

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
January 11, 2020**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Chandler at 9:40 a.m. PST. She thanked everyone for the Board's participation and flexibility at our Judges' Cup 25th Anniversary meet this year. Evelyn is retiring April 1 after serving as President for ten years. She called for a roll call for the record:

President: Evelyn Chandler
Vice President: Ann Heppner
Director of Finance: Patty Shipman (excused)
Secretary: Barbara Tebben
Region 1: Cindy Lord
Region 2: Denise Green
Region 3: Marilyn Blilie
Region 4: Robin Smith
Region 5: Debbie Campbell
Region 6: Pat Panichas
Region 7: Bonnie Synol
Region 8: Cookie Batsche
National Judges Cup Director: Patty Shipman (excused)
National Librarian: Judy Dobransky
National Education Director: Janice Eyman
National Collegiate Assigner: Donnalyn Trevethan
National Website Director: Brenda Eberhardt

Before moving on with the agenda, the National Governing Board filmed a greeting for ailing National Governing Board member Patty Shipman.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Bonnie Synol: I move to accept the minutes from Ft. Worth, Texas in July 2019, with corrections to the list of Education and Site Committee members.

Second: Denise Green

Passed: Unanimously

Note: The current minutes will reflect the updated committee rosters.

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution Committee Clarifications

1. Electronic Meeting Guidelines

Vice President Ann Heppner read the guidelines for electronic meetings from Roberts Rules of Order. She emphasized that every board member must be able to sign in and participate. One in-person meeting per year is required for all Boards. Clarification: An electronic meeting will not fulfill the requirement of the in-person meeting.

2. Term Limits for State Governing Board Members

Clarification: Length of service applies to the board member, not the position held. SGB members who have completed their maximum terms are eligible to run for SJD.

3. Holding Two Offices on the National Governing Board

A member may not serve in any of the following positions simultaneously: State Judging Director, Regional Judging Director, National Officer or At-Large Director.

The Board considered moving the National Judges Cup Director under the jurisdiction of the Director of Finance. Further discussion tabled to July meeting.

4. Online Elections: Possible Changes

The Board discussed changing our online election site from VotingPlace.net to Wild Apricot, which currently hosts our membership database. Because more research is needed, the upcoming 2020 elections will maintain status quo.

Alternatives to Testing Project

President Chandler, Cookie Batsche, and Marilyn Blilie met with the USA Gymnastics Women's Technical Committee in November 2019 to present ideas for judges' courses. The options presented were well received.

New NAWGJ Website

Mock up pages for a possible new NAWGJ website by Victor Thomas Designs, a California website development firm, were shown to the National Governing Board by Website Director Brenda Eberhardt. The Board discussed the costs, timeline and benefits of proceeding with a re-design.

The Website Committee recommends that NAWGJ contract Victor Thomas Designs to design a new NAWGJ website, to be completed by late summer 2020.

No Second needed.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Education Committee Update

The Education Committee will implement a better procedure to satisfy the work requirements for projects:

1. Utilize the current Education Committee members to seek, select and encourage educational projects and topics.
2. Utilize the talents and enthusiasm of our judging community to provide the work necessary to complete the projects.
3. Have the Education Committee oversee all of the work.

Also, the Committee will organize all projects and materials on a separate web page labeled "Education Academy" in the new website.

Disciplinary Committee Updates

1. A Level One Review Process addition to the Problem Resolution Process and Disciplinary Action Guidelines of the Code of Professional Responsibility was proposed: *Procedure when the problem occurs at a Regional/National Meet or outside the State of Residence of the affected judge.*
2. This revision will be voted on in a conference call in March.

2. Future Project: Revise Code of Professional Responsibility

An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to review and update the Code of Professional Responsibility, which includes the Canons, Disciplinary Rules and Problem Resolution Process/Disciplinary Action Guidelines.

Ad Hoc Committee: Cookie Batsche (Chair), Pat Panichas, Robin Smith, Cindy Lord. They will report back at the summer meeting.

Awards Committee Updates

1. Request For Projects: The Awards Committee will review the five RFP projects that have been submitted to select those that should be featured on our website.

