

**Promotion Committee Minutes**  
**United States Judo Association**  
**April 20, 2005**  
**Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Chairperson Virgil Bowles called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Present were Gary Monto, Jaques Legrande, Bob Sprayley, Pete Contardo, Ernie Smith and Secretary Jim Webb. Walt Dean was absent.

Observing were Mike Szejter and Thom Layon.

The following recommendations were reviewed with the action taken annotated below:

**YODAN**

Robert Aviles, Jr. – DID NOT PASS – the application did not contain evidence of an examination nor the supporting documentation

David Baker - PASS

Gene Beadle – DID NOT PASS – resubmit with the proper form

Julia Irvine-Calcotte, MD - PASS

Melvin E. Keach - PASS

Cheri Mckeown – DID NOT PASS – did not have sufficient documentation nor activity for consideration for batsugan, recommend resubmitting for Sandan

Sam Mitani – DID NOT PASS – insufficient time in grade, resubmit in one year

Hugh Reed - PASS

Scott Lee Smith – PASS

Paul Drescher – PASS – needs to get all paperwork submitted to the Central Office

**GODAN**

Frederick Fries - PASS

Richard Kennedy - PASS

Clinton Main - PASS

William Montgomery - PASS

## **ROKUDAN**

Sanders Ishikawa – DID NOT PASS - this candidate is not eligible for validation since he received his last promotion from the USJA, recommend that the application be resubmitted in July 2007.

Bernie Semel – DID NOT PASS – insufficient activity with the USJA

Daniel Wooltaze – DID NOT PASS – referred to ethics committee

Mehran Viseh – PASS – insure that back dues are paid

## **SHICHIDAN**

Jesse Goldstein – PASS

Patrick McKeown – DID NOT PASS - insufficient time in grade

Jason Morris – DID NOT PASS – insufficient activity with the USJA, not a member of a USJA club

## **HACHIDAN**

Elie Morrell – DID NOT PASS – insufficient time in grade, not a member of an active USJA club

## **KUDAN**

After spirited discussion, the USJA Promotion Board has determined that there is currently insufficient criteria in place for conducting an evaluation for promotion to Kudan and Judan. Gary Monto and Jim Webb were tasked to provide a draft for review at the next meeting.

Walter Dean – referred to the USJA Board of Directors - PASS

Jesse Jones - referred to the USJA Board of Directors - PASS

Jaques LeGrande – referred to the USJA Board of Directors - PASS

4. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

5. Following the meeting, additional paperwork was provided for the promotion application of Bernie Semel. This will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Promotion Board

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Webb  
Member and Secretary