

LMCGPC Spring Meeting Agenda

May 18th, 2019

I- Call to Order

By Executive President Craig Byers

II- Reading of the Fall Meeting Minutes

Cortney Lyon moves to dispense of the reading of the minutes. Patrice Turner seconds

III- Board of Directors Reports

1. Executive Director:

Unfortunately there was an issue with dual enrollment for Gulfport HS Colorguard Varsity and JV team. The Board of Directors decided that based off this infraction, for the 2020 season they would have these consequences: Be removed from the Colorguard Advisory Board, they will perform first at all regular season shows for 2020, and they will be on a Probational period for the 2020 season. There will be some new things implemented to help the general membership for show selections-- Including but not limited to the dimensions of floor space, entrance and exit doors on each map. The BOD will visit each venue that will be proposed to host a show for the 2020 season to make sure they meet all qualifications.

We will purchase large digital clocks that includes seconds so that each warmup space runs on time at each show.

WGI will be holding WGIcon on September 6-7th. We suggest all units attend to further their education in the pageantry. They will be holding clinics, performances, and classes to provide all attendees with the best education possible. We will look in to renting a house for the general membership to utilize for the weekend.

2. Secretary

The only proxy's I received for this meeting were for Rhonda McLaughlin.

3. Treasurer

Competition suite worked in our favor all season. There are still issues and kinks that will be worked out but we are continuing in the right direction. Dues should be able to stay the same. There were very few late fees this year, so thank you for staying on top of our deadlines. Everything is paid for except our Scholarships. We started the year off with approximately \$20,000 in our account. We are now at approximately around \$50,000 in our account.

4. Colorguard Representative

We had a very strong year with a lot of growth. Thank you all for making that possible. We remain in good contact with WGI and at the Pensacola Regional we were the strongest circuit represented there. Scholastic A class Finals were mostly

made up of LMCPC Units. With 3 Champions being from our Circuit. We also had a very strong presence in Dayton with several groups making Semi-Finals. We reiterate that you attend WGIcon in New Orleans for educational purposes. There is a possibility of a change for a Colorguard Regional in our area. Details will be announced soon.

Congratulations to all units on a very strong year.

5. Percussion Representative

The Percussion had a great year. For penalties, they would look to have a way to access more information on penalties on Competition Suite. We are in contact with Competition Suite to allow us to add memos to penalties to describe what the penalty was for.

In advisory board, we discussed if we wanted a promotional system for units but that was turned down.

The placement for GE Music judges at championships will be dropped down a tier at Circuit Championships.

We will make the extension cords black and the time lines black.

6. Winds Representative

Our representative is currently in Las Vegas for the WGI Advisory Board.

7. Contest Director

We had more shows in this circuit than any other circuit around us. Thank you to all show hosts for that. There is a possibility for Friday night shows in our future that will be discussed about.

Thank you for adapting to Competition Suite. We were the only circuit in the country to fully incorporate Competition Suite. The creator constantly helped us make Competition Suite as successful as possible and will continue to do the same. Competition Suite is constantly changing and growing, so we will continue using this for our best interest.

The judges are commenting and complimenting the growth of our circuit.

My first year in LMCGPC we had 24 units all together. We are now at 126 units.

IV- New Business

Show Title list will be given to all judges.

When you enter this information in to Competition Suite it will automatically update for the judges. We have no control if the judges will read it, but it will be supplied for them.

Buffer music will be played while a percussion group is setting up for their performance.

V- Old Business

Surveys:

We do take all of that information in to account. We go through the list of each issue and try to solve them.

We will do a better job at making sure each show host has a detailed map where EVERY possible thing is pointed out and taken care of.

We are aware that some gyms aren't big enough but unfortunately it is something we have to just deal with based on availability and dates. The size of the gym is not the only thing we look at, but it is one of the qualifications we look at. We don't necessarily exclude a venue just because their gym isn't large enough.

If the gym floor size is too small, we can possibly eliminate this problem by moving some of the bleachers in.

We will look into having more volunteers helping with the flow of entrance and exit performance venues.

We are looking at getting a very large tent for Circuit Championships to accommodate warm ups. We are also looking in to sectioning off areas for your outside warmups. If this isn't possible, we will look in to getting carpet for behind the curtain.

We are also looking at other venues to host Championships that might be more accommodating.

VI- Proposals

Percussion: Add an additional Percussion GE Judge at all Circuit shows.

Scott Geiger motions to pass. Seconded by Patrice Turner.

Motion passes

Percussion: Change the wording in the Percussion Contest Guideline for seeding at Championships: Each group will have 2 reads before Championships in the class they will be competing in at Championships.

