

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 139th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Anaheim, California**

BOARD MEETING - SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the first Board of Directors meeting of the 139th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 4:36pm.

Opening Ceremonies

Invocation	Dody Flynn
Presidential Welcome	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Area Welcome	Grace Pack
Thought for the Day	Dody Flynn
<i>Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved.</i>	

Roll Call

Erin Spriggs A quorum was present

Parliamentary Procedures

Mary Scout

Reading of the DMA Mission Statement

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Adoption of Convention Standing Rules

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Mary Behn-Mentzer moved the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2024 National Convention. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Adopted by the Board of Directors.

Introductions

Officers and Delegates	Themselves
Registered Parliamentarian	Mary Scout
DMA Parliamentarian	Erin Spriggs
Recording Secretaries	Elizabeth Lemberger, Madeline Graves
Convention Chairperson	Butch Theisen
Seating Chairperson	Dawn Slemmons
Banquet Chairperson	Charlene Hibbs

Appointments

Sergeant of Arms	Rosanne Slifko
Time Keeper	Erin Spriggs
Minutes Approval: Erin Spriggs, Elizabeth Lemberger, Madeline Graves, Jamie Lee Dain, Mary Scout	

Election of Nominating Committee

Jamie Lee Dain – Chapters 4, 6, 15, 37	Pam Mechana #37
Courtney Greteman-Taylor – Chapters 28, 33, 40, 44	Lindsey Cheney #40
Phyllis Guy – Chapters 8, 10, 26, 35	Barbara Moschetta #10
Charlene Hibbs – Chapters 1, 2, 34, 36	Rosanne Slifko #2
Grace Pack – Chapters 3, 18, 25, 38	Rita Ogden Zeshonski #25
Valerie Saija-Moore – Chapters 5, 46, 47, 48	Joyce Beck #48
Diane Yednak – Chapters 13, 16, 17, 27	Colleen Rhode #16
Executive Committee Appointments to the Nominating Committee: Jeanette Brown & Michelle Rexroad	
The Nominating Committee elected Rosanne Slifko as Nominating Committee Chairperson.	

Officer Reports

National Treasurer	Charleen Locascio
The Advisory Committee	Penny Koza-Lemansky, Charleen Locascio, Erin Spriggs, Shawn Terenzi, Dody Flynn

Announcements

- Members' Reception "*California Dreaming*" is tonight at 8:00pm in Grand Ballroom A, B, C
- Welcome Party Opening Number Rehearsals tonight. 7:00-9:00pm. Age 12 & under, Marquis Ballroom Center. Thank you to their choreographer, Katie Oberg. Age 13 & up, Marquis Ballroom Northwest. Thank you to their choreographer, Mandy Doyle
- Next Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Gold Key 1 & 2
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Grand Ballroom A-C, coffee is available at 10am
- PASC starts tomorrow morning in Marquis Ballroom South & Center
- Gala Welcome Party entitled "*DMA presents, Sunday Night at the Movies*" is tomorrow night at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center. Show your love for the big screen by dressing to represent your favorite movie of all time!

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

6:02pm

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BOARD MEETING, SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the second Board of Directors meeting of the 139th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:37am.

Thought for the Day

Dody Flynn

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them – Walt Disney

Roll Call

Erin Spriggs A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Penny Koza-Lemansky

The minutes of the Saturday, June 29th National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Presentations:

Zee Brown Ahern Award Winner
Distinguished Member Award
Chapter of the Year

Valerie Hamilton #27
Ann-Marie Carlomagno-Wilson #5
Chapter 6

Committee Reports

Bylaws

Erin Spriggs

Amendments #9 and #11 were removed from the consent agenda. Consent agenda was approved without amendments #9 and #11 for submission to the Grand Body.

