



2018 Board of Directors Planning Meeting

Friday July 13, 2018

Present: Craig Rizzi, Dave Pickett, Brian Liwak, Blair Kuhn, Baron Creutz, Danny Walsh, Greg Cole, Ryan Vaughan, Laura Goodman

Meeting called to order at 6:55 pm.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

Reviewed Rulebook descriptions of each position, made suggestions for adjustments and housekeeping based on recent rule proposals.

COMMUNICATION

It was established that communication to the whole membership (or any division en masse) should go to the Secretary and President FIRST to ensure we're not doubling up on information.

We will be using Competition Suite exclusively for emergency communication, and will continue using the BeePro email application to send out general information to the membership. This will be communicated to the Membership so that directors know to view Competition Suite emails as soon as they receive them.

Social Media (Instagram and Facebook) coverage for contests will be outsourced to volunteers. These individuals will be given a clear set of guidelines to follow, and the feeds will still be monitored by the Secretary.

Reps are going to explore the idea of providing a regular newsletter to be sent out to the membership including spotlights on units, reminders, historical items, etc.

Greg Cole gave us a recap of copyright and clarified that we have licenses through ASCAP and BMI to allow us to play music between units performing or during breaks.

Craig will work with Greg to make sure we are up to date on our bills to both organizations.

SOPs

SOP #14: Clarify Insurance and put under Forms in the Rulebook. **Passes.**

SOP #15: Make the Education Committee a Standing Committee. **Passes.**

SOP #16: Clarify that exhibition units do not receive commentary or scores. **Passes.**

SOP #17: Give Contest Directors a raise. **Fails.**

SOP #18: MCGC will match our judge pay (including T&P) to WGI's standards. **Passes.**

SOP #19: Give Tabulators a raise. **Fails.**

SOP #20: Post judging panels for entire season with Field Day schedule. **Passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 am.

Reconvened at 8:30 am, July 14, 2018.

SOP #21: Season schedule to be posted by the fall meeting, not at the fall meeting. **Failed.**

Motion was made and seconded to strike this item from the Rulebook because it is already in the Rulebook elsewhere. **Passes.**

SOP #22: Requiring credentials from judges who aren't part of a current association. **Failed.**

Motion was made and seconded to adapt wording of Contests SOP #6, Judges to reflect current processes regarding judge selection. **Passes.**

SOP #23: Use wristbands instead of badges. **Failed.**

Options were sourced out and researched, we found a company that will accomplish what we need with high quality for about the same budget.

SOP #24: Housekeeping- update critique sign-up explanation. Adjusted wording to set deadline as 11:59 pm on Wednesday before a show. **Passes.**

SOP #25: Allow WGI regional scores to be used in MCGC calculations and seeding processes. Proposal was amended to stipulate that only scores earned at a WGI

contest in the last weekend of MCGC competition will be eligible for factoring into MCGC Championships seeding. **Passes.**

SOP #26: JRA and Regional A guards will perform at Championships on Saturday, WGI-level units, percussion and winds will perform on Sunday. **Fails.**

SOP #27: Hold a Regional A preliminary championships. **Fails.**

SOP #28: Change wording regarding Board's oversight of Championships judges committee. **Passes.**

SOP #29: Remove judge's clinics from under VP's responsibilities. **Passes.**

SOP #30: Remove Judge Clinician program. Amended to say that a Judge Clinician can not view or hear any part of the competitive production, that the program will only be available to Junior Regional A, Regional A and AA class units, and that MCGC will cover the clinician fee and mileage for the Judge Clinician based on availability of judges. **Passes.**

CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was moved and seconded to adopt the following format for our 2019 Championships:

3/23: Color Guard Championships (JRA, SRA, and IRA)

Held at a high school that will go through the bid process, with specific guidelines, expectations, and procedures as set by the Board of Directors to ensure the quality of this elite event.

3/24: Regular season show (no Regional A units)

Percussion only

3/30: Color Guard Championships (WGI and Collegiate units)

Held at SVSU

3/31: Percussion and Winds Championships

Held at SVSU

Motion Passes.

ALLIANCE MEDIA

Danny will communicate to Alliance Media our expectations regarding quality control- specifically requesting more lead time for highlight video review and proposing the idea

of getting access to our own database and importing information from that directly so that all of the information matches.

COMMITTEES

Championships- Motion was made and seconded to strike the line “selecting a location” from the description of the Championships committee. **Passes.**

While we are looking into Championships alternatives and locations, the Contest Coordinator will be responsible for receiving and reviewing bids for these hosts via the accepted show host application process. The Board of Directors will have final approval over which schools will be selected for Championships events.

Historical and Budget- Communication will be sent out by the President opening up these committee chair positions to any interested applicants.

Individuals- Pending finalization of Championships schedule, the Board is looking into making Individuals competition a part of our Championships events.

Rules- Greg Cole will continue as committee chair

Scholarships- New application is in process, trialing an online application to circumvent some errors that caused disqualification in previous years. The BoD will approve the new application before it is finalized, and be involved with approving the grading system as well.

