

# TEXAS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION



## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE PREAMBLE

The Texas Gymnastics Judges Association (TGJA) was conceived and formed from a recognized state need for unifying rules interpretations, improving the quality of gymnastics judging, increasing the quantity of gymnastics judges, and maintaining high ethical standards. To serve these ends, the Texas Gymnastics Judges Association is dedicated to provide the gymnastics community with rules interpretations (aligned with the National Gymnastics Judges Association, USA Gymnastics, and the International Gymnastics Federation), certification clinics, and recommendations of judges to the Governing Bodies for Local, State, National, and International Competitions. In all other judging matters at all competitive levels, the Texas Gymnastics Judges Association stands ready to serve when called upon.

The strength and support of the Texas Gymnastics Judges Association is vitally tied to its members whom it services, providing guidelines which promote high standards in gymnastics through the development of excellence in judging. In the event of conflict between provisions of these Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation, the latter shall govern.

## ARTICLE I Name

The name of the organization shall be:

**TEXAS GYMNASTICS JUDGES ASSOCIATION (TGJA)**

## ARTICLE II Principal Office

The home office of the TGJA will be located at the address of the current TGJA President.



## **ARTICLE III**

### **General Organization**

#### **SECTION 1**

##### **Purpose and Structure**

The Texas Gymnastics Judges Association, founded in the 1960's, is a service organization dedicated to serving the gymnastics community with the interpretation and evaluation of rules and regulations that govern their competitions. The TGJA strives to educate and promote its association members through opportunities that cultivate their judging careers at all levels.

The Texas Gymnastics Judges Association is a non-profit organization. It is an organization of members for whom it provides guidelines. The Executive Board is the governing body for the TGJA, providing guidelines on all administrative, technical, and executive functions of the organization.

#### **SECTION 2**

##### **Executive Board Structure**

The TGJA Executive Board is composed of the following positions:

- A. President
- B. Immediate Past President (when applicable; 1 year term; voice, no vote)
- C. Technical Vice President
- D. Education Vice President
- E. Secretary
- F. Treasurer
- G. Special Events Coordinator (appointed; voice, no vote)

Each of the Executive Board Members, except the Immediate Past President, serves a four (4) year term of office. The Immediate Past President will serve a 1 year, consultative term on the Executive Board, immediately following his/her last term as President.

The President, Technical Vice President, Education Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the five (5) voting members of the Executive Board. The Immediate Past President (when applicable) and the Special Events Coordinator are voice, but no voting members of the Executive Board.

The President, Technical Vice President, Education Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected by a vote of the active TGJA members every four (4) years. The Immediate Past President is automatically appointed to the Executive Board, immediately following his/her last term as President. The Special Events Coordinator is appointed by the newly elected/re-elected President every four (4) years.

#### **SECTION 3**

##### **Executive Board Requirements**

All Executive Board Members must meet the following requirements:

- A. They must be a member of the TGJA
- B. They must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- C. They must be an active National Gymnastics Judges Association (NGJA) National Card holder.
- D. They must be active and have judged at least five (5) meets within the previous calendar year.



- E. They must be in good standing with the TGJA.
- F. They must reside in the state of Texas.

## SECTION 4

### Executive Board Duties

#### A. President

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the TGJA and will:

1. Preside at all Executive Board Meetings
2. Supervise and control the affairs of the TGJA
3. Perform all duties attributed herein to the President
4. Be an ex officio member of the Finance Committee with voting privileges
5. Execute (or assign a designee to so execute) all contracts and sign checks on behalf of the TGJA
6. Prepare and present any necessary reports to the TGJA Executive Board and/or the General Membership
7. And, supervise the activities of, and serve as the direct report for, all other TGJA Executive Members
8. Perform all duties attributed herein to the President

#### B. Immediate Past President (when applicable; 1 year term; voice, no vote)

The Immediate Past President will act in an advisory capacity to the Executive Board

#### C. Technical Vice President

The Technical Vice President, in the absence of the President, will preside over any TGJA meetings and carry on the duties of the President. He will:

1. Be responsible to assign all judges to all Junior Olympic Competitions.
2. Supervise and execute the Judges Exchange Program
3. Prepare and present any necessary reports, as directed by the President or other Executive Board Members, to the TGJA Executive Board and/or the General Membership.
4. Perform all duties attributed herein to the Technical Vice President

