



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS
Spring Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 7, 2017

Meeting held at Alpharetta High School on Sunday, May 7, 2017

Meeting Start Time: 1:09pm

Attendance:

- 51 units represented in person
- 20 units represented online

The first order of business was a welcome by SAPA President, Brian Giddens.

Reviewed and approved 2016 Fall Membership Meeting minutes

- Motion to approve by Jessica Smith, seconded by Nathan Jennings
- Minutes approved unanimously by the membership

Review of reports:

- Championships Report presented by Ahmed AlShabibi
 - Discussion of the SAPA App and its usefulness to the membership in the future
 - Interest in creating push notifications to the app for specific needs the circuit might have
 - Ahmed has requested any suggestions on how to make the app more useful for the membership → how can we improve upon the communication between SAPA and spectators?
- Financial Report presented by Brian Giddens in place of Drew Solomonson
 - The budgeted vs actual expenses were discussed.
 - We will give a finalized financial report at the fall meeting as the fiscal year is not complete until July 1st, 2017.
- Contest Director Report presented by Nora Lowery
 - Discussion of attendance in terms of number of units per show
 - Sunday shows
 - Most often lost money for show hosts
 - Discussion was held regarding moving the deadline earlier to remove a Sunday date from the schedule. This will help prevent money lost by show hosts/SAPA to pay for plane tickets and other judge fees.
 - Discussion will be held over the summer to decide on what would be most appropriate for Sunday shows. A report will be given at the 2017 Fall Meeting.
- Vice President of Colorguard Report presented by Andria Foerch
 - A copy of this report can be found on the Reports section of the SAPA Website, under the 2017 Season, labeled as “2017 Vice President of Colorguard Report.”
 - Main points of discussion:
 - 3 main goals for 2017 season:
 - Reclassification



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- Steering committee decided on a process for promotion, utilizing both Design Analysis & Individual Analysis in addition to score for determining promotion
- It was obvious that units were misclassified at the beginning of the season, and the process still isn't perfect. More revision will happen this year to improve the process further.
- Classification rubrics:
 - Will be worked on by the steering committee over the course of the summer and an update will be provided to the membership at the 2017 Fall Meeting
- Education
 - The results from the educational survey sent out to the membership determined the type and impact of the educational events provided to the membership this season.
 - Please continue to provide constructive criticisms and/or suggestions on how to make education in the circuit even stronger.
- Judging
 - Consistency in judging continues to improve, but how can we maintain?
 - Unfortunately, there is a national shortage for qualified WGI judges, so this is not just a SAPA problem, it is a full nation problem.
 - Due to this, have patience with new judges. We need to foster growth in the judging community, and this can only be achieved if new individuals enter adjudication.
- 2018 Goals
 - Education – further developing what is offered based on what the membership wants
 - Judging – we want to continue improving what we offer
 - National Focus – how can we create regional attendance for local units? How can we improve championships attendance for our units? How can SAPA help?
- How can you get involved?
 - Communicate!
 - Complete survey requests to help shape what you want your circuit to be

All reports were approved unanimously by the membership present.

The membership had a brief break from 2:16pm to 2:26pm prior to discussing policy proposals.

Proposals were discussed and voted on next. Please see the list below for the number of proposal and its outcome. To view the specific proposal and all the pertinent details for the proposal, please refer to the document located in the Reports section of the website, labeled "2017 SAPA Proposals & Results."

- Policy Proposals
 1. Approved
 2. Approved



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3. Approved
4. Withdrawn
5. Approved as amended (see Proposals Results document for details)
6. Withdrawn
7. Approved as amended (see Proposals Results document for details)
8. Approved
9. Approved
10. Approved
11. Approved
12. Approved
13. Approved

Executive Board elections were held next. Due to certain policy manual proposals which had been just voted in, these were the offices to be elected: Vice President of SAPA (1-year term), Vice President of Colorguard (2-year term), and Secretary. The results of the elections are below:

- Vice President of SAPA – Andria Foerch by acclimation
- Vice President of Colorguard – Ira Jenkins by majority vote
- Secretary – Tita Anderson Lovell by acclimation

Additional elections were held to vote in members of the Colorguard Steering Committee. Three positions were available in the following arrangement: one position for a 1-year term and two positions for a 2-year term. The results are listed below:

- Colorguard Steering Committee
 - Nathan Jennings (1 year)
 - Cyndi Church (2 year)
 - Bekah Chadderdon (2 year)

After the completion of all the elections, new business was discussed next.

- Discussion on the philosophy of our colorguard community, led by Cyndi Church
 - Healthier habits within our communities (both in a physical and mental sense) will help to elicit positive results within our students.
 - What are some ways that we can support each other?
 - How can we continue to grow the mentorship program? How can we incorporate this into our community better?
 - Discussion about “SAPA Socials”
 - Events for not only directors to participate in but for our students as well. These events should be a way for us to connect in a non-competitive environment.
 - These do not always have to be officially hosted by SAPA! Everyone is welcome to plan events for others to attend.
- Concerns of adult presence in warm-up
 - Due to a situation that occurred this season, there was no preparation by the students running warm-up when an emergency happened.



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- Recommendation would be that at least one adult should be present in warm-up in case of emergencies (provided by the show host, not the units traveling through warm-up)
- Concerns about warm-up situation at SAPA Championships
 - What can we do to make it better for performers?
 - Can we utilize other space in the arena?
 - Would warming up behind the curtain be preferred?
 - Please provide any suggestions to have to Ahmed AlShabibi to be considered next year at SAPA Championships
- Discussion about educational opportunities, led by Copper Atwood
 - There were concerns about the extended critique sessions not being held by upstairs judge (for design aspect)
 - Is there a way to have a unit director see all the judges on the day of an extended critique session? Currently, unit directors will miss seeing potentially two judges due to the extended critique option.
- Discussion about WGI Manual Clarifications, led by Copper Atwood
 - Is there a way to give a quick reference guide on anything that has changed in the WGI Policy Manual?
 - If one is provided by WGI, it will be shared with the membership.
- 2018 SAPA Championships will be held at the UTC McKenzie Arena on April 6 – April 8, 2018.

Meeting adjournment at 5:02pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell.