

Athlete Funding Committee

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve Shufu as the Chair of this group from 2015 to early 2018 to continue to fulfill our mission in supporting Shufu athletes in attending shiai and other events far and wide. The committee was not fully functioning in late 2015 and given my background in grantsmanship and experience as a federal funder I was glad to bring my skills to serve Shufu.

My goal was to revive the committee, shepherd it through a couple of years of activity and share with the yudanshakai that it was up and running.

I'm pleased to report that we began with nearly \$9,000 in 2016/2015 and received 44 requests, in both seniors and juniors. We approved 40 requests.

In our second year, 2016, our funds were much less, but still we were able to grant more than \$2,200 through 17 requests, 15 of which we approved. Finally, there are two requests outstanding which the remaining committee member/s are equipped to handle.

Now that this important committee has been revived and is up and functioning, I feel my job here is done, at least for now.

In terms of outstanding questions that the committee also addressed the remaining committee member/s (who is/are continuing on the committee) can address them, such as:

- Pre-approvals, where we believe the effort is not worth the costs in terms of time and recordkeeping.
- In addition, the committee member who has been nominated for Chair of this committee has been provided with hard copy of the Chair's applications and files
- The new Chair and outgoing Chair had a phone meeting to discuss the transition to the new stewardship of the committee.
- A Google Drive was established with all of our records. That file and subfolders are also fully accessible to the newly nominated Chair and accessibility is being explored to give sole control to the new Chair by removing the outgoing Chair and adding any new members. (It might be wise to give that access to the Treasurer,
- It is also, hereby, recommended that the Shufu Treasurer be given access to the Google Drive file with the AFC files, thereby satisfying the requirement that the committee provide access to our records
- It is also recommended that the new Chair be introduced by the Yudanshakai President to the national staff at USJF in order to support his need, in the course of his duties, to access the Shufu records and/or be given permission to request information such as eligibility as regards length of membership and whether such membership in USJF and Shufu has been continuous.

As my family is needing more of my time and the two local clubs I work with (NIH Judo and Maryland Judo Team) continue apace, I do not plan to fade away, but just to step back a half step so that I can return at full strength at a later date.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Brad Lewis