

Northern California Women's Gymnastics Association
General Meeting
Saturday, June 3, 2023
Concord Hilton and Zoom

General Meeting called to order at 1:17pm by Chairman Perry Siu

Quorum was achieved

Perry Siu introduced James Hamnet from San Jose Sports Authority and SAP Arena to update US Championships

- August 24-27, 2023 at SAP Arena in San Jose
- 81 days away!
- Tickets can still be purchased...incentive program for number of tickets sold by Clubs
- SJSA is in the running for 2028 Olympic Trials-Gymnastics

USA Gymnastics SACC: Perry Siu

- Registration is open at USA Gymnastics
- U110-Safe Sport
 - Course taken before July 31, 2023 will expire December 31, 2023
 - Course taken after July 31, will expire one year later
 - [U110 Information Page \(usagym.org\)](https://www.usagym.org)
- Congratulations to Region 1's SUPER TEAMS
 - Level 9's at Developmental Program WESTERNS
 - Level 10's at Developmental Program NATIONALS
 - From Jennifer Shipman
 - Region 1 never lost the lead at DP Nationals!!!

National Gymnastics Association Report: Darcie Fellows (for Haylee Brown)

- 900 Athletes in California. Nor-Cal is the majority.
- National competition with 1500 athletes participating in New Orleans, LA

NAWGJ: Donagene Jones and Julie Andrews

- THANK YOU P.J. Slater for all the work you have done!
- 83 Judges with new Judges coming in
 - Coaches, choreographers, etc. are encouraged to become Judges
- Judges Cup Level 3-5
 - September 8-10, 2023 at Technique
- Level 7 Judges Cup and Critique
 - December 9-10, 2023 at CGA
- National Judges Cup
 - January 5, 2024...Tinley, IL
- NAWGJ offers free clinics to clubs

- 2 per month
- Request a clinic through NAWGJ
- The NAWGJ Board will send someone out.

Treasurers Report Bill Strom

- Donna Scheu did a great job holding down the cost of Woodward Camp
 - Lost \$2,000
 - Nor-Cal Subsidized the Camp \$15,000
- 95% of Clubs registered with Nor-Cal this year
- NGA is working to split Nor-Cal and SoCal
 - NGA State awards are listed in financial as the meet included SoCal

WOODWARD CAMP John Keeter representing (Donna Scheu)

- Woodward has done away with all gymnastics events
- The Nor-Cal Camp is not done yet
- Working to find new facilities
- Hoping to plan the Nor-Cal Camp before or after Championships

Approval of minutes

- May 26, 2022 and June 6, 2023
 - Motion to approve by Abra Slater
 - Second: Mike Guzman
 - **APPROVED**

Nor-Cal Handbook

- Bill, Evelyn, Penny and Perry worked on updating the Nor-Cal Handbook with current information and is a work in progress.
- **MOTION to approve** by Matt Hodges
- **SECOND:** Brian Loomis
- **APPROVED**

Nor-Cal AWARDS

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| ● Compulsory Coach of The Year | Raquel Minor | Black Diamond |
| ● Xcel Coach of The Year | Jessica Friedman | Accel |
| ● Choreographer of The Year | Maureen Koehler | Redwood Empire |
| ● Optional Coach of the Year | Greta Fisher Leach | Redwood Empire |
| ● NGA Coach of The Year | Emma Huffstutter | Santa Rosa |
| ● Don Nelson Award | Evelyn Paradis | Pacific West |
| ● James Wallace Award | Matt Hodges | Accel |
| ● Club of The Year | Royal | |

ELECTIONS-by Acclamation

- Vice Chairman Mike Guzman
- Treasurer Bill Strom

Nor-Cal Calendar P.J. Slater

- Not a lot of Compulsory meets on the Calendar
- Judges Cup need support

PROPSAL by Penny Moyce

- ~~Level 3 34.00 All Around Guarantee of 360 gymnasts at State~~
- ~~Level 4 33.00 All Around Guarantee of 360 gymnasts at State~~
- ~~Level 5 32.00 All Around Guarantee of 360 gymnasts at State~~
- ~~Level 6 through 10 32.00 All Around~~

- ~~Xcel Qualification score to State will be determined following the Xcel Region 1 Board Meeting~~
- SECOND: Mike Guzman
- **AMENDED by Abra Slater**
- 2023-2024 State Championship qualifications
 - 32.00 All Around for Development Program Level 3-10, and ALL Xcel Divisions
 - Scores achieved at a USA Gymnastics Sanctioned event

PROPOSALS

Xcel State by Mike Guzman

I propose we have team competitions at all the NorCal Xcel State Championships starting in the 2023-24 season. Team competition at each State meet shall consist of any number of qualified gymnasts. Team scores are determined by a team's top three or four All Around gymnasts, regardless of age division, with the top three scores per event counting.

