

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
August 14, 2023, 9:30 a.m. – 10:02 a.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9.30am by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Tami Schaafsma.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Vice Chairman (RACVC)

III. LEVEL 6-8 REGIONAL BIDS

A motion was made to award the 2024 Region 5 Level 6-8 Regional Championships to Integrity Gymnastics of Ohio. Kristy Fries was recused from discussion and voting.

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

IV. XCEL REGIONAL BIDS

A motion was made to award the 2024 Region 5 Xcel Regional Championship to Flip Star.

Motion: Patrick Hatmaker
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous

V. LEVEL 9/10 REGIONAL BIDS

A motion was made to award the 2024 Region 5 Level 9/10 Regional Championship to Legacy.

Motion: Michelle Kocan
2nd: Sue Kane
Passed: Unanimous

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02AM.

Respectfully Submitted 8/14/23

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
July 21, 2023, 5:08 p.m. – 9:04 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5.08pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Tami Schaafsma.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Vice Chairman (RACVC)
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Via Zoom/Phone:

Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

V. REGIONAL JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS

A motion was made that a judge must judge a Level 8 regional before being assigned to a Level 9/10 Regional.

Motion: Patrick Hatmaker
2nd: Kristy Fries
Passed: Unanimous

There will be a one-week deadline for accepting regional contracts.

A motion was made that a judge must judge a Level 9/10 state meet before being assigned to a L9/10 regional.

Motion: Sue Kane
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

VII. XCEL SAPPHIRE REGIONALS

The Sapphire division will be added to the Xcel Regional this season. Scores around the country for Xcel Sapphire gymnasts have been lower than Diamond gymnasts. Nancy Gibson suggested having a regional qualifying score for Sapphire of 34.5. After some discussion the following motion was made.

A motion was made to have a qualifying score of 34.0 for Sapphire gymnasts to qualify into the Region 5 Xcel Regional Championships.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Sue Kane
Passed: 5 Yea 2 Nay 1 abstain

A motion was made to have a qualifying score of 8.75 for Sapphire division Individual Event Specialists.

Motion: Michelle Kocan
2nd: Kristy Fries
Passed: Unanimous

IX. XCEL TEAMS FOR REGIONALS

Starting with the 2024 Xcel Regionals, the team format will be the same as used for the Level 6-8 Regionals. Each division and age group has a state team competition. State teams will be determined by the Top eight All-Around gymnasts per division and age group. Four scores will count. Each first-place team member will receive a plaque.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted 7/28/23
Augusta A. Lipsey
Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
March 22, 2023, 9:06 p.m. – 10:12 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9.06pm by Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman, Tami Schaafsma.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

III. 2024 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CHANGES

A motion was made to drop the Silver Division from the Regional rotation beginning in 2024.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Michelle Kocan
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to change the Level 6-8 Regional to April 19-21, 2024 and the Xcel Regional to April 26-28, 2024.

Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted 3/23/23

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
January 25, 2023, 8:33 p.m. – 9:46 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.33pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)

III. SANCTION REPORTS AND FEES

State chairs are asked to assist in collecting sanction reports and fees. With no rebates coming back to the region at this time it is important to collect these fees since it is a major source of income for the region.

V. REGIONAL CONGRESS

The Region 5 Congress will be held July 21 – 23, 2023 at the Westin Chicago Lombard in Lombard Illinois.

VI. WINTER CUP/NASTIA LIUKIN CUP

The Winter Cup/Nastia Liukin Cup is looking for volunteers. Cindy Morano oversees volunteers. To volunteer, go to the USAG website and click on the link for the competition.

VIII. RACC ELECTIONS

Elections for the Regional Administrative Committee Chair will take place this year. Elections will be completed by May 15, 2023.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46PM.

Respectfully Submitted 1/30/23
Augusta A. Lipsey
Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
December 14, 2022, 8:36 p.m. – 9:24 p.m.
Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.36pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPPC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)

III. REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

All judges have accepted their regional assignments. Contracts will be available for signing on gymjags within the next few days.

IV. REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

Tami Schaafsma will be publishing a Regional Newsletter within the next few weeks. Topics will include regional sites, drop backs, proper mobility, injury petitions, IES info, the location for Regional Congress and additional information that is needed for the successful completion of the '22 – '23 season.

V. REGIONAL MEET DATES

The Regional Championship dates have been approved for 2024 and 2025.

	2024	2025
Level 9-10	April 18-21	April 10-13
Level 6/7/8	April 26-28	April 25-27
Xcel	May 3-5	May 2-4

VI. BID DUE DATES

It is recommended that bids for Regional Championships have a due date 12 months before the Championship. Bids for 2024 Regional Championships will be accepted from April 1 – June 15, 2023. Bids for 2025 Regional Championships will be accepted from February 15 – May 15, 2024.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24PM.

Respectfully Submitted 12/18/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
November 9, 2022, 8:34 p.m. – 9:52 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.34pm by Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman, Tami Schaafsma.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Excused:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)

III. REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Sue Kane (RTCC) recently attended the Technical Committee meetings. In their discussions she became aware that Region 5 does not require as many volunteer hours from our judges as other regions in order to be assigned to Regional Championships.

The National Championship judging assignments have been made. The RTCC will make an effort to assign these judges to the same event at the Regional Championship that they will be judging at the National Championship.

All judges that are being considered for a Regional Championship will receive an E-mail from the RTCC to verify that they are still available for the Regional Championship. Event assignments will not be made for regionals until after the last testing date in 2022 and after reception of their availability.

In 2019 a motion was made to have three judges from the level 9/10 Regional Championships judge a second Regional to help maintain judging stability. After some discussion the RAC determined that this may not be necessary. Sue Kane and Debbie Campbell have been given the task of writing up a process or procedure of assigning judges to fill spots when an opening becomes available. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

IV. REGIONAL CALENDAR

Kittia Carpenter will look at dates for holding the 2024 and 2025 Regional Championships. These dates will be brought to the next RAC meeting.

V. BRANDING

The new branding roll-out has caused concern. Regional chairs pushed back on not having some of the vendors approved that they have been working with for many years. State and Regional meet hosts must be informed that they are only able to sell merchandise from approved vendors. The list of approved vendors will increase. State and Regional meet apparel must have the USA Gymnastics logo on it and may only be sold by approved vendors.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted 11/14/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
October 19, 2022, 8:09 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.09pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. REGIONAL BIDS

A motion was made to award the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championships to Champion Gymnastics USA.

Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

A. Level 10 Regional Championships

A motion was made to award the Level 9/10 Regional Championship to Set-10 Gymnastics.

Motion: Patrick Hatmaker
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous

B. Xcel Regional Championships

A motion was made to provisionally award the Xcel Regional Championship to Steve Glenn base on his willingness to be the responsible meet director.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Michelle Kocan
Passed: Unanimous

IV. JUDGES SELECTION FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A motion was made to assign Becky Cox, Heather Forbes, Paula Noe, and Nancy Gibson to the Level 10 National Championships.

Motion:

2nd:

Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to assign Candace Alvey, MaryLou Ackman, Debbie Campbell and Nancy Gibson to the Level 9 Eastern Nationals.

Motion:

2nd:

Passed: Unanimous

V. PRESENTATION FROM JASON MCDONALD

A motion was made to offer Jason \$1250.00 from the Region. The State Chairmen will make a request from their State Committees that \$250.00 will be paid to Jason to offset the cost of live streaming our Regional Championships.

Motion: Nancy Gibson

2nd: Kittia Carpenter

Passed: Unanimous

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted 10/23/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Next Meeting: Nov. 9, 2022 at 8:00PM.

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
August 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 9:58 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

IV. XCEL SILVER REGIONAL

Discussion about the Xcel Silver Regional Championships was reviewed. Additional information was produced. The main concern is to keep the regional championship meets at three days if possible. There were approximately 650 Silver gymnasts at the Regional Meet last year.

A motion was made to rescind the motion made in the previous RAC meeting and raise the qualifying score to Regionals for Xcel Silvers to 36.50.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: 8 – Yea, 1 – abstain

V. REGIONAL BIDS

A motion was made to have all Regional Meet hosts add the SACC as a sanction administrator.

Motion: Patrick Hatmaker
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to have eight gymnasts per state team at Xcel Regional Meets. The Diamonds will have one team and all other divisions will have an A and B team.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Patrick Hatmaker
Passed: Unanimous

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted 8/10/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
July 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 9:58 p.m.
Grand Rapids, MI

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6.30pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Excused:

Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)

IV. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – Tami Schaafsma

The Level 9/10 Regional Championships was a four-day meet. It was suggested that the entry fee and gate fee be increased due to equipment costs increasing by 15% and mileage for judges increasing to 62.5 cents per mile.

Due to the increase of expenses for host clubs, a motion was made to charge \$140 entry fee for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships and raise the gate fee for adults to \$20.00.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Qualification to the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championships was discussed as a means for eliminating one day of the meet. Qualifying by percentage was not preferred because gymnasts would not know if they qualified to the Regional Championships until the meet was completed. This takes away the excitement of qualifying. If the number of gymnasts remain the same as this year, the meet can be reorganized to fit in three days. Kittia will work on setting up the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championships on three days.

A motion was made to keep the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championships the same with an effort to make it a three-day met.

Motion: Michelle Kocan

2nd: Patrick Hatmaker
Passed: Unanimous

~~A motion was made to have four-judge panels at the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championships.~~

Motion: Sue Kane
2nd: Michelle Kocan

The motion was tabled until financial reports from the 2022 Regional Championships are received.

Due to the increase of expenses for host clubs, a motion was made to charge \$125 entry fee for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championships and raise the gate fee for adults to \$20.00.

Motion: Michelle Kocan
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

The previous motion was un-tabled to have four-judge panels at the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championships. The motion passed unanimously.

The Xcel Regional Championships were discussed. The Regional Xcel Committee does not want to have Silver Regional Championships.

A motion was made to drop the Xcel Silvers from the Regional Championship series this year.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Katie Haagen
Passed: 6 Yea, 1 Nay

~~A motion was made to raise the entry fee for the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships to \$125.~~

Motion: Michelle Kocan

Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made to raise the entry fee for the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships to \$100 with a \$20.00 gate fee for adults

Motion: Michelle Kocan
2nd: Katie Haagen
Passed: 5 Yea, 2 Abstain

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted 7/28/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
July 12, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 8:34 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7.00pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Michelle Kocan, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Katie Haagen, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)

A motion was made to allow the judges that pulled off the Regional Meet to be assigned to a Regional Meet if selected.

Motion: Sue Kame
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

XII. APPAREL (Tami Schaafsma)

A motion was made to give the 2nd alternate the apparel.

Motion: Kristy Fries
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM.

Respectfully Submitted 7/21/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
April 14, 2022, 8:33 p.m. – 9:51 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.33pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)

III. WILD CARD SESSION QUALIFIERS

Patrick Jordan read an E-mail from Tom Koll related to the Wild Card session at the Level 10 National Championships. Tom suggested that a list of gymnasts who have declined from attending the Level 10 Nationals be developed so that they will not be considered when figuring out the qualifiers. A running spreadsheet of eligible Wild Card qualifiers should be kept and updated after each Level 10 session. (All Around slots must qualify with a minimum of 35.00 and Individual Event Specialists must score a minimum of 9.3). At the completion of the last session of the Level 10 Regional a tentative final list of National qualifiers should be available. Christy Naik will notify each region of additional Level 10 National Qualifying slots that may become available from another region. All Wild Card athletes must accept or withdraw by Sunday evening. After that list is turned in to Christy there can be no additional changes. If a gymnast declines their Wild Card slot, we must make every effort to fill the slot before the list is submitted.

IV. HALL OF FAME

Nine Hall of Fame nominations were E-mailed to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. The procedure for voting on the nominations were reviewed. The ballot was E-mailed to the Committee following the adjournment of this meeting. All ballots should be returned to Augusta Lipsey by Monday, April 18, 2022. The top six nominations with the most votes will be presented to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The Selection Committee consists of Cap Caudill, Dave Holcomb, Leonard Isaacs, Sandy Oldham, and Mary Lee Tracy.

V. JUDGES PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION FORM

Sue Kane and Debbie Campbell are working on revising the Judges Professional Information Form (PIF) so that the ranking system is not skewed by the number of years a judge has judged at a high level or by the number of Level 10 gymnasts a judge has judged. Many judges do not have the opportunity to judge a large number of Level 10's due to the lack of high-level invitationals in their state. Just because a judge has been a Level 10 or higher for a number of years does not make them the best judge. In-gym training and a judge's willingness to learn should be considered. Sue and Debbie will continue to work on developing the best system possible so that the best judges will be placed on the floor at Regionals and Nationals.

VI. INCORRECT ENTRY PROCEDURES

A number of entries and petitions for the Regional meets were denied since they did not follow Rules and Policies guidelines and timelines. Entries are to be completed and confirmed at the State Meets. The petition request from the **coach** along with official results **MUST** be E-mailed with these documents by 5:00pm the Monday following the State Meet. Additional documents (physician's notes) required for consideration must be E-mailed by 5:00pm the Wednesday following the State Meet.

The State Chairs have been asked to help monitor the entry process to avoid situations where a gymnast who qualifies is missed. It is the Coach's responsibility to know and follow the procedures for entering Regionals and/or Nationals.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51PM.

Respectfully Submitted 4/16/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
February 16, 2022, 8:44 p.m. – 9:38 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.44pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

III. LEVEL 9/10 REGIONAL UPDATE

With the COVID protocols as they are right now in Cook County, the Level 9/10 Regional Championship would be moved to Adventure Commons in Bourbonnais. The meet director has been able to secure both facilities without charge. If the vaccine mandate is rescinded on February 28th the Level 9/10 Regional will remain in Cook County. Adventure Commons in Bourbonnais does not require coaches and spectators to be vaccinated in order to participate.

IV. REGIONAL APPAREL STORE

The regional apparel store stock is currently being held at Gym Nation. The Region does not have anyone to operate the store at this time. Patrick Jordan will ask Rick Walker if he is willing to take over the operation of the apparel store. Compensation will be negotiated. There is a large inventory of items in the apparel store so a sale will be held at the Region 5 Congress.

V. REGION 5 CONGRESS

Tami Schaafsma reported that a meeting has been held with Cheryl Jarrett. She has reserved the banquet hall for Friday night to avoid any conflict with the judges that are testing that weekend. Suggestions for presenters should be sent to Patrick and Tami. Requests for state meeting rooms and food and beverage should also be submitted to Patrick and Tami. Volunteers will be solicited at a later date. The Region 5 Administrative Committee is expected to attend the congress and be available to do whatever is needed.

VI. STATE CHAIR ELECTIONS

The State Chair elections will take place from May 1st through May 15th. The call for nominations will occur in March.

VII. STATE MEET REPORTING

Tami Schaafsma will send an excel template to the state chairs to send to their State Championship hosts for state meet reporting. The reports should be sent as soon as the state meets are completed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted 2/18/22

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
December 15, 2021, 8:33 p.m. – 10:05 p.m.
Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.33pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (Ss. ACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman

III. JUDGING NEEDS PER REGIONAL

After a review of the number of athletes from last year's regionals the RJD, RTC and RDPCC determined that the Level 6 and 7 athletes would be in one gym with the Level 8's in a second gym. They also presented a list of judges for each of the Regional Championships to be reviewed by the Regional Administrative Committee. The Level 8 Regional Championships will continue to have four judge panels and the Level 6 and 7 Regional Championships will have two judge panels.

After the judges' strengths were noted, a few adjustments were made to facilitate the event assignments. Sue Kane will notify the judges of their appointment and await their acceptance.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted 12/17/21

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
November 17, 2021, 8:39 p.m. – 9:59 p.m.
Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8.39pm by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Patrick Jordan.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Patrick Jordan, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Tami Schaafsma, Regional Administrative Committee Associate Chairman
Sue Kane, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Developmental Program Committee Chairman (RDPCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Kristy Fries, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. PETITIONING TO LEVEL 7 OR BELOW

The age for petitioning to an optional level has been lowered to the age of 12. This appears to have encouraged some gyms to attempt to circumvent the system by allowing their gymnasts to compete in one Xcel meet, to receive competitive experience in “another program”, and then petition to an optional level so that Level 5 may be skipped. The USA Gymnastics National DP Committee will clarify this again at the May national meeting. The competitive experience is meant to refer to the **season** previously competed.

IV. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE)

The State Administrative Committee Chairman has the responsibility of designating a CPE coordinator for their state. This person is responsible for tracking all of the judges and the number of CPE credits that they complete each year. The CPE Coordinator is also responsible for submitting the data to the Regional Developmental Program Committee Chair, their respective State Judging Directors, Regional Judging Director, and the USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairs, Regional Technical Committee Chair and the Regional Administrative Committee Chair. If judges do not submit their CPE credits to the CPE Coordinator by May 31st of each year they will not be considered current.

V. JUDGES SELECTION FOR REGIONAL MEETS

The judge’s selection for the regional meets needs to be determined but many CPE’s have not been turned in. Debbie Campbell and Sue Kane will meet to put together a list of judges for the regional meets. This list will be presented to the Regional Administrative Committee for approval or alteration at the next meeting on December 15, 2021 at 8:30pm. Two judge or four

judge panels for the Level 6/7/8 Regional Championship will be determined after Kittia Carpenter reviews the number of gymnasts anticipated for the meet.

There was discussion concerning single rooms for the judges at the Regional Championships. Single rooms could increase the expense by approximately \$2500.00 - \$5000.00.

A motion was made to require meet directors to provide individual sleeping rooms for the judges at all Regional Championship meets.

Motion: Becky Burden

2nd: Kristy Fries

Passed: Unanimous

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted 11/21/21

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
March 1, 2021; 8:35 p.m. – 10:10 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:35pm 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)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Beckey Burden, 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

Absent:

Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

III. DISCUSSION ON STATE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

USA Gymnastics has clarified that a gymnast that remained at the same level as last year may use last year's scores for qualifying into State Championships. (Women's Junior Olympic Committee minutes, April 27, 2020)

"Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 in states and regions, the JO Committee supports that State and Regional committees offer flexibility when making decisions relating to qualification for 2021 State Meets at all levels. This flexibility includes consideration for using 2020 qualification scores to qualify to 2021* State Meets, provided that the athlete is competing at the same level as 2020. Athletes moving to a new level, as well as athletes requesting to drop back a level, will continue to follow policies outlined in the Women's Program Rules and Policies. The Regional and/or National chair must approve any deviations to the existing Women's Program Rules and Policies proposed by State or Regional Administrative committees. *This would also pertain to state meets scheduled for the Fall of 2020, where applicable".*

IV. VIRTUAL STATE MEET DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Kittia Carpenter, on E-mail, to allow qualification to Regional Championships from virtual state meets. After some discussion, via E-Mail, it was decided that a Zoom meeting was necessary to finalize the procedures for qualifying into the Regional Championships from a virtual state meet.

Illinois is the only state in our region currently offering virtual state meets, although this could change.

There was concern raised about the quality and consistency of uploaded virtual meets verses live virtual meets.

Following additional discussion, the following motion was made.

All gymnasts that participate in a virtual state meet must receive a score 1.0 points higher than the Regional qualifying score to qualify to the Regional Championships. This applies to all levels and divisions.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Jason Button
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made that all Individual Event Specialists that participate in a virtual state meet must receive a score of 9.25 to qualify into the Regional Championships. This applies to all levels and divisions.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous

After further discussion the Regional Administrative Committee (RAC) amended the Feb. 17, 2021 RAC minutes to state that petitions will not be accepted for virtual state meets. Gymnasts who are injured prior to or during a live or virtual state meet are still allowed to petition into the Level 8, 9 or 10 Regional Championships.

V. LEVEL 9/10 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOST

After the Level 9/10 Regional Championship host pulled her bid, Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy looked into hosting the meet.

A motion was made, by E-mail on February 26, 2021, to accept the bid from Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy upon receiving the layout.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nancy Gibson

Following discussion and approval of the layout at this meeting the motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted 3/2/21

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
February 17, 2021; 8:32 p.m. – 10:23 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:32pm 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)
Patrick Hatmaker, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. LEOTARD SIZING

Sizing of leotards will not take place at the Regional Championships due to social distancing protocols. A YouTube video by GK Elite will be posted to show how to size for the gymnast's leotard and warm-up. Parents will be instructed to measure their gymnast. Information will be distributed at state meets.

IV. XCEL REGIONAL BIDS

There were two bids submitted for the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championship. After the loss of one venue and equipment layout concerns in another venue, one of the bids was withdrawn. After much discussion concerning the logistics of abiding by state COVID protocols, the following motion was made.

A motion was made to award Branch Gymnastics the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championship.

Motion:	Norbert Bendixen
2nd:	Becky Burden
Passed:	Unanimous

V. LEVEL 9/10 REGIONAL BID

Halker's Gold has worked on securing a site for the Level 9/10 Regional Championship. Many meets have been held at the Turnstone Center. Halker's Gold has a hold on the facility until the site is approved by the Regional Administrative Committee.

Pam Halker presented a budget for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships and is asking for an increase of \$10 per entry fee. USA Gymnastics regulations do not allow the Regional Championship

entry fee to be above the entry fee for the National Championships. After much discussion the following motion was made.

A motion was made to reject an increase in the entry fee for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships at this time.

Motion: Jason Button
2nd: Patrick Hatmaker
Passed: Unanimous

(A suggestion was made to solicit judges to volunteer as auxiliary judges to work the meet. Judges need volunteer hours to be eligible for the National Judges course.)

Char Christensen asked that the menus for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships be presented in more detail to the Regional Administrative Committee. Where the meals are packaged needs to be provided. Pam Halker will be asked to have a revised budget to the Regional Administrative Committee by Friday. The days for the meet must be determined so that the judges can be contracted.

VI. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Region 5 would like to provide a hotel for our athletes at the National Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida. Hard Rock Hotel ocean view rooms are \$269.00 per night and the city view rooms are \$199.00 per night, plus a tax of 12.5%. Shane is working on securing other hotels so that the gymnasts would have some opportunity for the gymnasts to be together. We would like to have a block of rooms for the parents to choose from. The Holiday Inn is next to the Hard Rock Hotel. Note: The regional block will not be open until the Level 9 and 10 Regional Championship weekend. A registration link will be provided to qualifying athletes and coaches at that time.

The National Championships Welcome Party to be determined later.

VII. STATE REPORTS

The Illinois State Committee waited on the Regional Championship meets to be set up before setting up their State Meets. Illinois just began having in-person meets. Meets have previously been virtual. The Level 6/Xcel Silver Regional is ready to go.

All Ohio meets have been in person except one.

A motion was made to have all Regional meets in person.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

Amendment: Virtual State Meet participants must go through the petitioning process with criteria to be determined by the RAC.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted 2/20/21
Augusta A. Lipsey
Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
December 1, 2020; 8:50 p.m. – 10:08 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:50pm 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)
Dave Stiles, Interim Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jason Button, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Beckey Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2021 National Championships, held at Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, Florida, will have the same format as in the past. Shane Sanders will investigate hotels for the Region 5 National qualifiers and their families. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, athletes will stay with their families and they will not be required to stay the entire weekend. Families will make their own reservations through Region 5 block. A Region 5 team meeting will be held on the Thursday before the Championships. The meeting may be on Zoom to allow for social distancing.

IV. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ALTERNATIVES

The National Office has requested that each region develop a plan for Regional Championships if they cannot be held in person.

1. In-person Regional Championships is the first choice of the Regional Administrative Committee.
2. If the Regional Championships cannot be held in person, it was suggested that one site be chosen within each state to host a virtual Championship with Level 9's and 10's having priority. The gymnasts would compete in their own state. Zoom and / or Flyp 10 would be used in conjunction with ProScore. Using ProScore with Zoom allows the judges to input their scores from their homes. The routines would be viewed on Zoom.

Break out rooms would be used for conferences. An assistant meet director would be assigned to each site.

3. The third suggestion would be to split the Level 9's and 10's into two weekends. All other Regional Championships would be cancelled.

Discussion:

The order of priority to host regional championships if not "live" will be: Level 9 and 10; Level 7 and 8; Division Gold, Platinum, and Diamond; and Level 6 and Silver.

With all the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Level 9's and 10's will need to be separated to accommodate cleaning in-between sessions.

There is concern about the quality of the streaming in "live" virtual meets due to upload speeds available and fluctuations.

There was discussion about virtual meets held on Zoom vs. Flyp 10. There will be a meet held this month using Flyp 10 in Illinois. Norbert Bendixen will report on the successes and challenges associated with the meet.

If the decision is made to have virtual Regional Championships, state meets should be virtual in preparation for the Regional Championships.

The decision to host the Regional Championships virtually or in-person will be postponed until Mid-February since changes in CDC guidelines may change as the pandemic progresses.

The Xcel Platinum and Diamond Regional Championship site was lost; therefore, bids will be solicited again. Bids will be due in February.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted 12/2/20

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 6, 2020; 10:05 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am 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)
Robert Neat, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Beckey Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. STATE REOPENING PLANS

1. IL – After putting together a campaign toward their state legislature, gymnastics clubs in Illinois have been able to open at 50% capacity. Stations must be set up 10 feet apart, gymnasts must remain social distant at six feet, and groups must be 30 feet apart with a maximum of 10 kids per group. Some clubs have not opened because the required format is not very economical. Illinois will enter Phase 4 at the end of June although some clubs have gone ahead of that. Some clubs are debating if they will be able to stay open once creditors that delayed payment begin requiring payment.
2. MI – Michigan just received word yesterday that Region 6 and 8 can open on Wednesday. These regions are in the upper peninsula and the upper part of the lower peninsula. All gyms should be able to open by July 4, 2020. The Governor of Michigan developed work groups to plan for the reopening of the state. Gymnastics clubs are part of the amateur sports work group. Jamie Hamilton, owner of Red Cedar Gymnastics in Lansing, participated on this work group. The group developed a document to show what needs to be done to reopen. It will be available Monday. There will be no limit on capacity but social distancing must be observed. Everyone must take an on-line hand washing class. Wellness checks must be set up. The State Committee is developing a Facebook Learning Platform that gym owners can use. 10 volunteers have been assigned to vet all statements and comments before being placed on the platform.
3. KY – The state of Kentucky will allow youth sports to officially open on the June 15th. Competitions can occur on June 29th. Some gyms have already opened. There are not a lot of restrictions but spacing is important. Decisions are based on keeping the six-foot spacing. This will not affect the smaller gyms as much. Brian is not aware of any gyms that are considering closing.

4. OH – Most gymnastics clubs reopened about a week and a half ago with team training. Recreational classes started this week. A. J. Ganim set up an owner's website that has been very helpful. Another small gym owner participated. Patrick has not heard any negative responses. Ohio is currently in a non-contact phase in which there is no spotting. The gyms are being encouraged to do basics. Hopefully, Ohio will soon be able to participate fully. American Eagles and Flip 'n' Twist, have closed. Most gyms are at or below 50% of their normal capacity for this time of year. Patrick is encouraging gyms to use every means possible to get kids back in the gym.
5. IN - Everyone is open in Indiana except a few clubs that are still under curfew. The State Committee has sent banners, disinfectant, social distant stickers, etc. to the gyms to help in their reopening.

The information sent out by USA Gymnastics to help with the reopening was very helpful. Club administrators just need to be encouraged to read it. There was concern that the information was sent out late. This was due to the USA Gymnastics doing legal research to make sure the information worked for each state.

IV. TECHNICAL AND JUNIOR OLYMPIC UPDATE (Char Christensen and Kittia Carpenter)

There was limited new business to discuss at any of the National meetings because they wanted to make as few changes as possible. All meetings were held by Zoom. The largest change is at all sanctioned competitions a coach can request a video review by the Meet Referee and the highest rated unaffiliated judge, if a video is available, in the event that the inquiry involves the possibility that the judges missed an element that could affect the Start Value. The video review process may not be used for degree of cast, degree of split, direct connections, leg separations, etc. The normal procedure for an inquiry must occur first.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 the Junior Olympic Committee encourages State and Regional Committees to show flexibility when making decisions relating to qualification into 2021 State meets provided the athlete is competing at the same level as 2020.

The new Compulsory review, with general and specific deductions, is moving forward.

All professional members are encouraged to read the minutes on the USA Gymnastics website. A link to those minutes will be placed on the Region 5 website.

V. XCEL UPDATE (Nancy Gibson)

52% of the gymnasts registered in the Women's Program, with USA Gymnastics, are in the Xcel program. The only changes that were made this year were made to fall in line with the changes made in the Junior Olympic program.

There has been concern about movement between the Xcel program and Junior Olympic program. If this is a concern, the declaration date can be used.

VI. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee postponed any additional inductions this year except for the induction of Mrs. Carole Liedtke who's induction was delayed from 2019. Her video and biography will be placed on the Region 5 website.

We will continue to try to make the nomination process more user friendly by making the nomination form available for submission on-line.

VII. TRAINING CAMPS

Tammie Schaafsma was asked to talk to the Training Camp Subcommittee about this year's training camps. They decided that all training camps should be cancelled for this year. There are too many variables and restrictions to have the training camps. It was suggested that a showcase might be held later in the year (October or November). It was decided that it is too hard to plan for something like this due to all the guidelines and protocols that need to be met. As we get more information, the decision about hosting a showcase could change.

Although the Region will not be hosting any Training Camps this year, our financial status is firm. All the apparel from 2020 is in stock right now for next year. The only expense will be the entries into the National Championships.

Motion: If a club is in good standing with the Region, the Region will pay the athlete entry fee for the 2021 Junior Olympic and Eastern Nationals.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: 7 Yea – 1 Nay

VIII. SANCTIONS

Sanctions will be available soon. Guidelines for competitions will be issued. Meet Directors will be responsible to follow their individual state guidelines as well.

If requested, the USA Gymnastics refunded sanction fees for meets that were cancelled due to COVID-19.

All Regional Congresses have been cancelled. The virtual National Congress is the only opportunity for education this year.

IX. NAWGJ (Debbie Campbell)

The NAWGJ is working with the office to get judges back in gyms and meets. They are working on developing clinics for the judges.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The Regional Administrative Committee thanked Brian Blewitt for his tenure as the state chair of Kentucky. Jason Button will be taking over the position of State Chair from this time forward.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

Respectfully Submitted 6/7/20

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
March 13, 2020; 6:07 p.m. – 8:07 p.m.
Conference Call

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm 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)
Robert Neat, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Beckey Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

1. IL – No gymnastics clubs in Illinois have closed their doors at this time due to the coronavirus pandemic. All gymnastics meets have been cancelled through the end of the month. The meet hosts are working on refunding entries but 100% of the entries will not be refunded. There are two State Meets scheduled in April that have not been postponed or cancelled. The State Committee will have an emergency meeting next week.
2. IN – Indiana has not cancelled their state meets but have postponed them at this time.
3. KY – Everything is on hold in Kentucky. No gymnastics clubs have shut down at this time.
4. MI – The Michigan State Committee met last night. The meet hosts of the Level 7 through 10 State Meet (Branch Gymnastics) expects being able to make full refunds to the clubs. The facility was cancelled that Hunts Gymnastics had secured for the Xcel Bronze/Silver/Gold State Meet. Shannon Hunt has been unable to find a different facility. The Level 3-6 State meet is pending in May. Most gymnastics clubs are not closing currently, but a few are. Champion USA will be closing for three weeks and Gym America will be closing for two weeks.
5. OH – The Ohio State Committee will have a meeting tomorrow at 9:30am. The Ohio Compulsory and Optional State Meets have been postponed. They are hoping to be able to reschedule the meets. The State Committee is waiting to determine the status of the Xcel State Meet that is scheduled for the first weekend in April. Gym World, Olympic Dreams and All-Around Gymnastics are closing for a period. Patrick Jordan has not heard of any other gyms closing.

IV. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bowling Green University, the Level 9/10 Regional Championship meet site, is closed to face-to-face classes therefore the facility is available, but a backup facility is begin investigated in Toledo.

The Level 7/8 Regional Championship facility is secure.

Grand Valley University is not available for the Xcel Gold, Platinum and Diamond Regional Championship.

Gymnastics Etc. says the Xcel Silver and Level 6 Regional Championships are still a go.

The Level 9 and 10 athletes cannot be held in limbo for a long period of time. They need a culminating event even if it is a State Meet. It was determined that it is too soon to decide on the qualification procedure into the Regional Championships. If the National Championships are cancelled, then we can make that decision. We are still five weeks out from the Regional Championships. The situation with the coronavirus is rapidly changing and we hope that changes will be for the better.

The National Championship is still scheduled for Seattle, Washington but alternate sites are being investigated.

V. METHOD FOR QUALIFYING TO REGIONALS IF STATE MEETS ARE CANCELLED

After much discussion and the estimation of the number of athletes qualified into each state meet it was determined that all State qualified gymnasts that have entered their state meet be allowed to qualify into the Regional Championships.

A motion was made to allow all Level 9 and 10 athletes with an All Around score of 32.00 or an Individual Event Specialist with a minimum score of 8.50 AND have entered their state meet, will be allowed to compete in the Regional Championship Meet, if held, contingent on the approval of the JOCC and the NTCC.

Motion:	Robert Neat
2nd:	Kittia Carpenter
Passed:	Unanimous

Athletes that need to petition to the Level 9/10 Regional Championships will use the normal petitioning process of 1.00 (33.00) above the qualifying score for all around gymnasts and .25 (8.75) above the qualifying score for Individual Event Specialists, to petition to the Regional Championships

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

VI. METHOD FOR QUALIFYING TO NATIONALS IF REGIONALS ARE CANCELLED

Unless there is a better idea that has not been presented the position of the Region 5 Administrative Committee states that if regionals are cancelled and unless there is a fair qualifying procedure for determining national qualifiers, region 5 recommends that Nationals should be cancelled.

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

The qualification into all other Regional Championships will be tabled until decisions about the Level 9 and 10 Regional and National Championships are determined.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Robert Neat
Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted 3/14/20
Augusta A. Lipsey
Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 15, 2019;
12:05 a.m. – 4:50 p.m.
Grand Rapids, MI

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05am 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)
Robert Neat, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. CONGRESS REVIEW

Cheryl Jarrett thanked the Regional Administrative Committee for a great Congress. The banquet also went well. She has received texts saying that this Congress has been one of the best Congresses they have been to. Attendees liked having new and different presenters.

Cheryl asked the committee if we were interested in having a committee meeting, a banquet and/or selling apparel at the 2020 National Congress in St. Louis, MO. We will need to let her know what we need for the National Congress. The National office is investigating the Westin Hotel in Lombard, IL for the 2021 Regional Congress. There is a possibility that a compulsory workshop could be held in conjunction with the Regional Congress. She will need dates for the 2022 Regional Congress. The Congress may need to be worked around the US Classics.

Additional Congress Review:

1. The Regional Congress had 40 on-site registrations the first day. The total attendance was between 525 and 550.
2. Signage needs to improve. The sessions should be listed outside each room.
3. 50 minutes was not enough time to present all the information. There was not enough time to ask questions. David Stiles will ask the National office to return to hour long sessions.
4. Some sessions were geared more toward the elite athlete. The information was not useable for the average coach.

5. Mary Lee Tracy's sessions were for the lower levels through the elite level. She was amazing.
6. Some attendees stated that there were not enough pre-school/recreational sessions. Committee members state that there were sessions available but they were not labeled well. It was suggested that the National office label the sessions.
7. The site and time for our banquet needs to be correct in all the information. There was nowhere in print that the correct times of the banquet were listed.
8. Tom Koll and Char Christensen were exceptional explaining the thought processes and how the WTC would like us to apply the information.
9. It would be helpful to notate in the Congress program what sessions are CPE acceptable.
10. Sessions that need demonstrators should be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday so that gymnasts do not have to miss school.

Awards Banquet

1. The meal was exceptional.
2. There were 130 tickets sold.
3. The format of the banquet is good but if a person is not involved, they do not attend.
4. Registration for the banquet should be separate from the Congress registration form. It was difficult to find the link to purchase the tickets.
5. To increase attendance each state and the NAWGJ could purchase a table as has been done in the past.
6. Since there will not be a Regional Congress scheduled in 2020, the Awards Banquet will need to be held in conjunction with another Regional event. Having the banquet during the College Showcase is being considered.

IV. STATE REVIEWS

Illinois – Norbert Bendixen

Illinois held five state meets in 2019. All were successful. The profits from each state meet were split with the state. The state will continue to have dialogue with the state NAWGJ. Last season was the first time the IL-USAG and the IL-NAWGJ held a joint meeting. Hopefully the joint meeting this season will be less spirited and vocal.

Indiana – Bob Neat

The Indiana-USAG and the IN-NAWGJ will be hosting the Judges Cup jointly the first weekend in December. The profits will be split. On October 5, 2019, the IN-USAG will be having a judge's education at JPAC to watch high level gymnastics. Coaches will not attend so that the judges will feel comfortable asking questions.

630 people attended the Indiana Awards Banquet. Some came without registering which caused problems.

Kentucky – Brian Blewitt

About two thirds of the gymnasts have registered for this season. Two state meets will be held in 2020. A workshop will be held during the summer of 2020.

Michigan – Beckey Burden

Michigan had very successful state meets. They also had a successful banquet with 500 attendees although there were problems receiving the awards from A-1 Awards.

A survey was sent to all the clubs in Michigan to ask if they would attend the Level 6/Xcel Silver Regional Meet. The majority of clubs will not attend due to the Regional Meet being held the weekend following the Michigan Level 6 State Meet. Those clubs that will be attending will need to enter their gymnasts before they qualify.

Billy Gunnis has been appointed to finish Nicole Bentley's term of office as the Level 6/7/8 Representative.

Ohio – Patrick Jordan

Ohio had a very successful state congress this year. There were over 200 attendees. The sessions were geared toward lower levels. The Congress was held in a gym which helps people see things live instead of on video. Luminita Garcy's, Mary Lee Tracy's and Enrique Trabanino's sessions went over very well.

Ohio held three state meets in 2019. They have received a lot more bids for the 2020 state meets.

The OH-USAG has a great relationship with the OH-NAWGJ. There are dual State Judging Directors; Tina Snyder and Kathleen Edwards. The OH-USAG wants the judges to be a large part of the Ohio Congress next year. They plan to supply good educational opportunities for those that won't make it to the National Congress.

V. JUDGES SELECTION – Char Christensen

Char Christensen thanked everyone for being on time with their judges rank order lists. The Judges assigned to the Eastern National Championships will be considered for the Junior Olympic Championships for 2020. Other considerations are the state and regional rankings, the Region 5 Involvement and Availability Application, and state representation. The goal is to have the best judges selected on the floor for the Junior Olympic Nationals and Eastern Nationals based on the above considerations as determined by the Regional Administrative Committee.

The Judges Selection Procedure should be on the state websites by October 1, 2019.

There was discussion about the use of NCAA experience and years of experience at level 10 or National ranking in the judge's selection process. It was determined that both of these variables can be considered but are not used as part of the numerical rankings for being selected for State, Regional, and National Championships.

When determining judges for Regionals and Nationals, availability is not considered at the time of the rankings as there are often many changes that occur like graduations, wedding, etc. Availability will be checked once the meets have been assigned by the Regional Technical Committee Chairman.

The Judges Selection Committee made up of Kittia Carpenter (RJOCC), Debbie Campbell (RJD) and Char Christensen (RTCC) came up with six judges for JO Nationals although they

had difficulty coming up with judges that had previously judged Level 9 Easterns. Four judges were chosen to be considered for the Level 9 Eastern Championships. Once the four judges are selected for the Junior Olympic Nationals the remaining two judges were added to the list of judges being considered for the Level 9 Eastern Championships.

After some discussion the three members of the RAC that are eligible for placement on Level 9 Easterns or Junior Olympic Nationals were recused from the meeting, the RAC held a blind vote for the selection of the Junior Olympic judges. The four judges with the best score were selected for the Championships. The two that were not selected were added to the list of judges for the Level 9 Championships. The same procedure was used to vote on the judges for the Level 9 Championships. The two judges that were not selected were added to the two judges selected as alternates.

VI. TRAINING CAMP REVIEW

The Hot Shot and Rising Stars Camp was not full. The Nation Staff on bars at the Hot Shot camp showed and explained shaping and drilling which was beneficial for the coaches. We also want to make sure the gymnasts stay active also. Coaches that attended this camp rotated with their gymnasts so that they could benefit from the information that the National Staff gave their gymnasts.

The Forward Momentum Camp held at Gym-Nation Gymnastics in Mason, OH had 223 gymnasts. It was coached by Region 5 coaches plus National Staff for trampoline. The Sunday presentations were foam rolling techniques, nutrition, judging, sports psychology and yoga. The gymnasts love the foam rolling. The judge's sessions were split into two groups.

There was discussion about having camps every three weeks and hosting them earlier in the fall. There was also discussion about having the Forward Momentum Camp in two sites the same weekend. By splitting the Forward Momentum Camp into two sites, more gymnasts would be able to attend and the staff would probably be stronger. The camps are constantly evolving. Tami Schaffsma is the camp director. To help her from burning out, each member of the camp committee is assigned a camp to direct.

To receive the \$500.00 stipend for the club to attend an All Star trip the coach must work a three day Region 5 Training Camp the previous year of the trip.

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

This year the All Star Trip will be to Puerto Rico in October. Kittia Carpenter has planned a number of fun activities, training opportunities and coaches round tables for the trip.

VII. XCEL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REVISITED

The Regional Xcel Committee suggested that the Gold/Platinum/Diamond Xcel Regional Championship be conducted with four rotations and a bye. The A and B teams at the Gold Regional Championship will consist of nine gymnasts each, and there will be eight gymnasts in

the A and B teams for the Platinum Regional Championships. The Diamond Regional Championships will use the capital cup format with eight gymnasts per team.

A motion was made to keep the team competition in one session. The Gold and Silver Divisions will have nine gymnasts for the A Team and nine gymnasts for the B Team. The Platinum Division will have eight gymnasts for the A Team and eight gymnasts for the B Team.

**Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous**

Michigan distributed a survey to the Michigan clubs to determine who would be attending the Xcel Silver/Level 6 Regional Championships. The results were not encouraging. Many clubs will not be attending because it would be financially burdensome to the club. Of the Michigan clubs that responded, approximately 120 gymnasts will attend.

VIII. REGIONAL BIDS

- A. The Regional Administrative Committee received one bid for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Championships from Halker's Gold. They will be asked to resubmit their bid with a different layout. The sand pit needs to be covered and four judges' tables should be at each event. A menu for the judges also needs to be provided.

A motion was made after receiving the revisions requested, to accept the Halker's Gold bid for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Championships with the stipulation that the space provided for awards and processing remains the same as the original bid.

**Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Robert Neat
Passed: Yea – 7 Nay – 0 Abstain – 1**

- B. Two bids were received for the Level 7 and 8 Regional Championships. Bids were received for the same facility from JPAC and DeVeau's Gymnastics. US Sports Production would be hosting the meet with JPAC if chosen. Prior to the vote, Robert Neat recused himself.

A hand vote was held for the Level 7/8 Regional Bid. The results were:

DeVeau's – 3 JPAC – 4

The Level 7 and 8 Regional Championships will be hosted by JPAC.

- C. Five bids were received for the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championship. Bids were received from Grand Rapids Gymnastics, Olympia Gymnastics Academy, Champion USA, Flip Starz Gymnastics Academy and Branch Gymnastics.

