

OIPA Advisory Board Meeting

August 25, 2007

Hilliard Davidson High School
Columbus, OH

I. Meeting called to order by OIPA President, Michael Lentz

- A. Michael welcomed everyone and thanked all who attended the meeting. He also thanked Barry for providing the site for the meeting.
- B. Meeting agenda was passed out.
- C. Motion to approved meeting minutes from previous meeting was made: 1st Barry Canan, 2nd Dave Stinson. All approved.

II. Roll Call

- A. The following people attended the meeting: Entire Executive Board and unit directors, interested instructors. *(It was decided not to post attendees names or company names in the meeting minutes until memberships/sponsorships are completed to protect the privacy of all attendees and sponsors. This is in reaction to attendees receiving telephone calls from board members of another circuit following OIPA meetings.)*

III. State of the OIPA Report

- A. **Scholarship:** OIPA is currently developing a scholarship fund. The goal is to secure \$2000. Currently we have approximately \$900. Our goal is to form a non-affiliated review committee to select scholarship winners based on the student qualifications and not on unit affiliation. These may be people associated with the activity but may *not* have a direct connection to OIPA. Scholarship winners will be selected on the basis of merit regardless of unit or class.
- B. **Photographers:** Two offers have been presented to OIPA to become the official photographer of OIPA. Upon reviewing both proposals one photographer has been selected due to their generous bid offering more to benefit our circuit at this time. They will either use photos from years back or any digital photos approved by the board. OIPA will agree to a one-year contract with he photographer. The E-board will put together a photographic contract. Should payment deadlines not be met OIPA reserves the right to terminate the contract and pursue alternate options. The first tentative deadline set for the photo contract will be October 31, 2007. Motion made to accept a photographer as the official Photographer of OIPA: 1st Barry Canan, 2nd Dave Stinson. All approved.
- C. **Contest calendar:** The preview show will be hosted at Delaware Hayes High School. A show has been added at the Nutter Center on February 3. Championships will be held at Hilliard-Davidson HS on March 8. Championships will feature a preliminary contest followed by individual's championships and the day will end with all class finals. This is a one-day event.
- D. **Unit interest:** There has been a spike in people being added to the mailing list. These people include potential members, judges, and staff. Katie is monitoring web traffic and the mailing list.
- E. **Education director:** No final decision has been made regarding the education director. A few additional names have been added. The education director(s) selected for OIPA would be in charge of providing training for our judges as well as providing feedback for our staff(s) and unit members.
- F. **Judging:** Michael sent out a letter to 95 potential judges on Thursday. He has already heard from over 25 all with positive feedback. He is still waiting to hear from the rest of the potential judge list.

- G. **Membership application:** Dave is still working on our membership application. He has promised that it will be available to go up on the website on Monday, August 27, 2007. Judging sheets, policy manuals, contest rules etc...will all be available online very soon.

- H. **Show sites:** Chad will be taking video/pictures of show venues to have up on the website as the season nears. Photos will be linked to the individual show site. Chad is still working on the DVD's for the show. Chad plans to use two cameras and two computers. The only real issue is recording in real time with only 5-minute blocks for some units. Chad will continue to finalize the details of this media avenue. Michael also took a moment to acknowledge and thank Chad for taking the time to have the official OIPA logo designed.

- I. **Individuals' competition:** These will be offered to both percussion and guard. For percussion there is an age limit (being the age out rule set by WGI) to compete in individuals. In the coming weeks we will be outlining the rules and regulations for individuals' competition and setting time limits. It was suggested that if demand increases for the individuals' competition that we may have to use a separate venue for this activity. This could be an auditorium for the performance with awards concluding in the gym. The percussion representation seemed very excited and encouraged that this would flourish among the percussion membership. Video taping on individuals to be tabled to a further discussion. Assistance from the floor was offered to help on the percussion side of things.

IV. Old Business

- A. **Minimum score to advance from prelims to finals:** it was decided that there would be a minimum score that the units would have to achieve to advance from prelims to finals at OIPA Championships. This score would be set at a 60.00 for both guard and percussion.
- B. Michael proposed a contest on Sunday, February 3, 2008 to be held at the Nutter Center main arena. So far the contest calendar does not contain any Dayton area shows. Fairborn High School and another Dayton Area HS have offered to co-sponsor the show.
- C. We briefly touched upon the idea that we need to formulate a contract with the show host site and OIPA to secure the use of the venue for that day. This will be worked on and presented by the September 23 meeting.
- D. Preview day being held at Delaware Hayes HS will cost the show sponsor a flat rate (due to the event being non-judged, the host fee is deeply reduced). Also, for simplicity at this event, the ticket price is a flat \$5 per person.
- E. There was discussion about possibly doing membership dues payments online through pay pal. Dave will check more into this to see if there are fees involved to OIPA. There would still be the option of payment by mail in check also.
- F. Show sign ups will be available online and also registration for shows will be online.
- G. The executive board is researching the idea of official awards company and official hotel chain to be used for all events.
- H. Dave has secured a sound system person for the entire season. Cost has been approved and a contract is being put together at this time.

V. New Business

- A. **Education day:** we are still working on a location and date for an education day. Possible dates for the event would be December 1st or 8th. Barry will check into availability of Hilliard Davidson for this event. We would like to offer clinics for judges, instructor, and students. Onyx World Performers will provide a hands-on clinic for guard students and high profile instructors from outside the area will be invited to teach both guard and percussion. There was talk about bringing in some "big names" to offer the highest quality experience for the students. Additionally, The show event committee will have a training session on the same day.

- B. **Sponsorships:** Michael requested setting up different levels of sponsorship. There has been strong interest in sponsorships and the circuit needs to be prepared to negotiate these contracts quickly. Michael has asked unit directors and interested individuals to assist him in sponsorship efforts. There was much discussion & cooperation in this area.

- C. **Committees:** Michael has formed the following committees and has asked for volunteers:
 - Recruiting:** which would go around to OMEA shows and conventions, etc to provide information about our circuit.
 - Championship:** aid in setting up and arranging the performer experience for the event in conjunction with appointed e-board member in charge of Championships. Schedule and exact day format is still in the hands of the executive board.
 - Line sheet development:** Aid Kristi in forming the line sheets to be used in the circuit.

VI. Announcement of next meeting and motion to adjourn

- A. Michael announced that the next meeting would an Executive Board meeting and will be in the Dayton area Sunday, September 23, 2007 at the Nutter Center in the Berry Room #1 from 11am-3pm. All prospective members are welcome.
- B. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted by:
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OIPA Secretary