

**Region 5 Committee Meeting
June 9, 2009; 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Regional Administrative Committee Chairman, Bobbi Montanari at 11:08 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobbi Montanari, Regional Administrative Committee Chairman (RACC)
Char Christensen, Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC)
John Geddert, Regional Junior Olympic Committee Chairman (RJOCC)
Enrique Trabanino, Regional Elite Committee Chairman (RECC)
Norbert Bendixen, Illinois Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IL)
Ed Gibson, Indiana Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: IN)
Cap Caudill, Kentucky Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: KY)
Douglas Rowe, Michigan Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC-MI)
Nina Dent, Ohio Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC: OH)
Hilary Carlson, Region 5-NAWGJ Judging Director
Kittia Carpenter, Assistant Regional JO Committee Chairman
Augusta Lipsey, Regional Secretary

Bobbi Montanari, RACC, stated that Region 5 had another excellent year having won both Eastern Nationals and Junior Olympic Nationals. However, Kathy Kelly has alerted us to a Region 8 challenge. Region 8's Regional Congress has sold out with 450 registrants.

Additions to the Region 5 Administrative Committee roster:

Add Indiana State Chairman, Ed Gibson's cell phone number: 219-545-3308.

Change Regional Secretary, Augusta Lipsey's fax number to 269-381-4776.

III. ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bobbi Montanari, reminded all Committee Members that everything that is discussed in our meetings is to be kept confidential. The confidentiality forms that are to be signed by all Committee Members have not been distributed yet. Nina Dent will contact Kathy Kelly about receiving the forms.

IV. MINUTES

Deadlines for the distribution of the minutes were set. The minutes will be posted on the Regional website, State websites, and distributed to the Professional Membership via E-mail and/or newsletters.

V. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Char Christensen stated that the NIT meet was a positive experience for the gymnasts. It was well received.

Hilary Carlson stated that the Level 9/10 Regional Championships competition format was good. The judges were not as tired at the end of the day due to the breaks that are integrated into the modified capital cup format.

John Geddert stated that he is still hearing complaints about the Level 9's not receiving any apparel. The national office is now allowing regional apparel to be purchased by the individual gymnast. John is considering providing T-shirts, leotards, gym bags, and flip flops to the Level 9's for purchase.

VI. COMMUNICATION

- A. All communication for the newsletter or website should be E-mailed directly to Bret Norman with a copy to Bobbi Montanari.
- B. State Chairmen are to make sure that their Rules and Policies and their year-end financial reports are posted.
- C. Information for the next Regional Newsletter should be sent to Bret Norman by July 1st. Emphasis of this newsletter will be the Regional Congress.
- D. E-mail Bobbi Montanari with State communications. All State Meeting agendas must be approved by the RACC.

VII. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANS REPORT

Bobbi Montanari reported that per Kathy Ostberg, all Regional and State communications must be printed with the USA Gymnastics logo.

VIII. REGIONAL TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN REPORT (Char Christensen)

Char Christensen congratulated and reviewed the successes that Region 5 had at the Level 9 East Championships and the Level 10 National Championships. At the Level 9 Eastern Championships, Region 5 was the overall winner by winning 11 out of 16 age groups plus had eight All-Around National Champions and 49 gymnasts in the top 10 All-Around. At the Level 10 National Championships, Region 5 was the overall winner by winning 3 age groups and taking 2nd in three age groups. Region 5 had 2 All-Around National Champions and 10 in the top 10 All-Around. Char also congratulated John Geddert and the Region 5 Committee for the motto "Together Works Better".

- A. Professional Involvement Forms will be on the web sites and in newsletters by July 1st. The forms must be turned into the proper officers by September 1st. Norbert Bendixen asked about the possibility of setting up the Professional Involvement Form to be completed on line. Nina Dent will contact Bret Norman to see if this is a possibility.
- B. Judges recommendations for the Level 9 and 10 Nationals from the State Committees are due by the Regional Congress. Judges recommendations for the Regional Championships are due by October 1st.

