



Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee Minutes
Friday, July 31, 2026

A general meeting of the Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee was held on July 31, 2026, in person. Jessica Holtz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

Jessica Holtz, Illinois USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairperson
Sari Engle, Developmental Chairperson
Shane Sanders, Level 9/10 Chairperson
Kara Reid, Level 6/7/8 Chairperson (via zoom, partial meeting)
Andy Morreale, Level 4/5 Chairperson
Brad Tubbs, Level 3 Chairperson
Darion Knight, Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire Chairperson
Beth Boshold, Xcel Bronze/Silver Chairperson
Mary Lou Ackman, Secretary (via zoom)
Heather Forbes, ILNAWGJ SJD (non-voting)
Kenny Gesiakowski, Webmaster (non-voting)

Introduction of New and Current Committee Members

Jessca Holtz, the new ILUSAG State Administrative Committee Chairperson, discussed our purpose as a state committee, working equally for every club and gymnast with the goal of more transparency. Moving forward we will secure bids, discuss expenditures and vote on money being spent. Our financial status will be reported on at each meeting.

State Financial Update:

Jessica updated the committee on the current account balance which is \$224,616. The committee decided that because they did not have information regarding all the deposits and expenditures in years past, they want to get through a full fiscal season to know what the income and expenses will be before taking action like lowering state & or meet head tax. This total does not reflect payment for the state banquet which is pending.

Expenditure Approval

Approval was requested by the SACC for the following expenditures:

\$630 Constant Contact (email service)
\$11 Shipping fee – leotard mailed by SACC from online order
\$145 Zoom Annual Subscription (for monthly meetings)

Motion: Sari Engle
2nd: Andy Morreale
All in favor
Passed

Expenditures under \$500

A motion was made to unilaterally approve any state board expenditure under \$500 for the SACC.

Motion: Sari Engle
2nd: Brad Tubbs
All in favor

Passed

Kara Reid was unavailable for the rest of the meeting and did not vote on the items below:

State Meet Financials

The committee discussed all the 2026 State Meet financials.

State Meet Director/Host Evaluation

A motion was made that all state meet directors will be required to fill out a self evaluation checklist, post meet. The checklist will be derived from the Meet Directors state meet guidelines setup by the committee, given to host before State meet. It must be handed in with their state meet financial report.

Motion: Andy Morreale

2nd: Brad Tubbs

All in favor

Passed

A motion was made that at the conclusion of each state meet, any committee member in attendance, will complete the above mentioned meet director's guidelines checklist form evaluating the hosts organization's performance to be used as information for future awarding of state meets.

Motion: Andy Morreale

2nd: Darion Knight

All in favor

Passed

State Meet Insurance

A motion was made to ***recommend*** 2027 State Meet Directors to purchase event insurance to cover their facility, equipment and entry fees. The state committee is not responsible for any loss, for any reason.

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Andy Morreale

All in favor

Passed

State Series Qualifying Scores

A motion was made to keep the qualifying scores to state meets the same as last year.

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Brad Tubbs

All in favor

Passed

A motion was made to keep the level declaration date the same as last season, 3 weeks before state meet.

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Andy Morreale

All in favor

Passed

A motion was made to have all state entry fees be \$120. Entries paid/received after the state meet *deadline will be \$170.

Motion: Sari Engle
2nd: Darion Knight
All in favor
Passed

*Clubs mailing in state meet entry fees should physically go into the post office and mail their entries, so that they are postmarked that day.

One Judge Panels – Qualifying to State Meets

A motion was made that Levels Xcel Bronze, Silver, Levels 3 and 4 may use a one judge panel for an “in house” meet. “Out of house” meets can request a single judge panel for the above mentioned levels from the state committee to qualify to state meet if there is a judge shortage.

Motion: Andy Morreale
2nd: Beth Boshold
All in favor
Passed

Mary Lou Ackman – left meeting, no longer voting on the items below:

Score Verification

A motion was made to require judges to check their scores and the meet referee sign the official scoresheets after every session at all State Meets.

Motion: Shane Sanders
2nd: Brad Tubbs
All in favor
Passed

A motion was made to require judges to check their scores and the meet referee sign the official scoresheets after each session at ALL meets in Illinois. Meet directors should keep these physically signed score sheets for the full season and have them available should the committee request them in event of an scoring dispute/error.

Motion: Sari Engle
2nd: Brad Tubbs
All in favor
Passed

State Meet Equipment

A motion was made for all Illinois State Meets that qualify athletes to a regional meet, that the equipment provided must have the same specifications as Dev Regionals and Nationals equipment being used.

Motion: Brad Tubbs
2nd: Beth Boshold
All in favor
Passed

Illinois State Awards Banquet

ILUSAG will host a state banquet on Sunday, June 6, 2027, at the Abbington Distinctive Banquets with the maximum budget of \$35,000.

Motion: Sari Engle
2nd: Shane Sanders

All in favor
Passed

2027 State Meet Series Bids Awarded

Level 4/5/Bronze – Energym Gymnastics, March 5-7, 2027, at DeKalb High School (was the only bid for this meet)

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Beth Boshold

Level 3/9/10 – Xcalibur Gymnastics, March 12-14, 2027, at Adventure Commons (was the only bid for this meet)

Motion: Shane Sanders

2nd: Beth Boshold

Level 6/7/8 – Gymnastics Etc., March 19-21, 2027, at Horton Fieldhouse.

Bradd Tubbs & Beth Boshold were recused from this voting as they were affiliated (2 bids total for this meet)

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Shane Sanders

Level Gold/Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire – FlipStars Gymnastics, April 2-4, 2027, McCook Athletic & Expo

Beth Boshold was recused from this voting as she was affiliated (2 bids total for this meet)

Motion: Andy Morreale

2nd: Darion Knight

Level Silver – Aspire Gymnastics, April 9-11, 2027, Adventure Commons

Darion Knight was recused from this vote as he was affiliated (2 bids total for this meet)

Motion: Shane Sanders

2nd: Brad Tubbs

All in favor
Passed

A motion was made to award banners at the 2027 State Meet Series to the following places:

- Top 3 places for each age group
- Top 5 places for overall combined age group

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Beth Boshold

All in favor

Passed

2027 Regional Leotards

There was discussion on using the same process for ordering regional leotards as we did last year. We need to come up with a better way to distribute them. Item tabled.

State Meet Series Judges Selection Process

There was discussion about Meet Referees for state meets being selected first and then the panel judges will be voted on after the Meet Referee is in place. The Meet Referee would be selected based on the following attributes:

- Great communication skills
- Strong working knowledge of the rules
- Works well with meet directors
- Approachable and readily available to assist coaches and judges with questions and concerns during the competition

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 8:30 p.m. The State Committee will be ranking Regional/National judges and submitting that list to the Region.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Motion: Darion Knight

2nd: Shane Sanders

Minutes submitted by: Mary Lou Ackman

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Mary Lou Ackman, Secretary

Jessica Holtz

Jessica Holtz, Illinois State Chairman