

USA Gymnastics Athletes Council Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2021 11:00 am ET

Roll Call

AC Members in Attendance:

Ivana Hong	Chair, Women's Program Representative
Jessica Renteria	Vice Chair, Acro Program Representative
Alex Renkert	T&T Program Representative
Rebecca Sereda	Rhythmic Program Representative
Logan Dooley	USOPC AAC Representative, Alternate

USAG Staff in Attendance:

Stefanie Korepin	Chief Programs Officer
Lauryn Turner	Chief of Staff
Erica Koven	Chief Membership Officer
Kim Kranz	Chief of Athlete Wellness
Jill Geer	Chief Communications and Marketing Officer
Debbie Shon	Chief Strategy Officer

Absent:

Jessie DeZiel	Women's Program Representative
Paul Ruggeri	Men's Program Representative
Serena Lu	USOPC AAC Representative, Rhythmic Program Representative
Grace Vonder Haar	Acro Program Representative
Michael Devine	T&T Program Representative

I. Spirit of the Flame Award

- Erica Koven provided the AC with the history and background of the Spirit of the Flame Award
 - Spirit of the Flame Award was given by the USA Gymnastics Athletes' Council to recognize individuals in the sport of gymnastics who have demonstrated leadership, strength and determination in an extraordinary way. It also serves to celebrate both an individual's personal, as well as, athletic achievements.
 - The last time it was given out was in 2016
- Generally, nomination will go out early in a calendar year so that they can be awarded at US Championships/National Congress in conjunction with the Hall of Fame Class induction
- The AC determined they would like to bring the award back and will plan on opening a call for nomination by mid-February 2022

II. Alumni

- The AC discussed ways to engage and connect with Alumni

- Will work to set up a LinkedIn group for former national team members.

Logan Dooley joined the meeting at 11:15 am ET

III. Athlete Rep Call for Nominations

- The call for nominations has gone out
 - Shared in an email blast to participants at elite national championships in last 10 years.
 - Shared on USAG social media channels
 - Posted to USAG website
- Continued discussion on election/appointment process

IV. Other Topics

- Discussed recent news articles

Meeting Adjourned 12:01 pm ET.