

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
January 9, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Chandler at 8:30 am (EST). She welcomed all members present and then called for a roll call for the record.

The following members were in attendance:

President: Evelyn Chandler
Vice President: Mary Lee Martin
Secretary: Barbara Tebben
Director of Finance: Patty Shipman
Region 1: Cindy Lord
Region 2: Ann Heppner
Region 3: Marilyn Blilie
Region 4: Robin Smith
Region 5: Donnalyn Trevethan
Region 6: Pat Panichas
Region 7: Bonnie Synol - excused
Region 8: Sheila Ragle
National Judges Cup Director: Patty Shipman
National Librarian: Judy Dobransky
National Website Director: Judy Hoferlin
National Collegiate Assigner: Donnalyn Trevethan

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting in Denver, Colorado on July 8-9, 2015 were approved.

Motion: Ann Heppner
Second: Mary Lee Martin
Passed: Unanimously

An online vote was taken 15 days following our National Governing Board meeting to approve Constitutional changes proposed by the Constitution Committee at the July 2015 meeting; items included the deletion of the National Symposium Director from the Constitution, addition of the National Education Director, and the approval of the Online Election Guide. Passed: Unanimously.

President Chandler thanked two retiring Board members for their longtime contributions: Sheila Ragle, who has served 16 years as Region 8 RJD, and National Website Director Judy Hoferlin, whose commitment and expertise has helped revolutionize the NAWGJ website.

Director of Finance Report – Patty Shipman

Patty reported that we are current with our filings with the IRS. She is compiling the information now to file our 2015 tax return. She is also working on filing any required 1099 report forms for the calendar year 2015. She asks that the RJD's help with reminders to their SJD's regarding the documentation needed to meet the deadlines.

National Judges Cup: This is our second biggest meet at 1,335 gymnasts and 90 judges. We are competing with more invitationals these days for both gymnasts and judges. Patty reminded everyone that States can pay their judges a stipend, in addition to their expenses, for attending the National Judges Cup.

Membership Report – Barbara Tebben

NAWGJ active professional judges now number over 2100. Our 7-31 renewal date goal has been achieved, but our task is to encourage all judges to renew within one month of that due date. Judges with lapsed memberships (as of September 1) may not be extended an NAWGJ contract, as the NAWGJ liability insurance will not be valid. Barb will work with the SJD's to achieve a faster renewal rate.

The \$30 new judge membership rate is in effect January 1 – July 31, 2016. Disbursement report for August 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 will go to Patty Shipman in February.

Standing Committee Reports

Constitution Committee: Mary Lee Martin, Ann Heppner, Barbara Tebben

The Constitution Committee will meet this spring to make sure that the pages of the Operating Code are consistent with the corresponding pages of the Election Guide.

Also, instructions for running multiple State Governing Board elections will be added to the Online Election Guide.

Helping Hands Committee: Robin Smith, Cindy Lord, Ann Heppner, Sheila Ragle

Robin Smith reported that over \$10,000 is available to help needy States out financially. North Dakota and South Dakota have applied again this year, and partial help is requested by Hawaii and Montana.

Clinics planned for North and South Dakota should help new judges stay in officiating and might attract judging prospects from the clubs and high schools.

Motion: The Helping Hands Committee recommends that we fund North Dakota and South Dakota \$1,200 each, and partially fund Hawaii and Montana, for SJD meeting expenses this year.

No Second needed.

Passed: Unanimously.

JAS Committee Evelyn Chandler, Donnalyn Trevethan, Mary Lee Martin, Pat Panichas, Barbara Tebben

Denise Coats Lauriat will be the only assigner going out this year. Applications will go out this spring.

Also, the National Collegiate Assigner position expires March 31.

The number of collegiate judges is holding steady at 400.

Motion: The JAS Committee recommends that assigners may not be assigned to more than five Division I meets without obtaining permission from the National Collegiate Assigner.

No Second needed.

