

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
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
Via Zoom
March 25, 2024**

Call to Order

President Catherine Batsche called the meeting to order at 8:00 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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from our October 25, 2023, Zoom meeting were approved via email on November 7, 2023.

For the Record - Elections

President - Term April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2027

NAWGJ President	
Teresa Barnard	Unopposed

Regional Judging Director - Term begins April 1, 2023 - May 14, 2026

Region 1 RJD	
April Brandon	Elected

State Judging Directors - Even Regions: Term May 15, 2024 - May 14, 2028

Region 2	
Alaska: Deatrich Sheffield	Unopposed
Hawaii: Pattie Walkabout	Termed out: No other candidates, Will Serve as SJD
Washington: Michelle LaDow	Unopposed
Oregon: Debbie Anderson	Unopposed
Montana: Jeanine Henneford	Termed out: No other candidates, Will Serve as SJD
Idaho: Erin Jacobsen	Unopposed
Region 4	
Iowa: Kerri Clifton	Elected
Minnesota: Kylie Fortunato	Unopposed
Missouri: Felicia Ostrom, Annie Alameda	Unopposed
Nebraska: Angie Jensen	Unopposed
North Dakota: Sarah Weninger	Unopposed (2nd term)
South Dakota: Shania Drey	Unopposed
Wisconsin: Mary Pica Anderson	Elected
Region 6	
Connecticut: Debbie Carrier, Linda Briggs	Unopposed
Maine: Carlee Cummings, Valrie Jackson	Unopposed
Massachusetts: Jenn Perry	Unopposed, (1st full term)
New Hampshire: Danielle Baxter	Termed Out. No other candidates, will serve as SJD
New York North: Cheryl Tosh, Karen Gurnett	Unopposed
New York South: Gail Caspare	Elected
Rhode Island: Katy Basu, Robin Grady	Unopposed
Vermont: Kori Crane, Michelle Rubman	Unopposed
Region 8	
Alabama: Stephanie Kuhlmann	Elected

Florida: Patricia Lydon	Elected
Georgia: Cathy Campfield	Elected
Louisiana: Silke Tietje	Unopposed
Mississippi: Reg Shurden	Unopposed (2nd term)
North Carolina: Chris Fuller	Unopposed
South Carolina: Sue Dolinar	Unopposed (2nd term)
Tennessee: Dawn Roy	Unopposed (2nd term)

The Board of Directors welcomes our new Leadership and thanks the past Leaders for their commitment and hard work. Appreciation for maintaining our integrity and forward momentum goes to Cookie Batche. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for her years of service.

At-Large Director Positions

After reviewing the applications for the At-Large positions on March 18, 2024, the Executive Committee brought forward recommendations to the Board of Directors. Discussion and unanimous votes for each position led to the following members being appointed as At-Large Directors, serving a 4-year term from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2028.

Position	Appointed Candidate
National History Director	Gina Fuller, continuing (2nd term)
National Education Director	Tammy Parsons
National Judges Cup Director	Evelyn Paradis, continuing (2nd term)
National Website Director	Brenda Eberhart, continuing (2nd term)
National Library/Tech Services Director	Maureen Blair
National Collegiate Assigner	Jenna Karadbil (Assigner-elect position started 4/1/23)

The Board of Directors thanks all the applicants for their interest in the At-Large Director positions. We also thank Judy Dobransky and Jan Eyman for their invaluable contributions as the National Librarian and National Education Directors.

NAWGJ Finances

On March 18, 2024, the Executive Committee unanimously approved NAWGJ central funds to cover the RJD hotel expenses for the 2024 Summer BOD meeting, as many have limited

funds that would be better used for projects to support their regional members. Since this financially affected the RJDs and could be a conflict of interest, the Executive Committee approved this motion.

Motion: The Finance Committee moves to close the Library bank account and will process future payments through centralized NAWGJ funds on a project basis.

No second needed

Passed: Unanimously

Proposed Dates for Summer 2025 Board Meeting

June 25-29, 2025, were selected for the 2025 in-person BOD and virtual SJD meetings. Bonnie Synol and Joan Morrison will identify potential locations and geographical sites for the 2025 BOD meeting. The Site Committee will review and present the options to the BOD at the Board meeting in July 2024. The 2025 SJD virtual meeting will be on June 28th and 29th.

2024 Summer Board Meeting topics for discussion

A. Increasing the number of Board meetings per year from two to four

Discussion will occur at the 2024 Summer Board Meeting regarding scheduling quarterly BOD meetings per year: one live and three virtual. This would allow more time to discuss and finish work routinely and provide time for the RJDs to develop their quarterly newsletter, which has benefited all members. This requires a change in the Bylaws, which will be recommended at the summer board meeting.

B. Budgetary processes

Project-based budgeting will be considered and developed at the summer Board of Directors meeting for committees with expenditures, such as Library and Education, to create an easy-to-manage expenditure process.

C. Levels of permission for video use

The NAWGJ Board of Directors will develop a process for obtaining permission for video use: opt-out and/or individual permissions. Currently, the opt-out method is being used for the NJC.

Education Committee Rapid Reviews and Processes

Cookie shared the spectacular praise from the membership for the Rapid Reviews and scored routines that the Education Committee developed. Several States were grateful, as they used them to prepare for their State Championship meets.

MOTION to adjourn: Bonnie Synol

Second: Teresa Barnard

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 pm EDT