



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE ARTS
2018 Spring Meeting Minutes
Sunday, May 6th

Meeting Date: Sunday, May 6th

Meeting Location: Alpharetta High School

Meeting Start Time: 1:19pm

Attendance: 47 units were in attendance in person, 5 units were represented via proxy, and 15 units were represented 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 2017 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_4432779484_2017-sapa-fall-mtg-minutes.pdf
The minutes were approved by a majority show of hands.

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_6889466341_2018sapaspringmeetingpresentationreports.pdf

- President & Vice President of SAPA Report, presented by Brian Giddens & Andria Foerch
 - A financial update on the circuit was presented. A finalized budget vs. expenditures report will be available at the Fall Meeting due to a few accounts still waiting to close for the 2018 season.
 - Discussion occurred on the Education Events we held during the season and other tools that were made available to the membership.
 - Discussion on the reclassification that was voted in during the 2017 Spring Meeting was held. The President and Vice President discussed how the reclassification was implemented throughout the course of the season.
 - A discussion about the judges that were made available throughout the year and the concerns surrounding stability in paneling was held.
 - An update on the goal of a nationally-focused SAPA was provided. Key items of discussion:
 - How can we support the units to become more nationally focused?
 - How can we help individual units to become more successful nationally?
 - Outreach
 - Education
 - Judge growth & development for the circuit
 - A form for expressing interest in volunteering for various committees was presented. Please click the following link to fill out the form: <https://goo.gl/forms/BM9DbIQ7c7WHgO6J3>
 - Moving forward: What does the plan for the future of SAPA look like?
 - Executive Board will have a retreat over the summer to develop the future plan for SAPA in addition to helping new members of the board to understand their roles and responsibilities more fully
 - How can we promote SAPA in the future?
 - What is important?



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- At the Fall Meeting, we will discuss our findings and the focus for each board member.
- How can I get involved in SAPA?
 - Plan to attend events. You can have a say in what happens in the circuit if you attend. Have discussions at events and provide feedback so we can make the experiences even better.
 - Have discussions with others. Having discussions with others allows for the sharing of ideas.
 - Participate in surveys sent out over the course of the season.
 - We can make improvements on events, facilities, and other items based on the feedback we receive.
 - How can we make surveys more user-friendly? This is an item we will investigate to create better surveys for the future.
- A few questions came up during the report specifically asking how to determine who is the chief judge at each contest.
 - Ask the Contest Director as each contest. If you have a concern regarding a chief judge at a contest, go directly to Fred Feeney.
- Vice President of Colorguard Report, presented by Ira Jenkins
 - Presentation about the growth of the membership
 - A timeline showing all of the in-season promotion that occurred
 - Discussion about growth of SAPA in WGI
 - Specific charges that we addressed this year:
 - Reach out to learn more about the position
 - Steering Committee
 - Editing rubrics and creating new promotion numbers for the season
 - 3 important factors were considered for a unit to be promoted. Some restructuring will need to occur in the 2019 season based on concerns and problems with the implementation for the 2018 season.
 - Discussion of possibility for new sheet for Cadet & Novice classes
 - VPCG reached out to every circuit in the country to get feedback on if they used different sheets than the WGI Regional A sheet for their Novice classifications
 - Of the units that used a separate sheet, VPCG received copies to view and consider.
 - Promote sharing and discussion for growth for units that do not attend WGI as well as units that do attend WGI
- Education Director Report, presented by Megan Phillips & Rick Subel
 - Classification discussions & review
 - Education Events summary