Vote: 8 In Favor, 1 Opposed

Consequences Committee: Cindy Lord, Bonnie Synol, Robin Smith, Pat Panichas

The Committee offered a legal definition of “a member in good standing.” They will prepare a timeline by July detailing when a judge not in good standing can return to good standing.

Ad Hoc Committees

Collaboration Committee Evelyn Chandler, Donna Trevethan, Pat Panichas

The committee will set up a meeting with USA Gymnastics to discuss a collaborative fee structure.

OLD BUSINESS

NAWGJ Elections

Applications for eligible RJD’s went out January 1, for even-numbered Regions. We will try to produce an alpha list of all of the SJD’s who have served over the years.

NGB Meeting/SJD Workshop Update - July 2016

Evelyn reported that prohibitive costs have forced us to relocate the summer 2016 NAWGJ meetings to the Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach, California from San Jose. The timeline for the week has not changed, with the NGB reporting on Monday, July 11 and the SJD Workshop scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 15-16.

Topics for the SJD Workshop were suggested, including sessions on preparing Quarterly Financial Reports, Document Review, and development of an interactive program (e.g. *What's My Job?*) that could help SJD's sort out their responsibilities.

Document Review

The NGB discussed the benefits of changing the timeline of the Document Review process. SJD books would be due June 1 and returned at the SJD Workshop in July, if not before.

Motion: I move to change the Document Review due date from November 1 to June 1.

Motion: Sheila Ragle

Second: Barbara Tebben

Passed: Unanimously

President Chandler will send an update to the twelve SJD's previously chosen for Document Review. The NGB recipients will not change.

National Website Director Report – Judy Hoeflerlin

Judy Hoeflerlin, Website Director, is posting monthly home page submissions as assigned to RJD's in July, 2015. The Board recommends that permission from USA Gymnastics be obtained for use of any copyrighted technical information.

Also, a Website Survey box, as proposed in 2015, is still under construction. Judges who visit the site will be able to take a short survey regarding their experience and qualify for a monthly prize.

National Librarian Report – Judy Dobransky

USA Gymnastics requested NAWGJ's input for the XCEL Flip Book that is now available. This will be sold only through USA Gymnastics. Judy wants the National Governing Board to remind SJD's that judging aides cannot be sold if developed from USA Gymnastics printed material, e.g. the *2013-2021 Compulsory Routines* or the *USA Gymnastics Code of Points*.

National Education Director

Per the decision last year in Denver, a National Education Director will be added to the National Governing Board by May 1, 2016. The Constitution Committee has developed a list of duties, and an election timetable was proposed.

The Constitution Committee will add the necessary pages for this position to the Operating Code and Election Guide. In addition, Evelyn will develop an application form. A timeline for the election will be as follows:

- February 15: Applications go to eligible candidates
- April 1: Applications due to the Vice President
- April 18: NGB will vote via "Go To Meeting"
- May 1: National Education Director takes office

Motion: I move to accept the duties of the National Education Director, as proposed by the Constitution Committee, and the adjusted election timetable.

Motion: Cindy Lord

Second: Marilyn Blilie

Passed: Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Election of the National Collegiate Assigner

Four applications were received for the National Collegiate Assigner position: Denise Coats Lauriat, Priscilla Hickey, Patty Vitale and Donnalyn Trevethan, who was excused. The Board passed out copies of each application for review and discussion.

By closed ballot, Donnalyn Trevethan was elected to serve a second consecutive term as National Collegiate Assigner, beginning April 1, 2016. The vote was 7-1.

President's Honorarium

Motion: I move that the President of NAWGJ receive an honorarium of \$500 per meeting when representing NAWGJ at any NCAA and USA Gymnastics meeting not required by her position, not to exceed \$2000 per year unless approved by the National Governing Board.

Motion: Pat Panichas

Second: Donna Trevethan

Passed: Unanimously

Motion to adjourn: Pat Panichas

Second: Sheila Ragle

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. EST.