

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTIC JUDGES
NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
JULY 8 – 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Chandler at 8:32am on July 8, 2011. The President gave a short welcome and presented the agenda to the Board. The President also welcomed the two newly elected Regional Judging Directors Leslie Patterson and Cindy Lord to the Board. A thank you was also given to the Board Members for coming in a day early and meeting in committees to help expedite the Governing Board and the Board of Directors meetings.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Vice-President, Mary Lee Martin. The following people 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

Region 4 – Barbara Tebben

Region 5 – Hilary Carlson

Region 6 – Pat Panichas

Region 7 – Bonnie Synol

Region 8 – Sheila Ragle

Advisor – Immediate Past –President – Carole Ide was excused

National Judges Cup Director – Patty Shipman

National Website Director – Judy Hoferlin

National Librarian – Judy Dobransky

National JAS Assigner – Carole Ide – excused

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS METTING

The minutes of the meeting held January 8, 2011 in Phoenix, Arizona were approved.

Motion to approve: Betty Sroufe

Second: Ann Heppner

Passed: Unanimously

ANNUAL REPORTS

Presidents Report – The President reported on the SURVEY of the membership on the issue of term limits. The survey was conducted on Zoomerang. 577 judges responded which is approximately 1/3 of the membership.

The survey will be discussed further under old business.

The President also updated the members on the uniform. The website has been updated to state that TRUE NAVY is the official uniform color. The NAWGJ patch will only be put on a NAVY uniform.

The President also stated that she had the opportunity to attend the JO/WTC Meeting in May. She also updated the Incorporation papers.

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Vice Presidents Report – The Vice President thanked the Constitution Committee members, Ann Heppner and Barbara Tebben, for all of their hard work on the updating of the Constitution and Operating Code. She will discuss this more under Committee Reports.

She also discussed the recent elections for RJD's and SJD's and emphasized the importance of the membership updates that not only include the correct address but also the rating of the judges. Two new RJD's and eight new SJD's were elected.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – The Secretary/Treasurer handed out the Membership Report and other reports. The total membership as of 6/27/2011 is 1880. She thanked the RJD's and SJD's for the hard work that they do. Many of our States use their Judges Cup income to pay for membership fees and educational and judging materials for their judges.

She thanked Sheila Ragle for her assistance in helping develop a new Financial Form that is computer generated. This form must be used by all members that file a financial report. The RJD's will explain the process to the SJD's in their regional board meetings. The form has been put into an Excel Spread Sheet.

She also handed out a copy of the Official IRS 501 (c) 3 number for RJD's to share with their SJD's. A budget was also handed out and discussed. Out of the discussion the following motion was made as sometimes the President must represent NAWGJ at important meetings and is unable to accept some Judging assignments.

MOTION: I move that the President or her designee receive an honorarium of \$200 a day when representing NAWGJ at meetings during the judging season.

Motion by: Hilary Carlson

Seconded by: Barb Tebben

Not Passed

Other items concerning the budget will be discussed later in the meeting.

National Judges' Cup Director's Report

Patty Shipman reported on the National Judges Cup that was held in Phoenix, Arizona in January, 2011. She presented a financial report with Income to NAWGJ of \$15,342. There were 764 competitors and the Level 7 Team Champions were from Northern California. Twenty-one States sent teams. We also had 95 judges volunteering from 35 states.

Motion: I move that we accept the National Judges' Cup Financial Report as presented.

Motion: Pat Panichas

Second: Bonnie Synol

Passed: Unanimously

The next National Judges Cup will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Indianapolis Convention Center. The dates for the competition are January 6th through the 8th, 2012. The host hotel is the JW Marriott Indianapolis. The National Judges' Cup Director also stated that she is linked to the NAWGJ website if people need more information.

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National Librarian Director's Report

Judy Dobransky handed out the NAWGJ Financial Report for the Library. The report shows a balance of \$3,795.64 as of July 1, 2011.

Motion: I move to accept the NAWGJ Library Financial Report for 2011.

