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PALAU NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE held a Special General Assembly to review and adopt the amended Articles of Incorporation, the By-laws and the Palau NOC Strategy Plan 2009-2016. The Special Meeting was held at the Palau International Coral Reef Center Conference Room on Thursday, 10th May, at 5:00 p.m. Twenty-six delegates representing eleven out of the fourteen National Sports Federations attended this special meeting.

Upon adopting the amended Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, Palau National Olympic Committee is now in full compliance with the International Olympic Committee Charter. Additionally, the General Assembly also adopted the revised PNOC Strategy Plan 2009-2016 that was recently reviewed by the National Sports Federations in Ngaraard this past February.

Furthermore the General Assembly also approved full membership to Palau Judo Federation to the NOC Family. Representing Palau Judo Federation at the meeting was Mr. Reagan Belechel who presented a brief overview of PJF and the various activities and programs that have been held since its establishment in 2005.

In related news, the International Judo Federation has just announced Olympic qualification of Jennifer Anson in the 63kg weight class. Anson competed recently at the Oceania Judo Championships in Australia where she was able to defeat the competitor from Guam and advance to the Bronze Medal Match against a more experienced competitor from New Caledonia. Unfortunately, Anson was unable to defeat her opponent. Anson ranked 86th out of 178 qualifying for an allocated place to the London Olympics through the International Judo Federation allocation system.

Palau National Olympic Committee extends its most sincere congratulations to Anson for her accomplishment and welcomes Palau Judo Federation to the Olympic Movement.



Reagan Belechel (PJF) highlighting Judo in Palau