

**2017 NTCA  
Spring Meeting Proposals**

CG/PERC/ALL	FROM	PROPOSAL	PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS	RATIONAL	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
ALL	Executive Board	No more than two affiliates of the same school or independent group may serve on the same committee or executive board.	Affiliation shall be defined as director, staff, or marching member of the same school or independent group, regardless of if it is a primary or secondary unit from the same school or independent organization.	This is to ensure diversity and representation from as many schools and organizations as possible in all facets of NTCA.	None
ALL	Estelle Murr Alvarado HS	Define how standing and special committees shall meet.	No standing or special committee shall meet electronically or via conference call more often than they meet in person. All committee meetings will be set in advance and advertised to the membership should additional members wish to attend.	Although non-committee members would not have a vote on the committees, this would allow additional unit directors an opportunity to observe and be more involved, as well as contributing to discussion. This strengthens communication to the general membership, and holds accountable all committee chairpersons.	None
ALL	Estelle Murr Alvarado HS	Define how the executive board shall meet.	The executive board shall meet in person a minimum of four times a year, and the agenda shall be posted for the membership no later than one week prior to each meeting. Membership shall be invited to attend for any agenda items that are not specifically marked for "closed session". In addition, the secretary shall be required to post minutes from "electronic meetings" and conference calls a minimum of once a month.	There is much variance from board to board as it relates to meeting habits and communication to the general membership. This will add a layer of commitment and accountability to the elected board, and will serve as a welcoming invitation to unit directors who wish to be more involved.	None
CG	Executive Board	There will be no promotions from SA to NA.	This includes no promotion score, nor a double medal promotion. Previous season participation in WGI shall no longer mandate a unit compete in NA. The only "promotion" into NA is elective registration/sign-up or if the unit places at semis/finals at any WGI regional or championship in the current season.	NA was originally created for units wishing for a more nationally competitive level and feel at the local level. Some SA units do not wish to compete at this level, and therefore should not be pushed into a national classification if their exclusive desire is to compete locally.	Awards based on number of teams in varying classifications.
CG	Executive Board	SA will split into SAA and SA.	Both SAA and SA will be adjudicated on the WGI SA sheet.	RA has two classifications and so should SA (NA is excluded because it is not a local-exclusive classification). The spread from the top of the class to the bottom is too wide. We need to promote healthy growth for all units in this class.	None.
CG	Executive Board	NA, IA, SO, IO, SW, and IW classes at championships will each compete in a single competitive grouping regardless of the number of groups in each class.	Three medalists shall be awarded in each classification. Units shall be divided into rounds with breaks for judges should there be more than 15 units, but these units shall compete as one class with one set of awards. Seeding will be used to rank groups, and units will perform in reverse order of placement with randomization in neighborhoods of three.	These classes have expressed a desire to have a more competitive setting. Many instructors feel their final outcome is marred by breaking into rounds.	A reduction in cost due to fewer championship awards.
CG	Steering Committee	Amend IV:ii (page 7) of the P&P	Amend to read: ii. INDEPENDENT MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN AN INDEPENDENT UNIT if a participant chooses to leave one independent group to audition for, or compete with another independent unit AFTER THEY HAVE SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR THE CURRENT SEASON, they must have a signed release form from the old group to the new group. This release form must be signed once the financial commitments of the contract have been fulfilled at the discretion of the old group's Director. This release form must be kept on file by the new group's unit director for the duration of the season. All financial transactions between the member and Unit Director should be recorded for transparency purposes.	There has been a lot of misinterpretation of this rule in the past three years. This clarifies to what season the performer is obligated to pay based on their commitment but also keeps us in line with WGI "frowning" upon members owing money but marching in later seasons but not totally restricting it. If they make a commitment to us in the current season, they are responsible. If we allow them to march a full year without collecting fees, that responsibility is on us as directors.	None.

