

NATIONAL NAWGJ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 18, 2008 Philadelphia Marriott

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Carole Ide at 8:45 AM on Wednesday, June 18, 2008.

Roll call was taken and the following people were in attendance:

Region 1 – Judy Dobransky

Region 2 – Ann Heppner

Region 3 – Mary Lee Martin

Region 4 – Barb Tebbens

Region 5 – Hilary Carlson

Region 6 – Pat Panichas

Region 7 – Bonnie Synol

Region 8 – Sheila Ragle

Vice President – Evelyn Chandler

Secretary/Treasurer – Betty Sroufe

National Librarian – Judy Dobransky

National Website Director/Newsletter Editor– Judy Hoferlin (joined 10:15 AM)

Absent: National Judges' Cup Director – Patty Shipman (excused)

Carole welcomed everyone to the meeting and, specifically, to Barbara Tebben as the new Regional Judging Director from Region IV.

Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the 2007 NGB meeting were approved as distributed. The approved minutes are available on the National NAWGJ Website. *Martin/Synol – Approved 10-0.*

President's Report – Carole Ide

Carole presented a written President's Report. She summarized the current status of two issues that will be addressed later: National Symposium and NAWGJ-NACGC/W Symposium. In addition, the following were addressed: concerns from members on structure of upcoming Brevet and National courses, NGB board's consensus on approving a less-formal uniform for select meets, chief judge fee changes, and changes in structure of the USAG Board of Directors. She also reported on meetings she attended during the past year in the capacity as President of NAWGJ.

A committee was formed to research possible recommendations for a relaxed uniform to be worn in special situations – Hilary Carlson, Judy Dobransky, and Brenda Eberhardt.

Vice President's Report- Evelyn Chandler

Evelyn reported on the following:

1. Results of the NGB ballot vote on the constitutional changes that were completed 3 weeks following the 2007 annual meeting-

A. The committee recommends the position of National Collegiate Assigner be added to the National Board as a Member-At-Large position. The assigner will serve for a 4 year term beginning April 1, 2008 and may not be reappointed for a consecutive term. The assigner must have a national or above rating and maintain it for the duration of the term. Results: Approved – 10-0.

B. All regional and state judging directors will serve a four year term and may be reelected only for one additional consecutive term. Results: Not Approved – 3-7.

2. Updates are being made to the Directors' Directory and will be printed for final verification and will be emailed to all directors with the Directors' Guide following the workshop.

3. Elections held this winter were for even numbered regions (RJD and SJD) and NGB president. Carole Ide will continue as president as will RJDs in Region 2 (Ann Heppner), Region 6 (Pat Panichas), and Region 8 (Sheila Ragle). The new RJD for Region 4 director is Barb Tebben as Robin Smith, the previous RJD, moved out of the region. There are 10 new SJDs after the elections. The next election will be for vice president in 2010.

4. The constitution committee will be meeting to address some areas of the operating code.

#### Secretary/Treasurer' Report – Betty Sroufe

1. Betty passed out the financial reports and membership reports. The current membership is 1793. This is a slight decrease of 18 members from a year ago. The current financial status of the association was reviewed and a copy of the Blanket Certificate of Exemption was distributed.

2. The "Break In Service" was defined as not being a member in good standing for one year or more or any time a judge requested to be removed and then rejoins.

3. Information relative to issuing the Form 1099 was distributed. These will be distributed to the SJDs at the workshop on Monday.

#### National Judges' Cup – Mary Lee Martin reported for Patty Shipman

The 2008 was held at the San Diego Concourse January 4-6, 2008. There were 792 athletes with 15 state teams competing in the Level 7 State Team Challenge. The team from Southern California finished first, followed by Washington then Nor Cal. Gymnasts were from 17 states and 100 judges, representing 30 states, volunteered.

The 2009 venue will be the Osceola Heritage Park Arena, Kissimmee, Florida (near Orlando) from January 2-4, 2009.

## National Librarian Report – Judy Dobransky

Judy announced that each SJD would be presented three practice DVDs, one with Level 7 & 8, one with 9 & 10, and one with 4-6 compulsory routines. The Level 9 & 10 DVD has scores to accompany it. Brenda Eberhardt will bring new items to the SJD Workshop on Monday.

## National Website Director/Newsletter Editor – Judy Hoeflerlin

The website is being updated. RJDs were reminded that each region has a “page” on the National Website to post activities and contact information. Links will be added for the National Judges’ Cup website. A discussion was conducted on how the website could be more informative. Some of the ideas for the website were to add articles on “Judges in the News” and a Skill of the Month.

State newsletters may be published, emailed or posted on the website. If it is posted on the website, the SJD must inform the members by email that the newsletter is available.

All submissions to Nettie Awards must come with permission to be published on the NAWGJ Website. *Carlson/Packwood – approved 10-0.*

## Committee Reports

### A. Ethics

An addition will be added to Canon 12. Drugs (prescription and/or non-prescription) will be inserted after alcoholic beverages. Canon 10 will now read: *A judge should never consume alcoholic beverages or drugs (prescription or nonprescription) prior to a judging assignment where such consumption is evident by virtue of the odor thereof about her/his person or is reflected in her/his conduct and demeanor. Panichas/Martin – Approved 10-0.*

### B. Constitution

There were no recommendations for changes to the constitution. The following clarifications will be written into the operating code:

Elections –

- If a tie exists where there are only two candidates, Roberts Rules of Order are to be followed.
- If a State Governing Board member resigns, the same procedures should be followed as with other elections. An election would be held if there is one year or more than one year remaining until the next election. If there is less than one year left on the member’s term, a judge would be appointed by the state judging director to complete the term.
- For all elections, the two sets of labels MUST come from the National Office. The person conducting the election must specify the date that is 90 days prior to the date the ballots are to be sent when requesting the labels.

