

**LMCGPC Fall Meeting**  
**August 18th, 2019**

I- Call to Order

By Executive Director Craig Byers

II- Reading of the Spring Meeting Minutes

Thomas Logan Motions to dispense. Patrice Turner seconds.

III- Board of Director's Reports

1. Executive Director

WGI is requiring all circuit directors to sign a document that says all day to day persons working with your ensemble are background checked. WGI will have a free background check option. Background checks through your school board are also acceptable. WGIcon is coming up September 8<sup>th</sup> weekend in New Orleans. We highly suggest you attend. Please feel free to email any of the Board of Directors with any questions, comments, or concerns. We are trying our best to be completely transparent.

2. Secretary

3. Treasurer

Deadlines and fee prices are all staying the same for the 2020 season. Once you get in to Competition Suite, be mindful with what you're filling out. If you make a mistake, don't try to resubmit, contact Competition Suite to help you with your change—they are extremely helpful. We still require dues to be check or money order.

4. Colorguard Representative

A newsletter, that will be mostly colorguard focused, will be sent out every few months to refresh all directors on any new rule changes, information, etc. It will be strictly focused on educating all directors as much as possible. Please feel free to contact your Colorguard Representative's if you have any suggestions on what should be in said newsletter. We're encouraging all units to try to attend a WGI Regional for experience, especially since we have local Regionals now. We are putting together a Colorguard Mentor program that details will be sent in an email as soon as possible.

5. Percussion Representative

There might be a possibility of percussion units warming up across the street for the E D White and Circuit Championships shows. Be mindful that this change might become a reality. Percussion will now have 4 judges at every show as per what was voted on at the Spring Meeting.

6. Winds Representative

7. Contest Director

Registration Date: November 24<sup>th</sup>

Show Sign Up Deadline: December 1<sup>st</sup>

You can still sign up for both after the date but late fees will be added. Make sure you are on top of the dates and deadlines and are paying as timely as possible. Please check your Competition Suite accounts and make sure they are all up to date. This includes phone numbers, emails, and staff. The best email you can have on file for Competition Suite is a personal email to make sure no emails are

firewalled and blocked (like school emails). A reminder about classifications: All classes with 20 or more units will be one class (Novice, Regional, and Scholastic) until Circuit Championships. Please check out the Spring Meeting minutes for the full rule change. Please be aware that the WGI Pensacola Regional will now be held at Gulfport HS. We are pushing attendance at this Regional as much as we can. We will have a get together the Saturday night of WGIcon at Pearl Wine Bar for all circuit directors. More information will be sent out via email as soon as possible.

#### IV- Old Business

As a Board we have decided that Championships will be split in to two weekends.

#### V- New Business

Circuit Fee Deadline: November 24th

Show Sign Up deadline: December 1<sup>st</sup>

Proposal: changing the verbiage of each school gets a vote to each unit gets a vote. This motion was passed by Wes and seconded by Casey.

We run in to problems that Schools with several units have to discuss and agree on their voting decision. This will be tabled to the Spring Meeting.

Jimi proposes having all meetings moved to Saturday's. Seconded by Patrice Turner.

Suggestion of having a monkey survey sent out to the entire circuit to see what the majority would like. This will be tabled to the Spring Meeting.

Another suggestion would be live streaming the meetings.

Wes moves that "if we live stream the meeting, Have votes count for those who are watching via the live stream not just those who are in attendance." This will be tabled to the Spring Meeting,

The focus should be to have attendance by all units and all units voices heard.

The possibility of having the meetings towards the evenings for possibility for majority attendance.

This also opens up the possibility and options of having the meetings on different days.

This opens up a possibility of recording the meetings, uploading them, and having a week window for all units to vote and send those votes in.

Craig Byers is proposing that our meetings will become live streamed. Through this live stream members would have access to commenting via live stream and discussions via live stream chat. Members will also have the option to view the meeting for up to a week after and send their votes in up to a week after.

Wes suggests that we send this to the Advisory Board so they can word this and work out all kinks. This proposal is tabled to the Spring Meeting.

Casey Caviness would like to remind everyone that the reason we are here is for our students and that we are providing a positive experience for all students.

## VI-Show Schedule

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Comeaux HS (Guard only)

January 25<sup>th</sup> - Jennings HS (Guard only)

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Denham Springs HS (First percussion and winds show)

February 8<sup>th</sup> - Lakeshore HS (Preferred guard only, but all welcome)

February 15<sup>th</sup> - Harrison Central HS (Winds, guard and percussion)

February 28<sup>th</sup> - D'Iberville HS (In the air)

February 29<sup>th</sup> - WGI Gulfport Regional (guard only)

March 7<sup>th</sup> - E. D. White @ Thibodaux Civic Center (Winds, percussion and guard)

March 14<sup>th</sup> - Gulfport HS (Winds, percussion and guard)

March 21<sup>st</sup> - Dutchtown HS (Morning regular show for classes Regional-World as well as any percussion or winds groups, Championships for classes Cadet-Novice that night)

WGI Hattiesburg (percussion and winds)

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Second Championships for guard @ Thibodaux Civic Center (Regional-World)

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Percussion and Winds Championships @ Thibodaux Civic Center

## VII- Spring Meeting Date

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Motioned by Craig Byers, seconded by Patrice Turner

Casey proposes to change the verbiage in our contest guidelines "If you attend a WGI Regional, ONE Regional can count as ONE circuit show regardless if you're attending WGI Championships or not". Seconded by Deon Williams.

**Motion passes**

Louisiana Stars would like to send out a thank you for supporting their drum corps this past season. Please stay tuned for audition dates and check out our website to sign up for member interest for the 2020 season.

Lake Area auditions will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. They will continue to compete at Regional(s) and WGI Championships.

Crescent City will be back in Independent A class. Auditions will be September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Both days are not mandatory. Their goal is to attend Regional(s) and WGI Championships.

Acadiana Independent auditions will be September 15<sup>th</sup>. Acadiana will be attending the Gulfport Regional and World Championships.

Gulfport would like to thank you for your support of their WGI Regional. Their goal is to make this last as long as possible. Wes apologizes on behalf of Gulfport for their violation this past season. There were 3 members who were included in both varsity and junior varsity productions and were included in both member roster forms. The circuit

would like to also apologize for not catching this discrepancy on the roster forms. With that being said the board is relinquishing our additional penalties we initially voted upon.

VIII- Adjournment

Cortney Lyon motions to dismiss. Deon Williams seconded.