- C. During the 2009 Championship season, there were 28 petitions for Level 10, 16 for Level 9, and 17 for the Level 8 Regional Championships. Once again, Char thanked Hilary Carlson for her hard work on the petition process. Hilary will send out instructions on the proper way to complete the petitions. She will also ask that these instructions be included in the coach's packets at all State Meets.
- D. The Judges Volunteer Forms should be on the Regional website and in newsletters by June 15th. Judges will have a deadline of July 15th to be considered for judging assignments at the Regional Camps.
- E. Char is asking that she, John Geddert, and Bobbi Montanari be included in communications from the States.
- F. Char thanked the States for sending hard copies of the Level 8, 9, and 10 State Meet results at the end of the optional season. Please continue this process.
- G. State Committees are to have the criteria for the assignment of judges for State Meets on their websites or in their newsletters by October 1st. The criteria should also be sent via E-mail to Bobbi Montanari and Char Christensen.
- H. Remember that all clinics for USAG and NAWGJ must be registered through USAG. Judges must have their CPE forms signed by a designated official at the end of each session. All CPE forms can be found on the USAG website. There have been discrepancies on the date the annual CPE report is due. The date should be June 30th. Any summer clinics can be credited to the current year or the next year.
- I. Please include petition and inquiry forms in the State Handbooks for easy access.
- J. A reminder to all Region 5 members that the only competitive formats that can be followed are listed in the Rules and Policies booklet.
- K. The percentage of gymnasts that qualified for a Regional Championship from their State Championships is listed on the chart below.

	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
MI	86%	93%	100%
OH	77%	76%	91%
IN	82%	79%	100%
IL	78%	81%	93%
KY	87%	66%	80%

- L. In 2008, the decision was made that in order for a judge to be recommended for a National Meet, the judge must judge at the Level 9/10 Regional Meet or have judged at a Level 9/10 State Meet and coached at the Regional Championship in the recommended year. This requirement will continue for the 2010 National Championships.
- M. The list of judges assigned to the Regional and National Championships will be posted on the Regional websites by October 1st.
- N. Any sanction violations should be noted by the meet director or the meet referee on the newly revised sanction form.

O. The Regional Meet Reminders were reviewed. The changes and/or additions are as follows.

- a. #4 - John Geddert, RJOCC, will be involved in the draw procedure for all Regional Meets.
- b. #20 – Add: For all Regional Meets, identical boards are to be at each event. This will assure that an identical board will be available in the competitive gym and the warm-up gym.
- c. #56 – Specialists should be clearly marked as a specialist on the meet entry form for Regionals.
- d. #57 – All Region 5 Championships will award $\frac{1}{3}$ of the gymnasts medals on each event and All-Around.

All Level 9 and 10 Regional medals, beyond the Rules and Policies requirements, will be 2½ inches. All Level 8 Regional medals beyond the Rules and Policies requirements will be 2 inches.

Motion:	John Geddert
2nd:	Norbert Bendixen
Passed:	Unanimous

John Geddert stated that the awards ceremony was very long and laborious at the Level 9/10 Regionals. The ceremony should be efficient. John will review the awards procedures.

- e. #58 – Meet Directors are reminded to list all available apparatus and equipment including the boards and the thickness of the vault runways on the meet information.
- f. #59 – Athletes who plan not to attend the National Invitational Tournament need to notify the RACC, Bobbi Montanari and the meet director at the Regional Meet. Region 5, as a whole, did not follow these procedures properly. Char Christensen suggests the procedure be presented at the Regional Congress, and Norbert Bendixen suggested that the procedure should be in the State Meet coach's packets.

VIX. REGIONAL ELITE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Enrique Trabanino)

A. Overview of the 2008-2009 Season

1. Region 5 had eight International Elite National Team Members. They are:

a. Bridget Sloan (Sharp's) – SENIOR

- o 2008 Olympic Trials
 - 15th All-Around
 - Named to Olympic Squad
 - Named to Olympic Team
- o 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing CHN
 - 2nd Team (Competed on Vault in Team Finals)
- o 2009 Tyson American Cup
 - 2nd All-Around

