

# Association Meeting



## *Agenda/Minutes*

**Call To Order - Eric Harima @ 8:30**

2020 December 4

8:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://d211.zoom.us/j/8935097039?pwd=TDJaVEdJb2xXSfZ5ZWJVdzdwOGV2UT09>

**Meeting ID: 893 509 7039**

**Passcode: SHSGYM#20**

## **Attendance**

*Eric Harima*

*Andy Foerch*

*Howard Rubin*

*Ryan Dul*

*Brian Bekkedal*

*Luke Badger*

*Brandon Tucker*

*Douglas Foerch*

*Joe Kermend*

*Frank Novakowski*

*Bruce Beiersdorf*

*Jason Orna*

*Jason Brandenburg*

*Gregg Didech*

*Blaise Blasko*

*Jacob Luketin*

*Greg Gebhardt*

*Joon Yun*

*R. Scott Phillips*

*Josh Levin*

*Tom Huml*

*Carlos Fuentes*

*Adrian Batista*

*Keith Mukai*

*Alex Pajor*

*Luke Badger*

*Matt Meyer*

*Eric Bostrom*

*Mike Galfi*

*Ray Payne*

*Scott Hagel*

*Steve Foerch*

*Bill Cordts*

*CJ Patton*

*Sam Zeman*

*Paul Kim*

## Balance

- Current Balance: \$8680.53
- Balance at this time last year: \$7439.70

## State of Gymnastics in IHSA

### Steering Committee Actions

- Working on presentation to go over with what's going on with girl's gymnastics
  - Educate on safety precautions
  - Prepare for boys season
- No word on the sport being cut ... have only heard positive things from IHSA from all of our efforts last year
  - Especially when it came to supporting the girls at state by having boys teams attend!
- Sharing of video by Frank Novakowski
  - From Tracie
    - Contact days possible
    - IHSA is trying to be creative in finding ways to have participation (Frank)
    - Good news is that they are making every attempt to still have every season, however, due to breaks, spring season may get pushed back then what is currently on the schedule. Days may also get "borrowed" from our season to others (Doug)

## Finances

### 2020 Association Fees

- Head Coaches: \$25
- Assistant Coaches: \$20
- Judges: \$15
- Hall of Fame: \$0
- December Clinic: \$10 + normal fee

### Philanthropy

- Brinkworth Scholarship - Due Date - sent by Betty in March, due mid-April

Only fundraising will be coming from this clinic and association dues

We are up in our balance as of last year, however that was due to last year's season ending early

Email from Betty - things we can do for Ed Gombos to help support him.

- Use \$5 from the fees from clinic to purchase a shirt from him for those who were in attendance at the clinic

## 2020 Season

### Positions of Note

### Conference Reps

- CSL - Adrian Batista nominated by Ryan Dul, second by Eric H
- MSL East - Joon Yun, nominated by Eric Harima, second by Frank N.
- MSL West - Scott Hagel, nominated by Eric H., second by Frank N.
- WSC Gold - Mike Galfi, nominated by Bill C., second by Alex P
- WSC Silver - Sam Z, nominated by Frank N, second by Alex P.
- Independent - Greg G nominated by Frank N, second by Eric H.

Responsibilities will be slightly more this year to contact coaches to ensure that ALL INFORMATION IS COMMUNICATED. Also can entail making calls/emails to coaches for up-to-date rule information, getting to show up for association meetings, judge recruitment amongst ALL coaches within their conference.