After discussing each individual bid, the Regional Administrative Committee narrowed the bids to two. A vote was taken between Champion USA and Branch Gymnastics. The results were:

Champion USA – 7 Branch Gymnastics – 1

The Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships will be hosted by Champion USA.

D. Two bids were received for the Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships. Bids were received from Gymnastics X-Calibur & Dreams Gymnastics and Gymnastics Etc.

A hand vote was held for the Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Bid. The results were:

X-Calibur/Dreams – 1 Gymnastics Etc. – 6 Abstain – 1

The Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships will be hosted by Gymnastics Etc.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted 9/19/19

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
July 24, 2017; 10:03 a.m. – 4:23 p.m.
Carmel, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am 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)
Robert Neat, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Becky Burden, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Patrick Jordan, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Debbie Campbell, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Debbie Campbell was welcomed to the committee as the newly elected Regional Judging Director.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

One of the responsibilities of the state Chairman is to place financial statements on the state websites. Dave Stiles asked that all states put their financial statements on their websites as soon as possible.

It was suggested that a May or June 2020 summer meeting of the Regional Administrative Committee be confirmed in January, 2020 so that the members schedules can be more easily cleared.

V. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kittia Carpenter)

Region 5 had a very good year. We had more all-around champions than we have ever had. There were five champions at the JO Nationals. The excitement continued to build through the second day. We were told by other regions that we were very impressive. The last two sessions of the Championship were phenomenal. Our gymnasts hit one after another. There was perfect silence during their performances with everyone watching. Our juniors were not as strong. Prior to the last two sessions we were tied. There were numerous gyms represented in our success.

One of the goals of our Training Camps is to give back to the coaches by having national staff at our camps. We want important information brought to our coaches including the latest skills and drills. We want to increase the knowledge of everyone.

VI. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated Region 5 for their phenomenal success this year. Region 5 was the overall Super Team National Champion for the first time in five years. At Level 9 Eastern Junior Olympic Championships, Region 5 won the Super Team award for the fifth time in a row.

Judges Involvement and Application forms must be submitted by August 20, 2019. Judges not making the deadline will be ineligible to judge Regional Championships. These forms are to be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments. These forms can be audited by committee members. Char will ask the Regional webmaster to do a spread sheet listing of the available judges.

The ranked list of judges, from each state, for Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regionals and Xcel Regionals must be submitted to Char by September 10, 2019. Affiliation needs to be noted because two to four head judges are needed per state. It is our goal to have judges know their event assignments for Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regionals by December 15th.

Each state has the choice to use one ranked list of 20 judges for all Regionals or a separate ranked list of 16 judges for Xcel Regionals.

There were an estimated 128 petitions for Levels 8, 9 and 10 Regionals. Sue Kane was thanked for her assistance with the petitions.

Judges can attend any training camp to observe and gain knowledge. If they want to volunteer as a coach, they must contact Tami Schaffsma to complete the application process. An attempt is made to have two judges per camp for the judge's rotation on Sundays. Judges must contact Char Christensen, RTCC, if they want to be considered for the judges' rotations.

The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites by October 1, 2019. This will allow all judges to know the criteria they are being evaluated on for state meet assignments. It was suggested that a subcommittee could be assigned to determine the state meet judging assignments similar to what is done by our region.

Meet Directors within our region are reminded that the only meet formats that can be used are in the Rules and Policies. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the sanction form. A new format for 2019-2020 has been approved and it is described in the JO and WTC Minutes from May, 2019.

No changes have been made concerning Individual Specialists. The qualifying score of 9.0 will remain to qualify to Regionals from their State Meet.

VII. XCEL/JO COMPARISON

The Xcel Program continues to grow. Every region in the country saw an increase in their Xcel numbers while all but two regions saw a decrease in their Junior Olympic numbers. The national committee is working hard to make the new compulsories fun and exciting. There is concern that gyms are skipping the compulsories. By doing so, fundamentals are being missed. The choreography is fun and more like optional routines. There has been a lot of crossover between the two programs. Michigan is trying something new this year. A declaration date of January 15, 2020 is being implemented in which all gymnasts must declare if they will be in the Xcel program or the JO program.

VIII. LEVEL 9/10 MEET REFEREES

There was discussion about assigning a second Meet Referee as a permanent position for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Championships.

IX. XCEL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Nancy Gibson)

An angle of repulsion deduction has been added to vault for the Gold, Platinum and Diamond divisions.

A Level 9 judge is need to judge the Diamond Division.

The Diamond numbers within our region have increased.

There have been a lot of Yurchenko's competed in the 2018-2019 season.

During the 2019-2020 competitive season "D" level elements performed by Diamond gymnasts will be tracked.

State meets should be scheduled three weeks prior to the Regional Championships.

Individual Event Specialists should be notated on the spread sheets.

State teams should rotate together during the Regional Championships.

Due to the number of gymnasts at the 2019 Xcel Regional Championships the Regional Administrative Committee discussed using percentages for Xcel gymnasts to qualify to the Regional Championships. The problem with using percentages is some gymnasts will not know if they qualified for Regionals until after the meet. It was suggested that two Xcel regional meets be offered, one for Xcel Silver and one for the Gold, Platinum and Diamond divisions. Deleting Silver Regionals is not an option although there were a lot of complaints about having a four day meet. Michigan is scheduled to have the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships in 2020 with Ohio hosting the Level 9/10 Regional Championships and Indiana hosting the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.

A motion was made to have the Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Regional Championships on May 1-3, 2020 and the Level 6 and Silver Regional Championships on May 15-17, 2020.

**Motion: Robert Neat
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Aye – 5, Nay – 3,**

A motion was made to have Illinois host the inaugural Level 6 and Silver Xcel Regional Championship on May 15-17, 2020.

**Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Patrick Jordan and Brian Blewitt
Passed: Unan.**

Illinois will host the 2020 Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships. The 2021 Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Championships will be held on the weekend of the Junior National Championships, May 14-16, 2021.

A motion was made to set 35.00 as the qualifying score to Level 6 Regional Championships.

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

A subcommittee consisting of Nancy Gibson, Robert Neat, Patrick Jordan and Kittia Carpenter will determine the format used at the Xcel Silver Regional Meet to assure that the State Teams rotate together. Their recommendation will be presented to the Regional Administrative Committee at the next meeting in September.

X. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT (Debbie Campbell)

We received good feedback on the Regional judging panels. There was only one complaint about the judging.

Region 5 is the only region that does not have four judge panels at the Level 8 Regional Championships. We need to give judges more experience at the regional level. It is a long weekend and we will be losing judges soon because older judges are considering retiring after this quadrennium. The younger judges need to be educated so they will be qualified to judge when they get to the higher level. The best way to educate younger judges is by putting them in a chair but it is unfair to ask the meet host to cover the cost. 16 judges have been added as regional judges with the addition of the Level 6 and Xcel Silver Regional Meet.

A motion was made to have four judge panels at the Level 8 Regional Championships with the Region supporting the additional judges.

**Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Aye – 5, Nay – 2, Abstain – 1**

A motion was made to have three of the judges assigned to the Level 9/10 Regional Championship be assigned to a second regional meet to maintain judging stability. One of these judges would be assigned to each of the remaining Regional Championships.

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous**

The Level 7/8 Regional Championship will need 24 judges. Five judges from each state except Kentucky will be assigned. Four judges will be assigned from Kentucky. The host state will receive the benefit of getting an extra judge on the Level 8 Championship and one less on the Level 7 Championship.

XI. TRAINING CAMPS

The Region is paying National Staff to come to some of our Regional Training Camps. There has been some chatter about paying Regional coaches to work the Training Camps. It is believed by the Regional Committee that knowledge from national staff members is needed to move forward. We are trying to bring the best and latest information to our region. With the National Team Staff, we get the latest of everything. The Regional Committee disagrees with paying regional coaches but agree that educational opportunities should be provided. It was suggested that the camp subcommittee develop ways to “pay” the coaches for working the camps.

A motion was made to have a drawing for one - three day working clinician attend the Tops National Camp or a Developmental Camp.

Motion: Patrick Jordan
2nd: Robert Neat
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to have a drawing for one Regional Administrative Committee member to attend the Tops National Camp or a Developmental Camp each year.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Beckey Burden
Passed: Unanimous

XII. REGIONAL CONGRESS VS. NATIONAL CONGRESS 2020

Cheryl Jarrett does not want Region 5 to host a Regional Congress in 2020 because the National Congress will be in St. Louis. The national office will not put a Regional Congress in our region in 2020. The Regional Administrative Committee feels that without a Regional Congress next year our state congresses will be better attended. The Regional banquet will have to be held during a Training Camp.

XIII. 2019 REGIONAL CONGRESS

This year's Regional Congress will be held in Grand Rapids, MI.

A Friday evening fun event was discussed. Some ideas were a Trivia Night, Jeopardy Game, or Scavenger Hunt. Hilary Carlson will be asked to run the Jeopardy Game with state teams.

The Regional Banquet will be held on Saturday evening of the Congress. People will be allowed to watch the awards ceremony following the Banquet.

State baskets will be raffled off at the end of the banquet.

An Old T-Shirt Contest will be held during the Congress.

Volunteers are being recruited for the Congress.

XIV. REGIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All financial statements from the regional competitions were reviewed. Each meet resulted in a profit.

XV. COMPETITION FEES

There have been some competition hosts that have been delinquent with their Regional competition fees. Michigan and Illinois have one team each that is delinquent and Ohio has five teams. Consequences for their delinquency was discussed. These teams will not be denied the opportunity to host a sanctioned meet but their scores will not count toward qualification.

XVI. HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee originally had six members. Following the resignation of one person there has been only five participating members for the past two years. After some discussion it was determined that the current number of members will remain.

The Regional Administrative Committee would like to have a larger pool of nominees from which to choose to submit to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The Regional Webmaster will be contacted to develop a nomination form that can be submitted online.

The biographies of all nominees were sent electronically to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call is set for this Friday with the Selection Committee to determine the inductees into the 2019 USA Gymnastics Region 5 Hall of Fame.

XVII. TRAINING CAMPS

Qualification into the High Tech Camp will remain the same.

High Performance Camp is open to Level 10 gymnasts scoring 35.00 or higher in the All Around at the 2019 Regional Championships.

Forward Momentum Camp has combined Forward Progress and Super Camp. Level 7-10 gymnasts qualify for this camp.

The Hot Shot Camp qualification remains the same.

The Rising Stars Camp is for Level 4 and 5 gymnasts aged 10 or under scoring 37.00 at their previous state meet. Gymnasts scoring 36.00 All-Around may be considered to fill the camp.

XVIII. ALL STAR TRIP

A trip to Guatemala was the original destination for the All Star Team trip but due to the increase of kidnapping for ransom, this site was changed. Puerto Rico was considered but due to the civil war in that country, it was also deleted. Greece or France are now being considered. If the team travels to Paris, they could take the train to Lyon and train in a gym there and return by train. Kittia Carpenter will look into a trip to France.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Campbell asked about individual room assignments for judges at Regional competitions. Regional meets are very long and they become very difficult if the judge does not get enough sleep due to the sleep habits of another judge, such as snoring. The National Committee is looking into this situation. It was suggested that the state NAWGJ's check the costs associated with the Level 9 and 10 Regionals and consider sharing the cost of the additional rooms. This topic will be discussed further.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm

Respectfully Submitted 7/30/19

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

**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

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 18, 2018; 10:03 a.m. – 5:59 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am 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)
Amy Repogle, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Three members of the Regional Administrative Committee will be retiring but it is expected that Becky Burden-Cuddeback will do an excellent job for Michigan as will Patrick Jordan for Ohio and Bob Neat for Indiana.

IV. REGIONAL MEET STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

	# registered	# competed	Petitions	Profit
Level 10	308	270	46	\$34,137.06
Level 9	410	373	34	
Level 8	640	609	35	\$64,034.47
Level 7	691	660	14	
Xcel	1912	1839		\$87,830.00

It is strongly recommended that all Regional Championships use an iPad system for scoring. All Meet Directors need to have an iPad system to bid on a Regional Championship. It is recommended that each judge have an iPad. This recommendation will be investigated further and additional discussion will occur at the September Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

It was requested that David Stiles, RACC, negotiate a rental price for the equipment supplied by Midwest. Spieth-America Equipment is willing to supply equipment for free to Regions 1, 5 and

8. The Committee was reminded that Midwest has supplied numerous gifts to our Regional Congress and AAI has continued to be supportive of USA Gymnastics.

It was recommended that a \$1,000.00 fine be charged for each rule that is not followed by the Regional Championship Meet Director. A check-off list should be included in the Regional Championship Procedure Manual.

A motion was made to create a check-list of responsibilities of the Regional Championships Meet Director. This list will be placed in the Regional Championship Procedure Manual with up to \$1,000.00 fine attached per infraction.

Motion: Tami Schaafsma
2nd: Amy Replogle
Passed: Unanimous

A discussion ensued about the formality of calling rotations and announcing the team score after each rotation at the Xcel Regional Championships. It was decided that for the Team Competition sessions that calling rotations/announcing Team scores will be the procedure. The Meet Director would determine the All-Star session procedure.

V. REGIONAL BIDS

Vendors hired by the Meet Directors of the Regional Championships have been unaware that they cannot sell items with the Region 5 logo on them. A contract with a vendor should be signed with a clear description of what can be sold. They must be made aware that the Region 5 vendor is the main vendor. The vendor company should be listed on the bid form and the number of experienced volunteers should also be listed on the bid form. This will be added to the new check-off list being created for the Regional Championships Procedures Manual.

The on-line store at Congress was not very successful. It was suggested that a person be hired to attend all three Regional Championships and Congress to sell the Region 5 apparel. Dave will check with Annie Heffernon if other vendors (other than GK Elite) can be sold at State and Regional Meets.

Raised seating should be the primary seating at Regional Championships. There should be no floor level seating/chairs. The Meet Directors need to bring in bleachers.

VI. REGIONAL FORMATS

It is recommended that the competitors for the team competition be in the same session.

VII. QUALIFYING SCORES

On-line entry into the Regional Championships will be mandated at the State Meets. The club administrator for each club must be available or a gym representative who must have the administrator password.

The age divisions for the Regional Championships will be determined by the ages of all around competitors and petitioned athletes. The age of the individual event specialists will not be included in the age division determination.

There was discussion about raising the qualifying score for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships to 34.50 or 35.00 but it was determined that raising the score would only eliminate one session. Competition on Thursday would still have to be held. If the qualifying score was raised the older age groups would be affected the most. As numbers grow, raising the qualifying score will be revisited. The qualifying score for 2019 will remain 34.00.

The Xcel Silver qualifying score was 36.00 in 2018. The Regional Administrative Committee discussed qualification to Regionals by percentage. If percentage is used the age groups would have to be determined prior to the state meets. Due to new vaults being implemented for Xcel Silver during the 2019 season and because the Xcel Regional Championships will be held in Kentucky the Xcel Silver Regional Qualifying score will remain 36.00. The 2018 Xcel Regional Championships had eight sessions of Silver and eight session of Gold.

VIII. PETITION PROCESS

Region 5 had 129 petitions in 2018. There were also a lot of scratches from petitions. At the joint WTC/JO Committee meeting an update of the petitioning process was passed. If an athlete begins her fourth event, is injured during the routine and unable to complete her fourth event, she may petition to Regionals if her score from her first three (3) events is equal to or greater than 75% of the required petition score. This does not apply if qualification is by percentage or designated number per age group. Please refer to the May 14, 2018 Joint Meeting of the Junior Olympic and Technical Committees.

Level 7 and Xcel gymnasts cannot petition to the Regional Championships.

IX. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kittia Carpenter)

Beginning August 1, 2018 the vault warm-up time for Level 6 and 7 will be two (2) minutes per athlete.

For Level 9 and 10 gymnasts the warm-up time on bars, for all sanctioned competitions, will be 2.5 minutes per athlete, including bar settings.

All boards meeting USA Gymnastics specifications are allowed, however, it is required to provide a springboard with coil springs.

The Junior Olympic inquiry form will be updated to allow questions on optional composition deductions.

An alternate skill cushion made of softer foam (4 ft. x 6 ft. and eight (8) inches high) will be allowed for bar releases ONLY. This skill cushion is not allowed for dismounts or landings on any event.

The Xcel Regional Meet Director will have the choice of using a strip or the bump in for warm-ups on floor. For the bump in warm-up an adult monitor is required.

The Women's Junior Olympic Committee Meeting and the Joint Meeting of the Junior Olympic and Technical Committee minutes are on line and should be reviewed for additional changes.

X. REGIONAL AWARDS

Ties will not be broken at any Regional Championships. If there is a tie for the gold medal, all gymnasts involved in the tie will receive a gold medal. It is suggested that enough awards be purchased to allow for ties. A tie for the last place award will also not be broken.

A motion was made to award the same percentage of awards at the Xcel Regional Championship as are awarded at the Level 7/8 and 9/10 Regional Championships. 33.33% of the gymnasts will receive placement awards at the Xcel Regional Championship.

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

XI. JUDGES SELECTION PROCESS

For the Level 9/10 and Xcel Regional Championships three judges from the larger states and two judges from Kentucky and two additional judges from the host state will be assigned as this has been the procedure since 2015. This will also be the process for assigning judges to the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.

During the 2018 Championship season 4-6 judges pulled off a Regional Championship for various reasons.

Motion: If a judge, after a verbal commitment, comes off a Regional Meet for circumstances other than illness or death in the family, they cannot be assigned a Regional Meet the following year. The approval of the extenuating circumstance will be determined by the Regional Administrative Committee.

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

It was suggested that the judges at the Xcel Regional Championships be paid the hourly rate rather than the championship daily rate. After additional discussion it was decided that the pay formula for Judges at the Xcel Regional Championships would follow the same formula as the Level 7-10 Regional Championships.

It is recommended that a ranked list of 14 Xcel judges from each state be submitted to the Regional Technical Chairman. A separate list of 14 Junior Olympic judges should also be submitted. These state rankings are due by September 10, 2018.

The Professional Involvement Form (PIF) and Regional Application used for the past three years will be combined to one form called the Region 5 Involvement and Availability Application. This form will be on the Region 5 website on July 15, 2018 and it must be completed by August 15, 2018 to be considered for State, Regional And National Championships.

The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites by September 10, 2018.

The Judges Selection Committee will recommend six judges to be presented to the Regional Administrative Committee for selection to the JO Nationals and Level 9 Easterns.

The motion was made to accept the selection process for Level 9 Easterns and JO Nationals as was done the last two years with the modification that the subcommittee will be made up of the RTCC, RJD and RJOCC. The subcommittee will bring to the Regional Administrative Committee, at the fall meeting, 6 judges for JO's and 6 for Easterns. The Regional Administrative Committee will select 4 judges to represent Region 5 at the Level 10 Nationals and 4 judges to represent Region 5 at Level 9 Easterns. The two judges not selected for the JO Nationals will be placed in the pool for Level 9 Easterns. The four judges not selected for the JO National or Easterns will be alternates for both of these National Championships. The new revisions will be placed on the Region 5 Website.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

XII. REGIONAL CALENDAR

August 3-5, 2018	Super Camp/Forward Progress	Kalamazoo, MI
August 9-11, 2018	National Congress	Providence, RI
September 7-9, 2018	Hot Shot/Super Camp	Greenfield, IN
September 14-16, 2018	Regional Congress	Louisville, KY
September 28-30, 2018	High Performance/Hi-Tech	Ann Arbor, MI
November 2-4, 2018	Hot Shot/Forward Progress	Mason, OH
March 15-17, 2019	Level 9 and 10 State Meets	
March 22-24, 2019	Level 9 and 10 State Meets	
April 11-14, 2019	Level 9 and 10 Regionals	Michigan
April 26-28, 2019	Level 7 and 8 Regionals	Illinois
May 3-5, 2019	Xcel Regionals	Kentucky
May 10-12, 2019	Eastern Nationals	
May 17-18, 2019	JO Nationals	
(T) May 31 – June 2, 2019	TOPS/Hopes Training Camp and TOPS Testing	
(T) June 7-9, 2019	Hi-Tech Coaches Seminar	

(T) Tentative

XIII. REGIONAL CONGRESS BANQUET

To shorten and make the banquet more interesting it was suggested that the awards be mixed (Hall of Fame, then the All Star Team, then Hall of Fame, etc.). A video with a voice over of the career of the Hall of Fame inductees will be developed. The inductees will be given five minutes for their acceptance speech. The video will act as the presenter.

Each Regional Administrative Committee member will take part in the awards ceremony.

It was suggested that the Banquet be held from 5:30pm – 7:30pm on Friday night.

XIV. HALL OF FAME

The biographies of all nominees were sent electronically to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. Each Regional Administrative Committee member listed their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked

nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2018 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

XV. ALL STAR TRIP

The All Star Team will be taking a trip to Jamaica in October. Gymnast will room together. Parents of the All Star Team will be invited and are welcome to attend. Parents cannot be in the same hotel room with the gymnasts. There will be chaperones that are not the coaches of the gymnasts. It was suggested that Nina Dent be the delegation leader. She has been a big help for Kittia previously. On past trips she has been very diligent on keeping track of all the athletes.

XVI. CLARIFICATION

The US Center for Safe Sport is for all sexual abuse and physical abuse allegations. Bullying, emotional abuse and verbal abuse fall under the jurisdiction of USA Gymnastics.

XVII. FINANCIALS

It was suggested that the stipend for the Region 5 webmaster, Don Holton, and the Region 5 videographer, Jason McDonald, be raised to \$2,000.00 per year. It was also suggested that a contract be developed listing all the expectations of the videographer and webmaster.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm

Respectfully Submitted 6/24/18

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 17, 2017
12:36 p.m. – 4:11 p.m.
Louisville, KY

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:36pm 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)
Amy Replogle, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Nina Dent, 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 everyone to the Region 5 Congress committee meeting.

IV. CONGRESS REVIEW

There were over 700 registrants for congress this year. Justin Wolford took over the organization of the congresses. There is a learning curve but the congress was successful. The following are suggestions for consideration for future congresses.

1. It was suggested that the congress schedule booklet have information on the trivia night, banquet and any other social activities sponsored by the region.
2. The cost of the congress could be raised to include the banquet.
3. The banquet should start sooner so that there is time for networking following the banquet.
4. The cocktail hour should occur in the hallway outside the banquet venue. This would allow the banquet set up to continue during the cocktail hour.
5. The Hall of Fame section of the banquet was too long. It was suggested that we use the same format the National Office uses. A two minute voice over video will show the highlights of the inductee's career along with written captions on their Region 5 involvement. Augusta Lipsey will share the applications with Jason for him to do this task easily. The inductee will have two to five minutes for their acceptance speech.
6. The Hall of Fame inductee introduction by the award presenter can be done live or as part of the video.
7. Tami Schaafsma is developing a survey monkey to obtain feedback on the Congress, Banquet and Trivia night.
8. Consider interjecting fun activities in-between presentations.
9. Have the RAC members present the regional awards.

10. Have the items that the All-Star team receives on display.
11. Ask the state committees to purchase a table for their state.
12. Ask the NAWGJ State and Regional Directors to purchase a table for the judges and guests.
13. Have a banquet chairperson to coordinate everything associated with the banquet. Anyone interested in this position should contact Kittia Carpenter.
14. On-site regional apparel will not be available at future Regional Congresses. The Region 5 Apparel Store will only have items on site at Regional Championships.
15. List the activities on the back of the name tags.
16. Karaoke was suggested as the Friday night social activity. Beer and wine tasting was also suggested.
17. Athlete names on the video need to be bold and bigger for easier audience viewing with brief words detailing the name of their award or their top accomplishment.

V. TRAINING CAMP UPDATE

Registration for the Training Camps has been very good. There are approximately 160 gymnasts at each camp. The Hot Shot Camps are a little smaller than Super and Forward Progress Camps. The registration and payment will be online starting in 2018.

There have been two to four judging volunteers at each camp. The new system of volunteering for the training camps has been positively received from the judges. This system for signing up for a camp will be placed on the Region 5 website.

The coaching round tables have been well received.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Region has \$470,727.77 in the general account and \$147,447.39 in the apparel fund.

VII. REGIONAL/NATIONAL JUDGES SELECTION

The Judge's Selection Committee will be meeting in the next week or two. The Committee's recommendations will then be sent to the Regional Administration Committee for approval. The judges selection process should be on each State's website with the criteria used for Regional judges rankings. The Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) should be used to develop the state rankings that are used by the Judge's Selection Committee.

Judges will need to keep track of the number of sessions that are judged throughout the season with Level 10 gymnasts. This information will be asked on the PIF. The number of NCAA meets judged will also be asked.

All of the states in our region are on the gymjas judging assignment system. This will make it easier to see the availability of judges throughout the region.

VIII. REGIONAL BIDS

A. Level 9/10 Regional Championships

There was one bid for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. The bid was from Champion Gymnastics in Kentucky. There is concern that the layout would be very tight and that parking would be an issue. Dave Stiles will ask Champion Gymnastics to secure another facility. If they are unable to locate an acceptable facility the bid process will be opened to the region.

B. Level 7/8 Regional Championships

There were three bids submitted for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships. Two bids were from Ohio. The third bid was from Michigan. The Ohio bids were from Halker's Gold and Perfect Balance.

A motion was made to accept the Perfect Balance bid for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Yea – 6, Abstain – 1

C. Xcel Regional Championships

There were three bids for the Xcel Regional Championships. The bids were from USA Sports Production with Midwest Center and USA Sports Production with Rising Star Gymnastics/Fit Kids and DeVeau's School of Gymnastics.

A motion was made to accept the DeVeau's School of Gymnastics bid for the Xcel Regional Championships.

Motion: Tami Schaafsma
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Yea – 7, Recusal – 1

IX. ALL STAR TRIP UPDATE

The All Star team will be leaving from Detroit on September 30, 2017. They will take a bus to Niagara and then to Montreal, Canada. Nina Dent is working on activities for the team. They will work out on Thursday prior to or following the Canadian or French National Teams. The All Star team will view the World Championship competition on October 4th then they will spend Sunday at Niagara before returning to Detroit.

X. ELITE AMBASSADOR TRIP UPDATE

The Elite Ambassador trip will be to Trinidad November 7 – 11, 2017. Trinidad is thrilled to have us there. Their goal is to have a team at the Olympics so they feel this trip will help them meet their goal. They are inviting other island countries to join them. It was suggested that the All Star team consider traveling to Trinidad next year.

XI. PROPOSED COACHES EDUCATION

Dave Stiles is working on developing a High Tech Coaches Symposium that is scientifically based, for Level 9 and 10 coaches. This would be a three day symposium with input from national staff members. It was suggested that Dave contact Mary Lee Tracy for input and ask about the content and structure of the 300 and 400 level courses offered by USA Gymnastics.

XII. EASTERN NATIONAL QUALIFIER APPAREL

A motion was made to spend \$125 on apparel for Level 9 Eastern qualifiers.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Yea – 7, Abstain – 1

XIII. REGION 5 WEBSITE

The national office would like all regional websites to be uniform. We would still need a webmaster. Sports Engine is the web page that is suggested. We do not currently use this program but it is believed to be user friendly. It allows for E-checks or credit card payments to be handled online.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Amy Replogle

2nd: Nancy Gibson

Passed: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted 9/21/17

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 18, 2017; 10:03 a.m. – 5:59 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am 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)
Amy Repogle, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent:

Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting and thanked everyone for attending on a holiday.

IV. REGIONAL TRAINING CAMPS

The dates for the Regional Training Camps are set. Some of the dates of the 2017 camps have been changed in comparison to the 2016 dates due to the All Star trip and facility availability. There may be some changes made to the Sunday camp agenda.

The 2016 Regional Camps were well attended. There were many positive comments about the changes that were made in the Regional Training Camps last year.

There are four weekends of camps in 2017. They are Super Camp and Forward Progress on August 4-6 at Queen City in Cincinnati, OH; Hot Shot and Super Camp on September 8-10 at Indy Stars in Indianapolis, IN; High Performance and High Tech on October 13-15 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; and Forward Progress and Hot Shot Camp on November 3-5 at Phenom in Oswego, IL. The registration fees have been raised to \$150.00 by the training camp committee. Registration for all camps is now open.

The first Tops Clinic was held with 48 gymnasts and coaches from each state. Any gymnasts that attended the National Tops testing were eligible to attend. In addition, those aiming for Hopes, clubs wanting to test TOPs this year and clubs interested in beginning TOPs in the gym were encouraged to attend. National staff members were brought in to cover basics and developmental skills.

The Regional Administrative Committee would like to develop an incentive for coaches to work the Regional Training Camps. A drawing will be held at each camp for current professional

members that work all three days of a camp. The winning professional member will attend the National Training Center to observe and learn at the Developmental Training Camp, Developmental Invite Camp or the Tops National Camp.

A motion was made to place any person working a Regional Training Camp all three days in a drawing to attend the Tops National Training Camp, Developmental Training Camp or Developmental Invite Camp at the National Training Center. A current professional member (coach or judge) in good standing is eligible.

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous**

While the Regional Administrative Committee still sees value in and encourages judges' participation in Regional Training Camps, it will no longer be required in the selection of judges for Regionals/Nationals.

**Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Unanimous**

IV. YEARLY REVIEW

A. Regional Technical Chairman Report (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. Region 5 took first place as a region with the Super Team Award. We won eleven out of the 16 age divisions with many All Around and event National Champions. Char also congratulated the Level 10's from our region who placed third, one point out of second place. We had 16 individual event and all-around champions compared to 12 last year.

Char congratulated the Region for the great state representation on the All Star Team. There are four clubs represented from Illinois, two from Michigan and two from Ohio. This represents eight different clubs which shows that talent is being spread across many clubs.

Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) will be due by August 15, 2017. Judges not meeting this deadline will be ineligible to judge State, Regional or National Championships. The PIF form is to be used to assist in the selection of judges. The Professional Involvement Form will be on the Judges page of the Region 5 website for easy access.

The use of the Professional Involvement Form (PIF) for judges was discussed. It was suggested that the Regional Application Form and the Professional Involvement Form be combined. The new PIF will have a deadline of August 15, 2017.

Each state must submit a rank order list of 18 judges to Char by September 1, 2017. These lists will be used for Regional assignments to Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regional Championships. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented because two to four judges per state are to be used as head judges. The goal is to have judges know their event assignments for the Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regional Meets by December 15, 2017. It will be on the Region 5 website when finalized.

Each state has a choice to have the RTCC use their Level 7 through 10 ranked judges list or a separate list for the Xcel Regional judges' assignments. If a separate list is used for Xcel Championships, a minimum of 12 judges should be ranked.

There were approximately 101 petitions for Level 8, 9 and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on the petition process. Sue Kane will take over this responsibility for the 2018 Regional Championship season.

The Regional Administrative Committee has suggested that an email account be established to receive all petitions.

Constant contact will be established for Region 5 so that communication between the committee members can be consistent.

The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites by October 1, 2017. A copy of all the state criteria for 2016-2017, in Region 5, was shared with the RAC.

USA National/Brevet Course eligibility forms must be submitted to Char Christensen, Region 5 RTCC, no sooner than June 2 and no later than midnight Eastern time zone on November 2, 2017.

Confidentiality forms must be signed by all state, regional and national committees. All members are reminded that the ranking of judges can NEVER be shared with others as this breaches the confidentiality process.

All clinics for USAG and NAWGJ must be sanctioned by USA Gymnastics to be used for CPE credit. Judges are reminded to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website. At the end of each clinic session, judges need their CPE forms signed by a designated official.

Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook.

USA Gymnastics members are reminded that the only meet formats that can be used are the ones in the Rules and Policies. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the sanction form. Behavioral violations will be handled by Safe Sport. The U302 course, Recognizing and Responding Online Course, will be required every two years in the future. It is available free of charge at this time.

To qualify to the Regional Championships, an Individual Event Specialist must score a 9.0 at their State Meet. It is up to the States to determine the criteria for an Individual Event Specialist to compete in their State Meet. The criteria should be on each states website by October 1, 2017.

After this four year term is completed (2017-2021) Char Christensen has made the decision to retire as RTCC but she plans to continue judging. Char is working with Sue Kane to educate her on the position of RTCC. There may be other National or Brevet judges that are interested in learning about this elected position. If so, they should contact Char to be considered for possible volunteer opportunities.

For National judges assignment equal representation by state is not a consideration. As always, the goal is to have the best judges on the floor. There will always be four judges from Region 5 assigned to the Level 10 National Championships and three judges for the Level 9 Eastern Championships unless it is held in our region in which seven judges are assigned.

For the 2017 Championship season a Judging Selection Process subcommittee was developed. This subcommittee selected the judges who represented Region 5 at JO Nationals and Eastern Nationals. This procedure will continue for the 2018 Championship season. This procedure has been and will be placed on the Region 5 website.

B. REGIONAL XCEL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Nancy Gibson)

Nancy suggested having the State Xcel Representative handle the entries into the Regional Championships at the state meets. If the entries are done online there would be no need for the written entry but there will need to be a way to designate whether the gymnast is on Team A or Team B. There is also no online designation for Individual Event Specialists.

Some regions have done away with state teams in order to fill the sessions.

There were some issues with the mini tramps (alternative springboard) at state and regional meets. Mini tramps may not be altered.

It is recommended that the Regional Xcel Championships continue with two meet referees. One referee will be the Regional Xcel Chairperson and the other will could be a judge that was the meet referee at an Xcel State Meet or the RTCC.

There has been discussion about having an Xcel Training Camp. Nancy will see how the Training Camp in Region 1 functions before developing a recommendation for Region 5.

A Region 5 Xcel Facebook page will be developed.

C. Regional Junior Olympic Chairman Report (Kittia Carpenter)

Region 5 placed third by 1 point at the Level 10 Junior Olympic National Championships with numerous individual event and all-around champions.

The Women's Junior Olympic Committee Meeting and the Joint Meeting of the Junior Olympic and Technical Committee minutes are on line and should be reviewed. There are a number of rules and policies that have changed.

D. State Reports

Illinois (Norbert Bendixen)

1. Illinois had a successful year. They had their largest banquet ever with 620 participants. 200 of them were athletes.

Indiana (Amy Replogle)

1. This past season gymnastics was the same but they are working to increase their standing above 4th place at Regionals in the future.

2. This year they will honor compulsory champions at their banquet. An All Star camp for compulsory levels is also being planned.
3. There were 32 Level 10's at the 2017 State Meet.

Kentucky (Brian Blewitt)

1. Kentucky had a good year. There was a large increase in the number of Xcel gymnasts at the expense of compulsory gymnasts. Three clubs dropped their compulsory levels and only competed in the Xcel program. A third state meet will probably be added in 2018.
2. The annual banquet was large and went very well.
3. There were no committee elections but there was one addition to the committee to replace Brian's previous position.
4. Kentucky had four graduating seniors of which three will be continuing their gymnastics careers at the collegiate level. One will be competing as an acrobat.

Michigan (Tami Schaafsma)

1. Michigan held three state meets. There were 1300 gymnasts at the Level 3-6 State Meet, 512 at the Level 7-10 State Meet and 1209 at the Xcel State Meet. Tami or Lori (the Michigan Junior Olympic Chairperson) attended each State Meet.
2. The annual banquet will be held on July 20 in conjunction with the State Congress. The State Congress will concentrate on the developmental level.

Ohio (Nina Dent)

1. All State Meets were successful. Ohio had nine gymnasts competing at the Level 9 Eastern Championships and two gymnasts competing at the Level 10 Championships.
2. The annual banquet will be held in two weeks.
3. Nina will be retiring from gymnastics at the end of this term. Due to this process the committee is being reduced to five committee members. This will allow the new State Chairman to set the committee as they see fit.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

The yearly financial report was distributed. There was discussion concerning a motion passed by the Regional Administrative Chairs to provide Level 9 Easterns and Western Nationals Qualifiers apparel valued at up to \$125.00. No action decision was made.

The Apparel Chairperson and Webmaster will receive a stipend.

VI. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Qualifying Scores

1. The Level 10 qualifying score will remain the same.
2. The raising of the Level 9 qualifying score was discussed. It was determined that some age division may not be filled if the qualifying score is raised. Therefore, the Level 9 qualifying score will remain the same for the upcoming season and the discussion will be revisited next year after the new rules are in place.

B. Site

1. A bid from Ohio will have priority for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships.

2. A bid from Kentucky will have priority for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships.
3. A bid from Indiana will have priority for the Xcel Regional Championships.

C. Gate Fees

A motion was made to raise the gate fees to \$15.00 per day for Level 9/10 Regional Championships. Seniors and/or children under the age of 6 will be \$5.00.

Motion: Nina Dent
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

D. Entry Fees

A motion was made to raise the entry fees for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships to \$125.00 due to the possibility of having a Thursday session.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

VI. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

The biographies of all nominees were sent electronically to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. Each Regional Administrative Committee member listed their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2017 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

VII. REGIONAL CONGRESS

- A. The 2017 Regional Congress will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Brian will work on obtaining volunteers. Justin Wolford, from the national office, will plan the trivia night.
- B. Brian will contact the presenters in the Coaching-Live and Coaching sessions to determine if they will need demonstrators.
- C. Help will be needed to set up for the banquet.
- D. The Trivia Night will be held on Friday.
- E. The vintage T-Shirt contest that was held at last year's Regional Congress was not well received. Tami Schaafsma will work on developing a spirit contest for the weekend.

VIII. ALL STAR/AMBASSADOR TRIP

- A. The All Star trip destination was Costa Rica. Nina arranged to have the girls try four fruits that they probably had never had before on their way from the airport. They also saw a volcano, alligators, a lot of monkeys and sloths. They held a toucan and had butterflies flying all around them. They also experienced white water rafting.
- B. The plan for the 2017 All Star trip is to travel to Montreal, Canada to watch the World Championships. A stop on the way to Niagara Falls is planned. More details are forthcoming in July.

- C. The Ambassador Trip was to the Bahamas again. Al and Cindy Scharns provided rooms for the girls. They made the girls feel very special. The tickets had pictures of the girls on them. Louisiana or Trinidad are being considered for 2017.

IX. LETTER OF CONCERN

A letter of concern was received from a coach concerning participation in regional activities at the National Championships. There was much discussion about how to handle gymnasts that do not participate in some of the activities at the National Championships due to participating in end of the year school activities. This problem usually only occurs when the Championships are in Region 5. At the present time, Region 5 will retain its current procedures requiring all gymnasts to participate in the arranged activities.

X. BID FORM

The current bid form was distributed for review. The Regional Administrative Committee recommends that if there is more than one age division in a session that the awards be distributed by event across age groups, not age divisions.

XI. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES MANUAL

- A. The Regional Championship Manual was distributed for review. The Xcel team competition was discussed. There is no room to add more gymnasts in the all star sessions. The team format will remain the same.

A motion was made to raise the qualifying score for Xcel Silver to 36.00

Motion: Brian Blewitt
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous

- B. It was suggested that one person be assigned at each state meet to complete the official entry sheet for the Regional Championships. They will be responsible for obtaining the official score sheet and marking whether each qualifying gymnast will be attending the regional meet, if the gymnast is an Individual Event Specialist or whether they are petitioning.
- C. There was discussion concerning the new hospitality rule. It was suggested that this rule be included in the Regional registration packet. Only credentialed coaches will receive hospitality.
- D. Gym Mazie has been contracted to run the Region 5 Apparel Store.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm

Respectfully Submitted 6/23/17

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

**Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 18, 2016; 1:05 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Grand Rapids, MI**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05am by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, David Stiles.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

David Stiles, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Kittia Carpenter, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Amy Repogle, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Brian Blewitt, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent

Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)

Guest

Jason McDonald, Region 5 Media Administrator

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, David Stiles, welcomed everyone to the Region 5 Congress committee meeting.

IV. MEDIA REPORT

Jason McDonald explained what he does for the region with the Region 5 Insider. College coaches appreciate having this resource to find information on gymnasts they are interested in. Jason is planning to expand the reports. To do this he would like to solicit more volunteers to intern as journalists, photographers or anything related to the media. It may be possible to obtain school volunteer credit for the volunteers.

Following Jason's departure from the meeting, the Administrative Committee discussed the need to have access to the internet.

A motion was made that a hotspot be purchased to be used by Region 5 for the Apparel Store and at regional competitions.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

V. CONGRESS REVIEW

The success of the 2016 Regional Congress was discussed. There have been very positive reviews. There were suggestions to include more and new business, special needs and injury prevention sessions. Next year's Region 5 Congress will be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

VI. TRAINING CAMP UPDATE

The Region 5 Training Camps are doing very well. The revenue from the camps should be the same as last year. National coaches were not brought in for the Hot Shot or Hi-Tech Camps. This saved the region approximately \$6000.00.

David Stiles attended all of the camps last year except one. This year he did not attend the camp at Integrity but attended JPAC Forward Progress and Hot Shot Camp. Overall the camp at JPAC was great. The 30 minute block time kept the athletes active. The coaches' round table on Sunday was phenomenal. The sharing of information was helpful. David feels that we are on the right tract for bringing the educational aspect back to the camps.

The camp at Integrity was very busy.

Coaches have approached Lori Koch about the possibility of the region sponsoring a Regional Xcel Camp. Nina suggested that a session for the coaches could be included in the already established camps. Nancy likes the idea of State Xcel Training Camps so that coach's education can be conducted in a smaller setting. No movement was made on this suggestion.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Region has \$352,000.00 in the general account of which \$125,000.00 is from the apparel fund.

VIII. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL JUDGES SELECTION

The date for the ranked order list of judges was changed to October 15, 2016 as the states lists are not available at this meeting to be used in the selection process. The states opinion of their judges has always been available in the past. The Regional Administrative Committee needs to know what judges worked camps in 2015, not 2016. It was suggested that Char Christensen, RTCC, highlight the names of the judges that are affiliated. The selection of the National judges will not be made at this meeting because the information needed to make that determination is not available at this time. It may not be necessary to use the state rankings when selecting the National and Regional judges because there may be some state stigmas associated with quality judges.

A motion was made to develop a subcommittee consisting of Char, Donna and Nina to develop a simpler plan for the national and regional judges' selection process.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nancy Gibson and Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Unanimous

IX. REGIONAL BIDS

A. Level 9/10 Regional Championships

There were two bids submitted for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. They were from DeVeau's Gymnastics of Indiana and Oakland Gymnastics of Michigan. Indiana is in line to receive the bid in 2017 if it is acceptable. The DeVeaus' bid was discussed after the Indiana representatives on the Administrative Committee left the room.

A motion was made to accept DeVeau's bid if the entry is \$120.00 in lieu of a gate fee. The Administrative Committee would like DeVeau's to explore options for the coaches food.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

DeVeau's School of Gymnastics and Booster Club have decided to go with the \$100.00 entry fee and to take admissions.

A motion was made to use the USA Gymnastics system of charging \$100.00 to credential additional coaches at all regional meets. For 1-4 athletes participating, a maximum of three credentialed coaches will be allowed on the field of play. For 5-9 athletes participating, a maximum of four credentialed coaches will be allowed on the field of play. For 10 or more athletes participating, the club must contact the Region 5 Administrative Committee Chairman for additional coach credentials.

**Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous**

B. Level 7/8 Regional Championships

There were two bids submitted for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships. They were from Branch Gymnastics of Michigan and Halker's Gold Gymnastics of Ohio.

A motion was made to accept the Branch Gymnastics bid for the Level 7/8 Regional Championships

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

C. Xcel Regional Championships

There was one bid from Gymnastics X-Calibur for the Xcel Regional Championships. There was concern for the spacing of the equipment. There needs to be two complete gyms for this meet. She is willing to expand the gym area by moving the vendors and food to different areas.

