

FL NAWGJ October State Committee Meeting via ZOOM



Meeting was called to order by State Judging Director Patricia Lydon at 6:45 PM on October 28, 2024.

Roll Call:

<u>Current Board Members</u>	Present (Y/N)	<u>Past Board Members and other guests:</u>	Present (Y/N)
Patricia Lydon: SJD	Y	Toni Rand: USAG Florida State Chair	N
Susan Monahan: Assigner-North/Central	Y	Carol Curley: AAU Team Florida Assigner	N
Stephanie Ovdienko: Assigner-South	Y		
Arika Hoyt: Education & Clinic Chair	Y		
Marci Kaplan: Ethics & Professionalism Chair	Y		
Aimee Sparkman: Mentorship Chair	Y		
Sophia Tracy: Judges Cup Coordinator	Y		
Jenn Ynestroza: Media Specialist	Y		
Jill Bosack: Volunteer Coordinator	Y		
Jen Boval: Secretary	Y		

I. Opening Remarks: Patricia Lydon

- A. Information to pass along from Carol Curley, AAU Assigner, who could not be present
 1. Entries for Fall 2024 AAU meets have been low, and 1 qualifier was canceled.
 2. Jessica Harris (NC) has resigned as National Gymnastics Chair
 - a. New national leadership is in place with different philosophies, and so changes are happening.
 - b. Possibility of Heather Besselman from Ohio as the new chair
- B. Toni Rand was not present, but had information to pass along about the possibility of term limits being implemented.

II. SJD Report: Patricia

- A. Financial Report
 1. Looked into investment plan/CD for \$20,000 of balance to follow-up on decision voted on in last meeting. More involved than originally thought. Decision made to table it for now and revisit the idea.
 2. \$140 raised from donated uniform sales at 2024 Judges' Cup, thanks to Melissa Houston.
 3. Profit and Loss reviewed, since fiscal year ending. Balance Sheet shared with Board.
 - a. Account looks strong, with a healthy balance.
 - b. Judges Cup numbers were down significantly, but JC expenses were also down, and Tim Keckler still made a large contribution to NAWGJ.
- B. Reminder about Past Service and Leadership form for National/Brevet credit. Deadline to submit to Evelyn Chandler is 12/31/24, and this is a one-time-only opportunity.
- C. Green Flag Nominations
 1. The deadline was extended to 10/31/24 due to the hurricane.
 2. Nomination forms will be sent to State Committee Members for a vote on or around 11/1.
- D. FL-NAWGJ Handbook needs to be updated - details coming.
- E. General membership Meeting
 1. Will be held via zoom on 11/18/24 at 8:30 PM, immediately following XCEL Bars and Floor Composition Clinic hosted by Linda Thorberg.
 2. Looking for items for the agenda. Request to email suggestions.
- F. Next State Committee meeting set for May 15, 2025 at 6:45 PM on Zoom.

III. New Business Items:

- A. 24/25 Budget Items - Reviewed Budget and highlighted proposed changes for 2025.
- B. National Judges' Cup Update
 - 1. Historically, we send up to 2 judges, but this year, since it will be held in Florida, there are 22 FL volunteers. Need to discuss alternative plans.
 - 2. Patty J. Shipman Level 7 Team competition: FL is putting together a team.
- C. 2025 FL-NAWGJ XCEL Workshop for coaches and athletes
 - 1. In formative stages - proposal is to host coaches clinic in the morning and then welcome athletes in the afternoon.
 - 2. Included as a budget item for the proposed 24-25 budget.
 - 3. Proposal to form a committee made of general membership volunteers.

