

Proposed Changes to the OJI Bylaws (to be voted on at the OJI BoD Annual Meeting – 3/18/17)

- 1) Administrative – change “OSJI” to “OJI” in Article III Section 2 and Article VI Section 5
- 2) Clarification/change – Article III Section 6 – change from “from among its members” to “from among the membership of OJI”. Section 6 will then read:
“SECTION 6. At the conclusion of the interim procedures provided for in Article IX (9) of the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall elect from among the membership of OJI, at the Fall Meeting, every two years, the following officers and Program Directors, who shall be the officers of the corporation:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Director of Operations
- F. Director of Development
- G. Director of Standards & Certification
- H. Director of Law & Legislation

Rationale: If the current wording is interpreted such that “its” refers to the Board of Directors and not the general membership of OJI, the pool of interested and qualified personnel is reduced. The proposed wording will make it clear that as long as the individual is a member of OJI they could be elected to the Executive Committee and would not be required to first be a representative of a currently registered OJI club.

- 3) Change – Article IV Section 1 – Change “last Sunday of” to “during” so that the new wording will be:

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall hold the following regular meetings each year, held during the following months:

- A. March (annual)
- B. June
- C. September (fall)
- D. December

Rationale: If the meetings are mandated to be held on the last Sunday of each of the above months (as is currently stated in the bylaws), conflicts cannot be avoided if other activities (or Holidays, etc.) occur on those dates. By changing the requirement to “during the month of” allows scheduling the meetings such that conflicts can be minimized.

- 4) Change - Article 13 Section 2 A - add word “associate” in front of individual membership. Consolidate 4 classes of individual membership – list as included with USA Judo membership so that the new wording will be:

ARTICLE XIII – Dues, Fees and Assessments

Section 2. The annual dues, fees and assessments shall be:

- A. Individual membership (Judoka, Coaches, Managers, Referees, Masters, etc.) – included in USA Judo membership.
 - B. Associate individual membership - \$5/year
 - C. Club membership - \$25
 - D. Associate Organizational Membership - \$25
- 5) Eliminate - Article 13, Section 2 D - Sanction fees. Eliminate sanction fees totally since the national body issues all sanctions and OJI doesn't need to take on additional liability.