**2017 NTCA  
Spring Meeting Proposals**

CG	Steering Committee	Amend IV:iii (page 7) of the P&P	Amend to read: iii. GENERAL CROSS-PARTICIPATION Performers cannot compete in two color guards, two drumlines, or two wind units from the same school, school system, or feeder track. (Students may participate in the color guard and the drumline, or the drumline and the winds, or the special needs team and the color guard, or the color guard and the winds, etc., but no single performer can be in the Varsity and JV or sub non-varsity from the same school.) Performers can participate in one scholastic and one independent unit at the discretion of their HS principal and the independent unit director, but may not compete with more than one unit per contest in keeping with WGI Rule 1.3 (No color guard performer shall compete in more than one color guard at the same contest.)	Performing in one show is hard enough as a high schooler, much less performing in two on the same day. In order to give them a quality experience, as educators, we must consider what is best for their physical and mental health. WGI does not allow this for this reason, nor should we.	None
CG	Steering Committee	If a proposal is specific to a range of classes (i.e. Cadet-SA or NA-IW) then only directors currently in those classifications can vote.	If other classes like a proposal, then a unit director from the class range can propose the same proposal from the floor to do in their specific class. . (For example: Cadet-SA unit wants to mandate every Cadet-SA team must wear purple costumes. Only Cadet-SA units may vote. NA-IW unit hears this idea and loves it. NA-IW unit proposes from the floor that NA-IW units must wear purple, and only NA-IW units may vote.) If there is a financial impact, then all units in the circuit will vote, unless otherwise stated in the proposal. (i.e. those classes pay separately).	Each class has different “wants and needs”. It should be NTCA’s mission to allow for these differences. More often than not, the conversation is that groups in NA-IW “do not care about the lower classes”. That is simply not the case, it just has different needs/wants, and should be able to express those differences.	None
CG	Arthur Grossman-Juhl Saginaw HS	Championships will be divided NTCA East and NTCA West.	Cadet class to remain before spring break as one event. Novice, RAA, RA weekend 1, SA-IW and Special Needs weekend 2. The board will divide the circuit geographically by school district as equally as possible much like UIL. Independent teams will be assigned an East or West zone based off their geographical location. The circuit administrator will work with the unit director to make the final decision on if a units location identifies as Dallas or Fort Worth. Please note this will only be for Championships. Units will be free to compete in any NTCA sanctioned contest throughout the season.	During the SA-IW Championship weekend many school districts were forced to travel between Coppell, and Haltom City to accommodate JV and Varsity teams. The way scheduling was done some units were subjected to a 20 hour contest day. (5am call time, and 1am return.) Not only is this grueling, but also dangerous for drivers. If school districts were kept on the same campus units would travel less, and be subject to a shorter competitive day.	Possibly more medalist depending on 2018 class sizes.
CG	Christina Hallwachs Burkburnett HS	Create a SAA Class.	This Class would be in between Regional A and Scholastic A but judged on the A class sheet.	SAA would be the next step up for Regional A guards. This simply creates a more natural step at a local level for guards and directors who are new to the A class movement and design. Guards can learn to grow their program mid-season while remaining competitive and still feel successful. The promotion score would allow guards who are able to continue to move forward into the SA class and beyond. I believe this would be successful. This past season we did the same thing with RAA and RA and I was impressed with the quality and numbers in both of those classes. I believe our circuit has grown in numbers to support these multiple split levels. We have a large number of small and large schools mixed together in competition. Smaller steps between the classes at a local level makes it more equitable for newer and smaller schools to move up and achieve success without feeling overwhelmed by the class change. I think this would only aide the continued enhancement of quality and education displayed by all the units competing in NTCA.	Possible adjustment to number of awards.

**2017 NTCA  
Spring Meeting Proposals**

CG	Matthew Rummel Coppell HS	Groups subject to promotion cannot be promoted more than one classification per contest.	This includes groups in RAA that may hit the promotion number to be promoted to SA based on the 3/5 rule as well as groups in SA that may hit the NA promotion number to SA. They will still be afforded the opportunity to compete in the classification immediately higher than their current classification.	Though we are taught that judges judge what is before them, contest dynamics always play a heavy role in the order and numbers assigned to groups. It is possible for a judge to make a wrong call and a group should not be forced to move up multiple classes from the same contest without being allowed to compete in the class immediately above them.	None
CG	James Thomas Southlake Carroll HS	Reduce maximum number of entries in contests.	Friday shows shall be limited to 25 entries. Saturday shows, excluding championships, shall be limited to 50 entries.	Our circuit shows have grown so large that we are going late into the night on a Friday night then expect the judges' panel to be fresh for a contest on Saturday that runs from early morning to well into the late evening. It is imperative that we allow our judging panels the best opportunity to evaluate our units. If we are responsible for creating judge fatigue, then we must look for solutions to rectify this situation. Furthermore, our units are getting home at very late hours due to the length of the shows. We must provide our performers the most safe and rewarding experience possible. This means getting them home at a decent hour and not expecting them to be driving home at 1 or 2 in the morning.	None
CG	Estelle Murr Alvarado HS	Class representation shall be defined and clarified.	1) For purposes of steering committee guidelines, "Upper classes" shall be defined as NA, IA, SO, IO, SW, and IW. "A class" shall be defined as Scholastic A class. "Lower classes" shall be defined as RA, RAA, Novice, Cadet, and Special Needs. Class representation shall be defined by the highest ranking unit from the same school or independent organization. 2) For purposes of election of the two members at large for the executive board, class representation shall also be defined by the highest ranking unit from the same school or independent organization.	This is a factor for steering committee as well as election of the members at large. There is a significant difference in philosophy and ideals between a NA director who happens to have a JV team in Novice or RA and a director whose primary or only team competes in Novice or RA.	None
PERC	Andrew Klein Burleson Centennial HS	Amend T&P requirements in the P&P.	Amend to read: Timing and penalties are waived until after the compete by date.	Most shows do not meet the minimum time requirements at this point in the season. Ensembles also have not yet had experience with setup procedures, or may have early season mishaps.	Will promote more ensembles to compete in more early season contests, increasing profit for NTCA and contest hosts.