



**National Administrative Committee Meeting**

May 13, 2021 Daytona Beach, FL.

- I. National Administrative Chair Jennifer Krause called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed the members and guests.

Roll Call

Evelyn Paradis	Region 1
Marian Dewane	Region 2
Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek	Region 3
Rick Nelson	Region 4
Dave Stiles	Region 5
Kathy Ostberg	Region 6
Jennifer Bortz	Region 7
Deb Kornegay	Region 8
Tom Koll	DPCC
Cheryl Hamilton	TCC
Claudia Kretschmer	XCC
Annie Heffernon	Women’s Program Vice President
Christy Naik	Women’s Development Program Director
Connie Maloney	Women’s DP Technical Director
Guest: Lauryn Turner	USA Gymnastics Chief of Staff

- II. Reports
  - A. Lauryn Turner gave a report to the RACCs regarding state/regional accounting as well as athlete representation on the state, regional, and national committees. First quarter 2021 rebates were distributed. Any rebates held in bankruptcy should be released when USA Gymnastics exits bankruptcy. 2020 rebates were not paid out to states/regions due to all events being cancelled.
  - B. The National Committee Chairs for Development Program, Technical and Xcel gave brief reports as their committees do not meet until the following week.
  - C. Annie Heffernon updated the committee on upcoming events for the Women’s Program.
- III. USA citizen athletes training at US military bases in other countries  
Jen Krause reported that Erica Koven, Chief Membership Officer, is considering the possibility of these athletes being provided opportunities to qualify to state championship competitions. The ability to provide mobility opportunities has been established already.
- IV. Professional members holding two positions within the USA Gymnastics volunteer structure.  
The question was raised regarding whether an individual can serve on two USA Gymnastics committees simultaneously, such as a RTCC also serving on a SAC.

Recommendation to add a statement to the Operating Code, Article IV, that “all USA Gymnastics Professional members are allowed to be members of a State Administrative Committee (but not the chair) regardless of any other additional position held in USA Gymnastics or National Association of Women’s Gymnastics Judges.

Motion: Marian DeWane  
 Second: Deb Kornegay  
 PASSED unanimously.

- V. Athlete residency/State Championships  
R & P (page 19, III.B.) currently states that a gymnast can compete in the state in which her club is located or the state in which she lives. With the new requirement that the athlete must be associated with a member club, this is not entirely accurate.  
Jennifer will bring this to Erica's attention to determine if this statement should be deleted.
- VI. Election Concerns
- A. Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee to add to the Operating Code that any National, Regional or State Committee Chairs or USA Gymnastics staff cannot publicly endorse any candidates running for a USA Gymnastics committee position.  
Motion: Jen Bortz  
Second: Rick Nelson  
PASSED
- B. Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee to make the following changes in the Operating Code, Article VI Elections and Terms of Office regarding State Committee Chairs and Regional officers:
- The Call for Nominations must be published and/or posted online for a minimum of one month prior to the submission deadline of no later than April 1.
  - Elections for State Administrative and Regional Committee Chairs are to be conducted online at [www.usagym.org](http://www.usagym.org) from May 1 to May 15. Term of office to begin July 1.
  - Amend page 11, m. under Regional Officers: to read "The week after **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, the NACC and the RACC's will receive their respective region's election results by email, including the actual vote counts in the event that any of the candidates wants to know this information. The **NACC** will notify all of the candidates of the election results.
- Motion: Deb Kornegay  
Second: Dave Stiles  
PASSED
- VII. Procedures for Petitions in the DP and Xcel Programs was discussed in regard to charging a fee for petitions, as no fees are allowed. No action was taken.
- VIII. The committee discussed the statement in the R&P, page 19 III. C. 2 regarding clubs with multiple locations competing as one club at State championships. No action was taken.
- IX. Privileges of appointed members of State and Regional Administrative Committees  
Recommendation to the WPC to add to the Operating Code, page 14, Section F. 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet: "Appointed State Administrative Committee members (SACM) have a voice, but may not make a motion, second a motion or vote.  
Recommendation to the WPC to add to the Operating Code, page 10, Section C. 2: "to allow appointed Regional Administrative Committee members (RACM) to match the State Administrative Committee members (SACM) section, page 14, Section F, 2.  
Motion: Kathy Ostberg  
Second: Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek  
PASSED
- X. Vacancies on the State Committee (SAC)  
Recommendation to the WPC that the same principles of handling vacancies for State Chair be applied to vacancies left by State Committee members and be reflected in the Operating Code, Article IX, page 18 Section B.  
Motion: Evelyn Paradis  
Second: Marian DeWane  
PASSED

- XI. Discussion regarding proxies at Regional and State Committee meetings.
- A. Recommendation to the WPC to change the Operating Code, page 17, Section B to reflect the following:
1. If a State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC) is unable to attend the Regional Committee meeting, the State Chair shall approve a replacement for that meeting from elected members of their State Administrative Committee (SAC).
  2. If a Regional officer (RDPC, RTCC, RXCC) is unable to attend the Regional Committee meeting, the Regional Administrative Chairman (RAC) shall approve of a suitable replacement, who is required to sign the conflict of interest and confidentiality form.  
Motion: Deb Kornegay  
Second: Rick Nelson  
PASSED
- B. Recommendation to the WPC to add to Operating Code, page 17 Under Section C after first sentence: "No proxies are allowed at State Administrative Committee meetings."  
Motion: Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek  
Second: Deb Kornegay  
PASSED
- XII. Elections procedures for State Administrative Committee members
- A. Recommendation to the WPC to add to the Operating Code, page 14, Section F, 5. that elections for State Administrative Committee members be conducted by a universal voting platform chosen by the National Administrative Committee.  
Motion: Kathy Ostberg  
Second: Deb Kornegay  
PASSED
- B. Recommendation to the WPC to make the following change to the Operating Code, page 15, Section F. 5. f. to 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence:  
"The Regional Administrative Committee Chairman will inform the State Administrative Committee Chairman **and the nominees** of the election result."  
Motion: Dave Stiles  
Second: Kathy Ostberg  
PASSED
- C. State Administrative Chair Term of Office  
Recommendation to the WPC to make the following change to the Operating Code, page 12, Section E. 2: "They (SACC) shall serve for **four** years and be elected **two years after the Olympic Games (effective 2022)**".  
Motion: Kathy Ostberg  
Second: Kim Lauderdale-Stepanek  
7 in favor, 1 opposed  
PASSED
- XIII. Entry Fees
- A. Recommendation to increase the entry fee for Development Program Compulsory levels and Xcel Bronze, Silver & Gold to \$85 and DP Optional levels and Xcel Platinum and Diamond to \$95, to be reflected in the 2021-22 Rules and Policies, page 50 and 82.  
Motion: Deb Kornegay  
Second: Jen Bortz  
PASSED
- B. Recommendation to the National office to increase the entry fee for East/West Championships to be the same as the Level 10 National Championships.  
Motion: Rick Nelson  
Second: Dave Stiles  
PASSED

- XIV. Gate Fees for State and Regional meets  
Committee discussed the possibility of setting a maximum gate fee for these competitions. No action was taken.
- XV. Recommendation to the National Office to add to the Judges' Compensation Package (R& P, page 42, I.B.3.b) a bullet: "Travel insurance is not a reimbursable expense."
- XVI. Service and/or emotional support animals on the Field of Play  
Discussion was held. Since laws in each state vary and any ruling in this regard should apply to all disciplines, the committee refrained from making any recommendation but requested that the National office request a legal review.
- XVII. Financial Questions/Discussion  
Jennifer took concerns and questions from the committee and will bring those forward to the National Office.
- XVIII. State Chair Workshop  
Jennifer asked for topics to be discussed in breakout groups. Since there are no new SACCs, the State Chair Workshop will be via Zoom on July 11, 2021.
- XIX. New Business  
A. The committee discussed the procedures for recording any recommendations and the resulting vote in committee minutes. The committee agreed that the minutes should reflect only the number in favor and opposed, but an individual member may request that their own vote be recorded.  
B. Tom reminded the committee that all committees can make recommendations to the National Office for the Women's Program National Service award.
- XX. Recommendation to adjourn at 7:18 pm.  
Motion: Evelyn Paradis  
Second: Marian DeWane  
PASSED