

**Region 8 NAWGJ Board Meeting
June 17, 2016 Minutes**

Attendance

Cookie Batsche, Gayli Craver, Terri Costa, Janet Efland, Brenda Eberhardt, Kim Joye, Sibby Lane, Susan Monahan, Mary Thacker.

Evelyn Chandler, Sharon Doyle, Marian Dykes, Kerma Headrick, Pat Panichas, Sheila Ragle, Mary Ann Wallace.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Edgewater Grille in the Hilton Charlotte University Hotel.

Welcome to New SJDs

The Board welcomed three new SJDs: Gayli Craver (Alabama), Kim Joye (Georgia), and Sibby Lane (Tennessee).

Transitions: State Governing Board (SGB) Election Update

At the time of the Board meeting, the SGB nomination process had been completed in several states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi) and elections were scheduled to proceed where necessary. The timeline for North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee had been adjusted to correspond to the starting date of their election.

Kim Joye and Sheila Ragle described their experience using VotingPlace.net and provided suggestions for new users. Additional help for new users is available from Leslie Patterson leslie2754@yahoo.com. States may continue to use the paper ballot system or use the electronic voting system.

It was noted that the application forms used in some states need to be updated with two changes:

- A space/field needs to be added to identify the position the applicant is seeking
- A statement needs to be added indicating that the application is sent to the RJD (a note may be included to cc the SJD)

SJDs were asked to update their ballots at this time so the changes will be in place for the next election.

Transitions: Financial Reports and Expenditures

New SJDs were asked to open a checking account for their state NAWGJ funds. As part of the transition process to the new RJD, all SJDs were asked to add Patty Shipman and Catherine Batsche to their accounts and to remove Sheila Ragle from existing accounts.

Evelyn Chandler clarified that debit cards, but not credit cards, were allowable for state checking accounts. She also reviewed expenditures that were allowable for attendance at Regional Congress and the National Board Meeting in July. Additional detail will be provided for new SJDs at the national meeting.

Sheila Ragle reviewed the process for preparing and submitting financial reports. SJDs were asked to include receipts grouped by category of expenditure to facilitate review and reconciliation.

Topics for Region 8 Meeting in California

Topics proposed for the next NAWGJ Board meeting in July were: Symposium Planning (scheduled for September 16-18 at Alabama Training Camp), NAWGJ Region 8 webpage, and professional behavior issues (postponed from June meeting).

Appreciation Awards

The NAWGJ Board presented recognition awards to outgoing members: Sheila Ragle (RJD), Sharon Doyle (Georgia), Kerma Headrick (Tennessee), and Mary Ann Wallace (Alabama). NAWGJ expresses sincere appreciation for their numerous years of service and the valuable contributions each individual has made to the organization.

Next Meeting

Friday evening, July 15th, at NAWGJ National Board Meeting. Time and location to be announced.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.