1. Amend Article IV, Section 1 A 2 by inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 2. Examination Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below: a. one (1) subject of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches only one (1) subject. b. a minimum of two (2) subjects of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches more than one (1) subject. c. if only one (1) examination is taken upon joining DMA and, if at a future date, the applicant should teach more than one (1) subject, an examination in one (1) additional subject they teach shall be required.	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 2. Examination Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below: a. one (1) subject of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches only one (1) subject. b. a minimum of two (2) subjects of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches more than one (1) subject. c. if only one (1) examination is taken upon joining DMA and, if at a future date, the applicant should teach more than one (1) subject, an examination in one (1) additional subject they teach shall be required. d. applicant must achieve a total score of 75 or above.	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 2. Examination Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below: a. one (1) subject of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches only one (1) subject. b. a minimum of two (2) subjects of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches more than one (1) subject. c. if only one (1) examination is taken upon joining DMA and, if at a future date, the applicant should teach more than one (1) subject, an examination in one (1) additional subject they teach shall be required. d. applicant must achieve a total score of 75 or above.

Rationale: to include in the bylaws the required score which is the current policy.

2. Amend Article VI, Section 1, A 3a by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 3. Examiners a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are Nationally Certified or Chapter Certified Examiners shall administer the membership examination(s).	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 3. Examiners a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are <u>Nationally Certified-appointed to the National Examination</u> Committee or Chapter Certified Examiners shall administer the membership examination(s).	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 3. Examiners a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are appointed to the National Examination Committee or Chapter Certified Examiners shall administer the membership examination(s).

Rationale: There are no longer Nationally Certified Examiners as they are appointed by the National Examination Committee. This amendment reflects what is the current practice.

3. Amend Article VI, Section 1, A 4 by inserting a new "d" as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 4. Exceptions a. Applicants who have passed the Cecchetti Teachers Elementary Examination (formerly known as Grade V) shall not be required to	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 4. Exceptions a. Applicants who have passed the Cecchetti Teachers Elementary Examination (formerly known as Grade V) shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet Examination for membership.	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 4. Exceptions a. Applicants who have passed the Cecchetti Teachers Elementary Examination (formerly known as Grade V) shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet Examination for membership.

<p>take the DMA Ballet Examination for membership.</p> <p>b. Applicants who have passed the Royal Academy of Dancing-Elementary Examination shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet Examination for membership.</p> <p>c. Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training School examination(s) may become members without further examination in those same subjects of dance.</p>	<p>b. Applicants who have passed the Royal Academy of Dancing-Elementary Examination shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet Examination for membership.</p> <p>c. Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training School examination(s) may become members without further examination in those same subjects of dance.</p> <p><u>d. Applicants who have passed Module II of Acrobatic Arts shall not be required to take the DMA Acro Examination for membership.</u></p>	<p>b. Applicants who have passed the Royal Academy of Dancing-Elementary Examination shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet Examination for membership.</p> <p>c. Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training School examination(s) may become members without further examination in those same subjects of dance.</p> <p>d. Applicants who have passed Module II of Acrobatic Arts shall not be required to take the DMA Acro Examination for membership.</p>
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Rationale: Module II of Acrobatic Arts meets and exceeds the DMA Acro requirements for testing.

4. Amend Article VI, Section 1 A 5 by substituting a new Section 1 A 5 as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 5. Specifications a. Examinations may be given at any DMA sponsored function. b. Examinations given at any National Event shall only be given according to the requirements and procedures of the designated Affiliated Chapter with an Affiliated Chapter Examiner as a member of the National Examination Committee or with the Affiliated Chapter Delegate observing the examination.</p>	<p>Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 5. Specifications <u>a. Examinations may be given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS.</u> <u>b. Examinations given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS, shall be given according to the requirements and procedures of DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter that the person is applying to by:</u> <u>1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiners and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee, or</u> <u>2. with two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing the examination or</u> <u>3. two Affiliated Chapter Examiners of the chapter the person is applying to.</u> Note: if there is no representative from the chapter the person is applying to, the person will take the exam and be placed in the Chapter-at-Large.</p>	<p>Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 5. Specifications a. Examinations may be given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS. b. Examinations given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS, shall be given according to the requirements and procedures of DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter that the person is applying to by: 1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiners and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee, or 2. with two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing the examination, or 3. two Affiliated Chapter Examiners of the chapter the person is applying to. Note: if there is no representative from the chapter the person is applying to, the person will take the exam and be placed in the Chapter-at-Large.</p>

Rationale: To clarify at which events a person may test and to outline the procedure for taking an examination at events.

