



## **Fall Meeting Minutes November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Welcoming and Introductions of Units/ E-Board – Susan, Circuit Administrator

UWPA Consolidation – Justin, Northern Rep

- Drumline's Fee - \$450 for 3 competitions including Championships, however the Fee will be raised if more competitions are added
- Drumline competitions will be held before guard comps depending on the venue availabilities with the exception of Championships where Drumlines will have their Finals after Winter Guard Prelims and before Winter Guard Finals
- Winter Guards and Percussion groups will be seated on the back side at competitions

Training as Judges – Ashlee, Southern Rep

- Anyone interested in judges training needs to email the UWGA board
- The cost will depend on how many sign up (more people = less cost)
- Training is from WGI materials

UWGA Branding – Susan, Circuit Administrator

- New logo has been designed
- Please request a style guide and permission to use the logos
- All materials must use the new logo and type face and copies were distributed

Staff Badges – Sumer, Education Specialist

- Each guard will receive one director's badge that will be labeled with their name
- These are not traveling badges and must only be worn by the person who is named on the badge
- Additional badges may be purchased for \$20 – checks made payable to UWGA
- These badges permit the holder to sit on the front side at all competitions

Director's List - Stefanie, Secretary

- Please make sure your membership form has been turned in to ensure the director's list is updated
- The membership form is available on the UWGA website and all units, including drumlines, must complete one each year

Protocol - Susan, Circuit Administrator

- Due to problems reported by judges used this past year, the E-Board would like to remind directors and their members there is to be no contacting the judges about competition related issues including scores, comments, etc.
- Also, please be aware of what members have on their web pages (Facebook, MySpace, etc.)
- There have been problems with people abusing protocol through these sites so directors are encouraged to make an account for themselves to monitor member's use

Fee Schedule for Circuit Membership- Justin, Northern Rep

- Voted on and approved at the last Spring Meeting, the E-Board determined that the annual membership fee will be \$750 for this season
- This fee includes the Evaluation show, all competitions, and Championships

- Half (\$375) is due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> with the other half (\$375) due by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>
- No unit will be allowed to attend the Eval show or any other show until their dues are paid in full
- Late fee will be \$25
- Units wishing to compete without paying the UWGA Membership Fee may do so for \$200 per show – these units will not be considered as UWGA members and will not be able to participate in Championships

#### Director's Clinic - Sumer, Education Specialist

- Director's Clinic will be held Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm at West High School
- This is great opportunity to learn new ideas and tools for choreography on your shows
- The fee for this clinic is \$20 and is payable to UWGA

#### Public Relations - Stefanie, Secretary on behalf of Nancy Cannon

- The latest coy of the Circuit's Newsletter, The Spin, was handed out
- Nancy Cannon has arranged with the Governor's office to have a State holiday for the UWGA with the official signing happening March 27, 2009
- Copies of the new UWGA pamphlet was handed out

#### Digital Recorders - Susan, Circuit Administrator

- Tapes will no longer be used at competitions by judges
- In conjunction with UMEA, digital recorders were purchased with UWGA that will then be converted into CD's instead of tapes
- Please make sure you have a stereo that plays mp3 formatted CD's in order to listen to your judge's comments prior to critique

#### Member's Packet - Justin, Northern Rep

- The new director's Handbook that includes the bylaws and rules was distributed
- Please read through these as there are many tools included to be successful this season

#### Evaluation Show - Sumer, Education Specialist

- The Eval show is mandatory for each guard performing in the Circuit
- The judges and E-Board will be making class recommendations at this show
- There will NOT be a tech there this year
- The group will be allowed to choose an open /closed performance; however it is recommended that you allow other groups to watch in order to give your group experience with an audience
- **This is not open to family members and friends - please let them know this ahead of time - only other directors, staff, and guard members will be allowed in the audience**

#### Championships - Ashlee, Southern Rep

- Each group will need a total of two volunteers for Championships – one volunteer for prelims and one for finals
- Drumlines will also need to provide one volunteer for their finals

#### Plaques as Trophies - Stefanie, Secretary

- Each group will receive a traveling plaque this year in lieu of trophies given by the show hosts
- This reduces a significant cost to competitions and also allows for each group to take something home from each show

#### T&P check of equipment infringements - Ashlee, Southern Rep

- The T&P judge will be checking equipment for proper padding and taping with the assistance of the Contest Director
- Please read through you director's manual for the rules on this

#### Show Dates and Times - Susan, Circuit Administrator

- The show hosts and dates have been posted on the UWGA website
- Please check the website for any changes to the competition days and times
- Emails will also be sent to notify you when a host is chosen for the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> show