



SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Lakeland HS Sunday, May 3rd, 2015

NEW BUSINESS

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections were held for all offices. The only seats with more than one person running were MCGC and Percussion Representative. The winners were announced as:

President Greg Cole - 1 year term
Vice President of Guard Blair Kuhn - 2 year term
Vice President Percussion Denise Martaus - 1 year term
Secretary Kari Lynn Clark - 2 year term
Treasurer Mike Robinson - 1 year term
MCGC Rep Baron Cruetz - 2 year term
WGI Rep Danny Walsh - 1 year term
Percussion Rep Daniel Chunn - 2 year term

Brian Liwak made a motion that the ballots for the 2016 Board of Directors be destroyed. His motion was seconded by Blair Kuhn with all present in favor.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE

Kathy and Dennis Guy (Merchandise Committee Chairs) addressed the membership and thanked them all for their support over the years. They had recently announced their retirement from MCGC. They were thanked for their many years of support by the Board and wished the best of luck in the future.

2016 DATES OF INTEREST

MCGC Field Day - January 16th
MCGC Championships - April 2nd and 3rd.
WGI Color Guard Championships - April 7th-9th
WGI Percussion Championships - April 14th-16th
There will be no shows the weekend of Easter.

RULE PROPOSALS

Prop 1 Add Tabulators to the list of Contest Coordinator responsibilities.
was seconded by Brian Liwak and PASSED.

Prop 2 Contest personnel payout needs to get to the Treasurer earlier to have time to mail judge's checks to the Contest Director without paying for priority mail.

was seconded by Royal Graves and PASSED.

Prop 3 Season schedule to be submitted to the Board for approval no later than Sep. 1st.
was seconded by Baron Creutz and PASSED.

Prop 4 Include the website and social media in the notice of special elections.
was seconded by Brian Liwak and PASSED.

Prop 5 Split Regional A into Scholastic Regional A and Independent Regional A.
was seconded by Brian Liwak and PASSED.

Prop 6 -Rating system (Gold, Silver, Bronze) for Jr. Regional A was seconded by Nathan and PASSED. It was decided that if proposition 11 passes that this one would be revisited. Prop 11 did PASS so therefore it was moved by Katie Curran to reopen Prop 6. A second was received by Ryan and it PASSED.

Prop 7 Change Regional A to Michigan A, and AA to Regional A, making our Regional A the same as WGI's Regional A was seconded by Royal Graves and FAILED.

Prop 8 Raise dues to \$150 was seconded by Kari Lynn Clark. An amended was made to read "combined, this fee would include membership dues, Competition Suite fee and the remaining would of to circuit upgrades." PASSED

Prop 9 Promotion number sends the unit to the Review Board. The Review Board makes the final call. No petitioning a promotion was seconded by Kim Corney and PASSED.

Prop 10 The majority of judges needed to promote a guard unit must include at least one of the "downstairs" judges was withdrawn by the author.

Prop 11 Gold, Silver, Bronze color guard class was seconded by Kim Corney and amended by the authors to include "not required to pay opt out for Field Day, cannot attend the first two weeks or the last weekend events or championships. PASSED.

Prop 12 Change "non-WGI class" to "Regional A and AA class" was seconded by Killan and amended to read all Regional A and AA. PASSED.

Prop 13 Pulling out of a show should be in writing was seconded by Brian Liwak and amended to read email will be considered written, but text and social media will not. PASSED.

Prop 14 Align Late Withdrawal Penalty with Contest Entry Fee was seconded by Brian Liwak and PASSED.

Prop 15 -Awards at regular season shows should be more than a trophy, plaque, or certificate. was seconded by Royal Graves and PASSED.

Prop 16 -Put "be eligible" in the statement about meeting Championship requirements. was seconded by Sarah Moon and PASSED.

Prop 17 Clarify "meet the requirements for Field Day" was seconded by Brian Liwak and PASSED.

Prop 18 Spell out the fact that Field Day does not count for the minimum show requirement for Championships was seconded by Brian Liwak and PASSED.

Prop 19 Eliminate 100-mile waiver for going to 3 shows was seconded by Brian Liwak and FAILED.

Prop 20 Raise Championships Worker opt-out fee was seconded by Sharon MacDermaid and amended that any left over fees goes to scholarships. PASSED

Prop 21 Aside from their own performance, unit directors will be the only unit staff with access to the front stands during Championships. Regular staff badges will have access to side stands. was seconded by Brian Liwak and PASSED.

Prop 22 Random draw between top and bottom half for Championships performance order. was seconded by Brian Liwak and FAILED.

Prop 23 Raise contest entry fees for percussion. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they do not support this proposal.

Prop 24 Raise Championships entry fee for percussion. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they do not support this proposal.

Prop 25 Add 2 minutes of transition time to warm up. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they feel there needs to be emphasis on playing fair.

Prop 26 Add a Timing & Penalties judge in warm up rooms. This is an SOP. See comments above.

Prop 27 Season schedule should be published within 24 hours of Board approval. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they want it to include date of one week for the Board to approve the schedule.

Prop 28 At any given contest, classes of over 15 units should be split into rounds and each round adjudicated separately. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they support this proposal.

Prop 29 Judges will certify numbers before recaps go out. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they do not care about this proposal.

Prop 30 MCGC class color guards can take part in critique with only the Clinician judge until March. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they do not support this proposal.

Prop 31 Number of award ceremonies at Championships will be determined by the Contest Coordinator in conjunction with the Championships Committee. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they support this proposal with an amendment that allows input from the committee chair.

Prop 32 Championships performance order will be a random draw within groupings of 3. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they do not support this proposal.

Prop 33 Regional A and Jr. Regional A Showcase. Half of each class can go to Championships. Championships performance order will be a random draw within groupings of 3. This is an SOP. and was withdrawn by the author.

Prop 34 Regional Class Championships to be held the week before Championships. This is an SOP. Only 11 members support this proposal.

Prop 35 Championship prelims to be held the week before Championships. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they do not support this proposal.

CHAMPIONSHIPS DISCUSSION

- Hold a Championship show on Friday evening
- Overwhelming support of holding Percussion Championships at a local high school on the same weekend as Color Guard Championships.
- A few people supported an average score prelims (?).

Prop 36 MCGC should give educational scholarships as well as pageantry arts scholarships. This is an SOP. General consensus from the Membership is that they support this proposal.

2016 MCGC COMMITTEES

There are numerous committee's that anyone is more than welcome to join. Please contact the Greg Colr at president@mccg.net if you are interested in being on an MCGC Committee.

COPY/BLANKET LICENSES

We will be looking more in depth into what exactly MCGC's liability risk in regards to hiring a videographer for the Championship show. More information will be brought back to the membership at the fall meeting.

PURCHASES FOR THE 2016 SEASON

We need to make some major purchases this year in regards to some of our equipment. These purchases include:

- A new trailer to haul the floor(s)
- (2) new black floors
- Tablets for the judges
- Sound system upgrades
- Wifi access points for the contest table

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Discussion was brought to the table by Danny Walsh that we ask someone from the membership to act as our social media coordinator. This person who be responsible for posting all things MCGC to various social media outlet's. The Board will discuss this further at the summer retreat.

MCGC NETWORK AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Baron Cruetz presented on behalf of this group of members that would like to form a new committee who's purpose would be to act as a contact point for the membership for questions about what it takes to run a successful program. This committee asked to be recognized as an official committee within the MCGC Rulebook and Greg Cole asked if Baron would be willing to accept the position as the Chairperson. He gratefully accepted.

Motion to adjourn this meeting was taken by Diane King. Meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.
Diane motion to adjourn at 6:21pm



FIRST OFFICIAL 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Dates for a meeting in May were discussed. This meeting will most likely be during the week and via Skype or Google Hangout.

Potential dates for the Board's summer retreat meeting were discussed with a tentative date of June 26th, 27th.

Representatives from Alliance Media addressed the Board and will forward the early contract lock in to the President as soon as possible. If it is signed by May 22nd, MCGC will be given an iPad Mini, a \$500 scholarship donation, and \$600 in merchandise such as video's from events to sell to the MCGC Membership as a fundraiser. This will be addressed at the next BOD meeting.

Discussion was held on Coordinator contracts that have not been finalized by the old BOD. Please watch your email for this important information and a vote.

Because of the current Past Presidents decline to act in the position of Current Past President, Greg Cole would like to ask Brian Liwak to act as a consultant to the Board as the most current Past President. All were in agreement on this.

Adjourned.