

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTIC JUDGES
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
JUNE 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Chandler at 8:45 a.m. on June 22, 2012. The President gave a warm welcome and then presented the agenda.

The following members were in attendance:

President: Evelyn Chandler

Vice President: Mary Lee Martin

Secretary/Treasurer – Betty Sroufe

Region 1 – Cindy Lord

Region 2 – Ann Heppner

Region 3 – Leslie Patterson – absent

Region 4 – Barbara Tebben

Region 5 – Hilary Carlson

Region 6 – Pat Panichas

Region 7 – Bonnie Synol

Region 8 – Sheila Ragle

National Judges Cup Director - Patty Shipman

National Website Director – Judy Hoferlin

National Librarian Director – Judy Dobransky

The new National Collegiate Assigner will be appointed at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY, 2012 NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the January 7, 2012 National Governing Board Meeting were read and approved.

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Hilary Carlson

Second: Cindy Lord

Passed: Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTED POSITIONS

The President announced the appointments that were recommended by the Executive Board for the positions of National Judges Cup Director, National Website Director and the National Librarian Director. These positions were advertised on the NAWGJ Website with a deadline of June 1. The person takes office July 1, 2012. They all serve a 4 year term of office.

Evelyn announced the following:

Patty Shipman for National Judges Cup Director

Judy Hoferlin for National Website Director

Judy Dobransky for National Librarian Director

Motion: A motion was made to accept the Executive Board recommendations.

Motion: Pat Panichas

Second: Sheila Ragle

Passed Unanimously

ANNUAL REPORTS

President's report: President Chandler reported that the Articles of Incorporation from the State of Nevada have been re-filed and completed. She offered all SJDs a copy for their records. She also reported that she visited the USA Gymnastics offices in Indianapolis and met with Kathy Kelly and her staff. The mission was to introduce herself as the new president of NAWGJ and to offer our assistance whenever possible.

Evelyn also attended the Joint Meeting of the Junior Olympic and Technical Committees in early May. She reported that they agreed we all need to focus on mentoring younger judges by giving them more judging opportunities.

She was also able to attend the NCAA Coaches Meeting and started the process for appointing the National Collegiate Assigner position. Many issues were discussed that included, but not limited to, recruiting and mentoring new judges to the collegiate program.

She was also invited to meet with the USA Gymnastic State Chairmen. The importance of continued communication between SJDs and State Chairmen was stressed. In most states, this is going well but in others, there is room for improvement. She will be stressing this to the SJDs at the workshop on Saturday.

She announced that she had been in communication with the representatives of Lands' End. Our uniform representatives spoke with her and will try to continue to meet our needs. The representatives are Karen Kirchbalm and Mandy Dillenburg.

Vice President's report: Mary Lee Martin thanked the Constitution Committee for the continued work on the NAWGJ documents. The committee updated the Election Code and asked for a vote to accept the updates.

Motion by Committee to accept the Election Code updates.

Passed: Unanimously

Mary Lee also passed out the National Governing Board Directory and asked that the Regional Judging Directors update the information. The updated information will appear in the SJD section on the NAWGJ website.

Secretary/Treasurer's report: Betty Sroufe asked that the Regional Judging Directors urge their State Judging Directors to update their membership information.

She also handed out the membership report, the budget and the financial report.

National Judges Cup Director's report: Patty Shipman reported that the 2012 Judges Cup was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in January. There were 1,263 entries consisting of gymnasts from 31 different states. There were 103 judges that volunteered from 29 different states. Team Nor-Cal won the Level 7 competition.

Plans are underway for the 2013 National Judges Cup to be held at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center, in Daytona Beach, Florida on January 4th through 6th. More information is available on the www.judgescup.com website.

National Librarian Director's report: Judy Dobransky handed out the new order forms for NAWGJ materials. There was a brief discussion on the USA Gymnastics material copyright issue. We will no longer be able to sell some items that are currently in our library after the new compulsories are printed. However, USA Gymnastics plans to have judging materials available for purchase.