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- Participation at the beginning is always very strong, but as the season progresses, the attendance decreases.
- If we increased the number of these type of events, would the interest wane over time?
- Ongoing items:
 - Distribution of WGI items and updates
 - Questionnaire of what educational items the membership would like to see addressed
 - WGI 1 on 1
 - Very useful resource & tool for directors without the logistical headache of scheduling individuals to come in physically to see your group
 - Get involved in committees. Attend training and participate in discussions to help grow into the future. Participate in the learning community of SAPA.
- Championships Coordinator Report, presented by Ahmed Al-Shabibi
 - Discussions of statistics for event in terms of number of performers, units, spectators, and other financial items
 - Discussion of warm-up concerns was held during this report.
 - The Championships Coordinator is looking at the potential of having two warm-up locations that run concurrently instead of the current body into equipment. In addition, there might be a possibility of using the gym across the street from the UTC McKenzie Arena as the warm-up facility. A scheduling conflict prevented that from being an option this year.
 - The status of warm-up facilities will be better communicated in the future to prevent groups from being unexpectedly surprised by the size, lighting conditions, or other concerning items.
 - There will be a continuation of selling TeamSAPA shirts as an additional fundraiser for groups attending WGI Championships next year.
 - Wristbands can be available to directors in advance next year to prevent last-minute staff/director/etc. arrivals from missing performances. Wristband registration will be available to directors at all the contests in March in the 2019 season.
 - SAPA App will be growing to be even more important in the 2019 season.
 - The app will be live earlier in the 2019 season to allow for emergency notifications regarding show cancellations, emergency announcements, etc.
 - The app will be used as another way to communicate to the membership, general show attendees, or performers in units.
 - A reminder was given regarding preparing your unit parents/support crews about what is and is not allowed in the UTC McKenzie Arena. The information about these items can be found in the SAPA Championships Information Packet.
 - A discussion about concerns for the distance the equipment trailer parking was located from the UTC McKenzie Arena was held. There will be additional research into the best locations for the equipment for the 2019 season.
- Contest Director Report, presented by Nora Lowery



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- Statistics for unit attendance breakdown for each local contest was provided to the membership.
- A discussion about concerns for warm-up was held.
 - Certain contests cut warm-up times to ensure travel time when it was not necessary. This is a concern that will be addressed for the 2019 season.
- Judge Administrator Report, presented by Scott Beck.
 - There was a presentation of which judge came from which judging association, if they were WGI-qualified, and how many times they judged throughout the season.
 - WGI Certify
 - All WGI-certified judges will have taken this course.
 - How could we determine if non-WGI judges have completed this course?

After the presentation of reports, the membership took a break between 2:32pm and 2:44pm prior to the start of proposal discussion and voting. Please see the list below to see the policy number and the voting outcome. For specifics on each proposal and the vote breakdown, please refer the proposal results document (Link: http://www.sapaonline.net/system/files/1_7332722565_2018-sapa-proposal-results.pdf)

1. Approved
2. Approved as amended
3. Approved
4. Approved
5. Approved
6. Failed
7. Approved as amended
8. Approved
9. Approved
- 10A. Approved as amended
- 10B. Approved as amended
11. Approved as amended
12. Approved
13. Withdrawn
14. Approved
15. Approved as amended
16. Approved
17. Approved as amended
18. Approved
19. Approved as amended
20. Failed
21. Withdrawn



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Executive Board elections were held next. Due to certain proposals that were just passed, there was an additional position that needed to be elected. The positions available were: President, Vice President of SAPA, Colorguard-At-Large, and the newly created Educator-At-Large. The results of the elections are below:

- President - Brian Giddens by acclimation
- Vice President of SAPA – Andria Foerch by acclimation
- Colorguard-At-Large – Marcus Onezime by acclimation
- Educator-At-Large – Ian Lewis by majority vote

Elections were also held to fill the positions vacated by the outgoing members of the Colorguard Steering Committee. Two positions were available for a 2-year term. The results are listed below:

- Rodney Bailey
- Tyler Edrington

After elections, the membership discussed new business.

- The main theme of the discussion revolved around getting involved. There was a call to fill out the interest in volunteering form.

Meeting Adjournment: 5:49pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell.



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Meeting Attendance

In Person

Brookwood High School
Cass High School
Central Carroll Winter Guard
Chattahoochee High School
Douglas County High School
Flowery Branch JV
Flowery Branch Winterguard
Forsyth Central High School
Georgia State
Heritage High School
Hillgrove High School
Jefferson High School
Kennesaw Mountain Guard
LaFayette High School Visual Ensemble
Lakeside Independent
Lambert High School
Lanier High School
Lassiter High School
Marietta Cadets
Marietta High School Varsity
Marietta JV
Mill Creek A
Mill Creek Cadets
Mill Creek Open
Milton High School
North Gwinnett High School
Northgate High School
Ola Winter Guard
Paramount Open

Paramount Winterguard
Pickens High School
R3
Reverie A
Reverie Open
Rome High School
South Forsyth High School
Sprayberry JV
Sprayberry Varsity
West Cobb Cadets
Woodland High School

Proxy

Johns Creek High School
Kell Cadets
Kell High School
Locust Grove High School

Online

Armuchee High School Winterguard
Buford Varsity Winterguard
Chimera
Coosa Cadet
Coosa High School
Coosa JV
Decatur High School
Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School
Norcross High School
Pope High School
South Paulding High School
Whitewater High School