



**Meeting Minutes**  
**USA JUDO KATA OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
Friday, May 31, 2018, 10:00 am. – 11:00 am  
Meeting Room 2  
Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino  
Las Vegas Nevada

- 1) **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Barb Houston-Shimizu called the meeting at 9:57 am.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
  - a) Members: Barb Houston-Shimizu (Chair); Eiko Shepherd (Vice Chair); Delynn Purcell (Secretary); Dr. Kuniko Takeuchi (Past Chair); Mike Purcell; Frances Glaze; Claudia Smith; Diane Jackson (Athlete Rep); Carla Martin; Karen Whilden; and Heiko Rommelmann Jr. (Athlete Rep)
  - b) Absent Members: Devin Cohen; Gary Monto; Leah Fisher (Athlete Rep); Lisa Capriotti (Athlete Rep);
  - c) Observers: Karen Nagai; Theodore Schwalm; Jan Moss; Jeff Giunta; Karl Tamai; Fran Vall; and Boris Munoz
- 3) **MINUTES APPROVAL:** Frances Glaze moved that the minutes from the May 11, 2017 meeting be approved without reading; Diane Jackson seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote.
- 4) **OPENING REMARKS:** Barb Houston-Shimizu began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Barb showed a powerpoint presentation that listed the committee members and named Karen Nagai as the technical Director and Theo Schwalm as the International Team Manager. During this presentation, she gave a description on how teams are selected for international competition and discussed the 2019 Kata budget.
- 5) **REPORTS:**
  - a) **National Kata Clinic/Certification**

No clinic was held at the Senior National Kata Championship. The judges will be able to talk with the competitors and give feedback for their performances after the competition.
  - b) **Clinic/Workshops**

A 2019 Judges Clinic was held in St. Louis, MO, March 8, 9, 2019. The clinician was Michel Kozlowski, IJF Commission. It was a two-day conference with classroom and mat sessions focusing on the IJF kata scoring system. Eiko Shepherd stated that there were about 40 people in attendance.
  - c) **Certification of Candidates**

The judges that went to the 2018 World Kata Championships in Cancun Mexico to test for IJF:

- Eiko Shepherd took three exams and passed them all completing her 5 IJF certifications
- Frances Glaze took all 5 exams and passed them all completing her 5 IJF certifications
- Carla Martin took all 5 exams and passed them all completing her IJF certifications
- Barb Houston-Shimizu took 3 exams and passed them all

#### 6) SENIOR NATIONAL KATA CHAMPIONSHIP:

This year's Senior National Kata competition expects about 48 performances. The performances are: 7 for Nage, 10 for Katame, 14 for Ju, 8 for Kime, and 9 for Goshin. The Kata competition will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 10:00 am. Last year there were 50 performances.

#### 7) OLD BUSINESS:

##### a) 2018 World Kata Championships, Cancun, Mexico, October 12-18, 2018

Listed below, in the table, are the teams that went to the 2018 World Kata Championships in Cancun Mexico. Dr. Kuniko Takeuchi, Claudia Smith, and Eiko Shepherd went as USA Judges. Barb Houston-Shimizu went as support.

Kata	Men's	Finals Results	Women's	Finals Results	Mixed	Finals Results
Nage	Gerardo Tello (Tori) Sérgio Suguieda (Uke)	5th				
Katame	Wil Newcomer (Tori) Doug Newcomer (Uke)		Mary Wakabayashi (Tori) Pamela Moye (Uke)			
Ju	Brent Smith (Tori) Theodore Schwalm (Uke)  Lee Pasteris (Tori) Fred Dagdagan (Uke)				Diane Jackson (Tori) Karl Tamai (Uke)	6th
Kime					Lisa Capriotti (Tori) Robert Gouthro (Uke)	6th
Goshin	Heiko Rommelman (Tori) Jeff Giunta (Uke)  Andrzej Dajnowski (Tori) Doug Tono (Uke)  Wayne Lifshitz (Tori) Monty Burton (Uke)					

##### b) 2019 Pan Am Kata Championships, Lima, Peru, April 25, 2019

Listed below are the teams that went to the Pan Am Kata Championships in Lima Peru.

Kata	Men's	Results	Women's	Results	Mixed	Results
Nage	Gerardo Tello (Tori) Sérgio Suguieda (Uke)	5th				
Katame	Daniel Monsrud (Tori) Andres Andreu (Uke)	6th	Mary Wakabayashi (Tori) Pamela Moye (Uke)	3rd	Diane Jackson (Tori) Karl Tamai (Uke)  Lee Pasteris (Tori)	2 <sup>nd</sup>  3rd

					Frederick Dagdagan (Uke)	
Ju			Pamela Moye (Tori) Mary Wakabayashi (Uke)	2nd	Karl Tamai (Tori) Diane Jackson (Uke)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
					Frederick Dagdagan (Tori) Lee Pasteris (Uke)	4th
Kime	Gerardo Tello (Tori) Sérgio Suguieda (Uke)	6th			Lisa Capriotti (Tori) Robert Gouthro (Uke)	1st
Goshin	Andres Andreu (Tori) Daniel Monsrud (Uke)	4th			Lisa Capriotti (Tori) Robert Gouthro (Uke)	1st

**c) Ranking System for Selection of Teams**

Barb explained to the board the criteria for selection of teams. There is a limit of 1 kata per team for Worlds and 2 kata per team for PJC. The minimum standard average score is 6.0 for Worlds and 5.5 for PJC. Barb stated that they expect the PJC to adopt the complete IJF competition standards for future PJC.

Also required criteria:

- US Citizens
- Minimum 16 years of age
- Minimum rank of shodan

**8) NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) 2019 Kata Budget**

Discussed how the kata budget should be divided. A motion was made by Diane Jackson that \$450 should be given to each athlete and \$300 for the team manager. It was second by Mike Purcell and passed on voice vote.

2019 Kata Budget	Amount
Events (including Senior Nationals)	\$200.00
Judges Training/Certification	\$600.00
High Performance - PJC	\$1,200.00
High Performance – IJF	\$3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**b) World Martial Arts Masterships, Chungju City, Korea Aug. 30 – Sept 6, 2019**

The World Martial Arts Masterships will be in Chungju City, Korea. Dr. Kuniko Takeuchi has been selected to be the USA judge. The US can send three teams. Listed below are the teams that have been selected.

Kata	Team
Goshin	Heiko Rommelman (Tori) Jeff Giunta (Uke)
Ju	Karl Tamai (Tori) Diane Jackson (uke)
Kime	Lisa Capriotti (Tori) Robert Gouthro (Uke)

**d) Nationals Judges Certification**

Discussed the certification process for National judges. Discussed reinvigorating the ad-hoc committee that is looking into the certifications for judges. A motion was made by Diane Jackson and seconded by Frances Glaze to add Mike Purcell to the ad-hoc committee. It was passed by voice vote.

**9) ADJOURN:** Motion by Mike Purcell, second by Heiko Rommelmann Jr. at 11:19 am. Passed by a voice vote.