- Only judges in “good standing” and living within the state/region as of that date are eligible to vote. “Good standing” will be further clarified as a judge who is up to date with dues being paid.

### C. JAS (Collegiate Judges’ Assigning) Committee

Carole Ide, as president, served as the National Assigner to get the program implemented. She had announced previously that she would not continue after the 2008 season in this capacity. Eight applications were received by the deadline that had been previously specified and were reviewed by the committee.

The National Collegiate Assigner position was voted in 2007 to be included as a non-voting appointed position on the NGB. For clarification, currently a person may hold a voting position and a non-voting position on the NGB.

The selection process used was for each voting member of the NGB to give 5 points to the applicant who is their first choice, 3 points to second choice and 1 point to their third choice. These were all tabulated and the field of 8 applicants was shortened to 4. The members then followed the same procedure for the remaining applicants. Robin Ruegg was selected to be the next National Collegiate Assigner.

The JAS committee completed the draw to determine which three current assigners would be replaced in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Brant Lutska, Amy Rager and Linda Morton were drawn for 2008. Lois Colburn, Cindy Lord and Mary Lee Martin will be replaced in 2009 and Carol Curley, Patty Vitale and Anne Vogel in 2010. The cycle should now be in place for 3 assigners to complete a 4 year term each year.

Carole Ide distributed a copy of the clarification from NCAA concerning what can be given to high school athletes that would not jeopardize their collegiate eligibility. This will be handed out again to the SJDs at the annual workshop.

### Nettie Awards Committee – Mary Lee Martin, Hilary Carlson and Janet Packwood

The items that were submitted for consideration were displayed and voted upon with by the NGB. The results for 2008, announced on Monday, June 23, 2008 at the SJD workshop, were:

- Best Layout and Design – Southern California
- Best Educational Article – Illinois
- Best Informational Article – Louisiana
- Best Feature Article – Kentucky
- Most Humorous Article – Michigan
- Most Humorous Video – Minnesota
- Best Website - Vermont

### Old Business

1. Uniform – Sheila Ragle reported that the company who was supplying the new uniform no longer has the World Air uniform contract which is the model for the NAWGJ uniform. Sheila will know very soon if the company will be producing a domestic made uniform that will be made to order. This should solve many of the fitting problems.

The Fit Line that was purchased last summer will be made available at the National Judges' Cup in Florida the first weekend of 2009. The emblem and the correct buttons will be put on the samples.

The uniform committee is Sheila Ragle, Ann Heppner and Barb Tebben.

2. Symposium – A lengthy discussion was conducted concerning whether NAWGJ should plan the National Symposium for the summer of 2009 which is the normal year. The factors considered were:

- the new information will not be available until late June from the USAG office
- the National and Brevet courses are scheduled for July
- compulsories are not going to be retested
- Input on the date (2009 or 2010), site and focus will be requested from the SJDs at the workshop on Monday and then the NGB will vote.

3. Fee Structure Update – The Fee structure adopted in 2007 has a 3% raise listed for August, 2009.

4. Background checks – The board members discussed the USAG requirement of having background checks completed prior to renewing a membership.

5. Using the NAWGJ contract

#### New Business

1. National/USAG Brevet Courses – The courses have been scheduled for July, 2009 in Indianapolis. At this time, returning judges will have a written, open-book test and a practical test of 20 routines. New judges will not have the option to take an open-book test.

2. State and Regional Treasuries - Reimbursable Expenses- It was requested that the board establish a limit to allowable reimbursements for cell phones, land lines and internet costs.

SJD and RJD allowable expenses for cell phones, land line phones and internet may not exceed 25% of the total bill for each unless documentation is provided. The exception is a dedicated land line for NAWGJ that is approved in advance by the RJD (or President for RJD). This land line would not be in addition to the above allowable 25%. *Chandler/Ragle – approved 7-2.*

Directors must be aware that the Operating Code is specific with financial checks and balances. The State Governing Board members must be consulted prior to requesting approval from the RJD for expenditures for depreciable items over \$200, expenditures for non-NAWGJ activities and meetings in excess of \$100, and gifts in excess of \$100.

3. Independent Contractor and Workman's Compensation – It was brought to the board's attention that the state of Idaho treats this differently. However, all state judging director's must be aware that they may not collect judging fees and then pay judges for judging services. That is not a duty listed in the operating code.

4. Lifetime and Hall of Fame Nomination – Depending on when the next symposium date will be the forms for Lifetime and Hall of Fame nominations will be emailed to NGB members.

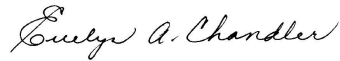
5. Filing of 1099 forms for organization – On or before January 10 of each year, SJDs and RJDs must submit names and appropriate data to the National NAWGJ Treasurer

6. NAWGJ History development – Ann Heppner and Evelyn Chandler will work together to develop a template that state directors will be asked to complete so we can have the history of NAWGJ documented in one place.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Martin/Carlson – Approved 10-0.

Respectfully submitted:



Evelyn Chandler, Vice President

Approved:



Carole Ide, President