

Rhythmic Program Committee Conference Call June 8, 2006

I. Roll Call:

Andrea Schmid – Vice Chair
Suzi DiTullio - JOPC Representative
Lucy Kerznerman – Coach Representative
Nadine Davies – Judge Representative
Vanessa Vanderpluym – Athlete Representative
Michelle Larson – Member Representative (non-voting)
Ivanka Kirov - Member Representative (non-voting)
Jan Exner - Program Director (non-voting)

II. Addition to the Rhythmic Operating Code

Motion to add the following clarification to the Operating Code:

Add to 3.04 - Qualifications

- C. A nominee for the Vice Chair must be a current or past member of the Rhythmic Program Committee (*currently involved in the Rhythmic Program as a coach/judge or club owner*) and a current Professional Member in good standing.

Add to 3.05 – Elections

- C. The call for nominations for the Vice Chair will be posted on the USA Gymnastics website in the election year.
1. The election for the Vice Chair will take place at the RPC meeting held at Championships in the election year.

Motion: Suzi DiTullio

Second: Michelle Larson

PASSED

III. Addition to the Rhythmic Technical Committee

Motion to add to 5.03 Membership and Term of Office

- A. 3. The FIG expert judge(s)

Explanation: Any USA judge that has passed the FIG expert course is a valuable resource to the Technical Committee.

Motion: Suzi DiTullio

Second: Lucy Kerznerman

PASSED

IV. Formation of an *ad hoc* International Elite Committee

Motion to add to the Rhythmic Committee Structure a group that is similar to the Women's Program that will make recommendations to the RPC regarding all aspects of the elite program.

- I. IEC Representatives
 - a. Four National Team coaches
 - b. One athlete representative
 - c. Rhythmic Program Director (non-voting)
- II. Responsibilities
 - a. Govern all aspects of the USA national team and international elite program.
 - b. Make recommendations for selection procedures, judging assignments and selection for international assignments.
- III. Election Procedure
 - a. Criteria for Nominations
 1. Must have been a Coach at a World Championships or Olympic Games and must be currently coaching an athlete on the National Team or
 2. If they have never been a World Championships or Olympic coach, must be currently coaching an athlete ranked in the:
 - Top 8 of the Senior National Team, or
 - Top 3 of the Junior National Team
 - b. The elections will take place at the National Championships. (1 year).

c. One vote per National Team Club

Motion: Michelle Larson
Second : Suzi DiTullio
PASSED