

## Judges Training Committee (JTC)

### Report to The Board

(June2020)

<b>Region &amp; State</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Rotate Off</b>
1-WA	Matt Burton	Jan 2023
1-ID	Karen Colwell	Jan 2021
2-CA	JT Struthers	Jan 2023
3-CA	Denise Fraser	Jan 2022
4-OH	Doug Bragg	Jan 2021
5-NY	Fran Bishop	Jan 2021
6-IL	Carol Hepner-JTC Chair	Jan 2022
7-CO	Rebecca Doughty	Jan 2022
8-NC	Bryson Staley	Jan 2022

#### WEBSITE PORTAL FOR JUDGES:

I sent changes for two judges that are retiring. (information to follow in communication). Maggie and I are looking into adding a couple of things to the portal.

#### SHOWMANSHIP MANUAL

Showmanship manual is current. Nothing needs to be added at this time.

#### JUDGING MANUAL:

Depending on the outcome of the agenda items submitted for the June Meeting updates may be needed.

#### COMUNICATION

- Ongoing communication with my current committee, E-Board, judges, candidates, clinician, convention host and membership.
- No tests currently out.
- Two requests for retakes and one request to take the test. (New test candidate may wait.)
- April and I have been discussing an Alternate JE to happen Fall of 2020.
- I would like to thank David Wortham and Sharon Perry for their time and dedication. They have decided to retire. We wish them well.

#### RULES&REGULATIONS (R&R)

See 2020 Agenda items.

## **JUNE 2020 JE/JUNE 2021**

There are currently 7 eligible candidates. As the convention was drawing closer a request for extensions for all judges and candidates for 2021.

## **BUDGET**

The only income received was from candidate tests since the January Board Meeting. There will be expenses for office type supplies.

Procedure of the JTC: This committee operates as the current NPGA Board President resides over the Board. Ideas, thoughts, questions and issues are brought to the attention of the JTC chair or the attention of a JTC member. Every JTC member's ideas and thoughts are incorporated into any final proposal that is included in this report. To keep the JTC proceeds transparent to the Board, the names of the JTC committee members that voted for each proposal and those that were non-responsive are included. There are 8 JTC members and 1 Chair, though only 8 votes are cast for each proposal since the chair does not vote unless to break a tie vote. Communication is done via email. Unresolved or disputed issues may or may not be presented to the Board.

## **Recommendations**

Covid-19

As a result of the covid-19 pandemic, States across the Nation have instituted many different restrictions for residents including stay at home orders, travel bans, and quarantines. All this uncertainty led to the unfortunate decision to cancel the 2020 NPGA convention. With that decision the JTC which conducts the annual judge's exam along with continued education for licensed judges were cancelled as well. The result is judges due for con-ed will lapse in their requirements to maintain their licenses.

The JTC recommends the board consider all judges be relieved of this requirement until at which time the NPGA offers the continuing education opportunity in the future. In light of the cancellation of the JE and Con-Ed as Chair I am requesting the members of this committee having not had the opportunity to participate in this year's JTC events be extended in their terms for 1 year.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Hepner-JTC Chair CC: Fran Bishop, Doug Bragg, Matt Burton, Karen Colwell, Rebecca Doughty, Denise Fraser, Bryson Staley and JT Struthers

Carol Hepner  
Committee Chairperson  
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