

AIA Caucus Meeting
September 18th, 2022

I. Call to Order - 1:06 pm

II. Introduction and Welcome

Delegate Roll Call:

Other Roll Call:

III. State of the Circuit:

- A. Came back strong for 2022 from pandemic and virtual season. Some units are still recovering from COVID and rebuilding.
- B. Championships scheduled for two different weekends due to venue availability. AIA members are members of the entirety of AIA and may attend either or both championship events regardless of where they compete during the season. No special action required.
- C. Financial standing. Predicted a loss for 2022 but instead saw a slight gain.
 - 1. ~\$2,300 in penalty fees: primarily late add fees, no shows and withdrawals go to show hosts, other penalties go to scholarship fund
 - 2. ~\$3,000 in donations
 - 3. ~\$295,000 in gross income
 - 4. ~\$241,000 in expenses during the season
 - 5. ~\$54,000 in net income

IV. WGI Advisory Board Update

- A. Color Guard max number of performers raised to 40
- B. Winds judges have been upped from 3 to 4 judges. Similar to percussion.
 - 1. Judges will be trained on the new sheets. Judges are retrained each year.
- C. Full list posted to the facebook group. Also available on the WGI website.

V. AIA Updates

- A. SRA unit survey and discussion panel with North units
 - 1. Thank you to everyone who participated in either or both of these
 - 2. Continuing to look at possible adjustments to rules and regulations in the future. No plan to address with changes to documents for 2023
- B. Reclassification Proposed New Standard Practice
 - 1. 1st and 2nd place will be reviewed on the day of the show by the judges for reclassification
 - a) Notifications will go out by Monday morning
 - b) Any additional guards with a subscore above the reclassification threshold for the weekend will also be reviewed
 - 2. Can be promoted 1 to 2 classes higher.

3. Announcement at the beginning of each awards ceremony recognizing the units competing in a new class at that show
4. Discussion from meeting:
 - a) Review committee will be the judges on the competition day, which is the same as prior seasons
 - b) Appeal must be submitted within one week
 - c) Standard practice is not codified in the rules and regulations. This does not change any existing rules and regulations.
- C. Colorguard Regional A Championships
 1. Considering Rounds for the regional A classes depending on the size of regional A classes. This may vary between regions.
 2. Discussion at meeting:
 - a) Would the winner of each round be automatically reclassified?
 - b) How are groups placed into rounds? Seeding process that was already in place for prior season up north. Then placed into rounds like WGI.

VI. Procedure Discussion:

- A. Abstentions
 1. Clarification on abstention: abstention means you do not have an opinion and you have removed yourself from vote.
 2. Example: 20 people majority would be 11; if 2 abstain vote is out of 18 and majority is 10
- B. 2 min time limit for discussions
 1. Suzie will unmute when someone “raises their hand” through the system. They will be unmuted for 2 minutes and then muted at the end of their time.
 2. Each person can speak twice per topic. Person who submitted can speak to answer questions.
 3. Revised proposals tabled during the Summer meeting will have 2 minutes to present the revised version
- C. Separate Region Meetings will follow main meeting
 1. South will meet via Google Meet
 2. North will remain in webinar

VII. Whole Circuit Proposals:

27 members voting

Simple Majority vote required to pass rules and regulations

2/3 vote required to pass bylaws

1. Submitted by Jason Derting (Colorguard Judges Coordinator)

Proposal:

Regulation 3.0.2. I propose changing the SRA classes into rounds. Instead of 2 classes with large numbers. There would be 2-3 rounds with names such as Priester Division or Nicholson Division of just blue , redetc. They would be seeded.

Rationale:

.Rounds would be 8 -15 units instead of have 24 in one round with very little numbers

Financial Impact:

Possibly another round of medals to purchase in the North.

Discussion:

- If rounds are implemented at Championships and it works well then it can be revisited as a full season implementation

Withdrawn

2. Submitted by South EBOD

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations

Current:

2.1 The competition season will begin no earlier than the weekend following January 1 and extend no later than April 30.

Proposed:

2.1 The AIA competitive season is a minimum of 10 available weekends prior to the earliest AIA Regional Championship event.

2.1.1 The competitive season will begin no earlier than the weekend following January 1 and extend no later than April 30.

2.1.2 The key dates for each region (coming out dates, end of reclassification) will be the same for both regions. (See 4.1 for more details)

2.1.3 The competitive season may include weekends with no AIA event due to host availability and/or holidays.

Rationale: Clearly define aspects of a competitive season in one location

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Coming out dates have been the same between regions in the past
- Concern with competitive weekends with no competitions. This is due to lack of show hosts, restrictions within bylaws, and wgi schedule

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 23 Nay - 2 Abstain - 1 No Response -

Motion passes

3. Submitted by South EBOD

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations

2.3.4 Any event refunded by AIA WILL NOT count toward fulfilling any Championships attendance requirements and the unit must select another event to fulfill these requirements.

