



2023 SAPA Spring Membership Meeting

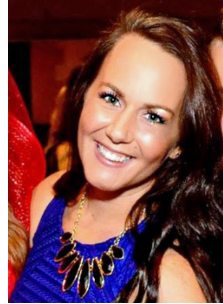
Sunday, May 7th, 2023

Link to Attendance: <https://tinyurl.com/SAPA23Spring>

Spring Meeting Agenda

- Welcome to Meeting
- Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes
- Review of Reports
- Policy Proposal Discussion
- Elections
- New Business
- Wrap-Up

Welcome



Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS

2022 Fall Meeting Minutes

9/28/22

Meeting Date: 9/28/2022

Meeting Location: Paul Duke STEM High School

Meeting Start Time: 1pm

Attendance: 55 In person, 21 Digitally (see list at end of document for attendees)

A welcome to the meeting was given by Tita Anderson Lovell, SAPA President. Immediately after the welcome, there was an overview of the 2022 Spring Membership Meeting Minutes for approval. A copy of the minutes can be found at the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/2022SAPASpringMinutes>

A presentation of organizational updates and educational updates occurred next.

- Introduction of Social Media Coordinator, Jared Geer
- Committee Reports
 - Capital Campaign Committee–Tita
 - Purpose: To fundraise for SAPA as a company
 - Hoping to see some sponsorships this season
 - Marching Band Committee–Ira
 - Comes from Band Directors expressing interest in consistent competition style
 - Purpose of this committee: to discuss ideas for continuity in fall season to benefit SAPA membership/stakeholders
 - Classification Committee–Ira
 - Created to have an in-depth conversation about classification (especially the conversation surrounding RA/A Classes) to help mitigate the need for reclassification in the season.
 - Outreach Committee–Ira
 - Purpose: to spend time and create focus to increase participation in SAPA geographically, regionally, and in underrepresented areas
 - Social Committee–Tita
 - Purpose: to create and host social events throughout the season with a culminating event at the end of the season
 - Needs a couple of more people to join
 - If anybody has any ideas/suggestions or would like more information on joining a committee please reach out to the committee members.

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- Education Update-Megan Phillips
 - Discussion of the Education Survey that went out at the end of last season
 - Show design help
 - Critique tips and insight
 - Will focus on creating events that happen in-person on contest days
 - Will have at least one virtual education event with nationally recognized people
 - WGI Con Recap
 - Scholarships
 - www.wgi.org/futureleaders
 - Music Licensing
 - www.clicknclear.com
 - Steering Committee is making a tool for initially classifying your unit at the beginning of the season
 - SAPA Scholarship Revamping is happening this year

A discussion of new business was held next.

- Executive Director-Brian Giddens
 - Organization revamp review is ongoing in order to set up SAPA for future board/staff
 - Fees will be \$700 for the first unit, \$650 for additional units in response to operating costs
 - Members will be required to attend 3 shows in order to attend championships
 - Safesport
 - In order to align with WGI policies, all staff will be required to take Safesport. If you took it last year, you are good under WGI guidelines.
 - There will be a SAPA portal created in order to register for Safesport if you need to
 - Due by 12/15
 - Background Checks
 - OneSource is a tool to help you have background checks on your staff.
 - If you are a scholastic organization, you just need to notify SAPA of your process and proof of background checks.
 - Due by 12/15

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- President of SAPA-Tita Anderson Lovell
 - Creating a SAPA Dropbox link in order for the membership to ask questions/voice concerns. It will be posted in Director's Only
 - Presentation of new Mission Statements
 - It will be voted upon at the Spring Meeting

Meeting Adjournment 1:56pm

Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes

To vote on approval of the fall meeting minutes, please access your CompetitionSuite account from a web browser.