She then handed out the new videos for use in each state. NAWGJ will continue selling videos.

National Website Director's report: Judy Hoferlin reported on the use of the NAWGJ website. She asked that all SJDs and RJDs send her updates on a regular basis to keep information on the site current. She is seeking articles that she can publish on the website and asked that everyone remember to send her their state newsletter as the newsletters are a great source for feature articles.

Judy would like to add more pictures to the site. Short videos are also needed. She would also like to add an occasional puzzle on the Home page so if you know a creative judge in your state, please notify the Website Director.

National Collegiate Assigner's report: Evelyn Chandler gave a report that was written by the former assigner, Carole Ide. Evelyn first thanked Carole for all of the work she has done to get this program up and running so successfully.

It was reported that 398 judges listed their names in the Judges Assigning System. Seven judges received NO assignments based on the following:

- 4 judges did not take the exam

- 3 judges entered their names after January 1, 2012 after assignments were completed.

2135 judge assignments were completed. 76 judges refused assignments.

The new JAS assigner will be announced later on the agenda.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution Committee – The Constitution Committee consists of Chairman Mary Lee Martin, Ann Heppner and Barbara Tebben. Mary Lee reported that they will continue to update the Election Code and also look at the other written materials currently being used by NAWGJ.

Assigning Committee (JAS) – The members of this committee are Evelyn Chandler, Mary Lee Martin, Pat Panichas and Barbara Tebben. The new JAS assigner will also be a member of this committee.

The committee met and reviewed the applications for the National Collegiate Assigner. Before this meeting, Evelyn Chandler met with the NCAA and received the names of the judges that the NCAA approved for this position. The JAS Committee reviewed their selections and brought forth the name of Donnalyn Trevethan, a Brevet Judge from Whitmore Lake, Michigan as the new National Collegiate Assigner. The Governing Board then voted to accept the appointment.

Motion: Motion to accept the JAS Committee recommendation of Donnalyn Trevethan as the new National Collegiate Assigner for a 4 year term of office from 2012-2016.

Passes: Unanimously

It was also noted that only one assigner will come off the list this year and one will be up for appointment by the committee. Robyn Smith was thanked for her service. The application process will be placed on the NAWGJ website during the month of July and the committee will select the new assigner on a conference call in order to get the person in position as soon as possible.

Site Committee – The members of the Site Committee are Hilary Carlson, Chairman, Ann Heppner and Bonnie Synol. They met and presented the following motions:

Motion: The Committee recommends that the State Judging Directors and the National Governing Board vote on the site for the 2013 meeting. The possible sites are: New Orleans, Providence and Charleston. The Committee further recommends that the National Governing Board choose the date for the meeting.

Passed: Unanimously

This recommendation will be brought to the State Judging Director Meeting on Saturday for a vote. Each person on the National Governing Board and each SJD will be able to vote on the site.

After much discussion on the date for 2013, the following motion was made.

Motion: Next year (2013) we will be going off the traditional date of the week-end after Father's Day for our National Governing Board/State Judging Director Meeting, and go with the date of August 8 – 11, 2013.

Motion: Bonnie Synol

Second: Barbara Tebben

Passed: Unanimously

It was also decided that the NAWGJ Symposium will be held in 2014. The Site Committee will bring back information to the meeting in Daytona in January, 2013.

Hall of Fame and Life Members Committee– The members of the Hall of Fame Committee are Bonnie Synol, Chairman, Pat Panichas, Sheila Ragle and Betty Sroufe.

The committee announced that they are taking applications for the Hall of Fame Award and the Life Member Award for awards at the 2014 Symposium. This information will be on the website soon.

Other Committee Reports:

On-line Membership report – Evelyn Chandler, Mary Lee Martin, Cindy Lord, Hilary Carlson and Pat Panichas we appointed to serve on the On-line Membership Committee. This committee will now be called the Policy and Operations Committee in order to proceed with the NAWGJ on-line membership process.