5. Amend Article VII, Sections A through G, by striking and inserting as follows;

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article VII-Grievances All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.</p> <p>A. National against a Member or Chapter The National Executive Committee shall have the right to file a grievance, with the National Ethics Committee, against any member or Affiliated Chapter if, in the opinion of the National Executive Committee, said member or Affiliated Chapter has failed to abide by the DMA Bylaws, Code of Ethics, or rules of this corporation. The decision of the National Ethics Committee shall be final, and they shall take any disciplinary action they deem necessary.</p> <p>B. Chapter against a Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter shall have the right to file a written grievance against another Affiliated Chapter to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee.</p> <p>C. Member against their Chapter Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against their Affiliated Chapter. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. If the Chapter's Ethics Committee fails to begin deliberation within thirty (30) days, the grievance shall be sent to the National Executive Committee who will forward the grievance and a report to the National Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall send a written report to the</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII – GRIEVANCES All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.</p> <p>A. National Executive Committee against a Member or Chapter's Board of Directors The National Executive Committee shall have the right to file a grievance, with the National Ethics Committee, against any member or Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors if, in the opinion of the National Executive Committee, said member or Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors has failed to abide by the DMA Bylaws, Code of Ethics, or rules of this corporation. The decision of the National Ethics Committee shall be final and shall take any disciplinary action they deem necessary, with no further appeal.</p> <p>B. Chapter's Board of Directors against a Chapter's Board of Directors Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against another Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.</p> <p>C. Member against their Chapter's Board of Directors Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against their Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. All appeals must be sent to the Chapter's National Ethics Committee for review. The Chapter's National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the Chapter's National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal. If the Chapter's Ethics Committee fails to begin deliberation within thirty (30) days, the member shall send the grievance sent to the National Executive Committee who will forward the grievance and a report to the National Ethics Committee for review and determination of the</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII – GRIEVANCES All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.</p> <p>A. National Executive Committee against a Member or Chapter's Board of Directors The National Executive Committee shall have the right to file a grievance, with the National Ethics Committee, against any member or Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors if, in the opinion of the National Executive Committee, said member or Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors has failed to abide by the DMA Bylaws, Code of Ethics, or rules of this corporation. The decision of the National Ethics Committee shall be final and shall take any disciplinary action they deem necessary, with no further appeal.</p> <p>B. Chapter's Board of Directors against a Chapter's Board of Directors Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against another Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.</p> <p>C. Member against their Chapter's Board of Directors Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against their Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal. If the Chapter's Ethics Committee fails to begin deliberation within thirty (30) days, the member shall send the grievance to the National Executive Committee</p>