A motion was made to accept Gymnastics X-Caliburs bid with the contingency that the diagram show the extension into the vendor area and the set up with two strips and one with no strip. The vendor and food areas should also be included in the diagram. The changes must be received by the Administrative Committee by Sunday, September 25, 2016.

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

Bids for the Xcel Regional Championships have been reopened and will be accepted until October 15, 2016.

X. REGIONAL COMPETITION PROCEDURE MANUAL

A Regional Competition Procedure Manual will continue to be developed.

XI. ALL STAR TRIP UPDATE

The All Star team will be leaving for Costa Rica on October 17, 2016. While there they will participate in white water rafting, riding a zipline and visiting a park, beach, volcano and waterfall. On Friday they will work out at the gym and Saturday will be an all day coach's clinic. The team will fly back on Sunday.

XII. ELITE AMBASSADOR TRIP UPDATE

The Elite Ambassador team will be traveling to the Bahamas. Opening ceremonies will take place on Thursday night following a workout with three or four teams. Friday will be awards and then they will spend some time having fun.

XIII. GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

To determine the Regional Award Recipients it was suggested that points be given for qualifying to and placing at National Championships. Donna suggested checking the procedures of other regions. Research will be conducted on this topic and discussed at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting. All champions will be recognized at the annual Region 5 Banquet.

This year the Club of the Year was awarded based on their gymnast having won the all-around in their age division. Dave suggested having the Junior Olympic coach's who qualified an athlete to the Junior Olympic Nationals, vote on the Junior Olympic Club of the Year after the National Championships. All clubs from our region with gymnasts participating in the Junior Olympic Nationals will be given one vote. The Elite Club of the Year will be voted on by all clubs from our region after the USA Championships. Each club qualifying athletes to the USA Championships will be given one vote per club.

XIV. HALL OF FAME/SERVICE AWARD GUIDELINES

Concern has been raised about the number of athletes that have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. At the present time there are three athletes with active nominations and seven coach/contributor nominations. Additional nominations must be solicited.

XV. HOW TO USE THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE

David suggested having a TOPS Training Camp to use the general fund surplus. Rather than hosting a TOPS Training Camp, Tami suggested having a clinic for coaches to learn how to start a TOPS program. This would take place two weeks after Junior Olympic Nationals and use National staff.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

Respectfully Submitted 9/23/16

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 7, 2016; 11:01 a.m. – 5:28 p.m.
Columbus, OH

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:01am 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)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator
Lori Koch, Regional Training Camp Director

Guests

Brian Blewitt, Chairman Elect - Kentucky
Amy Repogle, Chairman Elect - Indiana

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting.

IV. YEARLY REVIEW

A. Regional Technical Chairman Report (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. Region 5 took first place as a region with the Super Team Award. We won eight out of the 16 age divisions with many All Around and event National Champions. Char also congratulated the Level 10's from our region who placed a close third behind the first place tie between Region 3 and Region 1. We had 12 individual event and all-around champions compared to 10 last year.

Char congratulated the Region for the great state representation on the All Star Team. There are five gymnasts from Illinois, four from Michigan, two from Ohio and one from Indiana. This represents ten different clubs which shows that talent is being spread across many clubs.

Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) will be on websites and in newsletters by July 1, 2016. Judges must return the form by September 1, 2016. The PIF is an objective tool for states to use to assist in the selection of judges for State and Regional assignments. The Professional Involvement Form and the Judges Training Camp Volunteer Form will be on the Judges page of the Region 5 website for easy access.

Each State Chairman is asked to submit a rank order list of 18 judges to Char by September 6, 2016. There are more judges required than in the past due to the addition of the Level 7 Regional Championship. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented because two to four judges per state are to be used as head judges. The goal is to have judges know their event assignments for the Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 Regional Meets and have it available on the website by December 15, 2016.

For Xcel Regionals, each state has the option of allowing Char to use the rank order judges list that was used for the Level 7, 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships or a separate ranked list specifically for Xcel Regionals.

Congratulations are extended to Kittia Carpenter and the staff from Buckeye Gymnastics for a beam skill being named after their gymnast, Jenna Swartzentruber. The skill is a Squat 2/1 turn to a stand that rises from the squat position to a stand. It is a variation of a Humphrey on beam.

There were approximately 85 petitions for Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on the petition process. Hilary will continue as a volunteer to assist with petitions for 2016-2017.

To be eligible to judge the Level 8, 9 and 10 Region 5 Championships, all judges need to complete the online application form by September 1, 2016.

The Judges Training Camp Volunteer Form should be on the Region 5 website within two weeks. State Chairmen are asked to remind judges, on their websites, that this form must be completed by August 1, 2016 in order to receive a teaching or coaching assignment. The judging session at the Training Camps will only be on Sundays. Judges will be technical assistants on Fridays and Saturdays.

The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites (in a very visible area) or in newsletters by October 15, 2016. State Chairmen are asked to send this information to Char, Dave and Kittia by October 15, 2016.

All clinics for USAG and NAWGJ must be sanctioned by USA Gymnastics to be used for CPE credit. Judges are reminded to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website. At the end of each clinic session, judges need their CPE forms signed by a designated official.

Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook. It is recommended that the gymnasts age group be placed on the petition form.

USA Gymnastics members are reminded that the only meet formats that can be used are the ones in the Rules and Policies booklet. USA Gymnastics is not opposed to the use of other formats if prior approval is given. One new format was approved from Illinois which is a modified traditional format with the addition of a second beam. (Refer to the 2016 Rules & Policies).

To qualify to the Regional Championships an Individual Event Specialist must score a 9.0 at their State Meet. It is up to the States to determine the criteria for an Individual Event Specialist to compete in their State Meet. The criteria should be on each States website by October 15, 2016.

A motion was made to allow an Individual Event Specialist with a disability to qualify to the Regional Championships with a score that is the all-around qualifying score divided by four.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Sanction violations are being checked by the USA Gymnastics. Meet directors and meet referees are responsible for notating all violations on the sanction form. Violation penalties are \$500 the first time and \$1000 for the second time. Connie Maloney is also auditing around 80 judges per year.

B. Regional Training Camp Director (Lori Koch)

Several changes have been made to the structure of the Region 5 Training Camps. Registration opened on June 6, 2016. A dozen or so clubs registered the opening day. Each camp will have two sessions. A morning and an afternoon session will be held on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the two sessions will be combined to cover five of the following topics; sports psych, nutrition, injury prevention, judging, leadership, interviewing skills, Region 5 cheers and marching or Region 5 goals for Nationals. Each topic will be 45 minutes in length. Each camp will have a social activity for the gymnasts on Friday and a coaches activity on Saturday.

The Camp Committee is devised of one person from each state. They have been working on securing the Master Clinicians for each camp. Mary Lee Tracy, John Gedert and Todd Gardner have agreed to do a camp. Assistant staff will need to sign up on line. Some assistants will remain on an event and some may rotate with a group. This will be based on what works best for the coach and camp.

The 2016 State Meet, Regional Championship and National Championship scores will be used to qualify for the camps. To enter the Hot Shot Camp a gymnast must be 12 years old or under. A gymnast that competed in the 2015 Junior Olympic Nationals but was injured for the 2016 Junior Olympic Nationals will be grandfathered into the High Tech Camp. The Region 5 Training Camp Committee will determine the placement of a gymnast that competed in the NIT in 2015 but was injured for the 2016 season.

JPAC and Naperville Gymnastics will be hosting Forward Progress and Hot Shot Camps on different weekends. A Big Sister/Little Sister activity may be planned.

The High Tech and High Performance Camps will be held at the University of Michigan on October 7, 8 and 9, 2016. The High Performance Camp will be taking the place of the Showcase. To qualify for the High Performance Camp a gymnast must score a 36.00 or above but did not qualify for JO Nationals or Level 9 Eastern Championships. High School seniors are not eligible. Two judges will be needed for judging rotations on Sunday for the High Tech and High Performance Camps. For all camps we will continue to use Coaches Eye on the iPads. Videos will be deleted after use.

College coaches are invited to the High Tech and High Performance Camps but they can attend any camp that they wish. They can be invited to coach one day of a camp and recruit the second day of the camp without violating NCAA compliance rules. Lori will rotate the college coaches. For recruitment purposes the college coaches like having uncommitted gymnasts wearing a different color leotard for easy identification.

Lori will work on the Training Camp part of the website to make it more user friendly.

The criteria for the camps are complete but there will be clarifications. The gymnasts level is based on their competitive level during the 2016 season.

Super Camp – a gymnast must be Level 6-10 with emphasis on Level 6-8.

Hot Shot Camp – a gymnast must be Level 4-10 and 12 years of age or under.

Forward Progress Camp – a gymnast must be Level 9-10.

High Performance Camp – a gymnast must be Level 9-10.

High Tech Camp – a gymnast must be Level 10.

It is anticipated that there will be 10-14 gymnasts per group.

Except for the November camps the camp director at each camp will be a Region 5 Training Camp Committee person.

Tumble Trak has volunteered to be at every camp.

It is recommended that the camp host have a trainer on staff. The Region 5 Training Camp Committee will review requirements. Water needs to be provided.

Invitations will be sent to High Performance and High Tech eligible gymnasts.

There was discussion concerning having a set amount for the Training Camp Host Fee. For a two session Camp, \$800 or \$1000 was suggested. For a one session camp half of this amount was suggested. Five Regional Administrative Committee members voted for a \$1000.00 Training Camp Host Fee for a two session camp and a \$500.00 host fee for a one session camp. Three Regional Administrative Committee members voted for a \$800.00 Training Camp Host Fee for a two session camp and \$400.00 host fee for a one session camp.

The Training Camp Host Fee for 2016 will be \$1000.00 for a two session camp and \$500.00 for a one session camp.

C. Regional Meet Discussion

Donna Trevethan distributed a chart that shows Region 5 as the only region in the nation that does not have a four judge panel at Level 8 Regional Championships.

It was felt that the last session on Saturday and Sunday of the Level 9/10 Regional Championship was not fair to the gymnasts because they were too long. Four sessions per day is hard on the judges. Kattia suggested that one set of judges could judge the Level 10's in the first four sessions of the meet and a different set of judges could judge the Level 9's. The Level 9/10 Regionals had 650 registered gymnasts with 618 competing. A qualifying score of 35.00 would reduce the size of the meet by two sessions.

Preprinted individual judges' slips in competitive order were not provided at the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. This requirement went into effect in 2014.

374 gymnasts competed in the Level 7 Regional Championships. The meet ran well but it felt like a big invitational. There was no team competition. Many of the Level 7

coaches did not receive meet etiquette information from their gyms. Many did not have their USA Gymnastics membership cards and were not familiar with rotating in a capital cup format.

The Level 8 Regional Meet host couldn't get catering for the meet. It would have cost \$22,000.00. Therefore, vouchers were used.

There needs to be more clarification on awards. There were not enough medals or plaques at the Level 8 Regional Meet. The splitting of the age groups was not taken into consideration.

A motion was made to have the Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman order all the regional awards (medals and plaques).

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

Kentucky did a great job bringing the flavor of Kentucky to the meet.

The meet referee for the Level 7 Regional Championships (Debbie Campbell) felt that the judges were well prepared. Char felt that team competition would add to the meet and make it feel more like a regional meet instead of an invitational.

Nancy Gibson, the meet referee, was very happy with the Xcel Regional Meet. She suggested having a second meet referee if a second panel of judges is used. The meet referee position was educational for the coaches. There were over 1100 gymnasts.

D. Regional Junior Olympic Chairman Report (Kittia Carpenter)

With more age divisions at the Junior Olympic Championships the strength of Region 5 is more spread. There were some gymnasts that did not appear to be ready. There were quite a few scratches at the last minute which made it difficult for Kittia to prepare an alternate to compete.

Region 5 had seven Junior Olympic National team members.

Some of the changes effective August 1, 2016 (see the May, 2016 Junior Olympic Committee Meeting Minutes) are:

1. Acro elements in Level 1-5 balance beam compulsories may land in a straight leg closed finish or as written in the text.
2. The number of credentialed coaches allowed at the Level 9 Eastern and the Junior Olympic Championships has been limited. If there are one to four gymnasts, three coaches are allowed. For four to nine gymnasts, a maximum of four coaches are allowed. For 10 or more gymnasts the Women's Junior Olympic Program Director must be contacted. Additional credentials can be obtained at the cost of \$100.00.
3. Level 4 and 5 gymnasts may lower the vault table to any manufactured setting.
4. Landing into a loose foam pit is not allowed for competition unless the landing surface is deemed firm by the meet referee or meet director prior to the start of the competition.

5. The minimum qualifying score to the Junior Olympic Nationals has been raised to 35.00. This will allow more spots to deserving gymnasts from other Regions. Additional gymnasts will be by percentage of eligible athletes in each region.
6. A giant half on bars can be an A, B, or C element based on the angle of the turn.
7. The format for the Junior Olympic Nationals will remain the same but will use corrals as in college. Two gyms will be for warm-ups and two will be for competition. This is expected to reduce confusion as to who is competing. The Junior Olympic Nationals will stay with a two day format.

E. State Reports

Illinois (Norbert Bendixen)

The Level 8, 9, and 10 were combined and the Level 6 and 7 were together with over 600 gymnasts. There were 700 gymnasts in the Level 3 State Meet and over 650 athletes at the Level 4 State Meet. The Level 5 and Xcel State meet were held together.

There will be over 500 at the Illinois Banquet this weekend.

Indiana (Linda Barclay)

A Friday session had to be added for the Indiana Xcel State Meet. The optional State Meet was a three day meet. All state meets will be in March in 2017.

The Indiana State Congress will be held July 23-24, 2016.

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

The Level 4-10 State Meet had 360 gymnasts competing. The Level 2, 3 and Xcel State Meet had almost 500 gymnastics competing.

The State Banquet was held on May 22, 2016 with 270 in attendance.

The Kentucky State Clinic will be held July 22-13, 2016.

Michigan (Tami Schaafsma)

Three state meets were held this year. The Level 7-10 State Meets were held together. The Level 3-6 State Meet had 1454 gymnasts competing and the Xcel State Meet had over 1000 gymnasts competing. Coaches like having fewer weekends occupying State Meets.

At the State Meet many Xcel Coaches were not familiar with the rules of competition.

With the Regional Congress being held in Michigan this year a State Congress will not be held until 2017.

Claudia Kretschmer and Al Scharns will be stepping down from their positions on the Michigan Administrative Committee. Claudia has served on the committee for 30 years. They will be recognized for their contribution at the State Banquet that will be held in the middle of July.

Ohio (Nina Dent)

The Ohio State Clinic, Banquet and Camp will be held July 13, 2016.

In 2016 the Level 2-5 State Meet had 1500 participants. The Level 6-10 State meet had 1000 athletes and the Xcel State Meet had 804 athletes.

All State Meets in 2017 will be held in March. The Ohio state meet calendar is complete through 2019.

The state leotard is the Ohio Administrative Committee's main fund raiser. Coaches' tee shirts are given to them. The cost of the leotard is refunded to all gymnasts that make the state team.

42 different judges were used for the Ohio State Meets. Char stated that 50% of all judges are over 50 years of age. New judges are needed to be used with experienced judges as USA Gymnastics and NAWGJ recommend for invitational and championship meets.

F. Xcel Report (Nancy Gibson)

Some changes have occurred in the Xcel program to make judging easier. It is important to read the minutes that are on line. One of the changes is the elimination of order matters. Also, Xcel has adopted the new balk definition as defined by the Junior Olympic and Technical Committees.

There was a 24% increase in the Xcel program in our region.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

The yearly financial report was distributed. Income was limited due to the lack of a Regional Congress in 2015. Additional expenses were incurred because of the \$10.00 increase in the entry fee for Junior Olympic Nationals and Level 9 Eastern Championships. This increase was not known at the time the Region 5 Training Camp entry fee was established. Approximately \$40,000.00 of income was also lost due to National Congress being held in our region.

VI. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

The biographies of all nominees were sent electronically to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. Each Regional Administrative Committee member listed their choice for the top five nominees. (Normally six people are chosen. Only five were chosen this year because Kathy Kelly deferred her induction from last year to 2016). The top ranked nominee would receive five points; the second ranked nominee would receive four points, etc. The five nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2016 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

VII. REGIONAL CONGRESS

The 2016 Regional Congress will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The club that has the most registrants will receive an award.

There are four volunteers so far. More are needed. Please contact Tami Schaafsma if you are interested in volunteering.

The Trivia Night is being put together on a power point. There will be five rounds of 10 questions. There is a \$600.00 cash prize. The Silent Auction will be held on Friday evening with the vendors providing the items.

Suggestions were made for the Master of Ceremonies for the Auction and the Banquet.

VIII. STATE CHAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All State Committee meeting agendas are to be approved by the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman.
- B. State Chairs have the responsibility of tracking scores for State Meet qualification and mobility between the levels. Dave would like to have a tracking program developed and placed in the cloud for the use of all the states in our region. It would need to be in an Excel format.
- C. Meet Directors must be reminded that entries may not be refused from competitors who wish to enter a competition that serves as a qualifier to a State Championship or above. (pg. 61 and 96, 2015-2016 Women's Program Rules and Policies).
- D. Entry fees for compulsory and optional state meets are found in the Women's Program Rules and Policies. To increase these entry fees a request must be made to the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman on an annual basis.
- E. If one-judge panels are used in a meet it must be stated in the pre-meet information per Rules and Policies.

IX. REGIONAL BIDS

The financial reports from the 2016 Regional Championships were distributed. Based on the reports, entry fees do not need to be adjusted for the 2017 season.

The qualifying score to the Level 9/10 Regional Championships was discussed. Based on the 2016 Championships a score of 35.00 would have resulted in a nine session meet. The cost for judges would remain the same except for the hotel expense. Adding one or two sessions on Thursday was suggested as well as raising the qualifying score. It was suggested that the Level 10 sessions be in succession followed by the Level 9 sessions. It was also suggested that Survey Monkey be used to allow the membership to determine if the score should be raised or an additional day be added for the following year.

A motion was made to have the Level 9/10 Regional Championship competition held with two sessions on Thursday if needed and no more than three sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, if needed. The Level 10's will compete first and in succession.

**Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: 6 Yea, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain**

The Level 8 Regional Championship format will remain the same. A State team member scratch must happen by Noon on Wednesday prior to the competition.

A motion was made to have the Level 7 Regional Championship combined with the Level 8 Regional Championship on April 21-23, 2017.

**Motion: Tami Schaafsma
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous**

The Level 7 Regional will have the same team format as the Level 8 Regional.

The Xcel Regional Championship will be held on May 12-14, 2017.

X. ALL STAR TRIP

Costa Rica is being considered for the All Star trip this fall. Kittia has been in contact with Ron Galimore to arrange the trip. The last week in October is being negotiated. It is expected that the cost will be reduced by staying closer to home this year.

XI. REGIONAL PROCEDURES

Each member of the Regional Administrative Committee was asked to write one or two areas of a procedure manual to be used for all Regional Championships.

XII. APPAREL COORDINATOR

Stephanie Malas is retiring as the Region 5 Apparel Coordinator. She has done a wonderful job and has done so without taking a stipend. The Region will give her something special for her time.

Shannon Miles has volunteered to become the Region 5 Apparel Coordinator. Myra Hargrove, a mother of a gymnast from Cincinnati has also volunteered. Kittia would like to have both ladies handle the responsibility. This would allow Shannon the ability to coach her gymnasts when needed.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Region 5 Administrative Committee will be on Saturday, July 9, 2016, 4:00pm – 6:30pm, for a light dinner before attending the Parade of Champions.
- B. Vicki Smith and Linda Barclay were thanked for their service to their states and our region.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28pm

Respectfully Submitted 6/13/16

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 20, 2015
10:05 a.m. – 3:41 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, David 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)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Schaafsma, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Chairman David Stiles welcomed the committee to the annual fall meeting.

IV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

The site for the 2016 Regional Congress has not been confirmed. USA Gymnastics is still negotiating with Grand Rapids, Michigan. They are also looking into sites in Kentucky. The Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Lexington is available in September. The Regional Administrative Committee will work on securing lecture speakers for the Congress. Each member of the Committee will suggest topics and speakers. Dave will send an E-mail out with lecture areas for the Committee.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2014 Regional Congress raised \$19000. The Apparel Store raised \$16000 at the 2014 Regional Congress. This year \$3000 was raised for the Region from the silent auction at the National Congress. \$1300 was charged for the use of the video equipment during the banquet and we have not received the bill for the meals. The National Office will be contacted to ask if a Regional Congress can be held the same year that a National Congress is held in the region. This will allow the Region to retain a large percentage of their Congress income.

VI. NATIONAL JUDGES SELECTION

Char Christensen passed out the National Judges Selection Process. The goal of the Regional Administrative Committee is to place the best judges on the competitive floor representing Region 5. The best judges are determined by their continuous leadership role in Region 5 by

actively judging in the Junior Olympic Program, by volunteering within Region 5, by making professional contributions and by having a positive relationship and respect of the gymnastic community. The judges that will be considered must have completed their Professional Involvement Form, their Regional Judging Application Form and applied to volunteer for a minimum of one day at a Training Camp. 112 judges have completed the requirements. There has been excellent participation in the camps this year.

There will be no judge's session for the Forward Progress camp in MI because of the lack of available judges that weekend. Michigan judges will be involved with the Michigan Judges Critique Clinic.

The application process has worked well. Deborah Warhol, the Region 5 webmaster, was congratulated for getting the application information to Char. Char passed out the list of judges who completed all three forms and are eligible for Nationals. These judges were discussed prior to the selection process being implemented. The selection process was reviewed to insure that the Regional Administrative Committee's interpretation of the procedure was accurate. Prior to the selection of the judges for Junior Olympic Nationals and Level 9 Easterns, Char, Donna, Nancy and Nina left the room. Vicki, Kittia and Augusta were not in consideration for selection so they remained in the meeting along with the remaining Region 5 Administrative Committee members. The following judges were selected.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Char Christensen
3. Judy Kemp
4. Donna Trevethan

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Nina Dent
2. Nancy Gibson
3. Linda McDonald

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

1. Jody Borda
2. Susan Brosnan
3. Debbie Campbell
4. Michael Crowe

VII. REGIONAL BIDS

Two bids have been received for the Level 9/10 Regional Championship. The bids were from Gymnastics X-Calibur (IL) and Twistars Gymnastics (MI). The Regional Administrative Committee would like the competitive floor of the Gymnastics X-Calibur facility to be larger by placing the awards area in a different vicinity.

A motion was made to accept Gymnastics X-Calibur as the Level 9/10 Junior Olympic Regional host.

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

There are three bids for the Level 8 Regional Championships. The bids are from Fit Kids Gymnastics/USA Sports Production (KY), Pam Halker's Gold Gymnastics (OH) and Twistars Gymnastics (MI). There was concern about chair seating in the arena hosted by Fit Kids. The Regional Administrative Committee would prefer that bleachers be provided if the cost is not prohibitive. There was also concern about the provision for food. It was suggested that lunch and dinner be offered at the meet site with breakfast occurring at the hotels.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Fit Kids Gymnastics as the Level 8 Regional Championship host.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Two bids were received for the Level 7 Regional Championships. The bids are from Halker's Gold Gymnastics (OH) and Olympia Gymnastics Academy (MI). Both of these gymnastics facilities also bid on the Xcel Regional Championships. The Michigan Administrative Committee would like to see the Xcel Regional Championship in a state that has a lot of participation in the Xcel program so that the meet will have a greater chance of success. The Regional Administrative Committee feels that the Xcel Regional Championship will be successful regardless of where it is held.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Olympia Gymnastics Academy as the Level 7 Regional Championship host.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Six bids were received for the Xcel Regional Championships. The bids are from Halker's Gold (OH), KYNAWGJ (KY), Prairie Gymnastics Club (IL), Gymnastics Etc. (IL), Olympia Gymnastics Academy (MI) and Mid America Gymnastics/USA Sports Production (IN). Halker's Gold informed Nina Dent that they will use whatever equipment company that the Regional Administrative Committee recommends.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Halker's Gold as the Xcel Regional Championship host.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Unanimous

VIII. XCEL AND LEVEL 7 REGIONAL FORMAT AND QUALIFYING SCORE

The Silver and Gold division qualifying score will be 35.50 and the Platinum and Diamond division qualifying score will be 35.00.

Regional leotards will not be provided by the meet host. Each state will determine if they will provide leotards for their state teams.

At the Xcel State Meets the top 14 gymnasts by division, by score, regardless of age, will make up the State Teams. There will be an A Team and a B Team in each division divided by score. The top seven scores will be the A Team and the second highest scores will be the B Team. It

was suggested that the names of the Teams be Legends and Leaders or American and Nationals. The Diamond division will have one State Team consisting of seven gymnasts. All other divisions will have two State Teams consisting of seven gymnasts each. Four scores count per event per division. There will be two team awards for each division, one for Team A and one for Team B. Each gymnast on the winning team at each division will receive team awards and they will also be eligible for individual and all around awards. Gymnasts that do not make their state teams, but qualify to the Regional Championships by score, will compete by age.

There will be no petitioning into the Xcel Regional Championships.

The Individual Event Specialist qualifying score into the Xcel Regional Championships is 9.0.
A motion was made to approve the qualifying score and competition format of the Xcel Regional Championships listed above.

Motion : Nancy Gibson
2nd: Tami Schaafsma
Passed: Unanimous

The qualifying score for the Level 7 Regional Championships will be 35.00. There will be individual and all-around competition.

The qualifying score for Individual Event Specialists into the Level 7 Regional Championships is 9.0.

There will be no petitioning into the Level 7 Regional Championships.

A motion was made to approve the qualifying score and competition format for the Level 7 Regional Championships listed above.

Motion: Tami Schaafsma
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

The Level 7 and Xcel Regional Championship entry fees and registration forms will be collected at the state meets.

The entry fee for the Level 7 and Xcel Regional Championships will be \$90.00.

Four judge panels were suggested for the Xcel Regional Championships in an effort to help unify the judging at this level. This suggestion was denied. The Xcel Regional Championships will have two judge panels.

A motion was made to have a \$100.00 entry fee for Level 9/10 Regional Championships dependent on the approval of the National office. A \$90 entry fee will be charged for all other Championships.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Vicki Smith
Passed: Unanimous

The Level 7 Regional Championships will have eight judges plus the meet referee. The Xcel Regional judging assignments will follow the same procedure as the Level 9/10 Regional Championships if 16 judges are needed. Three judges will be assigned from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Two judges will be assigned from Kentucky and two additional judges will be assigned from the host meet state plus the meet referee. Char Christensen will work on the judging assignments and will come back to the Committee if there are concerns with the number of judges available.

By April 17, 2016 three of the Xcel State Meets will be completed. The number of qualified gymnasts must be sent to Char Christensen, David Stiles and Kittia Carpenter by April 18, 2015 so that an estimation of the number of gymnasts for the Regional Championships may be determined. This will determine if one or two sets of eight judges each will be needed due to the number of qualifiers.

IX. ELITE AMBASSADOR TRIP

The assignment of Elite gymnasts for the All Star Team was delayed until after the P & G Gymnastics Championships. The gymnasts that qualified are Gabby Douglas (Buckeye), Nia Dennis (Legacy Elite), Gabby Perea (Legacy Elite), and Shilese Jones (Buckeye).

X. REGIONAL AWARDS

A motion was made to award Athlete of the Year to Amelia Hundley.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

Kittia Carpenter suggested that the Coach of the Year be awarded to Mary Lee Tracy. Char Christensen suggested the award be given to Kittia Carpenter. Discussion proceeded after Kittia left the room.

A motion was made to award Coach of the Year to Kittia Carpenter.

Motion: Nina Dent
2nd: Vicki Smith
Passed: Unanimous

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted 9/24/15
Augusta A. Lipsey
Regional Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
June 23, 2015
10:13 a.m. – 6:08 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:13am 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)
Shane Sanders for Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Jacobs, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Donna Trevethan, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting.

IV. MINUTES

The September 14, 2014 Administrative Committee Meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 14, 2014.

Motion:	Tami Jacobs
2nd:	Nancy Gibson
Passed:	7 - Aye, 1-Abstention

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

The yearly financial report was distributed. The USA Gymnastics is not separating the General Account from the Apparel Fund so the total of the Region 5 funds is \$245,933.03.

As of the 2014-2015 competitive season all states in Region 5 are charging a competition fee of a minimum of \$1.00 per gymnast for all sanctioned meets. Due to the amount of revenue that states are receiving from competition fees it was recommended that the \$0.50 per gymnast reimbursement from the region be eliminated. This will help the region since revenue from a regional congress will not occur this year.

A motion was made to leave all competition fees collected by the region with the region beginning with the 2015-2016 competitive season.

Motion:	Vicki Smith
2nd:	Linda Barclay
Passed:	7 – Aye, 1 - Abstention

VI. State Reports

Ohio (Nina Dent)

Ohio is financially sound. They had only two state meets (a compulsory and an optional) during the 2014-2015 season. There was some grumbling that the state meets felt more like invitationals than state meets.

Ohio had six national champions.

Ohio will be hosting a gymnastics camp in the fall of 2015 instead of a congress. Compulsories will be held one day and the optionals on the next day.

500 people attended the State Banquet honoring 122 gymnasts.

One judge, Joanne Hester, passed during the season and one coach, Tim Price, is very ill.

For the 2015-2016 season Ohio will have three state meets. The Xcel level will have its own State Meet because of the lack of available judges due to the NCAA Conference meets.

Illinois (Shane Sanders for Norbert Bendixen)

Illinois felt that the Level 8 and Level 9/10 Regionals ran smoothly. This year was one of the smoothest years ever. The Illinois State Meets also ran smoothly. The Level 3-4 State Meet had 1500 athletes. There was a significant drop in the number of Level 5 gymnasts this year but this should change in the future. Many coaches stated that they would not skip Level 5 again.

Illinois has a new Level 6/7 State Chair, Nick Becker.

The Illinois State Congress is this weekend. Nancy Gibson will be doing a day of Xcel sessions.

The Congress will focus on lower level information for people that cannot make it to the National Congress.

The Secret Classic will be held in Illinois again.

Michigan (Tami Jacobs)

Michigan currently has 5-6 different State Meets. The State Administrative Committee is considering using Ohio's system of having two State Meets.

Michigan had 76 Level 10's competing this year. Michigan had a drop in the number of Level 5 gymnasts but Level 6 and the Xcel program have grown.

During the 2014-2015 competitive season a higher competition fee was implemented. A \$1.00 per gymnast competition fee was required at all USA Gymnastics sanctioned meets.

In 2016 Michigan will host a State Congress. Lower level and Xcel coaches are the ones that need the education but are not receiving this due to cost. This year the State Banquet will be held in July. Beginning in 2016, the State Congress and the State Banquet will be held together. Six Administrative Committee positions were open this year.

One judge (Barb Summerfelt) passed away this year and one judge (Annamarie Roe) is leaving Michigan although she will remain in our region (IN).

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

Kentucky's State Banquet was held the last weekend in May with 250 participants.

Twelve Kentucky athletes qualified to Nationals this year.

Next year's State Meet will be held on March 11-13, 2016 so that judges will be available.

Kentucky is planning to host a lower level Congress in September, 2016.

Kentucky is working on finding a place to host the Level 8 Regional and the Regional Congress.

Lexington is being considered for the Level 8 Regional Meet. Louisville is out of the question.

Owensboro has a new convention center but the location will be difficult for many to reach.

Indiana (Linda Barclay)

Only one committee position was contested this year. The committee will remain the same for the next two years.

We will not be holding a State Congress this year due to the National Congress being held in Indianapolis. Our state meeting and banquet will be held July 12th.

The Hope/ Love Gymnastics camp held each summer is an interactive camp for gymnasts, coaches and judges. Profits from the camp go to a fund for any USA Gymnastics-IN professional member who needs assistance with medical expenses.

Indiana also holds a Base Score clinic in September. We get closer each year in finding the best format to be used to help all judges and coaches start the competitive season on the same page.

Indiana will hold five State Meets this year. The Level 2-3 State Meet had been divided into North and South and held in the same weekend. This year the Level 2's will be combined with Xcel Bronze and their state meet will be held on their own weekend.

VII. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the JO Championships and the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. The Level 9's were awesome winning the overall team competition. There were five All-Around Champions from five different clubs. The Level 10's tied for second. We had 10 National Champions from seven different clubs. Region 5 had one champion in the NIT competition. Region 5 continues to succeed because we pay attention to details. We stand out because we pay attention to our hair, make-up, march-in, pride, professionalism and team work.

- A. Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) will be on websites and in newsletters by July 20, 2015. Judges must return the form by September 1, 2015. The PIF is an objective tool for states to use to assist in the selection of judges for State and Regional assignments.
- B. Each State Chairman must submit a rank order list of 12-14 judges to Char by September 14, 2015. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented. There is a goal to have judges know their event assignments for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet and have it available on the website by December 15, 2015.
- C. There were approximately 80 petitions for Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on the petition process. Although leaving the position of Regional Judging Chairperson, Hilary Carlson will continue as a volunteer to assist with petitions for 2015-2016. Donna Trevethan was welcomed to the Regional Administrative Committee as the newly elected Regional Judging Director.
- D. The judge's volunteer form for Regional Training Camps is on the Region 5 website. The form must be completed by August 1st for a judge to be assigned a leadership role at one of the camps. State Chairmen are asked to put a reminder on their state websites.
- E. Char thanked the state chairs for sending state news to her, and other Regional Administrative Committee members. Please continue sending important web updates to Kittia, Char and Dave.
- F. Char thanked the State Chairmen for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9 and 10 State Meet Results to her. Please continue this procedure.
- G. The criteria used to select judges for State Meet assignments should be on the state websites (in a very visible area) or in newsletters by October 15, 2015. State Chairmen are asked to send this information to Char, Dave and Kittia by October 15, 2015.
- H. There have been some concerns with finding information on the Region 5 website. Members should be reminded that the website may look different on a smart phone or iPad. To see the full website a desktop or laptop should be used.
- I. All clinics for USAG and NAWGJ must be sanctioned by the USA Gymnastics to be used for CPE credit. Judges are reminded to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website.

- J. Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook.
- K. Members are to be reminded that the only meet formats that can be used are the ones in the Rules and Policies booklet. USA Gymnastics is not opposed to the use of other formats if prior approval is given.
- L. The table below lists the percentage of athletes that qualified for their regional meet from their state meet in 2015. The second number is the number of gymnasts that did not qualify.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	91% / 9%	87% / 13%	96% / 4%
OH	76% / 24%	91% / 9%	90% / 10%
IN	94% / 6%	90% / 10%	94% / 6%
IL	98% / 2%	90% / 10%	93% / 7%
KY	85% / 15%	75% / 25%	82% / 18%

- M. Coaches are reminded that a score of 9.0 is required at their State Meet for an event specialist to qualify to the Regional Championships. A score of 9.25 is required to petition to the Regional Championships as an event specialist. It is up to the individual states to determine the qualifying criteria into their state meets. These criteria should be on the state websites by October 15, 2015.
- N. To be recommended to be assigned to a national meet, judges are reminded that they must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Level 9/10 Regional Championship in the recommended year.
- O. Judges assigned to the Regional and National Championships will be on the State and Regional websites by November 15, 2015.
- P. Sanction violations need to be put in the comment section of the sanction form by meet directors and meet referees. Violations such as finishing past 10:00pm, over the number of gymnasts allowed for the competitive format, etc. must be documented. For a State Meet to go over time it must be approved by Char. For the falsification of memberships and dates, there is a \$500 fine for the first offense and \$1000 fine for the second offense.
- Q. Regional Meet Discussion - There was some policies that may have been misinterpreted concerning the Level 8 Regional Meet. Changes in the line-up were being made right up to the start of the meet. During the first session gymnasts from the same club were placed in different rotations. This problem was fixed before the beginning of the first session. The Level 8 Regional Meet Director's Manual has current and historical information in it. It was suggested that only current information be included in the Manual. Char would like someone to complete the Regional Host Handbook that Jim Comiskey started. Kattia, Dave, Nina and Char will review the Handbook and present it to the committee at the September Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

At the Level 9 Eastern National Meet a gymnast arrived at the meet without knowing she was competing in the competition.

An apparel vendor was brought in at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet but they did not generate much in sales due to the regional store being on site. The meet host can supply additional vendors to sell apparel but they must be aware that the Region 5 store will sell to the general public. This information will be added to the bid form.

VIII. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kattia Carpenter)

- A. The Level 9's performances were weak in 2014 but we came back in 2015 and won the Level 9 Eastern Championships. At the Junior Olympic Nationals we won the most (3) age divisions but ended up tying for 2nd.

- B. The training camps are on the regional website. To continue improving our camps Kittia would like to have national staff attending the High Tech Camp.
- C. Nationals were great, exciting and fun. The coaches were very involved. Ali Arnold ran a Skype session on how to focus for competition and gave our gymnasts some motivational words in preparation for our JO National competition.
- D. In 2016 28 gymnasts will be added to the National Championship because the NIT has been eliminated. We are estimating that Region 5 will send additional 12-15 gymnasts. All entry fees were paid for the national qualifying gymnasts. We are not sure the moneys will be available to pay for these additional gymnasts. It was determined that we should have enough money this year since the state rebates have been eliminated beginning this season. This topic will be address again next year.
- E. This year's All Star Trip will be in Glasgow, Scotland immediately following the National Team training camp from October 26th through November 1st. The World Championships will be a highlight of the trip. Airline tickets range from \$1300 - \$1400 per ticket. Kittia was informed that Virgin Airlines has tickets approximately \$1000. An activity is being planned in England on October 30th if the price is reasonable. Kittia would like the Regional Administrative Committee to consider maintaining a delegation leader for the All Star Trip. This will help the gymnasts have the best possible experience. Nina Dent did a great job making sure the trip activities were organized. It is too hard for a coach to do this and still be involved with their gymnasts. There was something for the gymnasts to do each day. Kittia would like the delegation leader to be someone from the Regional Administrative Committee. Nancy Gibson suggested that the judge that goes on the All Star Trip be the assistant to the delegation leader. Char suggested that the states ask their committees to donate to the cost of a judge from their state to participate in the All Star Trip.
- F. Jason McDonald had videos online each day of the All Star Trip. He interviewed three gymnasts each day.
- G. All USA Gymnastics members must get approval from the national office if they do anything with a foreign country such as foreign exchange practices, run a meet, judge a meet out of the country, etc.
- H. Kittia would like to continue the Ambassador trip. She has contacted a Prince George facility to help in a low income area.
- I. If an Individual Event Specialist wins an event at their Regional Championships they can no longer compete at Nationals.
- J. For Level 8 vault a coach can touch a gymnast during a Yurchenko vault and only receive a 1.0 deduction. Also at Level 8 vault, if a gymnast takes a second vault the second vault score must be taken even if the vault results in a "0".
- K. August 22, 2015 will be Region 5 Day at Cedar Pointe. John Geddert and Kittia Carpenter will do the rip cord together.
- L. The 2015 Banquet date is set for Friday, August 14th during the National Congress. There is concern that people will not attend. It is being held at the same time as the first night of the Men's competition. There was discussion about moving the Banquet to the weekend of the High Tech Camp. The Committee verbally agreed to leave the Banquet on Friday evening of the National Congress at one of the hotels or a ball room at the convention center. A news blast will be sent to the membership. Admission will be collected by the USA Gymnastics office. Mary Lee Tracy was suggested as the Master of Ceremony.

IX. TRAINING CAMPS (Lori Koch)

Lori Koch has taken on the job of co-director of the Region 5 Training Camps. She has talked to Sandy Sabo and Dave Rawles about the Camps to develop a job description. Sandy has continued with the communication to the membership. Dates and sites for the camps were completed before Lori took on this position. She is trying to improve on the areas that need improvement. There is concern that the camps have turned into state camps instead of Regional camps. We are losing the camaraderie that can be developed at a Regional camp. This problem mainly occurs at the Super Camp and The Forward Progress Camp due to the number of camps that are provided. Lori called and spoke with some teams in the region and only one team was concerned about the cost of going to a camp out of state when a camp is available in state.

Tami Jacobs would like to see a bid process for the awarding of camp sites.

Luke Wasson will help Lori staff the camps. Kittia suggested limiting the number of people at one camp or limit the Student-teacher ratio. Lori suggested having a Master Staff that stays on an event and the rest of the coaches rotate with their gymnasts. These coaches must be willing to work with gymnasts that are not their own.

It was suggested that the first day of camp be basics and physical preparation. The 2nd day of the camp would be skills that the gymnasts already have. Coaches will help them improve on their skills.

It was also suggested that the judging session on Sunday be replaced with a session on sports psychology, dance, strength, floor bar, yoga or etc.

Judges participating in the camps can judge portions of a routine to show the gymnasts where they need to improve. Lori and Char will work together for new ways to involve the judges.

A recommendation for 2016 Super Camp and Forward Progress Camp are to limit the number of gymnasts from one team to 20 and send one coach per 10 gymnasts.

A data base system for registering for a camp is being developed. For the High Tech Camp a link to a gymnast's bio will be available for college coaches.

Video review will be on Sunday rather than a judges session. Since Sunday is a shorter day than Friday or Saturday, Char will notify judges that are signed up for Sunday that they must also sign up for Friday or Saturday for full credit.

All of the discussion on camps will be reviewed for changes next year. Input should be presented to Lori Koch. We will also discuss having 2 day camps so girls do not have to miss school on Friday. Lori will be available for all the camps to explain the changes that are anticipated.

X. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. The new Contributor/Judge criterion for the Region 5 Hall of Fame was distributed for review. Dave Holcomb was thanked for rewording the criteria.
- B. The biographies of all nominees were sent electronically to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. Each Regional Administrative Committee member listed their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2015 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

XI. XCEL REPORT (Nancy Gibson)

- A. There is no mobility between the Xcel program and the Junior Olympic program. If an Xcel gymnast wishes to move to the JO program but they have never been in the JO program the gymnast may enter as a Level 3 or 4. If the gymnast is 14 years old or a freshman in High School they may petition the State Administrative Committee, with a video, for entry into Level 7.

- B. Xcel Silver vault matting must be 8" (+/- 2") ABOVE the height of the table. There is a 0.30 deduction for incorrect equipment specifications.
- C. Each state is required to have a drop-back date.
- D. The number of judges per panel must be specified on pre meet information.
- E. The goal for the Xcel National Committee is to not have any major changes until the quadrennial.
- F. To judge the Platinum or Diamond Divisions a judge must have a minimum of a Level 7/8 rating unless approved by Char Christensen.
- G. State Administrative Committees must make decisions on
 - 1. A declaration date. This may be the same or different from the JO declaration date. It is recommended that the date be 4-6 weeks before the State Meet entry due date.
 - 2. Open scoring at the State Championships.
 - 3. The number of judges to be used at the different divisions for qualifying meets and State Meets.
 - 4. Qualification into the State Meet.
- H. Regional Administrative Committees must make decisions on
 - 1. Eligibility of athletes to enter State and Regional Championships.
 - 2. Hosting a Regional Championship.
 - 3. Open scoring if a Regional Championship is held.
- I. The Regional Xcel Invitational had some issues although the gymnasts had a good time. If a Regional Championship is sanctioned by the Regional Administrative Committee there would be control over bids, qualification, meet operation, etc. The country is going in this direction. It allows the lower levels to have a peak experience.

A motion was made to host a Regional Championship for Xcel Silver and above gymnasts in May.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: 5 – Aye, 2 – Nay, 1 - Abstention

A motion was made to host a Regional Championship for Level 7.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: 7 – Aye, 1 - Abstention

- J. The Level 7 Regional will be held on May 7-8, 2016 and the Xcel Regional date will be May 14-15, 2016. The qualification score and entry fee will be determined by email vote.

A motion was made to have a \$5.00 competition fee at the Xcel Regional.

Motion: Nancy Gibson
2nd: Linda Barclay
Passed: 6 – Aye, 2 – Abstentions

- K. After some discussion it was decided to not have open scoring at the Xcel Regional.
- L. The Level 7 Regional will be run the same as the Level 8 Regional.

XII. JUDGES SELECTION (Char Christensen)

Char Christensen has worked on documents for the selection of judges to help eliminate confusion. The first is a policy for using alternates for the JO Level 9 and 10 Nationals. Following the selection of judges for the JO Nationals, the RTCC will contact the judges in the following ways.

1. Level 10 JO National judges must confirm within 10 days that they are available and confirmed.
2. The Level 9 Eastern National judges will be notified after the Level 10 judges have been confirmed. This allows one of these judges to replace a Level 10 judge if one or more are not available.
3. After 10 days are allowed for confirmation of accepting the above assignments, the alternates will be used in rank order for replacements if needed.

Another document that was presented is an application for Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. This application must be completed by September 1, 2015 for a judge to be considered for Regional and National Championships. The application will give added details for the selection process. Changes and additions to the document were discussed.

A motion was made that a judge must be in a leadership role for a minimum of one day of a Regional Camp to receive a regional judging assignment.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Vicki Smith
Passed: 7 – Aye, 1 – Abstention

A motion was made to use the Regional application form for Level 8, 9 and 10 Regional and National Championship assignments for Level 10 National and Brevet Judges only. The PIF form must still be completed by all judges.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: 7 – Aye, 1 – Abstention

A motion was made to use three judges from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, two from Kentucky and two from the host state for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Linda Barclay
Passed: 7 – Aye, 1 – Abstention

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The 2015 Regional Meet Financial Reports were distributed.
- B. USA Gymnastics is asking that the region be represented in the Member Club Legislative Advocacy Program.
- C. A box of chalk has been donated for the Regional auction. David Stiles asked that additional donations be solicited.
- D. PIF's are due September 1, 2015
- E. The next Regional Administrative Committee meeting will be on Sunday, September 20, 2015.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm

Respectfully Submitted 7/1/15

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
September 14, 2014
12:49 p.m. – 5:06 p.m.
Columbus, OH

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:49pm 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)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Jacobs, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Hilary Carlson, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator
Sandy Sabo, Regional Training Camp Coordinator

III. CONGRESS OVERVIEW

Congress was very successful with the number of registrants close to 500. The Casino Night, Awards Banquet, and many educational sessions were a highlight. Carolyn Bowers, Jeff Metzger and Jordyn Wieber were honored and inducted into the Region 5 Hall of Fame.

IV. TRAINING CAMPS (Sandy Sabo)

Sandy Sabo stated that the Super Camps, Hi Tech and the Showcases were very successful. A Showcase was held on Friday and Saturday. There were 25 college coaches this year compared to 22 coaches last year. The coaches would like to receive gymnasts bios in electronic form.

Both Hot Shot sites at Buckeye Gymnastics and Mid-Michigan Gymnastics are full. All three sites of the Forward Progress Camp are also full. Aspire Gymnastics has offered their facility for an additional Forward Progress site. There are currently 35 gymnasts on the waiting list for a Forward Progress Camp with three and a half weeks remaining before the deadline. If the Aspire Gymnastics site is added there will be two camps in Illinois along with their state Judges Cup Invitational on that weekend. Staffing of the additional site may be a concern.

A motion was made to add a fourth Forward Progress Camp at Aspire Gymnastics due to the fact that there is a waiting list of 35 gymnasts three and a half weeks before the deadline.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Vicki Smith

Passed: Yea - 6; Nay - 1; Abstain – 1

The Regional Administrative Committee will work on a ratio recommendation of coaches to gymnasts for the Training Camps. Input is also being solicited concerning two day Training Camps with longer hours.

To bid to host a Training Camp, clubs must go to the Regional website to fill out a bid form and receive a contract. Nina Dent would like to see the Hi Tech Camp stay in one place for a few years because the process of hosting this camp is very complex. It must be held at a club that can logistically have space for 25 or more college coaches. A social gathering for the coaches to talk with the college coaches should also be arranged.

It is recommended that the judges at all Region 5 Training Camps introduce themselves to the head coach on the event that they are assisting. It is best for the judges to ask the coach what is the best way for them to be used to interact with the athletes and give technical information.

V. JUDGES RECOMMENDATIONS

Char Christensen distributed a list of the judges that could be considered for National Meet assignment based on their leadership role in the region by working at a Region 5 Training Camp in 2014. Judges that did not complete their Training Camp volunteer form by August 1, 2014, were not included. After Hilary Carlson, Char Christensen, Nina Dent, Nancy Gibson, Augusta Lipsey and Vicki Smith were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. Kittia Carpenter removed herself from eligibility for selection as a judge for those meets therefore she took part in the selection process. The following judges were chosen.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Nina Dent
2. Linda McDonald
3. Vicki Smith
4. Donna Trevethan

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Jeannie Johnson
2. Sue Kane
3. Bob Neat

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Michael Crowe
3. Ruth Hanna
4. Augusta Lipsey

When the judges returned to the Committee meeting the selection criteria was discussed. A recommendation was made that the training camps during the prior year be considered in the selection of the JO National and Eastern Championship judges. It was felt that the Training Camp obligation should have already been fulfilled prior to the selection of the judges. Additional selection criteria will be discussed in a future meeting.

Motion: In 2015, the Regional Administrative Committee will consider judges for the Championship meets who worked a camp in 2014 and completed the 2015 Training Camp Volunteer Form by August 1, 2015. In 2016 and beyond the Committee will consider the judges who have completed the Volunteer Form by August 1st, fulfilled their obligation to work a Region 5 Training Camp, and have had a leadership role in Region 5.

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Kittia Carpenter
Passed: Unanimous

Motion: Proper procedures for sanction reporting must be followed by the Training Camp Director or the training camp site will not receive the facility fee and will be subject to covering all fines assessed by USA Gymnastics.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

VI. REGIONAL JUDGES

The appointment of judges to the Regional Championships was discussed. It was recommended that three judges per state be assigned to each Championship with the additional judge coming from the hosting state.

Motion: If the Regional Meet is held in the same state two years in a row, the second year 3 judges from each state will be assigned and the additional judge will come from the hosting state.

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Linda Barclay
Passed: Unanimous

VII. REGIONAL BIDS

Two bids have been received for the Level 9/10 Regional Championship. The bids were from Olympic Dreams and Halker's Gold. Olympic Dreams has hosted the Level 9/10 Ohio State Meet the last three years.

Based on past experience and the size of the facility a motion is made to award Olympic Dreams the Level 9/10 Regional Championships.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

Two bids have been received for the Level 8 Regional Championship. The bids were from Wabash Valley in Terre Haute (PowerPoint) and Elite Sports Academy from Mishawaka. A bid from Gymnastics X-Calibur will be considered if the other two bids are not accepted.

A motion was made to have Wabash Valley submit the official form that was not received previously.

Motion: Vicki Smith
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

VIII. COACHES GIFTS

Each gym with gymnasts attending the JO National Championships receives a gift if a coach has worked at least one Training Camp. In the past few years a coach from the gym has received a Regional suitcase. There are currently 10 suitcases in stock. Kittia Carpenter is in

the process of finding a smaller carry-on, roll-on suitcase at a reasonable cost. One roll-on suitcase per club will be given per year.

IX. LEVEL 8 REGIONAL

A Motion was made via e-mail to award the 2015 Level 8 Regional Championship to Elite Sports Academy of Indiana.

Motion: Tami Jacobs

2nd: Kittia Carpenter

Passed: Unanimous via e-mail vote on September 21, 2014

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted 9/18/14

*Augusta A. Lipsey
Regional Secretary*

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting

August 22, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 9:49 p.m.

Pittsburg, PA

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 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)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Jacobs, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Hilary Carlson, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. VISITORS

Tom Koll, Annie Heffernon and Claudia Kretschmer visited the meeting individually to greet us and discuss the philosophies behind the various programs. Claudia Kretschmer announced that the Xcel Code of Points on I Books is the most up-to-date version of the Code available. She also announced that the Xcel program is discussing the development of a program for special athletes.

IV. HALL OF FAME CONCERNS

During the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee meeting on July 31, 2014, concerns were raised about the qualifications for selection to the Hall of Fame in the contributor/judge category. Based on the printed criteria for selection, it was felt that contribution at the national level could not be considered. After discussion it was decided that the Selection Committee would be handed the task of rewording the qualifications to take into consideration national as well as regional contributions to the sport of gymnastics.

A request was made to provide travel expenses for the Hall of Fame Inductees.

A motion was made to pay travel expenses for nominees and a guest. A hotel room for one night, transportation and two banquet tickets will be provided.

Motion: Vicki Smith
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

V. REGIONAL CONGRESS ORGANIZATION

- A. The shirts for the volunteers have been printed and are ready for distribution.
- B. The Regional Administrative Committee will use the same shirts as last year if the

National office allows their use without the new USAG logo. This question will be raised during the State Chairmen's Workshop.

- C. Jason McDonald will be developing the videos for the presentations during the banquet.
- D. Stephanie Malas is designing the center pieces.
- E. Kittia has sent out invitations to all the award winners.
- F. Casino shirts have been ordered.
- G. Nina has solicited numerous volunteers.
- H. Mary Lee Tracy thinks she will be available to be the Master of Ceremony for the banquet but she may have a conflict with the World Championship Selection Camp.
- I. The Administrative Committee is asked to be at the Congress site at 4:00pm to help set up.
- J. Dave will check on availability of hotel rooms for the Administrative Committee.
- K. The next Region 5 Administrative Committee meeting will be held at 12:30pm following the conclusion of the Regional Congress.

VI. REGIONAL MEET BIDS

Dave Stiles has received two bids from Ohio for the Regional Meets. Additional bids are being solicited from other states. The deadline for submitting Regional Meet bids is September 1, 2014. The Regional Administrative Committee would like to assign the regional meets to the states in alphabetical order. Preference will be given Ohio for the Level 9/10 Regional Meet and to Indiana for the Level 8 Regional Meet. If bids are not received from the preferred states, the meets will be assigned to a state with a submitted bid.

VII. 2015 REGIONAL BANQUET

The Region 5 Congress will not be held in 2015 due to the National Congress being held in Indianapolis, IN. Dave Stiles will communicate with the National office about scheduling the Regional Awards Banquet on Friday evening of the National Congress.

VIII. 2016 REGIONAL CONGRESS SITE

The Regional Administrative Committee determines the site for the Regional Congresses. The National office receives the bids for the Congress. Cobo Hall in Detroit, MI has shown an interest in hosting the Regional Congress. The Regional Administrative Committee would like to schedule the Regional Congress in the same site for two years in a row to allow for better price negotiation. The 2016 Regional congress should be in Michigan or Kentucky. There was discussion on Louisville, KY hosting the 2016 Regional Congress.

IX. TRAINING CAMP CLARIFICATION

The Training Camp participation requirement to receive National apparel is printed on the Region 5 website. For the gymnasts and the coach to receive the apparel, the club must be represented all three days of a Training Camp. In an effort to clarify the requirements to receive apparel each coach attending the remaining Training Camps will be given a printed copy of the requirements. The Region 5 website home page will also have a notice to check the requirements.

A change in the requirements to obtain coaches gifts was discussed. No decision was finalized so the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

X. NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- A. Judges Selection for JO Nationals and Level 9 Eastern Championships.
- B. Regional Championship Bids
- C. Coaches Gifts for JO Nationals

D. Training Camps

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted 8/27/14

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting
July 24, 2014; 10:00 a.m. – 5:17 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 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)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Jacobs, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Hilary Carlson, Regional Judging Director (RJD)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Regional Chairman, Dave Stiles, welcomed everyone to the summer committee meeting.

IV. MINUTES

The 2013 Regional Administrative Committee minutes have been approved via E-mail. The current minutes will be approved by E-mail before placing it on the regional website. An E-mail blast will be sent to the professional membership when the minutes are placed on the web.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

At the time of this meeting the Level 9/10 Regional Meet financial report had not been received. The report was due six weeks following the conclusion of the competition. Discussion ensued about the consequence for not meeting the deadline for the report.

Beginning August 1, 2014, per the Regional Meet policy, a Regional Meet Host (club) will not be allowed to bid on the following year's regional meet if the financial statement is not submitted to the Regional Administrative Committee within 6 weeks after the completion of the Regional Championships.

Motion:	Char Christensen
2nd:	Nina Dent
Passed:	Unanimous

The Region 5 financial report will be shared after the end of the fiscal year July 31, 2014. The apparel fund is doing well with approximately \$90,000.00.

VI. State Reports

Illinois (Norbert Bendixen)

Illinois had very successful, well run, state meets with over 500 gymnasts. The Secret Classic was once again held in Illinois.

Illinois is working on a system for dealing with meets that have to be cancelled due to acts of God.

Illinois has had some problems using out of state scores as state qualifying scores. 33% of each age group is given awards at state meets. The age groups are usually 33 gymnast which allows for 10 placement awards per age group.

The Xcel divisions are increasing in numbers every year though the numbers are still lower in Illinois than in the other Region 5 states. This is mainly because the other states have had a head start and due to a previously established AAU program.

In 2015 Illinois will have an abbreviated state congress due to the National Congress being held in Indianapolis.

The judges for the Illinois state meets will be selected by blind vote in November. Every year prior to the Judges Selection meeting the Illinois Administrative Committee establishes what criteria they will use in the selection of the judges for that year based on what communications have been received from the professional members. A joint meeting is being scheduled with the state NAWGJ. In the 2013-2014 competitive year, Illinois wanted the best judges possible for the level which resulted in many of the same judges being selected for each state meet. Prior to the judges selection for the 2014-2015 competitive season Illinois will revisit (as it does every year) their philosophy of selection and their selection procedures.

Char Christensen was thanked by Norbert Bendixen for allowing over judgments that were needed at their State Meets by a small number due to slight overages. Char commented that the Illinois meet directors and meet referees did an excellent job of providing follow-up with final numbers, times and schedule to show that the meets finished on time and judges did receive appropriate break time.

The state committee has been realigned because the Xcel division is growing and Level 5 is diminishing.

Indiana (Linda Barclay)

Indiana is excited to be represented on the Region 5 All-Star team this year by Sarah Smith from JPAC as the #1 gymnast.

The Indiana State Meeting, Congress and Awards Banquet were held last weekend. We had great clinicians and sessions with Peter Pidcoe, PhD., Enrique Trabanino, Becky Cox, Paula Lord, Jeannie Johnson, Judy Kemp and Connie Maloney. Even though these events are free to all Indiana professional members only 30% of the membership attend. New incentives or different formats are being explored to increase participation. These events are held on the same weekend each year – 2nd weekend in July, so Indiana members are encouraged to save the date for next year.

Indiana also holds a Base Score Clinic every year at the beginning of the season to encourage judges and coaches to start on the same page. It is mandatory this year that judges attend the State Congress and/or Base Score Clinic to be eligible to judge a state meet.

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

Kentucky had two state meets with more gymnasts than in previous years.

Approximately 200 people participated in the state banquet.

The larger clubs are being encouraged to bid on the regional meets.

Michigan (Tami Jacobs)

Michigan is considering doing away with the "of the year" awards. To replace them a Lifetime Achievement award will be given along with an annual scholarship for a senior gymnast.

Michigan has over 1000 gymnasts at the Xcel level. Level 5 has lower numbers and Level 6 is larger.

Assessment Fees have been raised to \$1.00 per gymnast for all Michigan invitational meets.

Michigan is in the process of developing a new website which includes a judging site. The state committee is working with the MI-NAWGJ to develop a revenue source. The state is looking to add a statistician position on the committee.

A character award is being introduced in 2015. Anyone including parents and coaches may nominate a gymnast for the character award.

Michigan will have an open meeting for all Michigan Professional Members at the Regional Congress at 8:00am on Saturday, September 13, 2014.

Ohio (Nina Dent)

At one Ohio state meet a water pipe burst causing the rest of the meet to be added to the following weeks state meet. This resulted in additional judges being added to the new state meet.

The age groups at the state meets are limited to 15-18 gymnasts. Larger medals are awarded to first through third place and a smaller version of the medal is awarded to fourth through tenth place. Six places are awarded for each event and 10 places are awarded in the all around. Ohio is suggesting that each state meet host hire a meet organizing company.

In 2015 Ohio will have two state meets. One state meet will be Level 2, 3, 4 and 5 with the other being Levels 6-10.

497 people attended the 2013 banquet. The State committee meeting was held on Friday with the banquet held on Saturday and the Optional Camp held on Sunday. The Compulsory Camp was held in December.

The Ohio State Handbook has been revised.

VII. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the JO Championships and the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. The Level 9's took third place. The Level 10's were the overall Super Team winners for 2014. We had 16 National Championship titles on individual events and all around. Eight different clubs contributed to this accomplishment.

- A. Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) will be on the websites as soon as possible. They will need to be returned to officers by September 1, 2014. PIF's are to be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments. The PIF form and the Judges Training Camp Volunteer Form will be under Judges on the Region 5 website.
- B. Each State Chairman must submit a rank order list of 12-14 judges to Char by September 14, 2014. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented. There is a goal to have judges know their event assignments for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet and have it available on the website by December 15, 2014.
- C. There were approximately 75 petitions for Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on our petition process.
- D. The judge's volunteer form for Regional Training Camps should have been on the regional website since June 1, 2014. In order to be assigned a teaching or coaching assignment, judges need to complete this form electronically by August 1, 2014. State Chairmen are asked to send a reminder e-mail to judges in July.
- E. Please include Kittia, Char and Dave with important web updates.
- F. Char thanked the states for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9 and 10 state meet results to her at the end of the optional season.
- G. The criteria used to select judges for state meet assignments should be on the state websites or in newsletters by October 1, 2014. State Chairmen are asked to send this information to Char, Dave and Kittia by October 1, 2014.
- H. Please remember that all clinics sponsored by USA Gymnastics or NAWGJ must be sanctioned with USA Gymnastics for CPE credits to be valid. Judges must have their forms signed at the end of each session. Judges are reminded that it is their responsibility to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website.
- I. Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook.
- J. USA Gymnastics members are reminded that Rules and Policies meet formats are the only ones that can be used. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the newly revised sanction form by the meet referee and/or meet director.
- K. The table below lists the percentage of athletes that qualified for their regional meet from their state meet in 2014. The second number is the number of gymnasts that did not qualify.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	93% / 7%	88% / 12%	100%
OH	79% / 21%	85% / 15%	96% / 4%
IN	91% / 9%	92% / 8%	94% / 6%
IL	88% / 12%	94% / 6%	93% / 7%
KY	87% / 13%	87% / 13%	100%

- L. Coaches are reminded that a score of 9.0 is required at their State Meet for an event specialist to qualify to the Regional Championships. It is up to the individual states to determine the qualifying criteria into their state meets. These criteria should be on the state websites by October 1, 2014.
- M. To be recommended to be assigned to a national meet, judges are reminded that they must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Level 9/10 Regional Championship in the recommended year.
- N. Judges assigned to the Regional and National Championships will be on the State and Regional websites by November 1, 2014.
- O. Sanction violations need to be put in the comment section of the sanction form by meet directors and meet referees. Violations such as finishing past 10:00pm, over the number

of gymnasts allowed for the competitive format, etc. must be documented. For the falsification of memberships and dates, there is a \$500 fine for the first offense and \$1000 fine for the second offense.

- P. The 2014 Level 9/10 Regional Championship did not have any inquiries.

VIII. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kittia Carpenter)

A. Junior Olympic Nationals

1. Region 5 won four age divisions and were second in three other age divisions. There were three all around winners and two of them won two other events.
2. Shannon Hunt arranged all of the hotel accommodations. The gymnasts were in rooms by their placement at the Regional Championships. When the girls entered their room their banquet apparel was on their bed. The processing of the apparel was very efficient. Shannon also arranged for the hotel restaurant to stay open so our gymnast could have a meal following their competition.

B. Training Camps

1. All Regional camp hosts receive a contract with their responsibilities.
2. There have been concerns that the Super Camps and Forward Progress Camps are becoming state camps. To remedy this, the suggestion was made to pay a person from outside the hosting state to do the camps. It was preferred that this coach have had a gymnast on the floor at nationals.
3. A National Staff member will be hired for the Hot Shot Camp.
4. To encourage coaches to work more than one Regional Training Camp it was suggested that all coaches who work two complete camps be put into a drawing for a prize such as National Congress or Regional Congress registration, tickets to Championships, Tops Camp travel expenses, All-Star trip Expenses or an iPad.

A motion was made to place Coaches and Judges names into a drawing for an iPad if they worked two or more full camps in 2014. Each additional camp that is worked will receive an additional chance in the drawing. Coaches must have coached at JO Nationals and/or Eastern Nationals and/or Elite Nationals (Classics or Championships) in 2013 or 2014.

**Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Linda Barclay
Passed: Unanimous**

5. National qualifiers were given an invitation to register for Hi Tech Camp before others were allowed to register.
6. There was discussion concerning the requirement for entry into Super Camp.

A motion was made to change the requirement for a gymnast to attend Super Camp. A gymnast must have competed L7 and scored a minimum of 36.00 or have competed Level 8 or higher effective 2015.

**Motion: Vicki Smith
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous**

7. Following discussion concerning the organization of the Training Camps it was determined that the host gyms would continue to receive \$400.00 for hosting the camp. This year the Regional Administrative Committee Chair, Dave Stiles, will verify all athlete numbers and Luke Wasson and Sandy Sabo will assign all coaching positions.

C. All Star Trip

1. This year's All Star Trip will be on October 20-26, 2014 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. There was concern about the quality of the gymnastics equipment but after

speaking with Ron Galimore and Coach Rodriguez, it was determined that they have a new AAI floor, bars and vault table.

2. Sarah Smith has declined the all-star trip so the next alternate will attend. Kittia will make flight arrangements following Championships. The schedule is on the Regional website.
3. Four judges applied to attend the All Star Trip including Nina Dent. During the remainder of the All Star Trip discussion, Nina was excused from the meeting.
4. Lori Koch reported that it was difficult to meet the responsibilities of the delegation leader of the 2013 All Star Trip because she needed to be with her gymnasts rather than organizing the activities of the delegation.

A motion was made that a delegation leaders expenses be paid and \$500.00 be given to support a chaperone.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Tami Jacobs
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to assign Nina Dent as the delegation leader and for Judy Kemp to attend the All Star Trip as the judge (chaperone).

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to allow each club that qualifies a gymnast to the All Star Team to request \$500.00 in assistance (with the option of donating it back to the region).

Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: 7-Yea 1-Nay

5. All future delegation leaders will be chosen by the Regional Administrative Committee.

D. The 2014 All Star Team members are:

1. Sarah Smith, JPAC – 76.725
2. Rachel Dickson, Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy – 76.225
3. Delanie Harkness, Twistars USA – 76.10
4. Kai Rivers, Twistars USA – 76.075
5. Marissa Oakley, Phenom – 76.00
6. Wesley Stephenson, Legacy Elite – 75.95
7. Shea Mahoney, Legacy Elite – 75.95
8. Michaela Burton, Legacy Elite – 75.90
9. Rachel Cutler, Twistars USA – 75.875
10. Lexi Funk, IGI – 75.85
11. Kasey Janowicz, Bay Valley Gymnastics – 75.45
12. Alecia Farina, Gym World – 75.40

E. All Star Team Alternates

1. Karen Howell, Olympia – 75.35
2. Madison Preston, Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy – 75.35
3. Carly Preston, Twistars USA – 75.30
4. Jenna Swartzentruber, Buckeye – 75.20

F. Junior Olympic National Format

1. A survey was circulated concerning the Junior Olympic National format but it was not discussed at the Junior Olympic Committee meeting.
2. The NIT competition may be eliminated for 2016 and each Regional Championship would have additional age divisions. This will be decided after USA Gymnastics national office works on arrangements with GK and their contract. This will not take effect in 2015 since all contracts are in place for this seasons JO National Championships.

Effective 2015, Level 9 Eastern National Championships will qualify seven gymnasts instead of six for each age division.

IX. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. The biographies of all nominees were sent to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. Each Regional Administrative Committee member listed their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2014 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

X. XCEL REPORT (Nancy Gibson)

The Regional Xcel Committee Chairman, Nancy Gibson, reviewed the changes in the Xcel rules that were made for the 2014-2015 competitive year. The minutes from the Xcel Committee meeting can be found on the USA Gymnastics website.

Judges education was a concern voiced by all the regions at the National meeting. The committee has finished a Training Script to go with a training DVD. There will be another base/training DVD produced by the USA Gymnastics office. Members of both the Xcel National Committee and RTC scored the DVD. This training tool will be used at all Regional Congresses and at National Congress.

A judging Xcel webinar will be presented Wednesday, August 6th at 1:00pm.

XI. REGIONAL CONGRESS DETAILS AND SUPPORT

Additional clinicians are needed for some of the sessions at the Regional Congress. The Regional Administrative Committee was asked to make some suggestions as soon as possible.

XII. LEVEL 9/10 REGIONAL FORMAT SOLUTIONS

Due to the length of the Level 9/10 Regional Competitions around the country USA Gymnastics has allowed Regional Administrative Committees the ability to change the qualifying scores. Region 5 has determined that our choices are to have sessions on Thursday, raise the qualifying score, add a Sunday evening session, have fewer judges or leave the format the same. The Regional Administrative Committee's preference will be to have a full day on Sunday as our first option and the second option will be to have a session on Thursday evening.

XIII. LEVEL 8 REGIONAL

A. Age Groups

The Regional Administrative Committee discusses changing the Level 8 Regional age groups for awards. The teams would not be changed.

A motion was made to divide each session at the Region 5 Level 8 Championships

into two equal age groups for individual awards.

Motion: Nancy Gibson

2nd: Nina Dent

Passed: Unanimous

B. State Leotards

A suggestion was made to use the same leotard design for each state but in a different color. Discussion on the suggestion will be deferred until the next Region 5 Administrative Committee meeting.

IX. XCEL REGIONAL

Some regions in the country are putting their Level 7 and Xcel Regionals together. During the past few years individual clubs have hosted a Regional Invitational in Region 5. This meet is not endorsed by the Regional Administrative Committee. It was suggested that if a club is going to host the meet and advertise it at the Xcel State Meets, the club should pay for a vendor table.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen

2nd: Nancy Gibson

Passed: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm

Respectfully Submitted 7/29/14

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

WOMEN'S JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Jackson, MS
May 12, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (NJOCC) at 3:30pm

Roll Call:

Region 1 Shane McIntyre
Region 2 Laurie Reid
Region 3 Mark Folger
Region 4 Bryon Hough
Region 5 Kittia Carpenter
Region 6 Larry Goldsmith
Region 7 Linda Johnson
Region 8 Brad Harris
Women's JO Program Director Annie Heffernon

1. Nominations for JO National Program of the year
 - Region 1 – San Mateo Gymnastics, San Mateo, CA.
 - Region 2 – Auburn Gymnastics Center, Auburn, WA.
 - Region 3 – Metroplex Gymnastics, Allen, TX.
 - Region 4 – Twin City Twisters, Champlin, MN.
 - Region 5 – Twistars USA, Dimondale, MI.
 - Region 6 – Brestyan's Gymnastics, Burlington, MA.
 - Region 7 – Sportsplex Gymnastics, Landover, MD.
 - Region 8 – Southeastern Gymnastics, Weddington, NC.

Congratulations to the JO National Program of the year: Southeastern Gymnastics.

2. JO Calendar – dates approved through 2017 as follows:

Meet	2015	2016	2017
Last Date for 9/10 State Championships	March 27-29	March 18-20	March 17-19
9/10 Regionals	April 17-19	April 8-10	April 7-9
East/West Championships	May 7-10	April 28 - May 1	April 27-30
JO Nationals and NIT	May 14-17	May 5-8	May 4-7

3. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2014, **amend** page 67 of the *R&P*, 2.a.3):

A 60' minimum, **80' maximum** runway is allowed for Levels 1-5.

Motion: Brad Harris

Second: Shayne McIntyre

Passed

4. Recommendation to **amend** page 16 of the *R&P*, III.C. and to **add 1.** to the following:

- C. Any gymnast who has had previous competitive experience in any system (including USA Gymnastics) and who is a minimum of 14 years of age OR is at least a freshman in High School is eligible to petition to the State Administrative Committee for entry in **Level 7 and below**. The petition must be accompanied by a video that demonstrates her skill level.

1. Athletes (US citizens or Non-US Citizens) who have resided outside the US, have competitive experience outside the US, and now reside in the US, are eligible to petition to the Regional JO Chairman for entry into the JO Program at Level 8 or above. The petition must be accompanied by a video that demonstrates the skill level for which she is submitting the petition and proof of residency outside the US.

Motion: Bryon Hough

Second: Linda Johnson
Passed

5. Recommendation to add JR E, JR F, and SR E, SR F age divisions to JO Nationals to replace the JO NIT, allowing more opportunities for athletes at Level 10 to compete in the JO National Championships. Effective August 1, 2015.
Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Bryon Hough
7 yes, 1 abstain
Passed – As stated by the USA Gymnastics National Office, this motion is subject to USA Gymnastics, in cooperation with each Region, and GK Elite Sportswear reaching an agreement regarding funding. **This motion officially passed November 12, 2014.**
6. Recommendation that both Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships have 16 age divisions. Effective August 1, 2014.
Motion: Shane McIntyre
Second: Mark Folger
Passed
7. Recommendation to increase the number of qualifiers to both Level 9 Eastern and Western Championships from 6 to 7 athletes in each of the 16 age divisions. In the event of a 3-way tie for 7th place All-Around in any age division, the tie breaking procedures will be applied to determine the rank order of the athletes. The 9th place athlete will not be eligible for East/West Championships unless there is space available in another region in that age division. Effective August 1, 2014.
Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Kittia Carpenter
7 yes, 1 abstain
Passed - As stated by the USA Gymnastics National Office, this motion is subject to USA Gymnastics, in cooperation with each Region, and GK Elite Sportswear reaching an agreement regarding funding. **This motion officially passed November 12, 2014.**
8. Recommendation to give each Regional Administrative Committee the right to set regional qualifying scores for Levels 9 and 10. Qualifying scores must be approved by the National JO Chairman and the National Technical Chairman. Effective August 1, 2014.
Motion: Brad Harris
Second: Mark Folger
Passed
9. Recommendation that effective August 1, 2014, at Level 9 and 10 State Championships and above, timed warm-ups on **Uneven Bars only** will be 2.5 minutes per athlete.
Motion: Mark Folger
Second: Larry Goldsmith
Passed
10. Recommendation to amend p. 14 C.5. of the R&P to the **following**:
If, due to religious reasons or valid unforeseen circumstances, a gymnast is unable to compete with her designated age group, she may compete on another day (or in another session) with the approval of the SACC. She will not be eligible for ANY awards. Her score may be used for mobility or qualification purposes (if qualification is by score, not placement or percentage **in a given age group**) to the next meet.
Motion: Laurie Reid
Second: Kittia Carpenter
Passed
11. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
November 3, 2013
Fishers, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Dave Stiles, at 3:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Dave Stiles (RACC)

Kittia Carpenter (RJOCC)

Norbert Bendixen (SACC: IL)

Linda Barclay (SACC: IN)

Nina Dent (SACC: OH)

Nancy Gibson (RXCC)

Present by phone "Go To Meeting"

Char Christensen (RTCC)

Vicki Smith (SACC: KY)

Tami Jacobs (SACC: MI)

Absent

Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. ALL STAR SELECTION CRITERIA

Dave Stiles distributed the results of the membership questionnaire regarding selection criteria for the Region 5 All Star Team. There were 136 responses with the majority responding that there was a need for a selection process change and for the process to be well defined and transparent.

- A. Discussion was held to define a Region 5 All Star and to create selection criteria.
Definition – a Region 5 All Star is a Level 10 gymnast who performs at the highest level at Regionals and Nationals based on competition results. The expectation is that representing the region with good sportsmanship and integrity embodies the spirit of Region 5 through their participation and demeanor at Region 5 camps, clinics and competitions.
- B. Selection Criteria
1. **A motion was made that combined Regional and National scores will be used as All Star team selection criteria for the JO Level 10 athletes.**
Motion: Kittia Carpenter
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Yes – 6, No – 2

2. Athletes must attend one of the 4 regional training camps responsible for funding the JO National Qualifier Apparel and the international assignment. These camps include Super Camp, Hot Shot Camp, Hi-Tech Camp, and Forward Progress Camp. This displays support for the regional activities and the presence of our top athletes at these training camps truly provides the camps with credibility and substance. In other words, others learn from watching the technique of top level gymnasts. Showcase does NOT count for the regional training camp requirement.
 3. **A motion was made that the top 12 Level 10 gymnasts regardless of age will qualify for the Region 5 All Star team using combined Regional and National scores.**
Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Norbert Bendixon
Passed: Unanimous
 4. **A motion was made that, in case of a tie for 12th place score, the higher A.A. score from JO Nationals will break the tie.**
Motion: Tami Jacobs
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous
 5. A Code of Conduct contract will be created and will need to be signed and returned by the All Star team participants prior to the trip.
- C. Discussion was held regarding moving the All Star trip to June or July to help with athlete absenteeism from school, to possibly allow for a graduating senior to participate, to not have an overlap with other training camps, etc. This is being tabled until a later time as Kittia Carpenter is researching summer trip possibilities. The committee discussed how we can involve the Elite gymnasts as they would not be able to attend a summer trip because of USA Championships and national training camp responsibilities. The committee felt there was a need to honor and involve our Elite athletes in our region.
1. **A motion was made to create a Region 5 Elite All Star Ambassador Team comprised of the top 2 Juniors and top 2 Seniors based on the placement rankings from USA Championships.**
Motion: Nina Dent
2nd: Linda Barclay
Passed: Unanimous
 - a. The Region 5 Elite All Star Ambassador team members would donate one weekend for a shorter stateside “goodwill” trip that would not interfere with their training/competitive responsibilities.
 - b. The Region 5 All Star Ambassador team members would be required to make one training camp appearance (minimum 1 day).

Potential ideas for participation:

- Autograph session
- Question and Answer session
- Motivational speaking/motivational support at events
- Provide encouragement during training

IV. TRAINING CAMPS

A. Training camps for next year will remain on the same calendar schedule as this year. High Tech is scheduled to be hosted by Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy again in September along with the very successful Showcase camp. College coaches are more available in September than the beginning of October.

- 1. A motion was made that the Showcase Camp fee will be \$125 to match the other camps prices because of the preparation involved with paperwork/files for the college coaches.**

Motion: Nina Dent

2nd: Nancy Gibson

Passed: Unanimous

- 2. A motion that a new Level 8 gymnast needs to score a 36.50, as a Level 7, to qualify to attend Super Camp.**

Motion: Kittia Carpenter

2nd: Tami Jacobs

Passed: Unanimous

B. Discussion was held about bringing in National Staff Coaches for High Tech camp and Hot Shot camp. Several suggestions were made to be discussed later. Also, discussion was held regarding 8 year old National TOPS qualifiers being allowed to attend Hot Shot camp only. There is also an opportunity to recognize coaches/judges who work training camp but not attending JO's with an "I Made a Difference" T-shirt at Level 9/10 Regionals.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

Respectfully Submitted 10/5/13

Nancy L. Gibson

Substituting for Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary

Region 5 Committee Meeting
September 15, 2013
Columbus, OH

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Dave Stiles, at 1:20 P.M.

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)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Jacobs, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Hilary Carlson, Regional Judging Director
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Guests

Stephanie Malas, Regional Apparel Coordinator
Sandy Sabo, Regional Training Camp Coordinator

III. APPAREL (Stephanie Malas)

- A. The budget allotment for apparel is approximately \$1000 per gymnast. The outfits should be related to the theme or location of the JO National Championships.
- B. Apparel Store – It is recommended that the Regional Administrative Committee wear some of the items from the Apparel Store to help in the promotion of sales.

IV. TRAINING CAMPS (Sandy Sabo)

Deborah Warhol is the new webmaster and is in the same gym as the Training Camp Coordinator which makes getting information on line effortless.

- A. Super Camp – There were four sites for Super Camp. The gymnasts were limited to 16 per group with two to three coaches and one to two judges' technical assistants per event. The only negative response was that gymnasts were paired with others from their own state and were unable to develop relationships with out-of-state gymnasts.
- B. NCAA Showcase – 24 college coaches attended the NCAA Showcase. The gymnasts wore a leotard that was color coded to correspond to their graduation year. They also had temporary tattoo numbers on their arm. The color of the leotard for the corresponding graduation year will remain the same for subsequent Showcases. Several of the Hi Tech Camp athletes were interested in having a leotard with their graduation year on it, as well. It was suggested that if the gymnast has not committed to a college they will be able to purchase a leotard with their year of graduation. The college coaches suggested having the Showcase on Sunday morning so that they can leave at its conclusion. They felt it will be unnecessary to stay for the Hi Tech camp since they already saw those gymnasts for two days.

- C. Hot Shot Camp – The Hot Shot Camp will include TOP’s testing information to prepare the gymnasts for the national testing scheduled for the following week.
- D. Scratches/Refunds – There was some confusion concerning refunds for the Hi Tech and NCAA Showcase. Entry refund requests must be made 14 days before the camp. Leotards are non-refundable.

The motion was made that the refund deadline date for the Hi Tech Camp and the NCAA Showcase will be the same as the deadline date for entry into these events.

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to have the Training Camp Coordinator send a Hi Tech Camp invitation to current JO National Qualifiers and current NIT Qualifiers following the Regional Championships.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Tami Jacobs
Passed: Unanimous

- E. Coaches who are also judges can do either three (3) days of judging OR three (3) days of coaching at a regional training camp to fulfill the requirement for national attire. The U100 course is not required for judges who participate in the Region 5 Training Camps.
- F. A club may not substitute for an injured gymnast unless the substitute is at the same level or above. Substitutions MUST meet the same criteria set for the Super Camp, Hot Shot Camp and Forward Progress Camp. Substitutions MUST be approved by the Training Camp Coordinator.

V. WEBSITE

Rob Vinicky is developing the Dream Team website.

VI. REGIONAL BIDS

There were only three clubs that bid on the Regional Championships. All bids were incomplete.

A motion was made to return the bids for completion. The bids will be approved contingent on receiving the completed information within seven days. If the information is not received, the meets will be reopened for new bids.

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Nancy Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

A motion was made to alternate states in which the Regional Meets will be held. Bids throughout the region will be solicited, but priority will be given to the state whose turn it is to host. States will rotate in alphabetical order based on the 2014 Regional sites.

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

For Regional Championships, score verification sheets and prepared event score sheets with the gymnast names and numbers are required for double checking scores after each rotation.

VII. JUDGES RECOMMENDATIONS

Char Christensen distributed a list of judges who could be considered for National Meet assignment based on their leadership role at regional training camps. State Chairs provided state ranking of judges to help assist in the selection process. Committee members who are judges and eligible for consideration were excused from the meeting room during the discussion and vote. The following judges were chosen:

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Char Christensen
3. Nina Dent
4. Augusta Lipsey

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Judy Kemp
2. Carol Liedkte
3. Anamaria Roe

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

1. Jody Borda
2. Sue Brosnan
3. Bob Neat

VIII. ALL STAR TRIP

The All Star Team will travel to London and Brussels and will attend the World Championships. The region will pay for all activities on the itinerary.

A motion was made to increase the All Star budget to \$25,000.00.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

The Regional Administrative Committee would like to pay Jason McDonald an honorarium for the video work that he has done.

A motion was made to compensate Jason McDonald \$1500.00 for his past video services.

Motion: Linda Barclay
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Yea – 5 No - 1 Abstain - 2

Criteria for being selected to the All Star Team were discussed. Other regions criteria was examined. Input will be solicited from the membership for the next month regarding the criteria for the All Star Team selection. State Chairs will be sending information out and compiling responses.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted 9/19/13

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

Region 5 Committee Meeting
July 9, 2013; 10:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari, at 10:00 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, 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)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Tami Jacobs, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Nancy Gibson, Regional Xcel Committee Chairman (RXCC)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Vicki Smith's E-mail has been updated to vicki.smith@bardstown.kyschools.us.

III. WELCOME

Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari welcomed Kittia Carpenter, Tami Jacobs and Nancy Gibson to the committee. As the newly elected Regional Xcel Committee Chairman, Nancy's position is a voting position. Sandy Sabo was also welcomed into the appointed position of Regional Training Camp Coordinator.

Gratitude was expressed to the Regional Administrative Committee, John Geddert, Kristin Moore, and Dave Rawles for the many years of service to Region 5.

IV. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bobbi reminded Committee Members that all communication during the meeting is to be kept confidential. The USA Gymnastics Policy Confidentiality Forms, Ethical Obligations of USA Gymnastics Employees, Officers, Directors and Committee Members, and Conflict of Interest Questionnaire will be distributed for the Committees signatures following the Chairman's Workshop that will be held following the National Congress.

V. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. Following approval, the minutes will be posted on the Regional website and distributed to the Professional Membership via e-mail and newsletters.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

The General Account has a balance of \$85,088.97. The Apparel Fund has a balance of \$15,522.34. This money will be used for the All-Star Trip. Training camp money and funds from the Regional Congress auction will also go into this account.

State financial reports are to be placed on the state websites.

VII. STATE OVERVIEWS 2012-2013

Ohio (Nina Dent)

Every year Ohio runs a compulsory camp. This camp will be held next weekend. A judging session will be included.

The entire Ohio Administrative Committee went to the Orlando Compulsory Workshop. A 16 passenger van was rented to carry 13 people to the workshop. It was fun and they were able to bond outside of the committee.

Ohio had an optional camp with a golf outing and a banquet.

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

A two day clinic was held to learn the compulsory routines. The featured clinician was Marvin Sharp assisted by Ilena Earl and Pat Warren on floor and beam. It was very successful with 150 participants.

Indiana (Linda Barclay)

The weekend of July 13-14, 2013 is the Indiana State Meeting, Congress and Banquet. The Indiana Hall of Fame induction is held in conjunction with the state banquet. Three new members will be inducted; Betty Heppner, Greta Treiber, and Dick Albershardt. Indiana will also host a compulsory workshop with Cheryl Jarrett in early August, the Hope- Love Gymnastics Camp for gymnasts, coaches, and judges at the end of August, an optional training camp in October, and a regional qualifier camp at the end of March. Indiana is proud to offer free educational opportunities for current Indiana professional members.

Illinois (Norbert Bendixen)

Illinois held their compulsory workshop the week after the Reno Workshop. Anyone who went to a National workshop could be a clinician. They had a northern Illinois and a southern Illinois clinic.

This year's banquet supported all the all-around gymnasts, elite gymnasts and others that were honored. They also gave out a life time achievement award.

The Illinois state series will begin March 8, 2014 weekend.

Illinois' Xcel numbers are way up from last year. They had 135 gymnasts in the Xcel program. They expect the numbers to go up again this season.

Illinois will be changing their election procedures to have a three member election commission. One member will not be a USAG member.

Illinois lost two members during the past season; Leonard Palmer and Mary Krause. They also welcomed Leonard Isaac back to Illinois.

Michigan (Tami Jacobs)

Michigan's banquet will be held July 17, 2013. The following weekend will be the state compulsory workshop. There are 150 people registered to attend. Judges will receive one day of CPE credit. Michigan does not do an optional workshop.

Michigan is working on encouraging new judges. Two of Michigan's higher rated judges retired at the end of the 2012-2013 season; Brenda Burman and Georgette Dupke. Colleges will be contacted to recruit new judges.

VIII. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2013-2014

Ohio (Nina Dent)

Ohio is working on hosting all state meets on two weekends in 2015. There will be three sites each weekend. The State Committee would secure the equipment.

The state is appointing a college gymnast to be a non-voting member of the Ohio Administrative Committee. This will allow a gymnast's voice to be heard on the Committee.

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

Kentucky's goal is to continue education for their membership.

Michigan (Tami Jacobs)

Michigan's goal is to improve communication. Only 41 people voted in the Michigan Administrative Committee elections. The communications position has been strengthened.

IX. COMMUNICATION

- A. Debra Warhol is Region 5's new webmaster.
- B. All information for the Regional website should be sent to the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman who will send it to the webmaster.
- C. State websites need to post the following items as they pertain to their state:
 - State specific Rules & Policies
 - Judges Selection Process
 - Minutes from all meetings
- D. The Region 5 Administrative Committee should continue copying E-mails to RACC.

X. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the JO Championships and the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. The Level 9's were the overall winner coming in second on vault and floor and first on bars and beam. The Level 10's came in 2nd with our Junior C team placing 1st.

- A. Professional Involvement Forms (PIF) will be on the websites by August 1, 2013. Professional Involvement Forms are to be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments. The PIF form and the Judges Training Camp Volunteer Form will be under Judges on the Region 5 website.

There was discussion concerning the deadline date for the Professional Involvement Forms. It was suggested that the Regional Administrative Committee should use the state generated ranking of the judges to be a part of the criteria to assist with the selection of regional and national assignments. In order to do this the PIF deadline must be early enough so that the states can determine their rankings prior to the RAC meeting following the Regional Congress.

The motion was made to change the deadline date for the PIF forms to September 1st so that the states can use the forms to determine the rank order of the judges and the Regional Administrative Committee can use the state lists as one of the criteria for judges assignments.

Motion: Linda Barclay

2nd: Vicki Smith

Passed: Unanimous

- B. Each State Chairman must submit a rank order list of 12-14 judges to Char prior to the next RAC meeting. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented. There is a goal to have judges know their event assignments for the Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet and have it available on the website by December 15, 2013.
- C. There were approximately 85 petitions for Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on our petition process.
- D. The judge's volunteer form for Regional Training Camps should have been on the regional website since June 1, 2013. In order to volunteer in a leadership role, judges need to complete this form electronically by August 1, 2013. State Chairmen are asked to send a second reminder e-mail to judges in July.
- E. Please include Kittia, Char and the new RACC on all newsletters and with important web updates.
- F. Char thanked the states for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9 and 10 state meet results to her at the end of the optional season.
- G. The criteria used to select judges for state meet assignments should be on the state websites or in newsletters by October 1, 2013. State Chairmen are asked to send this information to Char and Kittia by October 1, 2013.
- H. Please remember that all clinics sponsored by USA Gymnastics or NAWGJ must be registered with USA Gymnastics for CPE credits to be valid. Judges must

- have their forms signed at the end of each session. Judges are reminded that it is their responsibility to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website.
- I. Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook.
 - J. USA Gymnastics members are reminded that Rules and Policies meet formats are the only ones that can be used. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the newly revised sanction form by the meet referee and/or meet director.
 - K. The table below lists the percentage of athletes that qualified for their regional meet from their state meet in 2012 and 2013.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	89% / 91%	99% / 91%	100% / 100%
OH	74% / 81%	99% / 89%	97% / 94%
IN	78% / 54%	75% / 81%	100% / 99.9%
IL	88% / 70%	81% / 80%	99% / 93%
KY	99% / 57%	100% / 91%	76% / 100%

- L. Coaches are reminded that a score of 9.0 is required at their State Meet for an event specialist to qualify to the Regional Championships. Qualifying criteria into the state meets should be on the state websites by October 1, 2013.
- M. To be recommended to be assigned to a national meet, judges are reminded that they must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Level 9/10 Regional Championship in the recommended year.
- N. Judges assigned to the Regional and National Championships will be on the state and Regional websites by December 15, 2013.
- O. Sanction violations need to be put in the comment section of the sanction form by meet directors and meet referees. Violations such as finishing past 10:00pm, over the number of gymnasts allowed for the competitive format, etc. must be documented. For the falsification of memberships and dates, there is a \$500 fine for the first offense and \$1000 fine for the second offense.

XI. REGIONAL MEET OVERVIEW

The regional meets were able to be completed within the time frame allowed but the judges break time was spent on preparing for the next session particularly by the vault judges. It was recommended that there be preprinted judges score slips. Score Master and Pro Score are capable of doing this.

The motion was made that meet directors of the Regional meets provide preprinted individual judges slips in competition order.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen

2nd: Nina Dent

Passed: Unanimous

The Regional Administrative Committee will look at the number of gymnast in the 2014 Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet to determine if a Thursday night session will be needed in 2014. In 2013 there were 359 Level 9's and 209 Level 10's.

XII . REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Kittia Carpenter)

Training Camps

- A. Kittia has received information from coaches that feel the Super Camp has become an elitist camp since Level 7's cannot enter unless they have scored 37.00. Also, some coaches think that Level 8-10 gymnasts are not qualified unless they score a 37.00. The correct qualification is ALL level 8-10 gymnasts are eligible. Level 7 gymnasts that have scored 37.00 or higher may also register. This will be reviewed at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.
- B. Kittia is gathering information for changes to the camps to make improvements. A two day vs. three day camp is being considered. She is also working on a coach's incentive.
- C. To promote the NCAA Showcase, which is being implemented for the first time this year, a flyer was handed out to all the college coaches at JO Nationals.
- D. Shannon Hunt of Hunt's Gymnastics is assisting in securing the hotels for JO Nationals.
- E. Stephanie Malas, a parent from Buckeye Gymnastics is doing the apparel. Kittia showed the Committee ideas for the Region 5 store. The theme for congress will be "Where Pride Meets Passion".

All Star Team

- A. The All Star Team participants would like a training opportunity on the trip. This may be difficult due to Belgium's equipment not being standard. Everyone in that area of the world will be focused on the World Championships.
- B. The team will leave on September 28th to fly into London, England. The host club will meet the team at the airport and take a train into London. The team will train in London and do some sightseeing. They will then go into Antwerp, Belgium to possibly see the first round of qualifications at the World Championships. They will see the finals on October 4th and then fly back to the United States.
- C. Hilary Carlson will be asked to notify judges of the opportunity to travel with the All Star Team.
- D. Lori Koch has been asked to be the delegation leader for this trip. Bobbi has recommended that compensation be considered for the delegation leader.
- E. Parents must make their own arrangements if they wish to travel with the team.
- F. The qualification for the All Star Team needs to be more transparent. The scores used to determine the average and the meets where the scores were received should be put on the Region 5 website.
- G. The qualification procedures need to be reviewed. Discussion on this topic was tabled until the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.
- H. The 2013 All Star Team members are:
 - 1. Bailey Gardner, Twistars – 38.569
 - 2. Lindsey Lemke, R Athletics – 38.388
 - 3. Paige Azaiski, Hunts – 38.319
 - 4. Alyssa Shermetaro, Olympia – 38.256
 - 5. Brehanna Showers, R Athletics – 38.238
 - 6. Rachel Cutler, Twistars – 37.938

7. Karen Howell, Olympia – 37.869
 8. Shea Murphy, Legacy – 37.818
- I. All Star Team Alternates
1. Sydney Waltz, Gold Medal – 37.813
 2. Isabell Hutchins, Splitz – 37.8
 3. Sydney McGlone, Universal – 37.731
 4. Nicole Gendusa, IGI – 37.719
 5. Megan Schwehofer, Hunts – 37.563
 6. Emma McClean, Stars and Stripes – 37.544
 7. Lexi Funk, IGI – 37.519
 8. Eileen Malecki, IGI – 37.5
 9. Lauren Bancroft, Twistars USA – 37.481
 10. Annie Juarez, DeVeaus – 37.438

XIII. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. The biographies of all nominees were sent to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. A ballot listing all current Region 5 Hall of Fame nominees was distributed to all of the Regional Administrative Committee members. Each Regional Administrative Committee voting member listed their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The five nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2013 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

XIV. REGIONAL XCEL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Nancy Gibson)

- A. The National Xcel Committee met for three days following the compulsory workshop. Region 3, 4, 5 and parts of Region 6 used a modification of the National Xcel program last season. The Committee tweaked the program and is in the process of writing a manual. The Xcel program has divisions instead of levels. There are some areas within the program that are states' rights such as awards. These rights have been sent to the State Chairmen to be included in their State Committee agendas.
- B. The Regional Administrative Committee is responsible for deciding if an Xcel Regional meet will be held. It was determined that a Regional meet would not be held if Level 7's do not have a Regional meet. Michigan has held a regional invitational the past two years. If a Regional Invitation is held in 2014 the words regional and championship cannot be used.
- C. The recommended hours of practice have been eliminated from the Xcel recommendations.

XV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

Congress Fundraiser

Columbus, Ohio has a casino company that will send information to Linda Barclay. If their bid is reasonable the Region would like to have a casino night.

Columbus also has a company that will set up an Amazing Race. Nina Dent has a contact and is checking on this for the Committee. Nina also has a friend that has a bar near the Congress site that will run specials that weekend.

XVI. REGIONAL MEETS

A. The Level 9 and 10 Regional Meet financial report has not been received yet. It will be available for the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting. The Level 8 Regional Meet financial report showed a profit of \$4329.00.

B. Qualifying Scores

Qualifying scores for the 2014 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8:	34.00
Level 9:	34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)
Level 10:	34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)

C. Entry Fees

Entry fees for the 2014 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8:	\$90.00
Level 9:	\$90.00
Level 10:	\$90.00

D. Judging Panels

The Judging Panels for the 2014 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8:	2 judge panels
Level 9:	4 judge panels
Level 10:	4 judge panels

XVII. CALENDAR

- **National Congress**; August 14 - 17, 2013
- **Region 5 Congress**; September 13 - 15, 2013; Hilton Columbus Downtown, Ohio
- **Level 9 & 10 Regionals**; April 11 - 13, 2014
- **Level 8 Regionals**; April 25 - 27, 2014
- **Level 9 Easterns**; May 1 - 4, 2014, Bradenton, FL – Host: Tampa Bay Turners
- **JO Nationals**; May 8 - 10, 2014, Jackson, MS – Host: Meet Control and MS-USAG
- **NIT**; May 11, 2014
- **Region 5 Congress**; September 12 - 14, 2014; Hilton Columbus Downtown, Ohio

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted 7/15/13

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
September 16, 2012; 1:03 a.m. – 5:02 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari, at 1:06 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Jim Comiskey, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Guests

Kristin Moore, Regional Apparel Coordinator and Regional Webmaster
Dave Rawles, Regional Training Camp Coordinator

Absent

Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)

III. COMMUNICATION

Bobbi expects that all communication will be done in a professional manner. We are all here for the athletes. Char Christensen distributed a list of Ground Rules that committees and teams use to prevent chaos during meetings.

IV. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, asked the Committee to give their suggestions on changes that could improve future congresses.

1. The suggestion was made to have the auction immediately after the last session of the day before people go to dinner.
2. Place the silent auction items out for bidding throughout the congress.
3. Have the raffle at the end of the sessions to bring people back into the exhibit area.
4. Have a microphone for the raffle announcer.
5. Do a casino night instead of the auction. (*Linda Barclay has looked into the cost of doing a casino night. It would cost \$1100.00 for the license. We would have to provide our own dealers. Region 6 has had great success with a casino night and a cash bar. Bret Norman will research it further.*)
6. Have a combination of a casino night and an auction.
7. Have the vendors sponsor a game at the casino night.
8. Have vendors sponsor the lunch room.
9. Announce the award recipients prior to the congress so that their families may be in attendance.

The motion was made to have each award recipient receive one free ticket to the banquet. The athlete award recipients' ticket goes to their coach.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

The award recipients will be notified by a letter from the Regional Administrative Committee Chairperson, Bobbi Montanari.

10. During the all star team introductions, announce the resumes of the gymnasts that are not receiving separate awards. The resumes of those receiving awards will be announced during the award time.
11. Congress attendees would like a fleece jacket and a tee shirt available for purchase. Linda Barclay will take care of the orders and design the tee shirt. She will communicate with the USAG office to develop a pre-order procedure.
12. The video screen was too small in the business room. We must communicate with the presenters to make sure their font is sized for easy viewing.
13. The response was very positive about the videos that were shown at the banquet.

V. WEBSITE

The regional website looks good. Char Christensen thanked Kristin Moore for putting links to the judge's forms on the website. It has made it easier for the judges to find the required forms.

Kristin Moore is the webmaster for the Regional Website. She does not write the articles. To have an article or information placed on the website it must be sent to her.

VI. JO NATIONALS APPAREL

The National apparel is an award system for our athletes. They have earned it. The money raised from apparel fund events is supposed to be spent on the athletes. It looks like a lot but they are given five days worth of travel supplies. Everything they are given is to be used while the team is traveling. The apparel the Level 9's receive matches the apparel that other regions give their athletes. The Level 9's received a grip bag, water bottle, tee shirt and shorts. They paid for their apparel at cost. The suggestion was made to add a sweatshirt instead of the tee shirt.

The motion was made to increase the Level 9 apparel package to the \$30.00 amount.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Jim Comiskey
Passed: Unanimous

VI. TRAINING CAMPS

The training camps are exploding. We are turning away 120 athletes. Dave Rawles will communicate with Kristin Moore to set up a different registration program for the training camps that would stop taking registrations once the camp is full. He would also like to have an automated system of payment. The suggestion was made to lower the number of athletes per camp to increase the quality and raise the price. The price of the camps will be increased to \$125.00.

The Hot Shot Camp and the Super Camp did not have athletes that met the required ability level. The following criteria will be required for the individual camps.

Super Camp

The participating club must have a coach attend.

The maximum number of athletes will be 16 per group.

An athlete must have competed Level 8 or a Level 7 who has received an all-around score of 37.00 or higher. *(Jim Comiskey will verify the scores of the Level 7 athletes).*

Hot Shot Camp

The participating club must have a coach attend.

12 Years or under

An athlete must have competed Level 6 or a Level 5 who has received an all-around score of 37.00 or higher.

Vault: 9.0 Handspring

Bars: Kip cast handstand, single bar giant, cast flyaway

Beam: Flic Flac on high beam, Round Off on low or high beam

Floor: A two element front tumbling pass with a minimum of one salto, Layout at shoulder height.

High Tech

The participating club must have a coach attend.

High Tech camp will be limited to 60 athletes (6 groups of 10).

Spots will be filled in rank order from Elites to Level 10 National qualifiers plus 1st and 2nd alternates.

Forward Progress

The participating club must have a coach attend.

An athlete must have competed Level 9 or 10. If there is room in the camp, Level 8's with a 37.00 all-around will be considered.

The gyms that violate the criterion above will be approached by the camp director and reported to Dave Rawles and/or John Geddert. This procedure will go into effect during the 2013 season.

The list of athletes registered in a camp will be put on the Regional Website so they know for which camp they are assigned.

The motion was made to pay the camp host \$400.00 to be used for incidental expenses beginning in the 2013 camp season.

**Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous**

The motion was made to accept the new criterion package for the training camps.

**Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Jim Comiskey
Passed: Unanimous**

VII. REGIONAL MEET ENTRY FEES

A recommendation was made at the last Regional Administrative Committee meeting to increase the entry fees for the regional meets. The entry fees charged in the 2012 Level 9/10 Regional Meets did not cover the cost of the facility, awards and judges.

The motion was made to increase the Regional Meet entry fees to \$90.00.

**Motion: Vicki Smith
2nd: John Geddert
Passed: Passed**

VIII. REGIONAL MEET BIDS

There was one bid for the Level 9/10 Regional Meet and three bids for the Level 8 Regional Meet received prior to the deadline. (John Geddert was excused from the meeting during the Regional bid discussion because his facility submitted bids on both regional meets).

The 2013 Level 9/10 Regional Meet is awarded to Gedderts Twistars.

The Level 8 Regional Meet bids were submitted from Gymnastics X-Calibur, Halker's Gold and Gedderts Twistars. Geddert's Twistars was removed from consideration because they were awarded the Level 9/10 Regional Meet. Because of this, John Geddert was invited to return to the meeting for the discussion on the Level 8 Regional Meet.

A motion was made to accept Pam Halker's bid for the Level 8 Regional Meet with the stipulation that she submit an updated floor plan that included two full floors.

Motion:	Norbert Bendixen
2nd:	Char Christensen
Passed:	Unanimous

IX. JUDGES RECOMMENDATIONS

Char Christensen distributed a list of the judges that could be considered for National Meet assignment based on their leadership role in the region. Because the Level 9 Eastern Nationals will be hosted by Branch Gymnastics in Michigan, there will be four judges representing Region 5. Four judges will be selected for the Junior Olympic Nationals. After Char Christensen, Augusta Lipsey, and Vicki Smith were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. The following judges were chosen.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Kittia Carpenter
2. Char Christensen
3. Judy Kemp
4. Shirley Tranquill

(If Kittia Carpenter is unable to judge JO Nationals she will switch with Hilary Carlson)

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Michael Crowe
3. Augusta Lipsey
4. Linda McDonald

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

1. Faye Campana
2. Mary Jo Reohrig
3. Vicki Smith

X. ALL STAR TEAM CRITERIA

The set number of athletes to comprise the Regional All Star Team is twelve. To increase this number the budget, housing arrangements, travel expenses, safety concerns and ground transportation must be taken into consideration. More often than not the All Star Team has increased in size but there is never a guarantee that athletes will be added to the travel squad. If elite athletes make the USA National

team they are not allowed to travel with the Region 5 All Star Team. 95% of the time the elite spots are taken by Junior Olympic athletes.

In order for an athlete to be eligible for the All Star travel squad, she must personally participate in a training camp. In tabulating their average score their regional and or national score must be used. The purpose, goals, funding and qualification criterion can be found on the regional website. All of the state chairmen will have the final tabulations of the All Star Team.

Purpose

The purpose of the Region 5 All-Star team is multidimensional. Some of the reasons for its existence are:

- To recognize and reward our top Junior Olympic and Elite level athletes for their uncompromising devotion to our sport and our region.
- To provide experiences designed to enhance the future growth of these athletes not only in the sport of gymnastics but in life itself.
- To provide the coaches of these athletes with experiences designed to enhance their professional growth in our sport and to reward the often overlooked and underappreciated efforts.
- To spread and nurture a common bond and to establish a "team Spirit" within our region and to provide a vehicle from which regional pride can be fostered and delivered.
- To share the wealth of knowledge that we possess with those that might be less fortunate.

All Star Team Goals

- The goals of the Region 5 Committee, as related to the athletes and coaches and their qualification to the Region 5 All-Star Team, are to recognize our top athletes at our annual mini congress banquet.
- Recognition may take on many forms, but a few words about the accomplishments of the athletes, a video presentation and an awards plaque have been used as the normal procedure in the past. In short we want the athletes within our region to feel special and to believe that Region 5 is the very best place in the country to achieve gymnastics goals.
- The Regional Committee also wishes to provide an international assignment designed to give sports experience, exposure to a variety of world cultures, to enhance regional pride and to serve as a prestigious reward that the athletes earn through their superior results in our sport. This assignment will usually be scheduled in mid to late fall so as not to interfere with the normal USAG competitive seasons.

All Star Team Funding

The international assignment is to be funded by an allocated amount determined by the Regional Committee. These funds will come from the Region 5 Apparel Fund with supplementation from the regional funds if deemed appropriate by the elected Committee Members. Only the qualified athletes will receive financial assistance from this allocated budget. Qualified athletes can include those added to the initial squad based on logistical and safety considerations for each individual trip.

The fund can pay for the following, with the actual amount being determined on a trip by trip basis that takes into consideration the various costs involved. At times it may be necessary to require a co-pay when expenses exceed the budget. All efforts will be made to keep the related costs in line with the approved budget.

1. Athletes air and transportation
2. Athletes lodging
3. Any applicable registration or entry fees
4. Delegation gifts for the host organization of the international event
5. Cultural excursions

The allocated budget for the international assignment will be determined based on the financial stability of the Apparel Fund in any given year. The budget will be reviewed each year at the summer committee meeting.

Criterion for Qualification to the All Star Team

- The following criterion is to be published with updates each and every year in the various state and regional newsletters and/or web sites. This material is vitally important and should be made readily available to our membership in Region 5.
- The top eight Junior Olympic, the top two Junior International and the top two Senior International Elite athletes, based on the following criterion will be named to the Region 5 All-Star Team Travel Squad.
- Athletes must have qualified to their respective national championship event. No petitions will be allowed. This means Championships of the USA for Elite athletes and Level 10 Junior Olympic Nationals of the Junior Olympic athletes.
- All Elite USA National Team Members will be named to the All Star Team but may or may not be eligible for travel.
- International Elite rankings will be taken from the Championships of the USA, (top two junior international elites and top two senior international elites). Due to the USA National Team Agreement, all members that qualify to the USA National Team must request permission from the National Team Coordinator in order to be considered for any non USA National Team function. This needs to be done in writing (with a copy to John Geddert) indicating the athletes' intention to request permission to participate. If permission from the Nation Team Coordinator is granted, then and only then will the athlete(s) be added to the travel squad.
- Elites that qualify to US Classic, American Classic or Visa Championships (and do not qualify to the All Star Team based on the above criterion) may submit three All Around scores for ranking purposes and consideration for eight Junior Olympic spots. Elites must use the same criterion as used by Junior Olympic athletes for submitting scores (see criterion listed under Junior Olympic #3 less the requirement that states that the regional or national meet score must be used).
- Spots not filled by eligible elite athletes will be filled in rank order from the eligible Junior Olympic athletes list.
- Junior Olympic rankings will be taken from averaging the top four all around scores for the current competitive season.
- An athlete may only use USAG sanctioned scores (AAU, USAIGC and High School scores would not count).
- Athletes may only use one home meet score, provided there are at least two additional Level 10 teams present. (Home meets do not include State, Regional and National Meets)(a team consists of three or more members). In the case when a club hosts more than one home meet, the club must designate which competition is to be used for potential All Star Team scores. (This is to eliminate the possibility of hosting meets until the athlete receives the scores needed to qualify to the All Star Team). It will be assumed that the first hosted meet will be used for All Star Team scores unless the club declares in writing to the Junior Olympic Program Committee

Chairperson, prior to the date of the first meet, that they want to designate the second meet as their choice.

- Athletes may only use one all around score per meet (i.e. – meets that have prelims and finals). This rule is used to avoid getting lucky with overly friendly evaluations that certain meets may have and to avoid having those scores count as 50% of the athletes' All Star Team qualification criterion.
- All qualification scores must be achieved prior to the conclusion of Level 10 Nationals. (This is to eliminate the possibility of hosting meets post season with the sole purpose of creating a better All Star Team score average).
- Scores in the form of official meet results must be submitted no later than August 1 (late entries will not be accepted). The online reporting system may also be used.
- Scores must include either regional championships or national championships AA score. (This is to provide an equal playing field for all candidates for a minimum of 25% of the submitted scores).
- Athletes must attend one of the four regional training camps responsible for funding the international assignment. These camps include SUPER CAMP, HOT SHOT CAMP, HI TECH CAMP AND FORWARD PROGRESS CAMP. This displays support for the regional activities and it is the presence of our top athletes at these training camps that truly provide the camps with credibility and substance. In other words others learn from watching what and how the best athletes act and train.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted 9/23/12
Augusta A. Lipsey
Regional Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
July 10, 2012; 10:03 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari, at 10:03 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Vicki Smith, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Jim Comiskey, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Absent

John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)

Norbert Bendixen's contact information was updated. His address is 426 Midway, Mundelein, IL 60060, his phone number is 847-334-7768, and his fax number is 847-949-6241.

III. WELCOME

Bobbi welcomed the Committee to Indianapolis and thanked them for a good year. Bobbi stated the protocol for communication during the meeting.

IV. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bobbi reminded Committee Members that all communication during the meeting is to be kept confidential. The USA Gymnastics Policy Confidentiality Forms, Ethical Obligations of USA Gymnastics Employees, Officers, Directors and Committee Members, and Conflict of Interest Questionnaire were distributed for each member's signature.

V. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. Following approval, the minutes will be posted on the Regional website and distributed to the Professional Membership via e-mail and newsletters.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

The General Account has a balance of \$124,679.94. The Apparel Fund has a balance of \$28,535.31.

VII. STATE OVERVIEWS

Illinois (Norbert Bendixen)

1. The number of gymnasts competing remained consistent during the 2011-2012 competitive season.
2. A profit was made at each state meet.

3. The Region 5 Level 8 meet was well run and made a profit.
4. Norbert and Kim Bendixen received the life time achievement award from the Illinois Administrative Committee.
5. Some recruiting of athletes is occurring within the state.

Kentucky (Vicki Smith)

1. Two state meets were hosted with over 300 gymnasts each.
2. Effort is being made to increase and encourage educational opportunities for the professional membership.
3. The State Chairman is trying to visit many of the gyms around the state to gather their input and let them know their opinions are valuable regardless of the size of the gym.

Michigan (Jim Comiskey)

1. The Xcel program has grown dramatically and has saved some gyms.
2. Michigan will no longer have sectional qualifiers during the 2012-2013 competitive season. To qualify into a Level 5 state meet a gymnast must compete in all four events at a Michigan invitational.
3. The Michigan Administrative Committee and the MI-NAWGJ have a joint meeting to discuss concerns affecting the state.
4. This year was strong for the state of Michigan considering Jordyn, John, and Kathryn's success. The Champions' Banquet will be held on July 18th. There will be close to 600 people in attendance this year. State all-around champions, Regional champions, National competitors, NIT gymnasts and TOP's gymnasts are invited. Graduating seniors are also recognized. Coach of the Year, Contributor of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement Award are presented at the banquet.
5. State Clinics have been well attended.
6. 2012 is the first year that the Level 7-10 state meets were held together. There were 580 gymnasts competing in the three day meet.
7. The Fun State Meet had 640 gymnasts.
8. Michigan did well at Regionals and Nationals.
9. Michigan is fairly unified, but there are still some comments about recruiting.

Indiana (Linda Barclay)

1. Everyone is beginning to work together and get along.
2. A lot of training camps are being offered.
3. Some recruiting is happening in the state of Indiana.
4. An Indiana Hall of Fame was started in 2012.
5. Indiana offered a state congress that was free to professional members.
6. Indiana is working on a statistics program to track all of their athletes. If it works, Linda will bring the program to the Regional Administrative Committee.

Ohio (Nina Dent)

1. Ohio is continuing to work to have the State Administrative Committee and OH-NAWGJ work together.
2. 560 people attended the Ohio State Banquet.
3. Nina tries to remind people how grateful she is for the people that are involved in the success of the state.
4. Nina is working to get everyone thinking the same philosophy – Team Ohio.

VIII. COMMUNICATION

Protocol for website and e-mail: Sender-to-Bobbi-to-Kristin.

Bobbi asked if a Regional Rules and Policies were needed. The committee determined that it would be helpful to have all Level 8-10 regional information in one place on the website. The information should be available with three or fewer clicks of the mouse. Work will continue to develop a rules and policies.

The next regional newsletter will be distributed in August. Information for the newsletter should be sent to Bret Norman by July 27th.

State websites need to post the following items as they pertain to their state:

- State specific Rules & Policies
- Judges Selection Process
- Minutes from all meetings

The Region 5 Administrative Committee should continue copying e-mails to Bobbi.

IX. State Chairman Workshop

1. Meetings should follow Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Concern was raised concerning the indemnification of the NAWGJ assigners. If the assigner is an elected member of the state committee, they would be indemnified. Appointed members of the Committee are not indemnified. There have been problems with judges being assigned meets without having current USA Gymnastics membership. Assigners do not have the ability to check USA Gymnastics numbers. This is a responsibility of the Meet Directors. NAWGJ State Judging Directors can ask their members to send the assigners a copy of their current USA Gymnastics and NAWGJ membership cards as another way to check that all judges are up-to-date with their memberships.
3. Beginning for the 2012-2013 competitive season, a club must be a member club or registered business of USA Gymnastics to receive a sanction.

X. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the JO Championships and the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. The Level 9's were the overall winner, and the Level 10's came in 2nd. Congratulations were also extended to John and Kathryn Geddert for being named USA Gymnastics Elite Coaches of the Year and Jordyn Wieber for being named USA Gymnastics Elite Athlete of the Year. Congratulations are offered to Jordyn Wieber for making the 2012 Olympic Team and to Anna Li for representing our region as an alternate to the 2012 Olympic Team.

- A. Professional Involvement Forms (PIF's) will be on the websites and in newsletters by July 20, 2012. Judges must complete and return the form electronically by September 15, 2012. Professional Involvement Forms are to be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments. A judges tab will be added to the Regional website to help judges find all necessary forms.
- B. The Judges Recommendation deadline is October 15, 2012. Each State Chairman must submit a rank order list of 12-14 judges to Char by the designated date. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented. There is a goal to have judges know their event assignments for Level 9 and 10 Regionals and have it available on the website by December 15, 2012.
- C. There were approximately 85 petitions for Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. A huge thank you is extended to Hilary Carlson for her hard work on our petition process.

- D. The judge's volunteer form for Regional Training Camps has been on the regional website since June 1, 2012. In order to volunteer in a leadership role, judges need to complete this form electronically by August 1, 2012. State Chairmen are asked to send a second reminder e-mail to judges in July.
- E. Please include John, Char, and Bobbi on all newsletters and with important web updates.
- F. Char thanked the states for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9, and 10 state meet results to her at the end of the optional season.
- G. The criteria used to select judges for state meet assignments should be on the state websites or in newsletters by October 1, 2012.
- H. Please remember that all clinics sponsored by USA Gymnastics or NAWGJ must be registered with USA Gymnastics for CPE credits to be valid. Judges must have their forms signed at the end of each session. Judges are reminded that it is their responsibility to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website.
- I. Petition and inquiry forms should be included in each state handbook.
- J. USA Gymnastics members are reminded that Rules and Policies meet formats are the only ones that can be used. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the sanction form.
- K. The table below lists the percentage of athletes that qualified for their regional meet from their state meet.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	89%	99%	100%
OH	74%	99%	97%
IN	78%	75%	100%
IL	88%	81%	99%
KY	99%	100%	76%

- L. Coaches are reminded that a score of 9.0 is required at their State Meet for an event specialist to qualify to the Regional Championships. Qualifying criteria into the state meets should be on the state websites by October 1, 2012.
- M. To be recommended to be assigned to a national meet, judges are reminded that they must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Level 9/10 Regional Championship in the recommended year.
- N. Sanction violations need to be put in the comment section of the sanction form by meet directors and meet referees. Violations such as finishing past 10:00 pm, over the number of gymnasts allowed for the competitive format, etc. must be documented. For the falsification of memberships and dates, there is a \$500 fine for the first offense and \$1000 fine for the second offense. This was used during the 2011-2012 season.

XI . REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (Submitted Written Report from John Geddert)

A. Overview of 2011-2012 Season

The 2012 Season was one of continued frustration. It was the third consecutive year that Region 5 finished second in the overall team standings at the Level 10 Junior Olympic Nationals. However, we once again won the team title at the Level 9 Eastern Championship Meet. We will work on this by having Great Training Camps, cooperation, energy and instilling passion, and commitment to Region 5. The camps need fine tuning with attention to basics. The following issues will be addressed with the camp coordinators.

1. Vaulting
 - a. Speed development
 - b. Round off mechanics
 - c. board techniques
 - d. rotational drills
 - e. blocking drills
 - f. uphill timers
 - g. post flight twist mechanics
2. Bars
 - a. Kip casting excellence
 - b. Swing efficiency and alignment
 - c. Pirouetting
 - d. Dismount amplitude
 - e. Proper shapes
 - f. Form and execution
3. Beam
 - a. Range of motion on leaps and jumps
 - b. Landing technique
 - c. Back handspring efficiency
 - d. Turn excellence
4. Tumbling
 - a. Round off mechanics
 - b. Back handspring speed and body tension
 - c. Blocking and setting drills
 - d. Up-hill tumbling timers
 - e. Rotational drills
 - f. Twisting and flipping mechanics
5. Floor Dance
 - a. Leap technique
 - b. Increasing range of motion
 - c. Turn proficiency
 - d. Presentation artistry

B. Junior Olympic Program Committee Report

Much of the meeting was devoted to the Xcel program. The minutes from this meeting can be found on usagym.org.

The new Junior Olympic Program, which will take affect August 1, 2013, outlines five compulsory levels and five optional levels.

Levels 1-2: Developmental (but some regions may compete at these levels)

Level 3: Beginner Compulsory similar to the current Level 4

Level 4: Intermediate Compulsory similar to the current Level 5

Level 5: Advanced Compulsory similar to the current Level 6

Levels 6-10: Optional levels

C. Junior Olympic National Results

1. National Qualifiers
 - a. Twistars – 10
 - b. IGI – 5

- c. Olympia – 4
 - d. Legacy Elite – 4
 - e. Phenom – 4
 - f. United – 3
2. National Medalists
 - a. Twistars – 21
 - b. Phenom – 5
 - c. Legacy Elite – 5
 - d. Olympia – 4
 - e. IGI – 4
 - f. Perfection – 4
 3. National Champions
 - a. Twistars – Grace Williams (AA)
 - b. Phenom – Keely Kmeciak (AA)
 - c. Champion USA – Nicole Artz (FL)
 4. National Team Members
 - a. Twistars – Grace Williams and Kameron Moore
 - b. Phenom – Keely Kmeciak

D. All Star Team

The Region 5 All Star Team has been determined. The proposed All Star Team trip will be October 19-23, 2012 in Panama. We are organizing a workshop/training camp to help spread our knowledge and assist the development of gymnastics in that region of the world. The 2012 All Star Team Members are:

1. Grace Williams – Twistars USA – 38.775
2. Kameron Moore – Twistars USA – 38.488
3. Amanda Wellick – Legacy Elite – 38.369
4. Bailey Gardner – Twistars USA – 38.138
5. Alyssa Shermataro – Olympia – 38.094
6. Mary Jane Horth – Gym World – 38.075
7. Anna Hill – Twistars USA – 38.038
8. Nicole Artz – Champion USA – 37.938

Elite Spots – Senior National Team Members

1. Jordyn Wieber – Twistars USA
2. Bridget Sloan – Sharps
3. Anna Li – Legacy Elite

Elite Spots – Junior National Team Members

1. Lexi Priessman – CGA
2. Amelia Hundley – CGA

(All Elite gymnasts listed above are ineligible to travel with the All Star Team due to national team obligations.)

All Star Team Alternates

1. Nia Dennis of Buckeye Gymnastics is the only elite eligible for travel at this time. It is believed that she may be named to the national team this fall which would make her ineligible.

Junior Olympic All Star Team Alternates

3. Melissa Zurawski – Balance Institute – 37.813
4. Payton Richards – Phenom – 37.744
5. Rachel Haines – Twistars USA – 37.713

6. Tenielle Funches – 37.713

If gymnasts can be added based on site transportation arrangements and a pay-your-own-way scenario, they will be added in the following order.

1. Jessica Peszek – Deveaus – 37.000
2. Nicole Gendusa – IGI – 37.638
3. Sydney McGlone – UGI – 37.594
4. Marissa Oakley – Phenom – 37.581
5. Jessica Ling – Oakland – 37.563
6. Amanda Kowalski – Perfection – 37.563
7. Eileen Malecki – IGI – 37.425
8. Emma McClean – Stars and Stripes – 37.138

XII. XCEL PROGRAM (Jim Comiskey)

- A. No states rights.
- B. There are five levels with Diamond being equal to Level 9.
- C. The Bronze level will be a non-competitive in-house level.
- D. The age groups have changed. The Bronze level can be any age. To compete at the Silver level a gymnast must be age 7, Gold level must be age 8, Platinum level must be age 9, and Diamond must be age 10.
- E. How the Xcel program is used is based on the individual philosophy of the gym.
- F. The air board can be used at the Bronze and Silver level, but the start values will be lower.
- G. Bonus will still be applied.
- H. The maximum times for beam and floor have not been determined.
- I. Region 5 and 6 are using the new rules with modifications during the 2012-2013 season. *(The Region 5 Administrative Committee decided to leave the regional Xcel competition as an invitational).*

XIII. HALL OF FAME (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. The biographies of all nominees were sent to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. It was determined that a point system be used in which each Regional Administrative Committee voting member would list their choice for the top five nominees (*Dr. Larry Nassar deferred his induction from 2011 to 2012, therefore, only five names were needed this year*). The top ranked nominee would receive five points; the second ranked nominee would receive four points, etc. The points for the nominees were tallied by Nina Dent. The five nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. A conference call will be set up with the Selection Committee to determine the 2012 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.
- B. The Hall of Fame Guidelines were distributed with the updated election process. This will be placed on the Region 5 website.

The motion was made to recommend to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee to induct nominees that receive a minimum of 50% of the total possible points for induction.

Motion:	Nina Dent
2nd:	Linda Barclay
Passed:	Unanimous

XIV. REGIONAL MEETS

A. 2011-2012 Season Overview

USA Gymnastics does not require scores to be verified at the end of a meet. This rule affected a gymnast at the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. The problem was rectified, but verification of the scores should be done to eliminate human error. Checking of the scores is part of the judges judging time.

The motion was made to require score verification at all regional championships.

Motion: Jim Comiskey
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

B. The Level 8 State Meet hosts need to submit their state meet results in a timely fashion so that the state teams can be determined for the Level 8 Regional Championships. The number of members on the state teams will be discussed at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

C. Financial Reports

The financial reports were presented with the Level 8 Regional meet showing a profit of \$569.00, and the Level 9/10 Regional meet showing a loss of \$3675.00.

D. Qualifying scores for the 2013 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8: 34.00
Level 9: 34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)
Level 10: 34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)

E. Entry Fees

Entry fees for the 2013 Regional Championships will be discussed at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

F. Judging Panels

The Judging Panels for the 2013 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8: 2 judge panels
Level 9: 4 judge panels
Level 10: 4 judge panels

G. Administrative Fees

The administrative fees will remain \$1.00 per gymnast at all sanctioned meets.

XV. CALENDAR

- **Level 9 & 10 Regionals:** April 12-13, 2013
- **Level 8 Regionals:** April 19-21, 2013
- **Level 9 Easterns:** May 2-5, 2013; Battle Creek, Michigan – Host: Branch Gymnastics
- **JO Nationals:** May 9-11, 2013; Minneapolis, Minnesota – Host: Twin City Twisters
- **NIT:** May 12, 2013; Minneapolis, Minnesota – Host: Twin City Twisters
- **National Compulsory Workshop:** May 31-June 2, 2013; Lake Buena Vista, Florida (ESPN Wide World of Sports)
- **National Compulsory Workshop:** June 7-9, 2013; Reno, Nevada
- **National Congress:** August 14-17, 2013
- **Region 5 Congress:** September 13-15, 2013; Hilton Columbus Downtown, Ohio
- **Level 9 & 10 Regionals:** April 11-13, 2014
- **Level 8 Regionals:** April 25-27, 2014
- **Level 9 Easterns:** May 1-4, 2014; Bradenton, Florida – Host: Tampa Bay Turners

- **JO Nationals:** May 8-10, 2014; Jackson, Mississippi – Host: Meet Control & MS-USAG
- **NIT:** May 11, 2014; Jackson, Mississippi – Host: Meet Control & MS-USAG
- **Region 5 Congress:** September 12-14, 2014; Hilton Columbus downtown, Ohio

XVI. REGIONAL CONGRESS

- A. The Region 5 Congress is scheduled for September 13-16, 2012 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, IN (same site as last year).
- B. There will be designated shirts for the Administrative Committee to wear each day. The Regional Committee is asked not to wear blue jeans, warm-up pants, or short shorts.
- C. Congress Responsibilities – Regional Administrative Committee and Volunteers
 1. The Regional Administrative Committee is asked to be visible and answer any questions the Congress attendees may have. Please help to maintain a clean and organized environment.
 2. Hilary Carlson and Kathy Feldmann will be the public relations persons on site.
 3. The Directors of Information will be Norbert Bendixen and Vicki Smith.
 4. The main registration table will be manned by Rachel Brazo, Nina Dent, and Gordy Feldmann.
 5. The Region 5 Store will be manned by Augusta Lipsey, Claudia Kretschmer, Gordy Feldmann, and Linda Barclay's volunteers.
 6. The hospitality room will be under the direction of Shirley Ashley.
 7. Jim Comiskey will be the audio trouble shooter.
 8. Kathy Feldmann will be the director of the vendors.
- D. Congress Responsibilities – Volunteers
 1. Linda Barclay is asked to involve volunteers from each state at the Regional Congress.
 2. Volunteers will have their congress registration waived if they work seven or eight sessions.
 3. One volunteer is needed per session to be the session coordinator. Possible jobs include the following: introduce the speaker, have water available for the speaker, check credentials of the audience, distribute the speaker's handouts if applicable, and complete the feedback form.
- E. Auction
 1. Linda Barclay briefly discussed information on a casino party fundraiser rather than an auction. She will look into it further.
- F. Banquet
 1. The Regional Administrative Committee is asked to promote and assist with preparation of the banquet.
 2. The Regional Administrative Committee and Kathy and Gordy Feldmann will assist with the set-up of the banquet.
 3. Nina Dent and Linda Barclay will collect tickets and money for the banquet.
 4. Bobbi Montanari will open and close the banquet.
 5. An invocation will be offered by Augusta Lipsey.
 6. John Geddert will be the Master of Ceremony with another person who is to be determined.
 7. The photographer and videographer will be Bret Norman and Kristin Moore.
 8. Jim Comiskey will be in charge of the lighting for the banquet.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

A mission statement will be developed by Bobbi Montanari and sent to the Regional Administrative Committee for approval. Following approval it will be placed on the regional website.

The focus of the 2013 Congress will be the new compulsories.

Clarification - As per the USA Gymnastics 2011-2012 Rules and Policies book, athletes whose petition has been approved but choose not to compete, will not be eligible for a refund unless the refund request was made 10 days or more from the date of the meet.

XVIII. NEXT MEETING

1. The next Regional Administrative Committee meeting will be September 16, 2012 at 1:00 pm following the Regional Congress.
2. Agenda items include
 - a. Overview of the Regional Congress
 - b. Regional Meet Bids
 - c. Judging Recommendations
 - d. Regional Championship Entry Fees
 - e. Level 8 State team composition
 - f. Training Camps
3. The 2013 summer Regional Administrative Committee meeting will be scheduled from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted 7/15/12

Augusta A. Lipsey

Region 5 Administrative Committee Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
September 25, 2011; 1:00 – 4:56 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari, at 1:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region 5-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

Present through Skype

John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)

Guest

Kristin Moore, Regional Apparel Coordinator and Regional Webmaster

Absent

Jim Comiskey, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)

III. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, asked the Committee to give their opinion on the positive aspects of this year's Regional Congress as well as areas that can be improved.

A. Positives

1. The volunteers were excellent. They were always in place which allowed the Regional Administrative Committee to be relieved of the responsibility of overseeing all aspects of the Congress.
2. The signage was very informative.
3. The banquet was very heartening.
4. This year's Congress was well rounded.
5. The banquet was inspiring.
6. Honoring Walt Lienert at the banquet was very gratifying.
7. Thanks to Kristin Moore for all of the advanced technology. It made the banquet wonderful. Jason McDonald's videos were awesome also.
8. It was good to see so many people in Region 5 apparel.

B. Concerns

1. The banquet ticket system is still broken. Rachel Brazo should be the only person to accept money for tickets. The list of people that have paid for the banquet must be

- provided before the banquet. USA Gymnastics should have a place online that is separate from the Congress Registration that will allow people to register for the banquet exclusively. There is not a simple process to allow people to purchase banquet tickets after the fact.
2. On-site registration should be in a room rather than in the hall. The area was cramped.
 3. The auction and the banquet were in need of larger rooms. Bobbi Montanari, RACC, stated that both events will be in larger rooms next year.
 4. A floor plan of the facility to show the location of the rooms should be printed in the program.
 5. The atmosphere of the auction was very distracting.
 6. Nina Dent feels that the states are spending more money on the states baskets for the auction than it is worth. If the purpose of the auction is to make money and to bring people together, there are other ways. A casino night was suggested. Nina, Hilary Carlson, and Linda Barclay will investigate the details associated with a casino night.
 7. We need to reduce the number of signed autographed posters at the auction but the silent auction items need to remain.

C. Suggestions

1. The banquet can offer a plated dinner with a variety of food choices rather than a buffet style meal. Videos of the past season could be played as dinner is being served.
2. Banquet tables should be numbered so people will know at which table they are to sit.
3. Have more people assigned to greet and direct people to the proper banquet table.
4. Schedule the banquet for more than 1½ hours.
5. Schedule the social hour from 6:00-7:00PM with the banquet beginning at 7:00PM.
6. Recognize the past Hall of Fame inductees during the banquet.
7. Display the awards that the All Star Team receives.
8. Consideration should be made for having the auction begin earlier.
9. Display the posters announcing the Regional Award Winners throughout the Congress.
10. Have the Hall of Fame inductees ring available for presentation at the banquet. Also have their name engraved on the inside of the ring.
11. Have the Hall of Fame inductee be responsible for their presentation at the banquet.
12. Ask Jason McDonald to submit a budget to create the Hall of Fame videos.
13. Ask Hall of Fame inductees to submit videos and pictures to Jason by a date set by Jason.
14. Inform Hall of Fame inductees that they will be on the master rooming list of Rachel's/Bobbi.
15. If air travel is needed the Hall of Fame inductee will make arrangements and submit them to the Hall of Fame Director.
16. The Hall of Fame Director shall do a follow-up call to the inductees after sufficient time has been given for the announcement letter to arrive.
17. Encourage different people to present at Regional Congress. Some possible presenters would be Casey Wright and Michelle Hart, Todd Gardiner, Laurie Reed, Laurie Koch from Olympia in Michigan, Cassie Rice, Barry Keelie from Midland,

Jim Jarrett on philosophy, Dr. Larry Nassar, Chris Burdette, and someone from St. Vincent Sports Medicine.

18. Develop a history page on the Regional website. Thanks to Kristin for our awesome new website.

IV. 2012 REGIONAL MEET BIDS

There were two bids for each of the Regional Meets. Since Linda Barclay is involved with USA Sports Production and a co-bidder on each of the Regional Meets, she removed herself from the discussion and the selection of the meet sites. Geddert's Twistars and Wrights Gymnastics bid on the Level 9/10 Regional Meet.

A silent paper vote was taken to determine the host of the Level 9/10 Regional Meet. The results are:

Wright's Gymnastics	3 votes
Geddert's Twistars	2 votes

The 2012 Level 9/10 Regional Meet is awarded to Wrights Gymnastics

Excalibur Gymnastics and Sportastik Gymnastics bid on the Level 8 Regional Meet.

Following some discussion a silent paper vote was taken to determine the host of the Level 8 Regional Meet. The results are:

Gymnastics X-Calibur	4 votes
Sportastik Gymnastics	2 vote

The 2012 Level 8 Regional Meet is awarded to Gymnastics X-Calibur.

V. JUDGES

Char Christensen reminded the State Chairmen to rank at least 14 judges to be submitted to her for the Regional Meet assignments. She also reminded the State Chairmen not to consider any judge that returned their Professional Involvement Form after the deadline date. Char distributed a list of the judges that could be considered for National Meet assignment based on their leadership role in the region. Three are to be selected for the Level 9 Eastern Nationals and four judges are to be selected for the Junior Olympic Nationals. After Hilary Carlson, Char Christensen, Nina Dent, and Augusta Lipsey were excused from the meeting (Kittia Carpenter will not be available for a national meet this year) the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. The following judges were chosen.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Char Christensen
2. Nina Dent
3. Judy Dobransky
4. Linda McDonald

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Judy Kemp

3. Augusta Lipsey

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

1. Sandy Oldham
2. Vicki Smith
3. Donna Trevethan
4. Ann Vogel

VI. NEXT MEETING

Please consider July 10, 2012 from 10:00am – 5:00pm for the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting. Let Bobbi know of any conflicts.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted 9/30/11

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
July 12, 2011; 10:30 – 3:51 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari, at 10:32 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Jim Comiskey, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region 5-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary and Hall of Fame Coordinator

III. WELCOME

Bobbi welcomed the Committee to Indianapolis and thanked them for their work during the past year. Bobbi stated the protocol for communication during the meeting.

IV. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bobbi reminded Committee Members that all communication during the meeting is to be kept confidential. The USA Gymnastics Policy Confidentiality Forms, Ethical Obligations of USA Gymnastics Employees, Officers, Directors and Committee Members, and Conflict of Interest Questionnaire were distributed for each member's signature.

V. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. Following approval the minutes will be posted on the Regional website, State websites, and distributed to the Professional Membership via e-mail and/or newsletters.

VI. COMMUNICATION

Kristin Moore has been appointed Regional Webmaster replacing Bret Norman who will continue to produce the Regional Newsletter. Information for the August 2011 Regional Newsletter is due to Bret Norman by August 1, 2011.

Information for the Regional website should be sent to Bobbi for approval prior to being sent to Kristin.

State websites need to post the following items as they pertain to their state:

- Judges Selection Process
- State specific Rules & Policies
- State Committee Minutes

VII. WOMEN'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT (Bobbi Montanari)

The minutes from the Women's Administrative Committee Meeting can be found on the USA Gymnastics website. Some of the highlights include the following.

1. IIIB. – The Prep Optional Program is now called Xcel.
2. IIIB. – The current judges' fee for the Xcel Program will only be in effect when the recommended entry fee of \$35 or less is followed.
3. IIIG – The maximum entry fee for the Junior Olympic National and the Eastern/Western Championships was raised to \$125.00.

VIII. STATE CHAIRMEN WORKSHOP (Jim Comiskey)

The State Chairmen Workshop was held in Orlando, FL on June 6 & 7, 2011. Some of the highlights are:

1. Gymnasts must compete in the state in which their gym is located or in the state in which they reside – but not both.
2. Entry fees are now \$125.00 for Nationals (as reported in VII)
3. If a coach takes part in an USA Gymnastics sanctioned event without proper credentials, the coach and the Meet Director will be fined.
4. The attorney for USA Gymnastics reminded everyone that information discussed in meetings is to be kept confidential.
5. The phrase “meet head tax” should not be moved. It should be called administrative operating fees.
6. Bullying of the coaches towards the athletes is becoming a concern.
7. Parents are the #1 liability claim at meets in recent years to include falls, mishaps in the parking lot, and other meet site related incidents.
8. The first US Open National Championship was considered very successful. There were approximately 800 competitors this year.
9. A promotional video of the championships can be found on YouTube.
10. The Xcel (Prep Opt.) Program is over 4000 athletes strong. USA Gymnastics is working toward developing a National Xcel Program. This will not go into effect until 2013.
11. Each Region is required to select an Xcel Regional Representative by September 1, 2011.
12. Background checks and safety expiration dates will be coordinated to the same expiration date in the future.
13. Lynn Moskovitz and Cheryl Jarrett introduced the newly designed USA Gymnastics University.
14. The first JO Coaches Certification Camp was held at the Women's Training Center at the ranch in Houston, Texas. The next one will be held at the Women's Training Center at the Ranch on October 10-13, 2011.
15. It is recommended that all meets use MapQuest to determine judge's mileage.

IX. REGIONAL XCEL REPRESENTATIVE

The Xcel Representative position was discussed. Bobbi spoke to Claudia Kretschmer about taking on this assignment.

The motion was made to select Claudia Kretschmer to be the Region 5 Xcel Representative to the National Xcel Committee to develop the National Xcel Program. She must represent our Region 5 Philosophy about the program.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen
Second: Jim Comiskey
Passed: Unanimous

Claudia Kretschmer will present the Region 5 Xcel Program philosophy for approval at the next Region 5 Administrative Committee meeting on September 25th.

X. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char congratulated the Region for their success at the JO Championships and the Level 9 Eastern Nationals. The Level 9's were the overall winner, and the Level 10's came in 2nd.

- A. Because the summer Region 5 Administrative Committee meeting is later than normal, the deadline for the Professional Involvement forms will be September 15, 2011. The forms will be on the Regional website by July 20, 2011. The PIF's are to be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments.
- B. The Professional Involvement Forms should be part of the criteria for choosing the judges at the State and Regional levels. This is the second year for an electronic PIF. Judges not completing a PIF by September 15, 2011 will not be assigned to a State or Regional Meet.
- C. The Judges Recommendation deadline is October 15, 2011. Each State Chairman must submit a rank order list of 12-14 judges to Char by the designated date. Affiliation of each judge must also be documented. Judges will be notified by November 1, 2011 of their selection to judge the National Championships. There is a new goal to have judges know their event assignments for Level 9 and 10 Nationals by December 15, 2011.
- D. Char gave Hilary a huge thank you for once again handling all of the petitions for the Level 8, 9, and 10 Regional Championships. There were approximately 80 petitions.
- E. The Judges Volunteer Form for the Regional Training Camps have been on the Region 5 web site since June 1, 2011. A big shout out goes to Kristin Moore for the Training Camp website. The State Chairmen are asked to place on their State website to remind all judges or coach/judges that plan to volunteer in a leadership role need to complete this form by August 1, 2011.
- F. State newsletters are to be sent to John, Char, and Bobbi.
- G. Char thanked all the state meet directors for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9, and 10 state meet results to her at the end of the optional season.
- H. The State Committees criteria for judge's selection to state meets should be on their State websites or in a newsletter by October 1, 2011. Char asked each State Chairman to summarize their system for determining their rank order list.
 - a. MI – Jim Comiskey stated that a point system is used. It has worked quite well and can be found on the Michigan Gymnastics website.

- b. OH – Nina Dent stated that all the Committee Members get a copy of the Professional Involvement Forms. The assigners and the coaches ranked the judges. Last year there were only two judges that were not ranked in the same order by each group. This year the State Committee will be recommending event assignments. The desire is to limit two State Meets per judge.
 - c. KY - Cap Caudill stated that there are not many judges in KY. They use a point system to rank the judges with input from the assignors.
 - d. IN – Linda Barclay stated that her system was similar to everyone else but they also use the judge’s availability forms. They try to limit the judges to two state meets per judge. Their system will probably remain the same.
 - e. IL- Norbert Bendixen stated that the judges that were given a Regional assignment were given a first and second place vote by each Committee Member then the remainder of the eligible and available judges were voted on by each individual Committee Member via blind vote in number order from three on. If a judge had not turned in a Professional Involvement Form, they did not receive a State Meet assignment. During the State Series Judge Selection process everyone discusses the judges, using a complex system of full committee discussion and then dismissing those judges involved (including spouses) that are eligible and available and then a blind vote is taken by all. Norbert will recommend to the Illinois Committee that a separate State availability form be used this year. Last year, for the first time, an attempt was made to spread out the meet referee responsibilities. Illinois had some problems that occurred and will discuss these problems and use the discussions in their decisions for next year.
- I. All clinics for USA Gymnastics and NAWGJ must be registered with USA Gymnastics. At the end of each session, judges need their CPE forms signed by a designated official. Judges are reminded to print their CPE forms from the USA Gymnastics website.
 - J. State Chairmen are asked to place petition and inquiry forms in their State Handbooks for easy access by coaches.
 - K. Meet Directors are reminded that only recognized meet formats listed in the Rules & Policies can be used. If a format is used that has not been pre-approved or any other violation to the Rules & policies occurs, the violation should be noted on the sanction form.
 - L. Coaches are reminded that a score of 9.0 is required at their State Meet for an event specialist to qualify to the Regional Championships. Qualifying criteria into the State Meets should be on the State websites by October 1, 2011.

XI .REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (John Geddert)

- A. Overview of 2010-2011 Season
We improved over last year’s JO Championship results but were edged out of 1st place due to a couple of age groups that were basically destroyed due to injury. Region 5 won four of the eight age groups and place 2nd in another. We have work to do but we have no reason to hang our heads.
- B. Objectives for 2011-2012 Season

There is an underlying tone of complacency that must change. To recreate the excitement should be a priority this year. We need to find some ways to bring energy to our camps and National Championships.

C. Junior Olympic National Results

More than 25% of the National Team are gymnasts from Region 5. They are listed below.

Twistars USA – Bayle Pickel, Rachel Haines, Lindsey Lemke

IGI – Hayley Scaman, Allison Flores

CGA – Kayla Williams

Buckeye – Nia Dennis

Phenom – Keely Kmeiciak

Arena – Tenille Funches

Mega – Rachel Dickson

The National All Around Champions are

Bayle Pickel – Twistars USA

Allison Flores – IGI

National Event Champions are:

IGI – Scaman (V/UB) and Pearsal (BB)

Twistars USA – Amor (UB) and Lemke (UB)

Buckeye – Dennis (BB)

Gyms with multiple National Qualifiers are:

Twistars USA – 14 (this ties the national record for JO National Qualifiers)

IGI – 10

Legacy Elite – 5

Oakland – 4

Phenom – 4

D. Training Camps

Kristin Moore has designed the 2011 Training Camp T-shirt. There are three sites for the Super Camp this year. We have previously talked about adding a second Hot Shot Camp but the problem is staffing. Jim Comiskey stated that the funds raised from an additional Hot Shot Camp could offset the cost of using the modified capital cup format at the Level 8 Regional Championships. Kittia Carpenter supported offering two sites for the Hot Shot Camp because it would lessen the travel expenses for everyone involved. John Geddert will speak with Dave Rawles about adding a second site.

E. Apparel Fund

The Apparel Fund has been very successful. We were able to pay the Level 9 and Level 10 National Championship entry fees for those who attended a Regional Training Camp.

F. All Star Team

The Region 5 All Star Team has been determined. The All Star Team trip will be to Brazil this year. This will be the regions first trip to South America. Five of the eight gymnasts were on the All Star Team last year. There is usually about a 50% turn over in the All Star Team members. The 2011 All Star Team Members are:

1. Keely Kmeiciak – Phenom

2. Grace Williams – Twistars USA

3. Tenille Funches – Arena
4. Haley Scaman – IGI
5. Kate Kluz – Oakland
6. Amanda Wellick – Legacy
7. Rachel Haines – Twistars USA
8. Lindsey Lemke – Twistars USA

G. Proposals

Because the Region 5 Apparel Fund contains excess funds John suggested three proposals to benefit Region 5.

1. John proposes that the Regional Administrative Committee approve a \$27,000 budget for the All Star Trip to Brazil. This would basically eliminate any co-pay on the part of the athletes and provide them with an “opportunity of a lifetime”.

Via E-mail vote, the proposal was approved on June 29, 2011.

Yes: 5
No: 1
Abstain: 1

2. Level 9 National competitors are not allowed to receive apparel gifts from their Regions, per USA Gymnastics policy, although there is a precedence of allowing gymnasts to purchase apparel. It is proposed that the Region 5 Administrative Committee develop a gift package for the Level 9 National Qualifiers to purchase.

The motion was made to develop a spirit package for Level 9 gymnasts to purchase who have qualified to Nationals.

Motion: John Geddert
Second: Jim Comiskey
Passed: Unanimous

3. John suggested that the Apparel Fund be used to supplement one national clinician for each state clinic or congress in Region 5. This would benefit the Region 5 coaching community.

A motion was made to supplement the state workshops \$2500 that will be retroactive for 2011.

Motion: John Geddert
Second: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

The funds must be documented. Each State Chairman will send an invoice to Bobbi and she will have the funds transferred to the state accounts.

H. Additional Information

1. Kristin Moore would like to know what the Regional Administrative Committee would like on the Regional website. Some of her suggestions are Hall of Fame, Judges, Regional history, etc.
2. Kittia Carpenter stressed concern for the Training Camp format. By Sunday many of the gymnasts are unable to do much because they are not used to training so many hours. The rotations are very long. We should either shorten the day or have it just two days. John Geddert stated that a 40 minute rotation on bars would be difficult. On Sunday they could do six 30 minute rotations and add flexibility

instead of doing only five rotations. John will have Dave Rawles change the rotations for the Super Camp and the Hot Shot Camp to 40 minute rotations on Friday and Saturday and six 30 minute rotations on Sunday. This format will be revisited at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting on September 25, 2011.

XII. JUNIOR OLYMPIC & TECHNICAL COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING

- A. The minutes from this meeting can be found on usa-gymnastics.org.

XIII. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT (Hilary Carlson)

A. Overview of 2010-2011 Season

1. Hilary Carlson felt that the Region had another positive year. The Level 9/10 Regional Meet went well from a judging point of view. She was very proud of the Level 8 Regional judges. Although the format was difficult, the judges did an excellent job of keeping the meet on time and staying at their events until all events were finished.
2. The recent Regional Judging Symposium in Indianapolis was excellent.
3. There have been some problems between the Meet Directors and judges concerning carpools, need of hotels, meals, etc. Development of State guidelines may be on the National horizon.

B. Objectives for 2011-2012 Season

1. One of the biggest challenges throughout the nation is the development of National and Level 10 judges. With meet directors able to request certain judges it is hard to assign other judges to the higher level meets. This leaves the less experienced judges judging at the lower level meets with fewer opportunities to train with higher level judges. NAWGJ is asking that when a meet director requests certain judges that the assigner place one or two "newer" Nationals or Level 10 judges on the meet.
2. A cannon was added to the NAWGJ ethical guideline about Facebook and other social networks. It is inappropriate to contact gymnasts, coaches and parents on social networking sites concerning meets and other gymnastics issues.

C. Additional Information

1. The National Judges Cup will again be in Region 5 at the Indianapolis Convention Center on January 6-8, 2012.
2. Linda McDonald is the new State Judging Director in Illinois. The remaining state judging directors in our region ran unopposed.
3. As the person receiving all regional petitions, Hilary will continue submitting a letter to the state meet directors for the coaches' packets. She has added a statement saying that if the coach has not heard from her within three days of the petition submission, the coach needs to contact her again.

XIV. REGIONAL HALL OF FAME REPORT (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. The biographies of all nominees were sent to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting. It was determined that a point system be used in which each Regional Administrative Committee voting member would list their choice for the top six nominees. The top ranked nominee would receive six points; the second ranked nominee would receive five points, etc. The points for the nominees were tallied by Kittia

Carpenter. The six nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be presented to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will conduct a conference call on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 to determine the 2011 inductees into the Region 5 USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame. Three nominees will be inducted this year.

XV. REGIONAL MEETS

A. Overview

There was discussion about the format of the Level 8 Regional Championships.

A motion was made to use the modified capital cup format at the Level 8 Regional Meet with the option of doing a two or three day meet. The bids will be due by September 1, 2011.

Motion: Jim Comiskey
Second: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Kittia Carpenter suggested that the Regional Administrative Committee pay for one set of equipment of a modified capital cup format Level 8 Regional Meet.

A motion was made that if the 2012 Level 8 Regional Meet host chooses to run a two gym-two day modified capital cup format meet, the Regional Administrative Committee will fund one set of apparatus at a maximum of \$6000.00.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Linda Barclay
Passed: Unanimous

The meet host will have to provide documentation of the costs.

B. Financial Reports

The financial reports were presented with each showing a profit.

C. Request from Ron Ganim

Ron Ganim of Gym World hosted the Level 9/10 Regional Championships and paid the meet workers because they do not have a booster club. He would like to be reimbursed \$2652.00 for this expense and the expenses related to apparel which included: rental of a truck, Apparel Chairman, and additional workers. The Committee stated that the rental of the truck was a legitimate expense, but the payment to the workers was a choice. If we reimburse him for the workers, we would need to reimburse other gyms that have done this before. This should be considered a normal operating expense. The apparel truck rental will be reimbursed \$159.00.

D. Qualifying Scores, Entry Fees and Judging Panels

Qualifying scores for the 2012 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8: 34.00
Level 9: 34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)
Level 10: 34.00 (established by USA Gymnastics)

E. Entry Fees

Entry fees for the 2012 Regional Championships will remain the same.

- Level 8: \$80.00
- Level 9: \$80.00
- Level 10: \$80.00

F. Judging Panels

The Judging Panels for the 2012 Regional Championships will remain the same.

- Level 8: 2 judge panels
- Level 9: 4 judge panels
- Level 10: 4 judge panels

XVI. REGION 5 USA GYMNASTICS CALENDAR

	2012	2013	2014
9/10 State Meets	March 24-25 or March 31/Apr. 1	March 23-24 or March 16-17	March 22-23 or March 15-16
9/10 Regionals	April 12-14	April 12-14	April 11-13
Level 8 Regionals	April 27-29		
Level 9 East Nationals	May 3-6 Landover, MD	May 2-5 Region 5 or 8	May 1-4
JO Nationals/NIT	May 10-13	May 9-12	May 8-11
JO National Compulsory Workshops		May 31-June 2 Indianapolis, IN June 7-9 Reno, NV	

XVII. NATIONAL CONGRESS

The USA Gymnastics National Congress will be held August 17-20, 2011 in St. Paul, Minnesota. All State Administrative Committee Chairmen are required to attend. The Business Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2011. This is an approved business expense for State Chairman. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is on Friday, August 19, 2011. Region 5 has purchased two tables for the ceremony. Each State may invite two people to join the Regional Administrative Committee for the Hall of Fame luncheon.

XVIII. REGIONAL CONGRESS

A. The Region 5 Congress is scheduled for September 23-25, 2011 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, IN.

B. Congress Responsibilities

1. Watch for e-mails from Kristin Moore regarding the proper shirt to wear each day. The Regional Committee is asked not to wear blue jeans, warm-up pants or short shorts.
2. The Regional Administrative Committee is asked to be visible and answer any questions the Congress attendees may have. Please help to maintain a clean and organized environment.
3. Cap Caudill will be our public relations person on site.

4. The Regional Administrative Committee is to promote the Auction. Augusta Lipsey and Norbert Bendixen will assist with the set-up and assist Kristin with the selling of the items.
 5. Kristin Moore and Kittia Carpenter are responsible for the preparation of the Banquet. All Regional Committee Members are required to assist with the set-up for the Banquet.
 6. Nina Dent and Linda Barclay will collect tickets and money for the banquet.
 7. Bret Norman will be the photographer for the banquet.
 8. Jim Comiskey and Ed Gibson will be the audio trouble shooter.
- C. Volunteers
1. Volunteers will get their congress registration waived if they work seven or eight sessions.
 2. One volunteer will need to work with Rachel Brazo at the main registration table.
 3. Any professional member can volunteer by contacting Linda Barclay.
 4. We will need one volunteer per session to be the session coordinator. Possible jobs include introducing the speaker, have water available for the speaker, check credentials of the audience, distribute the speaker's handouts if applicable, and complete the feedback form. Bobbi will develop a complete job description for the session coordinators.
- D. Kristin Moore will set up the Apparel Store and assign work shifts for the Regional Administrative Committee.
- E. Next year's Congress is scheduled for September 13-16, 2012 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, IN.

XIX. Next Meeting

- A. The next Regional Administrative Committee meeting will be September 25, 2011 at 1:00 pm following the Regional Congress.
- B. Agenda items include
 1. Overview of the Regional Congress
 2. Regional Meet Bids
 3. Judging Recommendations
 4. Region 5 Xcel Program Philosophy
 5. Training Camp Rotations

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM

Respectfully Submitted 7/18/11
Augusta A. Lipsey
Regional Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
September 12, 2010; 1:00 – 2:43 p.m.
Itasca, IL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 1:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Jim Comiskey, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary
Bret Norman, Regional Webmaster
Kristin Moore, Regional Apparel Coordinator

Absent

Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Ed Gibson, Regional Special Events Coordinator

III. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, asked the Committee for their opinion of the success of this year's Regional Congress. The consensus was that the Congress was great. We had the largest attendance in history. There were approximately 600 registered for the Congress. Any suggestions for the 2011 Congress should be sent to Bobbi Montanari.

The date and site for the 2011 Congress was discussed. The Committee felt that having the Congress on the first weekend following the start of the fall sessions was difficult. The fourth weekend of September will be presented to the USA Gymnastics office as the desired weekend for the 2011 Region 5 Congress. It had been suggested that the Congress should stay consistently in a centrally located city. Indianapolis was the suggested location. The Region 5 Administrative Committee had previously decided to have the Congress in the same state for two years in a row before moving to another state. Norbert Bendixen stated that he would still like to see Ohio and Michigan have the chance to host the Regional Congress. Bobbi Montanari said she would have USA Gymnastics look into both Indianapolis and Ohio.

Kristin Moore reported that the Region 5 Store made \$4508.00 in sales during the Region 5 Congress.

IV. 2011 REGIONAL MEET BIDS

There are three bids for the Level 8 Regional Meet. They are Branch Gymnastics (Michigan), Olympic Dreams Gymnastics (Ohio) and Twistars Gymnastics Booster Club (Michigan). The

Level 9/10 Regional Meet Bids were received from DeVeau's Booster Club (Indiana) and Gymnastics World (Ohio). John Geddert said that he would like to see the meets spread around in the Region. Since both Regional Meets were held in Michigan in 2010 the obvious choice for the Level 8 host would be Olympic Dreams Gymnastics. Gymnastics World has also not held a Regional Meet in a long time. If Gymnastics World were to host the Level 9/10 Regional Meet the facility would be two or three blocks from the NCAA National Gymnastics Meet site. The city is trying to make the hosting of these two meets in Cleveland, Ohio a large event for the community.

A motion was made to award the Level 9/10 Regional Gymnastics Meet to Gymnastics World of Broadview Heights, Ohio.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: 5-Yea, 1-Nay

A paper vote was taken to determine the Level 8 Regional Gymnastics Meet host.

Gedderts Twistars 4
Olympic Dreams 2

Because Branch Gymnastics hosted the Level 8 Region 5 Championship Meet in 2010 and the Committee preferred not to have both Regional Championships in the same state, the 2011 Level 8 Region 5 Championships will be hosted by Geddert's Twistars.

Kittia Carpenter will contact all Meet Directors to inform them of the results of the bid requests.

Norbert Bendixen suggested that all future bids should include a floor plan and a listing of the equipment. Bret Norman will change the bid form to include these changes.

VI. 2010 LEVEL 8 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW NOTES FROM AL SCHARNS

Al Scharns of Branch Gymnastics wrote suggestions to the Region 5 Administrative Committee following the hosting of the 2010 Level 8 Regional Championships. The Committee reviewed each of these suggestions and took action on some of them.

1. For the State Teams, three scores count for a traditional format meet with seven gymnasts and four scores count for a capital cup format meet with eight gymnasts. If a member of a State Team is unable to compete, All Stars cannot replace gymnasts as part of the State Team. Char Christensen will put this in the Regional Meet Reminders.
2. Al Scharns suggested that 45 - 60 minutes be provided for the general stretch and check-in for the first session of the morning. The Region 5 Administrative Committee responded that the guidelines in the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies will be followed.
3. The suggestion was made that substitutions made after 12:00 noon on Thursday prior to the first day of the competition be granted, but the athlete(s) will not change squads or flights. Their scores will be counted for the State Team if applicable. This will eliminate delays, confusion, and disorganization that result from the need to reproduce the rotation sheets at the last minute for the coaches, judges, referee, and music personnel. The Region 5 Administrative Committee agreed to not allow substitutes to the State Teams after Wednesday noon prior to the day of the meet.
4. Most gyms do not have two or more coaches that can attend the Level 8 Regional Meet. However, by using the modified capital cup format, and placing individual qualifier(s) in the opposite flight on the same event as the State Team gymnast(s) from the Same

Team, one coach can coach both the State Team gymnast(s) and the individual qualifier(s) at the same time. Two coaches would be necessary if the club has gymnasts in both the senior and the junior gym. The Region 5 Administrative Committee agreed that this suggestion would be ideal, but it is not always possible. However, it will be recommended.

5. There are discrepancies concerning the awards (the size of the medals and number of plaques). The Region 5 Administrative Committee responded that each gymnast on the winning State Team is to receive a plaque. The names of the gymnasts on the state winning team are to be announced to eliminate confusion. Kittia Carpenter will order the medals and the plaques from A-1 Awards to standardize the awards.
6. The USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies states that 3.5 minutes per gymnast are to be used for setting up the meet schedule for traditional and capital cup formats. Less time is required for the modified capital cup format. The 2010 Level 8 Region 5 Meet used 3.15 minutes per gymnast to schedule the meet and consistently finished 45 minutes or more early. Al Scharns suggested that closer to 3 minutes per gymnast be used to determine the meet schedule. The Region 5 Administrative Committee unanimously agreed to implement this suggestion.
7. Al Scharns, the meet director for the 2010 Level 8 Regional Meet, did not receive all of the meet entries until seven days after the meet deadline. All people involved, State Meet Directors and State Chairman, must know who is to receive the entries. The Region 5 Administrative Committee requires that the results be electronically sent to the Regional Meet Director the day after the state meet. The results should also be sent by overnight mail to the Regional Meet Director as stated on page 26 of the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies.

A motion was made to accept all of the changes made as a result of the suggestions supplied by Al Scharns.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: John Geddert
Passed: Unanimous

VII. REVIEW OF HALL OF FAME PROCEDURES

The question was asked if the procedure used to select the Hall of Fame inductees is mathematically eliminating people from selection. John Geddert stated that he would like to see the Selection Committee have an open discussion to select the inductees. The Hall of Fame Director, Augusta Lipsey, will determine a time for the Committee to meet to determine the 2011 Hall of Fame inductees.

A motion was made to add a minimum of three people to the 2011 Region 5 Hall of Fame.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

John Geddert reminded each State Chair to nominate at least one person for the Region 5 Hall of Fame. *(Any USA Gymnastics professional member is eligible to nominate a USA Gymnastics member to the Region 5 Hall of Fame.)*

VIII. REGION 5 WEBSITE

Char Christensen thanked Bret Norman for the Professional Involvement Forms on the Regional Website. Some judges were concerned that they had no confirmation that the completed form

was received by the appropriate people. Bret has remedied this situation. There was one factor missing from the Professional Involvement Form. There was not a place to state affiliation on the form but this system is much improved.

IX. JUDGES

Char Christensen reminded the Region 5 Administrative Committee of upcoming deadlines.

October 1 – The criteria for State Meet assignments should be on the State websites and E-mailed to Bobbi Montanari and Char Christensen.

October 1 – The State Committees judging recommendations for Regional Championships are due to Char Christensen.

Char Christensen reminded the State Chairs to have a clear statement of the specialist criteria on their websites.

Char Christensen distributed a list of the judges that could be considered for National Meet assignment based on their leadership role in the region. Three judges are to be selected for the Level 9 Eastern Nationals and four judges are to be selected for the Junior Olympic Nationals. After Hilary Carlson, Kittia Carpenter, Char Christensen, Nina Dent, and Augusta Lipsey were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. The following judges were chosen.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Char Christensen
2. Nancy Gibson
3. Sandy Oldham
4. Donna Trevethan

Level 9 Eastern Championships (listed alphabetically)

1. Nina Dent
2. Carol Liedtke
3. Mary Roth

Alternates

1. Hilary Carlson
2. Sue Kane

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted 9/19/10

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
June 15, 2010; 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari, at 11:00 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Linda Barclay, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN) effective 7-1-10
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Jim Comiskey, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI) effective 7-1-10
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region 5-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary

Absent

Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Doug Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: MI)

Linda Barclay and Jim Comiskey were welcomed to the Region 5 Committee. Ed Gibson will continue to work with the Committee taking care of the video operations during the Region 5 Congress, obtaining regional scores and calculating the age groups for the Region 5 Level 8 Championships and obtaining the site for the Annual June Region 5 Administrative Committee Meeting. Bobbi Montanari thanked the Committee for their help during a difficult year. She appreciated the extra work that many of the Committee took on during her pet, Sarah's, illness. Kristin Moore was also thanked for the extra work she did with the Region 5 apparel. Kristin attended the Level 9 East Nationals to insure that all of the gymnasts received their apparel.

III. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bobbi Montanari, reminded all Committee Members that all communication during the meeting is to be kept confidential. The USA Gymnastics confidentiality forms will be sent to the Committee Members for signing.

IV. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. Following approval the minutes will be posted on the Regional website, State websites, and distributed to the Professional Membership via e-mail and/or newsletters.

V. COMMUNICATION

The Region 5 Committee is now on Facebook. Each State Chair will be placed on Facebook as an administrator. The Regional newsletter will be printed in July. Information is due to Bret Norman by July 1, 2010.

State Rules and Policies are to be placed on the State websites.

E-mails from the State Chairs are to be copied to the Regional Chair. E-mails from the Regional Chair will be copied to the National Chair, Kathy Ostberg.

VI. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANS REPORT (Hilary Carlson)

Bobbi Montanari thanked Hilary Carlson for attending the Level 10 National Championships and the Women's Administrative Committee Meetings for her. The meeting was held on May 9, 2010 in Dallas, Texas. Hilary Carlson reported that the decision was made that no gifts are to be given to judges beyond their normal pay rate. Some judges have requested to be assigned to certain meets because of the gifts.

USA Gymnastics will be centralizing the banking system for all Regional and State accounts. This change is necessary to stay in compliance with IRS regulations. It will also eliminate Regional and State financial reporting.

Bobbie Montanari stated that all Committee Members may be reimbursed for their Regional and State expenses with the proper documentation (receipts). State Chairs may use their State accounts for reimbursement.

VII. STATE CHAIRMEN WORKSHOP IN LAS VEGAS (Nina Dent)

The State Chairmen Workshop was held separate from the National Congress. Nina Dent stated that it was a very good workshop. There was not the time pressure that is usually felt when the workshop is held in conjunction with the National Congress. The workshop was well thought out. The topics of discussion are listed below.

1. The State Chairmen were told that they must stay professional.
2. When bids are reviewed for meet selection, accessibility for spectators should be considered.
3. The meet director(s) that sign the sanction should be on all meet documents. This is due to liability. The 2009 Edition Gymnastics Risk Management / Safety Course Handbook should be reviewed. The forms in the back of the Handbook should be review by an attorney. Remember that the forms are a guideline. Some of the things in the forms may not apply to your State.
4. It is the State Chairs duty to report violations, not to investigate them.
5. Policies set by the state should be followed.

6. The Prep Opt Program was designed with a soccer mentality. (Get in, compete, have fun).
7. Kathy Feldman reported that the USA Gymnastics has had a 6-7% growth in membership.

VIII. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Bobbi Montanari congratulated Char Christensen for receiving a Service Excellence Award from the State of Ohio.

Char Christensen congratulated and reviewed the successes that Region 5 had at the Level 9 East Championships and the Level 10 National Championships. At the Level 9 Eastern Championships, Region 5 was the overall Champion by winning 10 out of 16 age groups, had 9 All-Around National Champions and 55 gymnasts in the top 10 All-Around. At the Level 10 National Championships, Region 5 took second place and won one age group and took second in two age groups. We also had one All-Around National Champion and 10 in the top 10 All-Around. There were 20 new National qualifiers.

- A. Professional Involvement Forms will be on the web sites and in newsletters by July 1st. The forms are to be returned to the proper officers by September 1st. The PIF forms should be used to assist in the selection of recommended judges for State and Regional assignments. Bobbi Montanari asked all State Chairs to E-mail Bret Norman with their State Meet dates by June 24th. *Norbert Bendixen stated that the State Chairs need to be able to capture the availability dates of judges from the website. The PIF form should be assessable and workable from different servers. It needs to be put into a date base that can be manipulated as needed.*
- B. Judges recommendations for the Level 9 and 10 Nationals from the State Committees are due by the Regional Congress. Judges recommendations for the Regional Championships are due by October 1st. Each State Committee should selected 12-14 judges in rank order for selection for a Regional assignment. Please indicate if the judges are affiliated, as 2-4 judges per state are needed as unaffiliated head judges. *Norbert Bendixen stated the NCAA dates may cause problems with judges meeting the deadline. Char Christensen responded that judges must make a decision if they want to do USA Gymnastics or NCAA. Region 5 does not punish judges for doing NCAA instead of USA Gymnastics. Regional NCAA assignments come out in July.*
- C. During the 2010 Championship season, there were 75 petitions for all of the Regional Championships. Following discussions at the WTC and JO meetings, there will be no changes in the petition procedures for the 2010-2011 Season. Once again Char Christensen thanked Hilary Carlson for her hard work on the petition process. Beginning in 2011, Hilary will begin checking State Meet scores to make sure that petitioning gymnasts have not competed all around at their State Meet. This violation in the petitioning process occurred during 2010.
- D. The Judges Volunteer Forms will be on the Regional website and in newsletters by June 15th. Judges will have a deadline of July 15th to be considered for judging assignments at the Regional Training Camps.

- E. Char Christensen requested that she, John Geddert, and Bobbi Montanari be included in communications from the States via newsletters and web updates.
- F. Char Christensen thanked the States for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9, and 10 State Meets.
results at the end of the optional season. Please continue this process.
- G. State Committees are to have the judges criteria for State Meet assignments on their websites or in their newsletters by October 1st. Judges should be aware of the criteria by which they are being evaluated for State Meet assignments. The criteria should also be sent via E-mail to Bobbi Montanari and Char Christensen by October 1st.
- H. Remember that all clinics for USA Gymnastics and NAWGJ must be registered through USA Gymnastics. Judges must have their CPE forms signed by a designated official at the end of each session. All CPE forms can be found on the USA Gymnastics website. *Nina Dent asked why camps and clinics had to apply to offer CPE credit. By merely applying for a camp or clinic sanction, CPE credit should be available.*
- I. Please include petition and inquiry forms in the State Handbooks for easy access.
- J. A reminder to all Region 5 Members that the only competitive formats that can be followed are listed in the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies booklet. If there is a violation of this or any sanction violation, it should be noted on the revised sanction form.
- K. Each State may determine the qualifying score for individual specialists to enter the State Meet. This criterion is to be posted on the individual State websites by September 1st. Copies are to be sent to Bobby Montanari and Char Christensen. The mobility score for individual specialists is an 8.50. Currently, we do not have injury petitions to Regionals as a specialist.
- L. In 2008 the decision was made that in order for a judge to be recommended for a National Meet, the judge must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Regional Championship in the recommended year. This requirement will continue for the 2011 National Championships.
- M. The list of judges assigned to the Regional Championships will be posted on the State and Regional websites by November 15th. National Championship judges will be posted by January 15th.
- N. Any sanction violations should be noted by the meet director or the meet referee in the comment section on the newly revised sanction form. Violations such as finishing past 10:00PM, over the number of gymnasts allowed for the competitive format, etc. should be noted.
- O. The Level 8 Regional Meet format was discussed. Based on the format there are 7 or 8 gymnasts per team and 3 or 4 scores count per team. No petitioning or specialists can be used to fill the spots. If a state does not have enough to fill a team, all-stars cannot fill the empty spots. *Norbert Bendixen stated that the Level 8 Regional Meet should be a 1 gym system. Modified Capital Cup has coaches possibly in 4 gyms. By using a Capital Cup format we would ease the problem with coaches being with their gymnasts. The cost of the apparatus and equipment would also be less. John Geddert stated that having back to back 10 session weekends would be difficult for coaches. It would be an easier meet to run but now we would need a Friday venue. Sunday night*

tear down is also a logistical nightmare. Jim Comiskey stated that the regional apparatus and equipment the past few years has not been very reputable. John Geddert stated that it is up to this Committee to review the bids and only grant those that will supply equipment from reputable companies.

- P. For Level 9 and 10, the USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies have allowed the use of scores from the previous or current season for the petitioning process. This has not been the case for Level 8's because some Regions use placement by numbers rather than scores. Our Region has the right to allow the use of scores from the previous year.

The motion was made to allow Level 8 gymnasts to petition to Level 8 Regionals by using scores from the current or previous season.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: John Geddert
Passed: Unanimous

- Q. A request was made to the Regional Committee to have the high school seniors compete on Friday so that the competition would not interfere with their high school proms. Proms in different school districts are not always on a Friday night or always on a Saturday night therefore this request cannot be granted.

IX. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (John Geddert)

A. Overview of 2009-2010 Season

Although we did continue our 21 year streak of at least one National Championship title, the season was somewhat unfulfilling. Region 5 finished 2nd overall at the Level 10 Championships. Although the Level 9's won, they gave away some ground. There seemed to be less "team spirit", and the underlying tone may have been leaning toward complacency.

B. Objectives for the 2010-2011 Season

We will go back to the drawing board and stick with what we have done in the past. BASICS. Consistency and cleanliness of routines is what has worked in the past. This will be the main focus of training camps and newsletters.

C. Junior Olympic Program Meetings

The minutes from this meeting can be found online. Criteria for the selection of the JO Coach of the Year were discussed. John Geddert suggested to the Regional Committee that two or three names be solicited then after the results of Nationals are determined, choose the person from our region that will be nominated for this award. Some of the criteria to be used is excellence in multiple levels, contributes to the Region and sportsmanship. The format for the Level 9 East and West Championships was discussed. The East Championships will remain with 16 age groups while the West Championships will use 8 age groups with 12 athletes per Region.

D. Regional Training Camps

The 2009 Training Camps were very successful. Special thanks go to Dave Rawles and Glen Willmeng for organizing the details of the various camps. We had the largest participation ever which resulted in having to add a third Super Camp site. This year we are starting with three sites. There were fewer complaints about the

Camps in 2009. The total income from the Camps was \$85,600. *Nina Dent stated that the Camps have lost some of their spirit. There is no cheerleading as Dan Miller used to do. Kittia Carpenter noted that there are no Training Camps in Ohio in 2010. John Geddert stated that there used to be a bid process but everyone thinks their gym is worthy of a Camp so Dave Rawles solicits Camp sites with a phone call. Kittia responded that Buckeye Gymnastics would be interested in holding a Regional Camp. Nina Dent stated that people have complained about working the Camps and only receiving a t-shirt. John Geddert responded that each club gets a suitcase, computer bag, flip flops, beach towel, and three t-shirts if they qualify a gymnast to Level 10 Nationals. John Geddert will speak to Dave Rawles about thanking the clinicians at the Camps and on the website. John Geddert will also put something on the website and facebook thanking coaches for their time at the Camps. Bobbi Montanari also thanked Dave Rawles for the Camp Newsletter.*

The 2010 Training Camps are listed below.

