My name is Erin Kightlinger, owner of Bama Bounders. My passion is to help others succeed!

I have been on the State Board for 12 years and I serve as Alabama's regional apparel coordinator.

I am a gym owner, meet director, team and preschool coach and I try to keep all those points of view in mind when we are making committee decisions.

My understanding of the athlete's point of view comes from my experiences as a club gymnast and as a collegiate gymnast at Alabama.

Being part of the 2002 National Championship team at Alabama showed my importance of teamwork and the importance of everyone's contribution to our team success. Our state committee works together in much the same way.

Since those days at Alabama, I have been lucky enough to acquire other points of view – the coach's point of view, having coached Tiny Tots through Level 10 athletes; the gym owner's view after we became the owners of Bama Bounders in 2009; the meet director's point of view from hosting major competitions in different locations and venues -all of these helps me see many perspectives of our sport and our committee.

I would love to continue bringing those views and continue to contribute to helping our athletes, coaches, and clubs continue to grow and improve as a part of the Alabama USA Gymnastics State Committee.