

NAWGJ National Governing Board Meeting
June 7 – 8, 2007
Crown Plaza Hotel San Antonio, Texas

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Carole Ide at 9:05 AM on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Roll call was taken and the following people were in attendance:

Region I - Janet Packwood
Region II - Cydni Medeiros joined at 2 PM (Approved Proxy for Ann Heppner)
Region III- Mary Lee Martin
Region IV- Robin Smith
Region V - Hilary Carlson
Region VI- Gail McGann (Approved Proxy for Pat Panichas)
Region VII- (Absent 6/7) Bonnie Synol present Friday 6/8
Region VIII- Sheila Ragle
Vice President- Evelyn Chandler
Secretary/Treasurer- Betty Sroufe
National Librarian- Judy Dobransky
National Newsletter Editor/Website Director- (Absent) Judy Hoferlin
National Judges' Cup Director- Patty Shipman

Carole welcomed everyone to the meeting and, specifically, to Hilary Carlson as the new Regional Judging Director from Region V.

Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the 2006 NGB meeting were distributed for board approval. The minutes were approved with one correction – Georgette Dupree was corrected to Georgette Dupke *Martin/Packwood – Approved 8-0*. Copies of the minutes are to be sent to SJDs for publication on their websites and will appear on the National Website.

Copies of the minutes from the February 2007 conference call were distributed for board approval. *Smith/Ragle - Approved 8-0*.

President's Report

Carole presented a written President's Report. She summarized the meetings she attended during the past year in the capacity as president of NAWGJ as well as summaries of the following topics: insurance issues, elections, compensation proposal status, National Judges' Cup, USAG- Judges Accreditation, and NCAA/NACGC/W.

A survey was taken on the use of one-judge panels. One judge panels are utilized in many areas for AAU, YMCA, High School, Level 1-3, Level 4 fun (no placement) meets.

Carole drew attention to the Member Background Screening that will be required by USAG. The fee will differ by state and will be the responsibility of each member.

Vice President's Report

Evelyn asked the members who have not sent in the reimbursement for the February conference call to please do so.

Flashdrives will be updated on Saturday and Sunday with all Judges' Guide changes.

Regional Judging Director elections were held this winter in Region I and V.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Betty Sroufe passed out the Financial Reports and Membership Reports. The current membership is 1811. This is a slight decrease of 44 members from a year ago. The current financial status of the association was reviewed and a copy of the Blanket Certificate of Exemption was distributed.

For the first time, all financial forms have been turned in on time. The only problem that exists is that some states are turning financial forms in that differ from the one provided in the directory. All forms must be structured the same for the accountant.

One of the SJD duties is to have an annual budget which should state the amount of money in escrow, amount of money in the emergency fund, and the amount of working capital. The RJD should be aware of why large amounts of money might be being held back, etc.

If members do not update their own addresses, Betty depends on the SJD to update the lists.

The NGB gave permission to Betty to destroy the office's computer equipment that is outdated and of no use any more.

National Judges' Cup Report

The meet was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 5-7, 2007 and broke records in all categories. Three competition gyms accommodated 17 State Teams and 1318 gymnasts in 23 sessions. Fifty six clubs were represented from 19 states. A special "Thank You" is extended to each of the 99 judges from 36 states who supported the National Judges Cup.

The meet was again an outstanding event that provided a memorable experience for all of the gymnasts, coaches, and judges involved. The profits from this meet fund the National Library and enhance the education for judges.

The 2008 National Judges' Cup will be held January 4-6, 2008 in San Diego, CA at the San Diego Concourse. Information is available at www.judgescup.com. The meet will continue to be conducted by USA Sports Production.

National Librarian Report

Judy Dobransky announced that the SJDs will be given 3 CD's at the meeting with a blue bag. The CDs are Level 3-6, Level 7-8, and Level 9-10. The 7-8 and 9-10 CDs have a shorthand script attached as a file that was completed by Rene Niccollai. Two other items are available through the library: Guide Bags (\$15) and Adult Bibs (\$12).

Special appreciation is extended to Brenda Eberhardt and Louisiana judges; Gretchen Connell and Georgia judges; and Betty Roberts and Oklahoma judges for having judges score the CDs handed out in 2006.

The following are the reports from the various committees.

Committee Reports

A. Ethics Committee – Carole Ide, Janet Packwood, Patty Shipman, Sheila Ragle, Robin Smith, Hilary Carlson, and Gail McGann.