#### D. Education Vice President

The Education Vice President will oversee all educational activities of the TGJA. He will:

1. Organize and carry out all National, JO, and State Judges courses, or will delegate those duties to another member of the TGJA.
2. Promote the TGJA to prospective judges, particularly those that are getting close to completing their competitive careers.
3. Create, Implement, and maintain a Judges Shadowing program for up and coming judges.
4. Perform all duties attributed herein to the Education Vice President

#### E. Secretary

The Secretary shall work with all other Board Members to help keep the TGJA organized. He shall:

1. Maintain and distribute annually an up to date TGJA membership directory
2. Keep records of all the members for the purpose of voting.
3. He shall record and send minutes, serve notices, maintain records, and in general perform all secretarial duties as needed



4. Keep records pertaining to all technical matters and publish/distribute any necessary technical writings
5. Organize and oversee the TGJA Board Member Election every 4 years
6. Organize and maintain the TGJA website.
7. Perform all duties attributed herein to the Secretary

#### **F. Treasurer**

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial organization of the TGJA. He shall:

1. Receive and disburse funds, write checks, pay bills, etc.
2. Maintain banking accounts
3. Present financial reports on an annual basis.
4. Perform all other Treasurer related duties as requested by the President or the Executive Board.
5. Perform all duties attributed herein to the Treasurer

#### **G. Special Events Coordinator** (appointed; voice, no vote)

The Special Events Coordinator will be appointed special projects by the President and/or Executive Board. He shall:

1. Organize and direct all TGJA hosted competitions (IE. Judges Cups, State or Regional Championships, etc.), or will delegate those duties to other members of the TGJA.
2. Perform all duties attributed herein to the Special Events Coordinator

## **SECTION 5**

### **Executive Board Voting Structure**

- A. The maximum number of voting members on the TGJA Executive Board is five (5). They are: President, Technical Vice President, Education Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- B. For all Executive Board meetings a quorum (three) is needed in order to conduct business.
- C. For all items that require a vote of the Executive Board, and for any measure to pass, a minimum of 3 votes must be in favor of the new measure.
- D. Executive Board members have only one (1) vote per person.
- E. No person may hold more than one position on the Executive Board at a time.
- F. Executive Board Meetings and/or votes may be conducted in person, via telephone conference, or by e-mail if necessary.
- G. The Executive Board may invite pertinent speakers to the meetings/dialog.

## **SECTION 6**

### **Executive Board Meetings**

#### **A. Executive Board Annual Meeting/Retreat**

The Executive Board will meet at least once on a yearly basis. This meeting will occur before the first TGJA National Judges Course of the competition year. Only Executive Board Members and any invited guests will attend this meeting. The meeting will primarily focus on the state of association as well as planning for the upcoming competition year.

#### **B. Subsequent Meetings**

Should the need arise, the President or his designee may hold any additional Executive Board meetings, or General Membership meetings which shall be open to all individuals who wish to attend.



### **C. Structure of Meetings**

The President shall preside over all Executive Board and General Membership meetings. In his absence, the Technical Vice President shall preside, followed by the Education Vice President.

## **ARTICLE IV Membership**

### **SECTION 1**

#### **Membership Eligibility**

A person may become a member of the TGJA upon completion of the following criteria:

- A.** Must be a Professional Member of USA Gymnastics
- B.** Must attend a TGJA National, TGJA Junior Olympic, or TGJA State Course
- C.** Must hold a current FIG, NGJA, Junior Olympic, or State gymnastics judging certification
- D.** Payment of annual TGJA Membership Fee and/or any other required fees

Individuals who fail to meet these minimum requirements will not be eligible to be members of the TGJA.

### **SECTION 2**

#### **Membership Dues**

Membership dues for the TGJA are set by collaboration of the Executive Board. They shall be collected at all TGJA State, Junior Olympic, and National Courses.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Membership Voting**

Only active TGJA members may vote in TGJA Executive Board elections. The specific guidelines in these Bylaws are to be followed.

Elections for TGJA Executive Board Members (President, Technical Vice President, Education Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be executed every 4 years. When applicable, emergency elections will be conducted to fill unexpired term vacancies.