- USA vs. Germany Friendly Exchange, Muelheim, Germany
 - 1st All-Around / 1st Team
- USA vs. France Friendly Exchange
- b. Samantha Peszek (Deveau's / Sharp's) – SENIOR**
 - 2008 Olympic Trials
 - 4th All-Around
 - Named to Olympic Squad
 - Named to Olympic Team
 - 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, China
 - 2nd Team
- c. Mackenzie Caquatto (Naperville) / SENIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships
 - 10th All-Around
 - Japan-USA Friendly Competition, Chicago, IL
 - 1st Vault, 4th Bars, 5th Beam, 2nd Floor, 2nd All-Around, 1st Team
 - USA vs. Germany Friendly Exchange, Muelheim, Germany
 - 3rd All-Around / 1st Team
 - USA vs. France Friendly Exchange
- d. Jordyn Wieber (Twistars) / JUNIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 1st All-Around
 - TOP Gym International Competition, Charleroi, Belgium
 - 1st All-Around
 - Tyson American Cup, Chicago, IL
 - 1st All-Around
 - Junior Team Cup of International Gymnix
 - 1st Vault, 1st Bars, 1st Beam, 1st Floor, 1st All-Around, 1st Team
- e. Kamerin Moore (Twistars) / JUNIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 5th All-Around
 - TOP Gym International Competition, Charleroi, Belgium
 - 3rd All-Around
 - Japan-USA Friendly Competition, Chicago, IL
 - 3rd Vault, 2nd Bars, 4th Floor, 1st All-Around, 1st Team
 - Junior Team Cup of International Gymnix
 - 2nd Vault, 3rd All-Around
- f. Bridget Caquatto (Naperville) / JUNIOR**
 - 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 21st All-Around
 - Japan-USA Friendly Competition, Chicago, IL
 - 2nd Vault, 5th Bars, 1st Beam, 4th Floor, 3rd All-Around, 1st Team
 - USA vs. Germany Friendly Exchange, Muelheim, Germany

- 5th All-Around, 1st Team
 - USA vs. France Friendly Exchange
- g. Amanda Jetter (Cincinnati) / JUNIOR**
- 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 5th All-Around
 - International Artistic Gymnastics Challenge
 - 3rd All-Around, 1st Team
- h. Cassie Whitcomb (Cincinnati) / JUNIOR '08 – SENIOR '09**
- 2008 Visa Championships, Philadelphia, PA
 - 3rd All-Around
2. There were three National Qualifiers for a gymnast to qualify to the American and US Classic Meets. The first was February 13-14, 2009 in Dallas, TX. The second was February 21-22, 2009 in Virginia Beach, VA and the last was February 28, 2009 in West Pam Beach, FL.
 3. There were two Regional Qualifiers in Region 5. The first was December 29, 2008 at Cincinnati Gymnastics in conjunction with the Region 5 Pre Elite Camp. Only Compulsory Testing took place at this qualifier. The second was on March 20, 2009 at Cincinnati Gymnastics and a third will be held on July 10th at CGA.
 4. The TOP Team Members from Region 5 are from Buckeye Gymnastics Nia Dennis, age 9; Haven Lanzador, age 9; Jenna Swartzentruber, age 9; and Brynn Vinicky, age 10. From Cincinnati Gymnastics TOP Team Members are Amelia Hundley, age 10; McKenzie Kleinholz, age 10; Faith Leary, age 9; and Lexie Priessman, Age 11. The remaining Region 5 TOP Team Members are Kayla Smith from DeVeaue's School of Gymnastics, age 11; Anaka Benink of Gymnastics Academy of Rockford, age 10; and Olivia Ference of MEGA, age 9.
 5. The Region 5 TOP Diamond Team members consist of Alyssa Keller of American Gymnastics, Madison Ianuzzo of Cincinnati Gymnastics, Annalie Roecker of Gymnastics Academy of Rockford, and Melina Pakey-Rodriguez of I-Power School of Gymnastics.
 6. The Region 5 Pre Elite/TOP's Camp was held at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy on December 29-31, 2008. There were 64 participants. Six of the gymnasts were from others Regions. Participants were from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The camp was very educational from TOP's skills to advanced international elite skills. The clinicians were Tammy Biggs, Mary Lee Tracy, Marvin Sharp, Vanessa Bessler, and Enrique Trabanino. Connie Maloney and Kittia Carpenter did the judging clinics for the gymnasts and the coaches. Along with the Training Camp, there was an Elite Compulsory testing in which eleven athletes participated.
 7. There are some changes to the FIG Code of Points for the 2009-2012 cycle. The largest change is that only eight elements are counted compared to 10 elements in the last cycle. On beam and floor, only a maximum of 5 acrobatic skills and a minimum of 3 dance skills are counted.

- B. Objectives for 2009-2010 Season
1. The 3rd Regional Elite Test and TOP's test will be at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy on July 10, 2009.
 2. The TOP National Test will be held at the Ranch on October 2-4, 2009.
 3. The Pre Elite Camp will be held at the Ranch in October.
 4. The TOP National Team Camp will be held on December 2-5, 2009.
 5. The 2010 Pre Elite/Tops Camp is tentatively scheduled for January 2-3, 2009 at CGA.
 6. Communication will continue with interested Clubs requiring Elite information.
 7. The Visa Championships will be in Dallas, Texas on August 12-16, 2009.

X. REGIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN REPORT (John Geddert)

- A. Overview of 2008-2009 Season
Region 5 had an excellent year winning at the Level 9 Eastern Nationals and the Level 10 Junior Olympic Championships as reported in the Regional Technical Committee Chairman report.
- B. Objectives for 2009-2010 Season
Our objective is to repeat our successes of the 2008-2009 season.
- C. Report from the Junior Olympic Committee Meeting: May 18-19, 2009
1. Elite Sportswear will continue in the next quadrennium to be the uniform sponsor for USAG. Sally Weaver of Elite Sportswear will help USAG to understand their new sizing system.
 2. Carol Ide of NAWGJ addressed the Committee.
 3. Mike Lorenzen addressed the Committee on behalf of the college coaches. He reported that the colleges have instituted a rule that eliminates contact with high school freshman and sophomores. In an effort to make the NCAA Championships more viewer friendly for television, there will be a Final 4 competition instead of a Super 6 meet.
 4. During a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event, the Meet Directors are encouraged to contact local authorities in the event that an intoxicated coach is on the competitive floor.
 5. The beam acrobatic series connection definition has changed. Char Christensen stated that this change will make it harder on the lower levels to have a counting beam series.
 6. The deadline for submitting to the National Office the Regional recommendation for Coach of the Year has been changed. The date has been changed so that the results of the Regional Championships can be taken into consideration. The Regional Administrative Committee will have the option of adding to the list of State recommended Coaches of the Year prior to selecting the Regional Coach of the Year.
 7. Gymnasts that are caught skipping levels will be required to drop back to the lower levels that were skipped and compete in at least one meet at that level. Scores that were obtained at the prohibited level will be invalid.
 8. All 4" landing mats must be the width of the landing area.

9. All Regional trips must be approved through the National office. The USAG must follow proper protocol by receiving permission form the country for the intended trip.
10. Only the 1st place team will receive a plaque at the East/West Nationals.
11. Regional Administrative Committees may offer Regional Championships for Prep Opt. and/or Level 7's. Region 5 has chosen not to offer Regional Championships at those levels this year.
12. The warm-up time for Level 4's has been changed to 45 seconds instead of 1 minute per gymnast.
13. Dave Rawles and Glen Wilmeng are the Directors of the Region 5 Training Camps. Glen will be doing the registrations and Dave will be in charge of staffing. Hotel information for the camps will be on the Regional website soon. The 2009 Training Camps are listed below.
 - a. Super Camp West – Naperville Gymnastics, Naperville, IL, August 7-9, 2009.
 - b. Super Camp East – Queen City Gymnastics, Cincinnati, OH, August 7-9, 2009.
 - c. Hot Shot Camp – Integrity Gymnastics, Plain City, OH, September 11-13, 2009.
 - d. High Tech Camp – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2-4, 2009.
 - e. Forward Progress North – KidSports USA, Kalamazoo, MI, November 6-8, 2009.
 - f. Forward Progress South – Southern Indiana Gymnastics, New Albany, IN, November 6-8, 2009.
14. The Region 5 Apparel Fund has approximately \$27,000.00 in its account. This gives the Region a good head start for the 2010 season. Kristin Moore has done a phenomenal job organizing and outfitting our gymnasts.
15. The philosophy of the Junior Olympic Program is to have a linear program that helps gyms retain gymnasts. It is expected that the Level 9's will initially be larger.
16. An attempt is being made to coordinate all professional expiration dates in 2010.
17. The dress code is now mandatory.

