

NAWGJ Region 2 Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2011 Las Vegas, Nevada

Members Present:

Ann Heppner: Regional Director
Hannah Collins: SJD Alaska
Pattie Walkabout: SJD Hawaii
Johnna Sandow: SJD Idaho
Jeanine Creek-Henneford: SJD Montana
Maureen Blair: SJD Oregon
Nola Ayres: SJD Washington

Completion of Duties: SJD's were asked to fill out Governing Board forms and update Equipment surveys. Most SJD's had completed these forms, but Ann wanted to copy them onsite and hand them to the appropriate NGB board members.

RJD Financial Report: Ann submitted a summary of financial activities for the 1-3rd periods of the 2010 fiscal year. Items were explained and discussed. Ann reported the current balance of her account and advised the SJD's that the use of the National refund check plus the Level 8 fundraiser income made additional support checks unnecessary at this time. Ann stated that she would re-fund the Washington check that had already been received and was told by Nola Ayres that Washington would like to donate the funds anyway.

The Level 8 fundraiser reports for 2010 and 2011 were distributed and explained. The board continues to support this event. Maureen Blair of Oregon NAWGJ donated two HP photo printers, paper and ink cartridges to the RJD office enabling the office to retain more of the meet fees for funding.

The board approved retroactively, by voice vote, the onetime payment of transportation costs for longtime judge Genie McElroy to enable her to volunteer to judge the Region 2 level 8 competition.

Ann emphasized the need to use the updated Tri-annual financial report form.

Non-Profit Status: The possibility of increased scrutiny of non-profits was brought up. The board discussed some of the possible changes in financial reporting. The need to document approval for funds as outlined in the Director's Guide was discussed and clarified. The necessity for accurate minutes and submission of the minutes to the RJD to document board approval for use of funds was also emphasized. Methods for documenting RJD approval for funds were also discussed. Questions for the CPA invited to the annual meeting were brought forward and recorded by Jeanine Henneford.

Questions and Proposals:

Hannah Collins asked that the possibility of recognition or reward in the form of decreased registration to symposium be considered for judges who volunteer for National Judges Cup. Ann recorded the proposal and promised to bring it to the attention of the National Governing Board.

The board discussed appointments to the NGB and the legalities. Board positions with honorariums attached were also discussed.

Region 2 Numbers: Ann distributed a comparison report on numbers of judges in each state in 2007 and 2011. It was noted that the reports that were being used for 2011 were inaccurate as to the current judging levels. This brought up the need to update the paper copy of membership mailed out by the National Secretary/Treasurer. The urgent need for an online system was noted by the entire Region 2 governing board.

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Duties: Ann distributed copies of the SJD calendar with notes to each SJD about items on file in the Regional office. SJD's were encouraged to help update files with current information.

Issue: Co-SJD's: The proposed change in the NAWGJ Constitution was brought forward and Ann called for a straw vote before discussion was entertained. SJD's then discussed the issue and the majority voted not to allow for Co-SJD's in the Constitution. The vote will be taken when the National Governing Board meeting re-convenes on 7/10/11.

Issue: Site for 2012 Annual Meeting: The three possible sites for the 2012 meeting were brought forward and discussed: Las Vegas, Chicago, and Atlanta. After discussion numerical votes were cast by secret ballot. Votes were tabulated by Ann and the results were:

Atlanta: 10 points

Chicago: 12 points

Las Vegas: 14 points

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Heppner
Region 2 RJD