

Color Guard

Advisory Board Members will vote for two (2) individuals to fulfill a two-year term for the CG Steering Committee and five (5) individuals to fulfill a two-year term for the Board of Directors.

Steering Committee Nominees	Board of Directors Nominees
Becca Anderson	Chris Cook
Chris Cook	Gabriel Escobedo
Michael Shapiro	Brian Franco-Winn
	Michael Gaines
	Brian Giddens
	Rosie Queen
	Matt Winans

Becca Anderson

Primary Affiliation: Juxtaposition (IW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Steering Committee

Bio/Introduction:

Becca Anderson has been involved within all aspects of the pageantry arts as a designer, instructor, performer, and adjudicator for over 30 years. She was first introduced to the color guard activity at Tarpon Springs High School. She then went on to make a career as one of the few full time female designers in the activity. Becca is currently the Creative director for Juxtaposition Winter Guard and was most recently the creative director for the Mandarins Drum and Bugle Corps since 2021. As an educator and designer she's had the opportunity to work with programs including WGI Scholastic World Finalist and BOA Finalist - Lawrence Central High School, WGI and BOA Finalist O'Fallon Township High School, WGI Gold Medalists Third Legend and Cascades Independent, along with multiple finalists including Carroll HS, Yukon HS, North by Northwest, Friendswood HS, Countryside HS, and many more. Becca was also a WGI Adjudicator from 2015 until 2022 having the honor to judge every class at the WGI World Championships during her tenure. This also concludes Becca's 4th year on the WGI Steering Committee proudly serving the color guard community. Becca resides in both Maui, HI and Eagle, ID with her husband, Mike Anderson and their two puppies, Pookie and Millie. She spends her days as a full time designer and choreographer for programs throughout the United States. In her free time, she loves to surf, snow ski, relax by the pool, and spend time anywhere in the world with her best friends and family.

Other Affiliations:

Bellbrook HS	SW
Carroll HS	SA
Hebron HS	SA
Third Legend	IW
Collage Winter Guard	IO
Yukon HS	SA

Chris Cook

Primary Affiliation: Orlando Visual (IO)

Interested in the following Positions: Color Guard Steering Committee & Color Guard Board of Directors

Bio/Introduction:

With over two decades of experience in WGI as a performer, technician, choreographer, designer, and director, this activity has given me a means to learn, grow, create, and share that passion with the next generation of performers.

My journey began at Colonial High School in Orlando, Florida, and led me to perform with Fahrenheit, Orlando Visual, Carolina Crown, and Pride of Cincinnati. That foundation as a performer shapes how I approach my work today as an active and passionate educator, collaborating with groups of all levels across the country.

Throughout my career I have had the privilege of working with Orlando Visual (2011-2014, 2026), Onyx (2026), FIU Pegasus World (2026), UCF Pegasus World (2016-2019), Noir Independent (2023-2025), Tarpon Springs High School (2026), Cypress Independent (2016-2019), Lyman High School (2009-2019), Troopers (2013-2014), Crossmen (2015-2016), Phantom Regiment (2018), The Cavaliers (2024-2025), Carolina Crown (2019-2023, 2026), and many other color guards throughout the marching arts activity.

I believe in creating positive educational and creative environments where participants feel valued, safe, and encouraged to grow. I am committed to advocating for the performers and educators who make this activity what it

is, ensuring that WGI continues to be a space where creativity thrives, communities are strengthened, and every participant has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Other Affiliations:

Orlando Visual	IO
Onyx	IW
Tarpon Springs HS	SW
Windermere HS	SA
McKinney Boyd HS	SA
FIU Pegasus World	IW
Burleson Centennial HS	SA
Grapevine HS	SA
Northside Christian School	SA

Michael Shapiro

Primary Affiliation: Mayflower (IW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Steering Committee

Bio/Introduction:

Hello! My name is Michael Shapiro. I have served on the steering committee from 2014-2019 and am a member of the current committee, having been voted back on in 2024. I believe I have not only the qualities to continue to serve the organization, some being experience, open mindedness, and problem solving expertise , but the curiosity and desire to do so as well.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Other Affiliations:

Arcadia HS	SW
Marcus Hs	SO
West Broward HS	SW
Impulse	IO

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Gabriel Escobedo

Primary Affiliation: Chino Hills HS (SW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Board of Directors

Bio/Introduction:

Hello!

I currently serve as Director of Guard for Ayala High School and Rancho Cucamonga High School, and assist with Chino Hills High School. I also continue my work as Artistic Director for Pacific Crest Youth Arts Organization and I'm proudly gearing up for my second term as President of WGASC.

This marks my sixth season working with a group represented on the WGI Advisory Board, with experience spanning all three competitive classes. I bring a well-rounded perspective and a deep understanding of the activity at every level, and I'm committed to supporting thoughtful growth, representation, and excellence across WGI.

Other Affiliations:

Ayala HS	SW
Rancho Cucamonga HS	SA
Upland HS	SO
Gahr HS	SO
Los Osos HS	SA
El Toro HS	SA

Brian Franco-Winn

Primary Affiliation: Etude (IW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Board of Directors

Bio/Introduction:

Brian Franco-Winn is a designer, choreographer, and educator in the marching arts and dance fields. He is the director at Étude Winter Guard and Wando High School and a choreographer at Carolina Crown, among other local groups in the Carolinas. Brian has served on the Executive Board and Advisory Council for his local circuit, Carolina Winter Ensemble Association, in various roles since 2015. Outside of the marching arts, Brian is an Assistant Professor of Dance at Winthrop University where he teaches technique, composition, history, and dance education courses.

