

**Region 8 Committee Meeting
Region 8 Congress
June 16, 2016
Hilton Charlotte University
Charlotte, NC**

Members present:

Debby Kornegay – RACC	Michelle Pomerantz – GA
Marian Dykes – RTCC	Shelley Swanson – LA
Brad Harris – RJOCC	Nancy Lay – MS
Elaine Wulf – RXCC	Cynthia Dedeaux - MS
Cookie Batsche – RJD	Jennie Adams – NC
Sheila Ragle – outgoing RJD	Joanne Child – SC
Otis Reeves – AL	Larry Corrigan – TN Absent
Toni Rand – FL	

Deb Kornegay called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Jennie Adams was appointed secretary for the meeting.

Deb reminded the members that all discussions were confidential and each member, as an elected official, represents a certain group of professional members.

WTC

National Judging Selection – 2017

Marian D reported that she and outgoing RJD, Sheila R, had met and completed the spreadsheet of National, Easterns, and Regional judge recommendations for 2017.

Motion	Toni R	moved to accept the recommendations for 2017 JO Nationals judge assignments as presented.
2nd	Joanne C	Passed unanimously (Cookie Batsche left the room for the discussion and vote.) Evelyn Chandler, Diane Thompson, Cookie Batsche and Denise Weaver
Motion	Nancy L	moved to accept the recommendations for 2017 Easterns judge assignments as presented.
2nd	Shelley S	Passed unanimously (Sheila R and Deb K left the room for the discussion and vote.) Debby Kornegay, Sheila Ragle and Gayli Craver
Motion	Marian D	moved to allow the judges assigned to 6, 7 & 8 and Xcel Regionals be accepted as one panel for each competition to allow more flexibility when event assignments are determined.
2nd	Jennie A	Passed unanimously
Motion	Michelle P	moved to accept the recommendations for 2017 9/10 Regionals judge assignments as amended.
2nd	Elaine W	Passed unanimously (Jennie A, Sheila R. and Cookie B. left the room for the discussion and vote.) Gayli Craver, Evelyn Chandler, Cookie Batsch, Joan Gnat, Denise Weaver, Sheila Ragle, Becky Oppenheimer, Helena Brizzi, Kristi Aguilar, Diane Thompson, Jennie Adams, Terri Costa, Mary Hoagland, Pat Faulkner, Natalia Grosso, Joyce Wallace, MR- Marian Dykes. Alternates 1 st alternate, Janet Efland 2 nd alternate Karen Pleasants
Motion	Shelley S	moved to accept the recommendations for 2017 6/7/8 Regional judge assignments as amended.
2nd	Marian D	Passed unanimously (Nancy L left the room for the discussions and vote.) Mary Ann Wallace, Phyllis Thompson, Wendy Seabrook, Amy Arnts, Marci Kaplan, Sharyn Strickland, Nelena Beck, Amy Diuguid, Cathy Campfield, Gwyned Bius, June Seymour, Cynthia Davis, Kristen Byars, Brenda Eberhardt, Kathy Kuhn, Beth McKnight, Nancy Lay, Laurie Moore, Bobby Strickland, Mary Moore, Karen Pleasants, Portia Propst, Kim Stenson, Stephanie Phillips, Janet Efland, Mendi Knisley, Sue Dolinar, Davita Ivey, Kerma Headrick, Dawn Roy, Pam Hannan, Jeana Rogers, MR Marian Dykes. No alternates named. Replacements are on state representation.

Discussion: Should the Xcel Regional continue using two meet referees? The consensus was that it was important to continue the procedure.

Motion Jennie A moved to accept the recommendations for 2017 Xcel Regional judge assignments as amended. (Marian D left the room for the discussions and votes.)

2nd Elaine W
Stephanie Kuhlman, Carol Smitherman, Tammye Goehring, Jamie Wallace, Mark Robbins, Susan Monahan, Carol Curly, Nikki Spinilli, Jane Baesman, Arlene Glass, Chris Jackson, Kim Joye, Brenda Eberhardt, Kristi Aguilar, Beth McNight, Reg Shurden, Gynn Hankins, Laurie Moore, Mary Moore, Chris Fuller, Cindy Cotton, Maryann Smith, Bertina Harris, Janet Efland, Carol Olney, Sue Dolinar, Kim Boyd, Pat Faulkner, Mary Phelps, Sibby Lane, Natalia Grosso, Emily Lay, MR Mendi Knisley and Marian Dykes. No alternates named. Replacements are on state representation.