Review of Reports

- President & Vice President of SAPA
- Executive Director
- Colorguard Education
- Director of Circuit Operations
- Director of Contest Operations

President Vice President Executive Director

- 2023 season
- SAPA in WGI



SAPA in WGI

- **Regionals Attended:** 5
- **Regional Performances:** 48
- **All classes represented:** SRA, SA, SNA, SO, IA, IO, IW
- **World Championships Attendees:** 18
- **World Championships Semi Finalists:** 7
- **World Championships Finalists:** 4



RECLASSIFICATION REPORT





28 UNITS WERE REVIEWED
24 WERE RECLASSIFIED

CADET B TO CADET A-7
NOVICE TO SRA- 8
SRA to A- 7
IRA to IA- 1



RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS

CADET A	SCORE (RANGE 75.52-83.7)	PLACEMENT
Buford Cadets	77.98	6/8
Mill Creek Cadets	83.7	1/8
Cleveland Middle School	78.31	5/8
Sprayberry Cadets	81.8	2/8
Etowah Cadets	77.5	7/8
Peachtree Ridge Cadets	75.52	8/8
Mason Creek MS		



RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS

SRA	SCORE (RANGE 67.54-88.83)	PLACEMENT
Villa Rica JV	80.32	6/14
Buford JV	76.15	10/14
Chamblee HS	76.1	9/13
Seckinger HS	81.14	6/14
East Forsyth HS		
Coosa HS	79.86	8/14
Jefferson HS	84.74	4/14
Heard County	76.95	11/14
Sandy Creek HS	78.85	9/14



RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS

A CLASS	SCORE (RANGE 70.65-85.495)	PLACEMENT
Carrollton HS	74.095	9/11
Peachtree Ridge	80.46	5/11
South Forsyth JV	78.33	6/10
Fayette County	76.105	7/11
Kell	75.02	8/11
Hoover JV	83.005	4/11
Upton Lee	75.79	8/11



RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS BY ROUNDS

CAD A - Cadet A

Mill Creek Cadets	83.700
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Sprayberry Cadets	81.880
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North Cobb Cadets	81.240
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North Paulding Cadets	80.500
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Cleveland MS	78.310
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Buford Cadets	77.980
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Etowah Cadets	77.750
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Peachtree Ridge Cadets	75.520
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RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS BY ROUNDS

Scholastic Regional A - Round 1

Sprayberry HS	88.830
Armuchee HS	85.510
West Forsyth HS	84.840
Cleveland HS	82.680
Grayson HS	82.670
North Cobb HS RA	78.960
North Paulding HS	78.890
Woodstock HS JV	77.460
Chamblee HS	76.160
Ringgold HS	76.000
Duluth HS	75.190
Cartersville HS	72.110
Riverwood HS	67.540

Scholastic Regional A - Round 2

Alpharetta HS JV	86.560
Pickens HS	85.970
Sequoyah HS JV	84.500
Mill Creek HS A	83.850
Locust Grove HS	82.330
Seckinger HS	81.140
Johns Creek HS	80.540
Centennial HS	79.320
Ola HS	77.830
Northgate HS	77.220
Heard County HS	76.950
Cherokee HS JV	76.310
North Gwinnett HS JV	76.060
Trion HS	74.580

Scholastic Regional A - Round 3

Newnan HS	87.570
Marietta HS	86.420
Jackson County HS	85.040
Jefferson HS	84.740
Lambert HS	80.740
Villa Rica HS JV	80.320
Gilmer HS	79.950
Coosa HS	79.860
Sandy Creek HS	78.580
Flowery Branch HS	76.470
Buford HS JV	76.150
Archer HS	76.120
Allatoona HS	74.340
East Paulding HS	73.020



RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS BY ROUNDS

Scholastic A - Round 1

Harrison HS	85.495
Sequoyah HS	83.380
Dalton HS	83.285
Rome HS	81.370
Whitewater HS	80.210
South Forsyth HS JV	78.330
Upson Lee HS	75.790
Cherokee HS	75.650
Heritage HS	75.215
Oconee County HS	73.020