The following will be added to the Canons and Disciplinary Code: In the case of a felony conviction membership is automatically suspended. A petition for reinstatement can occur by the judge requesting a hearing with the national executive officers of the NGB at their annual meeting. *Carlson/Smith 9-0.*

A standing Ethics Committee is to be established comprised of president, vice president and three regional judging directors. The committee will act on any reported improprieties of any elected official, director or officer of NAWGJ. *Ragle/Smith 9-0.*

B. Constitution Committee (Standing) – Evelyn Chandler, Mary Lee Martin, Ann Heppner (Friday), Betty Sroufe (observer), and Judy Dobransky (observer).

Clarification will be added to the ballot pages in the Election Section of the Operating Code. The voter must add a return name and address on the self addressed, stamped envelope that holds the ballot envelope.

The committee recommends the position of National Collegiate Assigner be added to the National Board as a Member-At-Large position. The assigner will serve for a 4 year term beginning April 1, 2008 and may not be reappointed for a consecutive term. The assigner must have a national or above rating and maintain it for the duration of the term. *Approved the committee recommendation be brought to a vote – 10-0.*

Terms limits for elected positions were discussed. The NGB is concerned with building capacity and developing leadership qualities among its members. A constitutional change has been recommended.

All regional and state judging directors will serve a four year term and may be reelected only for one additional consecutive term. *Approved the committee recommendation be brought to a vote– 9-0-1.*

In the event that no eligible candidate indicates interest in the position, permission may be requested for the incumbent director to continue to serve for an additional term. For a SJD position, permission would be granted by the Regional Governing Board. For a RJD position, permission would be granted by the National Governing Board. *Ragle/Smith 10-0.*

The two constitution changes will be sent to the voting members of the National Governing Board for a ballot vote in 30 days.

C, Symposium Site Research Committee – Sheila Ragle, Robin Smith, and Carole Ide

The committee recommended the following location requirements for the Symposium to be held in July, 2009: An airport within 30 minutes, located in central or east US, hotel with meeting space for 500 in a general session, reasonable walking distance to other restaurants/stores, close to an attraction or fun activities. The following sites were recommended for further study: Chicago, Orlando, Savannah, Charleston, Memphis, Atlanta, Baltimore, and New Orleans.

D. Netties Committee – Janet Packwood, Hilary Carlson, Gail McGann, Patty Shipman, and Mary Lee Martin

The committee stressed the importance of the Nettie Awards and will further define the categories. The awards will be presented Saturday and be on display for all SJDs to view on Sunday morning. Winning articles will be put on the National Website.

For 2008, SJDs are strongly encouraged to send samples of nominations for any or all categories to their RJD AND/OR a member of the Nettie Committee (Mary Lee Martin, Janet Packwood, and Hilary Carlson) by May 1, 2008 for consideration.

Nettie Awards for 2007:

Best Web Site:	Southern California
Most Humorous Article:	Michigan
Best Feature Article:	Alabama
Best Informational Article	Illinois
Best Layout and Design	Arkansas
Best Educational Article	Alabama
Most Humorous Video	Minnesota

E. JAS (Judging Assigning System) Committee Report (Standing)

The NCAA voted to mandate the use of the JAS for all collegiate competitions that will use the scores as qualification to NCAA Regionals for the 2008 season. The NACGC/W has completed a study of scoring over the last 7-8 years and has shown that the scoring has been more consistent across the country when teams travel home and away. The spread of scores of the teams has been greater over the past three seasons since the JAS began in 2005.

A NCAA Rules Symposium will be held this fall in the central portion of the country. The focus for the educational seminar is to increase consistency in scoring, excellence in execution, and professionalism.

The JAS committee drew the names of the three assigners to be replaced this year. They are Priscilla Hickey, Robin Smith, and Marian DeWane. The application will be available by July 1 on the NAWGJ website and the deadline for applications to be received by the JAS committee members is August 1, 2007. Applications must be submitted by email and hard copy to each members of the JAS committee – Carole Ide, Evelyn Chandler, Janet Packwood and Pat Panichas.

The committee recommended the following per diem breakdown to be used for collegiate assignments in 2007-08:

When a judge drives to the meet

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| 1. and is away from home for 4-7 hours | \$15 per diem paid* |
| 2. and is away from home for more than 7 hours, | \$30 per diem paid* |
| 3. and is away from home overnight | \$30 per diem paid* |

When a judge has an airflight to the meet

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| 4. but is not overnight | \$50 per diem paid** |
| 5. and an overnight stay is required | \$75 per diem paid** |
| 6. and two overnight stays are required | \$150 per diem paid** |

* per diem covers meals

** per diem covers airport parking, meals, tolls, and mileage to and from airport

Approved 10-0.

