



## Advisory Board Meeting

May 3rd, 2015

at Marion Harding High School, Marion, Ohio

### I) **Bring to Order**

President Steve Wimmers brought the annual Advisory Board Meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Stephanie Miller (Middletown) motioned to suspend the rules. The motion was seconded by Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE). The vote Passes 18-0

### II) **Roll Call (19 total – 13 Colorguard & 6 Percussion)**

In place of roll call we used the sign in sheet to take attendance (See below)

Artistry in Blue – Dave Stinson  
Aurora Indoor Percussion – Will Talaba  
Delaware Hayes – Lindsey Grump  
Donnell Percussion Ensemble – Brian Fortin  
Groveport Madison HS – Brandon Wright  
Hilliard Darby HS – Lou Crognale  
Impulse – Steve Wimmers  
Middletown High School – Stephanie Miller  
New London Winterguard – Lisa Carbone  
Olentangy Liberty – Travis Hicks  
Phoenix Independent Regional A – Austin Nelson  
Phoenix Independent A – Liz Clum  
Phoenix Independent – Chad Clum  
SHOCKWAVE Drumline – Brian D. Sheehe  
St. John's Jesuit Winterguard – Collen Thorn  
Swanton HS – Emily Silveous  
Vermilion – Maxine Clum  
War Eagle – David Wolfe  
Wranglers – Melissa Ritondaro

### III) **Review/Approval of Minutes**

President Wimmers asked everyone to review the copy of minutes and there were any errors to correct. None were brought up.

It was moved by Austin Nelson (Phoenix Independent Regional A) to accept last year's minutes. Will Talaba (Aurora Indoor Percussion) seconds the motion. Motion passes 18-0

#### IV) **Treasurer's Report**

Allison Taylor is in California, President Wimmers said her report has not been received. President Wimmers said overall financially we made \$7,000 at the door and \$500 on t-shirts. The concern is getting to the end of the season and getting it all to line up. It does, but it gets close as money goes out and money comes in. We spent money on a new black tarp and the tablets (judges scoring). Move to table to next year's meeting. Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) moved to table the Treasurer's Report. Stephanie Miller (Middletown HS) seconded the motion. Motion passes 18-0.

#### V) **Education Director's Report**

Director's are out of State or unable to attend today.

#### VI) **President's Report**

Show Coordinator's position was new and President Wimmer's thanked Barry Canan for his efforts and work. Concern is WiFi service show to show consistency. The tablets have been great for consistency, getting comments faster, kids not running up and down stairs.

To save money we didn't burn DVD instead used dropbox. There was a glitch early on, but then it worked out well. Download time is always the main work. Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE) offered their early pre-season show for OIPA to test any new technology etc... so any bugs will be worked out prior to regular season shows.

The damage done to the new tarp will be repaired by the group that damaged it.

#### VII) **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### VIII) **NEW BUSINESS**

##### A) Discussions

Discussions are financial issues that fall to the board but we would like to discuss and get a vote from the membership.

##### **Discussion #1**

**Motion to discuss by Stephanie Miller (Middletown) and seconded Lou Crognale (Hilliard Darby)**

Discuss whether the circuit may be better served by Splitting up Guard, Percussion and Winds Championships.

Rationale: While the format of going back and forth between the divisions is one that the performers, Spectators and staffs seem to enjoy for the most part, the size of the audience created has become near out of control. Also we have an increase in the number of units that perform in the first half of the day leaving before the second half which leads to the question “Are we giving all our younger units the best experience when they are not staying to watch the higher level units that we one day hope they grow into?”

Financial Impact: This could create a positive or negative effect depending on how we structure the weekend.

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

Motion to vote by Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty) and second by Lou Crognale (Hilliard Darby)

Proposal PASSED – 19 (Nineteen) FOR

0 (Zero) AGAINST

0 (Zero) Abstention

## **Discussion #2**

**Motion to discuss by Austin Nelson (Phoenix Regional A) and seconded by Dave Stinson (Artistry in BLUE)**

Bring back the distribution of Starbursts to all performing units

Rationale: This was something that always set us apart from others circuits. The Performers missed this and it was a continual topic of conversation thru out the season.

Financial Impact: Some, when we purchased the Starbursts in bulk prior to the season the overall cost wasn't much higher than the costs of the printed certificates used this past season.

