



**Minutes from the 2009 USAG Hawaii General Membership Meeting  
Aiea, Hawaii  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**I. Roll Call**

Hawaiian Island Twisters  
Island Tumblers Gymnastics  
K-bay Gymnastics  
Kokokahi Gymnastics  
Kona Aerials  
Maui Elite Gymnastics Academy  
Pacific Gymnastics  
Rainbow Gymnastics Academy  
What's Up Gymnastics  
Scarlet Aviles- Judge  
Nannette Guiffrida- Judge  
June Nakamura- Judge  
Lisa Strandtman- Judge  
Andrea Wallace- Judge  
Bruce Burns- SAC Member  
Cora Fonseca- SAC Member  
Kari Schaap-Covington- SAC Member  
Pam Zak- State Chairman  
Tom Koll

**II. Opening Comments by Pam Zak**

Pam Zak spoke about working together on a professional level to both better our athletes and overall gymnastics within the state. Pam also spoke about the benefits of having a meet referee (who is not judging at the competition) available for States. The general consensus was to have a meet referee at State Championships who is not judging.

**III. Roster Updates**

Kari asked for any updates to the roster. An updated roster will be posted on [usaghawaii.com](http://usaghawaii.com) and emailed to all the clubs. Any additional changes should be sent to [admin@usaghawaii.com](mailto:admin@usaghawaii.com).

**IV. Meet Schedule**

Kari asked for any updates to the meet schedule. An updated meet schedule will be posted on [usaghawaii.com](http://usaghawaii.com) and emailed to all the clubs. Any additional changes should be sent to [admin@usaghawaii.com](mailto:admin@usaghawaii.com).

**V. Athlete Numbers**

An updated athlete number form has been created and emailed to the clubs. Additional forms will be posted on the USAG Hawaii website. Kari asked that forms be sent directly to her as soon as possible.

**VI. Updates from NAWGJ**

Pattie would like to try and get more people involved in judging. She asked if clubs and individuals could try to get forms athletes and others involved. She will be establishing a test date in August/September, information will be available shortly.



Tom Koll also spoke about the importance of giving educational opportunities to our judges. One suggestion he gave to Hawaii was establishing an educational chairman. Cora will speak to Pattie about the possibility of doing this and setting up educational workshops for judges at various gyms. Tom Koll also spoke about professionalism towards judges, both in general behavior and in the inquiry process.

## VII. Updates from USA Gymnastics

Some brief bullet points from the various USA Gymnastics committees meetings in May were discussed. Please remember to view these minutes at [usa-gymnastics.org](http://usa-gymnastics.org). In addition, with regards to the new 4" matting requirement for levels 7-10, Rainbow Gymnastics, Kokokahi Gymnastics, and What's Up Gymnastics all have mats that they are willing to share/rent for use in optional competitions.

## VIII. State Championships

For the 2009-2010 season only, a neutral site is preferred but not required. **This means that for the 2009-2010 season, the State Administrative Committee will accept bids from clubs that want to host in their facility.** What's Up Gymnastics and MEGA expressed some interest in hosting. Bids for hosting State Championships are due to Pam Zak by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

## IX. Changes to Level 4 State Championship format

The general problem that occurred last year was that team scores were pulled from 2 different sessions. These two sessions differed in score ranges and therefore there was some concern regarding combining two sessions for 1 award. As a result the SAC came up with three proposed changes for the 2009 level 4 state championships. The proposals and total number of votes for each is listed below:

### **Proposal 1 (10 votes)**

*Keep the minimum qualification score for level 4 to State Championships as a 31.00. However, team awards will be given in each session. In past years there has been a 6-8 year-old session, and a 9+ year-old session. Therefore, there would be two team awards given out in level 4, 1 in the 6-8 year old division, and 1 in the 9+ age division.*

### **Proposal 2 (2 votes)**

*Make the USAG Invitational a level 4 sectional. The top 72 athletes would qualify to the Level 4 State Championships. Assuming there are two sessions of level 4's in this competition, the top 36 in each session would qualify to State Championships (for example; if there was a 6-8 year old session and a 9+ year old session, the top 36 6-8 year olds would qualify, and the top 36 9+ year olds would qualify). The remainder of the athletes would be eligible to enter into the Hawaii All-Star Competition. This competition would be held in conjunction with State Championships.*

### **Proposal 3 (1 vote)**

*Keep the minimum qualification score for level 4 to State Championships as a 31.00. Add a third session designed as a Level 4 Team competition, and charge a separate entry fee into this competition. Teams that opt to enter into this competition will pick a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 gymnasts to compete. The top 3 scores on each event will count towards a team score.*

Tom Koll reiterated that the SAC is in charge is making the final decision regarding changes to State Meet Formats. As such the SAC will take the feedback from the vote and meet to discuss the final format that will be used. A final decision will be announced by the new board in August.

## X. State Board Nominations



Nomination forms have been sent to all the professional members in Hawaii. These forms were sent to your address that is on file with USA Gymnastics. If you did not receive the form please contact Pam Zak. Nomination forms are due July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.