

30 Nov 2012 - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sid Kelly at 2:25 PM

Alexander Hughes Center, Claremont, CA (Winter Nationals)

Present

Sid Kelly, Chairman

Hal Sharp

Walter Dean

Ernie Smith

Gary Monto, Secretary

Jesse Jones

Katrina Davis, USJA Executive Director

Excused

Lynn Roethke

Hayward Nishioka

James Bregman

Chairman Kelly gave out an agenda and asked for additions. Walter Dean requested discussion on “date of promotions”.

#2 Promotions/Email Voting;

Chairman Kelly offered a proposal that all Promotion Board members vote on promotion requests within a two week period. The secretary shall notify the Chairman of those members who have not voted within this time frame. The chairman will then make contact with those members and allow an additional 48 to 72 hours to vote. Voting for the rank of 6th, 7th and 8th degree black belt will only be done in person at the promotion board meetings. Motion passed 6-0

#3 Batsugun Promotions;

After discussion it was decided that there would not be any Batsugun promotions under normal circumstances for service. There is the possibility of a service Batsugun promotion but this type of promotion should be done only in person at board meetings under special circumstances.

#4 Skip/Jump Promotions;

The Promotion Board members agreed that there should be no skip/jump promotions under normal circumstances. However, the Promotion Board should leave options open to themselves. Under special circumstances it may be warranted to allow skip/jump promotions. These discussions will be held only at the Promotion Board meetings in person. Use of rank examiners should be looked at in these circumstances to better make these types of decisions.

#5 Promotion Dates;

Members who have their paperwork sent back for more information upon completion of their paperwork the date of rank will be the date of voting by the Promotion Board members, not the date on the request for promotion form.

After discussion the Promotion Board decided that the date of rank for ALL promotions shall be the date that the promotion board completed voting for the promotion.

#6 Rank Validation;

Validation forms will continue to be used as in the past. There will be an increase in the fees associated with this type of promotion. The fees have already been put in place and voted on by the USJA Board of Directors. Please see the Validation form on the USJA website for the fees.

Promotion request to Godan. (Skipping rank promotions)

This candidate must wait until July 2013 and the PB will revisit this promotion to YODAN only. The candidate will need to have a club with the correct number of students, or belong to a USJA Chartered Club. Letter to be sent by Secretary, Gary Monto.

Promotion to Hachidan was tabled until the July 2013 board meeting in Pittsburgh. This candidate will need to have additional signatures of 8th degree or higher. Letter to be sent by USJA Secretary, Gary Monto.

A request for Rokudan was denied for the following reasons; the candidate did not have enough time in grade. Letter to be sent by USJA Secretary, Gary Monto.

Darren Barnes Passed to the rank of Godan. The USJA National Office to complete the administration of processing the promotion paperwork.

Promotion Board meeting adjourned at 1600 hrs.