

**USJF Shufu Judo Yudanshakai, Inc. - Board of Directors (BOD)
Meeting Agenda (draft) rev 2022-03-03**

March 12, 2022, 9:00am as a hybrid meeting due to COVID-19 online and at The Compound, MD

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Confirmation of quorum - Welcome. Confirmation of quorum (15%)
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Motion by Karl Tamai, unanimously approved, to adopt agenda
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Kevin Tamai, unanimously approved, to approve last BOD meeting minutes
- IV. President's report
 - a. Report out of USJF level activity
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT by TREASURER – Gaiv Tata, Shufu Treasurer
- VI. NON-FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. VP - Eric
 - b. BOE - Miki
- VII. New business
 - a. Shufu By-laws - Roy
 - b. Need for Shufu Junior Development Chair and Committee members - Roy
 - c. Outreach to military - Andrew Furjanic from Hui-o judo
- IV. SPECIAL REPORTS
 - a. Highlights from...
 - Rank Registration chair – Karen Whilden
 - Communications – George Antoniou
 - Social Media Lead (Brandon Wang from Dale City Judo)
 - “Shufu Judo Highlights” Communications Project with Brad Lewis.
 - Athletes' Fund – Robert Hunt
 - Coach – Eric Spears
 - Kata – Robert Gouthro
 - Referee – Bobby Donaldson / Karl Tamai
 - Website – Dr. Medani
 - Shufu's USJF registration status – Dr. Medani
 - 2016 – 612 members
 - 2022 – 253 member
 - Decreasing junior registrations
 - As of: March 10, 2022: juniors: 59, seniors: 231; total 290
 - Total shufu clubs 23
 - b. Ad hoc committee (approved at Spring 2019 BOD meeting) – Committee to be comprised of athlete fund chair and referee and kata committee chairs to research criteria/limitations regarding use of funds for referees and judges
 - c. Ad hoc committee (approved Fall 2021 BOD meeting) on How We Grow Judo – George Antoniou.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Announcements of upcoming or in-planning events – from the floor
 - i. Liberty Bell cancelled for this year
- IX. Shufu Elections – Robert Hunt, Chair
 - President – Miki Takemori
 - VP –Mike Landstreet
 - Treasurer – Gaiv Tata
 - Secretary – Diane Jackson
- X. ADJOURNMENT – motion to adjourn

Shufu Executive Committee**Roy Englert, Jr.**, President and BOD Chair**Eric Spears**, Vice-President**Gaiv Tata**, Treasurer**Diane Tamai Jackson**, Secretary**Miki Takemori**, Board of Examiners Chair**Charles Medani**, Immediate Past President

In attendance:

	Last name	First	Club (25)	State (9)
P	Antoniou	George	Dale City Judo	VA
	Berliner	Steve	Sport Judo	VA
-	Caban	Miguel Naygy	Naval Academy	MD
-	Capriotti	Lisa	Hui-o Judo/ Samurai	SC
P	Donaldson	Bobby	College Park Judo	MD
	Eddy	Shaun	Hui-o judo	MD
P	Englert	Roy	WJC	DC
P	Floyd	John		MA
	Fout	Charles	Sport Judo	VA
P	Furjanic	Andrew (AJ)	Hui-o Judo	MD
P	Goebel	Greg	Naval Academy	MD
-	Gouthro	Robert	Hui-o Judo/ Samurai	SC
P	Hinkle	Pam	Blue Dragon	CT
P	Hugh	Dick		PA
P	Hunt	Robert	Budokan	MD
P	Jackson	Diane	Hui-o judo	MD
P	Kettl	Margie	Hui-o judo	MD
P	Landstreet	Micheal	Arlington Judo	VA
P	Lewis	Brad	NIH	MD
-	Lifshitz	Wayne	College Park Judo	MD
P	Max	Mayer	Adaptive Judo	DC
P	McDonald	Bobby	College Park Judo	MD
	Menzel	Lorenzo	unattached	SC
	Mitchell	Cheryl		DE
	Nalls	Tad	Georgetown Judo	DC
P	Nanjo	Roy	Yama/Villanova	PA
P	Nsheuko	Edmond	College Park Judo +	MD
P	Ojito	Ernest	WJC	DC

	Last name	First	Club (25)	State (9)
	Redden	Tim	FUMA/Charlottesville Judo	VA
P	Spears	Eric	College Park Judo	MD
P	Takemori	Miki	Toshi BudoKai	MA
P	Takemori	Edwin	Naval Ac	MD
P	Tamai	Karl	College Park Judo	MD
P	Tamai	Kurt	College Park Judo	MD
P	Tamai	Kevin	Hui-o judo	MD
P	Tata	Gaiv	Arlington Judo	VA
P	Whilden	Karen	DC Judo	DC
	Vall	Fran	Washington Judo Club	DC
V	Brown	R. Wayne	Hui-o judo	MD
V	Champy	Bob	Shinzen Judo	NH
V	Greene	Brian	US Naval Academy	MD
V	Landstreet	Sharon	Arlington Judo	VA
V	McPartland	Terence	DC Judo	DC
V	Medani	Charles	DC Judo	DC
V	Pietroniro	Jason	Toshi BudoKai	MA
V	Pietroniro	Wendy	Toshi BudoKai	MA
-	Stone	Andrew	College Park Judo	MD
-	Oles	Susan		PA
-	White	Robert	NIH	MD
-	Winston	Robert	Arlington Judo	VA

