

FL NAWGJ News



May 2022

Celebrating FL NAWGJ Judges



What a great
“BEVY OF FRIENDS”

Katie J, Jenn, Katie K & Dawn



Tiffany, Pam, Patricia,
Aimee & Val



Amy, Nikki, Jeanette, Sofia & Nelena



Sonya, Pavlina & Carrie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – MAY YOUR DAY BE WONDERFUL!!



Cindy McLane..... May 1
 Inky Cummings May 4
 Tracy Jakum May 6
 Jen Boval May 10
 Cookie Batsche..... May 18
 Carol Curley May 18
 Becky Stone..... May 22

Rachel Fodor May 23
 Kristi Dixon May 24
 Taylor Durham-Flint May 26
 Stephanie Ovdiyenko..... May 26
 Melissa Huston May 28
 Karmin Soderstrom May 30



Upcoming FL NAWGJ Board Elections



It's Election Time for FL NAWGJ!

We've got State Governing Board (SGB) elections coming up next month and I encourage you to read about each position and consider running for something that sounds of interest to you. All positions are open, though some will have incumbents and a few will not. Here is the list of our positions and a little insight into each one. In-depth information will be coming out next month, but feel free to email me if you would like more information sooner.

Assigners (2): Currently, FL NAWGJ has 2 Assigner's positions – South area & Central/North area. Duties include sending out contracts, working with Meet Directors and disseminating meet information to judges. Must be well organized and computer literate. Both Carol Curley and Sharyn Strickland will be running again.

Clinic Chair: Coordinates and plans all statewide clinics for FL NAWGJ. Must be able to do budgeting, scheduling and work well with individuals. This position will be completely OPEN with no incumbent.

Ethics Chair: Responsible for implementing and ensuring NAWGJ Code of Conduct and FL NAWGJ policies. Handles complaints, grievances and follows conflict resolution guidelines. Pam Sherwood is our current Ethics Chair and will be running again.

Event Coordinator: Primarily handles and coordinates all things involving our FL NAWGJ Judges' Cup – provides a working budget, scheduling, set-up and works directly with our meet partner – Lightning City Gymnastics. Patricia Lydon is our current Event Coordinator and plans to run again.

Media Specialist: Maintains our FL NAWGJ website and Facebook page. Must be computer literate with website knowledge and good grammar/spelling. It is imperative this individual communicate information promptly and keep things updated. This position will be completely OPEN with no incumbent.

Mentor Chair: Works with new judges to secure them a mentor, disseminate important information, schedules practice judging and a variety of other duties associated with mentoring. Holds an annual "New Judge Seminar" at Judges' Cup. As our current Mentor Chair, Susan Lomas plans to run again.

Secretary: Responsible for all meeting minutes, coordinates travel arrangements for National Judges' Cup applicants and is assigned various tasks as needed. Must be computer literate and timely. This position will be completely OPEN with no incumbent.

Volunteer Coordinator: Secures and manages all volunteers for big meets that come to FL – Regionals, Easterns, Nationals. Submits and works with a budget, schedules volunteer duties, oversees each project from beginning to end and submits receipts with a final report. Kevn McNamara currently holds this position and plans to run again.

- ❖ June 1: SJD (Susan Monahan) sends out Letter of Eligibility to candidates
- ❖ June 15: Candidate letters due back to RJD (Diane Thompson)
- ❖ July 1: Begin voting for online elections (unless a position is unopposed).
- ❖ July 15: Online elections close – RJD checks results and notifies candidate(s)
- ❖ August 1: Newly elected SGB members assume office – each term is for 2 years.



Lifetime Achievement Award

For anyone who may have missed this announcement:

Tim Rand - Lifetime Achievement Award

One of the most successful coaches in the history of USA Gymnastics' Junior Olympic program (now known as the Development Program), Rand was hugely influential both regionally and nationally as an administrator, gym owner, volunteer and coach. Rand began his coaching career at Durham Dynasty Gymnastics in Durham, N.C., before moving to Florida and eventually opening his own gym, American Twisters, in 1986 in East Boca Raton and a second location in Boca Raton 10 years later. Over the course of his career, Rand trained 12 National Team members, but his biggest impact may have been beyond the competitive arena. An innovator in the gym business realm, he also

served for years as the Junior Olympic State and Regional Committee chair, as well as the Elite Regional chair. He was instrumental in designing the women's 2005 Junior Olympic compulsories and was a charter member of the Elite Coaches Association. Rand produced a series of 20 instructional videos and organized or spoke at countless camps and clinics. USA Gymnastics Women's Program Service Award honorees, Rand and his wife, Toni LaFleur Rand, were inducted into the Region 8 Hall of Fame in 2006, the year Rand retired from the gym business. Rand passed away in 2007 and will be inducted into the USAG Hall of Fame posthumously. He and is survived by Toni, their daughters Alissa McGraw and Serena Albauer, and two grandchildren, Parker and Addison. The Tim Rand Invitational is now held annually in his name.

The award ceremony will be at the National Congress Banquet in Tampa on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Welcome to Florida - New Judges



Kayla Teribery

Kayla is a current Level 9 rated judge and lives in Winter Springs. She started her judging career in Pennsylvania and just moved down here a few months ago. Meet Kayla to find out more.....

Hope Spivey Frost

Yes, you are correct – it's Hope Spivey, the 1988 Olympic gymnast who competed for the U.S. She recently moved to Land 'O Lakes and is on track to start her judging career next season. Hope has her 4/5 compulsory rating in the bag and plans to test USA Brevet at Congress this summer. We wish her all the best!



Calendar & Reminders

May 6-8..... Xcel Regionals, Foley, AL

May 6-8..... Level 9 Eastern Nationals, Rochester, NY

May 13-15..... Level 10 DP Nationals, Mesa, AZ

May 14..... Deadline to register for May 21 Test Prep Clinic (below)

[NAWGJ-FL Calendar \(nawgjflorida.org\)](http://nawgjflorida.org) (registration link)

May 19 Flipping Education: Vault w/ Linda Thorberg & Cookie Batsche

May 21..... National/Brevet Test Prep Clinic in Orlando

May 21-22..... AAU Regional Meet in Daytona

May 24..... Flipping Education: Bars w/ Tom Koll & Gigi Ivarone

May 26..... Flipping Education: Beam w/ Marilyn Blilie & Cookie Batsche

May 31 Flipping Education: Floor w/ Jane Caruso & Myra Elfenbein

May 31..... 2022 CPE is DUE

[Annual CPE \(nawgjflorida.org\)](http://nawgjflorida.org) (fillable form)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR Upcoming Events in 2022

- ❖ June 5-12, 2022 – Special Olympics USA Games at WWSC Disney World.
- ❖ July 9-10, 2022 – FL State Clinic (coach/rec), LaFleur Tampa
- ❖ July 22-24, 2022 – Levels 6-8 Training Camp, Lake Mary Metro
- ❖ July 30, 2022 – Levels 8-10 Test Prep Clinic in Orlando @ ACE Gymnastics
- ❖ July 30, 2022 – Levels 8-10 Test Prep Clinic Tampa/Ft. Myers area @ Lakewood Ranch
- ❖ August 7, 2022 – Levels 8-10 Test Prep Clinic for South FL @ West Broward Gymnastics
- ❖ August 19-21, 2022 – National Congress @ Tampa Convention Center