## Executive Board

- Eric Harima - President [gymnastshs@gmail.com](mailto:gymnastshs@gmail.com)
- Ryan Dul - Vice President [rdul@glenbrook225.org](mailto:rdul@glenbrook225.org)
- Jason Brandenburg - Treasurer [jbrandenburg@d211.org](mailto:jbrandenburg@d211.org)
- CJ Patton- Secretary [CJGymnast7@gmail.com](mailto:CJGymnast7@gmail.com)

## Steering Committee

- Julian Basler
- Paul Kim
- Frank Novakowski
- Alex Pajor
- Brandon Tucker

## Open Positions

- Highland Park – Assistant coaches
- Buffalo Grove– Assistant coach
- Hinsdale Central – Head coach
- Schaumburg—Assistant coach
- Lake Park - Possible Assistant Coach -contact Frank Novakowski

## State Meet

- Still at Hoffman
  - Ideas on how to run?
    - Possibly look into what/how the girls are handling their state meet.
  - Potential Alternatives?
    - Looking for a possible future host. Talk to your AD's and Exec Board if you're interested

## Coach Participation and Recruiting

### Participation in the Association

- Call your friend coaches, ask them to come
- Bring your assistants
- Peer pressure works

(Frank N) - Steering committee believes the participation of the membership is what helps support and advance our sport and all the athletes within. We need to have as many people involved as possible.

(Bill C) - With now everything moving to virtual meetings due to pandemic, it could actually help coaches who cannot attend in person and the association with increased attendance by being able to attend remotely/virtually.

- (Eric H) - is recording this meeting for others to be able to watch who were not in attendance

### Recruiting new coaches

- Please help us collect emails for graduating seniors and recent graduates using the following form
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdr3EBpbOI0bpFhfzJ6fHjbUmxnWbe2IQhe1JI397YMCJf5Zg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdr3EBpbOI0bpFhfzJ6fHjbUmxnWbe2IQhe1JI397YMCJf5Zg/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- We will attempt to regularly contact them to recruit for judging and coaching positions

### Judging

- Please sign up if you have not. First year judges do not have to pay a late fee

(Frank) - 23 registered officials currently

(Eric H) - 3 major judges retired from judging this year which will leave a big gap in judging spots

(Brandon T) - Way too many open spots for the amount of meets there will be if there is a season. If we don't get the judges, be ready to judge your own meets and be prepared. Might as well be prepared, get registered and judge if you're going to be forced to judge your own.

(Greg) - seconding this point - you'll have to judge your own meet and not get paid. Should get paid for those efforts if you're going to have to judge anyway. Also, Blaise and Howie have been saying this for years now.

(Eric H) - the sacrifice of missing a little time from practice to help judge will be worth it to help aid and continue our sport.

(Brandon T) - Virtual judging could prove to be just as difficult due to technical difficulties. Should not use virtual as a complete fall back plan

(Keith M) - risk of exposure for judging isn't more than coaching your own. Nervous/hesitant about going into someone's gym due to pandemic and risk exposure. Schools that do not have a registered official, falling back on Zoom/virtual judging is going to help ease the burden on some judges (exposure risk, travel, nervousness, etc ...)

(CJ P) - Do the judges need to be live for virtual judging? Or film and send it in?

(Adrian B) - live virtual sessions ... have two judges

(Brandon T) - Steering committee ... form a separate committee to discuss and figure out procedures/rules for virtual judging (or potential thereof)

(Greg G) - is an AD going to allow this? Will they pay a judge who is judging virtually? Is it even allowed?

(Carlos F) - IHSA stated that virtual judging is allowed. Happens in cheerleading. Live feeds are the best way to go about virtual judging.

(Eric H) - retired judges who live in different states could possible be brought back to help judge if meets are virtual/remote

## Judges Training Videos

To help with your training for both judging and coaching- Brandon Tucker has graciously begun to develop judges training video tutorials on youtube for those of you who could not attend the clinics or mini clinics. Please view these videos and consider joining our team of judges, and thank you Brandon for developing these! They can also be found on the association webpage. Below is a handy cheatsheet containing common skills and requirements that can be used if you ever have to judge a meet on your own.

