



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2019  
Via Teleconference

Attendees:

USA Judo Board of Directors:

Mark Hill, President  
Serge Bouyssou  
Devin Cohen  
Doug Kawasaki  
Nick Kossor

Joe Marchal  
Gerry Navarro  
Christal Ransom  
Barb Shimizu  
Jim Webb

USA Judo Staff:

Keith Bryant  
Ed Liddie – joined at 3:18pm

I. Roll Call

President Hill conducted roll call. Quorum established and meeting called to order at 1:38pm MT.

II. Election of President

After discussion regarding the possible methods of voting, it was agreed to use third party election vendor, Association Elections, to administer a private, electronic ballot. Nominees Mark Hill and Jim Webb both shared their thoughts about serving as President and several board members asked questions of the candidates. After all votes were tallied by Association Elections, Mark Hill was declared the winner by majority vote.

III. General Business

A. Committee Appointments - Due to the lengthy conversation regarding the election of President, the USA Judo Committee Selections were tabled to be determined at a board meeting to be held in the next couple of weeks.

B. 2019 Budget – The 2019 revised budget was submitted to the Audit Committee for review and it was suggested that CEO Keith Bryant provide a brief summary for the board's and public's consumption as to the composition of the 2019 budget and any significant areas of note compared to the 2018 budget.

### III. General Business (continued)

#### C. American Judo Alliance Updates

1. The USJA, USJF and USA Judo Presidents had discussed the possibility of collaborating on an internet marketing initiative to promote the sport of judo. The USA Judo Board is to provide any questions they may have about this initiative to President Hill to relay to the AJA Presidents.
2. The American Judo Development Model Task Force has finalized its foundational document and recommendations for the AJA Presidents. A meeting with the AJA Presidents has been requested by the AJDM Task Force to discuss the next steps as it pertains to implementing AJDM concepts into a Unified Coaching Model as outlined in the AJA Agreement. It was requested that USA Judo's Board Members send their recommendations for coaches to be involved to Keith Bryant.
3. The USJA requested USA Judo's approval to participate in a friendly competition to be held in Cuba, as coordinated through personal connections had between a USJA Representative and the Cuban Judo Federation. The USA Judo board requested that parameters for international correspondence be created for the future and that Cuba contact USA Judo as the National Governing Body prior to going to any other American Judo Organization. Mark Hill & Keith Bryant to draft correspondence to USA Judo Group A Members and to the Cuban Judo Federation. Motion to approve USJA's Cuba Trip made by Gerry Navarro. Second by Jim Webb. Motion to approve passes.
4. Broadened athlete funding – discussion took place about finding additional resources to support athletes not at the highest level of USA Judo Athletes funded by USOC and USA Judo funds, but in the pipeline representing the United States on the International Judo Stage. Several ideas were discussed and whether this could be a joint initiative of the American Judo Alliance Organizations. It was noted that historically, initiatives like this have been challenging. Further conversation will take place within USA Judo and with USJA and USJF to explore interest of potential collaboration.

#### D. CEO Update

1. USA Judo Group B Members were sent a survey requesting background information regarding their state operations with the hope to better understand how USA Judo and the Group B members can improve collaborations to grow judo in America. To date, Five Group B Members have responded.

Call was adjourned at 3:33pm.