

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS JUDGES  
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
January 6, 2018**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Chandler at 8:30 a.m. PST. After thanking all members for their continued support of NAWGJ, she called for a roll call for the record:

President: Evelyn Chandler

Vice President: Mary Lee Martin

Director of Finance: Patty Shipman - excused

Secretary: Barbara Tebben

Region 1: Cindy Lord

Region 2: Ann Heppner

Region 3: Marilyn Blilie

Region 4: Robin Smith

Region 5: Donnalyn Trevethan

Region 6: Pat Panichas

Region 7: Bonnie Synol

Region 8: Cookie Batsche

National Judges Cup Director: Patty Shipman - excused

National Librarian: Judy Dobransky - excused

National Education Director: Janice Eyman

National Collegiate Assigner: Donnalyn Trevethan

National Web Site Director: Judy Hoferlin – excused

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bonnie Synol: I move to approve the minutes from the July 2017 meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Second: Cindy Lord

Passed: Unanimously

**CORRECTION TO MILWAUKEE MINUTES**

Cindy Lord: I move to substitute *The Benefits of Term Limits Committee* for *Pat Panichas* in the Term Limits Update section of the July, 2017 minutes.

Second: Robin Smith

Vote: Unanimous

Note: The National Secretary will correct the minutes and send to the NAWGJ Web Site for posting.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Evelyn attended the USA Gymnastics Advisory Council Meeting at National Congress in August. She reminded the National Governing Board about the benefits of representing NAWGJ on this Council. Also, Evelyn would like suggestions soon for any topics to be brought up at the USA Gymnastics National Junior Olympic Joint Committee meeting, which she will attend in May.

## **VICE PRESIDENT ELECTION**

Mary Lee Martin, current Vice President, will retire from her position on April 1, 2018. Evelyn thanked Mary Lee for all of her work the past eight years, especially for keeping her on task!

Two candidates applied for the office of Vice President, Ann Heppner and Donnalyn Trevethan. Evelyn passed out ballots to each voting member of the National Governing Board. The ballots will be counted after the weekend, and the results will be communicated to the Board by email.

Evelyn also invited Mary Lee to attend the NGB meeting in Burlington, Vermont to help smooth the transition to the new Vice President.

## **JAS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Donnalyn Trevethan, Evelyn Chandler, Pat Panichas, Mary Lee Martin, Barbara Tebben)

The JAS Committee met on January 5, as they will every year in January, as topics must be formulated ahead of time to present at the NACGC/W meeting in May.

The Committee suggested raising the per diem fees in the NCAA Compensation Package to accommodate increasing travel expenses.

The JAS Committee recommends that NCAA institutions may not purchase basic economy tickets for gymnastics judges. Judges must have a seat assignment in advance (Southwest Airlines excluded) and not have a charge for carry on luggage.

The JAS Committee moves to accept these proposed changes to the NCAA Compensation Package.

Second: Cookie Batsche

Passed: Unanimously

Other issues, such as requiring the colleges to provide officials with individual rooms, or allowing officials to watch warm-ups, are a work in progress. Also, scoring is ongoing for the routines in the DIII video project from March 2017.

## **HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE** – (Robin Smith, Cindy Lord, Ann Heppner)

The Helping Hands Committee met on January 5. Their first task was to determine if any State Judging Director needs funds to attend the summer SJD workshop this

summer in Vermont. Right now they have almost \$10,000 but hope to receive more State and Regional donations.

With the NAWGJ National Symposium on the horizon, the Helping Hands committee discussed selecting eight qualified applicants to receive a \$500 award to offset travel costs to Fort Worth in July 2019.

The Committee moves that it use \$4,000 of Helping Hands funds to award \$500 to eight applicants to attend the National NAWGJ Symposium in 2019. Criteria for the application will be voted on at the summer 2018 NGB meeting.

Second: Marilyn Blilie

Passed: Unanimously

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** (Jan Eyman, Cookie Batsche, Donnalyn Trevethan, Ann Heppner, Robin Smith, Judy Dobransky, Pat Panichas)

The Education Committee met on January 4 to review their 3-Year Plan. They completed the line art for compulsory vault and will soon begin line art for tumbling. Also, an Education Committee logo has been developed.

The Committee updated the NGB about their current projects:

- Completion of an XCEL/Age Group Rules Comparison Chart
- Development of a video models library, which will feature “emerging,” “proficient” and “excellent” clips for common elements on each event, starting with uneven bars. Judy Dobransky will provide the video clips. Assignments for choosing the clips were made to each Education Committee member. They hope to complete this first phase by July 2018.
- Request educational projects or articles from our membership to share. More discussion is needed this summer.

The Committee moves to accept these proposals and timelines.

Second: Robin Smith

Passed: Unanimously

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NAWGJ WEB SITE**

National Web Site Director Judy Hoeflerlin will not be eligible for a NGB position as of 12-31-18, as she is not re-certifying.

The Board discussed possible revisions to the duties and qualifications for this position. Also discussed were changes needed to the Web Site that might make it easier to update and manage.

When the directive is clear, Evelyn will send out an e-mail blast to NAWGJ members announcing the position's vacancy, followed by an application and list of duties.

#### **VERMONT MEETING UPDATE**

Evelyn made a visit to the Essex Culinary Resort in Burlington, Vermont, site of our SJD Workshop and NGB Meeting in July. She passed out a packet of promotional materials and discussed some of the details of her visit.

The NGB will meet July 10-12, and the State Judging Directors workshop will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13 and conclude at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 14. The NGB will reconvene briefly on Sunday morning, July 15.

USAG is also conducting a Brevet/National Course at the Essex that week. The practice judging session will be Thursday night and the test on Friday morning, making it possible for any Board members or SJD's to take the course and still attend their respective meetings.

The NGB reviewed the SJD's compiled suggestions from the leadership session at the SJD Workshop in Milwaukee. Evelyn is lining up outside speakers to continue leadership training and other topics in Vermont.

#### **UNIFORM UPDATE**

A slim-leg pant is now available through our Lands End uniform store. Evelyn will send out an e-mail blast to inform the membership. The Uniform page of the Web Site will also be updated.

#### **SYMPOSIUM UPDATE**

Evelyn would like the NGB to consider ideas for logo, theme and topics, as well as possible clinicians, for our 2019 NAWGJ Symposium. We will discuss this in more detail at the summer meeting.

A "Save the Date" email blast will be sent later this year.

#### **TERM LIMITS**

The Pro's of Term Limits Ad Hoc Committee (Evelyn Chandler, Patty Shipman, Pat Panichas and Donna Trevethan) recommended in July that we re-visit this topic in January. Term Limits was last discussed in 2009, when its implementation was voted down. Ann Heppner cited the relevant passages in our Constitution.

After discussion, the Board's main concern is implementing Term Limits without inconveniencing our current SJD's and RJD's. Also, since RJD's and SJD's are elected in the same odd/even years, moving back the RJD elections two years, to 2021 and

2022, respectively, would avoid the situation of electing a new RJD and possibly several new SJD's in the same Region in the same year.

Barbara Tebben: I move that the Constitution Committee develop a proposal to implement Term Limits. All current State and Regional Judging Directors will be eligible for one additional term.

Second: Robin Smith

Passed: Unanimously

### **MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

Cookie Batsche proposed the establishment of a "Green Flag" award for significant contribution to NAWGJ. She will work with the Hall of Fame Committee and report back in the summer.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Pat Panichas

Second: Mary Lee Martin

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. PST.