

NAWGJ  
National Governing Board Minutes  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
June 27-28, 2002

The President called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., June 27<sup>th</sup>

Attendance

President	Carole Ide
Vice President	Judy Grenfell
Sec/Treasurer	Betty Sroufe
Region I	Janet Packwood/Joan Geel
Region II	Cindy Lord
Region III	Mary Lee Martin
Region IV	Robin Ruegg
Region V	Carole Liedtke
Region VI	Pat Panichas – arrived Thursday afternoon
Region VII	Amy Rager
Region VIII	Sheila Ragle – absent
Librarian	Judy Dobransky
Judges' Cup Dir.	Patty Shipman, SJD Meeting
Guest	Arthur Melendrez, attorney
Guest	Marian Dykes

The minutes were approved with the following changes:

1. Change "fee structure" to "USAG Fee Structure".
2. Add to the first motion regarding financial reports – Region 4 abstained.
3. Change "Internet Report" to Website Report". (Ruegg/Rager)

A thank you note was received from Evelyn Chandler for the gift acknowledging her years of service to NAWGJ. Past RJD's Evelyn Chandler and Genie McElroy have been awarded 4 year memberships, through 2005.

**Reports** – Copies of the President's report, the Secretary/Treasurer's Report and the Regional Reports were distributed. The Vice President's topics are on the agenda. The President asked the RJD's to insure that bank phone numbers are included with all financial reports.

**Old Business**

Administrative Assistant – The Administrative Assistant position was revisited. **MOTION:** The administrative assistant office will be abolished, with the duties being divided between the President and Vice President. (Packwood/Sroufe – carried)

**MOTION:** The following duties will be assigned to the Vice President:

1. Record and distribute minutes to the National Governing Board members within three weeks of said meetings.
2. Conduct elections of Regional and National Directors.
3. Be available to the President for assistance. This assistance may be in the form of updating the Constitution and Operating Code, Judging Director's Handbook, or other such materials.

(Ruegg/Lord – carried)

**MOTION:** The following duties will be assigned to the President:

1. Maintain and publish an annual NAWGJ Governing Board Directory every four years.
2. Be responsible for communications, such as newsletters, from the National office to the State Judging Directors.

(Lord/Liedtke— carried)

Uniforms – The Vice President reported on behalf of Midway Uniform. Membership should be aware that the national sizing standards for women's clothing were changed a few years ago. Therefore, members ordering a new uniform may find that the same size doesn't fit. Other fitting problems were attributed to the member not ordering the same style as before. New members who have tried on the uniforms of others, have had the same fitting problems. Members should deal with Jennifer at the Midway office if they have questions about sizing. NAWGJ will continue using Midway as our uniform supplier.

Symposium – The Vice President reported on the National Symposium held in California in June of 2001. Four hundred twenty judges attended. Eighty Level 10's recertified. Symposium Director Ellie Chynoweth has offered to continue in that capacity.

**MOTION:** NAWGJ will decline the offer of the Symposium Director to continue in the position under the terms outlined by her. (Grenfell/Sroufe—carried, Reg 1 abstained)  
The President appointed a Symposium Committee (Grenfell, Lord, Geel and Packwood). Grenfell will research requirements for site selection and distribute to RJDs. The timeframe will be either of the two weekends following July 4, 2005.

Hall of Fame and Life Memberships –

**MOTION:** NAWGJ accept the Hall of Fame criteria and application form developed by Carole Liedtke. (Liedtke/Ruegg – carried)

**MOTION:** NAWGJ accept the Life Membership criteria and nomination form developed by Carole Liedtke. (Liedtke/Geel – carried)

**MOTION:** Amend the Hall of Fame motion to read nomination form instead of application form. (Grenfell/Lord – carried)

Scholarship –

**MOTION:** Present the idea of a NAWGJ Scholarship to the SJDs at their meeting on Saturday. (Ruegg/Sroufe – carried) **NOTE:** This proposal did not receive the support of the SJDs

Guest Speaker – Attorney Arthur Melendrez addressed the Board about legal issues facing organizations today.

State Judging Director's Guide –

**MOTION:** Redo the Equipment Inventory Report form to reflect the disposal of equipment. (Grenfell/Martin – carried) Martin and Lord were appointed to revise.

**MOTION:** The Equipment Inventory Report form will require reporting of all expenditures over \$200.00. (Rager/Martin – carried 5-3)

**MOTION:** A judge should be a member of NAWGJ for 90 days prior to the sending of ballots to be eligible to vote in elections. (Sroufe/Rager – carried)

**MOTION:** To define the term "in good standing", a candidate must be in good standing under the canons and disciplinary rules of the NAWGJ Code of Professional Responsibility. (Grenfell/Panichas – carried)

**MOTION:** A proxy at the National Governing Board Meeting must be an SJD; a proxy at a Regional Governing Board Meeting must be a State Governing Board member. (Rager/Sroufe – carried) **NOTE:** Until further action by the Board, a proxy does not vote.

