

Operations Committee Minutes

These are the minutes of the June 1, 2003, meeting of the American Judo and Jujitsu Federation's operations committee.

School Announcements

Nemuri Kuma of Sacramento, CA has been approved as a new AJJF Standard School. Sensei is Larry Thomas Carter.

Portland Kodenkan of Portland, OR

has been approved as a new AJJF Standard School. Sensei is Greg Catanese.

Shinzen Kai of Falcon Heights, MN has added a location at the Midway Family YMCA in St. Paul, MN. Shinzen Kai is an AJJF Standard School and the sensei is Dan Browning.

Elections

Frank Ferris has been elected as the new co-chair of the AJJF Marketing Committee. The other co-chair is Matt Moller.

Chris Pritchard has been appointed as the new chair of the AJJF Travel Committee. A profile application is now available on the AJJF web site for those traveling on AJJF business.

A **rotation schedule** for positions within the Operations Committee is being developed and should be finished soon.

School Handbook

Team Demo Rules have been revised and are available in the School Handbook.

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From the editor

Applying ju to the Kiai Echo stylebook

What the heck do we practice? Is it ju jitsu? Or Jujitsu? Neither? How about jujutsu? Maybe it's jiu-jitsu. But let's not stop there! Do we practice Danzanryu, Danzan Ryu, Danzan ryu, or DanZan Ryu? Was Master Okazaki's school the KoDenKan? The Kodenkan? Or the Ko Den Kan? On a roll now: is the Oku technique kotegaeshi or Kote Gaeshi?

You get the point. The phoneticization of Japanese words can be tricky. In an effort to standardize style for the Kiai Echo, I have consulted with a few editors and Japanese linguistic scholars such as Prof. Tom Jenkins and sensei Tom Lang. (Or maybe it's ThomLang. TL? Nevermind.) In sum, the rules are flexible. Phoneticization varies from country to country and has changed over time. Jujutsu now seems to be the preferred spelling of our art, but jujitsu is still widely accepted – except in Great Britain and Brazil, which prefers jiu-jitsu. Of course, our national organization spells the art, jujitsu. It looks bad to print a flier advertising jujutsu courses that are taught under the auspices of the American Judo and Jujitsu Federation. Armchair editors can whip themselves into a frenzy over such inconsistencies.

The Kiai Echo has been using the preferred jujutsu spelling except for proper names like the AJJF. But we are now abandoning that approach because so many of our members seem to use jujitsu in the titles of their schools. Jujitsu will now be our style in all references.

Prof. Jenkins said there are no hard and fast rules for running phoneticized Japanese words together. Hence, Danzan is just as correct as Dan Zan (because it's a proper noun, both words would be capitalized when listed separately). The same goes for kotegaeshi/kote gaeshi (these are not proper nouns so they are not capitalized). Either form is acceptable.

As all writers know, editors have small minds haunted by a need for consistency. So even though there are no hard and fast rules, we are compelled to standardize things. As for the style of the art, we will call it Danzan Ryu on first reference. (DanZanRyu looks a little too much like Internet speak.) We'll allow DZR on second reference for authors who like that style (I prefer spelling it out, myself). Regarding the names of techniques, we will defer to the spelling in

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