

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES  
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 10, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Evelyn Chandler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. (CST). She welcomed all members present and then called for a roll call for the record.

The following members were in attendance:

President: Evelyn Chandler

Vice President: Mary Lee Martin

National Secretary: Barbara Tebben

Director of Finance: Patty Shipman

Region I: Cindy Lord

Region II: Ann Heppner

Region III: Leslie Patterson

Region IV: Robin Smith

Region V: Hilary Carlson

Region VI: Pat Panichas

Region VII: Bonnie Synol

Region VIII: Sheila Ragle

National Judges Cup Director: Patty Shipman

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on July 14, 2014 were approved.

Motion: Leslie Patterson

Second: Bonnie Synol

Passed: Unanimously

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collegiate Judges Assigning System (JAS)**

Evelyn Chandler, Pat Panichas, Mary Lee Martin, Barbara Tebben

NAWGJ/NCAA Video Project: Judy Dobransky and Judy Hoferlin collaborated last year to develop a NCAA practice judging tool for the NAWGJ Web Site.

Motion: Award a token of appreciation of at least \$100 to each of them for "above-and-beyond" work.

Motion: Pat Panichas

Second: Cindy Lord

Passed: Unanimously

There are 405 college judges on the system. Three assigners will rotate off this summer.

Discussion: Judges who refuse a meet after initial acceptance will receive an “ethics violation” letter.

### **Constitution Committee**

Mary Lee Martin, Barbara Tebben, Ann Heppner

The vote in August to remove both new judge memberships and associate memberships from the Constitution was 11-0.

Evelyn suggested that an alpha index be placed at the back of the Constitution and Operating Code. Mary Lee will complete this in January and e-mail a new Constitution and Operating Code, with updated Fiscal Policy, to all NGB members. Judy Hoeflerlin will post the new version on the web site.

The Constitution Committee will meet on Sunday to review changes to the Election Guide and other matters.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Patty Shipman/Fiscal Policy update**

Patty reported that we had our Constitution and Operating Code (including the new Fiscal Policy) reviewed by our NAWGJ-appointed lawyer. Various revisions were incorporated into these documents. Copies of the legal counsel’s suggested revisions were provided for review.

The Constitution Committee motioned to accept changes from legal counsel to the Constitution and Operating Code.

No second needed.

Passed: Unanimously.

Also, the NGB revisited the need to clarify NAWGJ donations and scholarships.

Motion: NAWGJ funds may not be used for cash awards, cash gifts, or cash donations to any athlete.

Motion: Robin Smith

Second: Leslie Patterson

Passed: Unanimously

Five years of tax returns will be posted on the NAWGJ web site.

#### **Online Voting Update**

Leslie Patterson, who helped conduct the first online election last year in Colorado, suggested paying the higher fee to VotingPlace.net, \$60, for the technical support option.

Leslie hopes that some RJD and SJD Elections in Odd-Numbered Regions can be conducted online this year. Mary Lee suggested that a *step-by-step* online election manual be written, coordinated between Leslie and the Constitution Committee.

### **Membership Update**

Barbara Tebben reported that our conversion to a universal renewal date of July 31 is going well, although several hundred judges did not take advantage of Pro-Rating before that option ended 12-31-14.

New judges can join NAWGJ for \$30 from January 1 to July 31, 2015.

Discussion ensued on whether judges with ratings other than USAG (e.g. High School) can be allowed as members, since all active members must be rated. Evelyn suggested that we add an "other" box under Rating on the judge's profile page for the high school rating.

Barb will continue educating SJD's and individual judges about the membership site, and we hope to include a membership introduction session for new SJD's in Denver this summer.

The next disbursement report is due to Patty in February 2015. Two disbursement reports per year (August-January, February-July) will be produced from now on.

### **National Symposium Review**

Evelyn received many surveys at the highly successful 2014 Symposium, and the results will be utilized when we start planning our next Symposium. She will recap the results and send to the NGB members to allow for improvement in 2018.

Discussion followed on holding mini-Symposiums within the four-year Symposium schedule. No action was taken.

### **Helping Hands Committee**

Robin Smith, Cindy Lord, Sheila Ragle, Leslie Patterson, Ann Heppner

This Committee was formed in 2014 to help fund the SJD offices in some smaller States. They have developed a mission, application forms and procedures.

Robin indicated on a U.S. Map where needful areas lie, mostly in western Region IV (North and South Dakota) and eastern Region II and III (Wyoming and Montana). Hawaii and Alaska, according to Ann Heppner, may need help with travel costs only.

Discussion followed regarding the Helping Hands Committee's proposal to sponsor a clinic in these States to help judges with CPE and testing.

Motion: Accept the concepts of the Helping Hands Committee.

Motion: Hilary Carlson

Second: Bonnie Synol  
Passed: Unanimously

Motion: Allow the Helping Hands Committee to develop a budget for the current applications and to present to the NGB for approval.

Motion: Pat Panichas:  
Second: Sheila Ragle  
Passed: Unanimously

### **SJD Document Review**

The first SJD Document Reviews began last fall, with the help of the National Governing Board. Review Recap forms should be sent to the SJD, corresponding RJD and also to Evelyn. Feedback and suggestions are welcome going forward.

### **Consequences Committee Update**

The committee was asked to address two issues before the summer meeting:  
(1) If you are an Officer or member NOT in good standing with NAWGJ, what steps must you take in order to become eligible?

(2) Develop a Canon, with input from Patty Shipman, for the prohibition of any gambling activity within the confines of NAWGJ.

### **Summer Workshop (Denver)**

Evelyn presented material for OMNI Resorts Interlocken, and a tentative schedule was proposed (July 7-12, 2015). A communication will go out to all Officers and Directors once reservations can be made.

### **Historical Project**

We are still working to get a list of all SJD's since 1974.

### **Standing Education Committee**

Because educating judges is our primary Mission, the addition of an Education Director who would chair a standing Education Committee will be discussed further this summer.

### **The "Five Year" Plan**

The development of a "Five Year Plan" will begin this spring and be discussed further at the summer meeting.

Motion for adjournment: Barbara Tebben  
Second: Mary Lee Martin  
Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. (CST).

