

October 8, 2017

Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Brian Liwak, President
Greg Cole, Immediate Past President and Rules Committee Chairman
Blair Kuhn, Vice President of Guards
Dave Pickett, Vice President of Percussion and Winds
Mike Robinson, Treasurer
Baron Creutz, Secretary
Mae Wesolek, WGI Representative
Lindsey Schueller, Percussion and Winds Representative
Laura Goodman, Contest Coordinator
Emma Goodman
Issa Lewis
Ryan Vaughan, MCGC Representative
Juno Orefice, Judge Coordinator

Old Business

Dave Pickett moved to approve Secretary's minutes, Greg Cole seconded. Motion passes, minutes approved.

Baron Creutz moved to approve treasurer's report, Lindsey seconded. Motion passes, report approved.

We will add a link to the Historical page for MCGC on the website.

Tony Florio from Alliance Media has submitted a contract, and proposed adding a livestreaming service for our Championships competition. Board voted to accept Tony's contract without the livestreaming for this year.

StopAction photography will remain working with MCGC for the next three years.

East side storage was paid for through July.

There is no update yet from our members that are working on establishing a Percussion/Winds-specific Championships event.

2018 schedule is finalized- due to limited availability, anyone interested in being trained as a Contest Director is welcome and encouraged to contact the Board.

Dave Pickett moved that Baron contact Anthony Leithauser and then Todd Urbanowicz regarding the responsibilities of volunteering for the circuit as Webmaster, and report back to the Board within a week. Ryan Vaughan seconded, motion passes.

New Business

Dave Pickett moved to reduce clinician fee to \$250 and only have a clinician at first three shows. Mae Wesolek seconded, motion passes. Also established that the Education Committee will pursue a variety of other methods of information delivery.

Dave Pickett moved to approve the budget as discussed. Baron seconded, motion passes.

We will be sponsoring the Visual caption awards at MCBA State Championships again.

We will be hosting one Color Guard clinic and one Percussion clinic. Guard Clinic will be at Milford High School once again, focusing on Regional A and up to A class color guards. A roundtable-style clinic with adjudicators will be held for instructors.

2017 Day of Percussion is being held with percussionists and educators in general as the audience- not just for winter percussion ensemble members.

WGI has raised judges fees to \$400 per contest or \$8 per unit over 50 whichever comes first.

Blair moved to table the raise in judge's fees for MCGC until 2019. Baron Creutz seconded. Dave Pickett requested info from Juno and Juno believes waiting to raise our fees will not impact us negatively. Motion passes.

Mae moved to adjourn the board meeting, Baron seconded, motion passed and Board meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

2018 MCGC Fall Meeting

In attendance: Holly Armstrong

Ryan Stratford

Present: Brian Liwak, President

Greg Cole, Immediate Past President and Rules Committee Chairman

Blair Kuhn, Vice President of Guards

Dave Pickett, Vice President of Percussion and Winds

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Juno Orefice, Judge Coordinator
Sara Moon
Jeremy Neal
Killian Weston
Bryan Ayala
Stephanie Lee
Mekala Moffit
James Sparling
Manjit Gill
Jeffrey Cash
Mackenzie Passmore
Ashley French
Emily Thomas
Will Robinson
Anthony Leithauser

Meeting reconvened with full membership at 1:23 pm.

Thank you Candace for this fantastic facility!

Blair Kuhn moved to accept the minutes, Killian seconded. Motion passes.

Ryan Vaughan moved to accept the treasurer's report, Mae seconded. Motion passes.

Stop Action photography has decided to continue photographing our events for three years.

Alliance Media's contract will be renewed for two years, but we are going to wait on incorporating live-streaming the event. Mackenzie Passmore and James Sparling expressed that their performer's families would likely benefit from the live-streaming service.

There was an error in the Rulebook that was originally posted. The updated Rulebook has been posted on the website and emailed out to the membership. A synopsis of changes in the Rulebook was posted on the website.

Brian reiterated that we will be following the SOP as written: **Championships attendee units for Color Guard will be limited to 75**. If more than 75 units are eligible for Championships, we will follow the outlined process to determine who will be attending.

Mike presented an updated budget with cuts made to accommodate a potential loss. Dave Pickett expressed an interest in exploring the option of show insurance as opposed to maintaining our bank balances. Mike will look into this option.

MCGC will continue to sponsor the Visual Caption trophies at MCBA Championships. MCBA sponsors some of our first place trophies as well. Killian Weston, Sarah Moon and Issa Lewis volunteered potentially to help with our MCGC table at MCBA Championships.

Percussion and Guard Clinics are scheduled and posted on the website. Input was given and received on what guard instructors would like to get out of the clinic!

Brian and Baron attended the WGI Symposium in New Orleans, LA. Detailed notes are posted on the website. Brian discussed highlights from the notes.

Mae posed a few questions to the general membership. First, requested recommendations for renaming the guard Class Representatives to increase clarity of each position. Units have expressed confusion regarding the current names and what the roles of the reps are. Also brought up a potential block scheduling for the circuit to receive payments in a more timely fashion. Discussion was held just gathering general sentiment for Mae's information in preparation for future possible proposals.

James Sparling requested that contest hosts are given prompt and detailed feedback from the surveys that units are asked to complete. Laura has noted it to add a space in the contest application for units to explain improvements or adjustments they have made in response to feedback received.

Sarah Moon motioned to adjourn, Issa seconded. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.