

Report on the Shufu Website to Board of Directors

In the recent past I have mentioned to the BOD and to President Takemori the hazard of a corporation having a single individual controlling the organization's website. As this sole individual, I appreciate the autonomy, but this risks the website becoming inaccessible if I am unable to continue for any reason. Geof Meixner, who is an experienced webmaster in his government service and is experienced in the website's WordPress platform, has offered to be a second webmaster of the current website. I have accepted his offer, subject to approval by President Takemori. Many thanks to Geof for accepting this important role.

Current status of discussions regarding change of website platform and structure

1. Geof, Brad Lewis, and I, with Ellie Baranowski as a consultant, have been discussing the pros and cons of changing the current Shufu website to a Wix-based platform with a different, though functionally equivalent, structure.
2. The Wix-based proposal from Ms. Baranowski is attractive and functional, but there are aspects that may lead us to avoid the platform, particularly the non-transferability of the website from Wix in the future if that becomes necessary. Although Ellie has mentioned that there is a workaround, the policy of Wix is currently not favorable to any future transfer.
3. The new second VP of USJF, Chase Muranaka, is a highly web-savvy individual who led a conference on websites for clubs and yudanshakais two weeks ago at the USJF's Spring meeting, and is eager to assist clubs and yudanshakais with their internet presence. We plan to ask him to weigh in on our current website and Ellie's proposal, which she has enthusiastically detailed to us over the last several months.

We have made no final decision or recommendation at this time. We anticipate discussions with Mr. Muranaka will assist in developing our recommendation to President Takemori prior to our next BOD meeting.

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