

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
Conference Call
September 9, 2020**

President Cookie Batsche called the meeting to order at 6:00 EDT. She welcomed the voting members of the National Governing Board. She then called for a roll call for the record:

President: Cookie Batsche
Vice President: Ann Heppner
Director of Finance: Robin Ruegg
Secretary: Barbara Tebben
Region I: Cindy Lord
Region II: Denise Green
Region III: Marilyn Blilie
Region IV: Robin Smith
Region V: Debbie Campbell
Region VI: Pat Panichas
Region VII: Bonnie Synol
Region VIII: Diane Thompson

Insurance Update

The executive board has secured three new insurance policies with Mazza Insurance and Financial Services LLC:

General Liability Insurance

\$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million aggregate
This policy covers NAWGJ as an organization.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

\$1 million per occurrence/\$1 million aggregate
This policy covers all NAWGJ officers, elected or appointment, and all volunteers working for NAWGJ.

Professional Liability Insurance

\$1 million per occurrence/\$1 million aggregate
This policy covers our NAWGJ active members when they are performing judging-related activities at a meet, critique, camp or clinic.

The Board discussed the details of each policy, what is covered and what is excluded. Patrick Mazza, our insurance agent, will mail the actual policies to us this month.

President Batsche will work with USA Gymnastics to review some of the language related to equipment in the Code of Points and the Rules and Policies to assess if revisions need to reflect more accurately the duties of judges in today's

environment. The NGB will coordinate a meeting with SJD's to update them on our new insurance policies and reporting procedures.

NAWGJ Professional Non-Contracted Activities Report Form

To provide documentation for NAWGJ current active members who perform judging-related activities outside of contracted meets, NAWGJ is working with Julie King from gymjas to develop a report each judge can fill out and submit online through gymjas. Judges are encouraged to submit this form prior to the event in order to have documentation that their non-contracted professional activity is related to their role as NAWGJ judge. These reports will be kept on file in case there is an insurance claim.

Two New Rules

The Committee for Professional Responsibility has produced two new Rules:

- 1) Any contact list generated for NAWGJ is confidential and shall be used for the sole purpose of NAWGJ business
- 2) A judge shall never claim credit for attending any course, online or in-person, in which she/he has not fully participated

Following discussion, the Committee recommends acceptance of the two new Rules. No Second required.

Passed: Unanimously

Old Business

Membership: National Secretary Barbara Tebben reported that about 250 judges are now categorized as "lapsed" because they did not renew their memberships by September 1. Two group renewals are expected soon, which should reduce that number by about 50. October 1, any lapsed judge will be archived (suspended).

Uniform Update (Denise Green, Uniform Committee Chair)

Denise Green and C. Batsche are working with Lands End to streamline our NAWGJ online store. There will soon be a section for official uniform pieces, with the NAWGJ logo, and a section for supplemental clothing and promotional items with the Leaping Lady logo. Most uniform pieces will be restocked in October.

NAWGJ National Meeting

The National NAWGJ Meeting presented at the virtual National USA Gymnastics Congress, both live and taped, was viewed by over 900 of our members. In addition, over 400 judges viewed a separately recorded version of the meeting on the NAWGJ YouTube channel. This high level of participation may encourage a virtual semi-annual national meeting in the future.

Education/Web Content Committees

Several links are being updated on our NAWGJ web site. Practice judging videos for all levels are being uploaded.

JAS/Road to Nationals

Collegiate assigning will begin October 15. Over 200 judges have signed up so far.

Awards Committee (Bonnie Synol, Awards Committee Chair)

The Green Flag nominees are due to SJD's by September 15.

Motion to adjourn: Bonnie Synol

Second: Pat Panichas

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. EDT