#### **Election/Voting Procedures are as follows:**

- A.** In all voting instances the TGJA Secretary is to carry out the election procedure according to these Bylaws. The Secretary will work from a list of active TGJA Members, which he/she will maintain and provide.
- B.** Elections will occur and be finalized every 4 years. The election will be organized, executed, and finalized no sooner than the Texas State Coaches Meeting and no later than the first TGJA National Judges Course (approximately between July and August)
- C.** The Secretary will solicit TGJA members for nominations for President, Technical Vice President, Education Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members must assure that their nominations meet the criteria as stipulated in ARTICLE 3, Section 3. They must also have their nominee's assurance that they are willing to run for the nominated position. Members may not nominate themselves.



- D. The Secretary will communicate with all nominees and make sure that they meet the criteria, and are indeed willing to run for their nominated position.
- E. Current Executive Board Members will be allowed the opportunity to re-run for their position with or without a nomination.
- F. The nomination period will be open for seven (7) days.
- G. Once the nomination period ends, the Secretary will execute an electronic election with any eligible nominations and current Executive Board Members.
- H. If a current Executive Board Member's position has no nominees, and the current Executive Board Member is re-running, then by default, no election for that position is necessary. The current Executive Board Member will be automatically re-elected to his current position.
- I. The election period will be open for seven (7) days.
- J. The winner of the election will be by a majority of valid ballots returned. If no single candidate receives fifty percent (50 %) of the valid votes, a run-off election between the top two finishers must occur within two weeks.
- K. Once the election is complete, the Secretary will communicate the results to the membership.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Certification**

#### **SECTION 1**

##### **Certification Types**

###### **A. National Certification**

National judges' certification courses are to be conducted by the Education Vice President or his designee(s). Courses will adhere to the guidelines set by the National Gymnastics Judges Association (NGJA). Judges certification is required yearly for all judges to maintain or acquire status as an active National card holder. Judges certification courses shall cover all areas of gymnastics judging. An evaluation procedure will include practical and/or written examinations that stress the application of judging rules and procedures.

###### **B. Junior Olympic Certification**

Junior Olympic judges' certification courses are to be conducted by the Education Vice President or his designee(s). Courses will adhere to the guidelines set by the National Gymnastics Judges Association (NGJA). Judges certification is required yearly for all judges to maintain or acquire status as an active Junior Olympic card holder. Judges certification courses shall cover all areas of gymnastics judging. An evaluation procedure will include practical and/or written examinations that stress the application of judging rules and procedures.

###### **C. State Certification**

State judges' certification courses are to be conducted by the Education Vice President or his designee(s). Courses will be designed and set up by Education Vice President or his designee(s). Judges certification is required yearly for all judges to maintain or acquire status as an active State card holder. Judges certification courses shall cover all areas of gymnastics judging. An evaluation procedure will include practical and/or written examinations that stress the application of judging rules and procedures.

###### **D. Other types of Certifications may be instituted as the need arises.**



All certifications must be renewed on an annual basis.

## **SECTION 2**

### **Course Reporting Procedures**

The Technical Vice President or his designee must report the results of any State, Junior Olympic, or National judges' certification course in accordance with the NGJA, where applicable. The following information must be reported within a reasonable amount of time upon the completion of each course.

- A. Date and site of the course.
- B. Director in charge of the course.
- C. A list of all participants who earned a National, Junior Olympic, and/or State Card, including:
  - 1. Name
  - 2. Address, City, State, Zip Code
  - 3. Home and Cell Phone Numbers
  - 4. E-mail address
  - 5. USAG Professional Number and Expiration Date
  - 6. USAG Safety Expiration Date
  - 7. USAG Background Expiration Date
  - 8. Certification acquired

## **SECTION 3**

### **Course Dates**

The Education Vice President will get approval from the Executive Board, his recommendation for the starting and ending dates for judges' certification courses. December 31 will be the final date to submit judges' certification course reports so the information may be included in the TGJA Directory.

