



**SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS**  
**May Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

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Meeting held at Alpharetta High School on Sunday, May 3, 2015

Meeting Start Time: 1:17pm

Attendance:

- 59 out of 118 colorguard units represented
- 3 out of 14 percussion units represented
- 1 out of 3 winds unit represented

Quick welcome by Vice President of Colorguard, Andria Foerch, as technical difficulties persisted in having SAPA President, Brian Giddens, give the welcome.

Reviewed and approved 2014 Fall Membership Meeting minutes

- Motion to approve by Erin England, seconded by Deryl Colson
- Minutes approved unanimously

Review of reports:

- Secretary Report presented by Tita Anderson Lovell
  - Discussion of SAPA Survey response rate results (please see report on website for details)
  - Tita is currently working on compiling results for individual hosts to use in preparing for future events
  - Discussion of how to improve SAPA Surveys to increase participation for response to be implemented next year
- Championships Report presented by Ahmed AlShabibi
  - Discussion of attendance, costs, and profits
  - SAPA received more donations this year from the city of Chattanooga than in previous years
- Contest Director Report presented by Nora Lowery
  - Discussion of attendance in terms of number of units per show
  - Discussion of possibility of adding additional rehearsal space in addition to arena during non-competitive times
    - Potential to use a smaller gym arena across the street from the McKenzie Arena as the rehearsal site and competitive site potentially in the future
- Financial Report presented by Ahmed AlShabibi
  - Discussion of budgeted vs. actual expenses

All reports were approved unanimously by the membership present.

Proposals were discussed next. Please see the list below for the number of proposal and the outcome. To view the specific proposal mentioned and all the details for that proposal, please refer to the 2015 SAPA Proposals & Results document on the website.

- Bylaw Proposals
  1. Withdrawn by proposer
  2. Passed as amended:
    - Removed Music Member at Large from Steering Committee list
    - Vice President of Music renamed to Vice President of Winds



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- Directors as appointed by SAPA board changed to Vice President of Winds
- 3. Passed as amended:
  - Vice President of Music renamed to Vice President of Winds and removed Music Member-at-Large
- 4. Failed
- Policy Proposals
  - 1. Passed as amended:
    - Previous Hall of Fame award recipients will develop criteria for future Hall of Fame recipients
  - 2. Passed
  - 3. Passed
  - 4. Passed as amended:
    - May meeting, September meeting, and SAPA Education Day changed to spring meeting, fall meeting, and SAPA Education Event
  - 5. Passed
  - 6. Failed
  - 7. Passed to be understood that Colorguard Steering Committee will be tasked with rewording colorguard classifications and adjusted in policy manual without additional approval from the membership
  - 8. Failed
  - 9. Passed as amended
    - Added “with the exception of WGI classification changes”
  - 10. Withdrawn by proposer
  - 11. Withdrawn by proposer

Elections were held next. The offices to be elected were: Vice President of Colorguard, Vice President of Winds, Percussion-Member-At-Large, and Secretary. The results:

- Vice President of Colorguard – Andria Foerch by acclimation
- Vice President of Winds – Erik Mason by acclimation
- Percussion-Member-At-Large – Matt Howell by acclimation
- Secretary – Tita Anderson Lovell by acclimation

New business was discussed next:

- Education Event – Preview Day
  - Rick Subel discussed his idea about creating a preview day in the fall which would serve as an education event
    - Directors would bring their show concepts to the event to discuss with designers, other directors, or mentors
    - This event could serve both WGI-bound groups in addition to local-only groups.
    - A request for dates for the event will be sent via e-mail to directors to save the date well in advance to improve attendance
- Placing committee names on website



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- Steering Committee members for each group will be added to website once they have been chosen
- SAPA Championships for 2016 will be held at the UTC McKenzie Arena in Chattanooga, TN on April 1 – 3, 2016
- Multiple show sites per weekend
  - Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having multiple show sites each weekend. The final decision depends on how many units register for SAPA next year.
- Recap sheets for critique
  - Discussion was held regarding providing the individual recap sheets for directors going into critique immediately following the final performance of the day.
    - An idea to assist with this would be to not have the first critique time begin until the start of the award ceremony (occasionally the critique would begin before the award ceremony starts). This would allow the tabulation table the time to get the necessary paperwork and numbers into the system.
- If you would be interested in providing an article for the SAPA Summer Newsletter, please send your articles to Tita Anderson Lovell by June 1, 2015.

Meeting adjournment at 5:00pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell