

USJA Board of Directors Meeting
5:30pm Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Held via Zoom teleconference

Agenda

1. Approve Minutes from December 16, 2022
 2. Discussion with Promotion Board Chair Donna Turk regarding criteria for 9th Dan promotions
 3. Adjourn.
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President Mantel **called meeting to order** at 5:30 PM

Roll call:

Members present: Jack Borsch, Bonnie Korte, Peter Mantel, Rob Reilly, Paul Rivera

Members absent: Jesse Goldstein

Guests: Donna Turk, Michaël Hall

A **quorum** is present.

1. **Approve Minutes** from December 16, 2022.

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from December 16th.

Discussion: There were no changes or corrections.

Vote: was taken, action **passed unanimously**.

2. **Discussion with Promotion Board Chair** Donna Turk regarding criteria for 9th Dan promotions.

Donna Turk provided a review of the process for screening requests for promotion. She reviewed the process for dealing with questions from the general membership regarding eligibility, submitting requests for promotions, etc. She also reviewed the general ebb and flow of conversations among promotion board members regarding specific promotions and questions in general. A candidate for promotion is allowed to have an advocate address the promotion board regarding the candidate's application. Ms. Turk also informed the BOD that there are 24 8th Dans who are becoming eligible (age-wise, no TIG requirement) to submit a request for promotion for 9th Dan. When considering all promotions, Ms. Turk indicated that the Promotion Board has three basic questions they are concerned with. Those questions are:

“What have they done for judo since their last promotion?”

“What have they done for Judo in their lifetime?”, and,
“What have they done organizationally for USJA?”

BOD Discussion: BOD has a desire to become familiar with Promotion Board processes & procedures. Based upon the three questions above, what are some examples of impact that a candidate could make. What would constitute significant impact (for example: there is a difference between conducting an in-depth quality clinic and standing on the sideline just attending

it); both boards need to understand what constitutes significant impact that would warrant a promotion. There will not be any changes to the 9th Dan promotion criteria for those currently under consideration.

Action item: BOD members agreed that Donna Turk and Michael Hall will reconstruct end document unilateral changes made to the promotion system in recent years. A BOD meeting we'll convene to review and possibly take action on (approximately) January 20th.

3. Adjourn.

A **motion was made and seconded** to adjourn. The action **passed unanimously**. The meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reilly, Ed.D.
Vice President