## **SECTION 4**

### **Certification Requirements**

National and Junior Olympic Card holder requirements are as per the NGJA

State Card holder requirements are set by the Education Vice President, with approval from the Executive Board.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Clarification of Certification**

- A. Judges certification is valid for one (1) year.
- B. If a candidate fails the National Course, he may, at the discretion of the Education Vice President, with approval from the Executive Board, retake the failed portion at the convenience of the Education Vice President.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Assignment of Judges for Competitions**

As appropriate,

ing judges to the following meets will be the responsibility of the Technical Vice-President, President, Junior Olympic Technical Director, High School Assigning Director, etc. with input from the State Director, the



Regional Director, or other governing Director. No TGJA member shall accept or contract judging assignments for these meets except in accordance with these Bylaws.

- A. High School Competitions** – The High School Assigning director or individual High School Coach will assign judges for these competitions.
- B. High School State** – The Texas High School Gymnastics Coaches Association (THSGCA) will assign judges for this competition.
- C. Junior Olympic Competitions** – The TGJA Technical Vice President will assign judges for these competitions.
- D. Texas State Junior Olympic Championships** – The Texas State Director in conjunction with the TGJA President will assign judges for these competitions.
- E. Region III Championships** – The Region III Junior Olympic Technical Director in conjunction with the Region III Director/Board will assign judges for these competitions.
- F. JO Nationals** – The Region III Junior Olympic Technical Director in conjunction with the Region III Director will assign judges for these competitions.
- G. NCAA Competitions & All other National and International Competitions**– The Midwest Technical Director will nominate Judges to for these competitions.
- H. Other/Miscellaneous Competitions** – The TGJA Board and/or President will assign or designate an assignor to other competitions not listed above.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Awards**

#### **Section I**

##### **TGJA Judge of the Year**

One TGJA judge per year is selected as the TGJA or Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year. The following process will take place in order to select the Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year:

- A.** The Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year process will run concurrently with the TGJA Coach of the Year process.
- B.** The TGJA Secretary is to carry out the selection procedure according to these Bylaws. The Secretary will work from a list of active TGJA Members, which he/she will maintain and provide.
- C.** Selection will occur and be finalized every year. The selection will be organized, executed, and finalized no sooner than the Texas State Coaches Meeting and no later than the first TGJA National Judges Course (approximately between July and August)
- D.** The Secretary will solicit TGJA members for nominations for the Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year.
- E.** Members must assure that their nominations meet the criteria as stipulated below:
  - 1.** The Judge must be an active member of the TGJA.
  - 2.** The Judge's nomination should be based on criteria from the past gymnastics season.
  - 3.** The Judge must have judged at least (1) championship meet.
  - 4.** The Judge must command respect of judges, coaches and gymnasts.
  - 5.** The Judge should contribute to the sport by aiding in its development.
- F.** The nomination period will be open for seven (7) days.
- G.** At the conclusion of the nomination period, the Secretary will set up an electronic vote between all Executive Board Members in order to select the Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year from all the nominated Judges.
- H.** The election period will be open for seven (7) days.





- I. The Judge selected for the Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year will be the nominee that receives the most votes from the Executive Board.
- J. The President will break any ties with his vote.
- K. Once the election is complete, the Secretary, or his designee, will have a plaque made in honor of the Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year.
- L. The President, or his designee, will present the plaque to the Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year during one of the judges courses, or as soon after as possible.

## **Section 2**

### **TGJA Coach of the Year**

One Texas Junior Olympic Coach and/or one Texas High School Coach per year is selected as the TGJA Coach of the Year. The following process will take place in order to select the TGJA Coach of the Year.

- A. The TGJA Coach of the Year process will run concurrently with the Jim McKinney Texas Judge of the Year process.
- B. The TGJA Secretary is to carry out the selection procedure according to these Bylaws. The Secretary will work from a list of active TGJA Members, which he/she will maintain and provide.
- C. Selection will occur and be finalized every year. The selection will be organized, executed, and finalized no sooner than the Texas State Coaches Meeting and no later than the first TGJA National Judges Course (approximately between July and August)
- D. The Secretary will solicit TGJA members for nominations for the TGJA Coach of the Year.
- E. Members must assure that their nominations meet the criteria as stipulated below:
  - 1. The Coach must be an active coach in the State of Texas.
  - 2. The Coaches' nomination should be based on criteria from the past gymnastics season.
  - 3. The Coach must have had gymnasts competing in at least (1) championship meet.
  - 4. The Coach must command respect of judges, coaches and gymnasts.
  - 5. The Coach should contribute to the sport by aiding in its development.
- F. The nomination period will be open for seven (7) days.
- G. At the conclusion of the nomination period, the Secretary will set up an electronic vote between all Executive Board Members in order to select the TGJA Coach of the Year from all the nominated Coaches.
- H. The election period will be open for seven (7) days.
- I. The Coach selected for the Coach of the Year will be the nominee that receives the most votes from the Executive Board.
- J. The President will break any ties with his vote.
- K. Once the election is complete, the Secretary, or his designee, will have a plaque made in honor of the TGJA Coach of the Year.
- L. The President, or his designee, will present the plaque to the TGJA Coach of the Year during one of the judges' courses, or at a State competition as soon after as possible.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Committees**

Committees may be formed, as needed, by the TGJA President or by appointment of the Executive Board. A committee chairman may be designated by the TGJA President or Executive Board. The TGJA President or Executive Board will determine if the committee chairman has autonomy to select his own committee



members without the approval of the Executive Board, or if the committee members will be determined by the TGJA President or Executive Board. The committee chairman is responsible to report the work in progress to the TGJA President and Executive Board as directed.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendments to TGJA Constitution**

Constitution amendments may be proposed at any time by any active TGJA Member. Each Constitution amendment shall include the following: a sponsor, a written statement explaining the rationale for the amendment, and fifteen (15) signatures of active TGJA Members.

The sponsor must present the amendment, written statement, and signatures to the TGJA President, who in turn must provide copies to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will determine the correctness of form and any conflicts with the existing sections of the Articles and Bylaws, etc.

The Executive Board must determine when, within one (1) year of receipt of the proposed amendments, they should direct the Secretary to send these to the membership for voting. All properly proposed amendments must be voted on, unless the sponsor agrees to withdraw them.

Approval of the amendments shall be based on a majority of votes cast by active TGJA Members. The Secretary shall send out these amendments and, at the discretion of the Executive Board, a statement giving the Executive Board's opinion relative to the proposed amendment to all qualified voters. Twenty-one (21) days shall be allowed for response, postmark to postmark.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Ethics. Hearings. Resignation**

#### **SECTION 1**

##### **Executive Board**

Any unethical conduct of an Executive Board Member must be presented to the Executive Board for a hearing. A brief outline of such a hearing must be published in the Executive Board minutes. Revocation of TGJA Membership is considered to be a serious matter and must have an Executive Board hearing.

Any Executive Board Member may resign or withdraw, by written notice to the Executive Board.

No Executive Board Member may be involuntarily dropped or withdrawn without an Executive Board hearing.

#### **SECTION 2**

##### **TGJA Membership Revocations**

Only an Executive Board Member may request revocation of an individual's membership in the TGJA. Revocation of membership is a serious matter and should not be requested unless due cause is present (i.e., unethical conduct, judging incompetence, etc.). Requests for membership revocation will be submitted to the President. Once a revocation request is submitted, the following will occur:

- A.** The President will notify the Executive Board members of the request.



- B.** The Secretary will call a meeting of the Executive Board to consider the revocation request. However, if it is the Secretary whose membership it has been requested to be revoked, then the Technical Vice President will call the meeting. The meeting will be held at a time set by the Secretary after consulting with the members of the Executive Board.
- C.** The member whose membership has been requested to be revoked may appear at the revocation meeting, at the TGJA's expense, to present any evidence that is relevant to the issue. The member may be represented at the meeting in any manner the member chooses. The TGJA will, however, pay expenses to attend the meeting for only the member or a person to represent the member.
- D.** Any other individual selected by the TGJA President (unless it is revocation of the TGJA President's
- E.** membership that is being considered, then the Technical Vice President), will appear at the revocation meeting on behalf of the TGJA, at the TGJA's expense, to present any evidence to the Executive Board that is relevant to the issue of revocation.
- F.** Executive Board members hearing the presentation of the evidence may ask questions relevant to the issues of revocation of any person presenting evidence.
- G.** At the conclusion of the revocation meeting, the Executive Board, who heard all of the evidence, will vote by secret ballot whether to revoke the member's membership. A simple majority of those Members who heard all of the evidence will be necessary to enact the revocation of membership.
- H.** A member whose membership has been revoked may never again be an active TGJA member, unless subsequent membership is approved by simple majority of a quorum of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Judges Code of Ethics**

The sport of gymnastics requires the highest respect, dignity and professionalism demonstrated by judges. The position of judge is one of high visibility and, therefore, requires impeccable professional behavior.