- a. Super Camp West – GymKhana, Illinois, August 6-8, 2010.
- b. Super Camp North – Olympia Gymnastics, Michigan, August 6-8, 2010.
- c. Super Camp Central – DeVeaus , Indiana, August 6-8. 2010.
- d. Hot Shot Camp – United Gymnastics, Illinois, September 17-19, 2010.
- e. High Tech Camp – Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 1-4, 2010.
- f. Forward Progress North – Naperville, Illinois, November 5-7, 2010.
- g. Forward Progress South – SIGS, Indiana, November 5-7, 2010.

All information is posted on line on the regional web site.

E. The Apparel Fund

The apparel fund balance is \$28,000. It is usually much less at this time of year.

F. All Star Team Trip

The All Star Team trip will be to Slovenia by way of Venice, Italy. They will be flying into Venice then taking a bus to Ljibijana, Slovenia. The time in Slovenia will be spent in a training/teaching situation using our coaches as clinicians for the host club. The group will then return for two nights in Venice before returning home. The dates of the trip are September 21-28, 2010.

John Geddert suggested that a change be made to the All-Star Team assignments. He proposed that National Team Members be assigned to the All Star Team because they may never receive a National Team assignment.

The motion was made to use rank order at Championships for placement on the Region 5 All Star Team, less any athletes that will be accepting upcoming National Team assignments or have participated in previous years National Team assignments. If a person accepts a Region 5 All Star Team assignment and then declines it because of a National Team assignment the gymnast would be expected to refund the Region the cost of a ticket change.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

A judge will be solicited for the All Star Team trip. The cost of the airline ticket is \$1100 and the hotel is \$300.

G. Standards

Region 5 has built its success on a philosophy of unity and cooperation. There have been isolated instances of coaches straying from this philosophy. When this occurs we try to bring them back into the fold on an individual basis. Without adhering to the directives of our Region we will become ordinary. It is expected that all of our coaches will show and maintain a professional attitude and a spirit of harmony.

X. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT (Hilary Carlson)

A. Overview of 2009-2010 Season

Hilary Carlson was satisfied with the judging assignments for both Regionals. The process for assignments worked well. She would like to keep this procedure in the event that both Regionals are held in the same State. She does have a concern if the Level 9/10 Regionals were to be held on Thursday. John Geddert does not think that this will be an issue since with the rule changes, last year was the peak year.

B. Objectives for 2010-2011

Hilary Carlson feels that the judges' education is lacking for the judges that are not affiliated with a gym. She would like to see some Training Camp changes. At the High Tech and Hot Shot Camps, she recommends a judge be assigned to each event to answer judging questions, give input to gymnasts if they see recurring mistakes and doing other tasks the head clinician believes would be beneficial to the gymnasts. They will also be available to help other judges who attend to see technique, training methods, and assist them to see the difference between great, good and poor performances. This judge will remain at the event the entire day. Judges that are not assigned to an event will be expected to remain at an event for the entire rotation before being allowed to go to another event. Judges that work at one of these camps for an entire day, in a leadership role, will be considered to be assigned to a National Meet along with showing involvement on the Professional Involvement Forms for State and Regional judging assignments.

XI. REGIONAL HALL OF FAME REPORT (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. Augusta Lipsey presented the Regional Administrative Committee with copies of each of the 2010 nominees. Based on the Hall of Fame Guidelines, a maximum of 6 people are to be submitted to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee for final selection. Augusta Lipsey suggested that in the future the nominees biographies should be sent to the Regional Administrative Committee prior to this meeting so that the biographies can be reviewed in advance. The Regional Administrative Committee will review the resumes and E-mail Augusta Lipsey by June 24th with the names of 6 nominees to be considered for induction. The votes will be tallied and the top 6 nominees with the most votes will be submitted to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

XII. REGIONAL MEETS

A. Financial Reports

The financial reports were presented with each showing a profit.

B. Qualifying Scores

The qualifying score for the 2010 Level 8 Regional Meet was lowered to 34.00 from

34.50. When this occurred, it allowed approximately 50 gymnasts to be eligible to compete in the Regional Meet. Only 12-15 gymnasts accepted the invitation.

A motion was made to change the qualifying score for the Level 8's to 34.00.

Motion: Cap Caudill
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

Qualifying scores for the Level 9 and 10 gymnasts are established by USA Gymnastics at 34.00.

C. Entry Fees

Entry fees for the 2011 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8: \$80.00
 Level 9: \$80.00
 Level 10: \$80.00

D. Judging Panels

The Judging Panels for the 2011 Regional Championships will remain the same.

Level 8: 2 judge panels
 Level 9: 4 judge panels
 Level 10: 4 judge panels

XIII. USA GYMNASTICS CALENDAR

Sites listed are pending final contracts.

	2011	2012	2013
9/10 State Meets	March 26-27	March 24-25	March 23-24
9/10 Regionals	April 15-17	April 20-22	April 13-14
Level 10 only Regionals	April 9-10	April 28-29	April 20-21
Level 9 East Nationals	May 5-8 Worcester, MA	May 10-13	May 3-5
JO Nationals	May 12-15 Long Beach, CA	May 17-20	May 10-13
JO National Compulsory Workshops			May 31-June 2 Indianapolis, IN June 7-9 Reno, NV

The Level 8 Regional is the week after Easter on April 29-May 1, 2011.

The NCAA National Championships will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on April 15-17, 2011.

XIV. THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

The USA Gymnastics National Congress will be held August 11-14, 2010 in Hartford, Connecticut. All State Administrative Committee Chairmen are requested to attend. The Business Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th. This is an approved business expense for State Chairman. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is on Friday, August 13th. Region 5 has purchased two tables for the ceremony.

XV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

A. The Regional Congress is scheduled for September 9-12, 2010 at the Westin Chicago, Itasca, IL.

- B. Work has just begun on this year’s congress. Cheryl Jarrett, JO Chair and one of the JO Compulsory Choreographers, will be one of our quest speakers.
- C. Char Christensen will be responsible for the judging tract.
- D. Congress Responsibilities
 - 1. Watch for E-mails from Kristin Moore regarding the proper shirt to wear each day. The Regional Committee is asked not to wear blue jeans, warm-up pants or short shorts.
 - 2. The Regional Administrative Committee is asked to be visible and answer any questions the Congress attendees may have. Please help to maintain a clean and organized environment.
 - 3. Debbie Roller, Universal Gymnasts’ secretary, will monitor the “food break room” and see to the needs of the vendors.
 - 4. Shirley Ashley, Universal Gymnasts’ secretary, will assist Kristin Moore in the Apparel Store.
 - 5. The Regional Administrative Committee is to promote the Auction, assist with the set-up and assist Kristin with the selling of the items.
 - 6. Kristin Moore and Kittia Carpenter are responsible for the preparation of the Banquet. All Regional Committee Members are required to assist with the set-up for the Banquet.
 - 7. Nina Dent and Linda Barclay will collect tickets and money for the banquet. Nina Dent will brainstorm to come up with a better system for entering the Banquet.
 - 8. John Geddert and Dan Miller will be the Masters of Ceremonies
 - 9. Bret Norman will be the photographer for the banquet.
 - 10. Ed Gibson is the audio trouble shooter.
 - 11. Norbert Bendixen will direct the Illinois volunteers with their responsibilities.
 - 12. Jim Comiskey will be in charge of the trivia contests. Char Christensen will compose the questions.

Kristin Moore has volunteered a lot of her time and money to Region 5 as the apparel coordinator.

A motion was made to increase Kristin Moore’s stipend to \$1500.00 per year from \$800.00.

Motion:	Char Christensen
2nd:	Cap Caudill
Passed:	Unanimous

- E. The 2011 Region 5 Congress will be held on September 16-18, 2011. The State Chairs of Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio are asked to investigate possible sites for the Congress.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

Level 8 Regional Format – If the Level 8 Regional format is modified capital cup, clubs could send fewer coaches. Bids will be solicited with either modified capital cup (one gym) or double modified capital cup (two gyms). The quality of the apparatus and equipment will be a primary consideration in awarding a bid.

Jim Comiskey asked if the date can be moved up when the Regional Administrative Committee selects the sites for the Regional Meets. This could be beneficial for the Meet Directors because it takes time to organize the meet. Bobbi Montanari commented that that would require scheduling another meeting for the Committee. John Geddert also responded that Booster Clubs are having a change in their administration right now so the Booster Club that directs the meet could be different than the one that put the bid in.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted 6/30/10

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
September 20, 2009; 1:01 – 2:50 p.m.
Schaumburg, IL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 1:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary
Bret Norman, Regional Webmaster
Kristin Moore, Regional Apparel Coordinator

Absent

Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman

III. MINUTES

The minutes will be distributed to the Regional Administrative Committee for approval as soon as possible. The minutes will be posted on the Regional website, State websites, and distributed to the Professional Membership via E-mail and/or newsletters.

IV. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, thanked the committee for all their hard work in making this years Regional Congress successful. There were 588 people registered for the Congress. The contracts are not signed at this time but Bobbi Montanari is 99% sure that the 2010 Regional Congress will be held in the same facility as the 2009 Regional Congress. Comments and suggestions for the 2010 Regional Congress are presented below.

- A. People attending the banquet liked having presentations while they were eating.
- B. Vendors liked having the food cart brought to them in the vending area.
- C. The vendors felt that the location of their booths was not conducive to excessive traffic. (*RACC, Bobbi Montanari, stated that she was aware of the problem and is considering having the coaching track of the Congress at the far end of the exhibit hall to generate more traffic flow*).
- D. The vendors would like a satisfaction survey.
- E. Bobbi Montanari will write thank-you notes to the vendors and speakers.
- F. Ed Gibson needs to know what audio-visual equipment belongs in each room.
- G. A copier should be rented for use during the Congress.

- H. More time is needed for the set up of the banquet.
- I. The stage is not needed for the banquet.
- J. The auction should be in a room that allows for people to sit.
- K. Auction items should be placed in the vendor area for viewing prior to the auction.
- L. Food at the auction was good.
- M. The rooms for the auction, banquet and add-ons should be published in the Congress program.
- N. Each room should have a Mac computer adaptor.
- O. Handouts should be received before the beginning of the Congress for inclusion in the Congress Program.
- P. The CPE form should continue to be placed in the program. This was very convenient for the judges.
- Q. Region 5 appreciates USAG's help but we would rather organize the Congress in a more timely manner. Region 5 would like USAG to handle the Congress registrations while the region contract the speakers and vendors.
- R. Illinois will provide additional people to help with the registration at the 2010 Regional Congress.
- S. Bags should be stuffed in advance of the Congress. Norbert Bendixen may be able to have a gym stuff the bags.
- T. The presenters liked having Region 5 shirts to wear.

V. OVERVIEW OF WEBSITE

- A. The Hall of Fame page will be updated to have the same format for all inductees. Kristin Moore will send Bret Norman the pictures and biographies in the same format that the Hall of Fame book was printed.
- B. Bret Norman will work on putting a Professional Involvement Form on the website so that it can be completed online. *(The year of participation in the regional camps needs to be specified.)*

VI. REGIONAL MEET BIDS

The Regional Administrative Committee received one bid for each of the Regional Championships therefore the Level 9/10 Regional Championship will be hosted by Geddert's Twistars of Michigan and the Level 8 Regional Championship will be hosted by Branch Gymnastics of Michigan. The Level 9/10 Regional Championship will be held at The Summit at Capitol Center on April 8-11, 2010 under the directorship of John Geedert. The Level 8 Regional Championship will be held at Western Michigan University on April 16-18, 2010 under the directorship of Al Scharns.

VII. JUDGING RECOMMENDATIONS

Char Christensen presented a list of all the judges that have participated or will be participating in the 2009 Regional Camps. Hilary Carlson presented a list of the judges that are available for Regional and National Championships. The current policy is to have half of the judges for a Regional Championship come from the state in which the Championship is held. Since there are only seven judges available in Michigan for the Level 9/10 Championship the policy will need to be revised for 2010.

After Kittia Carpenter, Char Christensen, Nina Dent, and Augusta Lipsey were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. The following judges were chosen.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

Char Christensen
Judy Dobransky
Jean Johnson
Judy Kemp

Level 9 East Championships (listed alphabetically)

Michael Crowe
Linda McDonald
Augusta Lipsey

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

Hilary Carlson
Nancy Gibson
Tom Swayzee

When the Regional Championships are in the same state, four judges from the host state and three judges from the remaining states will be selected.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Ed Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

If the Regional Championship host is unable to meet all the expenses generated by the addition of out of state judges, the Regional Administrative Committee and the State Committees will pay up to \$1000.

Motion: Ed Gibson
2nd: Doug Rowe
Passed: Unanimous

VIII. CALENDAR

- A. The State Committee judges recommendations for Regional Championships are due to Char Christensen by November 1, 2009. A minimum of six to eight judges should be chosen for each of the Regional Championships. The State Committee criteria for selecting judges for the State Championships should be on the state websites by October 1, 2009.
- B. Information for the next Regional Newsletter should be sent to Bret Norman by December 1, 2009.

IX. HALL OF FAME

At the present time there are six active nominations for the Region 5 Hall of Fame. Nominations for induction in 2010 can be submitted until April 15, 2010. John Geddert suggested that each

Regional Administrative Committee member nominate one person. Augusta Lipsey will immediately send Bret Norman the 2010 nomination form to be put on the Regional Website.

The Regional Administrative Committee agreed that they were satisfied with having six people on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee will remain at six members with the addition of 2009 Hall of Fame inductee, John Geddert.

Cap Caudill suggested that the Hall of Fame ring should be improved. The ring currently does not say gymnastics and the diamond chip is too small. Augusta Lipsey will check with A-1 Awards to determine the expense of redesigning the ring. John Geddert volunteered to help with the redesign.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted 9/26/09

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
June 9, 2009; 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari at 11:08 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Enrique Trabanino, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region 5-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, stated that Region 5 had another excellent year having won both Eastern Nationals and Junior Olympic Nationals. However, Kathy Kelly has alerted us to a Region 8 challenge. Region 8's Regional Congress has sold out with 450 registrants.

Additions to the Region 5 Administrative Committee roster:

Add Indiana State Chairman, Ed Gibson's cell phone number: 219-545-3308.

Change Regional Secretary, Augusta Lipsey's fax number to 269-381-4776.

III. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bobbi Montanari, reminded all Committee Members that everything that is discussed in our meetings is to be kept confidential. The confidentiality forms that are to be signed by all Committee Members have not been distributed yet. Nina Dent will contact Kathy Kelly about receiving the forms.

IV. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. The minutes will be posted on the Regional website, State websites, and distributed to the Professional Membership via E-mail and/or newsletters.

V. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Char Christensen stated that the NIT meet was a positive experience for the gymnasts. It was well received.

Hilary Carlson stated that the Level 9/10 Regional Championships competition format was good. The judges were not as tired at the end of the day due to the breaks that are integrated into the modified capital cup format.

John Geddert stated that he is still hearing complaints about the Level 9's not receiving any apparel. The national office is now allowing regional apparel to be purchased by the individual gymnast. John is considering providing T-shirts, leotards, gym bags, and flip flops to the Level 9's for purchase.

VI. COMMUNICATION

- A. All communication for the newsletter or website should be E-mailed directly to Bret Norman with a copy to Bobbi Montanari.
- B. State Chairmen are to make sure that their Rules and Policies and their year-end financial reports are posted.
- C. Information for the next Regional Newsletter should be sent to Bret Norman by July 1st. Emphasis of this newsletter will be the Regional Congress.
- D. E-mail Bobbi Montanari with State communications. All State Meeting agendas must be approved by the RACC.

VII. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANS REPORT

Bobbi Montanari reported that per Kathy Ostberg, all Regional and State communications must be printed with the USA Gymnastics logo.

VIII. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char Christensen congratulated and reviewed the successes that Region 5 had at the Level 9 East Championships and the Level 10 National Championships. At the Level 9 Eastern Championships, Region 5 was the overall winner by winning 11 out of 16 age groups plus had eight All-Around National Champions and 49 gymnasts in the top 10 All-Around. At the Level 10 National Championships, Region 5 was the overall winner by winning 3 age groups and taking 2nd in three age groups. Region 5 had 2 All-Around National Champions and 10 in the top 10 All-Around. Char also congratulated John Geddert and the Region 5 Committee for the motto "Together Works Better".

- A. Professional Involvement Forms will be on the web sites and in newsletters by July 1st. The forms must be turned into the proper officers by September 1st. Norbert Bendixen asked about the possibility of setting up the Professional Involvement Form to be completed on line. Nina Dent will contact Bret Norman to see if this is a possibility.
- B. Judges recommendations for the Level 9 and 10 Nationals from the State Committees are due by the Regional Congress. Judges recommendations for the Regional Championships are due by October 1st.

- C. During the 2009 Championship season, there were 28 petitions for Level 10, 16 for Level 9, and 17 for the Level 8 Regional Championships. Once again, Char thanked Hilary Carlson for her hard work on the petition process. Hilary will send out instructions on the proper way to complete the petitions. She will also ask that these instructions be included in the coach's packets at all State Meets.
- D. The Judges Volunteer Forms should be on the Regional website and in newsletters by June 15th. Judges will have a deadline of July 15th to be considered for judging assignments at the Regional Camps.
- E. Char is asking that she, John Geddert, and Bobbi Montanari be included in communications from the States.
- F. Char thanked the States for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9, and 10 State Meet results at the end of the optional season. Please continue this process.
- G. State Committees are to have the criteria for the assignment of judges for State Meets on their websites or in their newsletters by October 1st. The criteria should also be sent via E-mail to Bobbi Montanari and Char Christensen.
- H. Remember that all clinics for USAG and NAWGJ must be registered through USAG. Judges must have their CPE forms signed by a designated official at the end of each session. All CPE forms can be found on the USAG website. There have been discrepancies on the date the annual CPE report is due. The date should be June 30th. Any summer clinics can be credited to the current year or the next year.
- I. Please include petition and inquiry forms in the State Handbooks for easy access.
- J. A reminder to all Region 5 members that the only competitive formats that can be followed are listed in the Rules and Policies booklet.
- K. The percentage of gymnasts that qualified for a Regional Championship from their State Championships is listed on the chart below.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	86%	93%	100%
OH	77%	76%	91%
IN	82%	79%	100%
IL	78%	81%	93%
KY	87%	66%	80%

- L. In 2008, the decision was made that in order for a judge to be recommended for a National Meet, the judge must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Regional Championship in the recommended year. This requirement will continue for the 2010 National Championships.
- M. The list of judges assigned to the Regional and National Championships will be posted on the Regional websites by October 1st.
- N. Any sanction violations should be noted by the meet director or the meet referee on the newly revised sanction form.

O. The Regional Meet Reminders were reviewed. The changes and/or additions are as follows.

- a. #4 - John Geddert, RJOCC, will be involved in the draw procedure for all Regional Meets.
- b. #20 – Add: For all Regional Meets, identical boards are to be at each event. This will assure that an identical board will be available in the competitive gym and the warm-up gym.
- c. #56 – Specialists should be clearly marked as a specialist on the meet entry form for Regionals.
- d. #57 – All Region 5 Championships will award $\frac{1}{3}$ of the gymnasts medals on each event and All-Around.

All Level 9 and 10 Regional medals, beyond the Rules and Policies requirements, will be 2½ inches. All Level 8 Regional medals beyond the Rules and Policies requirements will be 2 inches.

Motion:	John Geddert
2nd:	Norbert Bendixen
Passed:	Unanimous

John Geddert stated that the awards ceremony was very long and laborious at the Level 9/10 Regionals. The ceremony should be efficient. John will review the awards procedures.

- e. #58 – Meet Directors are reminded to list all available apparatus and equipment including the boards and the thickness of the vault runways on the meet information.
- f. #59 – Athletes who plan not to attend the National Invitational Tournament need to notify the RACC, Bobbi Montanari and the meet director at the Regional Meet. Region 5, as a whole, did not follow these procedures properly. Char Christensen suggests the procedure be presented at the Regional Congress, and Norbert Bendixen suggested that the procedure should be in the State Meet coach's packets.

VIX. REGIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Enrique Trabanino)

A. Overview of the 2008-2009 Season

1. Region 5 had eight International Elite National Team Members. They are:

a. Bridget Sloan (Sharp's) – SENIOR

- o 2008 Olympic Trials
 - 15th All-Around
 - Named to Olympic Squad
 - Named to Olympic Team
- o 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing CHN
 - 2nd Team (Competed on Vault in Team Finals)
- o 2009 Tyson American Cup
 - 2nd All-Around

- USA vs. Germany Friendly Exchange, Muelheim, Germany
 - 1st All-Around / 1st Team
- USA vs. France Friendly Exchange
- b. Samantha Peszek (Deveau's / Sharp's) – SENIOR**
 - 2008 Olympic Trials
 - 4th All-Around
 - Named to Olympic Squad
 - Named to Olympic Team
 - 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, China
 - 2nd Team
- c. Mackenzie Caquatto (Naperville) / SENIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships
 - 10th All-Around
 - Japan-USA Friendly Competition, Chicago, IL
 - 1st Vault, 4th Bars, 5th Beam, 2nd Floor, 2nd All-Around, 1st Team
 - USA vs. Germany Friendly Exchange, Muelheim, Germany
 - 3rd All-Around / 1st Team
 - USA vs. France Friendly Exchange
- d. Jordyn Wieber (Twistars) / JUNIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 1st All-Around
 - TOP Gym International Competition, Charleroi, Belgium
 - 1st All-Around
 - Tyson American Cup, Chicago, IL
 - 1st All-Around
 - Junior Team Cup of International Gymnix
 - 1st Vault, 1st Bars, 1st Beam, 1st Floor, 1st All-Around, 1st Team
- e. Kamerin Moore (Twistars) / JUNIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 5th All-Around
 - TOP Gym International Competition, Charleroi, Belgium
 - 3rd All-Around
 - Japan-USA Friendly Competition, Chicago, IL
 - 3rd Vault, 2nd Bars, 4th Floor, 1st All-Around, 1st Team
 - Junior Team Cup of International Gymnix
 - 2nd Vault, 3rd All-Around
- f. Bridget Caquatto (Naperville) / JUNIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 21st All-Around
 - Japan-USA Friendly Competition, Chicago, IL
 - 2nd Vault, 5th Bars, 1st Beam, 4th Floor, 3rd All-Around, 1st Team
 - USA vs. Germany Friendly Exchange, Muelheim, Germany

- 5th All-Around, 1st Team
 - USA vs. France Friendly Exchange
- g. Amanda Jetter (Cincinnati) / JUNIOR**
- 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 5th All-Around
 - International Artistic Gymnastics Challenge
 - 3rd All-Around, 1st Team
- h. Cassie Whitcomb (Cincinnati) / JUNIOR '08 – SENIOR '09**
- 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 3rd All-Around
2. There were three National Qualifiers for a gymnast to qualify to the American and US Classic Meets. The first was February 13-14, 2009 in Dallas, TX. The second was February 21-22, 2009 in Virginia Beach, VA and the last was February 28, 2009 in West Pam Beach, FL.
 3. There were two Regional Qualifiers in Region 5. The first was December 29, 2008 at Cincinnati Gymnastics in conjunction with the Region 5 Pre Elite Camp. Only Compulsory Testing took place at this qualifier. The second was on March 20, 2009 at Cincinnati Gymnastics and a third will be held on July 10th at CGA.
 4. The TOP Team Members from Region 5 are from Buckeye Gymnastics Nia Dennis, age 9; Haven Lanzador, age 9; Jenna Swartzentruber, age 9; and Brynn Vinicky, age 10. From Cincinnati Gymnastics TOP Team Members are Amelia Hundley, age 10; McKenzie Kleinholz, age 10; Faith Leary, age 9; and Lexie Priessman, Age 11. The remaining Region 5 TOP Team Members are Kayla Smith from DeVeaue's School of Gymnastics, age 11; Anaka Benink of Gymnastics Academy of Rockford, age 10; and Olivia Ference of MEGA, age 9.
 5. The Region 5 TOP Diamond Team members consist of Alyssa Keller of American Gymnastics, Madison Ianuzzo of Cincinnati Gymnastics, Annalie Roecker of Gymnastics Academy of Rockford, and Melina Pakey-Rodriguez of I-Power School of Gymnastics.
 6. The Region 5 Pre Elite/TOP's Camp was held at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy on December 29-31, 2008. There were 64 participants. Six of the gymnasts were from others Regions. Participants were from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The camp was very educational from TOP's skills to advanced international elite skills. The clinicians were Tammy Biggs, Mary Lee Tracy, Marvin Sharp, Vanessa Bessler, and Enrique Trabanino. Connie Maloney and Kittia Carpenter did the judging clinics for the gymnasts and the coaches. Along with the Training Camp, there was an Elite Compulsory testing in which eleven athletes participated.
 7. There are some changes to the FIG Code of Points for the 2009-2012 cycle. The largest change is that only eight elements are counted compared to 10 elements in the last cycle. On beam and floor, only a maximum of 5 acrobatic skills and a minimum of 3 dance skills are counted.

- B. Objectives for 2009-2010 Season
 - 1. The 3rd Regional Elite Test and TOP's test will be at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy on July 10, 2009.
 - 2. The TOP National Test will be held at the Ranch on October 2-4, 2009.
 - 3. The Pre Elite Camp will be held at the Ranch in October.
 - 4. The TOP National Team Camp will be held on December 2-5, 2009.
 - 5. The 2010 Pre Elite/Tops Camp is tentatively scheduled for January 2-3, 2009 at CGA.
 - 6. Communication will continue with interested Clubs requiring Elite information.
 - 7. The Visa Championships will be in Dallas, Texas on August 12-16, 2009.

X. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (John Geddert)

- A. Overview of 2008-2009 Season
 - Region 5 had an excellent year winning at the Level 9 Eastern Nationals and the Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships as reported in the Regional Technical Committee Chairman report.
- B. Objectives for 2009-2010 Season
 - Our objective is to repeat our successes of the 2008-2009 season.
- C. Report from the Junior Olympic Committee Meeting: May 18-19, 2009
 - 1. Elite Sportswear will continue in the next quadrennium to be the uniform sponsor for USAG. Sally Weaver of Elite Sportswear will help USAG to understand their new sizing system.
 - 2. Carol Ide of NAWGJ addressed the Committee.
 - 3. Mike Lorenzen addressed the Committee on behalf of the college coaches. He reported that the colleges have instituted a rule that eliminates contact with high school freshman and sophomores. In an effort to make the NCAA Championships more viewer friendly for television, there will be a Final 4 competition instead of a Super 6 meet.
 - 4. During a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event, the Meet Directors are encouraged to contact local authorities in the event that an intoxicated coach is on the competitive floor.
 - 5. The beam acrobatic series connection definition has changed. Char Christensen stated that this change will make it harder on the lower levels to have a counting beam series.
 - 6. The deadline for submitting to the National Office the Regional recommendation for Coach of the Year has been changed. The date has been changed so that the results of the Regional Championships can be taken into consideration. The Regional Administrative Committee will have the option of adding to the list of State recommended Coaches of the Year prior to selecting the Regional Coach of the Year.
 - 7. Gymnasts that are caught skipping levels will be required to drop back to the lower levels that were skipped and compete in at least one meet at that level. Scores that were obtained at the prohibited level will be invalid.
 - 8. All 4' landing mats must be the width of the landing area.

9. All Regional trips must be approved through the National office. The USAG must follow proper protocol by receiving permission form the country for the intended trip.
10. Only the 1st place team will receive a plaque at the East/West Nationals.
11. Regional Administrative Committees may offer Regional Championships for Prep Opt. and/or Level 7's. Region 5 has chosen not to offer Regional Championships at those levels this year.
12. The warm-up time for Level 4's has been changed to 45 seconds instead of 1 minute per gymnast.
13. Dave Rawles and Glen Wilmeng are the Directors of the Region 5 Training Camps. Glen will be doing the registrations and Dave will be in charge of staffing. Hotel information for the camps will be on the Regional website soon. The 2009 Training Camps are listed below.
 - a. Super Camp West – Naperville Gymnastics, Naperville, IL, August 7-9, 2009.
 - b. Super Camp East – Queen City Gymnastics, Cincinnati, OH, August 7-9, 2009.
 - c. Hot Shot Camp – Integrity Gymnastics, Plain City, OH, September 11-13, 2009.
 - d. High Tech Camp – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2-4, 2009.
 - e. Forward Progress North – KidSports USA, Kalamazoo, MI, November 6-8, 2009.
 - f. Forward Progress South – Southern Indiana Gymnastics, New Albany, IN, November 6-8, 2009.
14. The Region 5 Apparel Fund has approximately \$27,000.00 in its account. This gives the Region a good head start for the 2010 season. Kristin Moore has done a phenomenal job organizing and outfitting our gymnasts.
15. The philosophy of the Junior Olympic Program is to have a linear program that helps gyms retain gymnasts. It is expected that the Level 9's will initially be larger.
16. An attempt is being made to coordinate all professional expiration dates in 2010.
17. The dress code is now mandatory.

XI. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT (Hilary Carlson)

A. Overview of 2007-2009 Season

1. Hilary Carlson and the judges at the Regional Championships were very happy with the time schedule in 2009 particularly for the Level 9/10 Regional Meet. Changing to the Modified Capital Cup format helped to lessen the amount of fatigue the judges usually experienced. The facilities, helpers, hotel, meals, and everything was very good. Hilary thanked the Region for the wonderful presents.
2. Hilary Carlson was happy that the Regional Administrative Committee recommended different judges to Easterns.

3. In September, the NAWGJ held a well attended Regional Symposium in Chicago. There were many excellent clinicians.
 4. Most states within Region 5 are holding many clinics to prepare the judges for the new tests.
 5. Hilary Carlson thanked the Regional Committee for letting her travel with the Regional Team to Costa Rica.
- B. Objectives for 2009-2010 Season
1. Hilary Carlson's goal for this year is to work more closely with Dave Rawles to involved more judges in the training camps as clinicians or observers.

XII. REGIONAL HALL OF FAME REPORT (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. Augusta Lipsey presented the Regional Administrative Committee with copies of each of the 2009 nominees. There were two nominations that were not presented because the nominations were incomplete. Seven nominations were presented. Two of the nominations were originally nominated in 2008. Based on the Hall of Fame Guidelines, a maximum of six persons are to be submitted to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee for final selection. A silent vote was taken by the Regional Administrative Committee to reduce the number of nominees to be submitted to the Selection Committee. The nominees for 2009, listed in alphabetical order, are Norbert Bendixen, Judy Dobransky, John Geddert, Katie Teft, Greta Treiber and Liz Tricase. A maximum of three inductees will be chosen for induction into the 2009 Hall of Fame.
- B. Suggestions were taken from the Administrative Committee for persons that would comprise the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. It was determined that a minimum of five people should comprise the Selection Committee so that the 80% needed to be inducted would be possible without positive votes from 100% of the Committee. The people to be considered for the Selection Committee are Cap Caudill, Dave Holcomb, Leonard Isaac, Jeff Metzger, Sandy Oldham, and Mary Lee Tracy. These people will be contacted within the next week to obtain their acceptance to be on the Selection Committee. *(As of June 16th all appointees have responded positively to their appointment on the Selection Committee).*
- C. The selection process will be done entirely by E-mail. After reviewing the Nominations, the Selection Committee will E-mail their choices for inductions to Augusta Lipsey who will tally the results.

XIII. REGIONAL MEETS

- A. Financial Reports
- The financial report from the Regional Meets were presented but the Level 8 report was not completed on the proper form. The report will be resubmitted on the proper form when the meet director returns from Florida.
- B. 2009-2010 Season
1. The Regional Committee is anticipating an increase in the number of gymnasts for the Level 9 Regional Championships due to the new rules. A discussion ensued about splitting the Level 9 and Level 10 Regional Meets. A reminder was made that the NCAA Regional Meets are on the same weekend as the

currently scheduled Level 9/10 Regional Meet. It was determined that if the Level 9 and 10 Meets remained together, there may be a need to have a fourth day of competition. The bid form will need to reflect an availability of Thursday through Sunday for the competition.

If needed the Level 9/10 Regional Championships will go to a four-day weekend (Apr. 8-11, 2010).

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Doug Rowe
Passes: Yea – 6 Nay – 1 Abstain – 1

If Thursday is not needed for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships, the Regional Administrative Committee will pay for any additional expense associated with the fourth day.

Motion: Enrique Trabinino
2nd: John Geddert
Passed: Unanimous

2. Calendar for 2009-2010 Season

a. Level 9 & 10 State Meets

1. March 19-21, 2010 (per Connie Maloney)

b. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 8-11, 2010

c. Level 8 Regionals: April 16-18, 2010

d. Level 9 Easterns: April 29-May 2, 2010
(no bids at this time)

e. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 6-9, 2010
Dallas, Texas (Dallas Convention Center)

3. Qualifying Scores

Kittia Carpenter suggested that additional Level 8 gymnasts could be added to the Level 8 Regional Meet if the modified capital cup format is used.

Depending on the format of the Level 8 Regional Meet, the Regional Administrative Committee will have the option of adding gymnasts to fill a fifth session.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

Level 8 State Meet Directors must submit all State Meet results electronically to Ed Gibson and Norbert Bendixen so that additional gymnasts may be added if needed. However, the petition score will remain the original qualifying score.

Motion: Nina Dent
2nd: Ed Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

Additional discussion ensued with Doug Rowe suggesting that all Regional Meets should have electronic scoring. The Regional Administrative Committee agreed with this recommendation.

- a. Qualifying Scores will remain the same as last season.
 1. Level 8: 34.50
 2. Level 9: 34.00
 3. Level 10: 34.00
- b. The entry fees will remain the same as last season.
 1. Level 8: \$70.00
 2. Level 9: \$80.00
 3. Level 10: \$80.00
- c. The judging panels will remain the same as last season.
 1. Level 8: 2 judge panels
 2. Level 9: 4 judge panels
 3. Level 10: 4 judge panels

XIV. THE NATIONAL CONGRESS IS AUGUST 12-16, 2009

- A. Wednesday, August 12th the Business Conference is scheduled. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is on Friday, August 14th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM. Region 5 has purchased a table for the ceremony. Service recognition will follow the ceremony with a speaker immediately following. The SC's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th.

XV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

- A. The Regional Congress is scheduled for September 17-20, 2009.
- B. Congress Responsibilities
 1. Bobb Montanari and Kathy Ostberg will be directing the Congress
 2. Bobbi Montanari and Kristin Moore are working on the Regional shirts. The Regional Committee is asked not to wear blue jeans, warm-up pants or short shorts.
 3. Cap Caudill is in charge of the welcome at the front door.
 4. Nina Dent will be in charge of the main registration table. Hilary Carlson will help with the registration. Nina will talk to Rachel Brazo about a different system for the purchase of Banquet tickets prior to the Congress and at the registration table.
 5. Enrique Trabanino is in charge of Public Relations.
 6. Norbert Bendixen will oversee the needs of the presenters.
 7. Ed Gibson is the audio trouble shooter.
 8. Char Christensen will oversee the needs of the vendors.
 9. Doug Rowe is in charge of the trivia contests.
 10. Hilary Carlson will be the auctioneer for the auction and Kristin Moore will be in charge of the publicity for the auction. Communication with Kathy Kelly or Rachel Brazo will be made about the merchandise to be

sold. All of the Regional Committee are required to assist with the set-up and promotion if the auction.

11. Kittia Carpenter and Kristin Moore are responsible for the preparation of the banquet. All Regional Committee members are required to assist with the set-up for the banquet.

12. John Geddert and Dan Miller will be the Masters of Ceremonies

13. Bret Norman will be the photographer for the banquet.

C. The 2010 Region 5 Congress will be held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL on September 16-19, 2010.

D. A site for the 2011 and 2012 Region 5 Congress is being solicited from the states of Kentucky, Ohio or Michigan.

XVI. CALENDAR

A. 2010-2011

1. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 15-17, 2011
2. Level 8 Regionals: April 29-May 1, 2011
3. Level 9 Easterns: May 5-8, 2011
4. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 12-15, 2011

B. 2011-2012

1. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 20-22, 2012
2. Level 8 Regionals: April 28-29, 2012
3. Level 9 Easterns: May 10-13, 2012
4. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 17-20, 2012

XVII. NEXT MEETING

The next RAC meeting will be at the Regional Congress on September 20, 2009 at 1:30 pm. Regional meet bids and judging recommendations will be on the agenda.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

Bobbi Montanari has asked Kittia Carpenter to develop a Region 5 Rules and Policies for the Regional website.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted 6/19/09

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

Region V Committee Meeting
September 28, 2008; 1:06 – 4:09 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 1:06 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Enrique Trabanino, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary
Bret Norman, Regional Webmaster
Kristin Moore, Regional Apparel Coordinator

III. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, thanked the committee for all their hard work in making this years Regional Congress successful. Comments and suggestions for the 2009 Regional Congress are presented below.

- A. This years Congress was excellent. The quality and variety of speakers was awesome.
- B. A number of people expressed the comment that the banquet was the best they had ever attended.
- C. Exhibitors were very appreciative of having their meals provided.
- D. Kristin Moore will need to know if spouses of the honorees or presenters will be attending.
- E. The Regional Administrative Committee should sit at a table on the front side of the Banquet room so they can help with the presentation of the awards.
- F. Athletes and honored guests should be seated at the center front tables.
- G. Guests should be informed that they have reserved seating.
- H. The RSVP's will be more specific so Kristin Moore will know who will be in attendance.
- I. A table should be provided for speakers and vendors.
- J. Gary Warren was mistakenly not acknowledged at this years banquet.
- K. All legal papers that are to be signed by Bobbi Montanari should be available for review prior to the start of the Regional Congress.
- L. Since the Regional Congress is a joint effort between the USAG and the Regional Administrative Committee, a contact person form the USAG office should be in attendance throughout the entire Congress.

- M. Communication between the USAG and the Regional Administrative Committee needs to be improved.
- N. The Regional Administrative Committee was not informed of the banquet room set up (i.e.- number of tables, extra ticket holders). Nina Dent did not know if some of the tickets had been paid for or not. There may have been duplicate tickets.
- O. A check-in table should be provided at the entrance to the Banquet where tickets would be exchanged for a wrist band.
- P. Additional suggestions should be E-mailed to Bobbi Montanari.
- Q. Awards should be engraved with the name of the award.
- R. USA Gymnastics should always be on the awards since we are a portion of USAG.
- S. The suggestion was made to have one trophy for the All Star Team. This trophy would be presented each year with only the year changed. Some of the committee felt the gymnasts would rather have different awards each year. The suggestion was not acted upon.
- T. The cost of the awards was discussed. The question was raised if the Committee could purchase awards from a company other than A-1 Awards. Bobbi Montanari will check with Kathy Ostberg. If a different awards company can be used, three bids will be solicited.
- U. Region 5 paraphernalia will be available for purchase at the 2009 Regional Congress.

IV. HALL OF FAME

Augusta Lipsey felt the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony went better than anticipated. The 2009 Hall of Fame nominations will be solicited immediately. Nominators will be recruited. Cap Caudill will help. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee must also be established by the Regional Administrative Committee. The Regional Administrative Committee will be informed of the deadline dates for the Regional Hall of Fame. The dates may be revised. The Hall of Fame page on the regional website will be updated with pictures and biographies.

V. REGIONAL MEET BIDS

The Regional Administrative Committee received two bids for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. The bids were from DeVeau's Gymnastics of Indiana and Geddert's Twistars of Michigan. DeVeau's Gymnastics was awarded the meet when John Geddert took his bid off the table. He felt that it would not be fair to be awarded the meet two years in a row. The bid was submitted because the apparel distribution is easier if done at Twistars.

The Level 9/10 Regional Championships will be held in Muncie, Indiana hosted by Deveau's Gymnastics.

There were four bids submitted for the Level 8 Regional Championships. Two bids would conduct the meet in a modified capitol cup format, and two bids would conduct the meet in a traditional format. A closed vote was taken. The results of the vote are as follows.

Halkers Gold Gymnastics:	7 votes
Gedert's Twistars Gymnastics:	1 votes
Branch Gymnastics:	0 votes
Peoria Area Convention Bureau	0 votes

The Level 8 Regional Championships will be held in Findlay, Ohio hosted by Halkers Gold Gymnastics.

VI. JUDGING RECOMMENDATIONS

Char Christensen presented a list of all the judges that have participated or will be participating in the 2008 regional camps. After Kittia Carpenter, Nina Dent, and Augusta Lipsey were excused from the meeting the remaining Committee Members discussed and voted on the judges to represent Region 5 at the National Championships. The following judges were chosen.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

Hilary Carlson
Char Christensen
Nancy Gibson
Donna Trevethan

Level 9 East Championships (listed alphabetically)

Debbie Campbell
Jeanne Johnson
Carole Liedtke

Alternates (listed alphabetically)

Kittia Carpenter
Judy Dobransky
Augusta Lipsey
Sandy Oldham

VII. REGION 5 TRAINING CAMPS

John Geddert reported that all the Training Camps are full. A few extra gymnasts were accepted into the High Tech Camp. Terry Russell's organization has helped immensely. David Rawles has done an excellent job staffing the camps. Terry Russell will no longer be the Director of the Regional Camps. He may be used in a different roll. Glenn Wilmeng is being considered for the Camp Director position.

Hilary Carlson apologized for Illinois scheduling the Illinois Judges Cup the same weekend as the Forward Progress Camps. It was not intentionally done. The facility had already been contracted when the Illinois NAWGJ realized that the Forward Progress Camps would not be on October 31-November 2 but on November 7-9.

There has been more involvement by judges year after year. It is up to the head clinicians on each event to use the judges as they choose.

VIII. ALL STAR TEAM

A. Update on International Trip

John Geddert reported that the All Star Team will be traveling to Cost Rica October 29th through November 4th. The gymnasts will be involved in a training camp and possibly an intra-squad. Airline tickets were purchased for approximately \$380.00 per ticket. Because the tickets were so inexpensive, John asked to increase the number of gymnasts to represent Region 5 on the All Star trip. The original All Star Team consisted of 15 gymnasts with 5 alternates. All of the alternates have been absorbed onto the team. The addition of three gymnasts would be affordable and would make the rooming assignments effortless.

Motion was made to add three gymnasts to the Region 5 All Star Team providing

the tickets are affordable and can be purchased for the same flight.

Motion: Cap Caudill
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

B. Review of All Star Team Criteria

The All Star Team criteria was discussed in length. It was decided by the Regional Administrative Committee that the criteria for selection of the All Star Team will remain the same. This is due to the feeling, by the Committee, that the criteria is serving the intended purpose.

IX. Individual Event Specialists

Char Christensen asked the State Chairman how many event specialists competed in the 2008 state meets.

IN: None IL: None KY: None MI: None OH: 4-5

Newsletters should be used to spread the word that event specialists can participate through the Regional Championships. If a Level 9 event specialist wins her event at the Regional Championships they can qualify for the Eastern National Junior Olympic Championships. It is the states rights to determine the qualification procedure into the state meets.

Motion was made to raise the Regional qualifying score for event specialists to 9.0.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

X. Fall Newsletter

Newsletter information should be submitted to Bobbi Montanari by October 15th.

