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USA Judo
Nominating and Governance Committee
Mr. Richie Endow, Chair

Distinguished Members of the USA Judo Nominating and Governance Committee,

I write today asking for your vote and support to serve on the USA Judo Board of Director's as it's Independent Member. I hope that my experience and past contributions will be viewed as positive and most beneficial to the future of the USA Judo Board. I am extremely excited about this opportunity should I be chosen to serve.

Currently our sport is under close observation and scrutiny of the USOPC regarding its ability to administer and govern competently as an NGB Member. If there was ever a time USA Judo needed unity and cooperation among its leadership, it is now. It is imperative that in the months ahead our leaders are working harmoniously as a cohesive team.

I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and learn from two great Presidents of American Judo, Mr. Frank Fullerton, and Mr. Yosh Uchida. My close relationship with them allowed me to learn firsthand the key essentials of successful leadership. I have always driven myself to be an innovative, outside the box thinker, and someone with the ability to bring diversity and opposing thoughts of a group together to achieve a common goal. If we are to be successful, we must dedicate ourselves unselfishly to the best interests of our athletes and members. I believe I can be a positive driving force in this effort.

I look forward to bringing my experiences from leadership and management opportunities in sports, public service, and private business to the conversation to move us toward an elite "best practices" Board.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of my nomination and candidacy as an Independent Director to the USA Judo Board.

Respectfully,
Dr. Ron Tripp

An Inside Look at Dr. Ron Tripp

Dr. Tripp's history with USA Judo as an athlete and administrator spanned over 25 years where he served as an Athlete Representative 1992-1996, Vice President 1996-2000, and President 2000-2008.

During his Vice-Presidency and Presidency, he represented USA Judo at the World Championships 1999-2007 and at the Olympic Games in 2004. He was elected and served as Vice-President of Pan American Judo. In 2005 at the World Judo Championships in Cairo, Egypt, he was awarded the International Judo Federation Silver Medal of Honor for his contributions and service to the sport. He is one of only 3 Americans ever recognized with this honor.

Dr. Tripp represented USA Judo as a member of the United States World Judo Team to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 1989 and was a Bronze Medalist at the 1991 Pacific Rim Judo Championships. He represented the U.S. in the 1995 Kano Cup and was a member of the bronze medal team at the Mifune Cup that year. In U.S. competitions he won 6 National Ladder Tournament Championships at 4 different weights and was the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival Champion in the Open Division. He won 8 U.S. Olympic Festival medals and was a numerous time U.S. National Championships medalist. In the Russian sport of Sombo he was the 1994 FIAS World Champion and was a 7-time World Medalist.

Under Dr. Tripp's leadership and guidance his USA Judo administration accomplished several notable and impacting organizational changes that took USA Judo to the next level. These included:

- Authored and activated the first USA Judo Business plan
- Established and initiated the concept of regional training centers across the U.S.
- Development and implemented the USA Judo U23 program that resulted ultimately in America's first Olympic Gold Medal.
- Further expanded the athlete point system for performances in judo competitions for athlete rankings.
- Engaged external marketing professionals who were successful in sponsorships and fundraising.
- Established the USA Judo Coach Certification Program that standardized technical instruction and coaching competency on a national level
- Led USA Judo through the United States Olympic Committee mandated sport re-organization of the organization membership and Board of Directors structure and operations.
- In a harmonious effort with USJA President Jim Webb and USJF President Neil Simon USA Judo saw unification of the 3 judo organizations together under one operational umbrella during the turbulent struggle that had plagued American Judo for decades.

Dr. Tripp has been a contributor in business and the community with continued success. He has been recognized and called upon by private and public companies, professional organizations and associations, and state and federal agencies to serve in diverse venues. Some of these positions included:

President of the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners 1999-2012. Under his leadership the OBCE was recognized as the nation's Outstanding Regulatory Board by the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board 2003-2009 and Chairman of the Board in 2009. The Federation honored him in 2010 with the George W. Ardvison Leadership Award, the organization's highest honor.

Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Member of the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners 2011-2016.

Member of the Board of Directors of International Oil and Gas Holdings Corporation (IOGHC).

Member of the Board of Directors of OICINTRA.

Founder and Owner of C3Fights, a professional mixed martial arts promotion company.

In wrestling and mixed martial arts, he had a successful coaching career and developed NCAA, World, and Olympic wrestling champions while on the staff at the University of Oklahoma and coached and cornered UFC stars including Joe "Daddy" Stevenson and Melvin "The Young Assassin" Guillard.

