



FL NAWGJ Board Meeting

Orlando, FL (State Clinic @ ACE)

July 27, 2019

Susan Monahan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Clinic Chair	Cookie Batsche	Present
Ethics Chair	Pam Sherwood	Present
Event Coordinator	Patricia Lydon	Absent
Media Specialist	Vinnie Silber	Present
Mentor Chair	Susan Lomas	Present
North/Central Assignor	Carol Curley	Present
South Assignor	Sharyn Strickland	Present
Secretary	Debbie Hyde	Present
State Judging Director	Susan Monahan	Present
Volunteer Coordinator	Kevn McNamara	Present
NAWGJ President	Evelyn Chandler	<i>non-voting Present</i>
FL USAG SC	Toni Rand	<i>non-voting Absent</i>



All Board members, except Patricia Lydon signed Conflict of Interest & Confidentiality forms and returned them to Susan.

- ✓ Action Item – Susan M. will send all forms to RJD Cookie Batsche once she gets Patricia's form.
Completed 8/7/19

I. SJD Overview & Comments

- Susan M. asked Evelyn C. about NAWGJ insurance and being covered at mock meets, mobility meets and in-gyms. Evelyn informed the Board that we are only covered if the elected Assigner send the judge a contract for the activity. We discussed and decided that as long as the judge notifies the Assigner in advance, they will be covered for these other types of activities, but they must be in a judging capacity (not coaching). *The new notification process will be putting **JUDGE IN GYM – NAME – MEET – DATE** in the subject line of the email sent to the Assigners.*
- Financial Report: We currently have \$28,557.48 in our account as we close out the 3rd quarter on 7/31/19. Our fiscal year ends on 10/31/19. A copy of our budget to date was submitted as well.
- Testing Update: Two tests are being offered in FL this year. The first one was conducted last weekend at Metro Gymnastics (*3 of 5 new people passed with a 4/5 rating*). The second test is for Optional levels only and will be held at Judges' Cup on 9/14/19 in Tampa. Susan M. handed out a copy of our new Awareness flyer for Jr. Pro (16-17) year-olds.
- USAG Rated Judges Report: (2259 active NAWGJ members nationwide)
 - 3184 Total USAG Rated Judges: (1) TX – 203, (2) FL – **184 (5.8 % of all USAG judges)**, (3) OH - 173, (4) Nor Cal - 141 and (5) PA - 133
 - FL judges by rating (below)

USAG RATED JUDGES – FLORIDA (as of 7/20/19)

	4/5	7/8	9	10	National	Brevet USA	Brevet FIG
TOTAL - 168	63	20	16	40	35	5	5
Active - 126 (68%)	26	13	11	37	33	5	1
Inactive - 58 (32%)	37	7	5	3	2	0	4

- Uniform: Discussion ensued, and Evelyn stated that nothing has changed except we can no longer require that our FL judges wear the NAWGJ uniform from Lands’ End. The uniform description in the new USAG FL Travel guidelines is very explanatory and we support the fact that the current NAWGJ uniform is the ideal model and highly suggested that judges continue to wear it. Questions were asked of Evelyn:
 - You CANNOT transfer the current Land’s End logo onto a non-official jacket.
 - States CANNOT create a State logo to put on jackets.
 - A judge WILL NOT be chastised and receive fewer contracts if she/he does not wear the Lands’ End uniform.
 - Sweaters CANNOT be worn in place of the jacket during judging, though a sweater is acceptable during breaks or under the jacket while judging.
- FL NAWGJ Handbook: Pam is making edits and updates to the Handbook and then give them to Susan so she can work on the Handbook. The goal is to have this project completed by Judges’ Cup in September so that the new judges can all receive hard copies.
 - Action Item – Susan M. has received the updates from Pam and will complete the Handbook edits before Judges’ Cup. She will then send the book to Susan L. to make copies for the new judges.
- SJD Workshop & National Symposium: Susan M. attended her Regional meeting while there and also 2 days of Workshop. Very informative. Next years’ SJD Workshop and meetings are set for Seattle in July 2020. Most Board members attended Symposium and the feedback was very good. Evelyn and the National Board were commended for doing such a great job.
- National Judges’ Cup: Will be held in Santa Clara, CA, January 10-12, 2020. Anticipated expenses will most likely be higher than usual (will budget \$2500) since the meet is in California. Discussion commenced and everyone agreed that NJC is a wonderful experience for our judges.
 - Motion: Pam Sherwood Moved to pay the expenses for 2 FL NAWGJ members to attend the National Judges’ Cup in 2020.**
 - 2nd: Kevn McNamara Passed unanimously**
- Action Item – Susan M. will update the NJC application form and send it out to the general membership in September. The deadline to respond will be the end of September and then the FL NAWGJ Board will vote and select to applicants. Debbie will work with Susan to coordinate the trip.
- Elections 2020: All current Board positions, including the SJD position will be up for election in 2020. All positions will also be included in the new Term Limit guidelines as follows:
 - RJD – 2 term (8 years) limit. Next election 2021. Regardless of years already served, current RJDs may continue to run for 1 more full term if they desire.
 - SJD – 2 term (8 years) limit. Next election Spring 2020. Regardless of years already served, current SJDs may continue to run for 1 more full term if they desire.
 - SGB (State Governing Board) – 3 term (6 years) limit, beginning 8/1/19. Regardless of years already served, current SGB members may continue to run for 2 more full terms if they desire.
 - Term Limits go with the individual and NOT the position – meaning one cannot “position hop” and would be required to sit out a minimum of 2 years before being allowed to run for a position again.

