



United States Judo Association
Agenda
Board of Directors Meeting April 12, 2021

Time: 8:00pm EST.

Dial in Number: (951) 981-7627.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm EST. by Celita Schutz.

Present on the call:

Dave Goodwin
Ed Rodriguez
Celita Schutz
Sparky Bollenger

Celita began the meeting by thanking the BoD for convening at such short notice. She went on to detail the resignation of Bob Rush as President of the USJA on April 6, 2021. Celita then asked that the first order of business be to formally vote for a new President of the USJA. Dave nominated Celita to be the next President, Sparky seconded the motion and Ed voted in favor. The motion was passed, Celita was duly elected as President of the USJA.

Celita moved to her second point, which was to fill the BoD vacancies, specifically the Treasurer vacancy due to the resignation of Mark Tamulonis on 4/1/21. She went on to propose Tamara Hemmingway for Treasurer. Tammy has 30 plus years of working with not-for-profit organizations and has extensive experience with the administration of numerous budgets. She also has years of experience in the grant and loan process.

Ed stated that she sounds like a qualified candidate, Dave added that he has worked with her on the East Coast Tournament for years, she is detail oriented and would be perfect for the job. Sparky also agreed that she would be a good candidate. For transparency, Celita noted that she is a student at Kokushikai with extensive Judo experience. Ed nominated Tammy for Treasurer; Dave seconded. A vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of Tammy becoming the Treasurer. The next order of business was to fill the vacancy for Vice President. Dave nominated Sparky Bollenger as Vice President, Celita seconded the nomination, and a vote was taken. All were in favor and Sparky Bollenger was installed as the new Vice President of the USJA.

Celita went on to discuss the membership and finances stating that we have 3728 members, up 211 members in the last 30 days. We have over \$8000 in revenue.

The next item of discussion was the issue surrounding the loan / grant hold (PPE). She discussed the previous attempts to get the loan approved with Bob and Mark, and how Mark pulled his name from consideration and that was the tie up with the SBA.

After conferring with Mark, she asked Mark to submit the application, so we could see the actual fine print of the loan. We have requested \$185,000, through an EIDL loan, not PPE loan. This loan may convert back to a grant. Dave noted that this represents \$755 per month over 30 years to pay off. Celita stated that the way the loan process works is that Marks name would have to stay on loan and taken off after the loan was granted. Ed noted that perhaps we should wait for the new BOD to be elected to allow them to make the decision since our role is almost over. Celita put forth a motion we hold off until we read the details of the loan. Ed seconded the motion, Dave and Sparky agreed and the motion passed.

Celita went on to discuss the S&E complaint filed by Mr. Donaldson and thanked Ed for his response on behalf of the board members. Ed followed up that the complainants were misinformed as to the structure of non-profit organizations. Celita mentioned that she thought sending a letter from the President and BoD and she wanted to discuss some key points she wanted to make. She noted that the letter would contain an introduction as the new president of the USJA and would explain the resignation of Bob Rush. Another topic would be an overview of what occurred with the 2021 USJA Summer Nationals. She then asked if anyone else had any topics for inclusion in the letter. In the interest of time, Celita will draft a letter for the BoD to review.

Ed mentioned that some BoD have advisory board that assist the board in decision making. We could include a request for potential candidates in the letter. All agreed that would be a good topic.

Sparky asked about allowing Mike Hall to perform some transactions for the organization. In the past Mike must wait for the president or treasurer to write a check. This would allow Mike Hall to process small transactions. Dave asked that Sparky get back to the BoD with which specific duties we want to allow Mike to perform. Sparky agreed and would produce a document for the next meeting.

Celita asked if there is any other new business, there was none. parky entered a motion to end the meeting. Ed seconded the motion, and the meeting was concluded at 9:30 PM.

Included below is the resignation letter for Bob Rush:

Bob Rush <cemjudo@comcast.net>

4/6/2021 11:06 PM

Resignation from Presidency and Board

To Dave Goodwin <sensei@bushidodojosi.com> • H. C. Bollinger <bollingerhc@gmail.com> •
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Michael Goldsmith <judohawk@hotmail.com> • Michael Hall <hall@usja.net>

Dear Board of Directors & Mr. Goldsmith, Money, and Hall.

I will get right to the point, my tenure as President of the United States Judo Association and as a member of the Board of Directors has come to an end. Though the timing is suspect due to the reception of the complaint today, this resignation has nothing to do with the complaint. I find the complaint to be poorly informed and launched prematurely.

When I initially took over for John Paccione, I had said that I was willing to serve for one year. Honestly, at the time of his resignation, I was planning on exiting the board myself. I stayed on to offer what help I could. After taking office, I was approached numerous times to see if I were willing to remain. I have entertained the decision to stay off and on for the last year.

I am resigning because, as I originally stated, I was only willing to serve for one year, and the reason for only one year was due to my schooling. As all of you know, I have been working on my doctoral degree for the last year. I am scheduled to complete my schoolwork by July and argue my thesis before my professors sometime between July and August. If all goes well, I will have finished a three-year degree in one and a half years. The undesirable timing of these events, the melding of the complaint with the completion of my degree is clear, but it has nonetheless transpired. Additionally, there are other matters such as family, my Church, and my denomination. All three of these significant elements in my life are requesting and requiring more of my attention.

Though I am exiting, I will continue to support the board, and I will do my best to help whoever remains. I wish you all very well, and I hope for the very best to be upon the USJA for many years to come.

I have a lot of love and admiration for all of you. Thank you for your friendships and your service to Judo.

Sincerely,

Paul "Bob" Rush