

# FL NAWGJ State Committee Board Meeting



**DATE:** September 7, 2025

**Platform:** ZOOM

**Meeting Time:** 6 PM

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| <b>Roll Call:</b>                         |   |  |   |
| 1. Patricia Lydon: SJD                    | P | 6. Susan Monahan: Assigner - North/Central | P |
| 2. Jen Boval: Secretary                   | P | 7. Stephanie Ovdienko: Assigner-South      | P |
| 3. Arika Hoyt: Education & Clinic chair   | P | 8. Sophia Tracy: JC Coordinator            | P |
| 4. Marci Kaplan: Ethics & Professionalism | P | 9. Jenn Ynestroza: Media Specialist        | P |
| 5. Aimee Sparkman: Mentorship chair       | P | 10. Jill Bosack: Volunteer Coordinator     | P |

## **I. Old Business (Fiscal Year 2024/25)**

### **A. Member Reports**

#### **1. SJD - Patricia Lydon**

##### **a. Financial Report**

- \$62,411 is the current account balance
- Profit and loss and budget was shared

##### **b. 2025 Xcel Training Camp fundraiser**

- Earnings: \$15,025
- Expenses: \$8009.08
- Plans for XCEL training camp again next year at Tampa Gym and Dance.
- Update on the new Regional XCEL training camp.

##### **c. Discussion about continuing "Judges Cup-to-Go"**

##### **d. Green Flag - Nominations are due.**

#### **2. Judges Cup – Sophia Tracy**

- Update on upcoming judges cup assignments: 58 judges volunteering, 4 of which are new judges practicing.
- Expenses were higher on hotels due to location.
- Athlete entries are down this year.

#### **3. Mentoring – Aimee Sparkman**

- 4 new judges practicing at JC
- 4 or 5 high level judges relocated to the state this year
- 12 new judges total

#### **4. Secretary – Jen Boval**

- Report on cards sent to judges for sympathy, get well, celebrations.
- Request to communicate needs so we can support our judging community when needed.

#### **5. Education – Arika Hoyt: Brush-up Clinics**

- 50 responses from judges
- Locations: Tampa, Orlando, S. Florida, Gainesville, Ft. Myers
- Decision to make brush-ups free.
- One clinic has live athletes instead of video.

#### **6. Ethics & Professionalism – Marci Kaplan**

- Currently calm, but last year, there were issues to resolve.
- Reminders for expectations, canons to be included in the newsletter.

#### **7. Assigning**

##### **a. Susan Monahan**

- Carol and Sharon are teaming up with Stephanie and Susan. Taking over Toni's responsibility to oversee assignments.
- Concerns about lengthy approval process.
- b. Stephanie Ovdiyenko**
  - New judges change the dynamics - some complaints from judges about meet assignments.
  - Meet directors have been receptive.
- c. Request for support for assigners and to calm rumors.**
- 8. Media - Jen Ynestroza**
  - Request for content to be sent for website/facebook.
  - Rule information should not be posted. Only links.
- 9. Volunteer Coordinator – Jill Bosack**
  - Upcoming Special Olympic Events.
  - Suggestions to start advertising for the XCEL clinic in February, and December State meets.
  - XCEL Clinic planned for July 26-27 at Tampa Gym and Dance.

**B. USAG Information – Toni Rand**

- Matching funds for compensation of judges' education for the upcoming testing year.

**II. New Business (Fiscal Year 2025/26)**

**A. Education Fund / FL USAG matching (2026)**

- Separate line item on the budget. Patricia and Arika to create a budget.

**B. 2025/26 Brush-up Clinics**

- Discussion about accountability for Brush-up Clinics; post-event report suggested.
- Compared and contrasted live vs. video.
- Proposed to have 3 clinics for judges practice in preparation for testing.

**C. National Judges Cup**

- Location: Anaheim, CA (January 2 - 4, 2026)
- Discussion on number of judges to represent Florida due to cost and location
- Motion to put out an application to Florida judges with the same application guidelines as 2024 year. The Board will choose from the applications.

**Motion: Jen Boval**

**Second: Susan Monahan**

**All approved**

**D. 2026 National Test Prep Class**

- Date: May 31, 2026
- Location: Springhill Suites – Flamingo Crossing (Orlando)
- 70 eligible for National Test

**E. 2026 FL NAWGJ Xcel Training Camp – July 2026 at Tampa Gym and Dance**

**F. Draft 2025/26 Budget**

- Patricia to communicate with board members electronically for approval.

**G. Elections**

- Summer 2026; confirmation of current term numbers.
- Committee restructure discussion; (max 10) addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> assigner in 2026 proposed.
- Volunteer Coordinator responsibilities potentially moved to RTC.
- Discussion on an additional position for XCEL Training Camp with permission from RJD.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM**