



Shufu Yudanshakai, Inc

United State Judo Federation

2026 Fall Board of Directors' meeting (draft)

October 31, 2026 – Beltsville Community Center / Hybrid



- I. Call to order – Confirmation of quorum – Welcome. Confirmation of quorum (15%)
 - a. Quorum verified; start time 1:00pm
- II. Moment of Silence to remember those who are no longer with us or are dealing with illness
- III. Motion to Accept Agenda: _____, _____
- IV. Motion to Accept Minutes from last meeting with adjustment: _____, _____
- V. President's Report
 - Fall 2026 USJF meetings – Nov. 11-14 in Las Vegas
Will notify Shufu of USJF decisions/information via the Shufu Shimbun
 - Fall 2025 USJF meetings information (past meeting minutes can be reviewed on the USJF website in the Governance tab.)
 - o USJF and USA Judo 2-year agreement – this works for sanctioned events, recognizing ranks (up to Godan), and certifications, e.g., coaching. Further discussions are ongoing. **** Concern with USA Judo leadership instability and bylaw re-writes. USA Judo to create 4 regions.**
 - o April High - Performance Workshop – (Coaches, Self-Defense, SmoothComp)
Identify and develop coaches/leaders, target 40+ group of next generation

Wayne Tsunoda from Shufu attended High Performance Coach Workshop
 - o Reminder - There is an on-line sanctioning process on USJF website for tournaments. A similar process for clinics/promotionals is being worked on. An automated system is in development, which should ease the work on the National office- the cost of this is \$10,000 (this amount was passed by the BOD). * there have been some issues with this info – recent issue with Arlington Judo sanction request as well as there is no sanction for clinics or promotionals

- New committee appointments
 - Kata – Karen Nagai
 - Coach – Joey Nawa, Wayne Tsunoda
 - HOF – Karen Nagai, Pedro Kolychikine, Larry Tsutsui, Dekin Holm
- 1st VP notes – Josh Kindelberger
 - Development – Kata, Adaptive Judo
 - Internship program – (See notes from Shimbun) – target middle/high schoolers
 - Coach Development – Hannah Tsutsui – 2 USJF coaches pu on international levels – Wayne Tsunoda (Shufu), Harry Morinaka (NW)
 - Kata – Task forces with Diane Jackson (Shufu & USA Judo Kata Chair)
- 2nd VP notes Chase Morinaka
 - By-Law updates
 - Marketing & Communications
- Secretary – Chris Reid
 - Need for new server due to website often goes down
 - Scholarship & Grants (Alex Campo & Deacon Holmes) make application easier
 - Online sanctioning – supposedly easier
- Treasurer (Rome Acopan Jr.)
 - Good financial shape, balanced budget
- Next USJF Spring meeting in Boise, Idaho -
- Shufu items
 - Jimmy Takemori memorial clinic is held on May 9-10 with Kashiwazaki at Kogaion Academy, Arlington, VA – everyone seemed pleased. One possible outcome was addition of at least 2 judo clubs in Shufu
 - Additional judo clubs in GA, SC, AL, VT, VA
 - Promotions – Central and North are on-going, possibility of adding a southern event to accommodate the additional clubs in south
 - \$250 funding for hosting any Shufu sanctioned event, if requested
 - Shufu is providing some funding for National meetings and seminars. Please notify any member of the Shufu EC if you are interested.
 - Plans for other clinics in the future – kata, competitor, etc
- Looking for volunteers for various committees
 - Communications, Vice Treasurer, Jr development, Sr development, Kata

- If you have suggestions to improve Shufu, please contact anyone on the Shufu Executive Committee. Our contact information is on the Shufu Webpage.
- Can Shufu funds be requested to support travel to tournaments or events?
 - o Yes.
- Shufu sponsoring / supporting others to attend national level seminars or meetings:
 - o AJ Furjanic, Gerard Cadet, and Brian Lopez to the national meetings

VI. VP report – Kurt Tamai

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VII. Financial Report – Gaiv Tata (See Treasurer’s report on-line)

- Finances remain sound; last year was 4-year wrap up
- Motion to accept Treasurer’s report: _____, _____

VIII. BOE – Kevin Tamai

- a. Today.
- b. Encouraged all BOE members to
- c. Thanks to Karen Whilden and rank registration team to support Form 20
- d. November 8th Shufu North promotion
- e. Shufu South Promotional November 21, 2026
- f. Potential dates for Spring meetings
- g. Motion to pass: _____, _____

IX. New Business ----

- A. Calendar - Upcoming events of interest to Shufu members
- B. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a clinic, Shufu will help: Sanction, event process, advertising.
- C. Communications – lead: TBD
 - Website – Dr. Medani / Geoff Meixner
 - o Redesigning website
 - o Decided to keep WordPress to keep legacy information
 - o Created a new template for website pages / drop down and pop-out menus
 - o Requesting input for improvements
 - o Discussion on main uses of website: events; promotion; kata; find a club; photos
 - o REQUEST: Add content: send to Geoff Meixner: geof@meixner.ws
 - Social media – TBD

- D. Rank Registration – Karen Whilden - Central team -Margie Kettl, Monty Burton, Rachel Friedrich & North - Wendy Pietroniro
 - Geoff Meixner – thanks for putting together matrix
 - Will work on the getting additional assistants who can review Form 20s in Shufu North
- E. Athlete Fund – Robert Hunt
 - No applications in
 - Comment from President - The Athlete fund is something to draw other clubs to join Shufu/USJF.
- F. Referee – Sharon Landstreet
 - Successful Shufu Rules clinic -added zoom component for not only Shufu members but other areas – including the Philippines
 - another novice referee certification event soon
 - will be working on updating Shufu referee website
- G. Kata – Diane Jackson (new Kata Chair)– see Committee report on-line
 - Steve Berliner and Margie Kettl increased certifications as kata instructor and judge
 - If you are interested in certifying, please contact Diane Jackson:
JudoDTJackson@gmail.com
- H. Self-Defense – John Floyd
 - AJ created “What’s App” group and List serv.
 - See AJ to join: airborneranger@mac.com
 - Maurice Allan has worked on self-defense and has entire curriculum
- I. Shufu within USJF Membership – Chuck Medani – see data report on-line Shufu/USJF Individual Membership _____2026
 - Juniors: _____, Seniors: _____, Total:
 - Total Number of Clubs 25 - 3 with no members, At Large: 61 members
 - Top 5 clubs - 1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____, 4. _____, 5. _____
 - **REQUEST: Please make sure your USJF members are also listed as Shufu**
 - Discussion: how to motivate
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- J. Coach Development – NEED volunteer.
 - Wayne Tsunoda(unattached/WJC) attended USJF High Level Coaching Seminar on April 11th in San Francisco with Shufu funding assist.
- K. Senior and Junior Development – NEED volunteer
 - Suggestions/ volunteers for junior and/or senior workouts
- L. Shufu Shimbun – NEED lead and/or support

- REQUEST: Provide content! e.g., photos, highlights of students, articles, shout outs.
- Send to Kevin Tamai: huiosensei@gmail.com

X. Motion to Adjourn: _____, _____ PASSED. Adjourned at _____pm

In-person:

On-line: