

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 16, 2018; 12:19 .m. – 5:21 p.m.
Louisville, KY**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:19pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Dave Stiles.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dave Stiles, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Bob Neat, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden-Cuddeback, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, David Stiles, welcomed the new members to the Region 5 Administrative Committee.

IV. TRAINING CAMP UPDATE

As of the last camp there were 1200 gymnasts registered for the Training Camps. The Hot Shot/ Forward Progress Camp was mainly Forward Progress. To fill the Hot Shot Camp, the overflow of Forward Progress athletes were placed in the Hot Shot Camp. It was suggested that in 2019, only offer one Hot Shot Camp and additional Super Camps. It was also suggested that the criteria for the Hot Shot Camp be changed to allow us to build our base. Tops National Team members should be invited. To build our base we must not wait until they are optional level gymnasts to invite them to a camp. We need to help the developmental athletes. The camps should be a learning camp for the coaches. It was suggested that National Staff be brought in for some of the camps. For 2019 we will have two Super/Forward Progress Camps, one High Tech/High Performance Camp, and one Hot Shot/Developmental Camp.

A motion was made to bring in four National Staff for the High Tech Camp and the Hot Shot/Developmental Camp in 2019.

**Motion: Patrick Jordan
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous**

Beginning in 2019 it is recommended that clubs must participate in a regional training camp or the gymnast/club must pay \$600.00 times the number of gymnasts, for their regional apparel.

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Patrick Jordan**

The motion was tabled until the next Regional Administrative Meeting.

V. CONGRESS REVIEW

1. The congress was good with the flow of the banquet being the best it has been.
2. The judges were concerned that the Level 10 sessions were spread out. This made it difficult to concentrate on their test taking. Next year we will schedule the levels together as much as possible.
3. Congress attendees that do not attend the banquet will be invited to the Hall of Fame/Awards Program at no cost. Additional seating will be provided around the perimeter of the room for those who want to observe and be supportive of the winners.
4. States will be encouraged to buy a banquet table for their members.
5. The banquet should be listed in the congress schedule.
6. The banquet will return to Saturday evening.
7. An open bar was not available because Safe Sport does not allow alcohol to be consumed in a venue where athletes are present.
8. It was suggested that the banquet begin at 5:30pm and the awards at 6:30pm.
9. At future banquets the Region 5 Committee will escort the award winners to their table. This will allow for more pomp and circumstance.
10. We must make sure the Hall of Fame inductees are presented on our website.
11. The National office would like our Regional Congress changed to earlier in the summer. Cheryl Jarrett suggested the last weekend in July. This would allow clarifications to be distributed sooner. Cheryl thinks more people would attend the Congress if it is held before school starts.
12. More hands on sessions were recommended. These sessions should be in a gym.
13. The All Star video will be played at the banquet.

VI. STATE REVIEWS

Michigan – Beckey Burden-Cuddeback

Michigan held its second State Congress. It switched from a clinic to a typical Congress. Judges in the state did not attend this year so there were lower numbers. 480 people attended the State Banquet that was held on the Thursday prior to the Congress.

Indiana – Bob Neat

Indiana held the largest State Congress they have ever had. Nancy Gibson was brought in for an Xcel Camp. Another camp will be held next weekend with Whitney Snowden. She will spend some time prior to the camp working with the coaches.

Illinois – Norbert Bendixen

Illinois will adopt the Michigan banner system supplying a banner to the Gym for JO

All-Around/Event winners, All Star team members and skills named after athletes. We will be going back at least two years (2017, 2018).

The Illinois State Congress will be held September 23rd. The Congress entry fees are kept very inexpensive so that entire staffs can attend. About five or more years ago at our Annual State Chairman meetings at USA Gymnastics Congress, USA Gymnastics CEA (Chief Executive Accountant) informed us that the 501(c)(3) volunteer designation from the IRS encouraged the State Chairs to use their surplus funds towards education, athletes, and Pro-member support. Illinois started this process by stepping up our contributions towards these entities. We have finally achieved this and Illinois no longer carries a surplus. Over 850 leotards were purchased for gymnasts this year for all athletes (Xcel, Level 7, 8, 9 and 10) that qualified to Regionals. Also, gymnasts that won All-Around at

any level/division were invited to attend the banquet with one coach free of charge. These are just examples of things that were done in the course of the year.

Kentucky – Brian Blewitt

The Kentucky State Banquet was held in May. 350 people attended the banquet. All levels attended except Xcel. An effort is being made to include Xcel gymnasts next year. Kentucky is discussing revamping their State Congress to include a training camp. They would also like to reimburse judges for their education provided they have completed and passed an online course.

Ohio – Patrick Jordan

The number of gymnasts in Ohio has remained strong. There will be an Xcel Camp this November. There were negative comments made from parents for not having a State Banquet this year. A State Banquet is being planned for 2019.

VII. REGIONAL BIDS

A. Level 9/10 Regional Championships

There was one viable bid submitted for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships.

A motion was made to accept Branch Gymnastics' bid from Michigan for the Level 9/10 Regional Championship.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

B. Level 7/8 Regional Championships

There were two bids submitted for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships. They were from Flips/Gymnastics X-Calibur and Gymnastics ETC.

A motion was made to accept Gymnastics ETC. bid in Illinois for the Level 7/8 Regional Championship.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

C. Xcel Regional Championships

Four bids were submitted for the Xcel Regional Championship but only one was submitted from the state of Kentucky. Since the designated state for the 2019 Xcel Regional Championships is Kentucky and the fact that the bid and facility were deemed suitable, the bid from Kentucky was accepted.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Fit Kids/Excel Gymnastics in Kentucky for the Xcel Regional Championships.

Motion: Brian Blewitt
2nd: Patrick Jordan
Passed: Unanimous

VIII. JUDGES SELECTION – Char Christensen

Char Christensen asked each state to give a brief overview of their states procedure for selecting judges for championship meets. She also reminded all states to have their judges selection procedure on their websites.

Illinois – The Illinois Regional Ranking 1-14 was strictly by numbers. Six members of the State Administrative Committee determined the rank order list because the remainder of the Committee were judges that recused themselves from the discussion and selection. All judges were considered in the selection process whether they stated that they were available or not because situations change. A separate list was made for the Xcel Championships. The Illinois State Series Selection Procedure will be discussed and decided September 24, 2018.

Kentucky – Twenty-one judges submitted their information by the deadline. The Kentucky Administrative Committee was most concerned with putting the judges on the floor that judge accurately. Then judges who made an effort at the camps and congresses were considered. Availability was not considered due to the possibility that situations could change. The number of years at a rating was also not considered.

Ohio – Five State Administrative Committee members and five judging assigners turned in their rank order list of judges to Patrick Jordan. Their lists were not separated into JO judges and Xcel judges. Personal bias appeared to be involved in the construction of the lists but each person only makes up 10% of the final decision.

Michigan – The State Administrative Committee does not like developing the rank order list of judges. Beckey Burden-Cuddeback would like to develop a different system of ranking the judges. 2018 was the first year that two lists (JO and Xcel) were submitted. Only 40 judges were on the lists. Most of the rankings from the Committee members were consistent.

Indiana – The State Administrative Committee did one list this year. After the judges were ranked the SAC looked at the judges that completed their Region 5 Involvement and Availability Application. They would like to have members that produced Level 9/10 gymnasts to rank the Level 9/10 judges.

After receiving the States rank order lists, the Judges Selection Committee made up of Kittia Carpenter (RJOCC), Donna Trevethan (RJD) and Char Christensen (RTCC) individually selected four judges for Easterns and four judges for JO Nationals. After the individual lists were made a conference call was scheduled to discuss and make changes. After the two members of the RAC that are eligible for placement on Easterns or JO Nationals were recused from the meeting, the RAC discussed the recommendations of the Selection Committee. After discussions and a minor change, the list by the committee was accepted.

A motion was made to accept the adjusted Judges Selection Committee's recommendations for JO Nationals, Eastern Nationals and alternates.

Motion:	Bob Neat
2nd:	Beckey Burden-Cuddeback
Passed:	Unanimous

The Region 5 Involvement and Availability Application was discussed. It was determined that the number of years that a judge has been judging is useful information to have on the form but a point will not be given for each year of judging. It was suggested that current leadership in the region be taken into consideration by indicating their leadership roles for the last eight years.

IX. HALL OF FAME

This year's Hall of Fame inductees were chosen from a five member Selection Committee. There have been six members in the past but due to one member being removed there are only five members currently. The Regional Administrative Committee made the decision not to choose an additional person for the Selection Committee.

Some of the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee members are not USA Gymnastics members any longer. It was suggested that they be Safe Sport certified and have a background check completed. David Stiles will investigate whether the Selection Committee needs to be USA Gymnastics members in order to serve on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. It was suggested that the Regional Administrative Committee pick up the financial burden of taking the Safe Sport and background check if necessary.

X. SCORING EQUIPMENT

David Stiles talked to Roger from Elite Technology about the purchase of scoring equipment to be used at all Regional Championships. The equipment would include Ipads for each judge, a carrying case, Proscore, etc. The equipment would cost \$16,000. This does not include the monitors. Patrick Jordan is concerned that with transportation of the equipment it will cause wear and tear on the equipment. Bob Neat feels that most clubs are already transitioning toward purchasing Proscore with Ipads. Most clubs that are capable of running a regional meet already have the equipment.

XI. CONTRACT VENDOR

\$53,000 was made on the apparel at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet. \$16,000 was made on the other two Regional Meets. The vendors have been very rude to the host club. It was suggested that the Region hire someone to run the Region 5 Apparel store. A percentage of the profits would be paid to the person. Shannon Hunt has someone in mind to run the store and will propose it to her. Transportation of the apparel is the biggest concern. A 6' x 10' trailer would cost approximately \$3,500.00. The trailer would be used to transport apparel to the Region 5 Congress, Camps, and Regional Meets. David will investigate the possibility of owning a Region 5 trailer.

XII. JUDGES ASSISTANCE

Donna Trevethan proposed that something be done to help Region 5 judges decrease the expense of retesting. It was suggested that \$50.00 be given to each judge to use for the purchase of a Code of Points or some other judging material. There are 300 judges that were USAG and NAWGJ members as of July 31, 2018. After further discussion the Regional Administrative Committee decided that flip books would be purchased for the judges and distributed to them by the State Chairs.

A motion was made to provide a flip book, if approved by the USAG office, to all the judges in the region that are currently rated.

Motion: Becky Burden-Cuddeback
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: 7 – Aye, 1 – Abstain

XIII. SUPPORT CHAR TO ATTEND JO NATIONALS

Char Christensen has always been an excellent representative of Region 5 at the JO Nationals. It was suggested that Char attend JO Nationals as a part of the regional delegation.

A motion was made to send Char Christensen to the JO Nationals to represent Region 5. An honorarium will be supplied toward her expenses.

Motion: Bob Neat
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: 5 – Aye, 1 – Abstain

XIV. ALL STAR TRIP

The All Star Team will be visiting Jamaica October 14 through October 21, 2018. The Ambassador trip is being combined with the All Star Trip. Two of the elites will be attending. The gymnastics will practice with anyone from the Caribbean that will be in attendance.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:21pm.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Patrick Jordan
Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted 9/23/18

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary