

# ***IL-NAWGJSGC - Online Mtg***

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 2, 2026**

**Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 pm CST by Heather Forbes, SJD.

### **Roll Call**

Present:

Christi Kearns - Education Chairperson  
Heather Forbes - State Judging Director(SJD)  
Mary Lou Ackman - Financial Assistant  
Richard Sabel - Webmaster  
Sarah Mark - Assignor  
Sharon Sargeant - Judges Cup Chairperson  
Sue Brosnan-McNamara - Assignor  
Tanya Chmielewski - Administrative Assistant

*A quorum was met.*

### **Old Business**

- December Minutes approved via online vote

### **New Business**

- **Financials**
  - The Financial Assistant reported on the status of IL-NAWGJ finances.
- **Education**
  - The Education Chairperson reported on the status of the Recruitment, Retention and Education Stipend Programs.
  - Ideas and logistics were discussed in creating group online Zoom study sessions to help testing in 2026.
  - Goals for the Online Zoom Group Study Sessions include:
    - Managed/led by an IL NAWGJ member
    - One day a week at same time in the evening- sessions will be recorded
    - Focus on the practical portion of the 2 part test
    - Start the sessions for those taking the exam at the National level before June and continue with the sessions for Levels 9&10 after June.
    - The start date is set for May 6th, but can occur sooner if the Code of Points is published earlier.
- **State Judging Director**
  - SJD discussed needing new ideas to ensure there is money for future projected testing years (i.e. Compulsory in 2029 & Optionals in 2030)
  - A meeting is planned in September with the SJD, RJD and State Committee
  - The IL NAWGJ SGC in-person meeting will occur this same weekend
  - The "IN" newsletter has a link for IL NAWGJ members to report issues.

### **Closing**

- **MOTION** at 9:35 p.m. CST
  - Motion to Adjourn
    - Motion: Tanya Chmielewski
    - Second: Richard Sabel
    - Passed: Unanimously