



**Acrobatic Gymnastics Program Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Riverside, CA
January 14, 2007**

I. Roll Call

Linda Ocmand, Chair
Jennifer Hess, NTCC
Selena Peco, NJOCC
Ivaylo Katsov, NECC
Michael Rodrigues, Athlete Representative
Tonya Case, FIG Rep (non-voting) - excused absence
Carisa Laughon, AGPD (non-voting)
Tom Housley, AGPM (non-voting)

II. Program Development

Tom briefly presented a portion of the 2007 strategic plan in relation to shifting focus from events to Program Development. Program development would include grass roots development, continuing to promote the Junior Olympic National Team as a part of the athlete development pipeline, new educational initiatives to increase coaches' education, as well as membership. With this being said, there would be a decrease in the total number of international events the program would attend in a competitive year to allow the time needed to develop various program development initiatives. All agreed that this is a positive step for our organization and was pleased with the plan.

III. Flanders IAGC 11-16 Competition

The Program Committee discussed plans for the upcoming Flanders International Acro Cup competition and the United States' involvement with this event. Depending on the level of competition, the US could potentially send an official US Delegation to participate in this event. Consideration to send an official group would be made if the FIAC planned to host the IAGC 11-16 competition in conjunction with the World Cup Finals. If so, the Program Committee recommends sending a national delegation to the IAGC 11-16, World Cup Finals, and FIAC to be held in Puurs, Belgium from April 6 - 10, 2007.

Invitations would be sent to National Team Members and Junior Olympic National Team Members currently training with the same or different partners. Athletes, who are not members of the National Teams or JONT, would also be considered for this event. All athletes must show proof of readiness for international competition by competing at the FIAC Selection Event. A selection event will be held to select the US delegation. Tentative plans were made to hold the selection event end of February beginning of March 2007. This recommendation is pending approval based on the decision of the FIAC organizing committee and FIG to host the event in Puurs, Belgium.

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IV. IAGC 11-16 Selection Procedures

Tom provided Program Committee with a draft of the IAGC 11-16 Selection Procedures for their review. Program Committee was asked to review the Selection Procedures and provide feedback to Tom following the conclusion of the Super Clinic.

V. 2007 JO National Championships / Freedom Cup

The Program Committee is excited about the opportunity of continuing the Freedom Cup event and offering a quality international competition. In 2007, plans are being made to hold the Freedom Cup competition in conjunction with the JO National Championships. An update regarding the 2007 JO National Championships / Freedom was briefly discussed. Tom provided options for host cities to the Program Committee. Program Committee was informed that Tom Housley and Jeff Smith would take a site visit next week to visit a potential host city. The announcing of the location of the National Championships/Freedom Cup is pending the site visit.

VI. National Team / JONT Selection Procedures

Tom provided Program Committee with a draft of the Senior National Team, Junior National Team, and Junior Olympic National Team Selection Procedures for their review. Program Committee was asked to review the Selection Procedures and provide feedback to Tom following the event.

VII. Elite National Championships

The Program Committee also discussed plans for the upcoming 2007 Visa Championships and the selection of the Junior and Senior National Team. Based on feedback from athletes and coaches and the Program Committee, it was proposed that the National Team and National Champions would be determined from one competition – Visa Championships. The JO National Championships would serve as the Elite National Qualifier (3 routines) to the Visa Championships. It was proposed that elite athletes must compete in the Elite National Qualifier in order to compete at the Visa Championships and therefore would be considered for the Junior and Senior National Team. At the Visa Championships, elite athletes would run three routines. Three routines would determine the National champion in each event. The Visa Championships will also determine members of the Junior and Senior National Teams.

Motion: LO

Second: JH

Unanimous

VIII. 2008 Visa Championships

The Program Committee spent time discussing plans for the 2008 Visa Championships. 2008 is an Olympic Year and therefore the various programs are holding their National Championships earlier than year's past. The Men's Artistic Program plans to host their National Championships from May 22 – 24, 2008 and the Women's Artistic Program is scheduled to host their event June 5- 7, 2008. The Program Committee expressed the importance of being involved with this event. Plans regarding the acrobatic gymnastics' program involvement with one of these events are pending based on the 2008 World Championships schedule and various other events in the 2008 competition year.

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IX. Educational Services

Tom Housley asked Program Committee to identify who they would like to speak at Regional Congresses in 2007. Based on location of the congress sessions and proven leadership within the program a list of names was generated. The selected individuals would prepare and teach the AcroBasics course at Regional or National Congress. The goal is to promote the sport within the region, including participation at Regional Congresses. The selected individuals will be a resource for the National Office helping to develop courses and materials, and to promote the sport.

Region 3 – Brandi Lewis

Region 4 – n/a

Region 5 – Michelle Caviness, Illya Demyanyuk, Tom Housley

Region 6 – Sharise Beavers

Region 7 – n/a

Region 8 – Jennifer Hess

National Congress – Nancy Davis

Motion – LO

Second – SP

Unanimous

Approved by USA Gymnastics President – Steve Penny

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