

## **NAWGJ National Governing Board--New National Secretary**

Congratulations to Denise Green, who has been elected as the NAWGJ National Secretary! Denise will assume the position previously held by Barb Tebben, from Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Denise, who resides in Washington State began her judging career while still a college competitor at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. She was coached by Varina French, who was one of the founding members of NAWGJ. Denise has been a member of NAWGJ for 43 years! She has maintained an Elite/Brevet rating since 1988.

Denise has served as an officer of NAWGJ since 2000. She began as a State Governing Board Member, was elected as State Judging Director in 2012, and assumed the Regional Judging Director position in 2018.

Denise states " Having participated in the sport of gymnastics at a variety of levels, I have learned to be organized, consistent and focused. I believe my background as a Speech/Language Pathologist, gymnastics judge, state/regional director, has given me skills to work as a team member, problem-solve issues, attend to detail, listen to others' as well as learn from their expertise."

Denise goes on to say, "I am at a point in my life where I am able to volunteer my time almost on a daily basis if needed. I enjoy the thought of working on a board with such kind and hard-working people in the position of NAWGJ Secretary as we continue the promotion of women's gymnastic judging.

Denise's time outside of gymnastics is filled with activities centered around her wonderful family. She has recently retired, after many productive years, from her role as a Speech/Language Pathologist in the Longview, Washington School District.

### **Barb Tebben Deserves a Sincere Thank You...**

Barb Tebben joined NAWGJ in 1981 and has served for 44 years and has served in various positions since 1986.

Barb was elected as Minnesota State Judging Director in 1986, Region IV RJD in 2008, and most recently as National Secretary in 2013. Barb pioneered the newly created role of National Secretary. She worked tirelessly to establish the Wild Apricot Membership database. She worked closely with the Director of Finance and the Constitution Committee to write the NAWGJ Fiscal Policy. Barb has served as an integral member of the Constitution Committee since 2009, helping with major edits and updates to NAWGJ official documents. Barb also collaborated in the work on the Online Voting Guide when NAWGJ moved to online elections.

NAWGJ is enriched by Barb's humor and talents. Her book "The Code of Moons: A Hag Patrol Mystery" based on a group of gymnastics judges provided hours of mystery and entertainment for all who perused it's pages! Our membership has also been enriched by her production of cartoons and videos highlighting the fun and camaraderie of our community.

Barb states, "NAWGJ today is a strong organization that has worked hard to develop procedures and policies that are exciting and helpful for our almost 2200 judges."

Barb's time outside of gymnastics is filled with her wonderful family and, hopefully, more writing!

We extend our deep appreciation for Barb's hours of service and foresight in creating a new position and capable assistance in moving NAWGJ forward as a strong and viable organization.