

MAGJA—Region V



Presidents Report—John Karmecy

First and foremost, I would like to thank the MAGJA membership for the overwhelming support through your votes and kind messages during the recently held presidential election. Since being elected, I have had numerous phone calls/zoom meetings with our NGJA regional board and various MAGJA executive members and judging state directors to discuss the future direction of this association. Listed below are some of the

new initiatives that I would like to explore and possibly implement:

- Review, update and rewrite the MAGJA Association Bylaws
- Establish consistent communication with each state judging director to discuss their individual concerns and help provide solutions to each issue at hand
- Arranging an association wide meeting to be held yearly
- Open up a line of communication from coaches directly to the MAGJA President to address judging concerns within the community
- Create a regional judges database
- Implement a yearly judges practical to be administered at each individual state's course
- Require meet reports to be submitted from championship level competitions
- Create and distribute a president's report or MAGJA Region 5 newsletter
- Establish a judges rating system from certain or all competitions where positive or negative feedback can be provided from the community
- Provide technical sequence and future star learning material along with judged videos to help educate the championship level judges
- Create a MAGJA judges message group via band or WhatsApp
- Explore new ideas to grow the overall membership of the association

Several of these initiatives overlap the roles and responsibilities of the Regional NGJA Executive Board/MAGJA Board and I look forward to working with each of them to accomplish these tasks at hand. I also welcome feedback and ideas from all of our judges and encourage everyone to reach out to myself or another member of the Regional Board.

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DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR—ANDY BROWN

As the recently elected Regional Development Director, I am looking forward to coordinating with the state judging directors in our Region along with our Board to continue enhancing the processes that we have implemented over the past few years. This includes working with state directors on the our development of younger judges through education & mentorship, identifying & preparing judges that have expressed a desire and commitment to judge at a higher level, coordinating our nominations and assignments to best reflect our Region nationally and that we continue to be the barometer for all other Regions, sharing all applicable updates/information with our members, open to meeting with any of our members that have idea on improving our Region, and any other organic responsibilities and opportunities that may arise over time as we continue evolving.

I have connected on several occasions with each of the state directors within our region, Regional Director, Regional Operations & Educations Director, and newly elected President to begin working on identifying and implementing our initiatives. We collectively identified and submitted our nominations for the 2022 Regional Future Stars, 2023 Developmental Nationals, and 2023 Eastern Nationals. Once those assignments are finalized, we will continue our coordination on state and regional assignments.

Additionally, we have met to discuss the upcoming state judging courses, regional and non-regional exchanges, NCAA assignments, bylaws, education/mentorship opportunities, how to better utilize our regional website in order to distribute information and improve our

judging within the Region, and requirements/responsibilities/expectations for future judging assignments. We are working to implement a clear set of requirements for judges that want to participate in higher level competitions (camps, presentations, analysis, Regional course attendance, symboling, practical results, communication abilities, etc.).

I am looking forward to continually meeting to enhance the quality and quantity of judges within our Region. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any of the initiatives we have already taken or if you have ideas that could improve our Region.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR—GEORGE RENK

Thank you to all who supported me in the last election. I'm humbled and honored to serve the greatest region within USA Gymnastics!! I'm looking forward to working with our newly elected Regional Leadership, State Judging Directors and all judges in the MAGJA.

Region V is looked at as a leader and developer across USAG and the NGJA and it's because of all the great judges we have here who are knowledgeable and driven. We have a plethora of wisdom within the MAGJA and we need to all work together to tap into that wisdom and share with those that are starting their journey. With new leadership comes change and according to Rush (Tom Sawyer), "changes aren't permanent, but change is." We are looking forward to working with each and every one of you, gathering your thoughts, your ideas on how we can keep pushing the MAGJA to better.

To the State directors, please plan on using the Regional website, <https://www.region5mensgymnastics.org/>, for all judging assignments starting this season, 2023. If you have questions on how to add/update your assignment list please reach out to Paul Evatt.

I'm am looking forward to this upcoming season and getting a chance to see everyone at some point on the competition floor. Good luck at your courses this year.

"Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers." Socrates



OPS & ED DIRECTOR—DAVE JOHNSON

MAGJA / Region 5 Judges,

At this point, the role of the Regional Education and Operations Director is still being molded. For those of you that do not know me, I am a middle school physical education and health teacher (but also spent many years in the classroom as a History teacher). Serving in this role has been a very natural transition given my teaching background but also because I have been involved with the education realm of the NGJA for a number of years.

The Education team consists of the Education Director (Mark Sherman), the Operations Director (Paul Evatt) and all 9 of the Regional Ed. & Ops Directors. Together we have been working on compiling course material that is typically used at courses (videos and analysis) but in addition we have been developing interactive activities for course directors and discussing best practices regarding course delivery.

Fall Courses

The courses within the MAGJA / Region 5 include:

- Illinois - October 15-16
- Ohio - October 29
- Michigan - November 6
- Indiana -

FIG COP July 2022

A new version of the COP that encompasses all new information from Newsletters that has been released since the original iteration of the COP was released.

<https://www.ngja.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-2024-MAG-COP-7.22-updated.pdf>

NGJA Educational Library

Work is being done to update and vastly increase the educational video content on the NGJA website. You will be informed in the near future when these items are ready to view!

Mentoring Program

Last year, a pilot mentoring program was implemented with great success. A group of the nation's best up and coming junior judges were selected to participate. The program included a collaborative NCAA Challenge aspect, guest speakers, practice judging with Sr. judge mentors, presentations lead by our Sr. NALs and concluded with a practical exam, which many of you are now very familiar with! Currently plans are being made to develop ...

- Local Mentoring program - to be lead by local association leaders and elected officials

- Regional Mentoring program - to be lead by the Regional leadership

- Jr. Elite Mentoring program (was piloted last year)

- Sr. Elite Mentoring program

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Course Materials

The following materials are available for you to view right now:

- General Presentation - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1N0ghaUzSO1XLFZXcXTJvWXQgaA45xqzmz4nnbwOKhE00/edit#slide=id.gb81b8a5e36_0_599
- Optional Events Presentation - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RDGiLr0_fPpc4TII-2y3bOHeIVJI5I5diX0Eh8J7dvc/edit#slide=id.gdca55fa5e6_1_53
- Compulsory Presentation - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DnhSMUR9GS25UpAGbtDbArpHBxp0ANcAMKOjJMk3ZYc/edit#slide=id.gfdac621cd3_0_3143
- Compulsory Updates & Clarifications - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SYJ_9Okb3X9_NM263W5WwapZMC0MZHO13Gzt4hcOg2M/edit#slide=id.g13ec049fbf6_0_2948
- How To Calculate a Start Value - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tPiklQdP_oOOIVqcSLIOXZwefUUGQiXryUuuzp32SJo/edit#slide=id.g35f391192_00
- Symboling for Judges - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1c52PdEfZsy41yU796ljYaicNbOui8l6DNIWiL1774Vc/edit#slide=id.p>

Additional Technology Tools

MAG 2022 COP Study - an app used predominantly to test your recognition of skill values

STS - an FIG sponsored web based platform with skill recognition and symboling practice as well as an extensive video library of all routines from past World Championships and Olympic Games. <https://stsstudy.com/login/?next=/>

FB-Curves 3D Gym - a subscription platform with skill value recognition abilities as well as execution video tutorials. <https://www.fb-curves.com/en/the-app/>

We have a job to provide a service to gymnasts, coaches and parents. Our job is to make sure we are fully prepared every time we step on the competition floor. Read the FIG Code of Points. Read the USAG JDP Program Manual. Read any updates and newsletters. Watch videos to prepare. Communicate with coaches and judges. Ask questions. The numbers of things you could/should be doing to better yourself as a judge are endless. The judges courses are not meant to teach you all there is to know about judging. Rely on your local and regional leaders where you can, but you will have to do most of the heavy lifting all on your own!

“You hit home runs not by chance but by preparation” - Roger Maris

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