- A.** All judges must be certified by the National Gymnastics Judges Association, Inc. The certification levels include: National Card, Junior Olympic Card, State Card
- B.** The judge must be prepared for all assignments which have been accepted by the judge. Only dire circumstances should prohibit a judge from fulfilling an assignment and notification should be given at the earliest possible moment to the competition director and assignment director. The judge should arrive at the competition site a minimum of thirty minutes prior to the start of the competition.
- C.** The judge must avoid the appearance of partisanship toward any competing team or individual.
- D.** The judge must be confined to judging responsibilities only. This does not include coaching, spotting, recruiting, demonstrating, etc.
- E.** The judge must be efficient and cooperative in resolving conferences and associated competition difficulties.
- F.** The judge must avoid any circumstance which may inhibit the ability of performance of judging responsibilities. This includes the use of alcohol, drugs, etc. which may influence the behavior and performance of the individual.
- G.** The judge must avoid social gatherings before, during or after any competition unless all coaches and judges are also invited.



- H. Judges must be appropriately attired (navy sports coat, gray trousers, shirt and tie) for all competitions. The judge must also possess the appropriate materials including: rule books, papers, pencils, etc.

Infractions of the TGJA Code of Ethics shall be referred to the TGJA Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Rules of Order**

The current Roberts Rules of Order are the general rules of order for all meetings of the TGJA, unless otherwise stipulated by the Constitution.

The meeting chairman shall be, or shall designate a parliamentarian/constitutional authority for all meetings.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Exoneration**

To the fullest extent allowed by law, no Executive Board Member of TGJA shall be personally liable to the TGJA or its members for money damages (except an obligation to repay money to the TGJA or for annual membership dues); provided however, that the foregoing limitation liability shall only be to the extent permitted of organizations which are exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law). No amendment of the Articles of Incorporation or repeal of any of its provisions shall limit or eliminate the benefits provided to Executive Board Members under this provision with respect to any act or omission which occurred prior to such amendment or repeal.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **General Provisions**

#### **SECTION 1**

##### **Compensation for Executive Board Members**

No member of the Executive Board shall receive any monetary or other compensation from the TGJA for their service to the TGJA, with the following exceptions:

- A. Upon proper documentation, the TGJA shall reimburse any Executive Board Member for reasonable expenses incurred for attending any meeting or event at the request of the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board is vested with authority to compensate an Executive Board Member or General Member in a reasonable amount when such member performs duties or provides services requested by the Executive Board beyond that member's basic TGJA job description.

#### **SECTION 2**

##### **Corporate Books and Records**

The books and records of the TGJA shall be kept in the state of Texas, where the then current Treasurer is located.



## **SECTION 3**

### **Contracts**

The Executive Board may authorize any officer, agent or employee of the TGJA by a simple majority vote to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the TGJA. Unless so authorized by the Executive Board or by these Bylaws, no Executive Board Member, agent, or employee of the TGJA shall have any power or authority to bind the TGJA by any contract or engagement, or to pledge the credit of the TGJA or to render the TGJA liable for any purpose or for any amount.

## **SECTION 4**

### **Checks, Drafts, Etc.**

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the TGJA in excess of \$500.00 shall be signed by both the Treasurer and the President of the TGJA.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Depositories**

All funds of the TGJA shall be deposited to the credit of the TGJA in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Executive Board may from time to time designate upon such terms and conditions as shall be fixed by the Executive Board.

## **SECTION 6**

### **Dissolution**

The Executive Board, by a unanimous vote, may elect to dissolve the TGJA at any duly held meeting of the Executive Board. Actual dissolution and termination of the TGJA shall be carried out according to the provisions of the State of Texas. Upon dissolution, all assets of the TGJA remaining after the payment of then current obligations of the TGJA shall be assigned to the Sims Scholarship Fund or any such organization, as deemed by the President, if the Sims Scholarship Fund does not exist at the time of dissolution of the TGJA.