**MOTION:** Exceptions to the proxy motion must be approved by the President at the National level, and the RJD at the Regional level. (Ruegg/Panichas – carried)

**MOTION:** The Regional Judging Director shall send the ballots for SJD elections. (Grenfell, Lord – carried)

**MOTION:** A current officer must be up to date with all required reports to be eligible to run for re-election. (Grenfell/Sroufe – carried)

**MOTION:** The Vice President shall send the ballots for RJD elections. (Liedtke/Panichas – carried)

Library – The Library will have two new educational tapes, one on collegiate gymnastics and one on the new vault apparatus. A new order blank will be posted on the website around August 1<sup>st</sup>. NAWGJ will have a booth at USAG Congress. States or Regions with fundraising items may apply to sell these items at the booth. New projects include a 7/8 film, a 9/10 film and a film from World Championships.

National Judges' Cup – Patty Shipman will present her report on Saturday at the SJD meeting. The cup will be held January 3-5, 2003 at Rebounders Gymnastics in Landover, Maryland. The host hotel will be the Doubletree Hotel, 5 minutes away from the meet site. Baltimore/Washington Int'l Airport is the closest airport. The state team competition will again be Level 7. The Rebounders website address is [www.rebounders.com](http://www.rebounders.com).

### New Business

#### Financial Procedures –

**MOTION:** Any depreciable expenditures over two hundred dollars (\$200) must be made in consultation with the State Governing Board and require written approval of the RJD. Ruegg/Packwood – carried)

**MOTION:** State Governing Boards shall approve the budget for a State Judges Cup prior to the event. (Lord/Rager – carried)

**MOTION:** The SJD will file timely reports when fundraisers and special events are held and obtain a second signature as required. (Liedtke/Geel – carried) Amendment to include special events (Lord/Rager – carried)

**MOTION:** SJD Expenditures incurred exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) for non-NAWGJ meetings or activities must be made in consultation with the State Governing Board and require written approval of the RJD. (Liedtke/Sroufe – carried 7-2) **NOTE** – All expenses for duties of the office must be paid or allowed for before non-NAWGJ items can be paid.

**MOTION:** Duties of the RJD will include: Any depreciable expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500) must be made in consultation with the Regional Governing Board and with written approval of the President. (Panichas/Rager – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the Treasurer will include: Any depreciable expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500) must be made with the written approval of the President. (Panichas/Ruegg – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the Vice President will include: Any depreciable expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500) must be made with the written approval of the Treasurer. (Panichas/Rager – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the President will include: Any depreciable expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500) must be made with the written approval of the Treasurer. (Panichas/Liedtke – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the At-Large Directors will include: Any depreciable expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500) must be made with the written approval of the Vice President. (Panichas/Rager – carried)

**MOTION:** In the event that the appropriate director cannot be contacted for financial approval, contact the Treasurer. (Ruegg/Martin – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the RJD will include: Expenditures incurred by the Regional Judging Director exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for non-NAWGJ meetings and activities must be made in consultation with the Regional Governing Board and with written permission of the President. (Panichas/Ruegg – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the Executive Officers and At-Large Members of the National Governing Board will include: Expenditures incurred by the officer exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for

non-NAWGJ meetings and activities must be made with written approval of the appropriate officer. (Panichas/Rager – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the RJD will include: The Regional Governing Board will approve the budget for any Judges' Cup or other special event prior to the event. (Lord/Packwood – carried)

**MOTION:** Duties of the RJD will include reviewing the tri-annual financial reports (Grenfell/Panichas – carried) Carole Liedtke, Pat Panichas and Robin Ruegg will establish guidelines for reviewing financial reports.

**MOTION:** Duties of the Secretary/Treasurer will include reviewing the financial reports of Executive Officers and At-Large Directors. (Sroufe/Panichas – carried)

**MOTION:** Any gift or donation costing over one hundred dollars (\$100) requires the approval of the appropriate board. (Liedtke/Martin – carried 9-1)

USAIGC – There was discussion concerning the Proposals for the Optional Only Women's Program of the USAIGC with regard to officials' fees. NAWGJ supports and services all organizations promoting gymnastics competition for girls and women and looks forward to working with USAIGC as its assignor of choice.

**MOTION:** We as a board have reviewed the USAIGC officiating proposals and have a number of concerns we would like our President to discuss with a USAIGC representative. (Ruegg/Liedtke – carried)

**MOTION:** NAWGJ will express the following concerns:

- 1) NAWGJ does not encourage one judge panels.
- 2) NAWGJ supports a fee structure that considers education, experience and ratings.
- 3) NAWGJ supports a fee structure wherein judges of women's gymnastics are paid no less than judges for men's gymnastics.

(Ruegg/Lord – carried)

Compensation Package – The Regions will present proposals to the President for her meeting with USAG personnel regarding the new compensation package for judges.

Nettie Awards – The Nettie Award nominees were displayed and voted on. The awards will be presented at the SJD meeting on Saturday.

Meeting for 2003 – The SJD's will vote on the choices of meeting at Championships of the USA or meeting the weekend after on the East Coast. (They voted not to meet at Championships of the USA.)

The meeting was adjourned 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2002 by the President

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes read and approved,

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Judy Grenfell  
Vice President

Carole Ide  
Carole Ide  
President

date Sept 26, 02