

2019 RMCGA May Meeting Notes

The RMCGA Membership met on May 19, 2019 at Dakota Ridge High School. A majority of the membership was in attendance.

President Jenn Carrasco called the meeting to order.

Ashley Cook moved for the minutes from the November 4, 2019 to be approved. Corinne Greenrod seconded.

There was no old business or open issues to discuss.

Kendra Whelchel presented information regarding Drums Along the Rockies:

- RMCGA and Ascend Performing Arts are looking for volunteers for Drums Along the Rockies for the following:
 - Program Sales Volunteers – volunteers would sell programs to the audience
 - The 50/50 raffle – volunteers would be walking around during the event to sell raffle tickets. Volunteers for this would also be required to do the 50/50 raffle at the annual Memorial Day banquet with the Blue Knights.
 - RMCGA Booth at DATR – volunteers would man the booth for part of the event, taking shifts with other volunteers.
 - Ascend Performing Arts is looking for a Color Guard to participate in the opening ceremonies of Drums Along the Rockies.
 - For more information, interested parties for any of the volunteer opportunities should contact Kendra ASAP at kendrawhelchel@gmail.com.
- Anyone is welcome to make flyers or other information for the RMCGA table at DATR.
- Ascend Performing Arts will be hosting 3 Friendship Cup competitions during Marching Band Season:
 - September 7, 2019 at Englewood High School
 - September 21, 2019 at Prairie View High School
 - September 28, 2019 at Fountain Fort Carson

A contest schedule update was given. There are 2 potential dates for 2020 State Championships – March 30th and April 11th. The membership discussed their date preference and a survey will be sent out by the Board to gather membership input before deciding the date.

An update about the Denver Regional was given. The 2020 regional will be held on February 22nd. Mountain Range is a potential show site for the regional.

Peggy Sparks gave a budget update. The Denver Regional made around \$4000 and State Championships cost around \$6000 more than originally budgeted. Peggy reported that as a whole, the expenditures versus income was equal.

The membership discussed the proposals:

1. "Establish a committee to review promotion criteria and processes for promotions. The committee will also be responsible for establishing new guidelines if deemed appropriate. The committee will include the Chief Judge, the Vice President, 2 directors of a Regional A class color guard and 1 director of an A class color guard."
 - Author Mike Malewit amended the original proposal to include direction to the Board to create a committee. The membership discussed with input from the Chief Judge.
 - The proposal passed 30/41.
2. "I propose we re-establish a novice type division for HS units"
 - The membership discussed and the Board reminded the membership that the explanation of classes allows anyone to submit a request for an exception in the event they believe their high school students should be allowed to compete in the novice division.
 - The proposal was denied 9/41
3. "Would like to change the senior division to A class sheets"
 - The proposal passed unanimously
4. "At state championships finals, all classes will perform in reverse seed order up to 24 units."
 - After discussion from the membership and input from the Chief Judge, the author Trianna Weller amended the original proposal.
 - The proposal passed 35/41.
5. "To provide more professional and traditional looking medals for our performers"
 - The membership discussed. The cost of the current medals were compared to the potential cost of different medals. The medals the circuit currently gives are bought in bulk and customized for each placement and year.
 - The Board encouraged the membership to submit examples of what kind of medals or awards they would like to see.
 - DJ Stevens moved for the matter to be tabled to the Board. Corrinne Greenrod seconded.
6. "I would like us to consider creating a marketing team"
 - The membership discussed, and it was decided that a committee will be formed and governed by the Board.
 - The Secretary will be responsible for preparing an application for potential volunteers to apply.

- The committee will be responsible for updating the circuit website and social media sites. They will create a “look of the year” for each season and will fulfill duties like organizing the championship program, creating t-shirts for the year and community outreach for events.
 - The proposal passed unanimously
7. “I propose that we add a social media coordinator position to the board”
- The proposal was withdrawn
8. “Amend Article V Section 1(5) of the by-laws to say ‘No more than 1 person per organization can be the President, Vice President, and Secretary at any one time. This rule applies to those individuals who make decisions regarding the unit at any time during the season or attend rehearsals in any way other than a general supporter (family, friend). It includes Director and Financial Director. It does not include any family members.’”
- The membership discussed. The membership expressed the potential for the affiliation rule to be completely eliminated. The proposal was not ultimately amended.
 - The proposal passed unanimously.
9. “With the addition of the WGI Denver Regional to the fees structure the current Membership Application is hard to understand and outdated. Suggested changes are as follows for dues by classification.

2020 Membership Fees:

\$900– First Unit from a school/organization competing in Regional A, AA, A, Open, and World Classes. Includes Music Licensing Fee, WGI Denver Regional Registration and administration fee.

\$750– Secondary Unit from a school/organization/any unit who is based more than 150 miles from Denver, Colorado competing in Regional A, AA, A, Open, and World Classes. Includes Music Licensing Fee, WGI Regional Registration and administration fee.

\$550- Cadet/Novice/Middle School/Senior Member, includes Music Licensing Fee, and administration fee.

** In order to be considered a second unit from an organization – RMCGA must receive a letter from the director of the primary unit stating this is a feeder group.”

- The membership discussed the potential impact the increase in dues could have on units. The amounts were compared to surrounding circuits and the actual cost of the season.

- It was brought up that the dues could potentially deter band directors from allowing schools to have programs. The chief judge encouraged the membership to be resourceful and place emphasis on the importance of winter programs.
- The proposal passed 41/1

The membership voted for Board positions:

- Jenn Carrasco was voted President
- Danniell Isaac was voted Treasurer
- Joe Keating was voted Member at Large
- Kenny Bailey was voted Member at Large
- Adam Abraham was voted Member at Large

2 items were brought up as New Business:

- The Chief Judge asked the Board to direct the new marketing team to create a fund source for units needing extra funds to cover the new costs of membership.
- The Board will send out a survey to the membership regarding State Championships. The survey will include feedback for the one performance format and the preferred date.

Scot McGiveron moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Katie Cox seconded.