

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES  
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES  
Conference Call  
April 30, 2020**

President Cookie Batsche called the meeting to order at 7:00 EDT. She welcomed the voting members of the National Governing Board, especially the new Director of Finance, Robin Ruegg, and new Region 8 RJD Diane Thompson. She then called for a roll call for the record:

President: Cookie Batsche  
Vice President: Ann Heppner  
Director of Finance: Robin Ruegg  
Secretary: Barbara Tebben  
Region I: Cindy Lord  
Region II: Denise Green  
Region III: Marilyn Blilie  
Region IV: Robin Smith  
Region V: Debbie Campbell  
Region VI: Pat Panichas  
Region VII: Bonnie Synol  
Region VIII: Diane Thompson

**Financial Update**

President Batsche asked Robin Ruegg to update the NGB on her transition to Director of Finance. Her work is divided into three categories right now: past (catching up with 2019); present (audits of latest financial reports); and future (education of NAWGJ officers and revisions to the Quarterly Financial Report form). She is also helping to update bank signature cards.

**Resuming Contracts**

The NGB agreed that NAWGJ assigners may resume issuing contracts for next season's meets, per the recommendation of the National Executive Board on April 23.

**2020 NGB Meeting/SJD Workshop**

The NGB decided that a face-to-face meeting in Seattle this July is unrealistic because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Site Committee will confirm soon if the Hyatt/Lake Washington in Seattle can be booked for the July 2021 meetings.

Meanwhile, the following online meetings will proceed this summer:

**National Governing Board:** Four meetings via Google Meet will commence every Wednesday, beginning June 10. Committees will meet in advance. A tentative agenda for each of the weeks was discussed.

**New SJD Meeting:** Each Executive Board member will make a short video about one or more pertinent topics for posting on our NAWGJ YouTube Channel. We will then schedule a meeting with the new SJD's via Google Meet for discussion and questions/answers.

**SJD Workshop:** Topics could include: positive leadership in the post-pandemic year; bank account transition processes; update on testing alternatives; tips and instruction for online meetings; and assigning issues in a season that could see fewer and smaller meets, especially in the fall.

Cookie will send out accompanying documents for RJD's to distribute to their SJD's. The Board also expressed concern for judges who will be returning to meets and gyms this fall. Debbie Campbell, Ann Heppner, Pat Panichas, and Denise Green volunteered to come up with a list of safety suggestions.

**MOTION:** Marilyn Blilie: I move that, for this year only, we allow online meetings to suffice for all NGB/RGB/SGB meeting requirements.

Second: Pat Panichas

Vote: Passed Unanimously

### **National Judges' Cup**

The Board discussed our options regarding the National Judges' Cup (Virginia Beach, VA, January 2021).

### **NCAA Update**

Lois Colburn, National Collegiate Assigner, will meet with the NACGC (Women) officials later in May. She will report any changes to the NGB.

Motion to adjourn: Pat Panichas

Second: Bonnie Synol

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m. EDT