Motion: Ann Heppner

Second: Hilary Carlson

Passed: Unanimously

Judy also handed out the new videos for this season explaining that the scores will be put on the website soon. She also thanked Brenda Eberhardt for the assistance with the Library as Brenda is a vital part of this operation.

Judy also discussed what she is currently working on and what will soon be on the website.

National Website Director's Report

Judy Hoferlin handed out her Website report for the past year. She discussed the current updates that have been made and offered suggestions for changes. The recommendations for the Website will be made by the committee under the Committee Reports.

Judy presented an on-site demonstration of what is currently on the Website. She explained that some of the items that were on the Website have been removed because of lack of updated information. She discussed how hard it has been to keep the information up to date but that the Website Committee will make some new recommendations for improvement. She did ask that SJD's please send her all of their newsletter and website information as soon as it is published.

Judy asked that members use the jhoferlin@earthlink.net e-mail address for faster response.

JAS Director's Report

President Evelyn Chandler presented the JAS report for Director Carole Ide. It was reported that all NCAA institutions sponsoring a women's gymnastics team used the system for the 2011 season. 413 judges listed their names in the Judges Assigning System. 2122 judge assignments were completed but there were 128 initial refusals of assignments. This is a 6% refusal rate.

A major concern this season was the refusal of meets after accepting the meet and signing a contract. The JAS Committee was asked to deal with this concern.

The President announced the new JAS Committee. Carole Ide remains as the Chairman with members Evelyn Chandler, Pat Panichas, Barbara Tebben and Mary Lee Martin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Constitution Committee (Members – Mary Lee Martin, Chairman, Ann Heppner and Barbara Tebben). The Constitution Committee has been working for several months in order to present a revised and updated Constitution. The committee met in Las Vegas also. Out of their committee work, they moved to amend the Constitution.

Motion: The Constitution Committee moves to amend the Constitution to read as presented. (Copy Attached)

No second needed as it comes from a Committee.

The motion will be voted on at the July 10th Meeting of the Board after the RJD's have an opportunity to discuss the changes with the SJD's.

The Committee also presented their work on the Operating Code but no recommendation was presented at this time.

- B. Site Committee (Members – Hilary Carlson, Ann Heppner and Bonnie Synol)

The Site Committee presented the following recommendations:

1. We have a set date for our annual meeting. The last weekend of June was suggested, however next year, those are Olympic Trials.
2. The Committee recommends not holding the meeting in conjunction with another event as the meeting became too strung out over the week-ends and costly for the SJD/RJD funds. The Committee felt that the focus of the annual NAWGJ Meeting should be on NAWGJ business.
3. Sites suggested were:
 - a. 2012 – Las Vegas (June 22 – 24)
 - b. 2013 – Chicago (June 28th)
 - c. 2014 – (The year of symposium)
 - d. 2015 – Atlanta
4. Do you want this Committee to get bids for National Symposium?

It was recommended that the RJD's take this information to the SJD's for further discussion before a vote at the July 10th Board Meeting.

- C. JAS Committee (Members – Carole Ide, Chairman; Evelyn Chandler, Pat Panichas, Mary Lee Martin and Barbara Tebben)

The JAS Committee announced the new assigners. They are Patty Vitale, Mary Ann West and Debbie Campbell and the Committee requested a vote on the decision.

Motion: The Committee recommends the following assigners be approved by the Board: Patty Vitale, Mary Ann West and Debbie Campbell for a 4 year term starting in 2012.

No Second Needed

Vote: All YES and 1 abstention due to conflict of interest

The Committee also made the following motion:

In response to the NACGC/W - Jas Committee request regarding the selection of the JAS – National Assigner: we recommend the following to our current JAS National Assigner selection process:

1. Applications will be sent out March 15.

2. Applications are due back by May 1.
3. NAWGJ-JAS Committee will send a list of applicants (with applications if requested) to the NACGC/W-JAS Committee.
4. The NACGC/W-JAS will return a list to the NAWGJ-JAS Committee of those who they would be comfortable with as the National Assigner.
5. This list will include a minimum of 50% +1 of the total number of applicants
6. The NAWGJ-JAS committee will follow their normal process of selection.
7. On the outside chance that the NAWGJ-JAS Committee's selection does not appear on the NACGC/W-JAS Committee's list then the President of NAWGJ will notify the chair of the NACGC/W-JAS for further discussion.