IV. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Secretary Report - Jen Boval
 - 1. 7/23/24 Transition Meeting Minutes are available on the Share Drive, and to general membership.
 - 2. Google Share Drive is the dwelling for State Committee Business. Financials are available for transparency. Aimee has uploaded mentor information. Invitation to committee members to contribute as needed.
 - 3. Florida handbook will be reviewed and updated. Proposed date of end of December for revisions to be complete. Assistance in editing will be requested by certain Chairs, as needed, based on content relevance. The handbook will be placed on the share drive for review, and any changes made should be highlighted in yellow.
- B. Judges' Cup Report - Sophia Tracy
 - 1. The Aloha Judges' Cup went smoothly and feedback was good. There were more volunteers than she was able to use.
 - 2. Numbers were down by over 400 athletes. This decline looks like it may become the trend, and greatly affected the projected income. As a result, spending was adjusted, so the loss of profit could be minimized.
- C. Education and Clinic Chair Report - Arika Hoyt
 - 1. Brush-up Clinics: All are scheduled and still have availability. As of now, all will be held as planned.
 - 2. XCEL and Floor Composition Clinic will be offered on November 18th by Linda Thorberg. Membership will be invited, and the clinic will be free.
 - 3. State Clinic, summer 2025 - with the proposed addition of the XCEL Clinic, there won't be a separate summer clinic offered, apart from the State Clinic that USAG puts together.
- D. Mentorship Chair - Aimee Sparkman
 - 1. Working with several new judges and needing mentors.
 - 2. Practice judging went well at Judges' Cup.
- E. Central and South Assignors - Susan Monahan and Stephanie Ovidyenko
 - 1. Assigning has gone well, overall. Most meets have been assigned. Stephanie reported that she had a little trouble finding enough judges for a few meets in the South, but otherwise went smoothly.
 - 2. Judges need to be reminded to create contracts when they accept meets.
- F. Media Specialist - Jenn Ynestroza
 - 1. Reminded membership to contact her if they need anything to be updated on the website or facebook page.
 - 2. Asked that we check the website periodically and let her know if anything needs to be changed.
 - 3. Requested that we discuss adding a budget item for expense stipend/reimbursement for those who routinely represent Florida at National Training Camps. Patricia's response was that we are not set up financially to do that because we do not have an Education Fund. We are working on developing that with the new XCEL Training Camp Fundraiser.
- G. Ethics and Professionalism - Marci Kaplan - only a few minor incidents so far that have been handled.
- H. Volunteer Coordinator - Jill Bosack
 - 1. Requested that HUGS athletes be able to participate in XCEL Clinic. Patricia said that the committee they hope to form will make those kinds of decisions.
 - 2. Has put together packages for judges to go into gyms for in-gyms. Option to purchase a package that includes Meet Director services also. Hoping to reach smaller clubs who may not normally host in-gyms.

V. New Business Items for Board Approval

A. National Judges' Cup

1. Proposed up to \$100 per judge for travel expenses based on 27 judges = \$2700 budgeted. There was discussion about reimbursement for fuel vs. mileage, hotel, meals depending on how far a judge must travel.

Motion made by Susan Monahan for reimbursement of up to \$100 per judge for NJC.

Second motion: Sophia Tracy

All were in favor, and none opposed.

2. Budgeted amount for NJC - total of \$3,875

- a. \$2700 from above motion for volunteer judges
- b. \$975 for entry fees for Level 7 Florida Team (team entry fee + 6 athletes)
- c. \$200 for miscellaneous expenses

Motion made by Aimee Sparkman for \$3,875 NJC budget for 2025.

Second motion: Arika Hoyt

All were in favor, and none opposed.

B. New FL - NAWGJ Fundraiser: 2025 FL NAWGJ XCEL Workshop and Training Camp

- a. Proposal to form ad-hoc committee to plan fundraiser
- b. Proposal that someone nominate a Chair for the committee who will have the authority to appoint members from the FL membership.

Motion made by Susan Monahan to name Patricia as the XCEL Workshop Chair.

Second motion: Aimee Sparkman

All were in favor, and none opposed.

C. 2024-25 FL NAWGJ Operating Budget

- a. Budget was reviewed

Motion made by Marci Kaplan to approve the 2024-25 Operating Budget.

Second motion: Jen Boval

All were in favor, and none opposed.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 5/15/24 on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.