

Annual Judges meeting: 8/15/2025 (Region 6 Congress Providence, RI)

5:30 pm call to order by Co-SJD's Deb Carrier and Linda Briggs (note taking by Jacquelyn, Lorraine, Deb and Linda)

Present:

Committee members ([Board Members](#) | [NAWGJ Connecticut \(ctnawgj.org\)](#))

Deb Carrier: Co-SJD, Judges Cup Coordinator

Linda Briggs: Co- SJD, Website Coordinator

Jacquelyn Klug: Secretary

Sue Batkis: Community Building and Hospitality; treasurer assistant

Lori Buggee: High School Assigner

Amy Bodnar: High School Assigner (zoom)

Sandi Barrett: Assigner (USAG, AAU, YMCA)

Lorraine Duffy: Judges Education Coordinator

Kristen Haakerud: New Judges Coordinator (zoom)

Erica Myers: CPE Coordinator

Welcome all by Co-SJD's

Accepted last meeting minutes ([link here](#))

Assigning fees: In accordance with USAG procedures and policies, we need to resume collecting \$5 per assigned judge. Cancelled meets will also require the assessment fee. *If the fee is not sent within 72 hours after completion of the meet, the fee is \$7 per judge. No clubs will be able to get meets assigned without paying their 2024-2025 fees. Jacquelyn and Deb are spearheading reaching out to clubs with an invoice and list of meets owed.

Judges Cup to go: **Link will be on our website:** [ctnawgj.org](#)

Judges Cup to go will occur from October to December. Fee is \$95 and many clubs have already signed up. Last year over 1000 gymnasts participated across CT. When possible, a critique person will be added to beam and floor to provide more feedback to the gymnasts and coaches. Critique should focus on specific items the gymnast can improve upon.

Website: Linda continues to focus on making the website a one stop shop for all of our CT judge related items. Lots of judging aides are on there. [ctnawgj.org](#)

Green Flag Recipient: Applications are due 10/15. [Click here](#) to see past winners and nominate someone deserving.

New Judge update: Kristen and Linda have recruited and helped train 15 new Judges! 3 will be testing 8/9! Kristen held a new judge class with Debby where

everyone learned about judging and took the online test all in the same day!

Hospitality update: Sue has been spearheading the hospitality work and feedback has been well received. For the 2025-2026 season a budget of 4K was proposed.

Motion: Lorraine Duffy: Increase the gift card amount to \$25 for birthdays and other acknowledgements may be up to \$100. **Second motion:** Sandi and Lori. **Passed**

Judges Education: Lorraine hosted 4 extensive online clinics for level 10 Vault, Bars, Beam, Floor. Over 45 people were in attendance throughout the US! Lorraine went above and beyond from what started with 2 judges in CT to 45.

Motion: Kristen: Because of the nature of the clinics and the eligibility for others outside of CT to obtain CPE's a motion to pay Lorraine \$400 for her time in creating the online clinics and going above and beyond the normal duties of her role.

Second: Lori, Sandi (abstained Lorraine) Motion: passed

Assignments : Discussion around the assigner getting paid as it is a 24/7 job for USAG, AAU and YMCA. Discussion tabled for now. Deb will reach out to NAWGJ for further guidance and to see if this is allowed. New assigning Best Practices has been created so all judges are aware of the process and how assignments are made. This is also located on our website: ctnawgj.org

CPE updated: Erika has received ALL CPE forms! There were 2 different forms which caused some confusion.

Action: Ensure new form is on website and Erika to send out new form to all judges. Everyone is encouraged to send in their forms as soon as they are complete for the year.

National Judges Cup: Jan 2-4 in Anaheim, CA. We will send 2 judges again and have budgeted 3K towards those expenses. Region 6 pays for the hotel. Plan is to prioritize those who haven't gone yet. A drawing will be held at our Fall NAWGJ-CT JUDGES CLINIC, September 21, 2025, for anyone with an up to date USAG/AAU Membership interested.

Financial Report: Link will be on our website: ctnawgj.org

Discussion around senior gifts as the blankets are very expensive and last year there were 75 seniors! Discussion tabled for now and everyone to think about other options.

Reimbursements: Discussion around NAWGJ reimbursements. For January 2025 - December 2025 up to \$200 (with receipts) for judging related items. NAWGJ-CT has already paid and renewed everyone's NAWGJ; Region 6 Congress was also paid for those that attended. If you did not attend Congress, you may send in receipts for other educational type classes you may have taken, up to \$180. HS only judges are eligible for up to \$100 for judging related items. All reimbursements will depend on our finances at the end of this fiscal year, July 2026.

Discussed for next year a Tiered approach as it is testing year. For example Level 5 and below would receive \$200, Level 6-10 \$400 and National \$650. Rationale is that as each level goes up it is more expensive for clinics and testing plus travel. HS we suggest \$100 IF they volunteer for judges cup and help write critiques etc. otherwise they will be eligible for \$50 reimbursement.

Motion: HS only Judges can receive up to \$100 if they help at Judges Cup

Motion by Lori, second by Sandi.

Passed (absent: Jacquelyn as she had to leave for banquet and Lorraine took over notetaking)

Fall Clinic: discussion around topics. Action: Deb to send out a survey to see what people would like for topics and if we needed a meeting plus clinic or just a clinic. We are looking at hosting a mini Regional type clinic with several topics available based on the individual judge's needs.

Thank you all for attending our Committee Meeting! We appreciate each and everyone of you.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm