

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

**November 4, 2023, 9:30 am as a hybrid meeting due to COVID-19 online and at, Beltsville, MD**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Confirmation of quorum - Welcome. Confirmation of quorum (15%)
- II. Moment of silence to remember those who are no longer with us.
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Motion to adopt agenda
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve last BOD meeting minutes
- V. President's report
  - A. USJF news
    - The National Office is fully staffed for the first time in years.
    - Terri Waibel (office manager retiring in May 2023- on-going retirement – She is still in the office teaching the new staff)
    - USJF website – updated and revamped. Member Portal for individual/Dojo/Yudanshakai.
    - USJF has been conducting webinar series - past ones can be found on the USJF home page site under resources tab. The next one will be the second with Jennifer Schoo-Batchtscher new Chair of the Teachers Institute on Sunday, November 12th @ 4 pm EST, will be discussing the practical aspects of applying established educational techniques to training of new and intermediate judokas. Make sure you pre-register for the webinar.
    - Mentoring and rotation of leadership in committees – See USJF website for details
    - Senior requirement changes are being proposed. Kevin Tamai will discuss in his report.
    - USA Judo and USJF are still in discussions in a bi-lateral agreement (USJA is not included at this time). There is a month-month agreement as an ad hoc committee is working on another agreement.
    - USJF has negotiating w/ Smooth Comp (the company that has been doing numerous event registration/coordination) to buy bulk credits at a discount. They can be used for USJF sanctioned events **to reduce cost of Smooth Comp for event organizers.**
    - USJF BOD/BOE and Committee Spring meeting was held April 13-16 in Boise, ID
    - USJF BOD/BOE and Committee meeting was held on October 26-27 in conjunction with the USJF Nationals in San Francisco
    - USJF Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Awards of 2023 – Awarded to Peggy Whilden and Charles Medani
  - NEW information from the recent National meetings**
    - USJF Endowment Trust has purchased the building of the National Office for \$215,000.
    - Concern from the Treasurer that the 2024 budget will be running ~ \$60,000 deficit. The BOD voted to reduce the amount that the Yudanshakai go from membership to \$10/person.
    - A group from Hawaii have started a **for-profit** company called Premiere Judo. It will concentrate on team competition (5 males and 5 females). It will concentrate on tachi waza and submissions (shime waza and kansetsu waza), points for osaekomi. Eventually will be live-streamed
    - FYI - appointments for Finance Committee up in April
    - USJF is trying to set up National Point system which is supposed to provide scholarships for judoka and dojos
    - Event Excess Accident Medical Coverage (EEAMC) is a program to provide insurance for allowing USA Judo members at a cost of \$4/person/event. It describes various scenarios on how to use the system. For example, you can add the \$4 to the entry fee or provide a discount to USJF members.
    - There are new guidelines for Junior requirements and Senior 6th- 10th Dan . Kevin Tamai will provide details in his report.
    - **Shufu is in the running to host the Spring 2024 meeting. Final decision between Miami and Shufu.**
    - **USJF President, Mitchell Palacio is encouraging younger judoka to become involved in the National Judo Organization. Please notify me and I will get you introduced to the right people and/or committees.**

B. Shufu News

- Member registrations slowly climbing at present (10/20/2023) (Chuck Medani to report later)  
There are clubs with expired registration. I have contacted the clubs to request their renewal. I have also been contacted by 3 – 4 other clubs that are interested in joining Shufu.
- Continued Shufu Central Promotional/BOD/BOE events 2x/year.
- Continued Shufu North Promotional events 2x/year.
- Shufu EC meets regularly (almost weekly) via zoom link. In the past, Sensei have been invited to these meetings (~ 2-3 x/year) but have been sparsely attended. Is there interest in continuing this invitation?
- Shufu EC has discussed but have not scheduled the following: Instructor Certification Course, Self-Defense Course
- Takemori Memorial Clinic featuring Kevin Asano – was held Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ Beltsville Community Center. The next Takemori Clinic will possibly be held the first or second weekend of January 2024 at Sport Judo - the clinicians will be the Berliners (Gary, Kell and Ari)
- Shufu Shimbun has been going since April 2022 – We have tried to continue to provide up-to-date news and upcoming events. Primarily written by Kevin Tamai. Kevin and I would appreciate any and all assistance in this project. We would also welcome additional articles on individuals, dojos, events, etc..
- Kata clinics continue at Sport Judo. They are run by the Shufu's expert kata individuals - Diane Jackson, Karl Tamai, Karen Whilden and Fran Vall.
- Referee – Novice Referee clinic on March 4 organized by Sharon Landstreet (IJF-A). Sharon has also agreed to become Chair of the Referee committee. (Sharon will give a report later in this meeting).
- Bobby Donaldson continues as an important referee mentor to national and international referees.
- Shufu CARE systems are over 7 years old and have started to break down. Sharon Landstreet has done extensive research in CARE system laptops and consulted with Patrick Lo (USA Judo referee who is coordinating west coast purchases of CARE systems). The Shufu EC has reviewed the material and purchased 3 systems for Shufu use. Rental of these systems will be possible for non-Shufu Events to help defray the cost of the systems.
- There is a tentative plan for the 2024 Joshi Camp to be held in Shufu in late July and August. Probable site is in the Dulles Airport area. Further information to follow.
- \*\*\* Diane Tamai Jackson has been awarded international certifications in all 5 of the IJF katas (Ju no kata, Katame no kata, Nage no kata, Kime no kata and Goshin jutsu)\*\*\*

C. Congrats to local athletes

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D. Good luck to local athletes

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VI. FINANCIAL REPORT by TREASURER – Gaiv Tata, Shufu Treasurer

VII. NON-FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. VP – Mike

B. BOE - Kevin

VIII. FIRST BUSINESS

A. Amend Shufu By-laws / constitution – Roy Englert to cover information on this topic.

B. Repeat - Need for Shufu Junior Development Chair and Committee members – Miki

IX. NORMAL BUSINESS

- a. Ad hoc committee (approved at Spring 2019 BOD meeting) – Committee to be composed of athlete fund chair and referee and kata committee chairs to research criteria/limitations regarding use of funds for referees and judges \* If there is no progress or report for this Ad Hoc Committee then it will be discontinued\*



