

Welcome to our 2025 April National Newsletter.

April and May bring about the culmination of a great competitive season. NCAA Nationals have just finished up and USAG Easterns, Westerns and Nationals are on the horizon. Before we know it, we will all be seeing each other at Congresses across the country. Please note our NAWGJ general meeting will be on Saturday August 9th, 1:30-2:15 at National Congress, room number will be coming soon.

May we all remember how blessed we are to be a part of this wonderful gymnastics community. Please take care yourselves and stay healthy and get some much need rest during the summer. Each and everyone of you is an important part of our circle.

I would especially like to take a moment to recognize Marilyn Blilie RJD Region 3 and Bonnie Synol RJD 7 for their service to our organization. We will be honoring them at National Congress during our General Meeting. (Pictured below: Cookie Batsche, Bonnie Synol, Teresa Barnard, Marilyn Blilie, Evelyn Paradis)

Best Regards, Teresa Barnard  
NAWGJ President



2025 Important Information

Please remember **USAG RTCCs** should answer any questions concerning categories for National/Brevet ratings and credits for leadership.

Please be help our the RTCCs by being on time with all paperwork and submissions.

Here is the link to the lasted updates on Brevet and National Testing:

[https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/2630\\_examinfo.pdf](https://static.usagym.org/PDFs/Women/Judges/2630_examinfo.pdf)

Land's End Sale

2-Days Only Flash Sale  
Date: 4/21- 4/22

50% off \$250 minimum purchase \*Exclusions Apply  
Promotion Code: W50250

Layer on the Savings  
Date: 4/23-5/9

Promotion Codes: 20% OFF \$100 (W20100), 30% OFF \$200 (W30200), 40% OFF \$300 (W40300)

History Committee

Have you seen the new “Jackie Fie Archives” on the NAWGJ website History page? The History Committee would like to thank Cookie Batsche for her countless hours editing the Jackie Fie Archive videos. It is a treasure for us to be able to access them!

One section of the Archives is “New Elements Performed 1993-1999 World Championships.” There is a catalog of the elements performed and a video that goes with it. Have fun exploring the videos, seeing elements when they were performed for the first time. You might even be surprised on how the elements have changed over the years...or, how they are the same!

Start exploring here: Have you seen the "original" performance and evaluation of the "Ray" release move on Bars?"

Catalog: 1999 World Championships <https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/New-Bars-Catalog-Fie.pdf> Video: Time code 18:55 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU3XFy5i-yU>

Did you know Amanda Bordon performed the first Straddle-pike jump with ½ turn from side position? Take a look!

Catalog: World Championships 1994: Brisbane <https://nawgj.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/New-Element-Beam-Catalog-Fie.pdf> Video: Time code 3:09 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkxEfm8SvHE>



Jackie Fie, President of the FIG/WTC (1992-2004)



Membership Group Renewals:

SJDs-Group renewals are due by May 1st.  
This is a great way to support the judges in your state!

Election Committee

- **Upcoming!** The Elections Committee will meet virtually with State (SJD) and Regional Judging Directors (RJD) prior to State Committee elections.

May 16th, 2025, 6:00 pm PST/8:00 pm Central/ 9:00 pm Eastern

2025 Election Results

Region 1

RJD - April Brandon wins by acclamation. Term May 15, 2025 to May 14, 2029.

April was re-elected after completing the last year of Teresa Barnard's RJD term.

Region 2

SJD - Alaska special election, Deatrich Sheffield moving (completed one year of a 4-year term).

Kai Brinkley Sims and Kalei Rupp ran unopposed as Co-SJDs: Term May 15, 2025 to May 14, 2028. (partial term)

Region 3

RJD - Suzann Azzaro elected - Term May 15, 2025 to May 14, 2029. (1st term)

SJD - Molly Oehlert elected SJD Kansas - Term May 15, 2025 to May 14, 2027. (partial term)

Region 5

RJD - Debbie Campbell wins by acclamation. Term May 15, 2025 to May 14, 2029. (2nd term)

Region 7

RJD - Leslie McPeek elected in runoff vote. Term May 15, 2025 to May 14, 2029. (1st term)

Outreach, Mentoring & Recruitment Committee

New Judge Cards Developed two-sided postcard with QR codes linked to NAWGJ.org

- New Judge ~ CHECKLIST
- USAG Judging Accreditation – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges
- Become A Judge – National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges

Published & Distributed Cards

- 375 cards to NCAA
- 100 cards to DIII Collegiate Nationals
- 250 cards to NAIGC
- 125 cards to 8 NAWGJ Directors & USAIGC Director





