



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS
2020 Spring Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 3rd

Meeting Date: Sunday, May 3rd

Meeting Location: Digitally via GoToMeeting

Meeting Start Time: 1:00pm

Attendance: 33 units were in attendance online (see attached sheet for specific units represented)

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 2019 Fall Membership Meeting minutes for approval. A copy of the minutes can be found at the following link:

http://www.sapaonline.net/system/files/1_6788124437_2019-sapa-fall-mtg-minutes.pdf

The minutes were approved by a majority vote of the groups in attendance.

A presentation of reports from each position occurred next. A copy of the presentation containing all the reports can be found at the following link:

http://www.sapaonline.net/system/files/1_2586357419_2020sapaspringmeeting.pdf

- President & Vice President of SAPA Report, presented by Brian Giddens & Andria Foerch
 - Discussion on State of SAPA given the current COVID-19 situation and timing of decisions made in order to best preserve the integrity of the circuit.
 - Championships helps to fund the circuit for the beginning of the next season, but without Championships this year, we will be utilizing the saved reserve fund to get operations going for 2021.
 - We have learned a great deal about how to better prepare for an unexpected situation and how we can best support the circuit through difficulties.
 - Policy/by-law proposals, executive board elections, and steering committee elections will take place as scheduled at next year's spring meeting. SAPA will follow the by-laws for which positions will be available for election next year.
- Educator-At-Large Report, presented by Ian Lewis
 - Discussion of combined schools groups, including rationale for approval/denial of requests received this season
 - Rationale followed the criteria set forth by WGI
- Education Director Report, presented by Megan Phillips
 - Education Events summary
 - Gulf Coast Judge Symposium
 - Overview judges at Mill Creek and Kennesaw Mountain shows
 - End of season mini-education event on critique postponed until 2021
 - Digital call on recruitment and retention for upcoming season given situation
 - Ongoing items:
 - Mentorship program needs mentors for the upcoming season
 - Continue to distribute WGI & Marching Arts/ColorguardEDU materials
 - Peer Checkpoint video in production
 - Education Survey:
 - Results from the survey will be used to make changes to the events offered for the coming season



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- Championships Coordinator Report, presented by Ahmed Al-Shabibi
 - Discussion of expenses that we had based on cancelling the event when we did
 - Includes wristbands, awards, medals, patches, and banners
 - Banners will be able to be used next year and patches are currently being sold to help offset expenses
 - Discussion on changes in facility for 2021 and 2022
 - SAPA looks holistically at the championships venue to provide a great experience for a reasonable cost and what will be in the best interest for SAPA to pursue.
- Contest Director Report, presented by Nora Lowery
 - Statistics for unit attendance breakdown for each local contest was provided to the membership.
 - 8 out of 10 contests were able to occur this season prior to cancellation.

New Business

- What changes should we expect for the 2021 season based on the COVID-19 situation?
 - We will proceed with the season as planned with the original dates for registration and start of season. Any changes will be communicated as soon as we have updated information.
 - At the fall meeting, we will be able to have a better sense for how the 2021 season will look.
- Discussion on providing a form to declare missing performers/performers with disabilities to allow for a better read by judges at a contest
 - There would be difficulties to implement such a form for review by judges given the sheer volume of units that are adjudicated each contest. Considering the forms would take an additional step for already burdened judges to add to their per unit process.
 - However, SAPA is looking at how to best train judges within the area of inclusion. Fred Feeney will be given feedback regarding this issue to focus on the diversity of all performers in the realm of adjudication.

Meeting Adjournment: 1:59pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell.



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Meeting Attendance

Cambridge High School
Carrollton High School
Chimera
Dacula High School
East Paulding HS JV
East Paulding HS Varsity
Edge Independent
Etowah High School
Etowah HS Cadets
Fayette County HS JV
Fayette County HS Varsity
Flowery Branch Winterguard
Georgia State University
Harrison High School
Kennesaw Mountain Guard
Kennesaw Mountain JV
Lambert High School
Mill Creek A
Mill Creek Cadet
Mill Creek HS
North Gwinnett A
North Gwinnett Cadets
North Gwinnett JV
North Paulding Cadets
Northgate High School
Oconee County High School
Paramount Winterguard
Pope High School
Reverie
University of Georgia
Upson-Lee High School
Walton High School
Whitewater HS