

Winter Nationals 2010
Promotion Board Meeting
Ontario, CA - December 4, 2010

Members Present:

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| Ernie Smith | Gary L. Monto |
| James Bregman | Walter Dean |
| Jesse Jones | Hal Sharp |
| Hayward Nishioka | Katrina Davis |

Members Excused:

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| Lynn Roethke | Sid Kelly |
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Observers:

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| Gary Goltz | Marc Cohen |
| George Harris | Gene Fodor |

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 by Vice Chairman Smith. The first order of business was to review the promotion requests from the membership. There were eight candidates to review. The following promotions were recommended to the Board of Directors:

Yodan

Nicholas Mechling

Mark Green

Rokudan

Christine Carson

Shichidan

Michelle Holtze

George Pasiuk

Thomas Seabasty

William Ken Carson

The board decided to table a Rokudan request from Sauveur Soriano as we were informed that he had just been promoted by USA Judo to the rank of Rokudan. A letter was sent informing Mr. Soriano how to obtain a duplicate certificate from USJA.

There was a discussion held to decide who should write the letters from the board concerning requests for more information as well as any rejection letters that needed to be sent out. The board decided that this task should fall on the Secretary of the board.

A second topic of conversation concerned what an “active” member is for the purpose of promotions. After much discussion it was decided that for promotions the member had to be in good standing in order to be promoted. This simply means that the member must be a “sustaining member” by paying his/her \$25.00 annual fee.

Walter Dean and Jesse Jones brought up the subject of Time in Grade for promotions and presented a DRAFT document to be reviewed and voted in two weeks (Dec. 18th). This document split the TIG necessary for promotion into four (4) tiers. These tiers allowed for those members who are very active to be promoted in minimum TIG while at the same time allowing the club players to earn point and time in grade for their promotions.

The issue of when should the proper paperwork for promotion requests to be sent into the office for processing. We have in place a procedure that requires this paperwork to be in the office at least 45 days before the scheduled promotion board meeting (this is a must for Rokudan and up).

James Bregman brought up the issue of the vocabulary that is currently required for promotion. Mr. Bregman stated that we should be teaching Judo not the Japanese language. Everyone agreed that much of the required vocabulary was unnecessary. After much discussion it was decided that each board member would review the vocabulary and submit his/her recommendations on what should be required.

Mr. Nishioka and Mr. Dean then brought up the subject of what is most important in considering a promotion. Points are not the single most important thing to consider. It is activity since the member’s last promotion. The board members agreed.

Secretary Monto gave the promotion board report at the general board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Gary L Monto Promotion Board Secretary