- [General overview](#)
- [Floor Ex](#)
- [Rings](#)
- [Vault](#)
- [Parallel Bars](#)
- [High Bar](#)

[2020 Event-Specific Common Skills and requirements Judging Sheets](#)

## Officials Checklist

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UJ1veOox1du-YyKO3r7ZVbxPleU7eRtx3j27fTaEaow/edit?usp=sharing>

## Judging Clinics

- Feb. 6th @ TBD 9am-3pm
  - Held on Zoom

## Upcoming Dates

- 2020 November 16
  - 7pm
  - IHSGCA Association Meeting
  - Zoom
- 2020 December 4th
  - 8:30am
  - IHSGCA Clinic/Association Meeting
  - Zoom
- 2021 January 19th
  - 7pm
  - IHSGCA Association Meeting
  - Zoom/TBD
- 2021 February 16th
  - 7pm
  - IHSGCA Association Meeting
  - Zoom/TBD

## Rules & Interps Updates

<http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=19>

## For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Josh Levin- College club

A conference called GYMACT has 11 schools, really starting to pick up in collegiate gymnastics. A possible future for college gymnastics, with the dropping of multiple NCAA varsity programs. This offers an opportunity for gymnasts to continue their gymnastics career in college

Any coaches with seniors who are interested in continuing with gymnastics should email Josh Levin. There is no cap on participants. Gymnastics skill is less important than good character traits such as leadership, teamwork, work ethic etc..

Majority of schools are “co-op” in function so it is also not really necessary to attend the school, as long as they are in the area they can compete under GYMACT.

(Greg) A couple of my gymnasts have gone over to GYMACT and at NIU and they love it. What does the cost look like?

(Josh) One payment of about \$700 freshmen year, \$500 Sophomore year, \$300 junior year, \$200 senior year. Although GYMACT has been receiving donations so it’s possible that as early as next year we won’t have to charge anything at all.

(Greg): This is a great alternative to BIG10 and NCAA, and an amazing way to improve skills as an athlete.

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Virtual Stars: Running meets every weekend. Meets are just as exciting over zoom as they can be live. For dual meets, it works very well. Livestreams to [virtualstarsgymnastics.com](http://virtualstarsgymnastics.com) and the scores are updated on the website as well. It does not have to be live meets, there are also pre-recorded meet sessions. Not *as* exciting, but judges can leave helpful comments on the videos and it can be a great tool.

[https://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/Sanction/virtualplaybook\\_men.pdf](https://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/Sanction/virtualplaybook_men.pdf)

(Eric): Judging 7 meets could get them to that \$700 needed for the freshmen payment. That could be a good motivator to get more judges. Judging can make your gymnastics better.

(Keith): ArbiterPay hack - All your information has been released. Really should not be trusted. Wrote an article laying out just how weak their system is and why they should not be used. Maybe conference reps can check in with conferences and IHSA to look for alternatives to ArbiterPay. Understands it makes life harder but the risk far outweighs the comfortability of keeping the same system.

(Greg): AD’s still love ArbiterPay despite what happened. The association should bring this information and take it to Tracy and IHSA. With the weight of IHSA it would be a lot easier to discuss alternatives with ADs. Association should write a letter.

(Keith): NCAA might own ArbiterSports, which might be an issue.

(Frank): Is there no confidence at all that Arbiter, despite their egregious error, has the ability to rectify and protect our information in the future?

Keith: 5 years ago they had a terrible security policy, which was fixed only to have more security problems shortly after. There is a problem with the culture. If it was something like MeetScorer it wouldn’t be that big of a deal but when you’re dealing with banks, money and social security, it’s 100% not worth the risk. Worst Case scenario, IHSA and Ads refuse to give it up, Keith says he will not judge any meets where ArbiterPay is used.

[https://medium.com/@kdmukai\\_64726/arbitersports-was-hacked-dont-use-them-ever-again-fddea92bcd21](https://medium.com/@kdmukai_64726/arbitersports-was-hacked-dont-use-them-ever-again-fddea92bcd21)



(Howard R): Association should come up with a condolence card for Bob Todd. Extremely active coach, coached boys and girls gymnastics for a very long time before passing away.

## Meeting Adjourn