Notes : 3/12/22 – Shufu BOD notes

Bobby

Mike L
Eric
Roy
Pam
Miki
John F
Kevin
Mayer Max
Karl
Karen W
Gaiv
George A
Edwin T
Roy Nanjo
Dick Hugh
Tiko
Robert Hunt
Greg Goebel
Kurt Tamai
Brad Lewis
Edmond

18 Zoom:

Charles medani
R wayne Borwn
Wendy and Jason husband Pietroiro
Tom White (Dorothy Kelle_r
Brian Greene
Bob Champy
Tad Nalls
Hailey Gentile / Cjhris Boyd
Tom Tedesso
Lawrence Lessard
Terence
Gerard Cadet
Olivier Baree
Sharon Landstreet
John Lally
Rachel Friedrich

BOD Zoom Attendees: Meeting 3/12/22 9:11am-11:20am

Brian Greene- U.S Naval Academy Judo Team
Christopher Boyd-Shinzan
Hailey Gentile- Shinzan
Robert Champy- Shinzan (instructor)
Wendy Pietroniro-Shinzan
Jason Pietroniro-Shinzan
John Lally- Kuma Judo Club

Diane Jackson (meeting Co-host)- DC Judo
Tad-?
Thomas White-Shinzan
R. Wayne Brown- Hui-O Judo
Tom Tedesso- U.S Naval Academy Judo
Charles Medani- DC Judo
Lawrence Lessard-Shinzan
G.J Cadet-Compound Judo Club, U.S Naval Academy Judo
Sharon Landstreet- Arlington Judo Club
Rachel Friedrich- Washington Judo
Terence McPartland- DC Judo
Olivier Barre-?
Roy E.- (host)
Tim Redden-?

- Agenda - Karl motion, Fran to adopt – pass
- Minutes - Kevin motion, Tiko – adopt minutes – pass
- President report
- Ad hoc committee to Grow Judo – George A
- USJF improved website functionality
- USJF focused on re-grow judo - especially through additional on-line seminar series. All recorded
- Because of reduced membership – the previous thresholds for yudanshakai authority is being worked: large yudanshakai (*number of votes) and godan authority
- Takemori clinic – returned after 2 years. Jason Morris was clinician
- Shufu - Number of clubs is growing. Membership is down. New England, FL, TX, Mississippi, DMV area
- 3 shufu presidents have not been club senseis. Next one may.
- Jack Hunter judoka from Philly – passed on dec 15, 2021 at 101 years.
- BOE by shufu constitution – can be not more than % of registered yudansha. At measured by quaderial meeting. BOE will drop from 30 to 25, no one will be removed, but when attrition occurs, replacements will not occur until below 25. Roy wil write a consutional amendmdent request to allow the gradual change due to natural attrition.
- As of Feb 26 – no chair ‘volunteer’ for BOE.
- Proxy voting.
- Honored to serve as president.

Treasurer’s report
Vp report –

- Honored to serve as VP in 8 years of service. Thank Roy Englert

BOE – Miki

- National BOE
- Some remote

- New grid for kata competitor. Once you are a level – for kata and shiai – keep the level for all of judo career.
- Godan authority – different proposal being discussed. E.g., top 8 yudanaha have BOE seats
- Presentation of certificates:
 - o Willy percy Johnson
 - o Daniel P Smith (Navy)
 - o Robert Mitchell (Navy)
 - o George Antoniou (sandan)
 - o Edmond
 - o Pam Hinkle (rokudan)
 - o Fran Vall (shichidan)
 - o Miki Takemori (shichidan)
- Thank you for Karen W and rank registration for dan ranks and her team: Monty, Margie,

USJF promotion requirements (proposal) –

Shufu By laws – article 4 section 2 – need to also align wording change setciont 7. US citizen Lawful permaent residents. Kevin fitrst, Eric second - pass

Junior development chair – one is needed

Military – Andrew Furjanic (army colonel)

- Tom Tedesso – navy vet – asst coach USNA
- GJ Cadet – army veteren
- Guardians tournament – to focus on military and police, fire, ROTC,
- In next 120 days – get volunteers for make a committee
- Deliberate outreach and communication

Dr medani – shufu

Rank Registration –

- Shufu north - spring
- Shufu central – today
- Thanks to Hailey and Karen figured out Kodokan certificates

Communications – George Antoniuo

- Brandon Wang – Dale City judo – expanding shufu social media. Through Hootsuite.
- Want to get resource information out through the social medias
- Brad Lewis – NIH judo zoom – would like to introduce two project ideas
 - o Highlights - feature different dojos
 - o This summer – video recordings of clubs in DMV and Boston areas – each out to Brad Lewis

Athewltics funds – 4 requests and all approved.