Education- President will charge this committee with creating a new member manual and establishing a system to share existing educational resources and materials (including advertisement of Judge Clinician program). Discussion of a mentorship platform or webinars can happen as well but the Board feels these endeavors will need to be well-researched before enacting them. This committee is also going to work with the Secretary to create a regular newsletter to send to membership.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Because WGI will be holding a special symposium regarding their actions in today’s climate, we will continue our discussion of the Code of Conduct when we have a handle on how WGI is moving forward, and likely align our policies with WGI’s.

WGI SYMPOSIUM

Symposium is occurring September 7 and 8. President will communicate about who will attend the symposium. It was moved and seconded that the Circuit will cover airfare, an additional room if necessary, and one meal for each attendee of the symposium.

Passes.

JUDGES

Juno sent the Board a list of concerns communicated to him by judges who adjudicated MCGC shows in the 2018 season.

Lunch breaks: Minimum length will be 45 minutes

Music Stands: MCGC will permit music stands in the stands for judges. Blair will look into finding tables that the circuit will provide for judges at each contest.

Hotels for Judges: Board will ensure show hosts follow a quality standard for hotels.

Contest Staff Etiquette: We will address some less-than-pleasant interactions that judges have had with contest staff.

Mileage Cap: Judges will be reimbursed for mileage up to \$300.

Yellow Stanchions: We will assess different options to replace the yellow stanchions.

PERCUSSION ROUTING

Dave will put together an informal committee to brainstorm routing issues for Percussion warm-up and will work on having a solution to present at the fall meeting.

ELECTRONICS

Brian will put together an inventory list of the electronic assets that the circuit owns.

Craig will research laptops for soundtrack playback with Competition Suite.

Blair will research the cameras for Review Board recording.

MCGC will seek out an individual to source out and recommend products and solutions to meet our evolving technological needs (laptops, cameras, and west-side sound equipment). Danny will seek to identify someone to fill this position by the Fall Meeting.

TENTATIVE 2019 SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 7: Fall Meeting (Board at 11 am, General Membership at 1)
Technology person will look into livestreaming, Secretary will take this on if no tech person.

November 4th: Guard Hands-On Clinic
November 18th: Percussion/Winds Clinic
January 12, 2019: Field Day
January 19: Guard Only
January 26: Guard Only
February 2: Guard and Percussion/Winds
February 9: Troy Percussion/Winds Regional, Guard Only
February 16: Dayton P/W Regional, Indy CG Regional, Guard Only
February 17: Dayton Percussion/Winds Regional, Indy Guard Regional
February 23: Chicago Guard Regional, Guard and Percussion/Winds
March 2: Chicago Percussion Regional, Guard Only
March 3: Guard Only
March 9: Flint CG Regional, Percussion/Winds Only
March 10: Guard Only
March 16: Guard and Percussion/Winds
March 17: Guard and Percussion/Winds
March 23: Regional A Championships:
March 24: Percussion/Winds only (Individuals?)
March 30: WGI/Collegiate Unit Championships
March 31: Percussion/Winds Championships
April 3-6: WGI Color Guard Championships
April 10-13: WGI Percussion and Winds Championships
May 19: Earliest possible date for MCGC Spring Meeting

Motion was made and seconded to approve tentative schedule. **Passes.**

SPRING MEETING

We will look into options for livestreaming to entire membership

Competition Suite is offering a process for voting on proposals, this will be researched for 2019

SHOW HOST UPDATE

Laura addressed a few mishaps with show hosts (judge transportation, hotels, etc.).

They have all been addressed and the show hosts are aware of the expectations moving forward.

Show hosts will be required to attend an in-person meeting with the Contest Coordinator and President before the season begins.

REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS

The Rules Committee has made some recommendations for restructuring our Field Day event. Danny is going to discuss options with Juno and facilitate a discussion at our Fall Meeting.

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES

We will discuss with the membership options regarding our Championships awards, as far as changing the trophies from 4 to the final placement to more generic plaques. Discussion will take place at the fall meeting.

Championships bid applications will now be available mid-December and due on February 1.

It was moved and seconded to pay Manjit Gill a gift in the amount of \$1000 for exceptional service and providing the circuit with her irreplaceable expertise as Chair of the Championships Committee in 2018. **Passes.**

NON-ELECTRONIC PURCHASES FOR 2019

Brian will work with Dan King to secure an option to replace our trailer which is in disrepair. They will present findings at the Fall Meeting so we can move forward with purchasing.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Scholastic Eligibility and Insurance forms will now be due to the Secretary prior to a unit registering/paying for their first show (four weeks before the show). If a unit has not submitted their paperwork, they will not be put on the schedule for the show.

We will look into hosting Individuals competition in conjunction with a Percussion-only show on March 24.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Baron Creutz", written in a cursive style.

Baron Creutz, MCGC Secretary