2. Green Flag Awards Timeline – 2020

The Awards Committee recommends the following timeline adjustment for the 2020 Green Flag Award:

Jan 15 - RJDs email nomination form to SJDs

Feb 1 - SJDs email form to Membership

Mar 1 - Membership returns nomination forms to SJD

Mar 15 - State Award Winner is announced. Nomination forms are forwarded to the RJD.

Apr 1 - Regional Award Winner is announced. RJD's should email the winners to Bonnie Synol, who will send pins and bracelets. She will also post the winners on the website.

No Second required.

VOTE: Passed Unanimously

Note: Later In 2020, the timeline reverts back to the original schedule:

Sept 15 - RJDs email nomination form to SJDs

Oct 1 - SJDs email form to Membership

Oct 15 - Membership returns nomination forms to SJD

November 15 - State Award Winner is announced. Nomination forms are forwarded to the RJD.

December 15 - Regional Award Winner is announced.

Apr 1 - Regional Award Winner is announced. RJD's should email the winners to Bonnie Synol, who will send pins and bracelets. She will also post the winners on the website.

The Awards Committee also recommends that if an RJD feels the need to award a Green Flag to a member of a State that has not chosen a Green Flag winner, the RJD would have the ability to do so.

No Second needed.

Passed: Unanimously

JAS Committee Recommendations

1. The Committee recommends changing the NCAA meet acceptance deadline from seven days to five.

Discussion.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

2. The Committee recommends that Division 1 walking meet referee assignments count as part of the seven-meet recommended maximum.

The Board discussed how the order of assigning might impact meet referee assignments.

Vote: Yes 5, No 3

Passed.

Uniform Update

The Ad-Hoc Uniform Committee will continue their research and bring ideas to the NGB meeting in Seattle.

Summer Meeting – July 7-12, 2020 at the Seattle Hyatt Regency/Lake Washington

Tentative Schedule:

Tuesday, July 7: NGB Committee meetings.

Wednesday-Thursday: NGB Meeting

Thursday late afternoon: New SJD Reception/Workshop begins

Friday morning: New SJD Workshop concludes

Friday afternoon: SJD Workshop begins

Friday evening: Regional Board Meetings

Saturday: SJD Workshop concludes

Sunday: NGB Meeting Wrap-Up by 11 a.m.

Site Committee: Change in Per Diem Allowance

Because of the cost of hotel breakfasts, the Site Committee recommends raising the minimum per diem to \$60: breakfast \$15 lunch \$15 dinner \$30. The minimum per diem can be raised further based on the city we are visiting.

Vote: Passed: Unanimously

Bonnie will update the Travel Expense Form.

Motion to adjourn: Barbara Tebben

Second: Bonnie Synol

Meeting adjourned 1:15 p.m. PST

COMMITTEE ROSTERS

At-Large Committees

Constitution Committee: Ann Heppner, Barbara Tebben, Cindy Lord

JAS Committee: Donnalyn Trevethan, Lois Colburn, Evelyn Chandler, Pat Panichas, Barbara Tebben, Denise Green

Education Committee: Jan Eyman, Donnalyn Trevethan, Judy Dobransky, Pat Panichas, Debbie Campbell, Denise Green, Marilyn Blilie

Website Content Committee: Brenda Eberhardt, Cookie Batsche, Robin Smith, Devany Plentovich

Awards Committee: Bonnie Synol, Cindy Lord, Marilyn Blilie

Consequences Committee: Cindy Lord, Bonnie Synol, Denise Green

Site Committee: Bonnie Synol, Marilyn Blilie, Debbie Campbell

Helping Hands Committee: Robin Smith, Ann Heppner, Cindy Lord

Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Uniform Committee: Denise Green, Barbara Tebben, Ann Heppner, Cookie Batsche, Debbie Campbell

Ad Hoc Committee to Revise Code of Professional Responsibility: Cookie Batsche, Pat Panichas, Robin Smith, Cindy Lord

Alternative to Testing Taskforce: Cookie Batsche, Ann Heppner, Marilyn Blilie, Evelyn Chandler

State Governing Board Page on Website Committee: Debbie Campbell, Cookie Batsche, Bonnie Synol (this Committee was appointed July 2019)