

Minutes of USJA Board Meeting—April 2, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order. Attending—Pete Mantel, Jesse Goldstein, Bonnie Korte, Paul Rivera, Scott Main, John Schneider, David Brogan, Michael Hall, Michael Goldsmith.
2. President Peter Mantel stated that he was resigning as USJA President but would remain as a member of the Board. Board members voted to accept his resignation—Paul Rivera voted Nay.
3. The Bylaws covering the number of Board members were discussed. After discussion, Bylaw 7a was amended and approved to state that the Board will now have a minimum of 7 members, maximum of 9 members.
4. Jesse Goldstein, acting Vice President, was nominated and seconded to serve as Vice President. The vote was unanimous.
5. A motion was made to add a member to the Board. David Brogan asked that this action be held until the next Board meeting. Members felt no delay was needed—voted and the motion passed.
6. A motion was made to add Walter Dean as a member of the Board. Brogan and Rivera voted Nay, with other members voting Aye. Dean accepted.
7. A new motion was placed on the floor to nominate Hon. Walter Dean as President. There was second. The Board proceeded to a vote and Dean was elected. Walter Dean accepted.
8. Paul Rivera resigned after the vote.
9. A discussion was held on the issue of USA Judo not providing insurance coverage for its members in USJA and USJF events. USJA will provide coverage to USJA members participating in USA Judo events. A status report on a proposed USJA/USJF cooperative agreement will hopefully be forthcoming within the next week.
10. International memberships and non-legal international memberships were briefly discussed but will be resumed at a future meeting.
11. USJA Membership requirements for members of other organizations who wish to pursue Ninth and Tenth Dan promotions after joining the USJA will require that five consecutive years of active membership in the USJA must be completed first before such a promotion application is submitted.
12. Promotion packages for Ninth and Tenth will be considered at the first and third quarter meetings of the Promotion Board. Completed packages must be submitted three months before such a meeting is held.
13. The minutes from the previous Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie M. Korte