



**SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS**  
**2016 Fall Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

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Meeting Date: Sunday, September 18, 2016

Meeting Location: Georgia State University

Meeting Start Time: 1:11pm

Special Note: This was the first meeting where we implemented remote-access feature for directors wanting to attend the meeting but not in person. There were several technical difficulties related to the conference calling/web conferencing software. Plans are already underway to improve the remote-access feature in the future.

Attendance: All units in SAPA were counted as in attendance due to the technological difficulties with the remote access to the meeting

A welcome to the meeting was given by the SAPA Executive Board and SAPA President Brian Giddens. Immediately after the welcome, SAPA Secretary Tita Anderson Lovell provided a brief overview of the 2016 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. 38 - 40 of the 2016-2017 edition of the SAPA Policy Manual

After the minutes were approved, a brief discussion on SAPA Education Events occurred. It was determined that finding a date during the fall would be too difficult to schedule due to the variety of weekend obligations for various fall programs, winter programs, and summer programs.

- Discussion regarding other educational opportunities was held, and the Directors of Education detailed additional plans for implementation of educational opportunities throughout the season.
- The Education Directors indicated that they would be sending a survey out to poll the membership on their most desired items to learn more about. Once the results of the survey came in, they would detail what the educational program would look like for the season.

Executive Board Retreat Minutes:

- Discussed a 1-3-5 year plan for SAPA, setting administrative, colorguard, and music goals
  - Specifics on the goals for each discipline was detailed during the meeting. Please refer to the following link for details: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fKplpAMpcYIcE98U-G4KNOWACWZBNr-4zs\\_LzP6Ufo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fKplpAMpcYIcE98U-G4KNOWACWZBNr-4zs_LzP6Ufo/edit?usp=sharing)
- Discussed job responsibilities for staff and executive board positions to ensure alignment within the organization

Lastly, the mentorship program was introduced by Colorguard-At-Large, Erin England. She detailed the opportunities that would be available throughout the season with regards to how to implement the program and who would be eligible to participate.

The show schedule was released for members to record and discuss.

Meeting Adjournment: 2:42pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell