



2021 Women's Program Committee (WPC) Minutes
June 24, 2021 – Saint Louis, MO

Meeting was called to order by Tom Koll (WPCC/NDPCC) at 4:00 pm CST on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Roll Call:

WPCC / NDPCC	Tom Koll
NTCC	Cheryl Hamilton
NXCC	Claudia Kretschmer
NACC	Jennifer Krause via Zoom
IECC	Kelli Hill
Athlete Representative	Jessie DeZiel
VP – Women's Program	Annie Heffernon (ex-officio, non-voting)
Development Program Director	Christy Naik (ex-officio, non-voting)

Reports:

- 1. National Development Program Committee** – Chairperson, Tom Koll
Tom provided an update from the DP Committee meeting; details can be viewed in the [posted DP minutes](#). Additional items discussed include a review of the compulsory workshops, as well as an update to the WPC on the Individual Event Specialist (IES) session approved by the DP Committee to be added to Nationals.
- 2. National Technical Committee** – Chairperson, Cheryl Hamilton
Cheryl provided an update from the Technical Committee meeting; details can be found in the [posted Tech minutes](#). Additional items discussed include a review of the new 2022-2026 Development Program Code of Points, to be released next summer. Cheryl also provided an updated on the 5 new members joining the Tech Committee as of July 1st, 2021: Jeanine Henneford (R2), Marilyn Blilie (R3), Sue Kane (R5), Jane Caruso (R7) and Evelyn Chandler (R8).
- 3. National Xcel Committee** - Chairperson, Claudia Kretschmer
Claudia provided an update from the Xcel Committee meeting; details can be found in the [posted Xcel minutes](#). Additional items discussed include the Xcel judges course, which has an anticipated release of August 2021, as well as an update on the additional division above Diamond that the committee would like to pilot starting in the 2021-2022 season.
- 4. International Elite Committee (IEC)** – Chairperson, Kelli Hill
Kelli provided an update from the IEC; details can be found in the [posted IEC minutes](#). Additional items discussed include the upcoming IEC election, reworking of the TOPs program, and working to establish a better connection between DP and Elite programs by requiring proficiency in DP before allowing to enter Elite.

5. **National Administrative Committee** – Chairperson, Jennifer Krause
Jennifer provided an update from the Administrative Committee meeting; details can be found in the [posted Administrative minutes](#). Additional items discussed include the State Chair workshop taking place via Zoom on July 11th, along with providing a recap of the Regional Chair meetings that have moved from weekly to monthly.
6. **Athlete Council Report**— Jessie DeZiel
Jessie provided the WPC an update from the Athletes’ Council (AC): details can be found in the [posted meeting minutes](#). The Athletes’ Council meets twice a month. The AC approved athlete reps to sit on Safe Sport hearing panels,. The AC is also working to recruit additional athletes who are interested in serving as athlete reps, among other things.
7. **USA Gymnastics Office Report** - VP of Women’s Program, Annie Heffernon
Annie provided an update to the WPC on the many events taking place in preparation for the Olympics in Tokyo. The current focus is on the preparation for Tokyo, including the implementation of the COVID protocols.
8. Recommendation to add / amend / change [Operating Code](#):
 - 1) Article IV: add “all USA Gymnastics Professional members are allowed to be members of a State Administrative Committee (but not the chair) regardless of any other additional position held in USA Gymnastics or National Association of Women’s Gymnastics Judges.”
 - 2) Add: National, Regional or State Committee Chairs or USA Gymnastics staff cannot publicly endorse any candidates running for a USA Gymnastics committee position.
 - 3) Amend: Article VI Elections and Terms of Office regarding State Committee Chairs and Regional officers:
 - i. The Call for Nominations must be published and/or posted online for a minimum of one month prior to the submission deadline of no later than **April 1**.
 - ii. Elections for State Administrative and Regional Committee Chairs are to be conducted online at www.usagym.org from **May 1 to May 15**. Term of office to begin July 1.
 - 4) Amend: page 11, m. under Regional Officers to read “The week after **May 15th**, the NACC and the RACC’s will receive their respective region’s election results by email, including the actual vote counts in the event that any of the candidates wants to know this information. The NACC will notify all of the candidates of the election results.
 - 5) Add: page 14, Section F. 2. 2nd bullet: “Appointed State Administrative Committee members (SACM) have a voice, but may not make a motion, second a motion or vote.
 - 6) Add: page 10, Section C. 2: “to allow appointed Regional Administrative Committee members (RACM) to match the State Administrative Committee members (SACM) section, page 14, Section F, 2.

- 7) Add / Update: the same principles of handling vacancies for State Chair be applied to vacancies left by State Committee members and be reflected in the Operating Code, Article IX, page 18 Section B.
- 8) Update: page 17, Section B to reflect the following:
 - i. Add: If a State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC) is unable to attend the Regional Committee meeting, the State Chair shall approve a replacement for that meeting from elected members of their State Administrative Committee (SAC).
 - ii. Amend: If a Regional officer (RDPC, RTCC, RXCC) is unable to attend the Regional Committee meeting, the Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC) shall approve of a suitable replacement, **who is required to sign the conflict of interest and confidentiality form.**
- 9) Add: page 17 Under Section C after first sentence: "No proxies are allowed at State Administrative Committee meetings."
- 10) Add: page 14, Section F, 5. that elections for State Administrative Committee members be conducted by a universal voting platform chosen by the National Administrative Committee.
- 11) Amend: page 15, Section F. 5. f. to 2nd sentence: "The Regional Administrative Committee Chairman will inform the State Administrative Committee Chairman **and the nominees** of the election result.
- 12) Amend: page 12, Section E. 2: "They (SACC) shall serve for **four** years and be elected **two years after the Olympic Games (effective 2022)**".
- 13) Amend/Add: Judges Selection Committee, page 4:
 - c. **Brevet Judge (#1) appointed by the IEC biannually starting the year after the Olympic Games.**
 - **If desired, one more Brevet judge (#2) MAY be appointed by the IEC to provide additional input to the sub-committee.**
 - **If the Brevet Judge (#1) must recuse him or herself due to conflict of interest, Brevet Judge #2 will assume the responsibilities, including full voting privileges, of the Brevet Judge #1.**
 - **If both Brevet Judges must recuse him or herself due to conflict of interest, the Women's Program Committee Chair (WPCC) will assume the responsibilities, including full voting privileges.**

Motion: Jennifer Krause
Second: Cheryl Hamilton
Passed unanimously

Hall of Fame Committee Report – Chairperson, Tom Koll

Tom provided an update to the WPC regarding the 2020 and 2021 HOF inductees. Additional items discussed include advanced preparation for any individual who is unable to accept a HOF nomination for any reason, as well as the need for additional administrative processes to be implemented as it pertains to nomination recordkeeping. The HOF Committee will be starting the nomination process for the 2022 class in early fall.

Motion to Adjourn: Jessie DeZiel
Meeting Adjourned 6:14 PM EST