



Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 7, 2026

A general meeting of the Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee was held on January 7, 2026 via zoom. Norbert Bendixen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

In Attendance:

Norbert Bendixen, Illinois USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairperson
Jessica Holtz, Development Chairperson
Shane Sanders, Level 9/10 Chairperson
Sari Engle, Level 6/7/8 Chairperson
Andy Morreale, Level 4/5 Chairperson
Brad Tubbs, Level 3 Chairperson
Beth Boshold, Xcel Bronze/Silver Chairperson
Mary Lou Ackman, Secretary
Heather Forbes, ILNAWGJ SJD (non-voting)

Absent:

Cindy Morano, Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire Chairperson (excused absence)

JUDGES EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The committee discussed potential judges to offer the state meet educational opportunity to. We looked at years of experience, years at current judging level, possibility of judging Level 9/10 state meet in the future, professionalism, demeanor, etc. A list of judges was created and given to the SDJ Heather Forbes to contact.

A motion was made to allocate \$3,500, which matches ILNAWGJ's allocation, to the Judges Educational Opportunity at various 2026 state meets.

Motion: Jessica Holtz

Second: Shane Sanders

All in Favor

Passed

2026 Regional Leotard Purchase

Jessica reported that we ordered 2,186 regional leotards, which is approximately 500 more than last year. This is our first year using this process and are fielding suggestions to improve next year. We plan on sending the email regarding the regional leotards out earlier next year and provide clear instruction to the clubs on the ordering process and firm deadlines.

A motion was made FOR THIS YEAR ONLY, because it is a new process, to place a second order. The GK price of the leotards will be determined by the number of leotards ordered. If the number is below 100 leotards, the price per leotard will be \$70. Price per leotard decreases as the number ordered increases. Clubs will need to fill out a Google form by January 25, 2026. After the committee calculates the total number of leotards ordered, Jessica Holtz will email those clubs a link to pay for them by January 27th, 2026.

Motion: Andy Morreale

Second: Sari Engle

All in Favor

Passed

2026 Regional Tshirts

A google form will be sent out soon to order the 2026 regional tshirts. The IL State Committee will pay for each club to order up to 6 shirts. Additional shirts can be ordered for an extra fee.

2026 Banquet

A sub committee was formed to discuss the 2026 Banquet and set a date.

State Meet Head Tax

A motion was made to discontinue collecting the \$1 head tax for all state meets.

Motion: Sari Engle

Second: Brad Tubbs

All in Favor

Passed

Our next meeting is Feb. 4th at 900 a.m.

Meeting adjourned by Norbert Bendixen at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Lou Ackman

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Norbert Bendixen

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