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

Motion to vote by Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty) and Will Talaba (Aurora Indoor Percussion) seconded

Proposal PASSED – 19 (Nineteen) FOR

0 (Zero) AGAINST

0 (Zero) Abstention

## Proposals

### **Proposal #1**

**Motion to discuss by Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Will Talaba (Aurora Indoor)**

OIPA should offer all WGI Wind classifications.

Rationale: To encourage consistency in scoring and commentary for those groups also competing at the WGI level.

Financial Impact: Awards

Submitted by: Jonathan Lischak (Ada HS)

Motion to vote by Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Austin Nelson (Phoenix Independent Regional A)

Proposal PASSED     19 (Nineteen) FOR  
                              0 (Zero) AGAINST  
                              0 (Zero) Abstention

## **Proposal #2**

**Motion to discuss by Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty) and Steve Wimmers (Impulse)**

Reinstate the special awards for OIPA. (Amended to read).

Rationale: As we get bigger we are losing more and more the ideas and values that make our circuit what it is. These awards are small, but important parts of what makes us unique.

Financial Impact: The price of the plaques.

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) & Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE)

Motion to vote by Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE) and seconded by Melissa Ritondaro (Wranglers)

Proposal PASSED— 19 (Nineteen) FOR  
                              0 (Zero) AGAINST  
                              0 (Zero) Abstention

## **Proposal #3 - *Rescinded***

**Motion to discuss by Brandon Wright (Groveport Madison) and seconded by Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE).**

Put Show passes in line with what WGI does for both regular season shows and Championships. 10 passes for staff for regular season shows and the possibility to purchase a plus pass for an addition 7 passes at Championships.

Rationale: This will help WGI units with consistency that participates in both circuits.

Financial Impact: The loss of 3 tickets at regular season shows, but the addition of 7 passes at Championships.

Submitted by: Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE)

#### **Proposal #4**

**Motion to discuss by Dave Stinson (Artistry in BLUE) and seconded by Brandon Wright (Groveport Madison)**

No longer promote flag lines up a class during the season or at championships.

Rationale: Groups choose the flag line division for a variety of reasons and in many cases they are feeder/training units. Promoting a group from Flag Line to Winter Guard may not be in the best interest of those programs due to rehearsal space, money or membership restrictions that the judging panel/circuit would not have knowledge of.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

Motion to vote by Steve Wimmers (Impulse) and seconded by Colleen Thorn (St. John's Jesuit)

Proposal PASSED/FAILED –           11 (Eleven) FOR  
  1 (One) AGAINST  
  7 (Seven) Abstention

#### **Proposal #5**

**Motion to discuss by Stephanie Miller (Middleton HS) and seconded Lisa Carbone (New London)**

Increase the minimum performance time for Senior Flag line and Senior Rifle line to 3 minutes, to correspond with WGI Regional A time.

Rationale: This would allow for the promotion of deserving flag or rifle lines to the regional A class when appropriate. The reason promotion is not used in these cases, when skill set would otherwise suggest appropriate, is the two minute time rule for lines. This would solve this issue and still allow lines to explore all elements of performance and design at an introductory level, as opposed to placing parameters around design and staging choices.

This rule would not apply to Dance Lines, as they would be absent the requisite equipment time for Regional A, by the nature of the idiom.

Additionally, it would appear to make sense that a senior line has a longer timing expectation than a junior line. The criteria for scoring if senior lines could remain the same, simply increase the minimum time requirement.

Financial Impact: Cost of awards

Submitted by: Jonathan Lischak (Ada HS)

No motion to vote, proposal FAILS

**Proposal #6**

**Motion to discuss by Lisa Carbone (New London) seconded by Stephanie Miller (Middletown HS)**

Create a 2nd senior line division that does not permit staging change.

Rationale: Based on the past season there are clear neighborhoods in the senior line division. These should not be present at such a basic level. A non-staging class would still allow introductory groups to explore the activity while allowing their clearly more advanced to explore design choice before making the jump into the color guard class.

Stationary line class could be 1 class whether rifle, flag or dance.

This would leave the current senior line classes as-is.