- National Board will have term limits soon, but still need to work out some details.
- Board Meeting Requirements: We are required to hold 2 meetings per year. One must be live and in person. It is permissible to hold a Skype/teleconference meeting so that everyone can participate in discussion and/or voting issues. This method will most likely be used for our next meeting to discuss NJC applicants and vote.

II. RJD & Clinic Chair Report: Cookie Batsche

Cookie and Toni have talked about next years' summer clinics. We (FL NAWGJ) may bring in Linda Thorberg as a clinician and pay her expenses and fees. Possible clinic sites included the northwest coast (possibly Gulfport) and another clinic in the southeast. It was also favorably decided to continue hosting our Fall Brush Up clinics. Sharyn has already selected their date (November 24) at W Broward Gym with Mark Robbins. We conducted 6 Brush Ups last year and have decided to only host 5 this fall. Gainesville and Jacksonville areas will need to decide who will host this year. Fee to attend will continue to be \$15 per person and the required minimum to host is 6 individuals.

- ✓ Action Item – Susan M. will purchase sanctions from USAG to cover all Brush Ups so that they may also earn CPE clinic hours.

Cookie also discussed the Request For Projects (RFP) awards program. This is being offered again and submissions are due by November 1, 2019.

- ✓ Action Item – Susan M. will email the RFP form to the general membership soon. **Completed 8/9/19**

Regional Symposium will be at the University of GA in Atlanta on October 18-20, 2020.

Cookie also shared a flow chart for a disciplinary process. This was given to Pam as it will benefit her program and jurisdiction.

III. Mentor Chair Report: Susan Lomas

Susan reviewed the packet that she sends to prospective/new judges. Mentors are given a list of duties to perform with/for the new judges and it is a 2 year commitment. There is a need for more mentors and Susan L. will be hosting a 1 hour Mentor session at Judges' Cup. Attendees can earn 1 hour of clinic credit.

IV. Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Kevn McNamara

Florida hosted Level 9 Easterns this past May and Kevn was responsible to coordinate all of the volunteers. We had 42 judges volunteer over the weekend and there were many positive reviews. She also coordinated and purchased the judge's gifts. Overall, Kevn came in slightly under budget. So far, there are no major or Regional events in FL this season so Kevn will assist the other positions as needed.

V. Assigner's Report: Carol Curley & Sharyn Strickland

Both Assigners say that everything is going well and have gotten a jump on the assigning this season. It was noted that some judges are not completing the contract acceptance process and need to hit the "create a contract" button to finish accepting a contract.

- ✓ Action Item – Susan M. will send out an email to inform the judges about the "create a contract" button. She will also provide the Assigners with a "noncompliant" list of those judges who cannot be assigned due to membership expirations and/or no CPE. These will be done by 8/15/19.
Completed 8/9/19

VI. Secretary's Report: Debbie Hyde

Debbie will assist Susan M. with National Judges' Cup as mentioned above. She is taking notes at tomorrow's General Membership meeting and will also undertake other duties as assigned or needed.

VII. Ethics Chair Report: Pam Sherwood

Pam will update the FL NAWGJ Handbook. There were some violations this past season and those were addressed and completed as needed. Pam will use the new disciplinary process (as developed by Cookie's group) with any new written issues. She also created an Ethics Quiz to see how people are thinking about their reactions in different situations and plans to send it out to the general membership soon. She also spoke with different people at Symposium and mentioned how different each state is in how they share their expectations for ethics.

VIII. Event Coordinator's Report: Patricia Lydon

Patricia was not present, but sent an email of talking points to Susan M. who read them to the Board. Patricia has spoken to Tim Keckler and entries are coming in, but the deadline is not for a few more weeks. She asked Vinnie if he would like to coordinate the baskets this year. Kevn suggested to Susan L. that she might want to include a section in her new judge seminar about how to order materials from the National Library.

IX. Media Specialist's Report: Vinnie Silber

Vinnie got our social media formats up and running soon after taking office last August. He handed out an accounting of how our social media (website, Facebook, YouTube, Contests) have been performing over the past 10 months. Currently, our Facebook page is #1 in the nation of all other NAWGJ pages and we've been receiving some great feedback from around the country. We will continue to promote all of our social media formats and try to increase our subscribership.

- **Motion: Susan Lomas Moved to adjourn the meeting.**
- 2nd: Kevn McNamara Passed unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting will be a teleconference in early October to discuss and vote on all received National Judges' Cup applicants and the 2019-2020 Budget.