No second needed as it is coming from the Committee.

Passed: Unanimously

- D. Hall of Fame and Live Members Committee – (Members – Pat Panichas, Bonnie Synol, Sheila Ragle and Betty Sroufe)

The committee met and recommended the following:

Hall of Fame

Mission: To honor achievements in the women's gymnastics judging realm. Person to be a long term member of NAWGJ, be a supporter to NAWGJ issues, clinician, provider of educational information or tools and/or exemplary officer in NAWGJ.

Life Membership

Mission: To honor a twenty year or more NAWGJ member who has been a major clinician, provider of judging education information, provided support for NAWGJ or held NAWGJ office.

Nominations

Nominations with a resume of achievements are to be submitted by a NAWGJ Member to the RJDs by June 1st one year prior to National Symposium. Voting by the National Governing Board will take place at least one year prior to National Symposium to allow time to notify the recipients.

Award

Recipients to receive a token of appreciation at NAWGJ National Symposium, if possible, and a lifetime membership providing all benefits of NAWGJ. If funds permit, NAWGJ will pay to have the honoree present at NAWGJ National Symposium to receive her/his award.

After a short discussion, the Committee moved that the committee's recommendation be accepted by the Board.

No second needed

Passed: Unanimously

- E. Financial and Budget Committee – (Members – Evelyn Chandler, Mary Lee Martin, Betty Sroufe, Judy Dobransky, Patty Shipman, Sheila Ragle, Bonnie Synol, Pat Panichas and Ann Heppner)

The first item that was discussed was the issue of "Online Registration". Pros and Cons were listed. It was decided that this topic would be one of the breakout topics for the meeting with the SJD's.

Other topics included guidelines for spending funds, the allocation and distribution of funds and questions for the CPA that will be speaking on Sunday morning at the SJD Meeting.

The question of account audits was an item for discussion. The discussion concerned self audits, expense of an audit, the need for an audit and the preparation for an audit. This item will be brought up again at the January Board Meeting.

F. Website Committee – (Members – Cindy Lord, Patty Shipman, Judy Hoeflerlin, Mary Lee Martin and Judy Dobransky)

After various topics of discussion, the committee offered the following motion for consideration:

1. Block out the Tax ID # on the first page of the Constitution.
2. Add to the RJD Duties that after an election notification of changes should be sent to the Website Director and the Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Add to the duties of the Vice President to gather correct SJD information and send it to the Website Director.
4. Allow the Website Director to place judging forms on the website without prior Board approval.

Second not needed

Passed: Unanimously

G. Planning for the SJD Meeting

Since most of the topics that the SJD's wanted discussed were financial issues, the following topics were decided on through unanimous consent:

1. Miscellaneous discussion under the title of "What's pushing your buttons?"
Group leaders – Hilary Carlson and Sheila Ragle
2. Social Networking
Group leaders – Cindy Lord, Leslie Patterson and Barbara Tebben
3. Term Limits / Survey
Group leaders – Pat Panichas, Bonnie Synol and Ann Heppner
4. Online dues payment/website
Group leaders – Patty Shipman, Judy Hoeflerlin, Mary Lee Martin

It was decided that all SJD's would hear and have a chance to give input on all items presented. The presenters would move from table to table and the SJD's would not have to move. There would be a person taking notes and at the end, the presenters would give a report for everyone to hear. Out of this information, the National Governing Board would discuss and make recommendations at the Sunday Board Meeting.

The reports that were given at the National Board Meeting would be repeated for the SJD's.

The new SJD's would be invited to eat lunch with the President and have the opportunity to ask questions.

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In preparation for the SJD Meeting on Saturday, the following motion was made:

Motion: I move that we adjourn this meeting and finish our agenda on Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm.

Motion: Bonnie Synol

Second: Leslie Patterson

Pass: Unanimously

Signed: _____

Evelyn Chandler

President

Signed: _____

Mary Lee Martin

Vice President