

# Michigan Color Guard Circuit, Inc.

## 2008 September General Membership Meeting

Sunday, October 5th, 2008 at 11:00am at Lakeland High School



Motion made by Sharon to begin the meeting at 1:17pm.

- Blair read and accepted John's resignation letter and announced a special election that will begin with a letter from Blair with a follow up letter from Kari asking for nominees. Members will then be able to vote via email and fill the position for Vice President of Color Guards. Sharon will fill the void in the planning for the guard portion of the clinics for the time being.
- Brian gave an update on our 501 3C status. The Board voted earlier to allocate \$500 to cover a lawyer's expense into helping us with this matter.
- Brian also spoke regarding status on the tabulation technology research. We will be going with Digital Voice Recorders for the judges and a CD will be burned for each unit with their judge's comments on it. We will be only supplying (1) CD. We will be asking show hosts to look into supplying an extra computer so that units might be able to burn multiple copies for their staff members. You must provide your own additional CD's. Feedback from those with WGI Percussion experience was that staff members did not come prepared to listen to the CD's prior to attending critique.
- Please send any problems that you may experience with the website to Kari Lynn Clark at [secretary@mccg.net](mailto:secretary@mccg.net) . The Membership Application is live as well.
- Alan Cook discussed the 2009 scheduled in detail. Todd brought up that we would like to find a show host for the Sunday after the Ferndale Regional and try and keep some of our out of state units to attend an MCGC show. Everett was the only applicant that we were not able to accommodate with a show.
- The two regional's are receiving entries now and doing well. This year WGI is allowing color guards in a Regional A class to compete at a WGI Regional in a scholastic or independent class. MSU is planning on attending the Ferndale Regional as an Independent A class unit and asked the Board for permission to do that. We have allowed Regional units to do this in the past and will accommodate for it now as well. MCGC will still offer a scholarship to any MCGC unit that want to

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attend their first WGI Regional. Once you perform at the regional, we will reimburse your show fee. Information is available at [http://www.wgi.org/events/entryinfo\\_regionala.php](http://www.wgi.org/events/entryinfo_regionala.php)

- MCGC Hands On Clinics will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Color guard and percussion is on the November 22<sup>nd</sup> for students and the Judges and possibly the Instructors is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone, even non-MCGC units are encouraged to attend. Please watch the website for more information or contact any Board Member.
- Spin Fest (September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) and out-state clinics and possible scholarships for staff members to go. The board does not have anything in place as of yet but we should have discussion regarding this over the next few months.
- At the spring meeting the medals given out at Champs were brought up and a need to be able to better identify them. The board has done some research on this and we are going to try a laminated sticker with the class and the date on it. The Board also discussed changing the Individuals medals to look more like the Solo and Ensemble medals with a short ribbon that can be pinned on, also with an identification sticker. Blair will get with Ann Love to see if she can get with the lady that was doing personal imprinting at Championships last year to imprint the Champion flags for us.
- A question was brought up regarding our announcing units at a show and what we will be announcing. We have decided to focus on the performers and follow WGI's approach of just announcing the unit, where they are from and their Director.
- Angie spoke about the Educational Video's that MCGC will be producing for everyone. Marci Carlberg and Michelle Langley have offered to work with us on this. Sharon MacLean knows of a young man at Athens who is willing to tape, edit and produce the video(s) for us. Sharon asked that we should consider giving this young man gas/meal money for doing this for us. Marci's idea is to use young performers with little experience where she can show the in's and out's of basic training. Visually and moving technique for percussion this concept might be a great idea. Also, we discussed offering a video on critique and how to get the most out of your time while in there.

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- The Board has a recommendation regarding critique. Kari will send out an email to all units attending the show the next week asking them to contact her to sign up for critique. There would be a deadline to sign up and units will be placed based on the performance time in the show. The first two weeks your class is offered, we will allow for people to add to the end of the critique schedule. After that, you MUST sign up in advance. This procedure will allow for show hosts to get out of their building on time, for judges to know when they are done for the night and for units to have a better idea of when they will be assigned critique time.
- Discussion was brought up that we need to look into accepting electronic payments either online or at shows for show fees and merchandise. PayPal and Google have options as well for online payments.

Motion to adjourn at by Sharon and seconded by Matt. All in favor. 2:48pm. (New World Record!!!)