

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**

**Via Zoom
October 25, 2023**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Batsche at 7:00 p.m. EDT. All members were present.

President: Catherine Batsche

Vice President: Ann Heppner

Director of Finance: Robin Ruegg (late)

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

National Judges Cup Director: Evelyn Paradis

National Librarian: Judy Dobransky

National Website Director: Brenda Eberhardt

Elections and Appointments

Discussed preparations for the NAWGJ presidential election and appointment of all At-Large Director positions. Election information will be sent to RJDs/SJDs and posted on the NAWGJ website.

Timeline for the election of the President:

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| 11/15/23 | Letter of Eligibility sent to candidates |
| 12/1/23 | Application due to VP |
| 12/5-15/23 | Voting of BOD |
| 4/1/24 | Assumes office |

Timeline for the election of all At-Large Directors:

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| 2/1/24 | Letter of Eligibility sent to candidates |
| 3/1/24 | Application due to VP, who presents to Exec. Committee |
| 3/15/24 | Executive Committee makes recommendations to the BOD |
| 3/25/24 | Meeting with BOD to select At-Large Directors |
| 4/1/24 | Assumes office |

At-Large Director Duties

Reviewed the duties of the National Library Director. With technology increasingly essential, it was recommended the National Library Director position be amended to include technology services. The BODs reviewed the proposed amendments made by the Executive Committee and provided additional input.

Amendment to the Bylaws

Motion: From the Executive Committee: make the following changes in the Bylaws, which requires a vote after a 15-day review (emailed 10/18/23):

1. Amend the duties of the National Library Director to add technology services as proposed in the shared document.
2. Transfer duties from National Library Director to Website Director:
 - a. Maintain and publish a catalog of NAWGJ products on the National Website.
 - b. Receive orders and send products upon request.

*****Amendment to the minutes: 11/27/23 BOD approved anonymously to accept amendments 1 & 2.***

Motion: From the Executive Committee: make the following friendly amendment to the Bylaws for consistency regarding the financial reporting duties of Directors and Executive Committee members:

"Provide a written and oral Annual report, including financial expenditures, to the Board of Directors at the Summer meeting."

Passed: Unanimously

Clerical Amendment: Change "National Historian" to "National History Director" to align with titles of other At-Large Directors.

Permission to Video

Cookie reviewed recent USA SafeSport/USAG updates for permission to video athletes with continued discussion ahead.

Insurance Update

Cookie reviewed the current coverage provided by our insurance carrier regarding the Judges Cup(s) and possible changes that may need to occur.

Exec Committee Admin Assistants

The Executive Committee proposed, without dissent, an allocation of up to \$2000 for each Executive Officer to obtain clerical assistance to support the duties of their position. The individual and the hourly pay will be reviewed with prior approval by the Executive Committee annually before engaging the individual.

Other Directors without a budget may request funds from the Executive Committee to support clerical work for their positions.

Financial Committee updates

1. Reviewed the National NAWGJ bank accounts.
2. Shared recent minutes from the Finance Committee meeting.
3. The Operational Procedures for Financial Matters document is nearing completion.
4. Reviewed discussion brought forth by the RJDs regarding expenses for national meetings. This will be added to the agenda for a future BOD meeting with RJDs.

NJC-Tinley Park, IL

The BODs will not be required to attend the National Judges Cup this year (2024). This is a one-time exception to the existing procedures that require attendance at least every other year.

MOTION to adjourn: Bonnie Synol

Second: Jim Burton

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm EDT

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