

# *IL-NAWGJSGC - Open Mtg*

## **Open Meeting Minutes**

**Nov 9, 2024**

**In-Person**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm CST by Heather Forbes, SJD.

### **Roll Call**

IL NAWGJSGC Members Present:

Heather Forbes - State Judging Director(SJD)

Tanya Chmielewski - Administrative Assistant

Sue Brosnan - Assignor

Billy Gurin - Assignor

Cheryl Schuh - Assignor

Christi Kearns - Education

Sue Woloszyk - Financial Assistant

Sharon Sargeant - Judges' Cup

Richard Sabel - Webmaster

IL-NAWGJ Members Present:

Mary Lou Ackman

Isabel Alba

Marilyn Anderson

Mihaela Anghel

Betty Axelson-McClelland

Apollonia Barrientos

Betty Bennett

Brooke Bennett

Hilary Carlson

Lillian Carrico

Karyn Domzalski

Barbara Dunne

Kimberly Dyer

Mya Fagaras

Jamie Grabowski

Judith Harwood

Michelle Helmke

Jeanne Johnson

Melanie Kozak

Kathy Krebs

Sarah Mark

Erin McClellan

Ellen McDermott

Linda McDonald

Donna Nowak

Tracey Rogers

Shane Sanders

Sue Schneider

Fatbardha Shtrepi

Molly Stuckey

Renee Tubbs  
Connie Urich-Rodriguez  
April VanDyke  
Rachel Wheeler  
Caitlin Yarusso

**IL USAG Committee Member Present:**  
Norbert Bendixen - State Administrative Committee Chairman

A quorum was met.

### **CPE Coordinator - Mary Lou Ackman**

- CPE Coordinator gave an update and explained the proper process to complete and submit CPE forms.

### **SJD - Heather Forbes**

- The SJD gave an update.
- Select questions/requirements were asked and donated gifts were given away to IL NAWGJ members who fulfilled the answer
- 2023 Green Flag Award recipient, Linda McDonald was recognized and rewarded
- Last season, there were a total of 86 meets.
- We've gained 8 new judges.
- Ideas for the Judge Incentive Plan were discussed.
- Competition Procedures
  - When signing official sign-in sheets or forms at meets, must include your last name. Initializing your first name is okay, as long as the last name is also signed.
  - Meet referees, you must state if the meet is a one or two judge panel.
  - Judges should not contact Meet Director
  - The "chain of command" at a meet is: Judge → Meet Referee → Meet Director
  - Meet referees should not reach out to the judges until contracts have been officially sent.
- In the Spring, all committee positions, except SJD, are open and available. Any IL NAWGJ member may run for office. There are 3 positions which have current committee members terming out. These include 2 Assignor positions as well as the Financial Assistant. Again, SJD position is not up for election in the Spring.
- You must turn in a PIF to be eligible for any state meet/regional/national meet with USA Gymnastics.

### **2023-2024 Budget - Sue Woloszyk**

- Sue reported on the current status of the IL-NAWGJ finances.
- We currently have about 105k in our checking account, but there are many expenses to be calculated after this weekend of Judges Cup.
- For the educational fund, \$25,000 was put into a CD.
- Benefits from Judges Cup 2024 must be claimed by October 31, 2025. Send all receipts and reimbursement forms to the Financial Assistant.

## **Education - Christi Kearns**

- The Education Chair gave an update.
- A big priority is improving the education of our Judges. Programs include:
  - Many opportunities to receive CPE credits through training classes
    - Looking to schedule a free clinic June 21-22, 2025 - 10 CPEs
  - Mentor program for judges to reach the level 10 rating status
    - Please send ideas for the mentoring program to increase recruitment and retention of new judges.
- Money has been earmarked for a 3rd judge at potentially multiple State Meets. This will expand the ability of more judges to receive experience judging at the State level. This is a cooperative effort with the IL State USAG committee.
- GYMJAS - Ensure you fill out the activity reports prior to volunteering at training camps, intersquads, mock meets, State meets, non-contracted AAU meets etc. This is important to give you professional liability insurance coverage.

## **Assignors - Billy Gurin, Cheryl Schuh & Sue Brosnan**

- The Assignors gave an update.
- The Assignors reviewed the assigning protocol
- Emphasized to all judges that it is important to confirm and create contracts as soon as an email is received.

## **Webmaster - Richard Sabel**

- The Webmaster gave an update.
- Please feel free to give any ideas or suggestions to improve the website.

## **Admin Assist - Tanya Chmielewski**

- The Admin Assist gave an update.
- Please feel free to give any ideas or suggestions to improve the newsletter.

## **Judge's Cup - Sharon Sargeant**

- Sharon reported on the current status of Judge's Cup 2024.
- There are approximately 27 clubs, 681 registered athletes and 63 judges for the event.
- Sue Schneider was selected to represent IL NAWGJ at National Judges Cup.
- PGC's Level 7 team will represent Illinois at National Judges Cup. Their registration is paid by IL NAWGJ.
- Any ideas for improvement for Judges Cup 2025 which you may have, please send to Sharon or Heather.

## **State Administrative Committee Chairman - Norbert**

- Gave an explanation on the selection process for State Judges versus Regional Judges.

## **CLOSING - Heather Forbes**

- **MOTION** at 8:27 p.m. CST
  - Motion to Adjourn
    - MOTION: Sue Woloszyk
    - SECOND: Christi Kearns
    - PASSED: Unanimously