NEW JUDGE  
CHECKLIST



JUDGING  
ACCREDITATION



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
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SCAN THE QR CODES TO LEARN MORE  
OR GO TO NAWGJ.ORG

**REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER:**

- 1) *STAY CONNECTED* to Gymnastics
- 2) *EARN \$\$\$*
- 3) *SHARPEN Your SKILLS*
- 4) *SEE a Different Side of the Sport*
- 5) *SHAPE the FUTURE*



SCAN TO GET STARTED



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
Women's Gymnastics Judges

**BECOME A  
JUDGE & JOIN  
NAWGJ TODAY!**

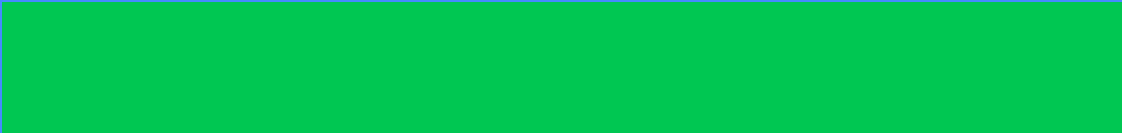
Awards Committee

Awards Committee completed our annual recognition of outstanding judges through distribution of our Green Flag awards. Both individual state and regional winners were recognized.

Regional winners will go on to be considered for the national award at our next NAWGJ Symposium.

We are now exploring special ways to recognize and thank two of our retiring RJDs, Marlyn Blilie from Region 3 and Bonnie Synol from Region 7. Please share your ideas (and pictures!) with us.





Site Committee

June 25th-June 29th, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting  
Baltimore, MD  
January 2nd-4th 2026 National Judges Cup @ The Marriott  
Anaheim, CA  
July 15th-July 18th, 2027 NAWGJ Symposium @ The Loews  
Kansas City, MO

Helping Hands Committee

Helping Hands had a contest to come up with a program to help maintain our judges and help new judges with the financial challenges of becoming judges. The prize was a trip to the National Judges' Cup. The Montana NAWGJ State Committee won the challenge and all four members were able to fly to Florida to participate in our National Judges' Cup.

Region 1

Region 1 had a successful 8-10 regionals in Utah.  
Judges participated in "clipping" with the athletes and coaches (see picture below). It brought a community spirit and fun for all.

- Upcoming education opportunities/events:
- 1. July-Hi tech camp- SoCal
  - 2. Aug -National Congress- LA
  - 3. Aug -R1 Congress- NorCal
  - 4. Sept- Basic Skills Camp- Utah
  - 5. Oct- College showcase-Utah
  - 6. Nov- Regional Base Score Symposium-NV
  - 7. Dec- Basic Skills Camp-NorCal



Region 2

Special Thank you to Detrich Sheffield (Alaska SJD) who is moving to Idaho (new job).  
Welcome NEW Co-SJDs Kai Sim and Kalei Rupp.





### Region 3

Congratulations to Suzann Azzaro, who was elected RJD. Her term will start on May 15th.

Congratulations to Molly Oehlert who was elected as the new Kansas SJD. Molly's partial term will begin May 15th.

Thank you Marilyn Blilie for all your service to Region 3 as our RJD.

### Region 4

Exciting new in Region 4, while we had no elections, our South Dakota SJD had a beautiful baby boy, Ronan Reece, in February. Congratulations!

Our Regional Green Flag went to Jan Adkins of Wisconsin.

We are hosting Westerns in North Dakota in May and we are looking forward to everyone visiting us!

### Region 5

Great job to all judges this season. Wishing all athletes, coaches and judges the best as we head into the final meets of the season.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this summer at our camps, congresses and other educational events.

### Region 7

Congratulations to Leslie McPeck on becoming our new RJD.

Thank you to Bonnie Synol for her 22 years of service as our RJD in region 7.

### Region 8

As Region 8 winds down from a busy competitive season, our judges are all looking forward to summer and fall training opportunities. We are excited to host USAG National Congress again in New Orleans in August. It will be hot, but there will be lots of opportunity for learning and fun!

We will also be planning three training camps:

- 6/7/8 (JULY 18-20) at Gymnastix in Atlanta
- National Team Training Camp (9/19-21) at Auburn University
- 8/9/10 Training Camp (10/17-19) at Orlando Metro

We are tentatively planning a Regional NAWGJ Symposium in conjunction with National Team Training Camp. It is our intention to offer learning opportunities for our leaders to share their wealth of knowledge. Please share your creative ideas for topics!

**Thank you and look for our next newsletter in July  
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