



State Board Meeting Minutes July 8, 2026

Meeting called to order by Erin Berry at 5:30 pm

Roll Call

Attendees: Erin Berry, Morgan Carraway, Gillian Coleman, Anne Foster, Wendy Hylton, Lindsay La Roche, Amanda James, Cheryl Johnson, Erin Pettid, Tish Simmons, Nic Tolley

SACC Report

Steve appointed Morgan Carraway as the new Continuing Professional Education (CPE) coordinator in May, before leaving office. Per Rules & Policies, she will join the VAUSAG board as a non-voting member. She is responsible for tracking the professional development activities of the judges to determine eligibility for assignment to meets. She will also serve as the SAC assistant

There are a few changes to the board. Diane Berry will no longer serve as a non-voting member on the board. She will remain the state clinic coordinator, with Anne Foster assisting. Steve Garman was invited to serve as an ex officio member. He agreed to be available to the board as a resource if needed but does not want to attend meetings.

The state clinic and annual meeting are September 19-20th at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront. The clinicians are Windee Weiss, the Region 4 Technical Committee Chair and National Compulsory Coordinator; and Megan Bankole, the Region 4 Xcel Chair. In addition to optional and Xcel sessions, Windee will present the skills for the 2029 compulsory routines. We will again offer the 2-for-1 pricing to our members. With all the rule changes this year, clubs are encouraged to take advantage of this great training opportunity for their staff. Early bird registration pricing ends August 20th, and hotel links have been sent via email and are posted on our website. The cut-off date for discounted hotel rooms ends on August 18th. We will post that information on the website as well. Our annual joint board meeting with VANAWGJ and our in-person state board meeting will happen on the Friday before the state clinic at 3:00 pm

There are several outstanding financial obligations from last season; until granted Stamplicious access, these can't be resolved. Approximately \$15,000 is owed to the trucking company, and session fee payments to host clubs for the Xcel Gold, Platinum, Diamond, and Sapphire state meet have not been received. We are waiting on the updated profit and loss statement for 2025-2026 from USA Gymnastics.

We need to begin the process of selecting our recommendations to the regional committee for Development Program Nationals, Level 9 Easterns, and Xcelebration judges

Discussion: State Meets: Entry Procedures, Scoring, Fees, Qualifying Scores

Discussed state meet entry procedures, scoring, entry fees, qualifying scores, and gifts. Recommendation to update the Virginia State Handbook with the following proposed changes brought forward at the July board meeting:

A: Recommendation to utilize Meet Maker along with MRS for all state entries this season to assist with tracking. In this first year, the state will absorb the Meet Maker fee.

B: Recommendation to utilize Rex Lacy as the official scoring manager at State Championships

C: Recommendation to lower the Level 2 qualifying score to 33.00 AA, which aligns it with the Level 3 score. All other scores remain the same.

D: Recommendation to adjust entry fees as follows:

Level 7-10; Xcel Gold, Platinum, Diamond, & Sapphire: \$150

Level 4-6; Xcel Silver: \$140

Level 2-3, Xcel Bronze: \$110

Motion: Nic Tolley

Second: Cheryl Johnson

Passed

Discussion: Equipment

Discussed current equipment inventory report from state equipment manager, Rick Walker. The state sold both sets of bars; several mats have aged, and several meet items need replacing. Discussed concerns about the state equipment reservation process. The following recommendations were presented:

- A. Recommendation to utilize Rick Walker as our state equipment manager
- B. Recommendation to purchase two Evo sets of bars, two chalk stands, and landing mats that need to be updated through Elite, Etc. The proposed expense is \$35,000.
- C. Recommendation to include the equipment as part of the existing phase system for our state calendar. An additional question will be added to the request form beginning for the 2027-2028 season and indicated on the calendar starting next year. The state board retains the right to redirect the state equipment if a member club is awarded a state, regional, or national meet.

Motion: Wendy Hylton

Second: Erin Pettid

Passed

Discussion: Judges Selection

Discussed the role of the state board and the need for transparency regarding judges' nominations and selection for Development Program Nationals, Level 9 Easterns, and the new Xcel National Meet "Xcelebration," 2027 regional and state meets. The following recommendations were presented:

- A. Recommendation to create a public statement on our selection process.
- B. Recommendation to request a report from the Virginia SJD's that includes an alphabetical list of judges by rating and documentation that provides judges' performance data (including the number of meets judged in Virginia the past year and concerns from meet directors).

Motion: Anne Foster

Second: Amanda James

Passed

Discussion: Recognition of Steve Garman, Xcel Regionals, State Meet Gifts—No action taken

The board discussed several ways to recognize Steve's 40 years of service. There are growing concerns about the size of the Xcel Regional meet and the feasibility of its current format. Several suggestions for state meet gifts were presented; more research is needed.

Next Steps

Action items: Erin will meet with Virginia SJD's and place the equipment order with Elite, etc. Tish, Anne, and Erin will research potential state meet gifts.

Motion to Adjourn: Lindsay La Roche

Second: Tish Simmons

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm