

# January 2023 Association Committee Meeting

January 18th, 2023 @ 7pm Agenda/Minutes



## Call To Order 7:08pm

Attendance:

In person:

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| Jason Brandenburg | Jeff Wronkiewicz | Keith Mukai | Doug Foerch   |
| Eric Harima       | Blaise Blasko    | Alex Pajor  | Julian Basler |

Zoom:

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| Alexander's iPhone |
| andfoe             |
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| Anthony            |
| Brian Bekkedal     |
| btucker            |
| CJ Johnson         |
| Dul's iPhone       |
| Gregg Didech       |
| Howard Rubin       |
| Janet Donaldson    |
| Juan Fuentes       |
| Luke Badger        |
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| MICHAEL COSTA      |

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| Mr. Galfi            |
| Paul Kim             |
| R. Scott Phillips    |
| Randy Gentile        |
| Ryan Brown           |
| stephen kafka        |
| steve foerch         |
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| Tom Huml             |
| Wood Family's iPhone |

## Balance

- Current Balance: \$10,427.58
- Balance at this time last year: \$9,078.76

## Finances

### Tax & Non-Profit Status

- Up to date and current

### Association Dues: **Double check association dues**

#### Clinic Fees (includes membership dues):

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Head Coaches:  | \$80 (\$25 w/o clinic) |
| Asst. Coaches: | \$75 (\$20 w/o clinic) |
| Judges:        | \$70 (\$15 w/o clinic) |
| Assoc. Member: | \$70 (\$15 w/o clinic) |
| HOF Member     | No Fee                 |

#### Methods of Payment (receipts upon request):

- Check (make payable to IHSGCA)
- Zelle Payment - treasurer@ihsgca.org
- Cash

## State of Gymnastics

### Updates

- Hawaiian Pineapple Invitational
  - Frank Erwin, Jeff Wronkiewicz, and I represented the IHSGCA
  - I was able to make an announcement too stating the situation and how individuals can help

- A couple of parents of club gymnasts suggested the idea of moving our season to either start 2 weeks earlier or later. This would allow club gymnasts to compete both USAG Nationals and High School
- Betty Axelson-McClelland has been making announcements at girls invitationals asking for support
  - Have this doc. available at any upcoming meets
    - [Help Support Boys Gymnastics](#)
  - Keith added a to the “Testimonial” page that would be appropriate for girl gymnasts and their parents

## IHSA:

- Tracie Henry- IHSA Assistant Executive Director will be joining us via Zoom at 7:30
  - Updating our position with the IHSA
  - Answering any questions that you might have
- Zoom meeting with the IHSA Board of Directors
  - Feb. 6th 9:00-9:20am
  - Those attending:
    - IHSCGA- Jason Brandenburg, Frank Novakowski, Doug Foerch
    - John Catalano- Glenbrook North HS Athletic Director
    - Tony Medina- Palatine HS Principal
- Potential list of talking points here: [IHSA meeting-potential talking points](#)
- [IHSA information](#)

## Testimonial Letters

- Keep encouraging gymnasts, parents, and alumni to write letters, as we will still be collecting them
- Keith added a section to the website aimed for the girls side

CJ Johnson- What does the IHSA have to gain from this? Why can't they look at this logistically? Jesse White wants to help, but is not sure quite how to go about doing so?

Doug- The Boards Policy will not change. We need to ask to be allowed to keep us.

Blaise- Why did they change the percentage?

Julian- Can we ask Tracie, “What does the IHSA have to gain?”

Eric Harima- This has to do with emerging sports.

Mike Costa- How is this equitable? How is this not financial?

Tracie Henry- Not making this decision. There needs to be differentiation between adding and deleting sports. When you see a decline in participation numbers...She is trying to advocate, but cannot make any changes. Asking the board for an extended time with Boys Gymnastics, allowing for coaches, facilities,

CJ Johnson- Are they looking at state-wide numbers? Or focusing north of I-80?

TH- No, the geography of the state isn't part of participation.

Blaise-Do club sports follow the same rules/protocols as IHSA sports?

TH-No. Each school might be slightly different.

Blaise- Does the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy come into play?

TH- How do you think that impacts boys?

Blaise- Boys might look to compete in girls gymnastics.

TH- page 112- No, a member will not be able to join.

Julian- what about girls previously boys.

TH- That goes back to the underrepresented gender.

Eric Harima- Would girls have more sports than boys if boys gymnastics does get dropped? Would boys then be underrepresented?

TH- No, the policy is for the underrepresented gender.

