



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS
2018 Spring Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 23rd

Meeting Date: Sunday, September 23rd

Meeting Location: Digital Meeting (not held in person)

Meeting Start Time: 1:04pm

Attendance: 55 units attended digitally (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 2018 Spring Meeting minutes for approval. A copy of the minutes can be found at the following link:

http://www.sapaonline.net/system/files/1_9784321664_2018-sapa-spring-mtg-minutes.pdf

The minutes were approved by a majority vote from the members attending the digital meeting.

An update was given about the state of SAPA and the items that the Executive Board and multiple committees have been at work on since the end of the 2018 season. A copy of the presentation that was given to the membership at the meeting can be found at the following link:

http://www.sapaonline.net/system/files/1_7984188641_2018sapafallmeetingpresentation.pdf

- State of SAPA was presented by Brian Giddens, SAPA President.
 - Financial Update
 - Finances are in good standing
 - SAPA has been officially recognized as a 501c3 organization
 - Judging Committee Update
 - SAPA is looking to grow the judging community
 - Marcus Onezime, Colorguard At Large, gave a presentation on WGI Certify and how it could benefit individuals interested in becoming judges in the future.
- WGI Circuit Symposium updated was presented by Ira Jenkins, Vice President of Colorguard
 - Code of conduct and participant protection was a big item discussed at the symposium
 - In the future, there will be important changes to how groups allow individuals to teach their teams. Background checks for staff, volunteers, and other individuals involved with teams will be a required part of the application process for groups to participate in WGI and SAPA
 - More information will be coming in future months about what SAPA's stance is on participant protection and how we will incorporate WGI's push for safety
 - Safety and security of participants and audience members in the event of an emergency during an event
 - WGI has begun placing focus on the safety of large events and what directors/audience members can do to protect themselves and their units
 - WGI Championships
 - Backsideline seating for non-finalist units will be free!
 - A Class Finals moving back to Friday night at UD Arena. There will be no separate ticket for A Class performances
- SAPA Championships updates was presented by Nora Lowery, SAPA Contest Director
 - SAPA Championships will be held on March 30th & 31st at the UTC McKenzie Arena



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- With the change of AAA and AA classes being absorbed into the larger A Class, the schedule for Championships will be as follows:
 - Saturday
 - Cadet A & B
 - Novice
 - A
 - Sunday
 - SRA
 - IRA
 - IA
 - Open
 - World
- There will be a webinar coming up to discuss details about how A class will be seeded going into Championships
- Nora also presented the regular season schedule.
- Webinar Schedule presented by Brian Giddens, SAPA President
 - All upcoming webinars will occur during the preseason
 - Some will be prerecorded and some will be a live digital meeting to allow for a Q&A component

Meeting Adjournment: 1:47pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell.



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Meeting Attendance

Digitally

Chattahoochee HS
Alpharetta Cadets
Alpharetta JV
Alpharetta Varsity
Brookwood HS Colorguard
Cherokee High School Winterguard
Chimera
Cleveland High School
Cleveland Middle School
Collins Hill High School
Coosa High School
Coosa Middle School
Decatur
Denmark High School
Dunwoody HS Winterguard
Flowery Branch JV
Flowery Branch Winterguard
Forsyth Central Colorguard
Gilmer High School
Greenbrier High School Winter Guard
JSU Center Stage Performance Ensemble,
Kennesaw Mountain Guard
Lakeside Independent
Lakeview Cadets
Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe
Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe JV
Lanier High School
McEachern High School
Mill Creek A
Mill Creek Cadet
Mill Creek HS (Open)
North Gwinnett HS
North Hall High School
Northgate JV
Northgate Varsity
Oconee County HS
Pope HS
Reverie A
Reverie A

Reverie IRA
Reverie Open
Ringgold High School
Ringgold HS
Riverwood Winterguard
Smiths Station HS Winterguard
Sprayberry Cadets
Sprayberry JV
Sprayberry Varsity
University of Georgia Winterguard
Villa Rica JV Winterguard
Villa Rica Winterguard
Walton HS
West Forsyth High School JV Winterguard
West Forsyth High School Winterguard
Whitewater