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## Georgia State Gymnastics Committee Meeting

Date: June 14th, 2025, Meeting started at 5:35pm

### Attendees:

Becky Oppenheimer, Gwyned Buis, Jon Aardema, Kim Joye, Drew Davis, Elena Piskun, Jen Camps, Stacey Harris, Cathy Campfield, Judy Prestigiacomo, Gerson Ramirez, Suzy Lummus, Sharon Kelly

### Meeting Summary:

- The meeting focused on committee transitions, financial updates, state meet reviews, policy changes, and planning for the upcoming season.
- Key leadership changes: Gwyned's last meeting after ~17 years; Kim to take over scoring; Drew transitions to State Meet Liaison; Elena Piskun welcomed as Xcel Rep; Jen Camps as Optional Rep; Jon's role redefined as Owner/Manager Rep.
- Financials: The committee ended the year with a smaller deficit than anticipated. Income and expenses were reviewed in detail, with discussions on leotard orders, coaches' shirts, banners, and meet profitability.
- State meet formats and logistics were evaluated, with changes planned for Xcel and compulsory meets to continue to improve experience and efficiency.
- Policy updates included changes to Club of the Year criteria, leotard distribution (no regional leotards for seniors), petition deadlines, and judge practice protocols.
- Encourage all that are attending National congress in New Orleans in August to come to the Hall of Fame celebration to show gratitude and support for our Georgia inductees.
- Action items were assigned for gift basket creation, meet draws, apparel vendor research, and planning for the January 2026 meeting.
- Next committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 4th, 1:00 PM at Maggiano's.

### Topic 1: Committee Transitions & Roles

- Discussion:
  - Gwyned's last meeting after ~17 years; thanked for her service.
  - Kim to take over scoring from Gwyned. This position begins August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
  - Drew moves from Xcel Chair to new State Meet Liaison role. This position begins August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
  - Elena Piskun welcomed as Xcel Rep; Jenn Camps as Optional Rep. Positions begin August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
  - Jon's hospitality role eliminated; now appointed as Business/ Owner Representative (non-voting, renewable annually by SAC or the SACC). This position begins August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
  - All committee positions now have four-year terms
  - Confidentiality forms to be sent out by August 1<sup>st</sup> from Becky.

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### Topic 2: Financial Overview

- Discussion:
  - Major income came from: head tax and leotard sales
  - Major expenses this past year: leotards, medals, senior gifts, banners (one time purchase to be used by any host gyms for state meet), coaches' shirts, meetings, website, election costs.
  - State meets were successful: All state meets this year were profitable for host gyms. Many compliments were given on how well they were executed. The host gyms did a great job creating a positive and competitive environment for the coaches, athletes and fans.
  - Financials will be posted on the state website

- **Motion Made** by Judy Prestigiacomio to donate all left over regional leotards to gymnasts in Guatemala. Seconded by Jon Aardema and approved by all board members.

● **Motion Made** by Judy Prestigiacomio to continue again this year donating \$5,000 to Tim Rand Fund. Not only is this fund in memory of an amazing man, but it continues each year to contribute greatly to our athletes. The motion was seconded by Sharon Kelly and approved by all board members.

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### Topic 3: State Meet Reviews & Format Changes

- Discussion:

**Motion Made** by Gerson Ramirez to have Xcel Silver participate in team finals for state meet 2026. Top 16 teams will compete at team finals, 4 gymnasts per event / top 3 routines count. This was seconded by Sharon Kelly and approved by all board members.

**Motion Made** by Stacey Harris to increase team finals entry fee to \$200 per team. Drew Davis seconded this motion. This motion was approved and passed unanimously.

- Xcel Silver will now have team finals: Top 16 teams will compete at team finals, 4 gymnasts per event / top 3 routines count. This number of teams was decided to allow a proper proportion based on the number of teams that competed at state this past 2025 season.
- Xcel 2026 state meet formats will be as follows: Gold and above levels will be two sets Capital Cup format / two days of competition, hosted by Drew Davis. Bronze and Silver levels will be one capital cup set and three days of competition, hosted by Roswell. This information will be posted on the state website so all coaches can be informed.
- Hugs will participate in the Sapphire session for Xcel State meet 2026.
- State meet draw assignments for state meets 2025-2026 season are as follows: Fall Compulsories Gerson and Sharon, USA Levels 6-10 Jenn and Becky, Xcel Gold and above Elena and Drew and Xcel Bronze / Silver Stacey.

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### Topic 4: Club of the Year & Awards Criteria

- Discussion: Starting this year, we will have Club of the Year for Xcel and Compulsory levels.

**Motion Made** by Gerson Ramirez that compulsory Gym of the Year uses the same format as Optional gym of the year. Sharon Kelly seconded this motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Xcel Club of the Year Qualifications: focuses on fun, leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork not based on scores. What gym emulates an atmosphere of these qualities? Nominations to be collected at state meets. If you have any thoughts or parameters, please send those to Stacey.
  - Compulsory Club of the Year to use the same formula as Optional (weighted by level).
  - Discussion was had about Optional Club of the Year and balancing recognition for large vs. small clubs; this discussion will be continued and finalized at the board meeting in Jan. If you have any ideas on this topic please send those to Becky.
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#### Topic 5: Apparel, Leotards, and Coaches' Shirts

- Discussion:
  - Move back to T-shirts for coaches (2 per athlete on team; extras can be purchased).
  - Explore new leotard vendors due to issues with the current supplier.

**Motion Made** by Gerson Ramirez that no seniors at any level will receive a regional leotard only a senior gift. Xcel Diamond and Sapphire regional qualifying gymnasts will receive a regional leotard free of charge from the state. Sharon Kelly seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Gold gymnasts qualifying to Regionals will be allowed to continue to purchase a regional leotard. The Gold State Team members will continue to get their Regional Team Apparel and Regional leotard for free.

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#### Topic 6: Petitions & Policy Deadlines

- Discussion:
  - Due to the high volume of level petitions there was a need for clear deadlines and process. A subcommittee was formed with Elena, Jenn and Gerson state level chairs. The Subcommittee (Elena, Jenn, Gerson) will review/ approve petitions; escalate complex cases to full board. Suzy will be working with Victoria to get the process of submitting petitions finalized.

**Motion Made** by Sharon Kelly that all petitions are submitted in the correct format by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Judy Prestigiacomo seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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#### Topic 7: Judges, Practice Judging, and Certification Support

- Discussion:
  - Should we be allowing practice judging at state meets? Consensus to allow with protocols (in uniform, not more than two per session, approved by meet referee).

*Judges asked to leave the room during this discussion*

**Motion Made** by Judy Prestigiacomo to donate \$5,000 to the NAWGJ for judges testing/recertifications. Gerson Ramirez seconded the motion and the board approved this motion unanimously.

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## Topic 8: Gift Basket for National Congress

- Discussion:
    - Georgia to provide a themed gift basket for the National Congress raffle (Georgia wine, lottery tickets, etc.). It was decided that a basket would be made by Suzy containing two bottles of wine and lotto tickets. Suzy will coordinate transportation for delivery to the National Congress in New Orleans.
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## Topic 9: Upcoming Meetings & Miscellaneous

- Discussion:
    - The next committee meeting is set for Sunday, January 4th, 1:00 PM at Maggiano's. Suzy will confirm attendee count and reservations.
    - Review of hospitality, awards, and other committee business.
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## Additional Notes:

- Encourage clubs to read emails and stay informed of deadlines and policy changes.
- Continue to support and recognize both large and small clubs for their contributions.
- Monitor financial impact of head tax and entry fee increases on committee budget.