

**ILLINOIS NAWGJ  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VIRTUAL  
August 10, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 pm CT by Linda McDonald, SJD.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Linda McDonald, SJD

Brooke Bennett, Judges Cup

Heather Forbes, Assigner

William Gurin, Assigner

Christi Kearns, Education

Kathy Krebs, Administrative Assistant

Gwyneth Milbrath, Assigner

Cheryl Schuh, Web Master

Sue Woloszyk, Financial Assistant

Absent: None

A quorum was declared.

**Old Business**

The minutes from the 11/8/19 Open meeting and the 11/8/19 Board meeting were approved previously.

**GOVERNING BOARD REPORTS**

**SJD Report – Linda McDonald**

General

1. Robin Ruegg from Minnesota is the new national Director of Finance.
2. Evelyn Paradis from California is the new national Judges Cup Chair.
3. Karin Ederer from Minnesota is a new Collegiate Assigner.
4. Lois Colburn from Massachusetts is the new National Collegiate Assigner.

National Judges Cup

1. Judges Cup 2021 was moved from Virginia Beech to Louisville, KY on January 8-10, 2021 to be more centrally located.
2. The Level 7 Team Challenge has been renamed to the Patti J. Shipman Level 7 Team Challenge.

Ten for 10 Check List

1. Meet Directors will be asked to complete a questionnaire about the environment that they will provide at their competition as it relates to COVID-19 regulations.
  - The check list was sent to Illinois Meet Directors via the State Chair, Norbert Bendixen.
  - The document will also be posted on the Illinois NAWGJ website.
  - Meet Directors will send responses to Cheryl Schuh for posting on the NAWGJ website for judges to view.

Exams

1. Compulsory exams will be online for testing in the next cycle beginning in 2021.
2. The Optional written exam will probably be online but the practical may still be in-person. Alternatives are being evaluated.

Uniform

1. The official supplier is Lands' End.
2. New options for the official jacket and pants are available.

NAWGJ Library

1. Christi will receive a flash drive with practice routines from the NAWGJ Library. DVDs are no longer available.

### Green Flag Award

1. Connie Maloney was the Regional winner.
2. A request for Illinois nominations will be sent on October 1 and are due on October 15.
3. The State Governing Board will select the winner.

### Term Limits

1. All State Governing Board members now have term limits.
2. Everyone currently on the Board will be allowed two more terms regardless if it is their current position or a different position. The term limit is applied to the consecutive number of years per individual.

### Financials

1. The person preparing the financial document will now be the person who signs the document. The SJD must verify that two people witnessed and approved the report.
2. All cash received must have four eyes witnessing the amount.

### Assigning

1. It is anticipated that problems related to assigning may occur due to COVID-19 this season. There may be fewer and smaller meets, last minute judge cancellations due to illness or meets cancelled altogether.
  - If a judge feels ill, they MUST cancel. It is not an option to come sick to a meet.
  - Gymjas now allows for alternates. All states are encouraged to assign alternates. If the alternate is needed elsewhere they will be assigned to that meet. Being an alternate will not limit receiving an assignment.
2. Meet Directors may decide to request only local judges to avoid hotel costs and mileage expenses.
  - Meet Directors may request specific judges. If a Meet Director does not want a specific judge to be assigned to their meet it must be written in Gymjas. Calling, writing, emailing or telling an Assigner or SJD which judge they do not want on their meet will not be honored. Only those requests documented in Gymjas will be honored.
  - Assigners are expected to be fair in their assignments.
  - All states are required to post assigning procedures on their website.
  - Illinois was the only state in Region 5 with an assigning committee that has written assigning procedures.
3. NGA meets will be assigned by ILNAWGJ as well as YMCA, AAU, GIJO and JO.
4. Reported the following criteria will be used for assigning during the 2020-2021 season. Criteria must be posted on the Website.

#### Assigning Eligibility

- Must be available in Gymjas.
- Must have the appropriate rating for the meet.
- Must be a member in good standing with NAWGJ and USAG having all memberships and certifications up to date.

#### Assigning Procedures

- Meets will be assigned in order of the USAG Illinois Phase and Priority system. In order of priority, compare meet director requests with judge's preferences.
- Assign perfect matches (Meet X requests Judge A and judge A has Meet X as their preference which equals a perfect match). Assign perfect matches starting with Phase 1 Priority 1 and work down the list.
- Go back to Phase 1 Priority 1 and work down the list completing assignments for the number of judges requested. Judge's meet preference, proximity to the meet site, and number of meets already assigned will be given equal consideration.
- Out-of-state judges will only be assigned if the meet director makes a request or if no other judges from Illinois are available.

### SJD Meeting in 2021

1. The 2021 SJD meeting will be in Seattle, WA on July 9-10, 2021.

### **Financial Assistant – Sue Woloszyk**

1. Reported on the financials of ILNAWGJ.
2. Reported on the impact of no Judges Cup on the Operating Budget.
3. Requested receipts from Board members for phone and internet.

### **Judges Cup – Brooke Bennett**

1. Tabled discussion related to sending a judge to the National Judges Cup.
2. Described alternatives to Judges Cup for 2020.
3. Will request feedback from coaches regarding different types of Judges Cup.
4. Dates are to be determined but may be over multiple weekends in the beginning of November.
5. Linda will survey the membership for judge's availability.
6. Recommendation to forgo the current format for the 2020 Judges Cup and begin work on an alternative JC.  
Motion: Brooke Bennett  
Second: Christi Kearns  
Passed: Unanimously

### **Education – Christi Kearns**

1. Reported that she submitted articles for the "IN" regarding the 20-21 rules.
2. Reported that there will be an Illinois Congress on September 13.

### **Webmaster – Cheryl Schuh**

1. Reported that the website is continuously updated.
2. Discussed changes to the current software and the possibility of changing software.

### **Administrative Assistant – Kathy Krebs**

1. Reported that membership cards no longer need to be submitted due to the ability to check through USA Gymnastics.
2. Notices were sent to ILNAWGJ members on 8-10-20 whose memberships have lapsed.
3. Reported that the "IN" has been successful and is approaching its one-year anniversary on October 1.
4. Reported that two Ethics cases were successfully resolved with the approval of Evelyn Chandler, NAWGJ President.

### **Assigners – William Gurin, Gwyneth Milbrath and Heather Forbes**

1. Reported that the assigning committee met every Thursday in May to write a manual for assigning which will be inserted into the Assigners Manual.

### **Extension of Education Fund Reimbursement**

1. Linda discussed the financial loss to members during COVID-19.
2. Linda requested that the Board pass a motion that would provide an extension until October 31, 2021 for members to use their benefits for education and clinics.
3. Recommendation to extend the use of the \$200 education benefit earned by members to October 31, 2021.  
Motion: Heather Forbes  
Second: William Gurin  
Passed: Unanimously
4. Recommendation to extend the use of the earned clinic benefit of up to \$100 which matches what was spent on the virtual clinic to October 31, 2021.  
Motion: Christi Kearns  
Second: Heather Forbes  
Passed: Unanimously

### **Motion to Adjourn at 10:41 pm CT.**

**Motion: Christi Kearns**  
**Second: Brooke Bennett**  
**PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY**

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Kathy Krebs, Administrative Assistant**  
**Illinois NAWGJ**