Judges Clinic for Regional Availability

Motion Marian D moved to accept the GAT symposium (Gymnastics Association of Texas) as an approved clinic for the 2017-2018 Regional Availability criteria.

Discussion: Could individual State Clinics be used to fulfill criteria for judges' Regional Availability? What level of clinicians would be required to maintain the quality of instruction? Who would approve the clinicians? How long would the state clinic need to be?

Motion Nancy L moved to form a subcommittee from the Region 8 Committee (USA Gymnastics Regional officers, RJD and the FL SACC) to either approve criteria for state sponsored clinics for Regional assignments for Xcel and 6/7/8 Regionals or not approve.
2nd Brad H Passed. 6 For – 4 Against Elaine W abstained.

Motion Nancy L moved to have the same committee look at the criteria for 9/10 Regional assignments to be reviewed and updated.
2nd Otis R Passed unanimously

Deb K asked that the committee bring its recommendations to the Winter Meeting in December. She also asked that Marian D create a form to reflect the changed criteria if needed.

Marian D

- Reminded the Committee that each State Committee approves the CPE coordinator. The name of the coordinator should be sent to Marian (not just that the state NAWGJ is used).
- Asked the State Chairs to send Optional State Meet Judge Selections who have signed contracts to her by November 1st.

Motion Marian D moved to continue using NAWGJ as the regional judging contractor for 2016-2017.
2nd Toni R Passed

Sheila R and Cookie B left the meeting.

Break 10:56-11:05

Reports from RXCC, RTCC, RJOCC, RACC

The official minutes from all committees are found at <https://usagym.org/pages/women/minutes/>

RXCC

Elaine W. outlined the changes in the Xcel program which can be found on the USA Gymnastics website. NXC also asked the Tech Committee to create a base score video that could be used across the country.

RTCC

Marian D. outlined the technical changes were approved in the Joint JO Tech Committee meeting in May which are found on the USA Gymnastics website.

She told the State Chairs that State Meet petitions are due on the Monday at midnight after the State Meet. She suggested that the coaches should be responsible for sending them to Marian and not the State Chairs.

RJOCC

Brad H outlined the changes from the JO Committee meeting, found on the USA Gymnastics website.

RACC

Deb K referred the members to the website for the changes from her Committee.

Break – 12:40-12:55

Regional JO Program

Discussion: Brad reminded the Committee of the criteria for the All-Star trip: National or Eastern AA or Event champions for a Club to be in "Good Standing". The requirements have been established for a long enough time that he would like to apply the "good standing" criteria to Clubs receiving Region 8 apparel for Eastern and National qualifiers. "In Good Standing" is defined as:

1. Host a Camp within the last 2 years
2. Send volunteer coaches to a Camp to actively work with gymnasts within the last 2 years
3. Send athletes to a Camp within the last 2 years
4. Make a \$1000 donation to the Regional Apparel Fund

Motion Brad H moved that our "good standing" definition for the All-Star trip be applied to the criteria for receiving National/Eastern apparel.

2nd Michelle P Passed unanimously (Joanne C was not in meeting room for the vote)

Discussion: If a Club has not attended a Training Camp within two years and wishes to pay the \$1000.00, the fee must be paid by the completion of Regionals. The All-Star Team is chosen as follows: a) Any athlete(s) that place(s) first in the AA get(s) first priority, b) If there are still spots available the athlete(s) with the highest AA score(s) regardless of Age Group or AA placement shall make up the remainder of the Team, c) In case of an AA tie for the last Team spot, the highest individual even score shall break the tie.

Motion Brad H moved that an athlete attending a Club that is not in "good standing" shall not be able to attend the All-Star trip.

2nd Shelley S Passed unanimously

Feedback from Regionals:

9/10 Regionals – Kissimmee Florida Sports Commission

693 athletes Facility accommodated the size of the meet \$5,721.88 Net profit

Deb K will add to the meet director packet that the equipment needs must match Rules and Policies

6/7/8 Regional – Asheville - OSEGA

1012 athletes Facility accommodated the size of the meet \$38,394.74 net profit

Concerns over the organization of coach and athlete check-in, errors in the DOB of some athletes, concern over the on-site food availability for meet officials and concerns over some of the matting specs.

