

2/6/2025 USA Judo AAC Meeting

Attendees:

Mathew Parker
Hannah Martin
Kristin Idrissi
Marti Malloy

Guest:

Corinne Shigemoto, CEO USA Judo

Meeting called to order by Chair Matthew Parker at 12:00 p.m. PT.

- Kristin Idrissi confirmed Liana Mutia has verbally indicated she accepts the para athlete seat on the USA Judo AAC.
- Parker started the meeting by asking the AAC what they were aware of in terms of the current situation in USA Judo regarding notices from the USOPC with requirements of the Board to get back into compliance, brief updating was shared on what has been required and what the AAC role is.
- Parker explained the compliance demands from the USOPC and that the AAC has been tasked to assign athletes to committees missing seats. Parker also mentioned that Corine provided him a list that had suggestions for replacing athletes on the following committees:
 - Background screening
 - NGC
 - EGC
 - Coaches Education
 - Kata
 - Medical
 - Rank and Certification
 - Referee

Parker reviewed the procedure for placing athletes on the committees and the eligibility requirements.

Questions the AAC asked:

Can one person serve on multiple committees? *Corine said YES but the athlete on the NGC cannot.*

If there is one athlete on a committee, can they be a 10 year+ athlete per the 50% rule? *Corine said YES.*

Corine was invited to join the meeting – Corine clarified that not all athletes need re-seating only the ones listed in the minutes below need it, the rest were just suggested replacements from the Board for no real reason at all. She stated that today, the only committees needing athletes are: Background and NGC. Corine stated that the Board specifically requested to replace athletes on

the other committees as well even though their terms have not ended and the AAC previously seated those athletes. She provided a full list of athlete Board suggestions to Chair Matthew Parker.

- Corine confirmed the only committee where you can't serve on more than one at the same time is NGC.
- Corine explained that the Board has the prerogative to suggest athletes replacements if they choose to.
- Corine asked us to send over who we are approving for the committees that are urgently needed.

BACKGROUND COMMITTEE: Parker moved to nominate Ryan Reser, seconded by Marti – unanimously approved by AAC.

NGC COMMITTEE:

-Marti made the motion to keep Chris Round in his current athlete seat on the NGC since no reason was provided for his removal. Seconded by Kristin – unanimously approved by AAC..

-Kristin made motion to also keep Weston Uyekawa in his current athlete seat on the NGC since no reason was provided for his removal, seconded by Hannah, unanimously approved by AAC.

The AAC was unanimously confused as to why we had to restate or reaffirm athletes we have already placed in the past and agreed that we would not seek to replace any athlete seats who's terms were not ending or that were not vacant seats.

EGC: Needed a vacant slot filled by the AAC as well.

-Radu Brestyan was discussed as a great candidate for vacant EGC seat since he is a lawyer. He is 10 year+. Motion by Parker to accept Radu, seconded by Hannah, unanimously approved by AAC.

-Marti made motion to invite Leilani Akiyama to join the EGC as a 10-year athlete, seconded by Hannah, unanimously approved by AAC.

Parker re-stated no changes will be made to any already seated athlete seats.

AAC is awaiting next steps for seating an athlete board member to the audit committee until all athlete seats are fulfilled on the Board as the audit member needs to be a Board member but Board athlete constitution is currently incomplete.

AAC – Needs para and Junior reps added, AAC to collect a list of Juniors to consider since Liana has accepted the para spot.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. PT.