



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

A general meeting of the Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee was held on October 7, 2026, via Zoom.

Jessica Holtz called the meeting to order at 8:59 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)

HUGS Program in Illinois

(Motion from September meeting—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)~~

A motion was made to amend the previous motion. HUGS State Invitational will be part of the Gold/Platinum/Diamond/Sapphire State Meet.

Motion: Brad Tubbs

Second: Sari Engle

All in favor

Passed

State Meet Coach's Wristband Purchase

A motion was made to purchase state meet coach's wrist bands for \$80.

Motion: Sari Engle

Second Brad Tubbs

All in Favor

Passed

Illinois State Meet Judges Educational Opportunity

A motion was made to continue using the judges educational mentoring program at our state meets this year, including up to 4 judges and splitting the cost with NAWGJ.

Motion: Sari Engle

Second: Shane Sanders

All in favor

Passed

Two Judge Panels-Illinois State Meet Series

A motion was made to continue using 2 judge panels at all state meets this year (2027).

Motion: Sari Engle

Second: Shane Sanders

All in Favor

Passed

Working Meet Referee Illinois State Meet Series

A motion was made to use a walking meet referee at all state meets this year (2027).

Motion: Andy Morreale

Second: Beth Boshold

All in Favor

Passed

Level 3/9/10 State Meet Judging Panels

A motion was made for the Level 3/9/10 state meet, 4 different judges will be brought in for the L3 portion, keeping the Head Judges from the L9/10 State Meet.

Motion: Sari Engle

Second: Brad Tubbs

All in Favor

Passed

Illinois State Meet Series Judges Selection

The committee discussed designating 3 alternates for each state meet, except Gold/Plat/Diam/Saph will have 6 alternates.

The committee had a general discussion of all the judges available for the Illinois State Series meets.

Heather Forbes, Mary Lou Ackman & Jessica Holtz recused themselves from the Level 3,9,10 State meet judges vote.

At 1150am, the whole committee reconvened as the current voting system had a glitch and it was decided that committee will need to meet again to vote for State Meet judges. Jess will coordinate new meeting date.

After voting is completed, Mary Lou will confirm with the judges that they are still available for each meet they have been selected for and report back to the committee.

Meet Referee Evaluations

A motion was made to use the meet director's checklist evaluation for each meet referee to be evaluated on their performance by those state meet judges and meet director.

Motion: Brad Tubbs

Second: Kara Reid

All in Favor

Passed

Regional Leotard Cost

A motion was made to charge \$30 per regional leotard which includes shipment to individual clubs. Like last season, clubs will be reimbursed the cost of these leotards for gymnasts who qualify & register for their 2027 regional meet.

Motion: Andy Morreale

Second: Brad Tubbs

All in Favor

Passed

IL Regional Leotard Winner

A motion was made to purchase the winning regional leotard for the person who created IL's winning leo that was then submitted for regional contest--up to \$100.

Motion: Brad Tubbs

Second: Darion Knight

All in Favor

Passed

Chat GPT Reimbursement

A motion was made to pay up to \$20 month for Chat GPT minutes to Kenny for his technological creations.

Motion: Sari Engle

Second: Andy Morreale

All in Favor

Passed

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Jess will determine a meeting date before that to vote on State Meet judges.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Motion: Mary Lou Ackman

Second: Darion Knight

Minutes submitted by: Mary Lou Ackman

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