

# TEXAS USA GYMNASTICS

February 2007

## A Note From Diane

Hello to all of you! Isn't it great that spring is finally here!

I hope this newsletter finds all of you happy, healthy and although it is hard to believe it is already that time, I hope you are ready for some great championship competitions. Gosh, it seems that I just finished putting up all the holiday decorations!

I would like to extend a very special thanks to all of you in North Texas who stepped up and helped us all get through some rough weather conditions in the Dallas area and made the 1<sup>st</sup> qualifying meet go on in rain, snow and sleet (and just think, no one went postal!)

Just the other day I was thinking that we constantly instruct our athletes to take care of themselves. Ya know we need to remember that we should take our own advice. So I am hoping that between the workouts, meets and daily grind that you all will find an extra hour to spend with family or friends or just yourself. Squeeze in a relaxing dinner with someone special, watch a Texas sunset, grab a fishing pole or your golf clubs or maybe take in a late night movie with popcorn. Sometimes we have to force ourselves to take time to "smell the roses" in the midst of our busy lives, but when you work 7 day weeks for months on end, you should take a moment to recharge.

So from me to you, enjoy some relaxation, you all look too tired!

**Diane**

## Texas USA Gymnastics Elections

With the arrival of spring, Texas USAG will be conducting the election of all State Administrative Committee Members. Members will be elected for a term of 2 years. You can nominate a person whom you think would represent you well, or if you are interested in serving, nominate yourself. Complete call for nominations and election information is enclosed in this newsletter.

## Meet Bids

As a reminder, meet bids for all Texas USAG competitions are due March 1, 2007. See meet bid form found in the Blue Book and on line. Bids may be faxed to the appropriate representative.

## State Meet Information

As of this spring, athletes are allowed to qualify at invitational meets that are held on non statewide qualifying weekends. With this change and with the evolution of the use of the internet, we believe it will serve the gymnastics community more effectively to post all the state meet information on the official website and the host club websites. This will allow you to obtain the information earlier and at your convenience. We will continue this policy in the future.

### ATTENTION MEET DIRECTORS!

NOTE: The \$10.00 Region 3 check is NO LONGER required. If you sent a check that was held after 8/1/06 the check will be shredded.

NOTE: Excel formatted Meet Results MUST be sent Electronically to TX. USAG. Athlete Competition Fee Worksheet MUST accompany Sanction. Fines apply.

Send Coach Sign In Sheets to National Office ONLY.

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Texas USA Gymnastics  
State Administrative Committee

**State Chair**

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**North Competition Chair**

Scott Crouse

**South Competition Chair**

Lisa England

**Coaches Education**

Larry McDonough

**District 1 Representative**

Al Gamboa

**District 2 Representative**

Scott Taylor

**District 3 Representative**

Martin Parsley

**District 4 Representative**

Carol Robuck

**District 5 Representative**

Oni Twilley

**District 6 Representative**

Barbara Hughes

**Ex Officio Board Members**

**NAWGJ** – Leslie Patterson

**Admin Assistant** – Dawn Herbel

Please see the blue book or TX USAG  
website for contact information.

**Website Updates**

Keep up to date on all the newsflashes and updates. Instead of constantly checking the website for news, let us do the work for you.... Sign up today for notification of website changes.

**Where are those Meet Results??**

Most of you know that it is not required to post meet results on line. As a service to our state sponsored meet directors, TXUSAG offers this service at no charge. Texas USAG is not responsible for posting the results for any invitational meets. As a meet director myself, I have received many emails from parents requesting copies of meet results, some of them not very kindly written. I ask that all of you as professionals coaches and club owners to educate the parents of your gymnasts in this area. If the parents understand that we cannot post meet results we do not receive, then perhaps they will not feel so frustrated. I would also encourage you to educate your athletes' parents that their first line of communication is you, or the gym owner.

Even though I can answer many questions, I would prefer to not overstep my responsibilities by answering questions that are better addressed within your club. I receive on average 20 calls per week from parents about issues that are really related to the general policies of clubs on top of the many calls required to assist coaches and club owners of Texas. So I am asking for your assistance in helping the parents understand the correct line of communication. They should first go to you. If you cannot answer their question, coaches or club owners should be the first person that a parent contacts with seeking information. If they do not know the answer to the parents question, then the coach or club owner should contact their District Representative, Competition Chair or me. This line of communication will help parents understand that they are your clients and we at Texas USAG do not want to overstep our boundaries.

Thanks in advance for your help.

# **We Are Looking For a Few Good People**

## **Coach of the Year**

A few years back Texas USAG began recognizing some of our colleagues and athletes. As we continue this policy, there is your chance to get involved. Do you know a coach who is made of the right stuff? Someone whom you admire and see as the type of person you are proud to stand beside in the coaching arena? This coach seems to have great teaching skills and is able to relate to the athletes? If so, then please contact your District Representative State Chair to nominate this person for recognition as Coach of the Year for Texas USAG. Nominations are due by March 15, 2007.

## **Gymnast of the Year**

We are also looking for a gymnast who has excelled in our sport, has shown what it is to be a great role model and a true gymnast as she represents Texas in competitions. This athlete can be involved in any level of competition. Nominations are due to your District Rep or State Chair no later than March 15, 2007.

## **Unsung Hero**

Along with the categories of Coach and Gymnast of the year, we are looking for those people involved in gymnastics who just go along doing an excellent job, but are rarely in the lime light. We all know them. They are the ones who usually step in to help us set those bars or vault without anyone asking. You know, the ones that you are sure would give you their shirt off their back? They might be the one who offers their gym to you when you are in town, always step in to help set those bars or that vault table, or maybe you just observe them at competition after competition plugging along with a great attitude and you just wonder how they do it. They might not have the fortune to get that incredibly talented athlete yet, but they don't complain, they just do a good job with what comes their way. That is the person who Texas USAG wants to recognize as another example of a great role model. If you know someone who should be recognized in this category please contact either your District Rep or your State Chair before March 15, 2007.

### **Region 3 Congress**

Region 3 congress is being held in Texas this year. It will be a wonderful time to attend great lectures and get all the news on the upcoming season. Please visit the Region 3 website for complete information.

### **Moved Lately?**

All address and contact changes should be registered with the national Office. Email changes should also be reported to your District Representative. This will ensure that you receive important information throughout the year. Judges should contact Texas NAWGJ as well as the national office.

## State Administrative Committee Position Nominations 2007

The Texas USAG State Administrative Committee Member (SACM) volunteer positions are open for nomination. Job descriptions for each of these positions are attached below.

This call for nominations will be open from March 1, 2007 through March 30, 2007. Nominations must be received in and (not postmarked) no later than March 30, 2007. Official nomination forms are also posted on the TXUSAG.com website.

The election will be conducted via US mail. Votes will be accepted from April 15, 2007 through May 15, 2007. The results of the election will be posted on the TXUSAG.com website no later than May 30, 2007.

The term of office will begin July 1, 2007. Elected officials will be should schedule to attend the Texas State Administrative Committee meeting to be held during the week of June 14-18, 2007.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

for the Texas USAG SAC position of:  
**(check SAC position person is nominated for)**

\_\_\_\_\_ District 1 Representative (must work and/or reside in District 1)

\_\_\_\_\_ District 2 Representative (must work and/or reside in District 2)

\_\_\_\_\_ District 3 Representative (must work and/or reside in District 3)

\_\_\_\_\_ District 4 Representative (must work and/or reside in District 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ District 5 Representative (must work and/or reside in District 5)

\_\_\_\_\_ District 6 Representative (Must work and/or reside in District 6)

\_\_\_\_\_ North Competition Chair Person (must work and/or reside in Dist. 1, 2, or 3)

\_\_\_\_\_ South Competition Chairperson (must work and/or reside in Dist. 4, 5 or 6)

\_\_\_\_\_ Coaches Education Chair (may work or reside on any area of the state of Texas )

***Please check with any nominee the desire to run and hold the position for which you are nominating them.***

***Election Committee members:*** Becky Cordell – Committee Chair - non USAG member  
Richelle Hlawek – non USAG member  
Angela Phillips – non USAG member

**Mail Nominations to:**

<b>Diane Callison</b> <b>23873 Wild Forest Drive</b> <b>New Caney, Texas 77357</b>
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# **Texas State Administrative Committee Member**

## **District Representatives Job Description**

(6 elected positions, 1 for each District in Texas voice and vote on TXUSAG issues)

Criteria for Holding Position:

Must be a current member of USA Gymnastics in good standing.

Must be a minimum of 21 year old.

Active member in Texas USAG Women's Program.

Responsibilities will include but not be limited to:

- Attending and participating in SAC meetings- typically scheduled at GAT, following Level 6 State Championship Level 9/10 State Championships and Summer Meeting.
- Be Available to attend the Athlete Awards Banquet.
- Have a working knowledge of the Rules and Policies published by USA Gymnastics.
- Have a working knowledge of the Texas Program Handbook and Directory (Blue Book).
- Become familiar with the Operating Code published by the USAG National Office.
- Be familiar with the clubs within your district.
- Be available to assist the clubs within your district with questions regarding the Texas USAG program.
- Become familiar with the operating code published by USA Gymnastics National Office.
- Be prepared to give a District report during SAC meetings.
- Communicate with the clubs in your district via e-mail/phone or meeting to inform them of pertinent information concerning the USAG program.
- Conduct a minimum of 1 District meeting per year.
- Oversee the awarding of bids for compulsory District Qualifiers.
- Gather information from the clubs within your District to represent the voice of those clubs during SAC meetings.
- Send a minimum of 1 District Newsletter per year.
  - This newsletter may be posted on the TXUSAG website on your District page.
  - It may contain information specific to your district, the program or other information.
- Maintain an accurate data base of the contact information for the clubs in your district. Submit this data base to the State Chair for publication in the Blue Book and on the website.
- Notify the State Chair of issues that arise in your district that may require mediation, or other assistance from the State Chair or SAC.
- Assist the SAC by ranking the Texas Judges available for State Championships and all State sponsored optional competitions.
- Assist the SAC in the selection of officials for all State Championships and statewide optional qualification competitions.
- Be available for committee work other than that specific to a District Representative.
- Be available to attend and assist at the Summer Clinic and Training Camp if needed.
- Be available to assist with the athlete training camp, summer meeting and banquet.

# **Texas State Administrative Committee Member**

## **Competition Chair Job Description**

(2 elected positions, 1 North and 1 South Texas, voice and vote)

Criteria for holding position:

Must be a current member of USA Gymnastics in good standing.

Must be a minimum of 21 year old.

Active member in Texas USAG Women's Program.

Responsibilities will include but not be limited to:

- Attending and participating in SAC meetings- typically scheduled in the early fall during GAT, in the fall following Level 6 State Championships, in the spring following Level 9/10 State Championships and in the summer prior to the TX USAG Summer Meeting.
- Be available to attend and assist at the Summer Clinic and training camp if needed.
- Be available to attend the Athlete Awards Banquet.
- Have a working knowledge of the Rules and Policies published by USA Gymnastics.
- Have a working knowledge of the Texas Program Handbook and Directory (Blue Book).
- Become familiar with the Operating Code published by the USAG National Office.
- Distribute the meet director packets to for all qualifying and SAC awarded competitions within Texas.
- Be familiar with the clubs under your jurisdiction as well as clubs across Texas in the event issues arise that need committee decisions.
- Oversee the general organization of all state sponsored competitions by:
  - Providing assistance to meet directors in the efficient running of competitions within Texas.
  - Review and approve schedules for all Texas State sponsored USAG competitions.
  - Be familiar with the competition calendar to ensure that all state sponsored competitions have an approved schedule.
- Notify the State Chair in the event a meet director fails to submit a schedule for approval or breaks other competition rules.
- Work with the other competition chair in handling financial offenses.
  - Maintain an objective approach when working with any offense.
  - Document these offenses in the official data base.
- Act as the liaison between the gymnastics community and the SAC in matters associated with competition.
- Assemble data in regards to meet site evaluations and submit the raw data in report form to the SAC during the spring meeting.
- Assist the SACC with proposals for future calendars, Entry Deadline charts and other competition issues.
- Assist the SAC in the organization and during the athlete training camp, summer meeting and athlete awards banquet.
- Assist the State Chair and the Administrative Assistant in the updating of the Blue Book.
- Assist the SAC by ranking the Texas Judges available for State Championships and all State sponsored optional competitions.
- Assist the SAC in the selection of officials for all State Championships and statewide optional qualifying competitions.
- Be Available for committee work other than that specific to the position of Competition Chair.

# **Texas State Administrative Committee Member**

## **Coaches Education Chair Job Description**

(1 elected position, voice and vote)

Criteria for holding position:

Must be a current member of USA Gymnastics in good standing.

Must be a minimum of 21 year old.

Active member in Texas USAG Women's Program.

Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:

- Attending and participating in SAC meetings- typically scheduled in the early fall during GAT, in the fall following Level 6 State Championships, in the spring following Level 9/10 State Championships and in the summer prior to the TX USAG Summer Meeting.
- Be present and be an integral part of the Summer Clinic and training camp.
- Select members for a subcommittee of persons knowledgeable in gymnastics to assist you in offering education to the gymnastics community of Texas.
  - This committee may have as many, or as few, members as you feel necessary to assist you in disseminating education throughout the state.
- Have a working knowledge of the Rules and Policies published by USA Gymnastics.
- Have a working knowledge of the Texas Program Handbook and Directory (Blue Book).
- Become familiar with the Operating Code published by the USAG National Office.
- Chair the committee that will be the organizers for the athlete training camp and summer clinic.
- Notify the NAWGJ representative of any issues that coaches have brought to your attention for clarification or judging issues.
- Answer email questions submitted through the TXUSAG.com website in a timely manner.
- Contact other coaches in obtaining answers in the event you are not able to respond with confidence to questions posed through the website or during educational clinics.
- With the assistance of your committee, submit a tentative list of clinicians and topics for the summer meeting during the fall SAC meeting held after Level 6 state.
- With the assistance of your committee, finalize clinicians and schedule for the athlete training camp and Summer Clinic during the Spring SAC meeting held following Level 9/10 state championships.
- Assist the SAC by ranking the Texas Judges available for State Championships and all State sponsored optional competitions.
- Assist the SAC in the selection of officials for all State Championships and statewide optional qualifying competitions.
- Be Available for committee work other than that specific to the position of Education Chair.

## We've gone Electronic!

In an effort to reach more of our members and keep up with the cyber world we live in, we are now publishing newsletters on the TXUSAG website. If you would like to receive a hard copy (via snail mail) of the TXUSAG newsletter please go to the website (newsletter link) or fill out the form below and mail it to:

**Dawn Herbel  
1727 Meirwoods Dr.  
Spring, TX 77379**

**You must be a current Texas USAG Professional member and must supply your Pro Number.**

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**Please Print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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