

USJA Promotion Board minutes from the  
July 1, 2011 meeting held in Toledo, Ohio at the Junior Nationals

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman Mr. Kelly at 1:03 p.m. at the Holiday Inn French Quarters.

Present were the following:

Sid Kelly

Jesse Jones

Lynn Roethke

Hayward Nishioka

Jim Bregman

Erine Smith

Gary Monto

Katrina Davis

Those absent:

Walter Dean

Hal Sharp

Observers:

Bill Montgomery

Gary Goltz

Lowell Slaven

Joan Love

## **Item #1 Promotions**

### Yodan

Chris McMahon

Leonardo Valdes

Johnny Tureaud

Jeff Guinta

### Godan

Charles J. Fuster

Mark F. Hooper

Christine E. Maurer

Hector Morales-Negron

### Rokudan

James E. Braley

## **Item #2 Proposal for new rank requirements**

Sid presented a proposal for the USJA rank requirements which moved some of the throwing tech. into a different order for the rank requirements. The proposal also removed the requirement that members do not need to compete to be eligible for rank promotion in the ranks from white through brown belt.

Also included in the proposal was to change the color of belts from brown to blue for sankyu and purple for nikyū. There was a new requirement added by this proposal that members seeking higher ranks should have to get signatures from judo people outside of the United States.

President Goltz made a statement in support of the entire proposal.

Hayward Nishioka made a motion to accept the proposal (for discussion only)

Seconded by Erine Smith.

A long discussion followed in which many of the issues in the proposal were accepted by the board.

Jesse Jones made a motion not to accept the change in brown belt colors to the proposed blue and purple.

Second, Gary Monto, this motion passed

A discussion followed and it was decided that the board would vote on the internet after we have had more time to consider this change. Mr. Kelly was to prepare his points in favor of this change for the board to look at and then vote.

Jesse Jones made a motion to do the same with the issue of getting people outside of the United State to sign off on high rank promotion.

Second by Gary Monto

A vote will be taken by internet voting .

### **Item #3 Non citizen promotions**

James Bregman made a motion to allow the USJA to promote non US Citizen, candidate must be a USJA member, have the required background check and complete the required paperwork and test for the requested rank.

Second Hayward Nishioka

Motion passed

### **Item #4**

It was discussed and decided that the national office does not have to send each board member the test paperwork with each request for promotion. Send the test paperwork to the Chairman and the Secretary only.

### **Item # 5**

Jesse Jones made a motion that Katrina Davis be awarded the horary rank of Shodan for all of the work she does for the USJA. Motion was seconded by all and the motion passed.

Meeting closed at 3:09 p.m.