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State Administrative Committee Chairman ELECTIONS for USA GYMNASTICS

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Just like two years ago, all State Administrative Committee Chairman elections will be done online. **You will not receive a paper ballot to mail back, YOU will vote electronically.** See full election procedures with nomination form in this newsletter on pages 3-4.

Listed below are the results of a poll taken of present State Chairmen and their decision to run for election:

Alabama	Deb Walls	Plans to seek re-election
Florida	Mike McCabe	Plans to seek re-election
Georgia	Peggy Simpson	Does NOT plan to seek re-election
Louisiana	Jackie Latino	Plans to seek re-election
Mississippi	Nancy Hawkins	Plans to seek re-election
North Carolina	Jennie Adams	Plans to seek re-election
South Carolina	Joanne Child	Plans to seek re-election
Tennessee	Larry Corrigan	Plans to seek re-election

Be sure to check the article on pages 3-4 for the criterion for nomination and **send in your nominations immediately.** Be sure to check with your nominee for their willingness to run for this volunteer position.

Thank You from Region 8

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A big **THANK YOU** to **Salem Gymnastics** for hosting Level 9, 10 & Elite Training Camp. Region 8 appreciates the ability to use this fabulous facility.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Orlando Metro Gymnastics** for hosting the Elite/TOPs Clinic and Competition in December. There was a great turnout for the clinic and the competition. For a special treat the athletes, coaches and judges got to hear a report on 2007 World Championships from Gold medalist, Shayla Worley and her coaches Jeff Wood and Christie Barineau. Shayla also signed autographs and was available for photos.

Judges Mileage Reimbursement

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Effective January 1, 2008, the rate for mileage reimbursement is \$0.50/mile to reflect the upcoming change in the IRS standard mileage rate for 2008.

Bids Needed *Deb Kornegay, RACC*

Bids are needed for 2009 Level 9 & 10 Regionals and all 2009 Training Camps. Use the bid forms in this newsletter to bid on these events.

Region 8 Address Book

Deb Kornegay, RACC

You will notice that there are no Address book forms in this newsletter. All corrections to the 2008-2009 edition of the Region 8 Address Book will be done online. Please go to <http://www.region8gymnastics.org/pages/forms.html> and fill out your information **TODAY!**

New Training Camp System

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Be sure to read JO Information Update by Brad Harris, RJOCC to find out the new and exciting changes for 2008 Training Camps. The Regional Team, National Team and Level 8, 9 & 10 Training Camp format and qualification procedures are all explained.

Why electronic?

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Region 8 USA Gymnastics Committee had decided to move into the electronic age next Fall. Due to a sudden illness and death of the Region's longtime typesetter and printer, we are going to be electronic from now on!!!

2007 TOPs National TOP Team, TOP Diamond Team and B Camp Invitees

Below are listed the 2007 National TOP, Diamond and B Camp Invitees. Congratulations to all these athletes and their coaches. If you are interested in the TOPs program please contact Toni Rand or your State TOPs Manager. State TOPs Managers are listed below.

Alyssa McCune	ACE Gymnastics	Diamond Team
Alexandria Ruiz	ACE Gymnastics	Diamond Team
Emily Drauss	ACE Gymnastics	TOP B Camp Invite
Emily Holt	ACE Gymnastics	TOP B Camp Invite
Alyssa Mair	ACE Gymnastics	TOP B Camp Invite
Ashley Davis	American Twisters	TOP B Camp Invite
Jenna Deer	Brook-Lin Center	National TOP Team Member
Kristen Gibson	Brook-Lin Center	National TOP Team Member
Zion Lewis	Georgia All-Stars Gymnastics	TOP B Camp Invite
Sydney Converse	Gwinnett Gymnastics Center	National TOP Team Member
Erica Len	Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta	National TOP Team Member
Makenzie Kitchens	Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta	TOP B Camp Invite
Eryn Underwood	Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta	TOP B Camp Invite
Haylee Young	Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta	TOP B Camp Invite
Bridget Dean	Gymnastics World - FL	National TOP Team Member
Gabrielle Comnuallez	Nova Gymnastics	National TOP Team Member
Phoebe Marx	Palm Beach Gymnastics	National TOP Team Member
Amanda Bertorello	Starlight Gymnastics	National TOP Team Member
Raley Torrance	Starlight Gymnastics	TOP B Camp Invite
Ryan Shannon	Superior	Diamond Team
Sarah Caoili	Tampa Bay Turners Gymnastics	National TOP Team Member
Jacqueline Jacobs	Top Contenders Gymnastics	TOP B Camp Invite



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2007 Elite Results

Debby Kornegay, RACC

Shayla Worley from **Orlando Metro Gymnastics** of Orlando, Florida was very successful at the 2007 World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. Shayla scored a 15.575 for her bar routine which featured a Hindorf, toe-on Tkatchev and a double-front dismount. Worley led the United States off on Floor with a solid performance, which included a double Arabian and a front layout, front double full on her tumbling passes and a double pike dismount, to post a 14.625. "It was crazy," said Worley. **Shayla Worley** "We made some mistakes (before floor) but we knew it wasn't too late. It was the most pressure I have ever had in my life, but it felt great to go out and do it. I am very excited for the team." Shayla has just been selected to compete at America Cup March 2nd! **Congratulations Shayla for a great season!**



Olivia Courtney also from **Orlando Metro Gymnastics** was a member of the 2007 Gold Medal Junior Pan American Team. Olivia finished 5th All Around.



**Olivia
Courtney**