Rationale:

Clarification of current practices

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Inclement weather is not a refunded event and thus does not fall under this rule
- Question about wording of compete in competition with championships qualifications
 - Does this open the door for no shows to count as a compete
- Friendly amendment to add unit event registration fee, accepted
- Friendly amendment to add 2.3.5 2.3.5 A competition for which a unit does not perform will not be counted towards fulfilling any Championships attendance requirements. Note, this does not apply to inclement weather. accepted

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 26 Nay - 0 Abstain - 0 No Response -

Motion passes

4. Submitted by South EBOD

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations

4.1.1 Color guard units (except elementary and middle school classes) must compete in ~~at least one~~ an AIA sanctioned contest or WGI Regional Event hosted by an AIA member by "Colorguard Coming Out Date" which is the fourth competitive weekend of the season. Units ~~They~~ must have competed in ~~TWO (2)~~ at least one additional contest ~~contests~~ by the end of the ~~promotion~~ reclassification period to be eligible for AIA Championships. ~~If a contest in which a unit is registered is cancelled, it will count as one of their required contests.~~

Rationale:

Cleans up wording and matches what we have done for the past few years

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Would changes discussed earlier change the length of the reclassification period? No, does not change. End of reclassification is defined by 5.2.1

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 25 Nay - 0 Abstain - 1 No Response -

Motion passes

5. Submitted by South EBOD

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations

4.1.2 Percussion and Winds units must compete in an AIA-sanctioned contest or WGI Regional Event hosted by an AIA member ~~no later than the last weekend in February, weather permitting~~ by "percussion / winds coming out date" which is the sixth competitive weekend of the season. Units must have competed in at least one additional contest by the end of the season to be eligible for AIA Championships. ~~If a contest in which a unit is registered is cancelled, it will count as one of their required contests.~~

Rationale:

This matches what we have done for the past 6 to 8 years with a fixed date for percussion/winds coming out with consistent wording like it is defined for guard.

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- This will clarify when percussion coming out is. Slight change to weekend.

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 23 Nay - 2 Abstain - 1 No Response -

Motion passes

6. Submitted by South EBOD

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations

4.2 At the discretion of the regional EBOD, any member units not meeting these requirements are subject to additional penalty fees in order to attend Championships.

Note: This will shift the subsequent numbers and not edit the other existing 4.x rules

Rationale:

Codify and clarify existing policy

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Membership would only know if an exception is made if that unit is on the schedule for championships.
- Penalty fee historically has been 1 show registration + a no show fee, ~\$175

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 23 Nay - 1 Abstain - 2 No Response -

Motion passes

7. Submitted by South EBOD

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations

4.1.3 Scheduled contests canceled due to weather will count toward fulfilling any Championships attendance requirements. (See Inclement weather policy)

Rationale:

Clarification of Policy

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Does this need clarification about refunding? Refunding is covered in another rule and regulation.
- Question about units that cannot attend due to inclement weather.

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 25 Nay - 0 Abstain - 1 No Response -

Motion passes

8. Submitted by South EBOD

Proposal:

Rules and Regulations

8.1.3 Those ensembles that are scheduled to participate in an AIA competition but are unable to fulfill their performance responsibility due to inclement weather or terror alert status are required to submit a letter of explanation from their building administrator or school superintendent explaining that their absence was the result of a school administrative decision. The letter must be on school letterhead and submitted to AIA ~~before the next scheduled competition~~ within a week of the missed event. ~~Units will not be allowed to participate further in AIA events until the letter is received by AIA.~~

Rationale:

Clearly defines the period for submitting a letter and we do not enforce the last line.

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Friendly amendment to add Documented absences will still count towards a units championship qualifications. Accepted
- **Friendly amendment to adjust communications accept.** Official documentation (county/school public cancellation notice, email directly from administration, etc...) must be submitted to AIA within a week of the missed event. accepted

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 25 Nay - 0 Abstain - 1 No Response -

Motion passes

9. Submitted by North EBOD

Proposal:

Edit Bylaws Section 8 Subsection C, Point 7, to The coordinators can receive compensation as approved at the September meeting in the annual budget.

Rationale:

Correction of error

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- none

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into bylaws

Yea - 26 Nay - 0 Abstain - 0 No Response -

Motion passes

10. Submitted by North EBOD

Proposal:

H. Administrative Assistant

Paid administrative position to assist with handling paperwork and tracking of documentation. This position will report to the GB. Duties include but are not limited to:

1. Track completion and send reminders related to safesport certifications and background checks.
2. Maintain and verify insurance paperwork.
3. Track completion of copyright forms throughout the AIA competitive season.

