



## **USJA Board of Directors – Meeting/Minutes**

**July 21, 2024**

### **Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Director's voting – John Schneider, Scott Main, Steven Matias, David Brogan, Paul Bova, Ted Chittenden and Jordan Stone.

### **Voting Items:**

1. USJA Resolution for new Junior Rank Promotion manual. Motion was seconded by Jordan Stone.

Motion Was Passed Unanimously

2. USJA Resolution 9-24: Whereas Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a martial art derived directly from Judo; and whereas the techniques of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu are at the very least, substantially similar to the techniques of Judo; and whereas practitioners of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu acquire significant Judo skills through training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu; and whereas the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation (IBJJF) is the dominant international Brazilian Jiu Jitsu organization in the world; therefore be it resolved that time in grade and the required number of Judo classes attended may be waived for an individual with a purple belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu issued by the IBJJF testing for Judo rank up to Yonkyu. The individual must still pass the required USJA Rank Examination; and be it further resolved that time in grade and the required number of Judo classes attended may be waived for an individual with a brown belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu issued by the IBJJF testing for Judo rank up to Sankyū. The individual must still pass the required USJA Rank Examination; and be it further resolved that time in grade and the required number of Judo classes



attended may be waived for an individual with a black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu issued by the IBJJF testing for Judo rank up to Nikyu. The individual must still pass the required USJA Rank Examination. Motion seconded by Steven Matias.

Motion Was Passed Unanimously

3. Motion made by David Brogan to USJA Resolution 10-24: Resolved that the USJA Promotion Board study the current promotion process for 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> dan black belt grades, elicit public comment, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding any potential improvements by October 31, 2024.

Motion Was Passed Unanimously

4. Motion made by David Brogan to add Roger Lenfest and Greg Fernandez to the Kata Committee, Maajid Al-Kush to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Ronald Allan Charles to the Jiu Jitsu Committee.

Motion Was Passed Unanimously

5. Motion made by John Schneider to posthumously promote George Pasiuk to an honorary Hachidan.

Motion Was Passed Unanimously

6. Motion made by David Brogan to posthumously promote Rick Celotto to an honorary Kudan. Motion seconded by John Schneider.

Motion Was Passed Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned

