



**TECHNIQUE**

## Rhythmic Program Committee

June 5, 2004

Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tenn.

### I. Roll Call:

Vice Chairperson & Membership Director	Andrea Schmid
Coaches Representative	Lana Lashoff
JOPC Chair	Suzie DiTullio
Judges Representative	Simona Zakheim
Athlete Representative via telecom	Vanessa Vanderpluym
Program Director	Jan Exner – non-voting
National Team Coordinator	Efrossina Angelova – non-voting
Membership Director	Michelle Larson- absent

“CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE - Caroline Hunt, and Alternates Jessica Howard and Marissa Pierce”

### II. Membership Director Nominations

1. Not all regions have responded the item was tabled until Region 2 & 3 have contacted the office.

### III. JOPC minutes approved with the following revisions.

#### 1. Proposal #1:

##### JO Age Divisions:

- Novice age division remains at 6-8 years of age.
- Children's age division is broken into two categories, Child A (9 & 10 year olds) and Child B (11 & 12 year olds), to benefit the growth of membership.
- The age division for Level 9, 10 and Elite athletes are determined by FIG rules and will be reflected in the Rules & Policies.

Motion: DiTullio  
Second: Schmid  
PASSED

#### 2. Proposal #2

##### Clarification of Non-citizen participation in Junior Olympic Level 7/8 Championships

- The Regional Team will consist of the top 6 athletes and two alternates for Level 7 & 8.
- The alternates will compete for individual awards only, unless they are called upon to replace an injured team member.
- A non-citizen will be included in JO Championships should they place among the top six places in the overall All-Around category.
- Non-citizens are eligible for duplicate individual awards only.

Motion: Lashoff  
Second: Zakheim  
PASSED

### IV. Rhythmic Technical Committee Minutes approved as written.

### V. RTC proposals

#### 1. Proposal #1:

Send a complete list of judges assigned to all the national calendar events with the inclusion of all alternates.

*List will be emailed to the National & Brevet Judges following the February Judges selection committee meeting*

### VI. National Team Coordinator Proposals to RPC:

#### 1. Proposal #1:

**To divide the East/West Open competitions into two divisions -Group A (Level 10 & Elite) and Group B (Level 9).**

Motion: DiTullio  
Second: Schmid  
PASSED

**2. Proposal #2:**

**Provide Camps regularly at the OTC Lake Placid.**

**To include National team members and by -invite only - athletes from newly formed training squads (at their cost).**

**The addition of next generation training squads to the roster will be composed of the next- in-line athletes (at their cost).**

**A structure and process to evaluate the prospective attendees will be put into place to eliminate bias. (i.e. a small selection committee to assist in evaluating video footage)**

Motion: DiTullio  
Second: Schmid  
PASSED

**3. Proposal #3:**

**All International assignments for major competitions will be made only at training camps conducted prior to departure dates.**

Motion: Zakheim  
Second: DiTullio  
PASSED

## **VII. 2005 Competition Dates**

Rhythmic Challenge/Invitational – February (date tbd)

JO Championships – May 14-15<sup>th</sup>

Level 9 Championships – June 11-12<sup>th</sup>

Easterns/Westerns – July 9-10<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

National Championships – August 10-13<sup>th</sup>



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