



Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

A general meeting of the Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee was held on September 2, 2026, via Zoom.

Jessica Holtz called the meeting to order at 9:02 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
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
Heather Forbes, ILNAWGJ SJD (non-voting)
Kenny Gesiakowski, Webmaster (non-voting)

Damaged Retractable Signs

A motion was made to buy two new retractable State Meet signs that had been previously damaged which cost approximately \$500. These signs are used at all upcoming State Meets.

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Kara Reid

All in favor

Passed

A motion was made to buy new "Gym A" and Gym B" stands which cost approximately \$60. Both have been damaged and will be used at all upcoming State Meets.

Motion: Beth Boshold

2nd: Brad Tubbs

All in favor

Passed

Legends Award

A motion was made to approve to spend \$500 for the 2026 recipient, who was honored at the ILUSAG Banquet.

Motion: Andy Morreale

2nd: Darion Knight

All in Favor

Passed

State Meet Gate Entry Fee

A general discussion was made regarding gate fees for all State Meets. After discussion, all committee members who are hosting a State Meet were recused.

A motion was made to raise the Gate Entry Fee at all state meets to \$20 for Adults and \$15 for Seniors, Veterans, Students; Children under 5 are free

Motion: Kara Reid

2nd: Mary Lou Ackman

In Favor: 2

Opposed:3

Motion denied

A motion was made to keep the Gate Entry Fee at all state meets the same as last year: \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Seniors, Veterans, Students; Children under 5 are free. Gymnasts with a USAG membership card are free.

Motion: Darion Knight

2nd: Beth Boshold

In favor: 3

Opposed: 2

Passed

State Meet Level Chair Hotel & Mileage Expenses

A motion was made to reimburse hotel costs for any Level Chair/appointed representative who attends any State function (meet, Congress, etc.) with the purpose of representing the committee and helping with that function. This reimbursement is only if the level chair is not already coaching or judging this meet. The level chair will notify the meet director in advance of this hotel need for State Meet.

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Andy Morreale

Passed

A motion was made to reimburse the level chair/ appointed person mentioned in previous motion for their mileage to and from the State meet function (State meet, Congress, meeting, etc.) as long as they are not already there to coach or judge.

Motion: Brad Tubbs

2nd: Darion Knight

Passed

Reimbursement will be done through Stampli. Each committee member will need to send Jessica an invoice for reimbursement.

State Meet Team Award Banners

A motion was made to award 1st through 5th place age group and combined team awards at State.

Motion: Andy Morreale

2nd: Brad Tubbs

All in Favor

Passed

Approved Expenses

A motion was made to approve Jessica's expense to 2026 National Congress in Arizona.

Airfare \$600.80

Hotel \$604.50

Per Diem \$240

Registration \$285

Total: \$1730.30

Motion: Andy Morreale

2nd: Darion Knight

All in Favor

Passed

Judge's CPE Coordinator

Jessica appointed Mary Lou Ackman to the Illinois CPE Coordinator position.

HUGS Program in Illinois

The committee discussed USAG's HUGS program which was brought to our attention by IL members. Sari gathered and shared information about the program with committee.

A motion was made to include the HUGS program as an invitational meet at the Silver State Meet in 2027 contingent on meet director agreeing that it is feasible, logistically. Entry fee TBD.

Motion: Sari Engle

2nd: Brad Tubbs

All in Favor

Passed

Jess will reach out to Xcel Gold-Sapphire meet director to see if it is possible to host at that State Meet in case it's not possible at Silver State Meet.

2027 Regional Leotards and T-Shirts

There was a general discussion about GK's ability to ship IL State Regional leotards to individual clubs to expedite and more efficiently distribute those leotards.

Coaches' Regional t-shirts will be ordered at the same time. They will be provided by Bear Affair with a cost of approximately \$8-10/shirt.

A motion was for the State Committee to provide 6 coaches shirt per club, free of charge.

Motion: Mary Lou Ackman

2nd: Sari Engle

All in favor

Passed

Jess communicated to the committee that last year's regional coaches' shirt bill was \$2528.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Lou Ackman

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Jessica Holtz