Other Affiliations:

Wando HS	SA
Fort Mill HS	SA
Nation Ford HS	SA
East Lincoln HS	SA
Byrnes HS	SO
Tampa Independent	IO
TL Hanna HS	SA

Michael Gaines

Primary Affiliation: Etude (IW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Board of Directors

Bio/Introduction:

It is always an honor to serve WGI.

- 1990 to present on Board of Directors (minus a couple here or there)
- 1994 First year on Steering Committee (known as Task Force back then)- served for many years
- 2000 to present on Executive Board (minus a couple here or there)

Other Affiliations:

FIU Pegasus	IW
Carmel HS	SW
Kiski Area HS	SW
James Logan HS	SW
Westlake HS	SO
Pebble Hills HS	SA

Brian Giddens

Primary Affiliation: Origins (IW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Board of Directors

Bio/Introduction:

With more than 30 years of experience in the winter guard activity, I bring a comprehensive and strategic perspective shaped by sustained leadership as a designer, educator, and circuit administrator. Since beginning my work as a competitive designer and choreographer in 1993 with Chimeras Winterguard, I have remained focused on advancing both the artistic standard and educational purpose that define Winter Guard International.

As a high school winter guard director for 17 years, I built and led programs centered on student achievement, access, and long-term development. Since 2013, my work as an independent designer and consultant has expanded my reach across diverse programs, providing direct insight into the operational, instructional, and competitive realities facing units at every level of the activity.

My professional career in education, as a teacher, school administrator, and educational consultant, has strengthened my ability to lead complex organizations, align stakeholders, and implement scalable systems that drive measurable outcomes. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Education, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership, and an Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership for Learning. As a Region Lead overseeing a 17-state West region, I have managed large-scale initiatives across varied educational environments, with a focus on equity, access, and sustainable program

growth. This experience directly informs my ability to think systemically and act strategically in service of the activity.

At the circuit level, I served as Circuit Director for SCGC for six years, where I implemented structural improvements to support consistency, communication, and member success. Through my tenure with SAPA, beginning as Vice President in 2008, serving as President from 2012 to 2023, and now as Executive Director, I have led strategic planning, guided organizational growth, and addressed complex governance and operational challenges. My leadership has consistently prioritized transparency and long-term sustainability.

I am prepared to contribute at the board level by bringing a balanced, informed perspective and a strong commitment to effective governance. I have a proven ability to navigate competing priorities, make sound decisions, and lead with both vision and accountability in complex environments.

I am particularly committed to advancing stronger alignment across circuits and supporting thoughtful expansion that ensures all groups who seek to participate at the national level have a clear, equitable, and achievable pathway to do so. I believe Winter Guard International is uniquely positioned to lead a more unified national framework; one that promotes consistency in standards while respecting regional identity, expands access, and ensures that growth is strategic, sustainable, and operationally sound.

I am committed to ensuring that the organization continues to evolve in ways that are inclusive, operationally strong, and forward-looking, while preserving the excellence and innovation that define the activity.

Other Affiliations:

Noir Independent	IO
Desert Vista HS	SO
Roslyn HS	SO
Milton HS	SA
Lowndes HS	SO
Castle HS	SA

Rosie Queen

Primary Affiliation: Arcadia HS (SW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Board of Directors

Bio/Introduction:

Like so many of you, WGI has been a cornerstone of my life. As a current member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board, I've made it a priority to stay hands-on. Whether I'm chairing the committee for our upcoming 50th Anniversary or volunteering during the Percussion and Winds weekends, I believe in being an active contributor who is ready to roll up my sleeves and help wherever I can.

My experience is shaped by working with a wide range of programs across the country, spanning all classes. I spent 16 years in the Midwest growing the Carmel High School program from Open to World Class, and I now serve as the WGASC Instructor Education Director in Southern California while teaching at El Dorado HS, Arcadia HS, and Icon WG. Between these roles and my design work for groups in Arizona, Texas, Mississippi, and Colorado, I have gained a unique, well-rounded view of the activity. This geographic diversity has given me a deeper understanding of the different needs and challenges that groups face in every corner of WGI.

As one of the handful of women currently serving on the Board of Directors, I take great pride in providing that representation within our leadership team. It is a perspective I value deeply and would be thrilled to serve again.

It would be a sincere honor to be re-elected to the WGI Board of Directors as we work toward our 50th Anniversary. I care deeply about this organization and would be grateful for your vote and the opportunity to continue serving our community.

Other Affiliations:

El Dorado HS	SW
Icon WG	IW
Fenix	IW
Mountain Ridge HS	SO
Fossil Ridge HS	SA
James E. Taylor HS	SA
San Diego State University	IA

Matt Winans

Primary Affiliation: Stoneman Douglas HS (SW)

Interested in the following Position: Color Guard Board of Directors

Bio/Introduction:

My name is Matt Winans, and I previously had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors. I am seeking the opportunity to once again serve in that role and continue contributing to the growth and success of our activity. Throughout my career, I have taught both color guard and percussion programs across all classifications, working with ensembles throughout the nation. In addition to my instructional experience, I am actively involved in the administration of our local circuit, giving me a broad perspective on the operational and educational needs of our community.

Professionally, I serve as an administrator at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where I work daily with district policies, procedures, and compliance matters that directly relate to scholastic programs and organizations. My experience in educational leadership allows me to bring valuable insight into governance, policy development, and organizational accountability. I have also served as an Equity Liaison for Broward County Public Schools and currently serve on the district's Facilities Task Force. These varied roles have provided me with a unique combination of instructional, administrative, and organizational experience that I believe would be a valuable asset to the board.

Other Affiliations:

Jupiter HS	SA
Palm Beach Central HS	SA
Relentless	IA
Greece HS	SA
Stryke	PIW