

## 2013 National Advisory Board Election Candidates

### *Southwest Region - Coach Nominees*



**Orlean Billiot**  
**Texas**

After cheering in High School and College I developed a love for the sport. I am amazed at how far it has grown and how far the talent level has risen. My philosophy in coaching has always been "Progressive learning through correct technique". I believe that the safety of the athlete is always first and that all skills must be learned with proper and correct technique before advancing. Educating our coaches is key. I became a co-owner of Horizons in 1995. I have been a member of USA Gymnastics since 1995. I have trained and coached athletes from the beginner levels thru Elite. Producing several National Champions. I also was a certified judge as well as a mentor Coach, instructing new coaches through seminars and clinics. After coaching a successful trampoline and tumbling program I was introduced to the world of competitive cheerleading. I have immersed myself in learning every aspect of it. Producing several National Champion teams as well as collegiate cheerleaders. Being the owner of a "small gym" I believe I can bring a great deal to the table to help those not only with small gyms but others as well.



**Kyle Gadke**  
**Missouri**

I would absolutely enjoy being a part of the NAB. I have been in the industry for 10 years as an athlete, coach, choreographer, judge, Production Manager and Apparel Salesman. I coach for Platinum Athletics located near St. Louis, MO. I have worked at small, large, established and unestablished gyms for a wide understanding of different gyms. I have a huge passion for this sport and have made it my life's work. Aside from coaching, I have owned my own Choreography Company (Spirit FX) for 9 years and am in my third year of working for GK Elite Sportswear. In my spare time I am a Production Manager for an IEP. I feel all of my jobs give me an edge to knowing all of the aspects our industry has to offer. This sport has given me so much and I would thoroughly and passionately enjoy giving back by being on the NAB to help make a difference in our industry.

My athletes are my everything and I enjoy teaching them not only how to be strong athletes, but strong adults that can leave cheerleading at the end of the year and take home life long lessons.



**Jennifer Graham**  
**Texas**

My name is Jennifer Graham. I am the Co-Owner/Director of Champion Cheer in Southlake, Texas. Since founding the gym in 1997, Champion Cheer has grown to its current size of 18 teams, 325 all stars and 400 recreational tumblers. Our gym focuses on providing a positive atmosphere for our athletes while supporting the importance of family. Champion Cheer fosters a culture that values athletes at all levels. Our level 1 Minis are just as important to us as our level 5 teams. I believe that this perspective is extremely important for the NAB as we need to keep all levels in mind when making decisions for the industry. Champion Cheer also focuses on providing positive role models for our athletes, and pushes our athletes to the highest levels of character and leadership. I believe it is important for the leadership of our industry to focus not only on developing athletes' skills, but also their minds and hearts. Finally, my experience overseeing successful programs including Special Needs, All Star Prep and Levels 1-6 combined with my experience as a judge, speaker and Regional Advisory Board member will help me successfully represent our region on important safety, business development and rules issues.

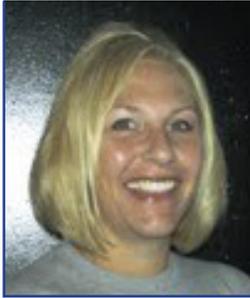


**Craig Hallmark**  
**Oklahoma**

I would be honored to serve on the NAB. I have co-owned and operated Oklahoma Twisters for 16 years. I have been USASF Safety Certified for 7 years. I serve on the USASF Field Staff and have been a credentialing instructor for 8 years. I have attended many meetings and conferences across the nation as a coach because I am very passionate about our ever evolving sport. I attended the NACCC meeting, in Atlanta, for several years before I began going to Doral 3 years ago. I have attended the USASF meetings in Dallas since 2007, and I am very committed to seeing the USASF succeed in its mission. I would love the honor of serving on the NAB to help achieve the goals of the USASF and the gym owners/coaches. I currently work with teams across the country and feel like I can bring a different perspective to the table because I have had the opportunity to work with gyms of all sizes from New York to California and South Dakota to Texas. I am currently the Oklahoma Cheer Coaches Association president, and I understand the vital role a board plays.

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Erin Johnson has had the pleasure of coaching cheerleading and gymnastics for 23 years. She absolutely loves working with kids. In 2006 her dream came true when her family opened Spring Creek Athletics, a USASF Certified Gym. She has worked on the USASF Field Staff since 2006. She has served on the Small Gyms Task Force, worked Regional Meetings and served at Worlds for the USASF. She would be honored to serve the National Advisory Board and would work very hard to represent all types and sizes of gyms.

Erin earned a B.S. in Biology and Sports Medicine from Shepherd University. She was a four year SU Varsity cheerleader, as well as a four year SU Varsity softball player. Prior to college, she enjoyed cheerleading, gymnastics, and softball at Chantilly HS, Virginia. Erin is a proud wife of David and mother of Riley, Brody, and Brooks.



**Jeff Miller**  
**Texas**

Jeff Miller started his cheerleading career in 1982 working as an instructor for the National Cheerleaders Association where his career did not end until 1997. Jeff began one of the first All-star programs in the nation in 1986. Diana and Jeff became business partners and partners for life in 1992. In 1996, they moved their program to McKinney, Texas and started Pro Spirit, inc. with just 32 athletes. Jeff has been a member of the USASF Rules Committee since it's inception. Jeff spent three terms on the USASF National Advisory Board. Jeff judges for several competition companies. Jeff is an inspirational speaker and speaks at many professional conferences. Pro Spirit was the inaugural recipient of the Chairman's Cup Award which is awarded to the organization that has gone above and beyond in community service. Jeff and Diana have been named in the in the Top 25 Most Influential People in All Star Cheerleading three times and was awarded American Cheerleader's Who's Who Outstanding Achievement Honorees. Diana and Jeff were named "Gym Owners of the Year" by Inside Cheerleader Magazine at the 2010 Cheerleading Worlds VIP Reception.



**Diana Miller**  
**Texas**

Diana Miller, a gymnast, cheerleader and graduate from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Special Education, has been involved in the cheerleading industry for 27 years. Professionally, Diana has been an intricate part of the cheerleading industry since 1985. She was a NCA head instructor, has judged cheer competitions and has been a featured presenter for every major cheer company in the industry. Diana has been choreographing cheerleading routines for the past 25 years; earning many National titles and innovative choreography awards as well as placing teams on the Worlds podium. In 1996, the Millers opened Pro Spirit Inc. in McKinney, Texas. Pro Spirit offers a variety of programs to include classes, a recreational cheer program, all-star teams; including a team for special athletes. PS trains approximately 700 students on a weekly basis. Jeff and Diana share the honors of Chairman's Cup Recipients, Gym Owners of the Year, SITA Hall of Fame inductees and have been recognized as The Top 25 Most Influential People in the Cheer Industry by All-star Cheerleader Magazine for the 3 years. Diana has a passion for developing kids' ability to feel self-confident and empowered.



**Angela Rogers**  
**Texas**

Co-founder and co-owner of Cheer Athletics (est. 1994) in Plano, TX. I served as a head instructor for NCA for the summers of 1992-2000, have judged numerous national championships, and have traveled the world doing choreography since 1992. I have coached teams at every level and remain active in coaching levels 2-5. I have coached at least one team at The Cheerleading Worlds since it began in 2004, and my teams have medaled every year. I am knowledgeable of the policies, rules, and procedures of this industry and hold myself and other coaches accountable for knowing these. Decisions must be made for this industry that benefit the whole and that further solidify the foundation so that it can handle future growth. I want to be an active part of not only growing the sport of all-star cheerleading, but also to educate the gym owners and coaches and to help grow the gym businesses within it. Having participated in USASF regional meetings and in the NACCC meetings in Doral, I have a good idea in which direction gym owners and coaches want to see this industry grow. From small gyms to large gyms, I can intelligently represent the coaches and gyms of this region.

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**Wendy Rue**  
**New Mexico**

I have nearly 10 years of experience in coaching cheer and dance. I have been the Program Director for Razzle Dazzle for the last 3 years in which I train and manage coaches for over 30 cheer and dance programs totaling over 600 students. Within those teams, are the All-Star Cheer and Dance teams for Razzle Dazzle. As I get a deeper understanding of everything All-Star, from rules to uniforms, I feel that there are issues I can bring to Board to only enhance the All-Star Cheer and Dance sport. I am a believer that the only way to help these athletes and make a difference on their behalf is to get involved.