

## Regional Board Meeting - June 19, 2015 New Orleans, LA

### Present:

Sheila Ragle – RJD

Mary Ann Wallace – SJD Alabama

Susan Monihan – SJD Florida

Sharon Doyle – SJD Georgia

Brenda Eberhardt – SJD Louisiana

Mary Thacker – SJD Mississippi

Terri Costa – SJD North Carolina

Janet Efland – SJD South Carolina

Kerma Headrick – SJD Tennessee

Marian Dykes – RTC Region 8

**Financial** - Sheila presented a copy of her May financial report to the board. All states and the region seem to be in good financial shape at this time.

There are still a lot of questions concerning what each state can and cannot do with the money that is raised in their states. An email has been sent to Patty and Evelyn with questions that hopefully will be answered at the SJD workshop in Denver in July.

**Denver** – All SJDs will be arriving in Denver by Thursday afternoon. The SJD workshop will begin Friday afternoon and will be finished by Saturday evening.

**Regional Symposium** – Each SJD was asked to be responsible for finding one clinician that can present at the Regional Symposium in September in Athens. We will provide an opportunity for any judge attending to get 10 hours of CPE credit. Sheila is trying to work with Danna Durante to find a place that will accommodate providing these sessions. The goal is to have a schedule out by the end of July so judges will know what's going on during the weekend.

**Booking Policies** – Each SJD was encouraged to work with her board to have a booking policy. This is necessary because of the continuing problem of judges requesting to judge part of a JO meet because of a commitment to NCAA. The overall consensus was that if a judge has a contract to judge a JO meet that has a Friday night session, no judge should make himself or herself available for a college meet during that weekend.

The SJDs have asked if they can be provided with a list of NCAA assigners so they will know whom they need to contact for any issues that arise. In some states there are JO meets held in conjunction with an NCAA meet and meet directors would like to possibly use some of these judges on the JO meet but they do not know how to find out who is contracted for the NCAA meet.

**Judging Attire** – A brief discussion was held regarding professional judging attire. There still seems to be a problem with some judges not wearing appropriate attire for meets. Pants should be dress pants that are either the official uniform pants (desirable) or dress pants that look like our uniform pants. Under no circumstances should capris or ankle/pencil leg pants be worn. Shoes seem to be another issue. Shoes should be kind of dressy. This means no casual flip-flops or shoes that look like house slippers.

**Judging too Fast** – A discussion was held regarding a trend that seems to be spreading in the states. This probably has become a trend because of the newer meet formats which can be challenging for judges because of the number of gymnasts they are required to evaluate. Some judges are judging the routines in their head and scores are being inputted sometimes prior to gymnasts rising from the floor and acknowledging the judge. Many parents and coaches are noticing this and have been expressing their displeasure. And, more and more parents and coaches are concerned because judges are also NOT acknowledging gymnasts at the end of their routines. All judges should watch the gymnast until she acknowledges at least one judge before they look down at their paper or keypad. **At no time should a gymnast encounter a judge looking down when they start to acknowledge a judge.** There is a .1 deduction for not acknowledging a judge so how can a judge know if a gymnast is actually doing this if they are looking down. Nor, should a score be flashing as a gymnast acknowledges a judge.

Sheila