



Illinois State Chairman's Report August, 00

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Hope every body is enjoying the Summer Celebrations

National Gymnastics Day: Hope you are all planning activities to Celebrate the 2nd annual National Gymnastics Day, what a wonderful lead in to the Olympics, and the hopeful increase in enrolment.

2000-2001 Calendar: Please find included, a copy of the State series and Illinois Meet schedule. The Illinois Meet Directors got together at our annual Meet Directors Meeting June 25th in Joliet and this is the schedule that was produced. The schedule published here is the official one and no more meets will be added unless there are weekends where there maybe some judges available. The meets published are those that have retained the judges and followed the procedures set by the State. We have been forced to this procedure because there are always more meet requests in Illinois then there are Judges.

Please visit the Illinois web site for the most complete and updated Schedule of events

Lanyards to be worn at all USAG sanctioned events: New for next year all Pro-members will be required to wear their Professional Number Card at all times when at a Sanctioned Event. The State will be providing Lanyards (The strap and Plastic protector) to you and the logistics in how we will get them to you will be determined later. Region 5 will be using the same Lanyard.

In with the new and out with the old: I would like to thank both the resigning Board members those that ran, and the Newly elected Board members for their dedication to make Illinois what it is in the Gymnastics Community.

Dawn Kocher Level 5 Chair: (forever) thanks for everything.

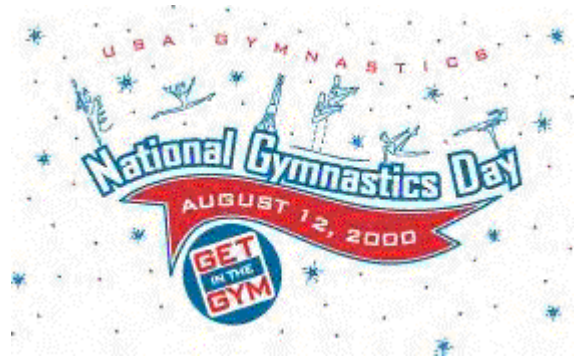
Suzie Kinsman Level 8 Chair: Thank you for committing to chair the Illinois State Congress, Training Camp 2001.

Tony Whitaker Tony resigned from his position of Competition Chair. He also as been on the board even before I was State Chair in one capacity or another. Congrats on the new Born

Jay Murphy New Level 5 Chair:
Boy, do you have your job cut out for you Welcome! He can be reached at
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Mary Joe Roehrig New Level 8 Chair. Will the board survive with out splitting a gut HAHA? Welcome! She can be reached at
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Dianne Durham: New Level 10 Chair she will bring a very interesting perspective to our board. That of a Judge, Athlete, Club owner, Welcome! She can be reached at
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Illinois Rules and Policies (Red Book): This publication will once again be sent to you in August. It will not contain Maps of the Gym because these will be able to be obtained via the Web page by clicking on the Club. We will have a special Link to the location of the major Invitationals so that a map can be also obtained from the Web. We will also not be publishing the other club information sheet that contained, type of equipment etc. we hope that this information will be included in the pre-meet information sent to you from that club.

Level 8,9 State and Level 7, 10 State Still need bids: Deadline in Hand Norbert@aol.com, Next Day 200 S. Shaddle Mundelein IL 60060, FAX 847-949-6241) **July 25th**

Meet Directors: Make sure that you have sent your Request for Judges Form and Money to the appropriate person. The meets that are represented on this schedule will be dropped if they do not receive the forms.

State Congress, Training Camp 2001: Wendy McGrath and Suzie Kinsman will once again Team up and Co-Chair the State Congress, Training Camp 2001. They have already started on the undertaking and will try and set it up similar to the Regional Congresses. There will be topic for both the Novice coaches and the Higher level Coaches as well as Business and Cheerleading. Thank you both of you for volunteering for this.



Region 5 Mini Congress will not be held: This years annual Region 5 mini Congress will not be held. We are not the only Region that had cancelled this event. Illinois would like to thank Bob Ito, Cindy Morano & the Chicago Park District for putting in a Bid request. The Regional Chair just felt that it was too late to get things started.

Judges Involvement Forms: Please make sure that all the Judges send the Judges Involvement Forms to Norbert like you have in the past. Each board member will be receiving a copy of these forms from Norbert. The Board will be able to refer to these forms if they have any questions or interest in what the Judges past involvement has been. This can be used as part of the Recommendation process.

The System that we use for Recommending Judges is far from a perfect but at present the best that we have been able to come up with. We have been given this responsibility and we are trying to the best that we can.

1. Our first objective is to select Illinois representatives to the Regional lists. From that The regional Board selects judges that they recommend to Level 10 Nationals and Level 9 Easterns
2. The Regional Board then takes that same list along with the lists generated by the other States in our region and selects the judges that will Judge the Regional Meets.
3. The Illinois NAWGJ also uses that same list for their assignment of the Illinois State Series Meets. This process of assigning judges is very complex and involves many variables and considerations. It is always the objective to have the best judges out on the floor.

Membership takes on the internet: Most of you have most likely received your Athlete registration packet. We will now be able to register our athletes over the Internet and thus decreasing the time it takes to acquire our athletes number. Gone maybe the long 2 – 3 week wait to get out athlete's numbers. **However**, with any change there will unquestionably the possibility of problems that might arise. Please stay patient and understand that the National Office is and will be doing the best that they can. Thanks