

SAPA May Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2013

The SAPA Membership met in McEachern High School's band room on May 5, 2013. The meeting began at 2pm and ended at approximately 5:30pm. Brian Giddens, SAPA President, presided over the meeting with assistance from VP of Colorguard Lauren Harper, VP of Percussion Tom Tucker, Colorguard Member-at-Large Andria Foerch, and Percussion Member-at-Large Mark Kapral.

First order of business was a welcome from SAPA President Brian Giddens.

A quick review of the past meeting's minutes occurred, and the minutes were approved by the membership.

Each Executive Board member gave a general report of the year as it pertained to their office. A few highlights:

- Circuit Education Day was a successful event with presentations by Adam Sage and Kevin Bell.
- Day of Colorguard was a great event which provided an excellent opportunity for students and directors.
- General dissatisfaction with the promotion process prior to 2013 was seen and felt by the membership, and a Steering Committee was appointed to assist in providing information and insight for a better overall guidelines for promotion.
- Judging was more greatly varied this year which provided a better opportunity for local groups to get information from national judges.

Each Staff member gave a general report of the year as it pertained to their position. A few highlights:

- Having the SAPA show on the same date as the WGI Chattanooga Regional greatly affected participation the event. In the future, the schedule will be set so that this is not a recurring problem.
- The actual vs. proposed budget was over by \$10,000 due to additional costs for SAPA Championships and hotel/travel arrangements for judges. However, membership revenue and SAPA Championships profit exceeded the expectations and was able to cover these costs.
- SAPA Championships will be held in Chattanooga for the 2013-2014 season due to pre-booking. We are actively looking for other championships location possibilities due to issues with out-of-state travel and inconvenience for general membership. Paul Clark has provided an exhaustive list with a variety of options for SAPA Championships, and his hard work in collecting this list for comparison is much appreciated.

The proposals were the next item of business. Please see the list below for the number of proposal and the outcome. For additional details regarding each proposal, please refer to the 2013-2014 SAPA Proposals & Results document.

- Procedures
 - Circuit Business
 - Proposal #1 – Passed
 - Proposal #2 – Withdrawn
 - Proposal #3 – Amended – Passed
 - Motion: Tavius, Second: Ginger
 - Proposal #4 – Passed

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- Motion: Tita, Second: Tavius
 - Proposal #5a – Failed on the Floor
 - Motion: Robert
 - Proposal #5b – Amended and Passed
 - Motion: Ginger, Second: Joey
 - Proposal #6 – Passed
 - Motion: Bobby, Second: Ginger
 - Proposal #7 – Withdrawn
- Financial
 - Proposal #8 – Passed
 - Motion: Erin, Second: Chester
 - Proposal #9 – Passed
 - Motion: Katie, Second: Tavius
- Registration
 - Proposal #10 – Passed
 - Motion: Rick, Second: Katie O
 - Proposal #11 – Passed
 - Motion: Rick, Second: Erin
- Staff
 - Proposal #12 – Failed on the Floor
- Code of Ethics
 - Proposal #13 – Amended – Passed
 - Motion: Erin, Second: Katie O
 - Proposal #14 – Amended – Passed
 - Motion: Jessie, Second: Rick
- Awards
 - Proposal #15a – Withdrawn
 - Proposal #15b – Passed
 - Motion: Katie O, Second: Erin
- Policy Changes
 - Proposal #16a – Withdrawn
 - Proposal #16b – Withdrawn

At this point in the discussion and voting of the proposals, a motion for a vote of no confidence in the Executive Board was suggested by Brian Giddens but not seconded, therefore failing on the floor.

- Policy Manual
 - Proposal #17 – Passed
 - Motion: Erin, Second: Joey
 - Proposal #18 – Passed
 - Motion: Katie, Second: Ginger
 - Proposal #19 – Passed
 - Motion: Rick, Second: Ginger
 - Proposal #20 – Passed
 - Motion: Katie, Second: Rick

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- Proposal #21 – Passed
 - Motion: Katie, Second: Jessie
- Contests
 - General
 - Proposal #22 – Passed
 - Motion: Jessie, Second: Ginger
 - Proposal #23 – Withdrawn
 - Proposal #24 – Tabled to the Fall Meeting
 - Proposal #25 – Amended – Passed
 - Motion: Katie, Second: Josh
 - Proposal #26 – Passed
 - Motion: Rick, Second: Ginger
 - Proposal #27 – Withdrawn
 - Proposal #28 – Passed
 - Motion: Katie, Second: Ginger
 - Classification
 - General
 - Proposal #29 – Passed
 - Motion: Chester, Second: Katie
 - Proposal #30 – Passed
 - Motion: Joey, Second: Brandon
 - Percussion
 - Proposal #31 – Amended – Passed
 - Motion: Tonya, Second: Tita
 - Proposal #32 – Amended – Passed
 - Motion: Mark, Second: Tonya
 - Colorguard Promotions
 - Proposal #33a – Withdrawn
 - Proposal #33b – Withdrawn
 - Proposal #33c – Passed
 - Motion: Jessie, Second: Tita
 - Proposal #33d – Passed
 - Motion: Tavius, Second: Lauren
 - Proposal #33e – Withdrawn

After the lively discussion and voting on the proposals, elections were held for the offices of Vice President of Colorguard, Percussion Member-at-Large, and Secretary. The membership elected:

- Vice President of Colorguard - Lauren Harper
- Percussion Member-at-Large - Mark Hunter
- Secretary - Tita Anderson Lovell

Once elections occurred, the possibility of creating a new website was discussed. It was the general consensus from the membership that a new website was an absolute must due to a variety of factors, including:

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- Inability to fill registration forms out online
- Inability to pay membership dues online
- Issues with cost of current website administrator
- Compatibility issues with website

Additional discussions were held regarding the SAPA Championships. A call for research into a variety of site located in Georgia was issued, and Paul Clark provided an extensive list for review. Also, a quick discussion was held regarding whether the competition should be held on Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday. It was determined that the final decision on the schedule for Championships should be discussed and approved at the Fall Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approx.. 5:30pm.

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell.