



Shufu Yudanshakai, Inc

United State Judo Federation

2026 Spring Board of Directors' meeting (draft)

April 25, 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: Kevin Tamai, Margie Kettl. PASSED
- IV. Motion to Accept Minutes from last meeting with adjustment: Kevin Tamai, Rob Winston. PASSED
- V. President's Report
 - Spring 2026 USJF meetings – May 7-8 in Hawaii
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.
 - o There is an on-line sanctioning process on USJF website for tournaments. A similar process for clinics 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).
 - o **USJF Coach Code of Conduct** to be in place on SmoothComp and regular USJF Event forms. A **Coach Code of Conduct Policy** ensures that every USJF -certified coach upholds the highest standards of professionalism, safety and judo values.
 - o USJF referee chair - Diba Mani update website, clinics, Code of Conduct
 - o May 7-8, 2026 – Honolulu, HI (same weekend as Sr Nationals and Jimmy Takemori memorial clinic)
 - o Fall 2026 – Las Vegas, NV
 - o Spring 2027, Boise, ID
 - Shufu items

- Jimmy Takemori memorial clinic is in 2 weeks on May 9-10 with Kashiwazaki at Kogaion Academy, Arlington, VA
- Next Eastern Kata Championship looking for date and location. Liberty Bell Classic (9/26) is same weekend as IJF Kata World Championships.
- Promotions – Central and North are on-going
- \$250 funding for hosting any Shufu sanctioned event, if requested
- Developing Shufu funding Club banners (would someone be interested in designing banners or perhaps a contest)
- Shufu is providing some funding for National meetings and seminars. Upcoming events to consider – USJF Kata Conference on June 5-7 in Denver, or USJF Summer Nationals on July 11-12 in San Francisco.
- Shufu has also assisted in funding Shufu members to USJF Seminars and meetings. If you are interested contact me or any Shufu executive Committee member for requests.
- 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?
 - Yes.
- Shufu sponsoring / supporting others to attend national level seminars:
 - AJ Furjanic and Dan Smith to self-defense seminar
 - Wayne Tsnoda to elite development seminar
- VI. VP report – Mike Landstreet
 - Appreciate serving as VP
- 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: Rob Winston, Margie Kettl. PASSED
- VIII. BOE – Kevin Tamai
 - a. Today passed two people to Sandan.
 - b. Encouraged all BOE members to _____
 - c. Thanks to Karen Whilden and rank registration team to support Form 20
 - d. May 2 Shufu North promotion will have 2 dans and 9 kyus
 - e. Discussed national office’s discussion on Juniors earning Shodan

- f. Motion to pass: Rob Winston, Pam Hinkle. PASSED
- 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
- 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 2025
 - 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
- Successful Capital Kata Festival: Kata-palooza I (December 2025)
 - 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
- National level chair Neil Simon passed away
 - National committee trying to develop self-defense manual

- AJ Furjanic (Hui-o Judo) and Daniel Smith (Navy Judo) attended USJF Seminar on April 11th in San Francisco with Shufu funding assist. There is a plan for AJ to do a Self-Defense seminar in Shufu Central to discuss/demo what he learned from this seminar.
- Computer certification part, then in-person testing – this is part of what AJ is doing. Shufu has asked that the in-person part of this event can occur in Shufu Central area.
- 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 April 24, 2026
 - Juniors: 151, Seniors: 362, Total: 513
 - Total Number of Clubs 25 - 3 with no members, At Large: 61 members
 - Top 5 clubs - 1. Arlington- 78, 1. Hui-O – 78, 3. College Park - 55, 4. DC Judo – 50, 5. Kuma – 36
 - **REQUEST: Please make sure your USJF members are also listed as Shufu**
 - Discussion: how to motivate
 - o Advertise as part of judo classes
 - o Must be USJF to be promoted
 - o Join USJF if going to continue after beginners’ class
 - o Be part of a network of USJF clubs
- 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**
- M. Others
 - Honoring Edwin Takemori for his years of service to Judo
- X. Elections:
 - Board of Examiners chair: Kevin Tamai
 - President: Miki Takemori
 - Vice President: Kurt Tamai

- Secretary: Billy Fineran and Margie Kettl
- Treasurer: Gaiv Tata; Vice-Treasurer: Rachel Friedrich

XI. Motion to Adjourn: Kevin, Margie, PASSED. Adjourned at 2:35pm

In-person:

- Kevin Tamai
- Miki Takemori
- Karen Whilden
- Jen Evans
- AJ Furjanic
- Pam Hinkle
- Rob Winston
- Geof Meixner
- Sharon Landstreet
- Mike Landstreet
- R Wayne Brown
- Diane Jackson
- Kurt Tamai
- Daniel Smith
- Edwin Takemori
- Rachel Friedrich
- Gaiv Tata
- John Floyd
- Margie Kettl
- Billy Fineran
- Tomoko Ikeuchi
- Wayne Stone

On-line:

- Roy Englert
- Kartl Tamai
- Brian Greene
- Ernesto (Tiko) Ojito
- Greg Goebel
- Oliver Barre
- Dr Charles Medani
- Rocky Madry