2021 us open

2021 JA/ open

2021 PJC kata champtions

Coaching – eric spears

- New coaches certified through on-line system

Kata

Referee - Bobby

- Rules not changed – but lots of clarifications
- Mentoring in referee – Bobby mentors about 30 people who also mentor 30 lower referees
- Multiple zoom sessions on refereeing.
- Sharon Landstreet going to Lima Peru for referee seminar

Website –

- Increased security
- Shufu website is available for advertising for events.
- Shufu can do registration and payment on line

Ad hoc committee – allow funds for referees/judges

- Next step to make a proposal

Ad hoc – grow judo

- Looking for ideas - reach out to George Antoniuo
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Proxy

13 for yes

8 no

On line – yes: 8

No - 4

Proxy – PASSES YES

Elections:

President – nomination from floor

From Eric spears – nominate Kevin Tamai – accepts nomination. Or Miki

VP – nominations – Tiko and Mike Landstreet

President – Miki

VP – Mike Landstreet

Treasure – Gavi

Secretary – Diane

11:21 Tiko motion, second Fran Vall

Promotional

Evaluators:

Mike

Kevin

Pam

John

Karen W

Fran v (kata score)

Diane J (kata score)

Karl (kata uke+tori)

From: **Andrew Furjanic** <andrew.furjanic@mac.com>

Subject: Military Outreach Vision

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The US military was once integral to the success of judo. Military service members stationed in Japan travelled back home bringing knowledge of judo with them. Military members competed at the highest levels of competition. George Harris-USAF 1964 Olympic Team; Ben Nighthorse Campbell-USAF 1964 Olympic Team; Jimmy Pedro; Leo White and many more.

The US military has over 700 bases in 80 countries but no unified effort to spot, assess and train judoka and feed into an International competitive circuit. Military focused groups like CISM, US Armed Forces Sports, Army World Class Athletes Programs and others exist but we still aren't seeing significant participation in Judo from military service members at bases worldwide. Many soldiers have turned to BJJ or MMA to satisfy their needs for competition.

US near peer countries like Russia feel emboldened to take aggressive stances against America and its allies. The US must increase the perception that we have the best trained, most capable military services in the world.

VISION:

Synchronize all major US bases by establishing local representatives from the major judo associations. Establish military dominance in International competitions evidenced within 7 years by 15% of national competitors placing 1-3rd having a military background and tied to this effort. Ensuring every Olympic team has at least one competitor coming from the military. Defeat near peer countries psychologically through wins in international competitions.

CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

Establish reps with military backgrounds in each major association. Integrate the US Armed Forces Sports representative into this effort. Establish representatives in all Combatant Command Headquarters Bases within the next year. Conduct free seminars on bases to gain service member attention. Secure Armed Forces funding for high-talent active duty or reserve service members. Conduct at least one Protectors Tournament in the DC NOVA region before year 2. By year two have established dojos on bases or identified extant best clubs in proximity to base.

Establish an annual "Protectors Tournament" open to all law enforcement, med services, EMTs, firefighters and military service members (active duty, reservists, cadets, veterans, or ROTC students if on 3 or 4 year scholarships with a mil commitment).

This effort is being advanced by Andrew Furjanic (USAR COL), E.L. Mayfield (USMC retired SGM) and we are seeking coordination with a USJA rep from their Military, Police, Firefighters, & First Responders Committee and the current US Armed Forces Judo Team coach.

WAY AHEAD (next 120 days)

We need volunteers for the following bases/mil locations in the DC NOVA area:

- Fort Meade
- JBAB
- Andrews (JBAB and Andrews can be same)
- Fort Belvoir
- Quantico
- Pentagon
- Walter Reed
- Veterans Administration
- Naval Academy

CLOSING

We must establish deliberate efforts to advance select military judoka through access to superior coaches and systematic evaluations of judoka skills and fitness programs. This would include assigning a mentor/coach to exceptional candidates. This is different than traditional teaching in dojos. When we identify exceptional judoka and begin training them, we also find means to get them to train together. The 1964 team trained together in Japan. We don't need to go to Japan, but do need the best players working with their best peers as opposes relying solely on local club talent or local (infrequent) competitions.

This focus on the military will bring in their dependents as an after effect, thereby increasing judo participation remarkably over the next 7 years in areas with high military concentrations.

V/r,

ANDREW J FURJANIC
COL, USAR