



Results of the 2013 Judo Ontario Elections and Final Report of the Elections Committee

June 16, 2013

Dear Yudansha Members and Dojo Shus,

As the Chair of the Election Committee, it is my pleasure to report the results of the 2013 Elections to the membership of Judo Ontario. As previously reported, the Committee sought to fill the following four Board positions in accordance with the by-laws governing their vacancies.

- First Vice-President
- Vice-President, Administration
- Vice-President, Marketing & Promotions
- Vice-President, Competitions

Following the May 5, 2013 deadline to submit them, Judo Ontario received Declarations of Candidacy to fill three of the four Board positions from the following individuals:

First Vice-President:

- Doherty, Kevin
- Spike, E.C. (Ed)

Vice-President, Administration:

- Desormeaux, Ronald
- Kawasaki, Mitchell

Vice-President, Marketing & Promotions

- Brown, Chris
- Pollett, Alan

Vice-President, Competitions

- No candidates declared. (Position not contested.)

A vote by the membership was therefore required for the three contested positions. Members had the option of using the mail-in ballots sent to them in the Elections package on 14 May, 2013 through Canada Post or to attend and vote in person at the 2013 AGM and Elections on 15 June.

To prevent the issues experienced at last year's Elections where 25% of the submitted envelopes had to be rejected because we were not able to identify the senders, Judo Ontario made the following changes:

- An individual Yudansha's or Club's pre-printed name label was placed in the return address field of the mail-in return envelopes.
- The return envelopes were pre-stamped and pre-addressed to DNTW, our auditors.

Credit for this innovation and extra effort goes to Sue Gribben, Judo Ontario's Office Manager. Thanks Sue!

442 Yudansha members were eligible to vote and 53 Clubs received supplementary ballots. Only one hundred and forty-five (145) envelopes containing the mail-in ballots from individual Yudansha members as well as thirty-two (32) envelopes from member Clubs on behalf of their Mudansha members for a total of one hundred and seventy-seven (177) envelopes were mailed to DNTW, our auditors.

The deadline for receipt of the mailed votes by the auditing firm was 3:30 PM on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. To ensure that the named member/club had returned the envelope, another stipulation for the mail-in vote is that members and designated members of clubs are required to sign and date the back flap of the mail-in envelope. This process is necessary so that the auditor and/or election committee could identify those individuals or clubs who took advantage of the mail-in vote and thereby create a registry of individuals and clubs who may wish to vote in person at the 2013 AGM and Elections.

Following an examination of the envelopes before opening them, the DNTW Auditors found it necessary to reject fifteen (15) of the submitted envelopes and the votes therein because eight (8) of the envelope were received after the deadline date and seven (7), six individual and one club, because the signature/date across the back flap was missing. The fifteen rejected envelopes were returned unopened to Judo Ontario for examination and confirmation by the Committee and were not used in the final voting.

DNTW then opened all the accepted envelopes and placed the submitted ballots in the supplied ballot boxes. The ballot boxes were then sealed by the auditors and returned to Judo Ontario where the seals were removed at the Elections Meeting to allow members voting in person to deposit their votes. Seventeen members chose this option.

Following the in-person voting at the meeting, Committee Chair, Frank Vossen joined by members Shu-Tai Chen, Jeff Butler and Don Tait went to a separate room to commence the verification and counting of the ballots. Thank you, Shu-Tai, Don and Jeff, for your valuable help in counting the votes.

The following charts show the result of the voting:

<i>2013 Elections Results for the position of First Vice-President</i>	
	Votes
Doherty, Kevin *	246 *
Spike, E.C. (Ed)	45
Abstentions	3
Spoiled Ballots	0
Total ballots cast	294

<i>2013 Elections Results for the position of Vice-President, Administration</i>	
	Votes
Desormeaux, Ronald	107
Kawaski, Mitchell *	183 *
Abstentions	2
Spoiled Ballots	0
Total ballots cast	292

<i>2013 Elections Results for the position of Vice-President, Marketing & Promotions</i>	
	Votes
Brown, Chris *	235 *
Pollett, Allan	53
Abstentions	2
Spoiled Ballots	0
Total ballots cast	290

*** Indicates candidate elected to position.**

Judo Ontario thanks and congratulates all the candidates for their participation and welcomes the newly elected members, Kevin Doherty, Mitch Kawasaki and Chris Brown to the Board. During the Board meeting that followed the elections, the Board appointed Dave Robb to the vacant position of Vice-President, Competitions which he accepted.

On behalf of the 2013 Election Committee,

Frank J. Vossen

Frank J. Vossen, Chair

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