

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
January 4, 2019**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Chandler at 10:05 am CST. A special welcome was extended to Debbie Campbell, new Region V RJD, and Brenda Eberhardt, new Website Director. Evelyn then called for a roll call for the record:

President: Evelyn Chandler
Vice President: Ann Heppner
Director of Finance: Patty Shipman
Secretary: Barbara Tebben
Region 1: Cindy Lord
Region 2: Denise Green
Region 3: Marilyn Blilie
Region 4: Robin Smith
Region 5: Debbie Campbell
Region 6: Pat Panichas
Region 7: Bonnie Synol
Region 8: Cookie Batsche
National Judges Cup Director: Patty Shipman
National Librarian: Judy Dobransky
National Education Director: Janice Eyman
National Collegiate Assigner: Donnalyn Trevethan
National Web Site Director: Brenda Eberhardt

Conflict of Interest Policy and Confidentiality Agreement forms were passed out for everyone to sign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cookie Batsche: I move to approve the minutes from Burlington, Vermont.

Second: Marilyn Blilie

Passed: Unanimously

JAS COMMITTEE REPORT Donna Trevethan, Evelyn Chandler, Pat Panichas, Barbara Tebben, Denise Green

The Committee recommends that the National Collegiate Assigner appointment be made a year in advance of when the person would take office. This would allow the Assigner-elect to shadow the current Assigner for one season. The appointment process would begin March 15 and appointment would occur at the summer NGB meeting; however, the Assigner-elect would not officially begin her/his term until May 1 of the following year.

No second necessary.

Passed: Unanimously.

The Constitution Committee will make the necessary changes to the Operating Code and Election Guides. The Assigner-elect will assume duties May 1, 2020.

Two regional collegiate assigners are going out this year: Jennifer Sampson and Sue Kane. Applications for their replacements will be posted on the NAWGJ website April 1.

The JAS Committee also reported that 50 fewer judges signed up for the JAS system this season; reasons cited were testing issues or retirements, financial competition from USA Gymnastics meets, and travel concerns.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan Eyman

Several projects are underway, including the completion of tumbling line art and exploration of using Google Classroom for educational presentations.

The Committee will develop a release form for meet directors or club owners to use when NAWGJ requests the filming of routines or skills at their meet or in their gym. A copy will be sent to the National Secretary. Any permission NOT granted should be noted.

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE REPORT Robin Smith, Cindy Lord, Ann Heppner
Twenty five applications were accepted for the eight \$500 Symposium scholarships to be awarded. The winners were announced:

Corinne Mayer
Priscilla Hickey
Evelyne Hopkins
Valerie Jackson
Nadine Thompson
Susan Lomas
Lindsay Abnay
Patty Colarossi

OLD BUSINESS

Symposium Educational Proposal Submissions

Cookie Batsche, with help from the Executive Board, selected eight finalists who submitted outstanding projects for furthering judges' education. The judges will either demonstrate, display or present their projects at Symposium.

Constitution Committee Ann Heppner, Barbara Tebben, Cindy Lord

The Constitution Committee distributed copies of the updated Official Documents. They also will be posted online.

Testing Alternatives - Revisited

Cookie Batsche presented an overview of the various testing alternatives she developed September 2018. The NGB discussed the pro's and con's of each alternative. The Board will decide how and when to bring the most viable options forward.

Awards Committee – Bonnie Synol, Cindy Lord, Marilyn Blilie

The Green Flag Awards, which were initiated in 2018, will annually recognize a judge who has made a special contribution in each State. Each Region will then select the Regional winner from the State's selections, and a National winner will be selected from the Regional winners. This award will be based solely on the *contribution* made by the individual, not length of service, rating, office held, etc.

The Awards Committee will establish a timeline and criteria to choose State, Regional and National Green Flag Award winners. A representative Green Flag award, such as jewelry or a pin, will be researched and ordered. This program will begin this spring.

Consequences Committee Cindy Lord, Bonnie Synol, Denise Green

To give our SJD's and RJD's more direction to deal with judges, or officers, who violate canons or exhibit unprofessional behavior, the Consequences Committee is reviewing the current Code of Professional Responsibility.

Cookie Batsche outlined the disciplinary process used at her University, followed by discussion. The Consequences Committee will continue its work and report back in July with proposed edits to the Code.

2019 SYMPOSIUM DISCUSSION

President Chandler updated everyone regarding the upcoming National Symposium (July 11-14, 2019) and distributed a tentative schedule of sessions.

The Board discussed the week's schedule for the NGB and SJD Workshop and registration details. Registration will go on the web site later this month. The various Symposium committees, which were appointed at the Vermont meeting, will continue their planning.

Motion to adjourn: Pat Panichas

Second: Bonnie Synol

Meeting adjourned 3:35 p.m. CST