

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES  
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA  
January 7, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Chandler at 8:35 pm (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 (excused)

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: Judy Hoeflerlin

**UPDATES**

**Operating Code/Election Guide**

The Constitution Committee (Mary Lee Martin, Barbara Tebben, Ann Heppner) met in early October in Albuquerque to clarify, correct and further reorganize the NAWGJ Operating Code and Election Guide.

The Constitution Committee moves to accept the proposed structural changes to the Operating Code and Election Guide.

Passed: Unanimously

**Membership**

Barbara Tebben reported that active membership stands at 2,200, with over half of the judges rated Level 10 or higher. Since over 100 Level 4/5 judges were archived last fall, NAWGJ should focus on ways to keep new judges rated and active.

Our Wild Apricot plan will change this summer, with a price increase. Educational opportunities, such as periodic e-mail blasts and mobile device capabilities, will be explored in the coming months.

### **NAWGJ Website**

Due to the recent death of a state webmaster, National Webmaster Judy Hoferlin suggested that a minimum of two administrators should have access codes and/or passwords for each State and Regional NAWGJ website.

I move that we ensure that NAWGJ websites have a minimum of two people with administrative access.

Motion: Cookie Batsche

Second: Cindy Lord

Passed: Unanimously

Also, Judy will coordinate the relocation of the NAWGJ History section of the Washington website to the NAWGJ.org website. Managing this section will be discussed at our summer meeting.

### **Library**

Judy Dobransky will investigate the use of credit cards for the NAWGJ Library.

She is working on more scripts and scores for current DVD's and continues to provide the JAS with videos of college routines.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Educational Survey Results – Cookie Batsche**

The Education Committee conducted an educational survey in Region 6 last fall. Cookie summarized the results of the survey, which garnered a 40% response. Most of the judges who responded were Level 10 and above, and age 60 or above. The results of the survey will be utilized by the Education Committee as further plans are developed.

#### **National Symposium**

The Board discussed moving the 2018 NAWGJ Symposium to summer 2019, as Brevet and National Courses offered at USAG Regional Congresses next year could significantly inhibit the number of Symposium attendees.

I move to hold our NAWGJ Symposium in 2019.

Motion: Robin Smith

Second: Bonnie Synol

Passed: Unanimously.

Evelyn presented the pro's and con's of the two proposed Texas sites for the 2019 Symposium: Intercontinental Hotel in Addison and the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Ft. Worth. The Board preferred the Ft. Worth site. Evelyn will begin work with Joan Morrison to finalize the contract.

### **Assigning Issues**

The Board clarified that only the elected Assigners of Record on the State Governing Board, or the SJD, should be assigning meets and issuing NAWGJ contracts.

The Constitution Committee will revise the duties sections in the Operating Code and Election Guide to reflect this.

Also, as State/Regional/National Assigning Systems gain popularity, questions arise which will prompt more discussion this summer.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JAS Committee:** Donna Trevethan, Evelyn Chandler, Pat Panichas, Mary Lee Martin, Barbara Tebben

The Committee reported that two collegiate assigners will be finishing their four year terms after this season. The application for replacements will be posted April 15, to be returned to the JAS Committee by June 15.

The committee suggested that a meet fee increase be proposed at the NACGC meeting in May. This increase is needed to offset the competition for officials from USAG invitationals.

There was a higher refusal rate this year, but Donna does not think it is based on institutions' rate of pay. Also, computer-generated assigning, due to problems in trial runs, is not recommended at this time.

The committee also recommends that NAWGJ moves forward with a video project at DIII Nationals. It is estimated that \$2,000 should cover expenses to send a videographer to DIII Nationals in Menomonie, WI March 31-April 1. As many routines as possible will be filmed to use in future JAS projects.

The JAS Committee moves to fund the DIII Nationals video project.  
Passed: Unanimously.

**Helping Hands Committee:** Robin Smith, Ann Heppner, Cindy Lord

The Committee reported that a \$1,000 donation to the Helping Hands project was received from Illinois NAWGJ. A reminder was sent to RJD's and SJD's to solicit funding needs for 2017.

Both West Virginia and Kentucky will receive financial assistance from their Regions. So far, four States have asked for help from the Helping Hands Program: Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota and Hawaii.

The Helping Hands Committee moves to provide funds to these four States.  
Passed: Unanimously.

**Education Committee:** Jan Eyman, Cookie Batsche, Donnalyn Trevethan, Ann Heppner, Robin Smith, Judy Dobransky, Pat Panichas

The Committee interpreted the results of the Region 6 educational survey. The Education Committee devised a three-year plan to provide educational experiences to our membership, which could include:

- Collaboration with USA Gymnastics in judges' training
- NAWGJ "You Tube" Channel
- Webinars for topics such as scripting help, advanced bars and vault
- Test preparation
- More help for lower-rated judges

The goal of the Committee is to make the NAWGJ website the prime source for judges' educational needs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2017 SUMMER WORKSHOP**

Our National Governing Board Meeting/SJD Workshop will be held in Milwaukee July 11-16 at the Hilton City Center.

Leadership Training will be the focus for SJD's, since no elections will be held until 2019. Possible topics in groups include: financial and tax assistance, technical help, spending down assets, mentoring and interpersonal leadership training. A survey of SJD's may be used to explore more detailed needs.

States were drawn for the next Document Review: Kansas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Nor Cal, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kentucky, New Jersey, Louisiana, North Carolina, Idaho, Wyoming, Virginia and South Carolina. At least two States are completing Reviews from 2016.

Motion to adjourn: Bonnie Synol  
Second: Marilyn Blilie  
Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m. EST.