Financial Impact: Cost of awards

Submitted by: Jonathan Lischak (Ada HS)

No motion to vote - Proposal FAILED

**Proposal #7**

**Motion to discuss by Austin Nelson (Phoenix Independent Regional A) and seconded by Lisa Carbon (New London)**

Eliminate Elementary Color Guard Class

Rationale: This Class has never had many units (for the 2015 Season we had 0 Units) and there is the ongoing debate whether this age level receives any positive reinforcement from the competition structure. The judges sometimes do not feel comfortable placing scores and rankings on such young performers.

Financial Impact: Positive, we will no longer have to provide a trophy/plaque for this class or medals at State Championships. We shouldn't lose any units as groups fitting this classification can register as an Exhibition Unit.

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

Motion to vote by Lou Crognale (Hilliard Darby) seconded by Stephanie Miller (Middletown)

Proposal PASSED/FAILED – 19 (Nineteen) FOR  
0 (Zero) AGAINST  
0 (Zero) Abstention

### **Proposal #8 *Rescinded***

Change the Elementary Color Guard Class from a traditional competitive class to a Rating Only Class (Gold, Silver, Bronze ratings with no scores or rankings)

Rationale: There is the ongoing debate whether this age level receives any positive reinforcement from the competition structure. The judges sometimes do not feel comfortable placing scores and rankings on such young performers. This would allow units to receive commentary along with a rating they can use to measure their growth over the season.

Financial Impact: None, I rating structure would need to be established.

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

### **Proposal #9**

**Motion to discuss by Austin Nelson (Phoenix Independent Regional A) and seconded by Steve Wimmers (Impulse).**

Amend Article V – Administration Letter H. It currently reads  
“Percentage of Percussion vs. Guard Board Members: A minimum of the minority must be on the board based on the equal percentage of the last seasons championship unit participation.”

Amend to read “Percentage of Unit Board Members (Guard, Percussion, Winds): Whenever possible the percentage of board members should mirror the percentage of units of the last seasons championship unit participation.”

“Whenever possible” refers to situations where there are not enough members excepting nominations to fulfill the needed percentages.

Rationale: The growth in the circuit has added a new division and the old article did not take this in consideration. In addition, the old proposal also did not allow for a reversal of members where the Majority of units were not being properly represented by the board structure. (In 2015 the board ended up being made up of only 38% Color Guard Reps when the circuit has 62% Guard Units) Under the current article the board could theoretically be made up of 100% of the minority represented units.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

Motion to vote by Lou Crognale (Hilliard Darby) and seconded by Dave Stinson (Artistry in BLUE)

Proposal PASSED – 19 (Nineteen) FOR  
0 (Zero) AGAINST  
0 (Zero) Abstention

**Proposal #10 - *rescinded***

Add one additional At Large Member to the board.

Amend Article V – Letter B. It currently reads “The administration of the association shall be vested in the President, who shall have a staff of seven (7) officers that shall assist him/her in the duties of the President. All members of the Executive Board will come from the Advisory Board.”

and Letter C that currently reads “The structure of the Executive Board shall be: President (1-year term), Vice President (1-year), 2nd Vice President (1-year), Treasurer (1-year), Secretary (1-year), At Large Member (1-year), At Large Member (1-year), At Large Member (1-year), Past President (1-year, Non-Voting)

Amend Letter B to read “The administration of the association shall be vested in the President, who shall have a staff of eight (8) officers that shall assist him/her in the duties of the President. All members of the Executive Board will come from the Advisory Board..”

and Letter C would now read “The structure of the Executive Board shall be: President (1-year term), Vice President (1-year), 2nd Vice President (1-year), Treasurer (1-year), Secretary (1-year), At Large Member (1-year), At Large Member (1-year), At Large Member (1-year), At Large Member (1-year), Past President (1-year, Non-Voting)

Rationale: The growth in the circuit has added a new division and an overall larger number of units. The Addition of one more member to the board will allow us to form a board that can better represent the membership.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

**Proposal #11 - *rescinded***

**Motion to discuss Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty) and seconded by Stephanie Miller (Middletown)**



Beyond the first two competition weekends penalties cannot be waived unless the T&P judge confirms a mistake was made in the giving of the penalty.

