

**Region 8**  
**Regional Governing Board Meeting**  
July 12, 2023

**Attendees:** Gayli Craver (AL), Sue Dolinar (SC), Kim Joye (GA), Dawn Roy (TN), Terri Robertson (NC), Joy Schmidt (LA), Lisa Hardin (MS for Reg Shurden), Diane Thompson (RJD).

**Did not Attend:** Susan Monahan (FL)

**I. Equipment Inventory**

Diane discussed the importance of the new Equipment Inventory questions in addition to the annual statistical report each year. It includes questions concerning the location of financial records and checkbooks as well as the use of debit or credit cards.

**II. Green Flag Award**

Diane reminded the board of upcoming Green Flag nominations due in September.

**III. Regional Assignments** – assignments have been made and contracts are forthcoming.

**IV. Google Drive**

To create a seamless transition for new SJDs, RJDs, and National Officers with respect to record-keeping and to have all records in a central location, a national Google Drive will be established, and everyone will be given a corresponding email to access the drive.

**V. COVID Experiences**

Gina (National Historian) requested COVID-era experiences from each state as it pertained to meets, assignments, traveling, fundraising, masks, etc. Diane asked each of us to fill out a card and submit it to her.

**VI. 2023 Training Camps**

- a Regional Symposium will not be held in conjunction with a training camp this year due to the National Symposium.
- The Board discussed ideas for a judging station: recruiting opportunity with information on how to become a judge, basic shorthand, and practice judging.

**VII. Region 8 NAWGJ Board Meetings**

The Board discussed the timeframe for annual meetings and their type (live vs. virtual).

- One Live (in-person) Meeting each year – to be held at R8 Congress, National Symposium, or Regional Symposium (determined on a year-by-year basis).
- One Virtual Meeting each year – typically in the Sep-Nov timeframe.

**VIII. State Check-in** – each SJD provided input on education/reimbursement as well as other status/issues from their state.