Old Business

1. Uniform

Sheila Ragle gave an updated report on the new uniform company. A draft version of the custom order website was distributed. The company will take orders twice a year. The company indicated there would be a 70 day turn around time. It was decided that the first order would be sent in on July 21, 2007 which should have the uniforms to the judges by early October. The second order deadline will be October 1 with an expected receipt date prior to January 1, 2008.

The following are the prices:

Single pleat lined flex-fit pants	sizes 2-12	\$55	sizes 14-20	\$63
Unlined flat front pants	sizes 2-12	\$44	sizes 14-20	\$50
Lined skirt with pockets	sizes 2-12	\$44	sizes 14-20	\$50
Blazer	sizes 2-14	\$105	sizes 16-20	\$118
Mens Blazer	sizes 36-48	\$115	sizes 50+	\$130
Mens flat front slacks	sizes 28-42	\$49	sizes 44-46	\$57
Mens regular lined flex-fit	sizes 30-42	\$61	sizes 44-48	\$69

Larger sizes are available as special order

NAWGJ will purchase a "Fit-Line" for approximately \$3000 which will facilitate judges in ordering appropriate sizes. The Fit-Line will include a sample in each of the women's sizes and styles and possibly men's slacks. *Smith/Carlson 9-0-1.*

Brenda Eberhardt will be the custodian of the Fit-Line. Ordering instructions will follow.

The Fit-Line will be utilized as follows:

June 15-17 -	Sheila Ragle (Region VIII)
June 22-23 -	Robin Smith (Region IV)
July 6-8 -	Evelyn Chandler (Florida)
July 13-15-	Evelyn Chandler (Missouri)
July 20-22 -	Judy Dobransky (Michigan)
July 27-29 -	Hilary Carlson (Illinois)
August 3-5 -	Patty Panichas (Region VI)
August 14-19 -	Janet Packwood (National Congress)
August 31-Sept. 2 -	Brenda Eberhardt (GAT)

Sept. 21-23 – Judy Dobransky (Region V)
Sept. 28-30 – Bonnie Synol (Region VII)
Oct. 19-21 – Ann Heppner (Region II)

2. Compensation Package Proposal

The compensation package proposed during the February, 2007 conference call was submitted in writing to Steve Penny, Kathy Kelly, Tom Koll, Kathy Ostberg, Cheryl Hamilton and Connie Maloney. Carole represented NAWGJ in early May and presented the compensation package requested to the members of the WTC, JO Committee and the WAC. The final decision rests with Steve Penny and Kathy Kelly and an answer is anticipated by mid-June.

3. Incorporation Status

NAWGJ will be moving forward in the process of being incorporated in Nevada. That should be completed this summer.

New Business

1. SJD Workshop Schedule on June 9, 2007

- Breakout sessions on the following topics: Ethics Issues, Judges' Cups, Carpooling/Travel, NAWGJ Funds Use, Getting New Judges Involved, How Small States Raise Money for the Treasury, and Figuring Out Fees.
- Clarification will be giving on assigning fees and cancellation fees.

2. Clarifications for Current Assigning Fees:

- NAWGJ cannot add additional fees for meet requests that are submitted late.
- Cancellation fees were clarified. A minimum of 7 days notice is required for amendments or cancellation of officials. If a meet director notifies the judge (by email, phone call or mail) 7 days prior to the meet this is considered sufficient notice. The meet director may leave a message and does not personally have to speak to the judge.
- There are no "rider's fees" permitted under current fee schedule.
- Foreign Brevet Judges can judge in USAG optional competitions after validating attendance at a JO update session. They must take and pass the compulsory exams to be eligible to judge compulsory meets. They can then send their validation to the SJD and also to the USAG office to be added to the Judges Accreditation list.

3. The 2008 Summer SJD meeting will be held in Philadelphia on Monday, 6/23/08. SJDs have been asked to make flights home on Tuesday at the earliest. Olympic Trials and Congress are scheduled in Philadelphia from 6/18-22/08.

Meeting Adjourned on Friday, June 8, 2007 at 6 PM. *Smith/Carlson 10-0.*

Respectfully Submitted: Evelyn Chandler, Vice President

Evelyn A. Chandler

Approved: Carole Ide, President

Carole Ide