



# 2019 Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

## October 7, 2018

### Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Brian Liwak, Andrew Holmes, Blair Kuhn, Dave Pickett, Danny Walsh, Greg Cole, Baron Creutz, Killian Weston, Jennifer Miller, Trevor Miller, Craig Rizzi, Kari Lynn Clark, Laurasue Holcomb, Juno Orefice, Mae Wesolek, Ryan Vaughan

Meeting called to order at 11:20 am.

WGI has sent out an update to the code of conduct they had established as of the symposium in New Orleans.

Blair Kuhn moved to accept the changes from WGI to the Circuit Partner Master Agreement. Dave Pickett seconded. Motion passes.

Baron Creutz moved to adopt WGI's code of conduct, as it evolves, maintaining a digital version adapted to include MCGC's current Code of Conduct and use MCGC terms on the website that is accessible by the membership. Blair Kuhn seconded. Motion passes.

MCGC will provide a Participant Protection Reporting Form, similarly to that which WGI has established, that will be directly routed to the President, Vice President of Guard, and Vice President of Percussion and Winds.

Communication outline was reviewed and edited to ensure efficient communication between Board members and to the membership. Emails will be created for the committees that do not yet have emails addresses. This outline will be disseminated to each of the committee chairs as well.

Blair moved to accept the Spring Meeting minutes, Mae Wesolek seconded. Motion passes.

Mae moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ryan Vaughan seconded. Motion passes.

Blair moved to accept the 2019 proposed budget. Mae seconded. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn at 1:01 pm made by Dave Pickett, seconded by Blair Kuhn. Meeting adjourned.

## **Full Membership Meeting**

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Meeting called to order at 1:12 pm.

Attendance was taken and introductions were made.

Kari Clark moved to accept the Secretary's Report, Brian Liwak seconded. Motion passes.

Laurasue Holcomb moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Brian Liwak seconded. Motion passes.

Blair moved to destroy the ballots from the Spring Meeting. Laurasue Holcomb seconded. Motion passes.

2019 Contest Schedule has already been presented to the membership, and the membership application opened on October 1.

Blair Kuhn presented on the East Side Color Guard Clinic which will include both a judge's portion and a hands-on clinic for performers, Mae Wesolek presented on the West Side Color Guard Clinic, which is only a hand-on clinic for performers. Information for both clinics is available on the website.

Dave Pickett presented on the Percussion/Winds Clinic. Information for this clinic will be available on our website soon.

MCGC will be offering the option to upload music to Competition Suite like WGI has adopted. Information on this new process will be communicated prior to the start of the 2019 season. We will still offer all other forms of music playback previously offered.

New Championships format was presented and discussed, membership provided suggestions for topics for review including an event photographer for RA champs.

Mae introduced the Circuit Navigator Program, which will assist new units in navigating the ins and outs of MCGC membership.

### **Focus Group Discussions**

1. Individual and Ensemble competition
  - a. We discussed several options including attaching this event to our new RA champs, offering a number of opportunities throughout the season, and hosting a separate event in the off-season, potentially including food trucks, just for this opportunity. The Individuals committee will take these ideas into consideration.
2. Plaques/Trophies
  - a. Recent circuit survey feedback was overwhelmingly in favor of trophies
  - b. Survey was overwhelmingly in favor of placement, not participant, being engraved on Champs trophies. Members present echoed this sentiment.
3. Ageout/Senior Spotlight
  - a. Currently there is an announcement made at Championships recognizing graduating seniors and members aging out of independent groups. Members present expressed that this is sufficient.
4. Committees
  - a. Scholarships committee has been working on digitizing the scholarship app to make the process easier, clearer, and more efficient for both applicants and the committee. Jeremy Neal offered a resource that may help with accepting reference letters and he will work with Kari and Laurasue to explore that option.

Budget was presented to the membership. Kari Clark recommended adding \$500 to allow the BoD and Coordinators to purchase shirts. Budget has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Results of the AA class survey were presented, general feedback was in favor of the current system we have in place.

Brian Liwak presented on the WGI Symposium, specifically the presentation of WGI's Code of Conduct and Participating Group Master Agreements, WGI's new Championships format that involves starting on Wednesday, the elimination of non-finalist tickets (participants at regionals will no longer have to buy tickets to watch finals if they are not performing in finals), and the extension of WGI's commitment to hosting Championships in Dayton. The full report will be posted on the website.

MCGC is adopting WGI's new Code of Conduct in its entirety and adapting it to use terms specific to our circuit and state. The document will be available from our website.

MCGC is also posting a form on our website, similar to WGI's Participant Protection Reporting Form, that will be routed to the President, Vice President of Guard, and Vice President of Percussion and Winds so that MCGC can reach out to the unit in question.

We have received responses on the season survey sent out in late September, and will use that feedback to improve our 2019 season for our membership.

MCGC is seeking an individual to serve as webmaster/techmaster to assist with website maintenance as well as maintenance of our technology.

We will be purchasing a new trailer for 2019, so we will be selling our old trailer. Information on the sale will be communicated soon.

We will also be purchasing updated sound equipment for our contests, we are waiting to find a techmaster to advise on this purchase before moving forward.

We will also be purchasing video cameras for 2019 season to assist with reclassification reviews.

Iggi Courter moved to adjourn the meeting, Zack Novicki seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Baron Creutz". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Baron Creutz, MCGC Secretary