



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS
2017 Fall Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 24, 2017

Meeting Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017

Meeting Location: Georgia State University

Meeting Start Time: 1:06pm

Attendance: 78 units were in attendance, both online and in person

A welcome to the meeting was given by the SAPA Executive Board and SAPA Vice President Andria Foerch. Immediately after the welcome, SAPA Secretary Tita Anderson Lovell provided a brief overview of the 2017 Spring Membership Meeting minutes for approval. The minutes were approved by a majority show of hands.

- During the review of the minutes, a brief discussion was held detailing some pertinent policy changes that were approved at the meeting. A list of these policy changes can be found on pgs. 29 - 30 of the 2017-2018 edition of the SAPA Policy Manual

WGI Circuit Symposium updates were presented by SAPA Vice President Andria Foerch. Please see presentation at the following link for details about what was discussed:

http://www.sapaonline.net/system/files/1_2660317069_sapa9.24.17fallmeetingpresentation.pdf

- Moving WGI Championships to another location
 - Possibilities for moving WGI World Championships to another location other than Dayton, OH for the future. Potential location includes Orlando, FL and hosting championships at the Wide World of Sports.
 - Renovations are currently underway at UD Arena and are to be completed in three phases. All phases should be completed by 2020.
 - In Dayton, there are not many opportunities for performers to meet outside of the UD Arena, and Orlando offers many more options for social and other activities.
- WGI Certify
 - Online courses available that provide information on judging. Useful for both instructors and individuals interested in becoming a judge
 - Each course is available for a cost (see presentation for cost details)
- WGI Rules & Policy Changes
 - Rifle definition has been updated to include other props which appear rifle-like
 - WGI contest area updated to 70' x 100' to accommodate a 5' safety zone
 - No competition area will exceed 78' x 106'. There will be a taped dotted line at SAPA Championships to indicate the maximum performance area.
 - Damage done to performance arenas will be the responsibility of the unit
 - Rules about disallowed items and safety have been updated to include set-up and breakdown of props. Many unsafe actions were performed in tunnels and hallways prior to performances by volunteers, so WGI felt it necessary to include safety measures outside performance space as well.
 - Performer wristbands at WGI Championships will get you into A & Open Class finals for no additional cost.
- Volunteer opportunities for WGI
 - Volunteers are sorely needed for regional and world championships contests
 - Hotel & food arrangements are covered for Championships



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS
2017 Fall Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 24, 2017

- You will be provided a survey to indicate your areas of interest for volunteering
- Percussion/Winds Championships are in dire need for volunteers!
- Copyright updates
 - SAPA does not promote the use of recording devices for groups to video other performances OR their own performances.
 - Copyright approval is responsibility of the performing unit
 - Tresona is a great resource if you have any questions on any material you would like to include in your show.
- Competition Suite
 - The following items will be implemented for WGI contests. SAPA will be investigating these options as they become available and are proven to add to the Competition Suite experience.
 - Music able to be uploaded into app for performances
 - Critique sign-up available in app
 - Recaps and scores available in app immediately at the conclusion of the contest
- WGI Education Opportunities
 - WGI 1 on 1
 - Easy resource to be able to provide video copies of your show to be viewed and receive feedback from WGI judges and top designers
 - See WGI website for cost structure
- Webinars
 - WGI webinars will be available throughout the fall and into the season. Topics to be covered: T&P/Contest Administration, early season concerns, WGI Steering Committee updates

After the WGI Circuit Symposium updates were presented, Andria Foerch discussed SAPA judging updates.

- WGI and equivalent panels will be available at the 1st 3 contests of the season.
- SAPA Judge Administrator Scott Beck is looking at trying to create consistent panels for the season, where judges will see at least 3 contests throughout the season (to comment on growth)
- Fred Feeny is asking for units to provide tapes of strong judging commentary to provide training tools for Gulf Coast Judge's Association. Send all tapes to Scott Beck.

SAPA Vice President of Colorguard Ira Jenkins provided updates on the Steering Committee discussions since the previous meeting.

- The steering committee has met and is continuing to compile information to send to membership regarding classification concerns and classification rubrics. In addition, the steering committee is currently working on a redesign of the Sportsmanship Award to be presented in the coming months.
- The classification updates will not change what is written in the policy manual regarding each place, but rather provide clarification for units and for the judging community on what each class looks like.

SAPA Education Director Megan Phillips discussed education updates.

- A November webinar will be available to discuss the classification rubrics for the coming season.
- The mentorship program is alive and well! If you are interested either as a mentor or a mentee, please contact the Education Directors.



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS
2017 Fall Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 24, 2017

- Education events for the season:
 - Extended critique sessions will be available for the 1st 3 contests of the season
 - Additional opportunities will be communicated regarding design elements of a show

SAPA Colorguard-At-Large Erin England discussed her expanded role in communication and outreach for the circuit.

- Check the website (Contact page) for specifics on who is currently serving the circuit. In addition, the Contact page provides information on who should be contacted for what purpose.
- There will be an expansion of the use of the SAPA social media accounts to provide visual reminders on important circuit information in addition to the text reminders of news articles and e-mails.
- If you have ANY feedback regarding preferred communication methods or if you have any ideas regarding how to engage the membership in communication more, please contact Erin.

SAPA Contest Director Nora Lowery provided updates on the registration process.

- Make sure you register your units! You must be paid in full before you will be able to sign up for contests.
- If you make an error in choosing contests, e-mail Nora Lowery to be removed from the contest.
- December 15th is the dues and forms deadline. You will be assessed a late fee for each item if you do not meet the deadline.
- Forms that are required:
 - Scholastic Units
 - SAPA Photo & Video Releases
 - Scholastic Eligibility letter (for each school your students attend)
 - Independent Units
 - SAPA Photo & Video Releases
 - Limited Liability Insurance proof
- There are 11 shows available this season. Let's have a great year!

SAPA Secretary Tita Anderson Lovell provided information regarding communication throughout the season. If you have any ideas or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at eboard@sapaonline.net.

Meeting Adjournment: 2:12pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell.