

*The mission of NAWGJ is to provide professional development for its members and to support and promote women's gymnastics in the United States.*

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES  
NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES  
September 7, 2023 (Via Zoom)**

**Call to Order**

President Catherine Batsche called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT. After welcoming everyone, she called for a roll call for the record:

President: Catherine Batsche

Vice President: Ann Heppner

Director of Finance: Robin Ruegg

Secretary: Denise Green

Region 1: Teresa Barnard

Region 2: Priscilla Hickey

Region 3: Marilyn Blilie

Region 4: Robin Smith

Region 5: Debbie Campbell

Region 6: Jim Burton

Region 7: Bonnie Synol

Region 8: Diane Thompson

National Collegiate Assigner: Lois Colburn

National Education Director: Janice Eyman

National Historian: Gina Fuller, excused

National Judges Cup Director: Evelyn Paradis

National Librarian: Judy Dobransky

National Website Director: Brenda Eberhardt

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Bonnie

I move to approve the minutes from our July 10-11, 2023, Board Of Directors meeting.

Second: Robin Smith

Passed: Unanimously

**Old Business - Updates from the Bylaws Committee:**

After a 30-day review, recommended Bylaw changes from the Committee were brought forward for a vote of the Board of Directors. After approval, the updated Bylaws document will be posted on the website.

**Item 1: State Committee Elections**

Article VI, Section 1, A

Motion to accept change: *State Committee ties will be broken by a run-off election to be completed as soon as possible after the initial election.*

Vote: Unanimously passed

\*Historically, we have allowed the SJD and RJD to determine whether a run-off election will be held or both candidates will be accepted for the board.

## **Item 2: Elections Process**

Article VI, Section 1, B

Motion to accept deletion: All elections will be run by the Vice President, assisted by the respective directors, with the exception of the position of Vice President ~~and elections occurring in the Vice President's Region~~. In this instance, the President shall run the election.

Vote: Unanimously passed

## **Item 3: Co- SJDs**

Article VI, Section 1H

Motion to accept addition: "With the approval and sanction of the Executive Committee and following input from the governing Regional Judging Director, members may choose to run as co-State Judging Directors. *Co-SJDs must submit a form delineating duties for each Co-SJD to the Executive Committee prior to the start of the election.*"

Vote: Unanimously passes

## **Item 4: Appointments**

Article VI, Section 1, J

Motion to accept addition: In case of unexpected resignations or vacancies on the State Committee, the SJD, after consultation with the RJD and approval by the State Committee, may appoint a specific member to fill the position. Appointed members will not have voting privileges on the committee.

\* Clarification: This is regarding elected positions only.

Vote: Unanimously passed

## **Item 5: Term Limits**

Article VI, Section III

The President, Vice President, National Secretary, Director of Finance, At-Large Directors, Regional Directors, and State Directors may be re-elected for one additional consecutive term only, *State Committee may be re-elected for two additional 2-year terms* (partial terms will not be considered when considering the duration of terms). In the event no eligible candidate indicates interest in the position, approval may be requested for the Incumbent to continue to serve an additional term in that position or in another vacant position on the committee.

- a. For Executive Officers, approval is granted by the Board of Directors.
- b. For the RJD position, approval is granted by the Board of Directors.
- c. For the SJD position, approval is granted by the Regional Committee.
- d. For the State Committee, approval is granted by the Regional Committee.  
Clarification: Service on the State Committee only applies to that person who accrues six years of service time on the State Committee.
- e. For At-Large Directors, approval is granted by the Executive Committee.
  - Exception: The National Collegiate Assigner may only serve two terms consecutively.

Motion to accept change and addition:

*"A member who has "termed out" must sit out for two years from the position vacated before running again for that position. If the "termed out" member wishes to move up or down into a different position, they may do so immediately."*

Vote: Unanimously passed

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Vote: Unanimously passed

## **State Financial Expenditure Plans**

Robin Ruegg and the Finance Committee

An informational PowerPoint is posted on the website for the development of the State Financial Expenditure Plan. Two different templates were created for guidance, yet are not required. The SJD will submit its State Compensation Plan to the RJD for approval, who will place the approved plans in the Google Drive so they will be accessible to the Executive Committee. The plans do not need to be sent to the Executive Committee for review unless the plan includes an expenditure that needs further clarification.

## **Symposium Follow-up:**

Cookie reviewed the summary of the Evaluations, which were extremely positive. To date, 17 edited Session videos are now posted on the national website under "Events."

Symposium Operation manuals are in Google Drive for future reference and planning purposes.

## **New Business: NAWGJ Store**

Brenda presented samples of pins to recognize years of service as a NAWGJ member. She will work with Denise to identify the number of pins that should be ordered for each benchmark year.

**Motion to adjourn:** Bonnie Synol

Second: Teresa Barnard

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 P.M.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Awards:** Bonnie Synol\*, Marilyn Blilie, Evelyn Paradis, Jim Burton

**Bylaws:** Ann Heppner\*, Denise Green, Bonnie Synol

**Education:** Marilyn Blilie\*, Jan Eyman, Denise Green, Teresa Barnard, Priscilla Hickey, Judy Dobransky

**Elections:** Ann Heppner\*, Brenda Eberhardt, Bonnie Synol, Denise Green, Jim Burton

**Finance:** Robin Ruegg\*, Debbie Campbell, Robin Smith, Priscilla Hickey, Teresa Barnard

**Helping Hands:** Robin Smith\*, Diane Thompson, Jan Eyman

**History Advisory:** Diane Thompson\*, Gina Fuller, Judy Dobransky, Lois Colburn, Priscilla Hickey

**JAS:** Cookie Batsche\*, Lois Colburn, Robin Ruegg, Debbie Campbell, Marilyn Blilie

**Outreach Recruitment & Mentoring:** Cookie Batsche\*, Judy Dobransky, Jan Eyman, Robin Ruegg

**Professional Responsibility:** Robin Ruegg\*, Ann Heppner, Diane Thompson, Teresa Barnard

**Site:** Bonnie Synol\*, Evelyn Paradis, Robin Smith, Debbie Campbell, Denise Green

**Web Content:** Cookie Batsche\*, Brenda Eberhardt, Gina Fuller, Jim Burton, Ann Heppner

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Ad Hoc Assigning:** Teresa Barnard\*, Debbie Campbell, Priscilla Hickey

**Ad Hoc Uniform:** Cookie Batsche\*, Brenda Eberhardt, Jim Burton

\* Denotes Committee Chairperson