Scholastic A - Round 2

Alpharetta HS	84.535
Decatur HS	83.115
Villa Rica HS	82.090
Buford HS	81.650
Peachtree Ridge HS	80.460
Norcross HS A	79.320
Chattahoochee HS	75.905
Central Carroll HS	74.640
Carrollton HS	74.095
Woodstock HS	73.605
Franklin HS	70.065

Scholastic A - Round 3

Lassiter HS	84.820
Cambridge HS	84.330
Pope HS	83.900
Hoover HS	83.005
North Cobb HS A	81.185
Cass HS	79.745
Fayette County HS JV	76.105
Kell HS	75.020
Etowah HS	74.605
Fort Payne HS	74.465
River Ridge HS	72.600



RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS BY ROUNDS

IA - Independent A

Noir Independent	87.985
University of Georgia	82.955
White and Gold WG	79.495
Zodiac Independent	77.315
Fig Independent	75.195



RECLASSIFIED UNITS' CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEMENTS

AVERAGE PLACEMENT CADET A - 6.5/8

AVERAGE PLACEMENT SRA – 6.75/14

AVERAGE PLACEMENT SA – 6.7/11

AVERAGE PLACEMENT IA- 4/5



OBSERVATIONS

- THE RECLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PUT INTO PLACE BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS WORKING
- WE ARE CONSTANTLY EVALUATING EACH UNIT BASED ON THE DIRECT CRITERIA AS WELL AS THE PARADIGM OF THE CURRENT CLASS AS WELL AS THE CLASS A UNIT MAY BE PROMOTED INTO
- EACH YEAR THE RECLASSIFICATION PROCESS IS AUDITED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN/ IMPROVE ITS EFFECTIVENESS



QUESTIONS?

Education Director



- 2023 Season Offerings

1/21 Kennesaw Mountain HS: Unit Walk-Through with Ira Jenkins, Tita Lovell, and Megan Phillips

1/28 Cass HS: Choreography Clinic for Instructors with Corey Hawkins and Robert Moyer

1/29 Harrison HS: SAPA Director Discussions with Megan Phillips and Independent Unit Exhibition

2/5 Virtual Critique with Carrie Smith, Christopher Lester, and Rodney Bailey

3/18 Mill Creek HS: Sabre Master Class with Tavius Cooper

3/4 South Forsyth HS: Unit Walk-Through with Courtney Mills, KC Perkins, and Stephanie Stewart

- Scholarships
- End of Season Education Survey
 - <https://forms.gle/j8LvVpmRNnRKfnMR8>

Director of Circuit Operations



Tickets Sold 2942

Member Count 1847

Chaperone/ Directors 1125

Groups Attended 125

Judges and SAPA 25

Cleveland Volunteers 74

Total in Attendance 6013

Transportation to Chattanooga

Bus / Van 19

Carpool 106

Groups at Hotels 66

Chattanooga Hotels Rooms 686

SAPA Championships 2024

April 5-7, 2024

Chattanooga, Tennessee

McKenzie Arena

Director of Contest Operations



	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of Contests	10	10	6	8	10
Largest Show	59	55	48	60	60
Smallest Show	35	31	39	28	36
Championships	125	113	74	NA	128
Total Performances	602	561	287	373	634

Director of Contest Operations



Kennesaw Mountain	39
Cass	49
Lambert	45
River Ridge	51
Mill Creek	43
Villa Rica	35
South Forsyth	49
Harrison	59
Creekview	58
Kell	49
SAPA Championships	125

Proposal Discussions

Single Proposal (1 presenter)	
Explanation	4 minutes
Q & A Session	2 minutes
Total Time	6 minutes
Multiple Proposals of Same Topic (2 or more presenters)	
Explanation	10 minutes
Q & A Session	2 minutes
Total Time	12 minutes

