

# Shufu Judo Yudanshakai Website Report

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The website continues on as an important source of information for Shufu members and others, and as a system for event registration. Although it is not up to date in some areas, it includes important information over a large range of topics of importance to Shufu's judoka. Its utility has been further improved over the last 18 months by the linking to the consistent publication of the Shufu Shinbun, written in large part by Kevin Tamai, who maintains a diverse and high quality level of information for our membership.

However, it is over 11 years since the site was created, and it has been suggested that a more modern version be considered. Ms. Ellie Baranowski, a judoka and information technology undergraduate student in Virginia, has offered to assist in the redesign of the site using an alternative format. Brad Lewis and I have reviewed this new site proposal, but we have reached no decision regarding a changeover. President Takemori has inquired about the wishes of the Shufu Board of Directors in this matter, and the question remains: continue on as is since it fulfills the basic functions needed, or make the transition to the more modern format.

At the same time, we must also acknowledge that the management of our corporate website has a single point of failure due to having only one individual (the webmaster) who is familiar with the structure and management of the site. It is important that at least one other individual become involved with the site in order to minimize the possibility of failure due to any unanticipated inability of a single individual to carry out proper management and continuity.

President Takemori is aware of this situation and will ask for interested individuals to step forward with recommendations and participation.

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