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2019-2020 Proposals

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Rulebooks, By-laws and Policy Manual

**Proposal 1    Membership Levels    PASSED**

**Submitted by: Executive Board**

Proposal:    Eliminate Limited Membership Level

**MCCGA Limited Membership=\$225 base fee (no discount offered)**

1. Additional \$200 fee will be charged for each festival entered
2. Additional \$250 entry fee for prelims/finals show and/or MCCGA Championships
3. Also includes:
4. Voting privileges at General Meetings
5. One WGI manual
6. All circuit mailings—email and postal mail

Rationale: The limited Membership level has not been used in most recent seasons. The current pricing model for the limited membership pricing model is more costly than the full membership level should a unit choose to attend the required MCCGA festivals and Championships.

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**Proposal 2    Championships Fee    PASSED**

**Submitted by: Executive Board**

Proposal:    Increase Championships fee from \$50 to \$75

Rationale:    Championships are our largest and most expensive event of the season. The increase in the fee to attend Championships will help to cover the costs of hosting championships which slowly continue to increase.

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### Proposal 3      Championships Format **FAILED**

**Submitted by: Brian Penny and Jennifer Cannon**

Proposal: New Championship Format with Qualifying Area Competition advancing on to Circuit Championships

With the growing circuit, the expense of time and money on Championships is becoming too much for the circuit handle. The need for a more competitive championship experience is needed to help model that of other circuits as well as that of WGI having a clear Class Champion as opposed to round winners.

- In order to advance to Circuit Championships you will need to compete at Area Championships.
  - Area Championships would be held before Circuit Championships.
  - Cadet & IRA Championships will be held on the same weekend as the Area Championships.
  - We will have three sites for Area Championships.
- Area Championships Performance Order – based of current MCCGA seeding procedures

#### Circuit Championship Format

- Classifications included: Regional A - World.
- Target goal for Circuit Championships participation is 70 units total.
- There may be a Championships fee due for those units advancing.
- For Independent A, Scholastic Open, Independent Open, Scholastic World, Independent World classes, 75% of the class advances, unless that leaves out 1 unit, in which case all units would advance.
- The top 50% highest scoring Scholastic A & AA units from each site will advance.
- The top 5 highest scoring Scholastic Regional A units from each site will advance.
- In the event of a tie with the last advancing unit, both units will advance.
- Awards will be given at Area championships for those units who advance to finals.
- Circuit Championships Performance Order will be determined by using a random draw system from all 3 sites.
- Circuit Championships awards will be the same as previous years.

There will be 1 Circuit Champion awarded in each class.

Circuit Championships will have a double panel for all classes

Rationale:

This would cut down on the stress for unit directors who have multiple groups having to juggle performance times that could happen at the same time at different sites currently. This would consolidate the need for extra travel arrangements, as well as capitalize on the host site/circuit profits.

As of 2019 the breakdown of groups are as follow

IW-1 (0-KC/0-STL/1-SPG)

IO-2 (0-KC/1-STL/1-SPG)

SO-4 (0-KC/2-STL/2-SPG)

IA-7 (3-KC/1-STL/3-SPG)

SA-21 (6-KC/10-STL/5-SPG)

SAA-32 (9-KC/15-STL/8-SPG)

RA-60 (22-KC/25-STL/13-SPG)

Not effected by proposed Circuit Championships:

IRA- 8

CADET- 21

IND Cadet-1

Having a more compact and competitive show, the quality of judging will increase due to the lack of shuffling of judges from show site to show site or long periods of time that judges and audience members must sit. This can help those groups attending WGI Championships obtain more information before their last push to WGI by obtaining national judges for Championships.

The financial benefit of having a single circuit championship will help streamline MCCGA with the activity as a whole. A true class champion will be achieved along with larger profits for MCCGA to potentially hold Championships in an arena.

Units not advancing past area competition will be able to attend Circuit Championships at a discount admission price.

Another added benefit is the expense incurred on units who are having to find housing for the weekend due to the long constraints of the day's events.

A central focus from the board can run one contest smoothly and efficiently to help meet the base as a whole when not spread across 3 shows sites and having to handle issues that could arise.

Also, the utilization of advancing to Circuit Championships, the growth of the circuit will increase in skill level fostering healthy competition to strive for 'the next level' for those groups who do not compete at WGI World Championships.

**Proposal 4      Championships Order of Performance**

**Submitted by: Chris Putnam PASSED**

Proposal: Change performance order to match WGI. Once rounds are set, randomize the top half and bottom half of each round. If rounds are not used, randomize top half, bottom half of the class of there are more than 8 units. If less than 8 units, randomize the entire class.

Rationale: Inconsistent scoring from region to region and weekend to weekend makes the idea of “reverse order of performance” an unfair way to create our Championships schedule. Using the WGI approach will indicate to the judges that any group in the top half has a shot to win or medal that day.

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**Proposal 5      Show Host Fee PASSED**

**Submitted by: Chris Putnam**

Proposal: If a festival is cancelled due to weather or other act of God, the festival host will be refunded their host fee or deposit.

Rationale: It seems nonsensical for a host to pay for a festival they didn't host. Not giving refunds will make it a challenge to get hosts, especially in February.

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