Xcel Regionals – Pigeon Forge TN - Gymnastics Counts

2401 athletes Facility accommodated the size of the meet \$47,598.38 net profit

Concerns over adherence to time schedule, inconsistency in scoring efficiency, good meet and venue personnel, Good equipment, good food provided for meet officials

Discussion: With numbers of the Xcel Regional growing qualifying criteria will need thought and discussion.

Past Regional Meet Financial Statements are available upon request to Deb Kornegay.

Add to the meet bid form - a letter of intent from the scoring system and the equipment company.

Motion Brad H moved to raise the Region 8 Level 9/10 Regional entry fee to \$125.00/gymnast.

2nd Shelley S Passed unanimously

Break – 1:35-1:43 Annie Heffernon joined the meeting.

Regional Board Concerns

Deb K noted some of the concerns from 9/10 Regionals:

- Any directives or instructions to coaches needs to come from the RACC or the RTCC. State Chairs have auxiliary responsibilities.
- Coaches have asked that the senior presentation pomp and circumstance be exhibited at the State Meets.
- Committee members asked that the recognition of high school seniors be short.
- The number of gymnasts in the meet has become unwieldy for a 3 day meet. Ideas were exchanged for solutions.

Motion Brad H moved that Level 9/10 Regional qualifying scores be raised to a 35.00 AA for Level 9 and Level 10. Petition score is 36.00 AA.

2nd Michelle P Passed 8 For 3 Against

- Discussion about the combinations of State Team competitions at 6/7/8 Regionals. To be determined later.
- Discussion about the combinations of State Team competitions at all Divisions of Xcel. Should all the State Teams be on Saturday or at the end of each Division competition? What would be the best number of Xcel gymnasts that would allow the best competitive experience?

~~**Motion Nancy L** moved to raise the Bronze qualifying score to a 37.50 AA, Silver to a 36.50 AA, Gold to a 36.50 AA, Platinum to a 36.00 AA and Diamonds to a 36.00 AA.~~

~~**No 2nd** No action~~

Motion Nancy L moved to set qualifying scores for Xcel Regionals to Bronze – 36.50 AA, Silver -36.50 AA, Gold – 36.00 AA, Platinum 36.00 AA and Diamond 35.00 AA.

2nd Otis R Passed unanimously

Motion Elaine W moved to allow specialist gymnasts at Diamond Regionals.

2nd Jennie A Did not pass – 6 Against 4 For

Discussion: Should Open Scoring be allowed at Xcel Regionals? No action taken. No Open Scoring at Xcel Regionals. Should the number of coaches on the competitive floor at Regional be limited? New ruling for Easterns and Nationals limited the number to 3 coaches for 1-4 athletes.

Motion Brad H moved to award a maximum of 4 credentials/ club at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. Contact RACC if more are requested with a fee of \$100/coach.

2nd Joanne C Passed unanimously

3:07 Annie left the meeting

Regional Apparel GK Presentation 3:11

Wendy Martin, VP, Corey Fritzingler and Kylee Rogers (via Facetime) presented the 2017 GK proposal for Regional apparel. After distributing color booklets with the leo/accessory options the presentation was completed as three gymnasts modeled the choices. Wendy told the State Chairs that if GK were chosen the reps would need to know within two months if someone were needed on site at each State Meet.

Deb K informed the Region 8 Committee that Ozone was unable to present a bid this year.

Deb K appointed a Regional Apparel Committee (Shelley S, Michelle P and Joanne C) and asked that their choice of leotard color, design and style of accessory be brought back to the larger Committee.

Regional Charity – St. Jude

Discussion: Toni presented an effective method used in Florida involving more gymnast input as to which charity receives the donations. Other ideas were presented. Deb reminded the members that we had committed to having St. Jude as our Regional charity for two years. Marian D. suggested that the Regional effort needed to donate to a charity was not as effective as it had been in the past. The consensus of the Committee was that the commitment to St. Jude would be fulfilled and that we would suspend adding an additional charity.