Proposal #1

Proposed by: Cyndi Church

Proposal: Novice class will use a skill based promotion procedure

Rationale: Instead of using the promotion score procedure for this class SAPA will develop a skills based promotion criteria for the Novice Class. The class is our "beginner" classification and only beginning skills should be represented. The class should focus on training the basic foundations for very clear successful programs by Championships. This past year the class was littered with groups that were displaying skills well outside what would be beginner skills, they may not have reached promotion numbers due to clarity but they did occupy many of the upper spots in the class. Groups that did trigger the promotion process through score were often groups that offered beginner skills with a higher degree of clarity as the season advanced. The SAPA Steering Committee along with the Education Director would be present at the first three weekends of the season to oversee the class as well as monitoring throughout the season. By developing a skills-based criteria the class should be easy for directors to determine if their group resides in the beginner level as well as for SAPA to monitor the class.

Proposal #2

Proposed by: Ira Jenkins

Proposal: Consolidation of the Cadet Classes

Rationale: Based on recent years of cadet class participation (number of units and level of competitiveness), there seems to be no need for more than one class.

Proposal #3

Proposed by: Katie Pacifico

Proposal: PAGE 28

- Order of performance for all classes with 5 or less units will be determined by random draw.
- The Contest Coordinator will evaluate the seeding method for groupings of 9 or fewer.

National standards will be used in determining the final process for performance seeding.

Regardless of the number of units in the SNA class, SNA will be seeded/ranked for championships for the purpose of assigning performance order as done in the SA class and as done by WGI for World Championships.

Amend to: "Order of performance for all classes will use national standards to determine performance seeding."

Rationale: Simplify and streamline all processes for seeding to one standard. WGI does this and provides a rankings page. This is something that could also be added.

Proposal #4

Proposed by: Katie Pacifico

Proposal: Page 28

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Add: "Contest schedule will best accommodate for each day's layout of participants to not affect switching a date based on possible reclassifications."

Rationale: Many mid season reclassifications cause groups to switch dates on the championships weekend. Structuring the schedule to minimize date switches when available will help minimize travel plans to shift

Proposal #5

Proposed by: Katie Pacifico

Proposal: For all circuit shows, all classes with 16 or more entries will compete in rounds as follows using a random draw for performance times: 15 or less=1 round; 16-30 = 2 rounds or 31-45 = 3 round; 46-60=4 rounds

Amend: For all circuit shows, all classes with 13 or more entries will compete in rounds as follows using a random draw for performance times: 12 or less = 1 round; 13-24 = 2 rounds; 25-37 = 3 round; 38-48 = 4 round

Rationale: Scoring accuracy can be improved by decreasing the amount # in a round. I would like to discuss the rationale in more detail. I believe this topic binds multiple discussion topics together.

Proposal #6

Proposed by: SAPA Board

Proposal: Remove Advisory Board at Large from "ODD year" language. Length of term will be adjusted to align with yearly election of advisory board. Position term will be 1 year, effective immediately

Rationale: This is effectively a correction to language as opposed to a change. When the new structure was created, the intent of the advisory at-large position was to give that body an important voice on the executive board. To keep with the intent, and logic of the position, they should be elected each year from the newly elected advisory board.

