

**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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: 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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: 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*