn

Adjourn 15: 35