Ryan Brown- What about the adults? This is part of our time and income? When would they let us know so that we can put our energy into the boys and our sport? Have they thought about the kids that do not have the money to join a gym?

TH- Many are asking for a better timeline for all of those that are affected by this decision. Have an AD or Principal ask at our meeting. It doesn't mean that your school wouldn't have a team.

Sam- We are rebounding after COVID, doesn't that make a difference. Reviewing on an annual basis hurts us too.

TH- Try to meet the thresholds.

Mike Costa- What about looking at the students as students, not "numbers".

TH-Has not heard that, wants to clear the air.

## Upcoming Season

### Coaches

- Season begins Monday, February 13th
- Double check the following on [IHSA Schools/Officials Center](#) (Get the RED out):
  - Concussion Management Program
  - Hate Speech & Harassment Video
  - Performance Enhancing Substances Program (only has to be done once)
  - Rules Video
    - 2/14—3/21
- CPR certified (each district is different)
- Seeding Due to IHSA by 3/28
- List of Participants Due to IHSA by 4/17
- Sectionals Week of 5/1

## State Meet

- Location/Date:
  - Hoffman Estates High School
  - Friday, May 12, 2023
    - Individual PreLims & All-Around
  - Saturday, May 13, 2023
    - Team and Individual Finals
- **65th Reunion Updates:**
  - Get all alumni to come to the state meet, both days

Facebook page. The North Balcony at HEHS will be made available for everyone at the State Meet. Setting up a site afterwards at the Main Event post Friday/Saturday events. Working through Tracie to get HOF member participation. Expand on the HOF. Bring your teams to the State Meet. Coaches- Get in touch with your alumni.

## Fundraising

- Meet setups were successful last year. Options for this year:
  - Charley Nelson contacted me about set-up/tear-down for BIG Gymnastics club meet on
    - Set-up: Feb 16th
    - Tear-down Feb 20th
    - Romeoville
    - \$1,000

## Judging

- **Double check the following (Get the RED out):**
  - Clinic Status (Additional Info Below)
  - Concussion Management Program
  - Hate Speech & Harassment Video
  - Exam dates
    - 2/14—3/21
  - Rules Video
    - 2/14—3/21
- If you are a judge, **find just one new judge for this year**
- More judges could look favorable in the eyes of the IHSA
- New judges have until March 15th to register
- Get alumni to sign up:
  - Melissa Burt from the IHSA- fees would be waived for newly graduated high school applicants. They would just need a letter from their school AD sent to [mburt@IHSA.org](mailto:mburt@IHSA.org).

## Judging Clinic

- Feb. 4, 2023 @ Lake Park High School
- East Campus 9am-3pm

- Judging resources

## **Future Meetings**

### **Steering Committee Meetings -**

- Monday, January 9, 2023
- Monday, February 6, 2023
- Monday, March 6, 2023
- Monday, April 3, 2023
- Monday, May 1, 2023

### **Association Meetings-**

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023
- Monday, February 13, 2023 (first day of season)
- Monday, March 13, 2023
- Monday, April 10, 2023
- Monday, May 8, 2023
- Monday, May 15, 2023 (HOF Banquet)

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

Mark Diab- A little discouraged about registering Feb. 1 and have to compete in Sectionals to count as a team. Not sure if he could do it by Feb. 1st. National Championships are on the Sectional and State Meet weekend. He can serve as a pipeline to USAG. There should be some heads up from the IHSA. It's hard to grow given the circumstances. Reach out to Doug Keso about getting word out about our situation.

Sam Zeman- Possible Plainfeild and Oswego teams.

Greg D- The only way to add will be through the clubs.

## **Updates/News:**

Possibly changing the hall of fame banquet on Sunday instead to Monday. More to come.

## **Open Coaching Positions**

### **Head Coach Positions:**

### **Assistant Coach Positions:**

|               |                        |            |  |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|--|
| Glenbard West | Contact Carlos Fuentes | Head Coach | <a href="mailto:juan_fuentes@glenbard.org">juan_fuentes@glenbard.org</a> |
| Lake Park     | Frank Novakowski       | Head Coach | <a href="mailto:fnovakowski@lphs.org">fnovakowski@lphs.org</a>           |
| Schaumburg    | Eric Harima            | Head Coach | <a href="mailto:eharima@d211.org">eharima@d211.org</a>                   |

Continue the search for new coaches. Keep in touch with alumni for coaching and judging.

**Meeting Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn 8:45. Second- Keith Mukai.