Deb reminded State Chairs to go to Region 8 website and:

- check to see if link to each state's site is correct.
- add a link for each state's 2016-2017 calendar before August 1st.

Deb received 2016-2017 State Meet dates from each State Chair.

Dates Set for 2019 Regionals

Level 9/10	April 11-14, 2019	NCAA Regionals
Levels 6/7/8	April 25-28, 2019	NCAA Nationals
Xcel	May 2-5, 2019	JO Easterns
	May 9-12, 2019	JO Nationals

Hall of Fame Criteria

Deb suggested that the Committee review the selection time-frame for the Hall of Fame. Nominations could be submitted at the Winter meeting and votes be taken at the end of Regionals.

Deb appointed a Sub Committee (Marian D, Jennie A and Deb K) to review the criteria for induction, removal and delay of candidate selection into the Region 8 Hall of Fame and asked for a report at the Winter meeting.

Regional 8 Congress

Financial Statement – Deb presented the statement for Congresses 2011-2015 for comparisons.

2017 Region 8 Congress will be held at the Atlanta Ravinia hotel.

Three dates were to be presented to the National office for 2018 Region 8 Congress. June 8-10, June 22-24, and June 15-17. Site choices for 2018 were 1) Atlanta 2) Nashville and 3) Atlanta.

Break 4:51 - 459

National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association

Deb shared a letter from Heather Ould of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association informing the Committee of competitive opportunities in this newly created (2011) collegiate sport. Two universities in our Region host teams – King University (Bristol, TN) and Converse College (Spartanburg, SC) and offer varsity scholarships. Ms. Ould asked about the availability of Region 8's NCAA list, which Deb sent to her to distribute to Colleges in this association. She provided a link to their website www.theNCATA.org and to a highlight video of the Baylor vs. Oregon collegiate competition, <https://usagym.org/pages/home/college/atinfo.html>

Judges at Xcel Regionals

Discussion: Nancy L asked that Level 9 judges be considered for assignment to Xcel Regionals. It was determined that there was nothing in the current rules to prevent these assignments. Level 9 judges would need to submit availability forms and fulfill the current criteria as do other Regional levels. State Judging Directors should be asked to inform their memberships.

Nancy L asked that the SACC from each state hosting a Regional be asked to stay in constant contact with the Regional meet director so that time-lines and expectations for the meet would be monitored. Deb K can help provide a check list to Jennie A, Otis R and Joanne C for the 2017 Regionals.

State Chairman Concerns

- Deb asked that SCs set and publish the Declaration Dates for both JO and Xcel seasons.
- Jennie A asked for the SCs help and energy as the State vs. State Competitions are added to this year's Region 8 Congress. A team of two is needed for each state in the Corn Hole and Jenga challenges.
- Deb reminded the SCs to send agendas and minutes of each State Committee meeting to her and Marian.
- Deb reminded Brad H that National Gymnastics Day is the same day as National Team Training Camp.
- Deb reminded each state to be mindful of awarding bids for State Meets to bids that are valid and not just from gyms on the State Committee.
- The Inventory Report is due to Deb by July 10, 2016. (Any purchase > \$200 should be listed)
- SCs were asked for a commitment of entry into an Xcel Regional Team competition at each division. They are as follows: All states all levels except: FL – no Bronze or Diamond, AL, LA, GA, MS, TN
 - – no Diamond.
- The USAG Competition Report is due to Deb and Marian by August 31, 2016.
- SCs were asked to add Deb and Marian to all professional and club membership mailings

Region 8 Committee Winter Meeting

Michele P relayed an offer from St Jude in Memphis to tour their facility as a possible site for the December meeting. The consensus was that Memphis would not be the site for a quick day trip. The meeting will be held in Atlanta, Tuesday, December 13th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Michele will thank St. Jude for the offer.

National Congress in San Jose

Deb informed the SCs that a New State Chair Workshop will be held on Thursday, July 7th from 5:00-8:00. There will be a Wine and Cheese Reception for all Committees at 8:00 pm with presentations of Service Awards. The State Chairman's Workshop will be on Monday, July 11th from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Deb presented a thank you gift from the Region to Nancy Lay as the retiring MS State Chairperson.

Motion to adjourn 5:40

Respectfully submitted

Jennie Adams Secretary

Deb Kornegay RACC