

January 2024 Association Committee Meeting

January 16th, 2024 @ 7pm Agenda/Minutes



Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/xit-fikr-nxp>

Call To Order: 7:03PM

Attendance:

Online: C.J. Patton, Howie Sokel, Jarrod Amolsch, Luke Badger, Daniel Bajek, Adrian Batista, Bruce Beiersdorf, Blaise Blasko, Ryan Brown, Bill Cordts, Doug Foerch, Carlos Fuentes, Tom Huml, Andy Isaacson, Paul Kim, Keith Mukai, Frank Novakowski, Alex Pajor, Robert Phillips, Howie Ruben, Sam Zeman, Dennis Wellman

In person: N/A

Balance

- Current Balance: \$9,004.67
- Balance at this time last year: \$10,427.58

Finances

Tax & Non-Profit Status

- Up to date and current

Association Dues:

Clinic Fees (includes membership dues):

Head Coaches:	\$100 (\$35 w/o clinic)
Asst. Coaches:	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
Judges:	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
Assoc. Member	\$100 (\$30 w/o clinic)
HOF member	No fee

Methods of Payment (receipts upon request)

Receipts upon request

- Check (make Payable out to IHSGCA)
% Adrian Batista at Niles West
5701 Oakton St
Skokie, IL
60077
- Zelle Payment (treasurer@ihsgca.org)
- Cash

Betty Axelson has requested that the John Brinksworth Scholarship Committee fund our Brinksworth scholarship this year. They are graciously providing us the \$500 to give to a gymnast at the end of the year.

Fundraising

- The IHSGCA Steering Committee will set up a GoFundMe soon for the Association. Each Sectional/State host site will take in door sales, but we can send runners throughout to ask for donations.
- Purposes of raising funds:
 - Scholarships for gymnasts
 - Assisting with invite fees for high school club programs
 - Awards/trophies for state series
 - **Emergency funds if we need to pay for a future State Meet site.**

Upcoming Season

- Season begins Monday, February 12th
- IHSA has voted to eliminate our Season Limitation by-laws, meaning we have a bit more control of our calendar going forward
- Make sure all your certifications are cleared, competing under IHSA by-laws still require a bit of maintenance (CPR/AED, concussion, hate speech etc). Check with your ADs since they're the ones paying you
- As a safety precaution, if you have at least 3 members competing, ask your AD to register your program as an emerging sport. If your school is okay with you not being registered and is fine with you competing, we won't argue, but my official stance is **register**. The more numbers we have, the longer we stay in conversation

Sectionals

- ALL STATE QUALIFIERS ARE AT-LARGE
- Top 10 Team Scores make it to State
- Top 50 Individuals on each event make it to State
- Scoring system: Meetscorer

Sectional Week - April 29 - May 4

Sectional 1: **Glenbard West** (Tuesday April 30th)

Wheaton Co-Op

Willowbrook

York

Addison Trail

Leyden

Glenbard East

Glenbard South

Glenbard North

Sectional 2: **Lyons Township** (Thursday May 2nd)

Downers Grove North

Downers Grove South
Naperville North
Naperville Central
Hinsdale South
Hinsdale Central
Andrew
Kaneland

Sectional 3: **Lake Park** (Friday May 3rd)

Stevenson
Palatine
Conant
Hoffman Estates
Schaumburg
Fremd
Carbondale

Sectional 4: **Glenbrook South** (Saturday May 4th)

Niles North
Niles West
Glenbrook North
Evanston
Deerfield
Highland Park
Libertyville
Maine East

Sectional Format: Run as Normal, keep it as close to last year as possible

State Meet

- Location/Date:
 - Hoffman Estates High School
 - Saturday, May 11, 2023

Judging

- 1. AAU membership
- 2. NFHS Concussion education
- 3. Clinic Attendance
- To register for an AAU membership, click here: [AAU Membership](#) You will be registering for a Non-Athlete Membership, Extended Benefit Membership (AB). The cost for the extended benefit membership is \$57 for 1 year, or \$79 for 2 years, and is only an additional \$2 over the standard membership. Your membership will provide a background check for everyone, which ADs feel is an important part of the process. I did not receive an email when the process was completed, but I was able to log into my account after about a week and verify that the process was complete.
- To complete the free concussion training, click here: [NFHS Concussion in Sports](#) Select your state from the dropdown menu, and then click Order Course. The course is free, and you will be provided a certificate upon completion.

- There will no longer be an IHSA rules video. As such, clinic attendance is mandatory. Clinic details will be forthcoming shortly.

Judging Clinic

- Feb. 3, 2024 @ Lake Park High School (9am - 3pm)
- Two-parter during the school week of 2/19

System for Rating Officials

The Association has nominated Doug Foerch to be the Chairman for handling Officials' ratings this year. This nomination was based on years of serving as Meet Referee, judging at the State level, as well as his history of working with the IHSA to determine judges' ratings in the past. Alongside him will be Blaise Blasko, who will serve as an Executive's Assistant, to help in all matters relating to the ranking and assigning of state series judges. The coalition made up of the above two people will be known as the Rating System Executives.

The responsibilities of the Rating System Executives

- A. These executives will collect coaches' feedback on officials throughout the season
- B. They will use these rankings to determine judge selection for the Sectionals and State Meets
- C. They will be responsible for assigning each judge to a specific event
- D. The Chairman will assign a State Meet Official to help with inquiries
- E. The Chairman will communicate frequently with both the IHSGCA Executive Board and the State Meet Host School

The Criteria for Officials' Ratings

As it stands, from the IHSA page - for each meet the following questions are answered:

- Name/ event judged
- Date of Contest
- Did the officials call affect the outcome of the match
- Rating 1-5 (1 being excellent)
- Reason for unsatisfactory rating

[Proposal for a simplified rating system](#)

Result: PASSED (Yay- 16) (Nay- 1) (Abstain- 3)

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Jamie Buckley [GoFundMe](#)

- Former Schaumburg boys coach
- Her family's club Gymkhana has been involved in the gymnastics community for a long time

Andy Isaacson would like to offer to hold some type of motivational presentation similar to the one he did for the coaches association and Hoffman Estates two years ago but this one specifically for members of the Boys Gymnastics teams. Possibly hosted at Willowbrook high school in the auditorium, topics may include - how to be the gymnast that every coach and teammate wishes they had. Has his own tech guy to put things together. Let him know if anyone is interested. He has to speak in the very near future at a couple of universities, and so he said it would be a perfect way to give back to all the people that made an impact on his life, and so many others.

- Vic Lesch - Willowbrook/Hoffman Estates (Vic passed away on January 5, 2024)

Future Meetings

Steering Committee Meetings -

- Monday, January 9, 2023
- Monday, February 5, 2023
- Monday, March 6, 2023
- Monday, April 3, 2023
- Monday, May 1, 2023

Association Meetings-

- Tuesday, January 16, 2023
- Monday, February 12, 2023 (first day of season)
- Monday, March 11, 2023
- Monday, April 15, 2023
- Monday, May 6, 2023
- Monday, May 13, 2023 (HOF Banquet)

Conference Reps

CSL - Ryan Dul

WSC Gold - Bill Cordts

WSC Silver - Sam Zeman

MSL East - Julian Basler

MSL West - Chris Lunsford

Updates/News:

- (Bill Cordts) – Awards Contact: Greg Cozzi – cozzycoupe@comcast.net
- Leyden is looking to add a meet or invite preferable the weekend of April 12-13th

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

York

Assistant Coach Positions:

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

Meeting Adjourn

8:08PM (Second: Bill Cordts)