Dwight Hollingsworth motions to pass. Seconded by Deon Williams.

Motion passes

Colorguard: To amend #2 on our Colorguard Promotion System to add a form that will be distributed to all judges at every contest to recommend promotions and demotions in each class.

Deon Williams motions to pass, Seconded by Patrice Turner.

Motion passes

Eliminate all proxy's. Only units in good standing that send a representative from their unit (either a director or a staff member listed on their sheet for the season) will be allowed to vote at the Spring and Fall meetings.

Deon Williams motions to pass. Seconded by Johnette Folse.

Motion passes

When any class is over 20 units competing we should seed guards and divide into two divisions. Odd ranks compete in division River and evens in division Bayou. Top three in each division would then be promoted to the next higher class, including JV units, with the ability to appeal. (This excludes promoting Scholastic A to Scholastic Open at the end of the season). If this proposal passes, it will get rid of all AA classes at the beginning of the season. This will be applied for just Championships.

Patrice Turner Motions to pass. Seconded by Kat Daigle.

Motion passes

(We will try our best) to supply at least one extra judge for Colorguard Championships and average the scores for that caption.

Scott Geiger motions to pass. Seconded by Ashanti Simmons.

Motion passes

After competing your 2 years in your designated class, a unit may register the next season no more than one class lower (if you did not medal), with the option to appeal.

Proposal withdrawn

We are proposing a group of persons for an Educational Mentor Program headed by the Guard Rep distributed regionally to assist directors in their educational efforts on a voluntary basis.

Kat Daigle motions to pass, Seconded by Ashanti Simmons.

Motion Passes

We are proposing to split Championships in to two weekends. Classes and weekends will have to be determined upon registration of each class. Ideally first weekend is cadet/novice, second weekend is regional A and up OR Regional A on first weekend, others on second (depending on sizes of classes).

Tabled until the fall so BOD can look in to different venue options

Have each competing organization/unit send two volunteers on their competing day for Championships to volunteer and work the show. One student volunteer and one adult volunteer. AMEND: Any competing unit that does not send their designated volunteers, or if their designated volunteers don't show up for their shift, will be fined \$50 (to be paid to the LMCGPC) per volunteer that didn't complete their required shift. All fines should be paid before the Spring Meeting of that competitive season. Any unit with unpaid fines will not be allowed to sign up for shows for the next competitive season or vote at General Membership Meetings until all fines are zeroed out. Examples: Bayou High School only signed up and sent one volunteer to work Championships, they will be fined \$50 after Championships. Cypress High School signed up their required 2 volunteers, but neither volunteer showed up to work at Championships. After Championships, they will be fined \$100.

Brad Adams motions to pass. Seconded by Deon Williams.

Motion passes

VII- 2020 Schedule of Events and Deadlines

January 18th

January 25th
February 1st
February 8th
February 15th
February 29th
March 7th
March 14th
March 21st (possibly first Championships)
March 28th Second Championships

VIII- Voting on Officers

Deon Williams nominates Craig Byers for Executive Director. Seconded by Ethel Vega.

Craig Byers is Executive Director

Patrice Trurner nominates Cortney Lyon for Treasurer. Seconded by Rhonda McLaughlin.

Cortney Lyon is Treasurer

Rhonda McLaughlin nominates Clayton Benoit for Secretary. Seconded by Rob Tyler.

Deon Williams nominates Brandon Robison. Brandon declines nomination.

Clayton Benoit is secretary

Deon Williams nominates Crystal Logiudice for Colorguard Representative. Seconded by Patrice Turner.

Kat Daigle nominates Justin Churchwell for Colorguard Representative. Seconded by Ashanti Simmons.

Deon Williams proposes that both nominees be Representative. Seconded by Patrice Turner.

Justin Churchwell and Crystal Logiudice are Colorguard Representatives

Dwight Holingsworth nominates John Dunlap for Percussion Representative. Seconded by Jacob Jennings.

Deon Williams nominates Jacob Jennings for Percussion Representative. Jacob Jennings declines.

John Dunlap is Percussion Representative

Craig Byers nominates Sharie Mahler for Winds Representative. Seconded by Cortney Lyon.

Sharie Mahler is Winds Representative

IX- Next Meeting Date

Kat Daigle votes for August 18th. Seconded by Randy Weaver.

August 18th, 2019 will be our next meeting

X- Adjournment

Black Gold will be holding a clinic at Rayne HS May 25th

Lake Area will be holding a clinic at Rayne HS June 9th

Paramount Clinic will be holding a clinic at Gulfport HS June 28th

Kat Daigle motions to adjourn. Seconded by Deon Williams.