XI. REGIONAL JUDGING DIRECTOR REPORT (Hilary Carlson)

A. Overview of 2007-2009 Season

1. Hilary Carlson and the judges at the Regional Championships were very happy with the time schedule in 2009 particularly for the Level 9/10 Regional Meet. Changing to the Modified Capital Cup format helped to lessen the amount of fatigue the judges usually experienced. The facilities, helpers, hotel, meals, and everything was very good. Hilary thanked the Region for the wonderful presents.
2. Hilary Carlson was happy that the Regional Administrative Committee recommended different judges to Easterns.

3. In September, the NAWGJ held a well attended Regional Symposium in Chicago. There were many excellent clinicians.
 4. Most states within Region 5 are holding many clinics to prepare the judges for the new tests.
 5. Hilary Carlson thanked the Regional Committee for letting her travel with the Regional Team to Costa Rica.
- B. Objectives for 2009-2010 Season
1. Hilary Carlson's goal for this year is to work more closely with Dave Rawles to involved more judges in the training camps as clinicians or observers.

XII. REGIONAL HALL OF FAME REPORT (Augusta Lipsey)

- A. Augusta Lipsey presented the Regional Administrative Committee with copies of each of the 2009 nominees. There were two nominations that were not presented because the nominations were incomplete. Seven nominations were presented. Two of the nominations were originally nominated in 2008. Based on the Hall of Fame Guidelines, a maximum of six persons are to be submitted to the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee for final selection. A silent vote was taken by the Regional Administrative Committee to reduce the number of nominees to be submitted to the Selection Committee. The nominees for 2009, listed in alphabetical order, are Norbert Bendixen, Judy Dobransky, John Geddert, Katie Teft, Greta Treiber and Liz Tricase. A maximum of three inductees will be chosen for induction into the 2009 Hall of Fame.
- B. Suggestions were taken from the Administrative Committee for persons that would comprise the Region 5 Hall of Fame Selection Committee. It was determined that a minimum of five people should comprise the Selection Committee so that the 80% needed to be inducted would be possible without positive votes from 100% of the Committee. The people to be considered for the Selection Committee are Cap Caudill, Dave Holcomb, Leonard Isaac, Jeff Metzger, Sandy Oldham, and Mary Lee Tracy. These people will be contacted within the next week to obtain their acceptance to be on the Selection Committee. *(As of June 16th all appointees have responded positively to their appointment on the Selection Committee).*
- C. The selection process will be done entirely by E-mail. After reviewing the Nominations, the Selection Committee will E-mail their choices for inductions to Augusta Lipsey who will tally the results.

XIII. REGIONAL MEETS

- A. Financial Reports
- The financial report from the Regional Meets were presented but the Level 8 report was not completed on the proper form. The report will be resubmitted on the proper form when the meet director returns from Florida.
- B. 2009-2010 Season
1. The Regional Committee is anticipating an increase in the number of gymnasts for the Level 9 Regional Championships due to the new rules. A discussion ensued about splitting the Level 9 and Level 10 Regional Meets. A reminder was made that the NCAA Regional Meets are on the same weekend as the

currently scheduled Level 9/10 Regional Meet. It was determined that if the Level 9 and 10 Meets remained together, there may be a need to have a fourth day of competition. The bid form will need to reflect an availability of Thursday through Sunday for the competition.

If needed the Level 9/10 Regional Championships will go to a four-day weekend (Apr. 8-11, 2010).

Motion: Char Christensen
2nd: Doug Rowe
Passes: Yea – 6 Nay – 1 Abstain – 1

If Thursday is not needed for the Level 9/10 Regional Championships, the Regional Administrative Committee will pay for any additional expense associated with the fourth day.

Motion: Enrique Trabinino
2nd: John Geddert
Passed: Unanimous

2. Calendar for 2009-2010 Season

a. Level 9 & 10 State Meets

1. March 19-21, 2010 (per Connie Maloney)

b. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 8-11, 2010

c. Level 8 Regionals: April 16-18, 2010

d. Level 9 Easterns: April 29-May 2, 2010
(no bids at this time)

e. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 6-9, 2010
Dallas, Texas (Dallas Convention Center)

3. Qualifying Scores

Kittia Carpenter suggested that additional Level 8 gymnasts could be added to the Level 8 Regional Meet if the modified capital cup format is used.

Depending on the format of the Level 8 Regional Meet, the Regional Administrative Committee will have the option of adding gymnasts to fill a fifth session.

Motion: John Geddert
2nd: Char Christensen
Passed: Unanimous

Level 8 State Meet Directors must submit all State Meet results electronically to Ed Gibson and Norbert Bendixen so that additional gymnasts may be added if needed. However, the petition score will remain the original qualifying score.

Motion: Nina Dent
2nd: Ed Gibson
Passed: Unanimous

Additional discussion ensued with Doug Rowe suggesting that all Regional Meets should have electronic scoring. The Regional Administrative Committee agreed with this recommendation.

- a. Qualifying Scores will remain the same as last season.
 1. Level 8: 34.50
 2. Level 9: 34.00
 3. Level 10: 34.00
- b. The entry fees will remain the same as last season.
 1. Level 8: \$70.00
 2. Level 9: \$80.00
 3. Level 10: \$80.00
- c. The judging panels will remain the same as last season.
 1. Level 8: 2 judge panels
 2. Level 9: 4 judge panels
 3. Level 10: 4 judge panels

XIV. THE NATIONAL CONGRESS IS AUGUST 12-16, 2009

- A. Wednesday, August 12th the Business Conference is scheduled. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is on Friday, August 14th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 AM. Region 5 has purchased a table for the ceremony. Service recognition will follow the ceremony with a speaker immediately following. The SC's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th.

XV. REGIONAL CONGRESS

- A. The Regional Congress is scheduled for September 17-20, 2009.
- B. Congress Responsibilities
 1. Bobb Montanari and Kathy Ostberg will be directing the Congress
 2. Bobbi Montanari and Kristin Moore are working on the Regional shirts. The Regional Committee is asked not to wear blue jeans, warm-up pants or short shorts.
 3. Cap Caudill is in charge of the welcome at the front door.
 4. Nina Dent will be in charge of the main registration table. Hilary Carlson will help with the registration. Nina will talk to Rachel Brazo about a different system for the purchase of Banquet tickets prior to the Congress and at the registration table.
 5. Enrique Trabanino is in charge of Public Relations.
 6. Norbert Bendixen will oversee the needs of the presenters.
 7. Ed Gibson is the audio trouble shooter.
 8. Char Christensen will oversee the needs of the vendors.
 9. Doug Rowe is in charge of the trivia contests.
 10. Hilary Carlson will be the auctioneer for the auction and Kristin Moore will be in charge of the publicity for the auction. Communication with Kathy Kelly or Rachel Brazo will be made about the merchandise to be

sold. All of the Regional Committee are required to assist with the set-up and promotion if the auction.

11. Kittia Carpenter and Kristin Moore are responsible for the preparation of the banquet. All Regional Committee members are required to assist with the set-up for the banquet.

12. John Geddert and Dan Miller will be the Masters of Ceremonies

13. Bret Norman will be the photographer for the banquet.

C. The 2010 Region 5 Congress will be held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL on September 16-19, 2010.

D. A site for the 2011 and 2012 Region 5 Congress is being solicited from the states of Kentucky, Ohio or Michigan.

XVI. CALENDAR

A. 2010-2011

1. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 15-17, 2011
2. Level 8 Regionals: April 29-May 1, 2011
3. Level 9 Easterns: May 5-8, 2011
4. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 12-15, 2011

B. 2011-2012

1. Level 9 & 10 Regionals: April 20-22, 2012
2. Level 8 Regionals: April 28-29, 2012
3. Level 9 Easterns: May 10-13, 2012
4. Level 10 JO Nationals: May 17-20, 2012

XVII. NEXT MEETING

The next RAC meeting will be at the Regional Congress on September 20, 2009 at 1:30 pm. Regional meet bids and judging recommendations will be on the agenda.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

Bobbi Montanari has asked Kittia Carpenter to develop a Region 5 Rules and Policies for the Regional website.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted 6/19/09

Augusta A. Lipsey

Regional Secretary