

Michigan Color Guard Circuit, Inc.

Judge Coordinator Report 2019
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This year we started the Guard pre-season with a Clinic at Milford HS with Clinicians Mike Anderson and Becca Sullens. We did the clinic the day after MCBA State Finals. There was also a West Side Clinic that was handled by Karen Mae Wesolek. Currently the Education Committee is considering different dates. Both were average attended Clinics and the information shared on those days was extremely valuable for everyone in attendance, many topics were covered and we encourage Guard Directors and Staffs to attend to better suit the needs of the Circuit. MCGC is very fortunate to have 1 Judge on the WGI list, Kim Kuhn. Thank You Blair for helping set up the Clinic

We also did a pre-season WGI Percussion / Winds Clinic with Bobby Jones and Tony Nunez. MCGC is very fortunate to have 3 Judges on the WGI list, Marc Whitlock, Dave Pickett and Blair Kuhn. We encourage Percussion Directors and Staffs to attend to better suit the needs of the Circuit. Thank You to Dave for helping set up the Clinic.

The MCGJA is at 25 members, 10 Guard, 12 Percussion / Winds and 3 T&P. Some of the judges are qualified in multiple Divisions. The MCGJA currently has 5 Perspectives trialing for Color Guard. Out of these 5 Perspectives, 4 are just about through the qualifying process Equipment Karen Plourde, Movement Amanda Rzotkiewicz and Stephanie DeMarco, Effect Danny Walsh.

15 MCGJA Judges, 7 Color Guard and 8 Percussion / Winds had the opportunity for greater exposure with their judging in the States of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Mississippi, Colorado, Texas, Arizona and California.

As always I tried to get in at least 10 new out of state Judges into Michigan. The response was very positive, I was able to get in 16 new Judges this year, 11 for Guard and 5 for Percussion. We will continue to try and get in new Judges every year.

There were very few concerns this year. Biggest concern remains commentary matching numbers.

There were multiple seasonal WGI T&P Webinars to help resolve issues during the season

This year we continued the Judge Evaluation System at every show, responses were very limited. Please fill these out in the future to help with overall growth of MCGC and MCGJA.

All the Show Hosts did an outstanding job in 2019. Thank You Show Hosts for being very accommodating to the Judge's needs.

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As most of you know this was my last season as Judge Coordinator, I thank you for the many years allowing me to be JC and MCGC will be in great hands with the new JC, Blair Kuhn.