



**Minutes from the NY Gymnastics State Board Meeting at Regional Congress, Providence, RI -
Friday, August 2, 2024 at 12:30 PM**

Board members in attendance:

Larry Goldsmith – State Chair

Gary Gregory

Matt Towers - absent - on vacation

Jamie Winkler

Sharon Sparling

Val Stoughton

Mary Spadaro

Robin Harper

Al Drozdowski - absent - family illness

Gail Caspare

Members on Zoom:

Barry Coss - from Greece

AJ Banker

Dana Marion

Steve Swider

State Chair (SC) reminded the committee of the requirement from USAG for the 'confidential agreement' and the 'conflict of interest' forms that need to be sent in to the state chair.

The bids are open to host a state championship. The form is on the NY website and need to be sent into the SC by August 21.

Pat Panichas would like the state committee to submit a list of judges that they recommend to officiate at the XCEL, Level 6,7,8 and Level 9,10 Regional Championships for 2025. This is only a recommendation and the regional committee will choose the judges from each states list of recommendations. There are also volunteer credits that the region requires in order to be considered to judge these meets.

- The state committee discussed the **declaration date** for gymnasts to declare which level they will be competing. After the declaration date, whatever level a gymnasts moves up to - they must compete that level and qualify at that level to compete in the state meet.

Motion: **To move the declaration date to February 17th.** - Barry Coss

Second: AJ Banker

Passed.

- The topic of IES at XCEL was discussed. The focus was for only the highest level of XCEL (Diamond, Sapphire). The XCEL Level is growing and there is concern that this would make it confusing at this growing level. This would only apply for the state meet as there is no regional IES for XCEL at the regionals. The committee felt this would be too complicated this year.

Motion: To table this topic (IES at XCEL) until next year due to the complication of XCEL growing so quickly. - Robin Harper

Second: Jamie Winkler

Passed

- The qualifying scores at XCEL were discussed. All levels of XCEL have a qualifying score of 30.00 AA . The committee discussed raising the qualifying score to 32.00 AA. This would not change the numbers of athletes who qualify to states, but it is more in alignment with the current AA score that the majority of the athletes are scoring to qualify into the state championships.

Motion: To raise the qualifying score to the state championships for all levels of XCEL to 32.00AA - Dana Marion

Second: Mary Bakke Spadaro

Passed

A clarification was made that if you are requesting a meet to be a state qualifying meet, you must fill out the request form from the state website and send it to Larry Goldsmith at lgoldny2@gmail.com

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the '**DP Club of the Year**' award. The criteria was discussed at length.

The criteria is sportsmanship, giving back to the community and overall success of their competitive teams.

We also discussed the possibility of a '**Compulsory Club of the Year**'

Motion

Motion: To have a Compulsory Club of the Year - Val Stoughton

Second: Gary Gregory

Passed - 11 - yes, 2- No

The criteria for 'Compulsory Club of the Year" will be the same as the Developmental Club of the Year"

The criteria is sportsmanship, giving back to the community and overall success of their competitive teams.

Motion: Gary Gregory

Second: Jamie Winkler

Passed: 12 -yes, 1- abstained

Motion: To follow the national guidelines for the XCEL Club of the Year - Sharon Sparling

Second: Steve Swider

Passed.

The national guidelines for 'XCEL Club of the Year' will be followed.

The criteria for XCEL Club of the Year will be Sportsmanship, Leadership, Teamwork and Fun.

Nominations for all three 'clubs of the year' will be open to the membership;

Motion: Val Stoughton

Second: Robin Harper

Passed

Discussion on how to give back financially to the state.

Some of the choices are:

State wide coaches clinic

Entry fees for Easterns and DP Nationals paid by NYS Gymnastics

These topics will be further discussed at our next meeting.

Discussion of the state 'head tax' for invitationals meet that are state qualifiers.

Motion : To cut the NY Head tax from \$4 per athlete to \$3 per NY Athlete.

-AJ Banker

Second: Barry Coss

Passed

This change in the head tax applies to the NY Head Tax, not the Regional Head Tax.

To host a NY state qualifying meet and to be listed on the state website to must:

1) Fill out the request form from the state website and send it to Larry Goldsmith,

lgoldny2@gmail.com

2) At the conclusion of the meet, after you send in the sanction to USAG -

Send \$3 per NY state gymnast to Larry Goldsmith (Checks payable to USAG -NY)

Send \$2 per gymnast to Michele Archer, Region6usagym@aol.com

The state board will next be meeting via zoom on August 22 to vote on the venues for the state championships.

The Judges voting platform 'election buddy' will go out to the membership on Sept 23.

The meeting closed at 1:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Goldsmith

NYS Chair