

**ILLINOIS NAWGJ
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Warrenville
August 1, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm CT by Linda McDonald, SJD.

Roll Call

Present:

Linda McDonald, SJD

Brooke Bennett, Assigner

Heather Forbes, Assigner

William Gurin, Assigner

Kathy Gebhardt, Education Chair

Kathy Krebs, Administrative Assistant

Ellen McDermott, Judges Cup

Sue Woloszyk, Financial Assistant

Absent:

Cheryl Schuh, Webmaster - Excused

A quorum was declared.

Welcome/Introductions – Linda McDonald

1. Welcomed new members and all who were successful in their election to the Board.
2. Explained meeting protocol.

Financial Assistant Report – Sue Woloszyk

1. Reported on the balances in all ILNAWGJ accounts.

Old Business

None

New Business

SJD Report – Linda McDonald

1. There were 23,000 assignments nationally by NAWGJ assigners during the 20-21 season.
2. Stated that more states have adopted assigning by committee as the preferred method of assigning judges. Illinois will continue assigning by committee with the three assigners: Brooke Bennett, Heather Forbes and William Gurin.
Kathy Krebs, the Administrative Assistant, will be the facilitator/coordinator of the assigning process.
3. Nationally, retention of judges is a priority and can be facilitated by spreading judging assignments evenly throughout the membership as an incentive to retain judges.
4. Mentoring is encouraged.
5. Reviewed financial requirements for NAWGJ sustainability.
6. National Judges Cup is in New Orleans on January 7-9, 2022.
7. The Leaping Lady logo is not the part of the official uniform.
8. Reviewed collegiate judging.
9. The Historian position was created by the Executive Board.
10. The next National NAWGJ Symposium will be July 12-16, 2023.
11. Stated that copies of mileage sheets are no longer required for reimbursement for mileage at meets. Mileage sheets will still be needed to receive reimbursement for Judges Cup and other educational benefits. Meet Referees can verify mileage at the request of the Meet Directors.
12. Discussed meet fees charged by ILNAWGJ to Meet Directors for contracting officials.
13. Discussed hotel accommodations for judges. NAWGJ will continue to advocate for individual rooms for each judge at competitions.
14. Compulsory tests will be on-line. More information will follow when available.

15. Level 8, 9, 10 optional written exams will be on-line beginning with the 2022 testing cycle. The practical exam will still be given by Linda McDonald, the test administrator.
16. The National and Brevet course and testing procedures have been revised for the 2022 testing cycle.
17. There will be an Open National NAWGJ meeting in August.
18. Tabled a discussion related to an electronic payment system.
19. Discussed the current 10 for 10 NAWGJ document for Meet Directors.
The Board determined that a revision to the current document was necessary.
Recommendation: A document of meet expectations was developed for Meet Directors to complete prior to the assignment of judges. The document will be called "Meet Director Expectations". Meet Directors are expected to notify ILNAWGJ if they are unable or unwilling to comply with the expectations. There are five (5) expectations that ILNAWGJ believes are essential for the 21-22 competitive season. The expectations are:
 - (1) Individual rooms for each judge.
 - (2) Adequate and clean space for judges at their judging table.
 - (3) Request that coaches avoid the judges' tables (i.e. using writing utensils, sitting in judges' chairs, leaving coffee cups/other beverages and garbage on the judges' table etc.).
 - (4) Limit meet volunteers circulating at judges' table to minimize interactions with judges.
 - (5) Commit to follow local, state and CDC guidelines.**Motion: Brooke Bennett**
Second: William Gurin
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY
20. Reviewed ILNAWGJ Membership criteria.
Membership is determined:
 - Must have a rating
 - Must pay membership dues
 - A judge's address, as listed in their membership profile with NAWGJ, determines the state in which they belong and where they are eligible to receive benefits.
21. Reported that the USA Gymnastics State Committee would like to meet with the ILNAWGJ Board on September 26, 2021 at the conclusion of the Illinois State Congress.
22. There will be an open meeting of the membership at the Illinois Judges Cup in November.
23. Reappointed Kathy Krebs as Ethics Chair.

Administrative Assistant – Kathy Krebs

1. Reviewed Ethics procedures.
2. Reviewed the Illinois Guidelines.
3. **Recommendation to accept the Illinois Guidelines dated August 2021.**
Motion: Brooke Bennett
Second: Kathy Gebhardt
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Education – Kathy Gebhardt

1. Stated that she would develop study groups in preparation for optional testing in 2022.
2. Stated that mentoring will continue.

Judges Cup – Ellen McDermott

1. The 2021 logo has been finalized for medals and t-shirts.
2. Discussed benefits for judges who work Judges Cup.
Recommendation to provide the following benefits to judges who work Judges Cup:
 1. Pay for working the 2021 Judges Cup shall be \$15 per hour plus mileage for working the Judges Cup Competition.
 2. The 2021-2022 NAWGJ membership dues will be paid if a judge works a minimum of six (6) hours at Judges Cup.

3. Judges who work a minimum of twelve (12) hours will receive the following benefit provided receipts and a reimbursement form are submitted:
 - 2021-2022 Early Bird registration fee to a State Congress, Regional Congress, National Congress, NAWGJ Symposiums, or up to \$100 toward other types of clinics or on-line courses that are CPE credit eligible.
4. Judges who work a minimum of eighteen (18) hours will receive the following benefit provided receipts and a reimbursement form are submitted:
 - \$200 in 2021-2022 toward hotel, travel expenses, mileage, parking to a CPE credit eligible clinic, toward the purchase of a Land's End official NAWGJ uniform, any other non-reimbursed USA Gymnastics event or any professional membership needed to judge. Food purchases are excluded from this list of reimbursable expenses.

Motion: Heather Forbes
Second: Sue Woloszyk
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Assigners – Brooke Bennett, Heather Forbes, William Gurin

1. The first assigning meeting will be September 25, 2021, in DeKalb.
2. The second assigning meeting will be November 12, 2021, in Bourbonnais.

Next Meeting of the Board

1. The next meeting of the ILNAWGJ Board will be Saturday, October 2, 2021, to discuss the 21-22 budget.

Motion to Adjourn at 5:25 pm CT.

Motion: William Gurin
Second: Brooke Bennett
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kathy Krebs, Administrative Assistant
 Illinois NAWGJ

RESULTS OF THE BOARD APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ON 11/12/21

Recommendation to approve the minutes from 8/1/2021:

Motion: Heather Forbes
Second: Kathie Gebhardt
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY