

**United States Judo Association  
Promotion Board January 12, 2023  
Q1 Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 8:00 PM

**Attendance:** Donna Turk, Kenneth Durand, Russell Burke, Constance Halporn, Mark Hays, Randy Pierce, Heiko Rommelmann Jr.. Absent: Bruce Bender, James Bregman

**Promotion Reviews**

Three candidates were reviewed for promotions. All candidates had complete and detailed applications. Upon review by the board all were recommended for promotion.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

The USJA BOD sent a letter to all members which included a review of the 2022 promotion recommendations and CRE certifications. There were a total of 157 promotions recommended and approved by the promotion board in 2022. This was an all-time high.

The USJA currently has 189 CREs. Not all are up to date with their memberships, background checks, heads up, and/or safe sport certifications. The CRE committee is working to get those that are not valid updated and valid.

2023 Goals:

- Continue to get Black belts certified as CREs.
- Continue to educate new and current blackbelts on the rank promotion system.
- Update all requirements for all Black belt ranks as needed.
- Continue to review the promotion process for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> dan promotions to develop the most equitable procedures for the membership.

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, upcoming meeting to continue discussion on current requirements for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> dan promotions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.