Since the on-line membership may change the way we do business, the committee recommends the following:

Motion: The committee recommends the following changes be made to the National Governing Board structure. We recommend a temporary appointed position for 2 years be established as Membership Director for the National Governing Board to be effective September 15, 2012. The Constitution Committee would be asked to develop duties for approval of the National Governing Board. A vote would have to be taken by written vote on September 1, 2012.

Vote: 8 voted in favor

1 voted an abstention

A second Motion was then presented by the committee.

Motion: The Committee recommends that an “interim” point person or a logistics person be paid up to \$1000 to input data and develop the Membership portal and oversee the transition and provide support until the Membership Director is appointed.

Passed: Unanimously

A third Motion was presented for consideration by the committee.

Motion: We recommend that Betty needs to get her home back! We therefore, recommend that the records be taken by rental truck to a storage unit. Mary Lee Martin will be in charge of heading up this project.

Passed: Unanimously

The fourth motion followed.

Motion: The Committee recommends that no voluntary position should be so difficult that it would require the hiring of other people on a regular basis to be the task accomplished, therefore, during the next election, the position of secretary/treasurer be divided into two positions – Secretary and Treasurer and duties be reexamined and redistributed.

After much discussion, this motion was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Discussion followed and the following motion was made by the committee.

Motion: The Committee recommends that the organization hire a CPA. The desired duties will be defined and the request should be put out to bid.

After further discussion, this motion was tabled for discussion at a later date.

The Financial and Budget Committee – The members of the Financial and Budget Committee are Evelyn Chandler, Betty Sroufe, Cindy Lord, Bonnie Synol, Sheila Ragle and Patty Shipman. The Committee brought 3 motions for consideration.

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Motion: The Committee moves to increase per diem for meetings to \$55 per day. (Breakfast - \$10, Lunch - \$15, Dinner - \$30). This per diem is for meetings of the Board, not USAGymnastic per diem.
Passed: Unanimously

Motion: The Committee moves that a "Document Review" for SJDs be done once every four years. The review would include items that are currently in the duties of an SJD.
Passed: Unanimously

Motion: The Committee moves that when an SJD leaves office, an automatic review of documents would start immediately.
Passed: Unanimously

There was also discussion on how to start the process with an effort to make sure it is a helpful tool for the SJDs.

Website Committee report: Members of the Website Committee are Judy Hoferlin, Chairman, Mary Lee Martin, Barbara Tebben and Judy Dobransky. The Committee recommended some ideas and asked for support from the Regional Judging Directors. There will be a "Snippet" of the month that will appear on the website starting in September. A "Snippet" is a 5 minute video that will relay a message about either optional or compulsory topics of interest to judges. Judy Hoferlin must receive your completed information 2 weeks before the deadline of when your topic should appear on the website.

"SNIPPET" CALENDAR

September – Region 5 – Hilary Carlson – Compulsory Bars
October – Region 1 – Cindy Lord – Compulsory Beam
November – Region 2 – Ann Heppner – Optional Beam
December – Region 6 – Pat Panichas – Optional Bars
January – Region 4 – Barbara Tebben – Humorous Video
February – Region 7 – Bonnie Synol – Optional Floor
March – Region 3 – Leslie Patterson – Optional Vault
April – Region 8 – Sheila Ragle – Study Tips

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance update: Evelyn Chandler gave the update on our current insurance policy. She reported that judges are allowed to have a "blanket NAWGJ Contract" for a season of meets. All judges must have a contract to be able to use the coverage. No NAWGJ Contract – No Coverage!!

At the current time, the NAWGJ Binder insurance is being reviewed. While it is in review, coverage is suspended. Evelyn will continue work with the company and get back to us.

NEW BUSINESS

It was decided that New Business will be discussed on Sunday morning.

The meeting was adjourned until Sunday immediately after the State Judging Directors Meeting on June 24, 2012.

