

**Promotion Committee Minutes  
United States Judo Association  
September 28, 2005  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

1. Chairperson Virgil Bowles called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Present were Gary Monto, Jaques Legrande, Bob Spraley, Pete Contardo, and Secretary Jim Webb. Ernie Smith and Walt Dean were absent.
2. USJA Board Members observing were Thom Layon, George Weers, Gene Fodor, and National Board Advisor Ed Szrejter.
3. The following recommendations were reviewed with the action taken annotated below:

**YODAN**

James D. Nagy passed pending the receipt of a background check and payment of the past five years dues.  
Ed Thibedeau passed.

**GODAN**

Randall E. Baures did not pass as his application requires further information and a background check.  
Samuel R. Exnicious passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.  
Jaques Legrande, Jr. passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.  
William P. Romaine passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.  
Bruce Voelker passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.  
Igor Yakimov passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.

**ROKUDAN**

Eric E. Shellum passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.  
Jim Haynes passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.

**SHICHIDAN**

Dr. Paul Turse passes pending the receipt of a satisfactory background check.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

5. The promotion application needs to be modified to reflect the requirement of a background check.
6. The current form, and the central office, need to reinforce the need for thorough documentation of all promotion points.
7. A picture needs to be included with all promotion applications.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Webb  
Member and Secretary