

# Region 3

## National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our State Governing Boards whose new term began 8/1/15; we appreciate all your volunteer hours you will be dedicating to providing professional development and promoting gymnastics.

### **ARKANSAS:**

*Jana Caldwell, SJD; Sarah Drake, Rachel Pfenenger, Janette Price, Mary Beth Zeagler.*

### **COLORADO:**

*Nichole Otterson SJD; Laurie Balerud, Chelsey Berg, Kathi Blazek, Annette Carlson, Jen Ditmer, Linda Weekes.*

### **KANSAS:**

*Katherine Gatschet, SJD; Dorothy McManis, Lydia Messenger, Melissa Munz, Molly Oehlert, Laura Ondek, Callie Stephens.*

### **NEW MEXICO:**

*Charlotte Kinney, SJD; Mary Lee Martin, Dana Martinez, Kelly Shane*

### **OKLAHOMA:**

*Jeana Ely, SJD; Kathy Boekman, Sheri Burleson, Elizabeth Flores, Shannon Harrison, Elizabeth Hollenbaugh, Betty Roberts, Erin Tebow.*

### **TEXAS:**

*Carol Williams, SJD; Denise Coats-Lauriat, Melanie Cryer, Jack Dunlop, Erika Franklin, Kevin Freeman, Jennifer Porter, Jenny Robinson, Sharon Rhea*

### **WYOMING:**

*Christi Larson, SJD; Heidi Lund, Amanda Roberts*

**I am so excited as I know your boards will be fulfilling our mission of providing our membership with education, communication, and representation; contracting officials upon request and providing other services to the gymnastic community.**

### NAWGJ MEMBERSHIPS:

All NAWGJ and USAG memberships expired on July 31. Please make sure you have renewed them and are current on your background and safety. Most states require that you send a copy of your membership cards (take a picture of it on the USAGym Website with your phone and email it to them) to someone on the NAWGJ State Board. Please do that the first time they ask!! The new NAWGJ online membership program does not have a way to print membership cards at this time. Print a copy of your receipt for proof of membership.



# ***HIGHLIGHTS FROM NATIONAL BOARD SUMMER MEETING IN CO, JULY 7-12:***

- \*President Chandler emphasized that we must continue to strengthen our position as a professional support group to both USAGym and NACGC.
- \*The NCAA Compensation will not change this season. Judges will not be required to take the open-book test until December.
- \*The 2016 National Judges Cup will return to Covington, KY January 2016. Information has already been posted on the NAWGJ site.
- \*New National Board Position: At-Large National Education Director to be added to the Constitution and Operating Code.
- \*The New Canon: Judges may not participate in any wagering activities involving amateur, collegiate or professional gymnastics, nor can they provide any information to individuals involved in any type of gymnastics wagering activities.
- \*Region 3 donated \$500.00 to Helping Hands to enable underfunded States, through additional funding or other support, to fulfill the mission of NAWGJ.
- \*Uniform: Judges are not allowed to buy just the NAWGJ emblem.
- \*NAWGJ will continue to offer the reduced membership rate, \$30, for new judges who join after January 1.
- \*The liability coverage of \$500,000 per judge per incident covers judges who have been issued a NAWGJ contract by the SJD or elected assigner.
- \*Critiques/Intrasquads: Insurance Coverage is still available for a judge who would like coverage at a clinic or practice meet (for judging activities only). The judge must alert the State's elected assigning official in advance, as well as the SJD, about the dates and locations of these events.
- \*The SJD's are asked to develop a Five Year Plan in their own State to provide professional development for NAWGJ members as well as to support and promote women's gymnastics.

**CHAIN OF COMMAND** Please remember when you have questions to always follow the "Chain of Command." I know it is easier to ask the person sitting next to you, but it is a matter of everyone getting the same information and a matter of respect.

**What is the chain?** If it is a judging procedural rule, it goes to the State Judging Director. If the SJD isn't clear on the answer, she will go to the Regional Judging Director. If the question is technical (rule interpretation, skill value, etc.), the question goes to Carol Bunge, the Regional Technical Chair or the Loui Janecky, Regional Xcel Chair. If it is a meet question it goes to the State Chair.

**CPE'S ARE PAST DUE** Your CPE form was due June 30. If you haven't finished your hours, please submit it anyway, indicating when you will be done. (E.g., you are going to Regional Congress.) Then turn it in again when you are done. If your CPE is not current you CANNOT be assigned unless NO ONE ELSE in your state is available to judge. Even then you will be paid \$5.00 an hour less. If you are in a situation where you have not been current for a few years (family problems, medical, etc.), talk with your SJD.

**NATIONAL WEBSITE** – Judy Hoeflerlin (National Website Administrator) updated several Website pages, including a refresh of the Home Page and "What's New?" sidebar. She also added videos, updated library items and many forms, which can now be printed separately as pdf's. Email blasts are going out to 800+ judges, but the goal is to attract more judges to our website.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

\*Starting in September, RJD's signed up, to refresh the home page with a video, article or other educational tool.

Region 3 is responsible for:

**NOVEMBER Website – review of CANON #12**

**FEBRUARY - OPTIONAL BEAM**

If interested, please contact me: [mbiliehlsa@gmail.com](mailto:mbiliehlsa@gmail.com)



**Marilyn Blilie**

**Regional Judging Director**

**– Region 3**

## SAVE THE DATE...

**JO Nationals is coming to Region 3 - May 6 weekend, Ft. Worth, TX.**

**April 15-17 - NCAA Women's Gymnastics National Championships - Ft. Worth, Texas**

**Keep the dates open; we would love to have you volunteer!**