Article VI - Governance Board

Insert to B.

8. Appointing an Administrative Assistant. The GB will review annually the performance of the Administrative Assistant and make adjustments as necessary.

Rationale:

This information has become too much for the boards to handle on their own with their other responsibilities.

Financial Impact:

Payment for services

Discussion:

- none

Withdrawn

11. Submitted by North EBOD

Proposal:

Article VIII - Other Staff Roles

A. Public Relations Liaison (replaces current A. Executive Director)

Will report all business to the GB who in turn will report to the regional EBODs and membership.

Plans, institutes, and monitors activities to promote and advocate on behalf of AIA to the best of their ability and always with the participants', directors', business partners', and spectators' best interest in mind. Additional duties include but are not limited to:

1. Actively and continually communicates with the GB to ensure all information is passed to both regional EBODs in a timely fashion.
2. Expand local revenue generating and fundraising activities to support existing program operations and regional expansion

3. Explore cost effective avenues to generate additional funds for AIA
 - a. Partnering with local region vendors to reduce potential shipping costs for awards or t-shirts
 - b. Coordinate with each region's championship committees to determine the best design for championships attire to be sold
 - c. Coordinate design of additional AIA items for sale to all entities familiar with the organization
4. Use external presence and relationships to garner new opportunities
5. Review and evaluate other indoor organizations in order to build potential partnerships.
6. Act as liaison within the circuit between groups and the GB and EBOD.
7. Build relationships with external organizations and business partners to aid in sponsorship opportunities for the organization.
8. Create and carry out social media projects marketing events such as webinars, educational events, and regional Championships.

Article VI - Governance Board

Insert to B.

7. Appointing a Public Relations Liaison. The GB will review annually the performance of the Public Relations Liaison and make adjustments as necessary.

Rationale:

We are not filling the ED spot and this role could help with internal and external outreach in the circuit.

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Is this a paid position? No.

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into bylaws

Yea - 22 Nay - 0 Abstain - 2 No Response -

Motion passes

12. Submitted by Miles Strebeck (Oakton HS)

Proposal:

Strike rule 2.10

Rationale:

It is redundant to 2.10.1. It appears 2.10.1 was offered as replacement but ended up as addition.

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 22 Nay - 1 Abstain - 1 No Response -

Motion passes

13. Submitted by Miles Strebeck (Oakton HS)

Proposal:

Eliminate the Scholastic Novice color guard class (Rule 3.0.2.)

Rationale:

This class is unused.

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Do we want to keep this class in the rules and regulations?
- Possible to get rid of this class and allow exhibition performances in line with other rules and regulations
- Friendly amendment to change to Scholastic Exhibition class. Not accepted due to other rules about exhibition groups. Concerns with having to create things in competition suite interface.

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 6 Nay - 15 Abstain - 3 No Response -

Motion does not pass

14. Submitted by Miles Strebeck (Oakton HS)

Proposal:

Strike Rule 5.1

Rationale:

Already in practice; Relic of distinction between reclassification and promotion

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

None

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into rules and regulations

Yea - 18 Nay - 2 Abstain - 4 No Response -

Motion passes

VIII. New Business Proposals

Proposal:

Article V - Officers

C. Executive Board of Directors

h. Percussion Coordinator

g. Winds Coordinator

D. Elections

North: Odd Years

Percussion Coordinator

Winds Coordinator

South: Even Years

Percussion Coordinator

Winds Coordinator

Article VII - Duties of Officers

Split all instances of percussion/winds

Rationale:

As the Winds division grows it is important that their voices can be heard. AIA has groups that compete regionally and nationally. It is important that we play an instrumental part in the growth of our units and be at the forefront of growth in this division.

Financial Impact:

None

Discussion:

- Concern about disproportionate voice for such a small group of people
- Purpose is to help advocate and encourage more winds groups
- Not having a board position for winds puts them on the back burner and does not promote growth of winds within AIA
- Important for kids and winds groups to have representation, winds have a valuable voice to be heard

Vote:

Motion to vote proposal into bylaws

Yea - 23 Nay - 1 Abstain - 0 No Response -

Motion passes

IX. Appointments

A. Color Guard Judges Coordinator: Jason Derting

B. Percussion and Winds Judges Coordinator: Kent Baker

C. Contest Coordinators

- a. North: Nancy Ro
- b. South: Ruth Corder

X. Adjournment and Dismissal to Regional Meetings: 3:41 pm