

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES

Executive Committee Meeting

Kansas City, MO

July 21, 2026

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

Call to Order

President Teresa Barnard called the session to order on July 21, 2026, at 7:30 Central Time.

In attendance:

President: Teresa Barnard

Vice President: Bonnie Synol

Director of Finance: Robin Ruegg

Secretary: Denise Green

Secretary Elect: April Brandon

OLD BUSINESS

Elections:

- Julie Andrews was elected Regional Judging Director
 - Term August 1st, 2026 to March 31, 2029
 - Donagene Jones will continue as State Judging Director for CA-N

Historically, if a State Judging Director (SJD) transitions to a new position with less than one year remaining in their term, a Co-SJD is not appointed to fill the remainder of the term.

- Kelly Shane, NM SJD's resignation accepted, effective August 1, 2026.
 - The Executive Committee approves the appointment of Megan Luthiger as State Judging Director (SJD) to fulfill the remainder of the term ending May 14, 2027.
 - Concurrently, Kelly will move to a State Committee position to maintain three committee members, which includes the SJD

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Committee requests that the Technology Director draft and submit a proposal outlining suggested updates to her duties as listed in the Bylaws.

Reviewed and approved a submitted Media Request

Discussed motions from committees at BOD meeting beginning July 22, 2026

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1st Tuesday of the month, Executive Committee Meeting

7AM PT, 9 CT, 10 ET

Adjourned: 10:30 AM, CT

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Via Google Meet

July 7, 2026

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

Call to Order

President Teresa Barnard called the session to order on July 7, 2026, at 6:00 pm Pacific Time.

In attendance:

President: Teresa Barnard

Vice President: Bonnie Synol

Director of Finance: Robin Ruegg

Secretary: Denise Green

Secretary Elect: April Brandon

OLD BUSINESS

Elections:

National Secretary:

- Denise Green's resignation accepted as of August 1, 2026
- April Brandon elected National Secretary by acclamation
- Partial Term: August 1st 2026, through March 31, 2027

Region 1 RJD

- Julie Andrews elected Regional Judging Director (replacing April Brandon)
- Term: August 1st 2026, through May 15, 2029

SJD Election

- WY SJD, Brianne Rauzi, resignation accepted
 - Erin McPhearson appointed to fulfill remainder of the current State Judging Director
 - Term through May 14, 2027

State Committee elections

- Timeline: Voting currently underway and scheduled to conclude July 10, 2026
- Term Commencement: All incoming committee members—including individuals elected by acclamation and those voted into office—officially assume their positions July 15, 2026

Committee Assignments

Julie Andrews, RJD: Education, Professional Development

Memberships:

Memberships expire on 7/31/26. Currently, 1700 out of 2459 have renewed. Reminder not to renew beyond 2027.

SJD Meeting 8/16/26

Discussed proposed topics

NEW BUSINESS

Finance

- 2025 tax return completed and posted on the NAWGJ website.
- NAWGJ had \$3.9 million in the state, regional, and national bank accounts combined as of 10/31/2025. That amount is expected to drop in 2026 due to reimbursements to judges in a testing year.
- Funds to NAWGJ from a deceased judge's estate have not yet been distributed. Wells Fargo Financial Advisors reached out to Robin Ruegg, and she signed additional paperwork. It appears to be closer to completion and distribution.
- Finance and Bylaws Committee will consider a motion to increase the amount for depreciable expenditures in our capitalization policy at the recommendation of the accountant.

2029 Judges Cup

Discussion of the submitted Request for Proposal (RFP) to be forwarded to the BOD for a vote.

2027 NAWGJ Symposium

Reviewed the proposed fee schedule for the 2027 NAWGJ Symposium.

2026 Summer Board of Directors Meeting

Schedule

Finalized the schedule for the summer Board of Directors meeting

Adjourned: 7:30 PM PT

Executive Committee

Teresa Barnard*, Bonnie Synol
Robin Ruegg, April Brandon

Bylaws and Official Documents Committee

Bonnie Synol*, Diane Thompson, Leslie McPeek, Gina
Fuller, April Brandon (membership)

- Membership
- Elections
- Bylaws & Official Documents

College Judging Committee

Debbie Campbell *, Robin Ruegg
Jenna Karadbil, Teresa Barnard

Communications Committee

Suzy Azzaro*, Gina Fuller, Jim Burton
Brenda Eberhardt, Maureen Blair

- History
- Newsletter
- Social Media
- Technology
- Web Content

Finance Committee

Robin Ruegg*, Debbie Campbell,
Leslie McPeek, April Brandon (Helping Hands),
Patty Ames, Teresa Barnard (ex officio)

* Denotes Committee Chairperson

Education Committee

Bonnie Synol*, Tammy Parsons
Maureen Blair, Evelyn Paradis,
Suzann Azzaro, Patty Ames, Sarah Nelson,
Julie Andrews
(All BODs participate)

Events Committee

Teresa Barnard*, Tammy Parsons,
Evelyn Paradis, Gina Fuller,
Brenda Eberhardt, Sarah Nelson
Diane Thompson-ex officio

- Awards
- NJC
- Site
- Symposium

Professional Development Committee

Robin Ruegg*, Diane Thompson
Bonnie Synol, Jenna Karadbil,
Brenda Eberhardt, Julie Andrews
(Assigning),
Jim Burton (Outreach)

- Assigning
- Ethics
- Outreach, Recruitment & Mentoring