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### **NAWGJ Background:**

- AZ NAWGJ Judge Mentor Chairperson,
- Volunteer at National Judges Cup, Volunteer at National NAWGJ Symposium in Fort Worth 2019 and in National NAWGJ Symposium in Illinois in 2010.
- Volunteer at J.O. Nationals 2017 in Indianapolis. Volunteer as Auxiliary Judge at U.S. Classics in 2014, 2016 in Chicago.

**Years of Service:** 14 years

### **Additional Credits:**

- Attended 2005 USA Gymnastics National Technical Symposium in Louisville, KY
- Attended 2013 Compulsory Workshop in Orlando, and attended numerous National, Regional, and State Congresses.
- Junior Olympic Coach from 2000-2017; qualifying gymnasts to J.O. Nationals, Level 9 Eastern and Level 8 Regionals.
- Qualified gymnasts to TOPS National "A" Camp Head coach of optional team from 2007-2013.

### **Comments:**

I am interested in serving as AZ NAWGJ SJD because I would like to continue in the direction and with the goals set forth by Jen during her term as SJD and contribute my skill set to the position. When I moved to Arizona, I was welcomed by the judges in this state with open arms even though I resided up north in Flagstaff. Every judge I have met has been friendly and supportive of me. I have made so many friends and colleagues. I feel lucky to be a part of such competent and professional judges.

This past year, I was excited to become a member of the board and serve as the Judge Mentor Chairperson where I could "pay it forward" by supporting the new/newer judges. I believe it is important for the judges of all levels to work together for a better organization. I enjoyed being able to connect new/newer judges with more seasoned judges. As a board member, Jen provided me with guidance but acknowledged my capabilities and allowed me to run with the program. She has been fair, objective, transparent, and has every judge's interest in mind.

I am seeking to be your SJD because I believe that my goals and aspirations for AZ NAWGJ, align with the direction in which Jen was pursuing. I plan to continue where Jen has left off and continue to move AZ NAWGJ in the future, whatever it may hold under the current circumstances. I recognize that I will have big shoes to fill. I am ready, willing, and capable of taking on that challenge.

### **Additional Comments:**

AZ NAWGJ has had excellent leadership through past SJDs, Pam Evans and Jen Ditmer. We have the past Region One, RTC and great judges including Brevets. Moreover, we have an amazing Board that is dedicated, capable and professional. We are fortunate to have so many resources available and I plan on utilizing these resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

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