

The Nomination Committee was appointed to help identify the current needs of the NAIGC Board of Directors as well as recruit and evaluate potential Candidates. Each Candidate applied for a position on the Board and they bring a variety of backgrounds with a wide range of skills beneficial to the NAIGC.

Skills needed were identified during discussions with the current Board and the Operations Leadership Team and include good communications, high executive function, initiative, strategic vision, and the ability to follow through on projects.

NAIGC Governance	NAIGC Operations
Oversees the big picture and long-term goals of the organization. Creates multi-year strategic plans and helps Operations fulfill them.	Focuses on the day-to-day tasks including event sanctioning, member services, running Nationals, etc.

<b>Jordan Lu</b>
<b>Nomination Committee Statement</b>
<p>As President of the Georgia Tech Gymnastics Club, Jordan has been responsible for managing practice schedules, coordinating gym rental with the Georgia Tech Competitive Sports office and Student Government, and managing travel for competitions - giving her good experience in project management and insight into the kinds of challenges our member Clubs can face. Not content with tackling these common issues, she also led a project to gain grant money for purchasing equipment and finding space for it on campus to make it easier for the Club to host workshops that raise interest. As part of her push to increase outreach and recruiting, she streamlined the sign-up process. She also created new procedures for Officers to make training new volunteers simpler and ease transitions in the future.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee recommends Jordan because she has project management, club management, and grant writing experience. She has a valuable inside perspective and is passionate about getting/keeping people involved by removing road-blocks.</p>
<b>Candidate Statement</b>
<p>Hi! My name is Jordan, and I am a Junior competing with the Georgia Tech Gymnastics Club, but have been competing in gymnastics for over 10 years by now! I am in love with the sport and with how NAIGC continues to create a welcoming and fun opportunity for everyone, no matter their experience, to compete and enjoy the sport! As President of the Georgia Tech Gymnastics Club, I have worked extremely hard in recruiting, running practices and fundraisers, applying for grants for club projects, and leading our team to competitions, which all make me a great candidate to work as a member on the NAIGC Board. I am running for Board Member because I want to get more involved with the organization to give back and share the opportunities I've had with NAIGC with the community. If elected, I will focus on improving the competition accessibility and outreach to more clubs and communities, and work to continue building the positive environment and inclusive culture that defines the NAIGC experience. I am eager to transition my club-level leadership into dedicated service for the entire NAIGC community, and I hope to see you all out on the competition floor!</p>

<b>Shara Danziger</b>
<b>Nomination Committee Statement</b>
<p>Shara spent several years working with other nonprofit Boards. She has also been a small business owner. Her experiences give her insight into how other groups have solved some of the challenges the NAIGC faces as it grows. Much of her nonprofit experience is tied to fundraising; a topic that comes up a lot in Board discussions.</p> <p>She currently works as a marriage and family therapist and serves on the practice's strategic board. Part of her job is teaching professional development. She also has experience with how different organizations implement - or fail to - inclusive and equitable practices.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee recommends Shara because she has tons of experience in strategic planning, professional development, equitability, fundraising, project management, and leadership. She provides an important outside perspective and is passionate about making it easier for other adults to enjoy the sport.</p>
<b>Candidate Statement</b>
<p>After spending my childhood and early teens immersed in gymnastics, I discovered a passion that shaped much of who I am. It taught me to face my fears, find strength and an inner discipline that has served me well. Throughout high school and college, I coached athletes of all levels—from playful kinder tots to dedicated competitive gymnasts. Those years were filled with energy, joy, and a deep connection to the sport.</p> <p>As life grew busier with family and career, gymnastics slowly faded from my daily routine. Still, it remained something I deeply missed and longed to return to. After nearly thirty years, I finally found my way back through adult gymnastics. Reconnecting with the sport reignited the same excitement and fulfillment I felt decades ago.</p> <p>Finding a gym in Memphis, Tennessee, and a community of adult gymnasts proved challenging, but those obstacles only strengthened my resolve. Joining the NAIGC board offers an incredible opportunity to help bring adult gymnastics to others in my region and beyond—building a space where athletes of all ages can rediscover their love of the sport.</p>

<b>Sydney Roberts</b>
<b>Nomination Committee Statement</b>
<p>Sydney is the Executive Director of Programs and Staff at a nonprofit farm. She oversees all of the HR, financial, and educational programs. For the last 3 years she has led the strategic and operational planning sessions. In her financial role, she deals with the bookkeeping, the fundraising, and the grant writing. As HR manager, she is responsible for recruiting, training, and professional development for all volunteers, interns, and employees. Running a farm involves a ton of seasonal work, giving her a ton of HR experience.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee recommends Sydney because she has tons of experience in recruiting, training, and managing people; running the operations of a nonprofit; fundraising; and strategic planning. She brings an important outside perspective and is passionate about expanding opportunities for competition.</p>
<b>Candidate Statement</b>
<p>I bring 10 years of non-profit experience as well as dedication and passion for the NAIGC mission. I want to help further the mission of NAIGC, a place that has welcomed me with open arms and allowed me to develop into the person and gymnast I am today, by using my experience in finance, HR, and process improvement to increase the reach of the organization. I want to help ensure that anyone that wants to try and compete in gymnastics has the opportunity to do so. If elected, I will bring the same dedication, steadiness, and collaborative energy that I bring to my nonprofit leadership every day.</p>

<b>Anna Strauss</b>
<b>Nomination Committee Statement</b>
<p>Anna was President of the University of Pittsburgh Club during COVID. She worked with the club sports office to rebuild the club and start travelling again despite a lack of inherited knowledge. She managed the practice schedule, coordinated gym rental, dealt with ordering merchandise for the Club, and managed travel for competitions.</p> <p>As a current member of the Board, Anna has worked on the internal Board and Director of Operations evaluations and survey results. She is currently working with the team that is analyzing the results of the largest Adult Gymnastics Survey ever conducted. She hopes to use insights from the survey to improve and expand the NAIGC.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee recommends Anna because she has experience with the NAIGC Board and with the challenges of managing a Club. She provides continuity and is excited about constantly improving the NAIGC for members and non-members alike.</p>
<b>Candidate Statement</b>
<p>Hi! My name is Anna Strauss. I currently sit on the Board of Directors and hold the role of Vice President. I am also a member of the Policy and Development committees. I have been apart of the NAIGC for 6 years and on the Board 2 of them. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Engineering Physics and I competed in the NAIGC throughout my college career. It has created some of my best memories during college. Since graduating, I want to stay involved in gymnastics and working with the board helps to keep me stay connected to the sport. I really want to expand access to adult and collegiate gymnastics and give people more opportunities to do something they love. I worked on the sanctioning committee through the NAIGC last year and was able to see first hand the growth of teams and desires for adult competition. I am knowledgeable about gymnastics, competing for over a decade, and have 7 years coaching experience. I was also the President and Business Manager of my Club Gymnastics Team. Here I learned a lot about the NAIGC and had to manage my team in conjunction with this organization. I look forward to continuing my involvement in the NAIGC and I hope to receive your vote! Thank you!</p>