

Fall Newsletter



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Dates to Remember:

December 1st:

Membership fees are due! \$75 late fee added after December 1st

December 15th:

All required forms are due (with the exception of Percussion/Winds Permission to Arrange)

January 1st: Event registration opens for non-members of SAPA

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SAPA's New Executive Board

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Addition of Winds to SAPA

During the 2014-2015 SAPA Fall Meeting, we had the privilege of having WGI Executive Director, Ron Nankervis, give a presentation on the addition of Winds to the indoor performance arena. We are excited about the new performance opportunity and have already had a number of Winds groups register for the season.

Winds groups will compete in the same three main classifications as both Percussion and Guard groups – A, Open,

and World. In addition, there will be the opportunity to have either a Scholastic or Independent group. The judging format for these groups will be modeled after the Percussion judging system.

How do you know your program is ready for a Winds unit? For smaller programs, this could open up new winter performance opportunities if having a Percussion or Guard unit wouldn't be feasible with the number of students. In addition, drum corps and other

competitive marching winds programs could continue their education in a competitive format during the "off" season.

Do you have questions on how Winds will be incorporated into SAPA this year? Send a message to ebboard@sapaonline.net



Changes to Education Series in SAPA

This year, we are looking at providing major changes to how educational materials and sessions are brought to the membership. Each year, the attendance in our education events has dwindled, and in looking at how information outreach is changing, we decided to make a change in our education series as well.

Here are some things we are excited to bring you this year:

- Additional guard commentary provided by top designers during premiere weekend shows (1st and 2nd weekends only)
- Introducing short supplementary education sessions during show days/weekends
- Reinvigorate the mentorship program
- Create an online resource through videos and newsletters – using

technology and the internet to reach more directors!

- Create a searchable index of topics (similar to a wiki)
- Create a New SAPA Member/Director Resource Packet for new SAPA directors to answer those tough questions when you start a new unit

Do you have other ideas on how we can improve education for you? Send a message to Andria or Mark with your ideas!



Policy Manual Updates

This year, some important changes to deadlines and other policies have occurred. You can view these changes in the updated SAPA Policy Manual located in the Directors Only section of the website.

A few important changes to be aware of:

- All units will be required to pay membership fees prior to registering for performance events.
- All units must complete

required forms by December 15th. This does not include Permission to Arrange forms for Percussions and Winds

- All online payment transactions are subject to a 3% convenience fee.
- A new policy has been added in regards to waiving withdrawal fees due to inclement weather.
- A new Social Media Guidelines section has been added.

- The pay-per-performance structure has been changed for any unit interested in competing in SAPA shows without becoming a full member. In addition, pay-per-performance will be limited to two shows, and these units will not be eligible to register for events until January 1st.

Restricted Music List

Deciding what music our unit will perform is one of the most important design choices we make as directors for our programs. Sometimes, the task to find the perfect music is easy, and in other cases, it can take weeks or months to choose the right cut. This year, there will be another important factor to consider when choosing music for your unit.

WGI has a new rule starting this season that if you have a musical selection which is part of the Restricted Music List,

your unit will not be allowed to compete in WGI events until that music is eliminated from your production. The list is comprised of artists and musical selections which have been denied copyright licensing in the past. In order to prevent accidental infringement upon their rights, works on the list may not be used at any event.

In the spirit of maintaining WGI policies with our units, SAPA will also be following this rule. Please be sure to check the Restricted Music

List. If you have chosen a work which is located on your list, you must provide documentation that you have received copyright approval from the artist/licensing company by October 1st.

You can check out the list at the following URL:

<http://www.wgi.org/contents/restricted-music.html>

Have a Story You Want to Share?

Like what you see in this newsletter? Want to see more stories about you? Would you like to see more articles about WGI updates? Would you like to see a classifieds section in this newsletter? Let us know! Send a message to secretary@sapaonline.net with your comments and suggestions.

In addition, if you have any additional questions or issues that you need help getting resolved, please feel free to contact the Executive Board at eboard@sapaonline.net. The Executive Board has weekly conference calls where we discuss anything and everything which is brought up by the membership. Let us know and we can help to address any issues up-front. We are here for you!

Be sure to tune into the Thanksgiving Day Parade tomorrow. The Georgia State University Marching Band will be in the parade. The Parade begins at 9am on NBC. Let's cheer on our fellow SAPA members!

Have a Safe and Delicious Thanksgiving, everyone!

