

# Region 1 Committee Meeting Meeting

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM PST on October 30, 2025

Meeting called to order at 12:34 PM by Region Chair, Matt Lowry, those present:

Matt Lowry - Region Chair (voice only)

Adam Lomax - Region Vice Chair (voice only)

Oscar Luna - SoCal Chair (vote)

Pej Ebrahimi - Nevada Chair (vote)

Vince Miller - NorCal Chair (vote)

Lori Yee - Hawaii Chair (vote)

Sam Hotchkiss - Utah Chair (vote)

Emily Schoenwald - Treasurer (voice only)

Paul Sargsyan - High Performance (voice only)

## 1. Set up Next Meeting

- Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 13
- General Membership Meeting: Thursday, November 20

## 2. Reviewed 2025–2027 Regional Schedules

- The committee reviewed the updated 2025–2026 schedule and began discussions on the 2026–2027 season. State Meet weekends for this year and next year were confirmed, along with the overall camp structure.

## 3. Secretary Position

- We interviewed Caleb Chong from Agility. He currently serves as the Head Coach and manages the boys team's social media accounts. Caleb understands the value of a strong online presence and brings some experience in video editing as well.

**Motion:** To appoint Caleb Chong as the Regional Secretary for the remainder of the 2025–2026 season.

**Passed:** 5-0-0

## 4. Regional Champs Entry Fee Increase - Discussion

- The National Office has approved raising the maximum Regional Championships entry fee from \$160 to \$185 and has eliminated the separate Tech Sequences fee. While most Region Chairs preferred implementing the increase next season, since many clubs have already set their budgets, the recent price increases for Westerns and Development Nationals make adjusting the fee this season a logical consideration.
- Some members expressed concern about changing fees mid-season, while others supported moving to the full \$185 immediately. An incremental approach was proposed: increasing the fee by \$10 this season and the remaining \$15 the following season. The committee agreed to revisit the discussion and make a final decision at the next meeting in two weeks.

## 5. 2026 Regional Championships Wednesday Training

- Most chairs felt that the AB format makes Wednesday training unnecessary, though many coaches still value having that additional training day. The committee agreed that gathering broader feedback from the community would be helpful, so a survey will be distributed. The survey will outline the key considerations for both keeping and removing the Wednesday training session.
- Below are some of the points that we came up with for doing the training.

## Removing Wednesday Training

- The event host would have one less day to pay for the venue (Regional Championships typically generate only a small 5–15% profit margin).
- Parents would save money on hotel and travel expenses by not needing to arrive a day earlier.
- Clubs would save on coaching costs by not having to staff the extra training day.
- Coaches responsible for multiple levels would have an additional day at home to train their lower-level athletes who compete over the weekend.

## Keeping Wednesday Training

- Creates a format consistent with how DP Nationals is run, helping athletes gain experience and confidence with that structure.
- Provides extra training time on the competition equipment, allowing athletes to adjust, improve performance, and increase safety.
- For JN athletes, Regionals is the most important qualifying event of the season for Westerns or DP Nationals, so the additional training opportunity gives them the best chance for success.

## 6. Regional Run - State Virtual Technical Sequence

- We will move forward with offering this again for the 2026 season. If the region is hosting the event, we need to determine the best method for collecting athlete fees. The current idea is to collect the \$25 fee for Technical Sequence athletes directly from the State Event Host, with a slight price increase at the state level covering the cost difference.
- Vince Miller commented that consolidating the fees into a single charge is reasonable but expressed concern that elite athletes are being heavily subsidized. He believes those athletes should be responsible for covering their own expenses.

## 7. Regional Treasurer Payment

**Motion:** To release \$1,000 to Emily for her work as Regional Treasurer, consistent with the standard treasurer payment.

**Motion:** Vince

**Second:** Sam

**Passed:** 5-0-0

## 8. Regional Treasurer Report

- Emily shared that she has been integrated into the USAG financial systems and is now fully caught up on all payments to clinicians and camp event hosts.
- The committee reviewed all events. With the addition of new camps and other activities, the current goal is to have them collectively break even next year. Although this year's events resulted in a small loss of a few thousand dollars, a few adjustments should bring them to breakeven moving forward.

## Region 1 Committee Meeting Meeting

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM PST on October 30, 2025

- With the combination of head tax revenue and National Gymnastics Foundation funds, the region currently has a surplus of approximately \$40,000. The committee discussed potential uses for these funds, including setting aside money to help subsidize a future Regional Championships in Hawaii, which most members supported. Emily, Adam, Lori, and Matt will begin gathering information to determine how much funding the region would need to successfully host the Regional Championships that year.
- The committee also discussed the idea of charging Elite Team Cup athletes this season but determined it would be better to increase the Second Camp fee from \$225 to \$250 and the Selection Competition fee from \$175 to \$200 instead.

### 9. End of the Meeting (2:03 PM)

**Motion:** Oscar

**Second:** Lori

**Passed:** 5-0-0

**Approved by the Region 1 Committee on: November 13, 2025**