

Region 8 Board Meeting
July 10, 2019
Fort Worth, Texas

Attendance

Gayli Craver, Brenda Eberhardt, Janet Efland, Kim Joye, Susan Monahan, Dawn Roy (for Sibby Lane), Terri Robertson, Reg Shurden, C Batsche

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 13, 2018 meeting were approved by email on July 15, 2019. Meeting minutes on posted on the NAWGJ Region 8 website http://nawgj.org/region_8.php

Region 8 Webpage

Terri Robertson, Janet Efland, and Susan Monahan were asked to send a photo in NAWGJ uniform to Brenda Eberhardt for posting on the Region 8 webpage http://nawgj.org/region_8.php

Proposed Region 8 Budget

A draft budget for Region 8 was distributed for initial discussion. Feedback will be incorporated in the budget prior to distribution to the Board for approval in the fall.

Emergency Contact Information in gymjas

SJDs were asked to remind all of their members to update their emergency contact information in gymjas. An emergency occurred in another state and the gymjas contact information was the only way the Meet Referee had of notifying the judge's family to assist her; hence the importance of adding emergency contact information to gymjas.

Updates from National Board Meeting

1. NAWGJ memberships not paid on time will lapse and the member's record will be archived on August 31 of each year. NAWGJ contracts may not be issued to a judge with a lapsed membership.
2. The Green Flag award was discussed and states were asked to submit nominees for 2020 if they have members who merit recognition for their contributions to NAWGJ. New guidelines and an announcement will be posted on the NAWGJ website. States are not obligated to submit a nominee.
3. All states were asked to develop a spending plan for use of their reserve funding. Although no formal guideline was set, the national board discussion focused on maintaining enough funds in reserve to operate the organization for one year beyond a current year. All other funds should have a spending plan in place that has been approved by the SGB and recorded in the minutes. States with large amounts of funds in relation to the number of members are encouraged to begin to expend their funds with primary emphasis given to funding participation in NAWGJ educational events and National Judges Cup (including both judge volunteers and team support).
4. Term limits were approved for SGB members as follows (however, see NGB minutes for formal clarifications when published):
 - o Term limits for SGB members will go into effect on August 1, 2019.

- Term 1 is the term in which the person is currently serving. Therefore, even numbered states (including Region 8) will have up to 5 years before their term expires because they have already completed 1 year of Term 1.
 - Partial terms do not count in the calculation of terms.
 - The term limits apply for all people serving on the SGB, including the **SJD**. The term limit is for the person, not the position.
 - Are any exceptions possible? Yes, the exceptions will apply for SGB as for the RJDs (see operating code).
5. Term limits for the National Executive Committee required further discussion and will be addressed at the January, 2020 meeting of the Board.
 6. The 2020 National Judges Cup will be held January 10-12 at Santa Clara Convention Center.
 7. The 2020 SJD national meeting will be held in the state of Washington at Hyatt Regency Lake Washington (to be confirmed) the week of July 6-12.
 8. The 2021 SJD meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in Region 5 the week of July 12-19 (to be confirmed).
 9. Confidentiality/COI forms for all SGB members are required annually. SJDs are to send them via google drive or emailed PDF to RJD who will transmit them to Ann Heppner. Electronic copies must be maintained by the SJD as well.
 10. Per diem for the Fort Worth SJD meeting is \$61.00 per day: \$12; \$17; \$32
 11. The new Problem Resolution Process was expected to be approved by the NGB on Sunday (note: it was approved) and may be utilized to assist SJDs with resolving complaints received about their members. The new process allows problems to be resolved at the local level unless a judge decides to appeal a decision made by the SJD.
 12. The ideas generated by the SJDs at the 2018 meeting regarding options for recertification have been developed into a small set of alternatives for discussion. One outcome was the development of an app that can be used to facilitate practice judging. After the app is completed, information about its use will be transmitted to SJDs for purposes of practice judging assistance.
 13. A new Request for Projects (RFP) announcement will be distributed during the summer. SJDs are asked to encourage judges with solid educational projects to consider submission for the RFP Educational Champions award.

Record Submission/Records Review

During the past year, all SJDs submitted their financial reports and other required documents electronically (some by email and others in Google Drive). The RJD set a goal for all SJDs to submit their records via Google Drive beginning now. SJDs have two choice: (1) simply upload the same PDF that you are currently submitting via email to a google drive folder instead and share it with the RJD or (2) you can begin to maintain all of your records in your google MyDrive (receipts, financial reports, bank statements, meeting minutes, annual reports etc.). The advantage of the latter is that it will facilitate the compilation of your Record Review when your state is selected for review and it will facilitate the transmission of records to your successor as

SJD. It will also preserve your records in case of a computer crash or house fire or other traumatic event.

NAWGJ Uniform

The board discussed the status of the NAWGJ uniform given the notation in the USA Gymnastics minutes regarding the uniform. Please remind your members that USA Gymnastics still requires members to wear navy blue pants/skirt with white blouse/shirt and navy jacket. Although the NAWGJ uniform may not be required as part of a contract, it fulfills the USA Gymnastics requirement. Please continue to encourage judges to wear the NAWGJ uniform although you may not require it. The NAWGJ national board developed language for contracts that states the “appropriate” uniform is required thus giving you the opportunity to counsel judges who do not come to meets in “appropriate” attire, i.e., attire that does not meet the USA Gymnastics guidelines, unprofessional dress, jackets with logos from other meets, etc. NAWGJ will also consult with the manufacturer to determine if a wider array of choices can be made available to assist judges find NAWGJ uniform pieces that may be more comfortable for different body types.

Regional Symposium Planning

The remainder of the meeting was spent planning the 2019 Region 8 Symposium to be held October 18-20 at Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta on October 18-20, 2019. The theme will be “New Beginnings” to coincide with the National Symposium theme of “Steering our Path Forward.”

Next Meeting

Unless a meeting is needed prior to summer, 2020, the next meeting will be held at the national SJD workshop or Region 8 Congress, whichever comes first. The date for Region 8 Congress had not been finalized at the time of this discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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