

RPC Meeting  
Houston: May 23, 2008

Andrea Schmid	Vice Chair
Natasha Klimouk	IEC Chair
Suzi DiTullio	JOPC Chair
Nadine Davies	Judges' Rep
Jessica Howard	Athlete Representative

Caroline Hunt	Rhythmic Program Director
Kathy Kelly	Vice President-Program

Andrea opened the meeting by announcing that she will not be running for the RG Board position and that this would be her last meeting. The committee expressed its deep respect and admiration for her 40+ years of service to the sport in the USA. Caroline indicated that the program would host a celebratory event honoring Andrea's career in 2009. Andrea indicated she would continue to be available for advice and support.

National Team monthly Athlete Funding was discussed and determined for June-December:

Srs 1-4: \$375

Jrs 1-3: \$200

Support of the Group program reviewed: Funding issues discussed with the direction that the office and committee members would investigate city/state grant possibilities

IEC elections—the committee will continue to be elected every year, by the National Team coaches, but the committee may invite any coach as a guest to a meeting for input without vote.

Discussion of candidates for Intercontinental Course; will review recommendations from IEC in late August.

Discussion about the restructuring of the JOPC/RTC into one new committee: RAC (Rhythmic Administrative Committee). Recommended structure of RAC:

Duties will include but not be limited to:

- Set JO competition schedule
- Recommend qualification procedures and competition format for JO qualifying competitions (State, Regional and JO Championships)
- Recommend policies and procedures for judges' training *within region*
- Recommend fee structures for judges and judges' code of conduct
- Establish competition and awards formats for state and regional meets
- Recommends regional Meet Referee nomination to Judges' Selection Committee
- Recommend judges from regions for JO Compulsory and Optional Championships to Judges' Selection Committee
- Select instructors for educational instruction for each region
- Approve the governance procedures for state and regional business.

Members: 7 positions

1 technical representative and 1 administrative representative from Regions 1 & 2 combined

1 technical representative and 1 administrative representative from Regions 3 & 4 combined

1 technical representative and 1 administrative representative from Regions 5 & 6 combined

1 Development Coordinator- Future Stars, Youth Elite Squad

The 6 positions representing the 3 zones and will be elected by all pro-members in good standing within each zone to serve a 4-year term. The current JOPC Chair will serve as the new RAC chair for a two year period. The Chair will then be elected from within the committee every four years.

Discussion about structure of RPC in light of the Board of Directors changes:

Recommendation that the RPC Chair be elected from within the committee and that the current JOPC (new RAC Chair) and RTC chair serve on the RPC and the RAC for the first two-year period to help with structural transition.

The new composition of the RPC:

IEC Chair

Athlete Rep

JOPC Chair (new RAC Chair)

RTC Chair (for 2-year period)

Board Representative

Motion: Jessica

Second: Andrea

Approved

Recommendation to review and update the Operating Code to reflect the updates in the Rhythmic Program over a two-year period, during which time nomination and election criteria, terms of office, and electoral process will established.

Motion: Jessica  
Second: Andrea  
Approve

Recommendation to move to Consent Agenda for RPC meetings

Motion: Jessica  
Second: Suzi  
Approve

Recommendation that no cell phones allowed on the competition floor

Motion: Suzi  
Second: Jessica  
Approved

Recommendation that talking between coaches and judges during competition breaks be prohibited and monitored as part of Judge/Coach discipline.

Recommendation that the new structures to the Rhythmic program be presented and clarified by Caroline and other committee members through a symposium/presentation at the Colorado event in 2009.

Meeting adjourned 5:15pm