Proposal #7

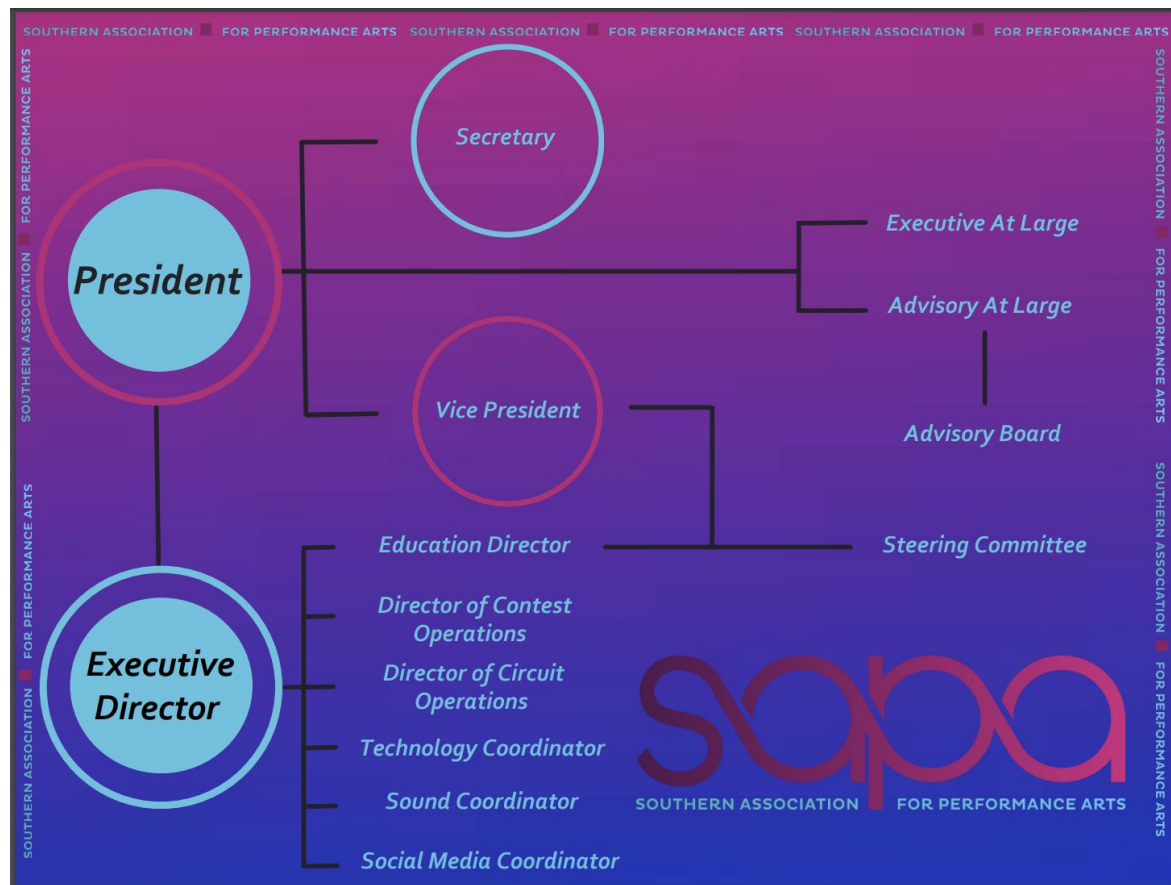
Proposed by: SAPA Board

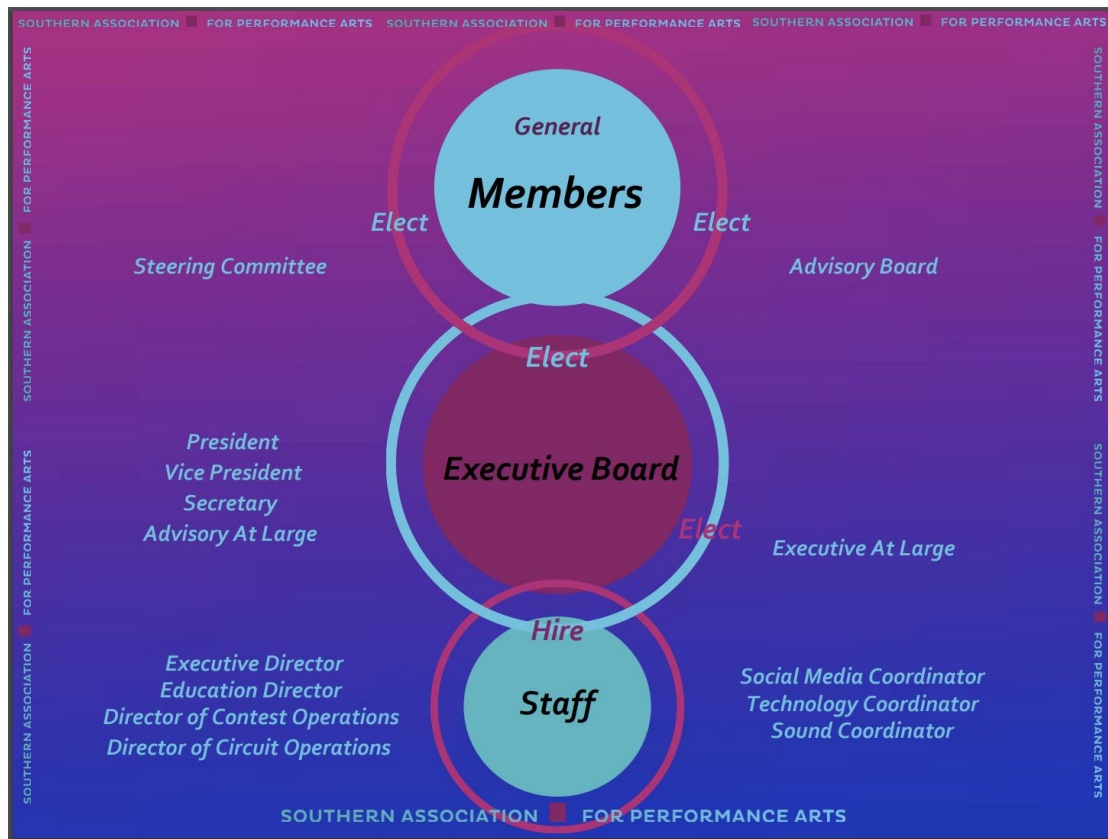
Proposal: Update Mission Statement to: The Southern Association for Performance Arts aims to provide pageantry experiences and performance opportunities that foster growth and education for its members and the greater community

Rationale: This new mission statement more closely aligns with the values that SAPA provides for its stakeholder

Elections

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Advisory Board
- Advisory Board At-Large
- Steering Committee positions (2)





Elections

- Vice President
 - Andria Foerch by acclimation

Elections

- Secretary
 - Clarissa Curtis by acclimation

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - Cadet
 - Jennifer Leslie, North Cobb Cadets

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - Novice
 - Deandre Pearson, Norcross HS JV

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - SRA
 - Rachael Boyd, Newnan HS

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - SA
 - Patrick Nolen Kava, Pope HS

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - SNA
 - Scott Beck, Walton HS

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - SO
 - Marcus Onezime, North Gwinnett HS

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - Independent
 - Katie Pacifico, Edge World

Elections

- Advisory Board Representatives
 - 2 scholastic representatives
 - Holly Brooks, Milton HS
 - Jordan Fleming, Cambridge HS

Elections

- Advisory Board At-Large
 - Marcus Onezime

Elections

- Steering Committee positions (2)
 - Rodney Bailey
 - Billy Pacifico

New Business

- New Business
 - Katie Pacifico
 - Cyndi Church
 - All call
 - SAPA student social
 - Timing questions (2nd announcement)
 - Naming rounds

New Business

- Katie Pacifico
 - Most improved/fan favorite website
 - Steering committee being able to follow up like WGI...and formula to trigger reclassification
 - Independent/circuit relationship
 - Strengthen SRA

New Business

- Cyndi Church
 - Discussion on warm up tent at Championships

Wrap-Up

- SAPA Executive Board & Staff would like to thank you for attending the 2023 SAPA Spring Meeting!
- If you have been elected to the 2024 Board, please remain in the meeting to get additional information.
- Be sure you have filled out the attendance form: tinyurl.com/SAPA23spring