Rationale: Penalties play an important part in the make-up of our activity. It doesn't make sense to have a penalty system and then waive those penalties at contests.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

### **Proposal #12**

**Motion to discuss by Will Talaba (Aurora Indoor Percussion) and seconded by Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty).**

Limit the number of show weekends to a Premier, 4 double weekends (Sat. and Sun. show) and State Championships. *(Amended to whenever possible limit the number of shows).*

Rationale: Every show hosted comes with a large cost to the circuit beyond the show host fee paid to the circuit. The more shows we host the larger expense the circuit takes on. Unless we increase the Membership Fees or the Show Host Fees we need to limit the amount of lose the circuit can handle.

Financial Impact: Positive

Submitted by: Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

Motion to vote by Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE) and seconded by Brandon Wright (Groveport Madison).

Proposal PASSED – 19 (Nineteen) FOR  
0 (Zero) AGAINST  
0 (Zero) Abstention

### **Proposal #13**

**Motion to discuss Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Will Talaba (Aurora Indoor Percussion).**

Increase the spectator ticket prices at the regular show to \$9.00 and at Championships to \$14.00. *(Amended where Championships remain the same at \$13.00).*

Rationale: This would help the show host cover increasing expenses.

Financial Impact: None to the circuit, positive to the show host

Submitted by: Steve Wimmers (Impulse Drumline)

Motion to vote by Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE) and seconded by Lou Crognale (Hilliard Darby).

Proposal PASSED– 19 (Nineteen) FOR  
0 (Zero) AGAINST

0 (Zero) Abstention

**Proposal #14**

**Motion to discuss Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Dave Stinson (Artistry in BLUE).**

Increase the show host fee from \$2,600 to \$2,900. *(Amended the increase from \$3,000 to \$2,900).*

Rationale: We still have concerns with keeping the circuit in financial stability. This would bring in an extra \$4000 to the circuit.

Financial Impact: Positive

Submitted by: Steve Wimmers (Impulse Drumline)

Motion to vote by Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty).

Proposal PASSED – 19 (Nineteen) FOR  
0 (Zero) AGAINST  
0 (Zero) Abstention

**Proposal #15**

**Motion to discuss Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Stephanie Miller (Middletown).**

Increase the membership fees by \$25.00:  
\$525 - WGI Recognized Classes (A, Open, & World)  
\$500 - Other Color Guards (RA) / Drum lines (RA)  
\$475 - Lines / Exhibition

Rationale: This will help the financial stability of the circuit. We have been using Competition Suite since that last time we have raised membership fees. It cost the circuit \$20 per unit to use Competition Suite. This increase would cover the cost for the circuit to use the tabulation program.

Financial Impact: Positive

Submitted by: Steve Wimmers (Impulse Drumline)

Motion to vote by Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Brian D. Sheeche (SHOCKWAVE).

Proposal PASSED/FAILED – 19 (Nineteen) FOR  
0 (Zero) AGAINST  
0 (Zero) Abstention

b) **Calendar.**

Premier tentatively January 16<sup>th</sup> weekend  
Olentangy Liberty January 31<sup>st</sup> or February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Wapakoneta Feb 6/7, March 12/13, 19/20 & April 2/3.  
Firestone March 19/20  
Licking Valley interested but no dates yet  
Central Crossing interested except Feb 13th  
Richmond needs to be paired up with a Dayton site.

c) **Elections, motioned by Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent) and seconded by Austin Nelson (Phoenix Independent Regional A).**

President: **Chad Clum (ELECTED Unopposed)**  
Liz Clum – declined  
Steve Wimmers – declined

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Lou Crognale  
**Sean Bradley (ELECTED)**  
Stephanie Miller  
Brian D. Sheehe - declined

2<sup>nd</sup> VP **Will Talaba (ELECTED)**  
Stephanie Miller  
Lou Crognale  
Colleen Thorn

Treasurer **Lou Crognale (ELECTED)**  
Colleen Thorn

Secretary **Colleen Thorn (ELECTED)**  
Stephanie Miller

At Large **Travis Hicks (ELECTED)**  
**Stephanie Miller (ELECTED)**  
**Dave Stinson (ELECTED)**  
Brian Fortin  
Lisa Carbone

IX) **Adjournment**

Lou Crognale (Hilliard Darby) motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Wolfe (War Eagle) seconded. Passes 17-0.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by the office of OIPA Secretary