SECOND: Abra Slater

PASSED

Overall Xcel Team Trophy by Mike Guzman

I propose that NorCal awards an Overall Xcel Team Trophy starting in the 2023-24 season. The criteria for the award would be the following point system for team placement at the NorCal Xcel state meets.

- First Place = 6 points
- Second Place = 5 points
- Third Place = 4 Points
- Fourth place = 3 points
- Fifth place = 2 points
- Sixth place = 1 points

The points will be totaled from all NorCal Xcel state meets that provide Team awards. The team with the highest point total at the end of the season will be awarded the Overall Xcel Team Trophy with a small name plate with their name added to the trophy. The trophy will reside at the gym it is awarded to each year.

SECOND: Abra Slater

PASSED

Overall NGA Team Trophy

~~I propose that NorCal awards an Overall NGA Team Trophy starting in the 2023-24 season. The criteria for the award would be the following point system for team placement of the NorCal Teams at the NGA state meets.~~

- ~~● First Place = 6 points~~
- ~~● Second Place = 5 points~~
- ~~● Third Place = 4 Points~~
- ~~● Fourth place = 3 points~~
- ~~● Fifth place = 2 points~~
- ~~● Sixth place = 1 points~~

~~The points will be totaled from all Norcal area NGA state meet that provides Team awards. The team with the highest point total at the end of the season will be awarded the Overall NGA Team Trophy with a small plaque with their name added to the trophy. The trophy will reside at the gym is it awarded to each year~~

SECOND Darcie Fellows

TABLED for future discussion

Overall Team Trophy Purchase by Mike Guzman

I propose that NorCal purchase an Overall NGA Team Trophy and an Overall Xcel Team Trophy with a budget of \$750 per trophy. A committee will be made to help design each trophy and present designs to the NorCal board at the 2023 fall meeting. At that meeting the board (with help of the general membership) will vote on the design to be used for the trophy. The trophies will be purchased in January 2024.

SECOND: Darcie Fellows

PASSED

Meet Warm-up by Abra Slater

To strongly suggest or recommend that all competition floor area is used for line drills and the other 1/2 for stretching.

As the numbers increase this is becoming more and more dangerous at every meet.

SECOND: Penny Moyce

TABLED

It was suggested that Meet Directors, coaches etc. bring this to the attention of USA Gymnastics.

Xcel Bronze and Silver Competitive Season by Abra Slater

I would like to propose that the compulsory levels of Xcel Bronze and Silver be moved to the fall competitive season.

This would be more in line with the previous seasons.

It would also provide more athletes for the events that host meets in the fall.

Meets have had to cancel due to lack of participants.

Those meets that would still like to add these levels into their events in the winter and spring seasons may still do so.

SECONG: Mike Guzman

- Mike Proposed that a committee be formed to discuss this issue to see if it is necessary. Will be taken up at the General Meeting

2023-2024 Nor-Cal HANDBOOK and REVISIONS

- Darcie Fellows accepts the Handbook and revisions
- SECOND: Abra Slater
- PASSED

Proposal by: Donna Scheu, CCGI Dated – May 26, 2023 Amended 5/31/23 to show more accurate numbers

Proposal to restructure the NorCal Women's Gymnastics Association

I am requesting that the following proposal be reviewed in the June 3rd Board Meeting, changes made and then voted on in the General Meeting following the Board Meeting.

- The NCWGA's primary purpose going forward would be limited to celebrating the achievements of the athletes, coaches, and clubs in NorCal regardless of affiliation.
- USA Gymnastics business (State meet hosts, state calendar etc.) will be conducted by the State Administrative Committee and there will be an annual meeting for all USAG club members to attend.
- NGA business (State meet hosts, state calendar etc.) will be conducted by the NGA governing board and there will be an annual meeting for all NGA club members to attend.
- If agreed upon by NCWGA members, a joint calendar and club rosters will be maintained.
- NCWGA would continue to have officers of the board but it will need to be decided if there is a continued need for Zone Reps.
- There will be a NCWGA General Meeting to discuss NorCal achievements. All awards previously established will continue:
 - William E. Glover Memorial Scholarship
 - Holly Balber-Kemp Gymnast Award
 - Don Nelson Memorial Award for Contributor of the Year
 - James Wallace Coach's Award
 - NorCal Club of the Year
 - Choreographer of the Year
 - NorCal Perpetual Trophy (USAG)
 - USAG Optional Coach of the Year
 - USAG Compulsory Coach of the Year

- USAG Xcel Coach of the Year
- NGA Coach of the Year
- Training Camp subsidies or other items not related to the above would need to be paid out to the USAG/NGA sub-account.
- The \$100,000 (estimate) in the NCWGA account would be distributed as follows:
- \$11,500 + \$16,320 = \$27,820 to remain in General Account
- \$48,480 + \$10,000 - \$58,480 in USAG sub-account \$8,700 + \$5,000 = \$13,700 in NGA sub-account
- The first number is 2023 estimated athlete fees in the account and the 2nd number is distribution of the other money currently in the NCWGA account that has accumulated over time and will need to be distributed with this change in structure.
- The above is a suggestion of current funds but can be talked about and negotiated as to what would be fair and equitable.
- Going forward, I propose that each organization will be financially independent. NCWGA would be the governing organization with USAG & NGA and any other organizations would be sub-organizations the same as the current members.
- Annual Fees would be distributed as follows:
- Annual Club Membership Fees would go to NCWGA general account. 115 clubs @ \$100 or \$11,500
- Athlete Fees would go into sub-accounts – based on this year’s USAG and NGA memberships.
- NGA – 725 athletes @ \$12 per athlete or \$8,700
- USAG – 4040 athletes @ \$12 per athlete or \$48,480
- State Team Banners, State Team Jackets and Graduating Senior Gifts will continue to be awarded by NCWGA and funds will be paid from each organization's sub-account.
- NAWGJ will continue assigning both organizations invitationals. NAWGJ Assignors will work together to ensure that all meets have officials.
- SECOND: Courtney Rogers
- Perry recommends that this be taken to the General Membership

Comment from Jennifer Krause NACC

- There needs to be a way to separate the two organizations
- Nor-Cal cannot stay the way it is
- Need to do a separation of business
- NGA Clubs cannot vote on USAG business and USAG cannot vote on NGA business
- Nor-Cal one in a million organization. No other state has what we do.

PROPOSAL amended by John Keeter

- Going forward there should be two sub accounts
 - General Account,,the \$100 Club Fee
 - USAG Athlete Fee goes to USAG account
 - NGA Athlete Fee goes to NGA account

● **SECOND: Lisa Porch**

● **PASSED**

COMMENTS regarding Donna’s Proposal:

- Statement regarding Zone Reps does not belong in the proposal
- Bill...Revisit during Congress in August
- Julie...Administration of State Championships needs 2wt sub groups
- ***Nor-Cal Fees will be due August 31, 2023 for this year (pending clarifications to separate organizations)

Jennifer Krause recommends that people come to the In-Person meetings to be better informed about issues. SECOND by Cassie Warton.

Letter from Donna Scheu

To the NorCal Board & Membership:

I have been a member of NCWGA for over 30 years and am deeply concerned with the direction our organization is going. I am making the following proposal to ensure that NCWGA will continue to represent NorCal clubs in a fair and equitable way for generations to come.

With our sport and organization constantly changing I feel we need to address these changes. I know it is a big task to restructure NCWGA so that it is not biased in supporting any organization. We also need to recognize the danger of losing support of many of its members. I feel there is currently much division in the vision of what's important for our organization and we need to evaluate what is best for the kids and the sport and try to make that happen.

I am currently out of the country and can not be at the meeting, so I have asked John Keeter to be present to answer any questions that you have.

Thank you for your time and effort in advance. It is much appreciated.

Donna Scheu

CCGI Owner and National Judge

PROPOSAL by Scott Slater

- Qualification scores after December 1st can be used for qualification to Optional and Xcel Spring State Championships
- SECOND: Jennifer Krause
- PASSED

PROPOSAL by Jennifer Engle

- To allow Level 3 to compete at State Championships as a team, earning Team Awards
- Team Competition would count towards the Perpetual Trophy
- SECOND: Abra Slater
- **PASSED**

Motion to adjourn by Mike Guzman

SESOCD: Chuck Krause

Meeting Adjourned at 4:01pm

SECOND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Nor-Cal State Championship Hosts

Level 3-5	Technique	Capital Sports Center	November 18-19, 2023
Xcel B/S North	North Bay		March 16-17, 2024
Xcel B/S South	Peninsula	Red Morton (Red Morton)	March 16-17, 2024
Level 6-10	Byers Roseville	Roebbelen Center	March 23-24, 2024
Xcel G-D	CCGI	Visalia Convention Center	April 6-7, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moyce
Nor-Cal Secretary