XI. New Business

Char Christensen asked the State Chairman if their Committees had developed a professional member dress code for meets below the state meet. At this time none of the states have developed a dress code for meets below the state meet. The Illinois Administrative Committee tabled their discussion of this topic to await Regional Committee input and to research the issue further. At the present time there is no penalty for violating the dress code at state meets and above.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted 10/7/08
Augusta A. Lipsey
Regional Secretary

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
June 12, 2008; 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman Bobbi Montanari at 3:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Enrique Trabanino, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary

Absent

Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, thanked the committee for their wonderful support during her first year as the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman.

Norbert Bendixen reported that Cap Caudill has had some additional health issues that are causing him to miss this meeting. He was back in the hospital following his heart attack in April for back surgery. In addition he contracted bronchitis due to low potassium levels but is back home recuperating. The entire Committee wishes him a speedy recovery.

Kristen Moore did an incredible job coordinating the distribution of the regional apparel at the Level 9/10 Regional Championship Meet. She has agreed to accept the new position of Regional Apparel Coordinator for the region. She will also be helping with the banquet at the Regional Congress.

III. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bobbi Montanari, reminded all Committee Members that everything that is discussed in our meetings is to be kept confidential. The confidentiality forms that are to be signed by all Committee Members should be distributed at the Chairman's Workshops in Philadelphia.

IV. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. The minutes will be posted on the Regional website, State websites, and distributed to the Professional Membership via E-mail and/or newsletters.

V. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

The RECC, Enrique Trabanino, stated that E-mails have been very efficient in conducting business. Hilary Carlson stated that it has been helpful to her to have non-voting members included in the communications. Norbert Bendixen stated that communications have been good, but he is confused at times whether the committee is being asked to vote.

VI. BOBBI'S OBJECTIVES FOR 2008-2009

- A. Bobbi Montanari wants to attend State Committee Meetings and Regional Training Camps during the 2008-2009 season.
- B. Bobbi Montanari would like to develop a Regional Rules and Policies. Bret Norman, Region 5 Web Master, will help develop this document. It will be mailed to all Professional Members in the region.

VII. COMMUNICATION

- A. All items to be placed on the regional website are to be sent to Bobbi Montanari for distribution to Bret Norman.
- B. All State Chairmen are reminded to send their State Rules and Policies booklet to Bobbi Montanari.
- C. State Chairmen are to publish financial reports at the end of each year.
- D. The agenda for state meetings must be approved by the RACC, Bobbi Montanari.

VIII. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char Christensen congratulated and reviewed the successes that Region 5 had at the Level 10 National Championships and the Level 9 East Championships. At the Level 10 National Championships Region 5 won the National Team Championships for the sixth time in eight years winning three out of the eight age divisions. Char also congratulated John Geddert for having TR placed on the coach's shirts. The TR was worn on the coach's shirts in memory of **T**im **R**and and **T**ruer **R**espect to honor his many accomplishments. Char also congratulated John Geddert on the success of the Level 9/10 Regional Meet.

- A. Shonda Clore of Twistars Gymnastics successfully performed a new skill. She performed a side aerial starting from a kneeling position on one knee. The skill is valued a "D" and will be listed in the Code of Points as the "Clore".
- B. The Level 8 Regional Championships had problems due to the weather. The Kentucky judge's flights were cancelled due to the weather. Judges that were assigned to be event clerks replaced two judges that could not arrive due to the weather.
- C. Judges are reminded to use all of our tools to differentiate between the gymnasts including composition, execution, artistry, rhythm and dynamics.
- D. Modified Capitol Cup format may need to be considered for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. The 2008 Regional Championships only had room for

16 additional gymnasts. *(The Committee voted on Modified Capital Cup for Level 9 and 10 Regionals per XIII. REGIONAL MEETS section of these minutes.)*

- E. The Level 8 Region 5 Championships asked the judges to supply receipts for items like parking, tolls, and meals, etc. This would be helpful to know ahead of time in the future as this was requested by the Sports Commission for their records. The Meet Director did not know this ahead of time.
- F. A special thank you to Norbert Bendixen for securing the excellent site for our meet.
- G. Professional Involvement Forms are due by September 1, 2008. All states must have their State Meet dates to Bobbi Montanari by July 15, 2008. The deadline for having the Professional Involvement Forms on the regional website is July 15, 2008.
- H. The state list of judges recommended for the Regional Championships is due to Char Christensen and Bobbi Montanari by October 1, 2008. A minimum of 12 judges should be listed for each state.
- I. The judges recommended for the Level 9 East Nationals and the Level 10 National Championships will be determined at the Regional Administrative Committee (RAC) Meeting following Regional Congress in September, 2008.
- J. During the 2008 Championship season, there were approximately 68 petitions to the Regional Championships. Hilary Carlson was a major help in processing these petitions. During the 2009 Championship season Hillary will provide an outline of the petition process to be included in the state meet coach's packets. It will also be published in the Region 5 Fall Newsletter 2008.
- K. Wrist bands were provided for coaches at the Level 8 Regional Championships. This was in place of wearing their membership cards. This was overlooked at the Level 9/10 Regional Championships. A reminder will be put in the Regional Meet Reminders for coaches to check in to receive a wrist band for the meet. The meet directors will be responsible for providing the wrist bands.
- L. Volunteer forms for the Region 5 Training Camps were sent to the State Judging Directors and State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC) and should be on the appropriate web sites and in newsletters. The form should be sent to Dave Rawles, Char Christensen and John Geddert by July 15, 2008. The city for IGI is listed incorrectly on the form. IGI is in Westmont, IL.
- M. Communication paths have been so much better. Websites are looking great. State Chairmen are asked to please place Char Christensen, Bobbi Montanari, and John Geddert on your mailing lists.
- N. State Meet results are to be sent to Char Christensen following the Level 8, 9, and 10 State Meets. These should be sent in hard copy. State Chairmen (SC's) are to remind the State Meet Directors to send the results immediately following the meet.
- O. The criteria that the State Committees are using to rank and assign judges for the State Meets and recommend judges for Regional Championships should be published by October 1, 2008.
- P. The annual record for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits for judges must be turned in by June 30, 2008. The form can be found on the USA

Gymnastics (USAG) website. Please be reminded that all clinics for judges and coaches need to be sanctioned by USAG.

- Q. The 2008 Eastern National Level 9 Championships was a wonderful competition for all involved. Gymnastics Training Center of Ohio and staff did an excellent job hosting the meet. Char Christensen would also like to thank the many judges from Region 5 that volunteered to assist with the meet.
- R. The percentage of gymnasts that qualified for a Regional Championship from their State Championships is listed on the chart below.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	89%	90%	96%
OH	65%	92%	93%
IN	82%	92%	100%
IL	80%	87%	91%
KY	76%	89%	86%

- S. Char Christensen suggested that the SC's should place the petition forms and inquiry forms in the state handbooks. The forms can also be found on the USAG website.
- T. Meet Directors are to be reminded that the only acceptable formats for sanctioned meets are listed in the USAG Rules and Policies booklet. New formats can be submitted to Tom Koll for consideration.
- U. At the present time, the RAC requires judges to judge the Regional Championships in order to be recommended to judge a National Meet. It was determined that some very good judges that may deserve an opportunity to judge a National Meet, may not be able to judge a Regional Meet due to NCAA responsibilities or coaching responsibilities. Concern was raised by Nina Dent that a judge that is recommended for their first National Meet should be required to judge the Regional Meet. Hilary Carlson stated that the judge should judge or coach a Regional Meet.

For a judge to be recommended for a National Meet, the judge must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Championships or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Regional Championship in the recommended year.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

IX. REGIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Enrique Trabanino)

- A. Overview of the 2007-2008 Season
 - 1. Region 5 had two gymnasts on the World Championship Team. The two gymnasts are Samantha Peszek from Deveau's Gymnastics and Bridget Sloan from Sharps Gymnastics.
 - 2. Jordan Wieber of Gedderts Twistar's also had a very productive year. She was on the Junior Pan-American Championship Team and placed first

in the All Around at the US Classic meet, the Visa Championships and at an international competition in Italy.

3. Nine gymnasts from Region 5 participated in the 2008 Visa Championships. They are Juniors; Bridget Caquatto (Aerials Gymnastics), Amanda Jetter (Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy), Kameran Moore (Geddert's Twistars), Cassie Whitcomb (Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy), and Jordyn Wieber (Geddert's Twistars). Seniors participating at the Visa Championships were Mackenzie Caquatto (Aerials Gymnastics), Samantha Peszek (Deveaus Gymnastics), Ashley Priess (Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy), and Bridget Sloan (Sharps Gymnastics).
4. 2008 Junior National Team members are Wieber, Whitcomb, Moore and Jetter.
5. 2008 Senior National Team members are Mackenzie Caquatto and Samantha. Peszek. Bridget Sloan was also invited to the Olympic Trials.
6. There were 3 Regional Qualifiers for the HOPES division held in Region 5. Cincinnati Gymnastics held the first qualifier on January 4 – 6, 2008 in conjunction with the Region 5 Pre-Elite Camp. The second was held at Deveaus's Gymnastics on March 21, 2008, and the third was at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy on April 11, 2008.
7. Five gymnasts from Region 5 participated in the US Challenge in Houston, Texas. Amelia Hundley of Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy was 1st All Around in the 10-11 year old HOPES division.
8. 58 gymnasts participated in the Region 5 Pre-Elite/TOP's Camp that was held on January 4 – 6, 2008. Ten of the gymnasts were from other regions. Region 5 had participation from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

B. Objectives for 2008-2009 Season

1. The 2009 Pre Elite/TOP's Camp is tentatively scheduled for January 2-4, 2009 at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy.
2. Communication with interested clubs will be increased.
3. Letters will be sent to JO coaches to create interest in the Pre-Elite Program.
4. Depending on the new Code of Points, two Classic meets may be scheduled for March and July of 2009.
5. A Pre-Elite Camp will be held at the Ranch in October, 2009.
6. The Visa Championships will go back to August in 2009.

X. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (John Geddert)

- A. Overview of 2007-2008 Season - Although Region 5 won the Level 10 Championships for the sixth year in a row we were less than stellar. The reasoning for this is difficult to pin point but the image of vacationing in Florida is always a distraction. The Level 9 East Nationals showed us that our depth and talent pool should be strong for years to come. Region 5 captured all eight age divisions and had seven All Around titles. The top five clubs at Easterns, using the top three scores per event, were from Region 5. The Level 8 Regionals also showed us that we have been doing our developmental homework.

- C. Objective for 2009 – Region 5 will continue the course we have taken through productive and efficient congresses and training camps.
- D. JO Meeting – John Geddert was unable to attend the meeting due to the US Classics being held the following weekend and the fact that one of his gymnasts was having a minor melt down. Therefore John’s assistant, Kittia Carpenter, attended the meeting in his place. She represented our Region well. The biggest change for the 2008-2009 season is the elimination of the ALL STAR flight at the Level 9 National Championships. This will be replaced with eight additional age groups. At first glance it would appear that Region 5 would lose some spots, but since we won all age divisions in 2008, Region 5 will get the first unfilled spots at each age group if other regions cannot fill the allotted spots with gymnasts obtaining the minimum score or due to lack of numbers. We do have a question on how this will work since there were only eight age divisions during 2007-2008. Concern was raised about the qualifying score for National Championships being 34.00, but a 35.00 is required to petition to Regional Championships. No action was taken on this concern. Another change for the 2008-2009 season is the allotment of 80 athletes per session in Level 7 Meets that use Non-Traditional or Modified Non-Traditional formats. Other issues were tabled due to the new quadrennium approaching. There will be a National Invitational Tournament on Sunday of the Level 10 National Championships. This competition will be for the gymnasts that placed 8th – 11th at the Regional Championships.
- E. Training Camps – Profits from the 2007 Training camps were down slightly due to the low numbers at the Super Camp North. Terry Russell is insisting upon using only facilities that will be considered a DRAW for the 2008 Training Camps. These camps are already scheduled and accepting entries (information and forms on Region-5.com web site). Registrations, scheduling, information distribution groupings and T-shirt orders are to be sent to Terry Russell at RussellT@cinci.rr.com. To volunteer to work one or more of the camps contact Dave Rawles at dave@lga-gymnastics.com.
 - a. Super Camp North – Branch Gymnastics, Kalamazoo MI, August 1-3, 2008.
 - b. Super Camp South – Champion Gymnastics, Louisville KY, August 1-3, 2008.
 - c. Hot Shot Camp – Buckeye Gymnastics, Columbus OH, September 5-7, 2008.
 - d. High Tech Camp – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, October 3-5, 2008.
 - e. Forward Progress East – Flytz Gymnastics, Cuyahoga Falls OH, Nov. 7-9, 2008.
 - f. Forward Progress West – IGI, Westmont, IL, Nov. 7-9, 2008.
- F. Apparel Fund – The apparel fund has a balance of \$33,025.67 with outstanding checks totaling \$4,626.91 leaving \$28,398.76 in the account.
- G. Regional Apparel Processing Coordinator – Kristin Moore has been appointed as the Region 5 Apparel Processing Coordinator. Her organization and attention to detail saved us money and saved John countless hours of time and frustration.

Bobbi Montanari found that other regions pay their apparel coordinator and still have difficulty with the distribution. It was agreed by the RAC that Kristin be paid \$800.00 per year to do the apparel processing for all Regional Championships.

- H. All Star Team – A trip to Costa Rica is being investigated. Enrique Trabinino will help facilitate the arrangements. All Star Team scores are due to John Geddert by July 1, 2008. There is only one elite spot available leaving 11 spots for Junior Olympic gymnasts.

XI. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT (Hilary Carlson)

- A. Overview of 2007-2009 Season – Hilary Carlson felt that the season went well. There were concerns about consistency at the Level 9/10 Regional Championship. A different competitive format may help. She feels we have the best judges in the nation.
- B. Hilary Carlson would like to hear the philosophy of the RAC about assigning judges to the National Championships. The same people are usually assigned to the National Meets and with the new testing cycle approaching there will be some judges choosing not to renew their ratings. There is a minimum investment of \$300.00 for a new judge to begin judging. The judging pool seems to be diminishing. For judges to be considered for a National assignment John Geddert commented that they must market themselves. They need to be visible. To judge Nationals is an earned situation. We do not want to get to the point where this honor is an earned right.

XII. REGIONAL HALL OF FAME REPORT (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. Augusta Lipsey presented the procedure that was used to solicit nominations for the 2008 Region 5 Hall of Fame. A list of names of people worthy of being inducted in the Hall of Fame was established with the help of Sandy Oldham. When this list was E-mailed to the RAC, additional names were presented and included. Professional Members that were familiar with a person on the list were asked to nominate that person. Seven of the nominations were complete. These seven were then voted upon by the RAC. The voting procedure as specified in the Region 5 Hall of Fame guidelines were used to elect three persons to be inducted into the 2008 Hall of Fame.
- B. The nominees with completed application forms, listed in alphabetical order, are Amanda Borden, Cap Caudill, Leonard Isaacs, Jaycie Phelps, Morgan White, Mary Lee Tracy and Erna Wachtel. Any completed application forms received following this RAC Meeting will be considered for induction into the 2009 Region 5 Hall of Fame.
- C. A sample of the Hall of Fame ring was provided by A-1 Awards. Some changes to the ring were discussed. The outline of the Region will be placed on the ring with a small diamond placed above the Region 5 logo. It was also decided that a necklace would replace the ring for all female inductees.
- D. Hall of Fame presentations at the Regional Congress Banquet will be limited to ten minutes. The inductees will be asked to limit their responses to four minutes. Kittia Carpenter and Kristen Moore will assemble the video presentations.

XIII. REGIONAL MEETS

A. A new financial report form was provided by Bret Norman. This form was used during the 2008 season. The financial reports for the 2008 Regional Championships were presented. The Level 8 Regional Meet showed a loss. Questions were raised concerning the total judges' expense and the expense for decorations.

B. 2008-2009 Season

1. The new Regional Bid Forms were presented and evaluated. The forms were revised to require a DVD player rather than a VCR. The meet format was also discussed. It was decided that due to the size of the Level 9 & 10 Regional Meet and the fact that there was only room for 16 additional gymnasts, that modified capitol cup format should be experimented with during the 2009 Regional Championships.

It is recommended that the modified capitol cup format be used for the 2009 Level 9 & 10 Regional Championship.

Motion: John Geddert

2nd: Norbert Bendixen and Doug Rowe

Passed: Unanimous

Bids for 2009 are to be sent to Bobbi Montanari by September 1, 2008.

The RAC is also accepting bids for 2010.

The format for the Level 8 Regional Championships will be two traditional meets. The Meet Director may bid on a modified traditional meet format if the Meet Director is willing to absorb the additional cost.

The RAC is also accepting bids for the 2010 Level 8 Regional Championship.

2. Meet dates for the 2008-2009 season are listed below.
 - a. Level 9 & 10 State Meets
 1. Possible: March 21-22, 2009
 2. Preferred: March 29-29, 2009
 - b. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 17-19, 2009
 - c. Level 8 Regionals: April 24-26, 2009
 - d. Level 9 Easterns: May 7-10, 2009
Tupelo, Mississippi
 - e. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 14-17, 2009
Seattle, Washington
3. Qualifying Scores will remain the same as last season.
 - a. Level 8: 34.50
 - b. Level 9: 34.00
 - c. Level 10: 34.00
4. The entry fees will remain the same as last season.
 - a. Level 8: \$70.00
 - b. Level 9: \$80.00
 - c. Level 10: \$80.00
5. The judging panels will remain the same as last season.
 - a. Level 8: 2 judge panels

- b. Level 9: 4 judge panels
- c. Level 10: 4 judge panels

- 6. The awards at the Level 9 & 10 Regional Championships were discussed. The Level 8 Regional Championships provide one-third of the gymnast's awards, but the Level 9's and 10's receive the minimum number of awards required by the Rules and Policies booklet.

All Regional Championships will award one-third of the gymnast's medals on each event and all around.

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

XIV. THE NATIONAL CONGRESS IS JUNE 18-22, 2008.

- A. The SC's Meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2008. Bobbi Montanari asked all SC to bring their lap tops. A new financial report form will be presented. Training on the new financial report will happen at the workshop.

XV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

- A. The Regional Congress is scheduled for September 25-28, 2008. The schedule is almost complete. It will be sent out soon. The Directors, Bobbi Montanari and Kathy Ostberg have been working diligently to provide a highly educational Congress.
- B. Congress Responsibilities
 - 1. Norbert Bendixen is in charge of the Trivia Contest. He is asking for questions to be included in the contest.
 - 2. Ed Gibson is in charge of tending to the needs of the Presenters. He will meet with Bobbi Montanari to confirm all responsibilities.
 - 3. Doug Rowe and Enrique Trabanino are responsible for Public Relations.
 - 4. Nina Dent will be in charge of the main registration table. Bobbi Montanari will be attending the Region 6 Congress. She will observe their registration table procedures and bring back ideas to be used at our Congress.
 - 5. Kittia Carpenter and Kristin Moore are responsible for the organization of the Banquet. They will communicate with John Geddert to ensure a quality program. The theme will be "Surf the Wave" (of the Olympics).
 - 6. Hilary Carlson will be the auctioneer at the Banquet. Communication with Kathy Kelly or Rachel Brazo will be made about the merchandise to be sold.
- C. Bobbi Montanari has requested that the 2009 Region 5 Congress be held on September 18-20, 2009 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL. Rachel Brazo of USAG is confirming the dates.

XVI. PREP-OPTIONALS

The Prep-Optional meeting that was held prior to this meeting was very productive. All states are in support of having a Region 5 Prep-Optional Program.

The RAC will support a Prep-Optional sub committee for the region.

Motion: Char Christensen

2nd: Nina Dent

Passed: Unanimous

XVII. CALENDAR

A. 2010

1. Level 9 & 10 State Meets
 - a. Possible: March 20-21
 - b. Preferred: March 27-28
2. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 9-11
3. Level 8 Regionals: TBD
4. Level 9 Easterns: April 29-May 2
5. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 6-9
Long Beach, California

B. 2011

1. Level 9 & 10 State Meets
 - a. Possible: March 19-20
 - b. Preferred: March 26-27
2. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 15-17
3. Level 8 Regionals: TBD
4. Level 9 Easterns: May 5-8
5. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 12-15

C. 2012

1. Level 9 & 10 State Meets
 - a. Possible: March 17-18
 - b. Preferred: March 24-25
2. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 20-22
3. Level 8 Regionals: TBD
4. Level 9 Easterns: May 10-13
5. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 17-20

XVIII. NEXT MEETING

The next RAC meeting will be at the Regional Congress on September 28, 2008 at 1:30 pm. Regional meet bids and judging recommendations will be on the agenda.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted 6/26/08

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

Region V Committee Meeting
September 23, 2007; 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 1:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)

Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)

John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)

Mary Lee Tracy, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)

Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)

Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)

Vicki Smith for Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)

Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)

Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)

Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director

Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary

Absent

Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman

Kathy Shufflin, Past Regional Chairman

III. OVERVIEW OF REGION 5 CONGRESS

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, thanked the committee for all their hard work at the Regional Congress particularly the set up of the banquet. Concerns were presented to improve the 2008 Region 5 Congress.

- A. Bobbi Montanari will have more contact with the hotel concerning the banquet.
- B. The Regional Administrative Committee is requesting that the 2008 Region 5 Congress be held in Indianapolis and to consider the 2009 and 2010 Region 5 Congresses for the Chicago area.
- C. The RAC recommends that the 2008 Region 5 Congress be held the third or fourth weekend in September. The first two weekends are not advisable because they interfere with the beginning of the fall sessions at most gymnastics clubs.
- D. A video camera projected on a screen should be provided in the sessions where demonstrators are used so that their performance can be viewed by everyone.
- E. A local club should be assigned to be in charge of providing equipment for the sessions.
- F. The RAC discussed honoring all national champions at the Congress banquet. The procedures for including them in the banquet will be discussed at the next RAC meeting in June. The June meeting will also include determining how to get people to the banquet without telling them they are being honored.
- G. Honored athletes and coaches will eat first at the banquet.
- H. The screen at the banquet will be placed in the middle of the room for better viewing.

- I. Have more than one DVD player rather than computers available for the congress sessions so that slow motion, pause and rewind capabilities will be available.
- J. More greeters should be at the registration table. They should be helpful, positive and pleasant.
- K. Electronic versions of the sessions should be made available for purchase.
- L. Lower priced items should be provided at the auction. Items can be auctioned that are not gymnastics related. A list of the items to be auctioned should be publicized prior to the auction.
- M. Mary Lee Tracy will be in charge of publicity on the auction.
- N. Nina Dent will be in charge of the main registration table where presenters, vendors and professional members pick up their Congress information.
- O. Nina Dent will be in charge of the registration table at the banquet
- P. Norbert Bendixen will develop the trivia questions and direct and distribute the prizes for the trivia contests.
- Q. Hilary Carlson is the auctioneer.

IV. REGIONAL MEET BIDS

The Regional Administrative Committee received one bid for the Level 8 Regional Championships and two bids for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships.

Motion was made to accept the bid from Kris Kowalski of Olympic Academy of Ohio for the Level 8 Regional Championships provided that the bid be adjusted to meet the two gym requirement for the meet.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Doug Rowe
Passed: Unanimous

Both bids for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships were acceptable so a silent vote was conducted to choose the site for the meet. The results of the vote were as follows.

Gedderts Twistars: 5 votes
DeVeau's Gymnastics: 3 votes

The Level 9/10 Regional Championships will be held in Lansing, Michigan hosted by Geddert's Twistars.

V. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SPECIALISTS

Motion was made to allow specialists at all Regional Championships.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Nina Dent
Passed: Unanimous

VI. FALL NEWSLETTER

October 1st is the deadline for Bobbi Montanari to receive articles for the Fall Newsletter.

VII. HALL OF FAME

The Region 5 Hall of Fame proposal was presented to the RAC. The proposal was reviewed and changes were made. The proposal will be rewritten and presented for approval to the RAC by E-mail. The inaugural class of the Region 5 Hall of Fame will be inducted at the 2008 Region 5 Congress Banquet.

VIII. JUDGING RECOMMENDATIONS

Char Christensen presented a list of all the judges that have participated or will be participating in the 2007 regional camps. After some discussion by the committee members that are not judges the following judges were recommended to represent Region 5 at National Championships.

Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships (listed alphabetically)

Kittia Carpenter
Char Christensen
Augusta Lipsey
Sandy Oldham

Level 9 East Championships (listed alphabetically)

Hilary Carlson
Nina Dent
Judy Kemp

Alternates (listed in rank order)

1. Donna Trevethan
2. Nancy Gibson
3. Judy Dobransky
4. Carole Liedtke

IX. USAG RULES & POLICIES

The RAC discussed recommending to the USAG national office that late fees be increased the closer the entry is received to the meet date. Norbert Bendixen will write a proposal to USAG and present it to the Regional Administrative Committee for approval.

The RAC will recommend to the USAG national office that changes to the Rules & Policies be supplied to the SACC's by June 30th so that the state Rules & Policies can be published on a timely basis.

X. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Regional Administrative Committee will be on June 12, 2008 at 3:00PM in Indianapolis. Ed Gibson will make arrangements for the meeting.

Clinician recommendations for the 2008 Region 5 Congress should be E-mailed to Bobbi Montanari.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted 9/25/07
Augusta A. Lipsey
Regional Secretary

Region V Committee Meeting
August 17, 2007; 5:43 – 7:29 p.m.
San Jose, CA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 5:43 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Sue Kane for Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary
Claudia Kretschmer, MI-USAG Prep Optional Representative

Absent

Kathy Shufflin, Past Regional Chairman
Enrique Trabanino for Mary Lee Tracy, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)

I. New Region 5 Web Site

The New Region 5 Website is up. Bret Norman was unable to keep the name. The new name of the website is Region-5.com. The Region 5 Administrative Committee blindly approved the changes to the website. At the present time both web addresses will operate the new website.

II. Rebate Checks

Rebate checks were received the day before Bobbi Montanari left to attend the National Congress. The checks to the state will be sent on the Monday following the Congress.

III. Update from Committee Meetings

Due to some national regulations, Bobbi Montanari will receive all sanction report forms and competition fees for Region 5 competitions instead of Kathy Shufflin as previously printed.

All State Rules and Policies must be reviewed and possibly rewritten. The State Chairmen should have revised copies to Bobbi Montanari by the Regional Congress.

IV. Regional Congress

Kittia Carpenter suggested themes for the Regional Congress. She will look into obtaining decorations for the facility.

Hilary Carlson will secure "Ask Me" buttons for the Regional Administrative Committee to wear along with our regional shirts so people will be able to identify us and be able to get answers to their questions.

After talking to A-1 Awards personnel, Bobbi Montanari found unusual items to use for regional awards. The regional Administrative Committee decided on awarding athletes an ornament with the Region 5 logo. Coaches will receive a clock with the Region 5 logo and the name of the award.

The request for videos was sent out but none have been received as of this time. The request will be sent to the State Chairmen again for distribution to their members. It will also be put on the regional website. All videos and pictures should be sent to Ed Gibson.

Banquet Organization: Bobbi Montanari has assigned the following people to assist in the banquet.

- ASSIST KITTIA w/ decorations: Nina, Kathy, Gus, & Hilary
- GREETERS at entrance: Cap & Doug
- ASSIST JOHN w/ set-up: Kittia, Ed, & Norbert
- MINGLE & WELCOME: Char & Mary Lee
- ASSIST JOHN during banquet: Kittia & Ed

Bobbi Montanari will find out who is responsible for designing the banquet program. The Regional Administrative Committee Members are to help in any way they can. Be visible. Hilary Carlson will present the award to Carole Liedtke and Char Christensen will present the award to Kathy Shufflin.

The next meeting will be September 23, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the Regional Congress in Indianapolis, IN.

No regional meet bids have been received although some meet directors have contacted Committee Members. The Regional Championship sites will be decided at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

Augusta Lipsey reported on the progress of the development of the Region 5 Hall of Fame. Information has been obtained from Carolyn Bowers and Hilary Carlson. Augusta Lipsey and Kathy Shufflin will continue to construct the Hall of Fame proposal and report on its progress at the next Regional Administrative Committee meeting.

Judging recommendations from each state are due to Char Christensen by October 1st. A minimum of 14 judges names are requested. This will ensure having enough judges to assign to the regional championships and also give us alternates from each state.

V. Prep-Optional Program – Claudia Kretschmer

Claudia Kretschmer developed the prep-optional rules that Michigan uses after seeing a similar program through the AAU. She found that the USAG had a comparable program that gave some validity to the level. The prep-optional program may fill some of the gaps that are in the USAG program. It allows gymnasts that are not willing to spend multiple hours in the gym to train to still be able to compete. Many conversations through E-mails to Connie Maloney resulted in the current rules. There are four levels. The Bronze level is comparable to Level 4, the Silver level is comparable to Level 5, the Gold level is comparable to Level 6 and the Platinum level is comparable to Level 7/8.

Claudia is suggesting that the rules be endorsed by the Regional Administrative Committee. Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan have been using these rules. Ohio has made some changes in them and Illinois is planning to discuss the Prep-Optional rules. It was suggested that one person from each state be on a Prep-Optional Regional Committee to make any rules changes. The State Chairmen will get feedback from their committees about this recommendation and report at the next committee meeting.

VI. Individual Specialists

Discussion on Individual Specialists was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. 2008 Committee Meetings

The Regional Administrative Committee decided to have their committee meetings in a more centrally located area. Future meetings that are not in conjunction with a meet or congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN.

VIII. 2008 Regional Congress

Norbert Bendixen is working with Rachel Brazo to have the 2008 Regional Congress in the Chicago area. The Regional Administrative Committee has asked Norbert to recommend that the Congress be scheduled for September rather than late October as the national office has recommended.

IX. Fall Newsletter

Bobbi Montanari has asked Char Christensen, Hilary Carlson, John Geddert and all the State Chairmen to send a paragraph or more concerning their programs to her for inclusion in the Fall Region 5 Newsletter. Bobbi should receive this information no later than our next meeting.

X. New Business

There was no new business presented.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted 8/22/07

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary

Region V Committee Meeting
June 12, 2007; 10:00 – 2:54 p.m.
Huron, Ohio

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobbi Montanari, RACC at 10:00 A.M.

II. WELCOME

Bobbi Montanari, RACC and Kathy Shufflin, past RACC, welcomed all Committee Members to the meeting. On behalf of Region V, Bobbi thanked Kathy for 23 years of service as the Region V Administrative Committee Chairman. Bobbi is very anxious, nervous, and excited about following in Kathy's footsteps. She does not plan to make any major changes but would like to increase communication and visibility. Bobbi's goals over the next few years are to attend each State's Committee Meeting and State Meets. Her objective is to learn how each State operates and meet their Professional Membership.

Confidentiality: Bobbi Montanari stated that she expects the meetings to be open and friendly yet stay on task and everyone to speak one at a time. She also reminded the Committee that what is discussed during the meetings is to remain confidential.

III. ROLL CALL

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Kathy Shufflin, Past Regional Chairman
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
Enrique Trabanino for Mary Lee Tracy, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-KY)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region V-NAWGJ Judging Director
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary

IV. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. The minutes will be posted on the Regional website, State websites and E-mailed to the Regional Professional Membership by July 3, 2007.

V. OPERATING CODE

The USA Gymnastics Operating Code is revised on a yearly basis and will be posted on the USAG website.

VI. COMMUNICATION

- A. Bret Norman will be taking over the construction of the Regional web page effective September, 2007. Any information for the website should be E-mailed to Bobbi Montanari first for approval. She will then forward the information to Bret.
- B. Bobbi Montanari will send out a Regional Newsletter three times per year. The newsletter will be published in the pre-season (fall), prior to Regional Meets (March) and during the post-season (summer). There will be a section in the newsletter for each Committee Member to distribute information.
- C. The State Chairmen are instructed to send their states Rules and Policies to Bobbi Montanari by September 1, 2007.

VII. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT

Char Christensen congratulated and reviewed the successes that Region V had at the Level 10 National Championships. Region V won the National Team Championships for the sixth time in eight years winning 5 out of 8 age divisions. Region V also has 4 out of the 8 All Around champions. Kari Pearce of Gedderts Twistars USA will have a skill named after her. She successfully performed a Chen Flic in a stretched position. Char highlighted the minutes from the Regional Technical Committee Meeting. Additional information may be found on the USAG website.

- A. Good Feedback was made on the two vault system used at the Level 8 Regional Championships.
- B. Criteria for the judges selection to the state meets should be printed. Use of the Professional Involvement Form is recommended. There was some discussion about which judges should be sending in the Professional Involvement Form to the states. It was determined that this is up to the states. Illinois would like more detail on the form. Char Christensen and Bobbi Montanari will develop an electronic Judges Professional Involvement Form. This form will be available on the Regional and State websites. The Professional Involvement Form is due, to the specified people, by September 1, 2007.
- C. The state list of judges recommended for the Regional Championships is due to Char Christensen by October 1, 2007.
- D. Hilary Carlson will continue to handle the regional petitions. Petitions will usually be approved if all required information is submitted.
- E. The wearing of the USAG membership card at meets is still a problem. After some discussion about the need for visibility and the safety issues concerning lanyards, Nina Dent suggested we have regional wrist bands at the Regional Meets. Different colors could designate different responsibilities of the meet. Norbert Bendixen suggested that the wrist bands specify Region V.
For the Regional Championship Meets, meet directors will provide bright colored wrist bands for all USAG Professional Members on the competition floor.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: John Geddert
Passed: Unanimous

Connie Maloney will be contacted for approval for the RAC to develop their own system.

- F. The Judges Volunteer Form for training camps is to be put on each state web site and in newsletters. This form is needed for any Level 10 judge wishing to have a leadership role at the camps. It is also a criterion to be eligible to be nominated for a national meet. Forms are due to the appropriate people by August 1, 2007.
- G. A hard copy of the Level 8, 9 and 10 State Meet results are to be sent to Bobbi Montanari, Char Christensen and John Geddert.
- H. The criteria that each state uses to assign judges for state meets should be published by October 1, 2007. This should also be sent to Bobbi Montanari and Char Christensen.

VIII. REGIONAL ELITE REPORT

Enrique Trabanino presented an overview of the elite program during the last season.

- A. The HOPES and Pre-elite programs have been successful in their first year.
- B. The Elite Regional Meets loses money because of the low number of participants. Many of the elites would rather go to the ranch in Texas.
- C. 2008 will have one elite season because it is an Olympic year. There will be one Classic meet and two national qualifiers.
- D. There were 475 TOPS athletes tested during the last season. 45 gymnasts made it to the national testing and 8 of them made the National Team. There are 6 Diamond Top gymnasts in Region V.
- E. There are low numbers of Pre-Elite gymnasts because they participate in the HOPES division.
- F. There will be five Senior International Elites from Region V trying to make the Olympic team.

IX. REGIONAL JO REPORT

John Geddert reported from the National JO Committee Meeting – See the May 21 and 22, 2007 Minutes from the JO Committee, WTC Committee and Joint WTC-JO Committee.

- A. AAI reported to the JO Committee that the apparatus that will be used at the National Meet will be listed on line.
- B. Sally Weaver from GK Elite Sportswear thanked USAG for their support. GK Elite Sportswear's sponsorship has provided over ¼ million dollars to USA Gymnastics. They are trying to be cost effective. GK has an exclusive contract

with USAG therefore other competitive businesses can not sponsor anything at the Level 9 East/West National or the Level 10 JO National Meets. At Regional Championships, GK Elite Sportswear is to be given a complimentary booth.

- C. Kathy Feldmann reported that background checks on every professional member will begin by August 1, 2007. The cost will be \$20.00 online. There could be additional charges. NCSI is the company that will be doing the background checks.
- D. Vault values for twisting vaults were lowered some for Levels 9 and 10.
- E. Discussion was made on doing one vault at the optional level. This was tabled until more feedback is received from the professional membership.
- F. Gymnasts may now compete on three events at a qualifying meet without jeopardizing their chance to petition due to injury.
- G. Level 7 warm-up time is 1½ minutes for all competitive formats.
- H. The special requirement of a bar change at Level 7 has been removed. A special requirement of an “A” cast (45°) has been added.
- I. Past state meet scores may be used when petitioning to State Meets.

X. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT

As the new Regional Judging Director Hilary Carlson has two goals.

- A. Hilary will work closely with Char Christensen to get more judges involved in the Regional Camps.
- B. Hilary would like to encourage the Regional Committee to encourage Steve Penny and Kathy Kelly to move on the recently presented compensation package for the judges. Entry fees for meets this season may be dependent on the package.

The Level 9 &10 Regional Championships was very lengthy. What can be done?

A clerk will be required for each judge at the Level 9 & 10 Regional Championships to administer the score entry into the electronic scoring system or to manually display the judges’ score.

Motion: Norbert Bendixen

2nd: Doug Rowe

Passed: Unanimous

Additional changes to improve the administration of the Regional Championships will be discussed at the next Regional Committee Meeting.

XI. REGIONAL MEETS

- A. Ed Gibson asked that a Rules and Policies be developed for the Level 8 Regional Championships. Char Christensen sends out Regional Meet Reminders. Bobbi Montanari will keep track of questions this year and develop a handbook for subsequent years.

- B. Norbert Bendixen suggested that Capital Cup or Modified Capital Cup be used at the Level 8 Regional Championships if the Meet Director agrees and the same number of gymnasts can compete as compete with the traditional format.
- C. Bobbi Montanari will ask the Regional Meet Directors to redo the financial reports on the USAG form with all information (admission fees, vendors, etc.).
- D. Because of the Jewish holiday of Passover, the national office has requested that the date of the 2008 Level 9 &10 Regional Championships be discussed by each Regional Committee.

Recommendation made to move the Level 9 & 10 Regional Championships to April, 25-27, 2008 and the Level 8 Regional Championships to May 3-4, 2008 to accommodate the Jewish Holiday of Passover.

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Norbert Bendixen
Passed: Unanimous

- E. *Clarification: By sending the request to the RACC, RTCC and RJOCC the maximum number of gymnasts per session may be exceeded by a small percentage. This only applies to State Championships. Regional Championships must receive approval to exceeding the maximum number of gymnasts per session from the NTCC and the NJOCC. (Invitational Meets cannot plan to go over the number of gymnasts per session by even one gymnast without possibly receiving a sanction violation. The penalty for a sanction violation may be a monetary fine.)*
- F. A suggestion was made from Don McPherson to have the State Chairman look at the Regional Championship location to judge the acceptability of the facility to host the meet. They should take into consideration the lighting, seating and additional items. After some discussion no changes were made in the selection procedure.
- G. Bids for the 2008 series of Regional Championships are due to Bobbi Montanari by September 1, 2007. A floor plan should be included with the bid.
- H. Qualifying scores for the regional championships will remain the same.

Level 8:	34.50
Level 9:	34.00
Level 10:	34.00
- I. Entry fees for the Regional Championships were discussed. Concerns were made related to the amount of the facilities fees at the 2007 Level 8 Meet. Ed Gibson suggested setting a per day maximum amount to be charged for a facility. This was not approved because costs are dependent upon the area. Kattia Carpenter questioned why there was a difference in the entry fees of the Level 8 Regional Meet compared to the Level 9 & 10 Regional Meet. It was determined that the Level 8 Regional Meet has typically been a two day meet and the Level 9 & 10 Regional Meet is a three day meet.

Motion made to change the Regional Championship entry fee to \$70.00 for the Level 8 and \$80.00 for the Level 9 & 10 Championship Meets.

Motion: Ed Gibson
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

J. The number of judges will remain the same.

Level 8: 2 judge panels
Level 9: 4 judge panels
Level 10: 4 judge panels

XII. TRAINING CAMPS

A. The 2007 Regional Training Camps are as listed below.

* Super Camp: August 3-5, 2007

1. North: Mills Gymnastics (Michigan)
2. South: Champion Gymnastics (Kentucky)

* Hot Shot Camp: September 7-9, 2007

1. Olympia Gymnastics (Michigan)

* Hi-Tech Camp: October 5-7, 2007

1. DeVeau's Gymnastics (Indiana)

* Forward Progress Camp: November 2-4, 2007

1. East: Flytz Gymnastics (Ohio)
2. West: Illinois Gymnastics Institute (Illinois)

B. Staffing for all the camps is being handled by Dave Rawles. Anyone wanting to take part in a camp should E-mail their name, club, E-mail address, the name of the camp they are interested in, and the event they would prefer to coach to Dave.

C. Athlete registration forms and payments are to be sent to Terry Russell.

D. There was discussion about assigning a Director for the regional camps. This person would conduct the staff meeting and emphasize the objectives and philosophy of the camp. It was determined that a Director should be assigned to each individual camp. Terry Russell and Dave Rawles will assign the Director of each camp from the list of volunteers for each camp.

XIII. NATIONAL CONGRESS

There will be a Regional Committee Meeting on August 17, 2007 at 5:00 at the National Congress. The location of the meeting will be determined at a later date.

XIV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

A. Bobbi Montanari has been communicating with Kathy Kelly concerning the responsibilities of the Committee Members at Regional Congress.

B. Bobbi Montanari suggested that the Committee wear matching shirts at the Regional Congress so that they can be easily identified.

- C. John Geddert is responsible for the banquet. He needs help in marketing the banquet. Many are not aware that the banquet cost is not included in the registration fee.
1. Ed Gibson will collect pictures, videos, and DVD's of coaches and gymnasts that have been instrumental in our Region.
 2. Kittia Carpenter will develop a letter requesting information for Ed Gibson. The letter will be on the Regional website and E-mailed to the Regional Membership July 1, 2007.
 3. John Geddert will put together a list of responsibilities for the banquet then assign them. Some possible responsibilities are
 - a. development of the program
 - b. invitation to the athletes
 - c. obtaining and operating the AV equipment
 4. Invitations to the banquet will be sent to clubs and professional members.
 5. It is recommended that the banquet be on Saturday evening rather than Friday.
 6. A formal thank you will be extended to Carole Liedtke for 12 years as the Region V NAWGJ Chairman.
 7. All Star Team applications are due to John Geddert by July 1, 2007. The team will be presented at the banquet.
- D. Region V will develop a Hall of Fame.
1. Augusta Lipsey and Kathy Shufflin will develop the criteria for entry into the Hall of Fame. References will be taken from the Kentucky Hall of Fame, the Illinois Hall of Fame, the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame, and Carolyn Bowers.
 2. Weighing of the criteria will be considered.

XV. OTHER

- A. Kathy Shufflin lobbied for an increase in the head tax per gymnast. Region V has the lowest head tax in the country. She suggested it be a minimum of \$2.00 per gymnast. The additional funds would be used for Bobbi Montanari's travel to meets, meetings, and for the newsletters. Discussion on this topic was tabled until a budget could be developed.
- B. Claudia Kretschmer will be contacted to do a presentation on Michigan's Prep-Opt Program to the Regional Committee at the next meeting held at the National Congress.

XVI. CLARIFICATIONS

See the May 21, 2007 Minutes of the Joint Junior Olympic and Technical Committee Meeting.

- A. There is no tumbling on the diagonal during the open stretch warm-up period of competitions. Line drills involving simple elements are allowed.
- B. State Committees may decide to allow individual specialists at Level 7 though Level 10. They are allowed to compete through the state meet. Duplicate awards are to be given.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM

Respectfully Submitted 6/14/07

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Regional Secretary