



**NHSGA Association Meeting:**

May 23, 2007 8:30pm

Welcome Everyone

Introduction of Executive Board Members

Informed members about and discussion on the following topics:

- a. Website for information—[www.nationalhsga.com](http://www.nationalhsga.com)
- b. All American Awards-Athletic and Academic Nominations
- c. The name of the meet—NHSGA Senior Showcase Invitational, due to the “wrenches” it throws in individual state Athletic Associations. Leave the word “Nationals,” “Championships,” and “All Stars” out of the names and the website/by laws information.
- d. Margie to post results on website on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**NHSGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes:**

May 23, 2007 9:00

Present: Margie Canfield, Bethany Mihaly, John Cunningham, Pat Simon, Mike Martin,  
Dean Ratliff

Absent: Joan Lothrop

Items that were discussed included:

- a. Allow men that are not competing for their High Schools to compete at the NHSGA Senior Showcase but not women due to the number of states that sponsor gymnastics? Is this discrimination—Pat Simon to check on Title 9 specifics and get back to us on this possibility. Discussion about recruiting men’s team to the meet. Discussion about two different divisions, High School sponsored seniors and non high school sponsored seniors.
- b. Discussion of alternate hosting of the meet between NHSGCA and NHSGA. We invited teams from all associations and one of our main functions is to run our NHSGA Senior Showcase. Discussed our earlier vote of nice idea but not going to do it, other associations don’t have someone else host their meets(AAU doesn’t have USA Gymnasts host their meets)
- c. Discussion on when/date to host the NHSGA Senior Showcase—decision was to host it on the weekend after the JO Level 10 Nationals due to the number of athletes and coaches that may be eliminated by hosting on the same weekend as JO L10, which would be Memorial Day weekend again next year, May 22/23 or 23/24<sup>th</sup>. (Discussion after the meeting was an idea of moving the meet to F/S instead of Th/F)
- d. By-Laws—all of the members agreed on the bylaws as are and to make amendments as needed at meetings.
- e. Decision was made to keep the name of the meet to the NHSGA Senior Showcase Invitational.

- f. Discussion on the two teams—feedback from coaches was very positive, the names of the two groups will be changed to Team and All American. This will also work better with the Pro Score Scoring system groups.
- g. Brainstorm on how to make the meet better—Margie will formulate a survey to send out to the liaisons and have them send it back. Programs and t-shirts—need more for sales. Bethany is looking into how much the NHSGA Executive Board shirts would cost and possibly have a “Proshop” on our website. Meet shirt would also be available.
- h. John Cunningham to purchase medals next year, looking into how to customize them to the NHSGA at a reasonable price.
- i. Discussion as to how to create a membership form on line so as to assign membership numbers. Margie looking into how to do this.
- j. Discussion on attracting other states that sponsor men’s and/or women’s gymnastics. Mike Martin to pinpoint what states sponsor it and divide them up among the Executive Board members and actively recruit them. There were comments addressing the return of the male gymnasts. Male and female gymnasts are already invited to attend the meet.
- k. Margie to go through website and by laws to look for wording of Nationals, All Star, Championships and eliminate those words.
- l. Discussion on creating an NHSGA Handbook, including by laws, how to run the Senior Showcase, who does what, etc. Pat Simon to work on a draft.
- m. Discussion on how to elect Executive Board Members.
  1. Some states elect people to the board and then the positions are chosen by those elected dependant on their individual strengths and what the position requires of them.
  2. Stagger the election of President, Secretary, Meet Director on even years and the Vice President, Treasurer and Professional Member Representative on odd numbered years.
  3. Keep the every two year election as stated in the by-laws.
- n. Meeting of the Executive Board in early November to discuss other association issues. Chicago was the location discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 pm.

Other suggestions/items that were brought to the attention of board members after the meeting:

\*Have the dance on the night of prelims so the kids can get to know each other

\*Post rotation schedule on line earlier

\*Assign warm up times in two time blocks (1:30-4:00 and 4:00-6:30) on the day before prelims