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- Selection of Social Media Coordinator Brandon Wang, Ikkyu, Dale City Judo
  - Shufu Facebook Page and Shufu Yudanshakai Group continue to Grow and are used.
  - Shufu Black belt List continues to be maintained and used for distribution/communicaiton
  - Shufu Twitter Account Established: @shufujudo
  - Shufu Instagram Established: @shufujudo
  - ShufuJudoSocialMedia@gmail.com--Mar 12—Done
  - o Reddit?
  - o Tumblr?
  - o Snapchat?
- Executive Committee Approved Use of Hootsuite to manage multiple accounts
- Subject Matter Expert Identification Initiative (Refs, Kata, Tournaments)
- Shufu Dojo Highlights Initiative Led by Brad Lewis

Shufu Social Media Coordinator: Brandon Wang

- Junior at the Governor's School at Innovation Park
- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Brown Belt at Dale City Judo
  started judo in 2014
- Other sports wrestling, rock climbing, crew
- Currently serving as a lifeguard at the Prince William County Recreation Centers
- Hobbies Judo, woodworking, crocheting, violin, cello, piano
- Career interests medical doctor, athletic trainer



- Awaiting Presidential Selection of Committee Members
  - Tim Redden has indicated he would like to be involved
  - Conducted Research
    - Kevin Tamai Podcast
    - Wall 2 Wall (in LA) Judo Podcat Chop Suey
    - Jimmy Pedro Podcast Interview Growth of Judo
    - Gary Goltz Blackbelt Mag: Judo Blog We Need More Shodans!
    - Paul Jordan Podcast Interview
  - Initial Findings

- This is complex problem! But not dealing with it is not an option!
- We need more Judo Students
  - Which means we need more Judo Clubs
  - Which means we need more Blackbelts and Mats to start new clubs
- For Profit vs. Not For Profit Judo Clubs: Is there room for both? YES!
- Olympic vs. Grass Roots
  - IJF Rules (no leg grabs), Freestyle Rules, Kosen Rules, By Tourney Rules
- We Need More Competitions (Local, Regional, National)
  - Need Venues
  - Need Referees
  - Need Equipment (Mats, Scoring, Computer/Camera Replay Systems)

- What can we do now?
  - Accelerate Promotions to Shodan for those that show promise
    - Example: Ambassador Program
    - What other ways?
  - Push Blackbelts in your club to open new Judo Clubs
    - Low risk "Not for Profit Clubs"
      - YMCA/Rec Center Model
      - College Clubs
      - Schools
    - Support "For Profit Clubs" to lower risk and barriers of entry
  - We need new and used mats for up and coming clubs to lower the barrier of entry.
    - Partner with other schools that want Judo
      - Outreach and Partnership with other like martial arts (BJJ, Wresting, etc.)
      - Shufu Examples: Sport Judo w/Yamasaki; The Compound, Belvoir Grappling, Trident Martial Arts, E9 Fight Company, Warrior Judo, Arte Suave, I'm sure there's more.