<p>member(s) and the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors.</p> <p>D. Chapter against Member of their Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of their Affiliated Chapter. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethic Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the Chapter's Ethics Committee for review. The Chapter's Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the Chapter's Ethics Committee.</p> <p>E. Member against Member of their Chapter Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of their Affiliated Chapter to the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee.</p> <p>F. Member against any Member of a Chapter other than their own Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of any Affiliated Chapter, other than their own, to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee.</p> <p>G. Chapter against a Member of another Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of another Affiliated Chapter to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee.</p>	<p>charges. <u>The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.</u></p> <p>D. Chapter's <u>Board of Directors</u> against a Member of their Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of their Affiliated Chapter. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethic Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the <u>Chapter's National Ethics Committee</u> for review. The <u>Chapter's National Executive Committee</u> shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the <u>Chapter's National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no further appeal.</u></p> <p>E. Member against a Member of their Chapter Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of their Affiliated Chapter to the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee <u>which shall be final, with no further appeal.</u></p> <p>F. Member against any Member of a Chapter other than their own Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of any Affiliated Chapter, other than their own, to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report forward the grievance of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee <u>which shall be final, with no appeal.</u></p> <p>G. Chapter's <u>Board of Directors</u> against a Member of another Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter's <u>Board of Directors</u> shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of another Affiliated Chapter to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report forward the grievance of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee <u>which shall be final, with no appeal.</u></p>	<p>who will forward the grievance and a report to the National Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.</p> <p>D. Chapter's Board of Directors against a Member of their Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of their Affiliated Chapter. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethic Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no further appeal.</p> <p>E. Member against a Member of their Chapter Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of their Affiliated Chapter to the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no further appeal.</p> <p>F. Member against any Member of a Chapter other than their own Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of any Affiliated Chapter, other than their own, to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall forward the grievance of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no appeal.</p> <p>G. Chapter's Board of Directors against a Member of another Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of another Affiliated Chapter to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall forward the grievance of the alleged violation to the National Ethics Committee for investigation and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no appeal.</p>
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Rationale: To clarify the process of charges, the responsibilities for review and the right of appeals.

6. Amend Article X, Section 1 by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application A. Any organized group of dance teachers with not less than fifteen (15) members in good standing may apply for affiliation as a Chapter in Dance Masters of America, Inc. through the DMA National President. The application shall be in writing and accompanied by: 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by National Examiners appointed and approved by the National Advisory Committee. C. Members of the proposed group, upon successfully passing their DMA Membership Examination(s), shall be placed in the Chapter-at-Large and are subject to the assessment of dues by the Chapter-at-Large until such time that the proposed group has</p>	<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application A. Any organization or club <u>organized group</u> of dance teachers with not less than fifteen (15) <u>dues paying</u> members in good standing may apply for affiliation as a Chapter in Dance Masters of America, Inc. through the DMA National President. The application shall be in writing submitted and accompanied by: 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the club/organization <u>Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable).</u> B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by National Examiners appointed and approved by the National Advisory Committee. C. Members of the proposed group, upon successfully passing their DMA Membership Examination(s), shall be placed in the Chapter-at-Large and are subject to the assessment of dues by the Chapter-at-Large until such time that the proposed group has met all Affiliation requirements and have been officially notified by the National President that the application for Affiliation has been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee. <u>Upon approval of the following, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee and the President:</u> <u>1. Affiliated Chapter's name,</u></p>	<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application A. Any organization or club of dance teachers with not less than fifteen (15) dues paying members in good standing may apply for affiliation as a Chapter in Dance Masters of America, Inc. through the DMA National President. The application shall be and accompanied by: 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the club/organization Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by the National Advisory Committee. C. Upon approval of the following, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee and the President: 1. Affiliated Chapter's name, 2. Bylaws (including a Code of Ethics Article) and Standing Rules, 3. Competition Rules (if applicable),</p>

<p>met all Affiliation requirements and have been officially notified by the National President that the application for Affiliation has been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee.</p> <p>D. Upon approval of the Affiliation Chapter's name, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Code of Ethics, Competition Rules and the signing of the Affiliation Agreement between the Dance Masters of America, Inc. and the Affiliated Chapter, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>2. Bylaws (including a Code of Ethics Article) and Standing Rules. 3. Competition Rules (if applicable). 4. the signing of the Affiliation Agreement between Dance Masters of America and the Affiliated Chapter. and 6. two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee. D. <u>Upon approval of the Affiliation Chapter's name, Bylaws, Standing Rules, Code of Ethics, Competition Rules and the signing of the Affiliation Agreement between the Dance Masters of America, Inc. and the Affiliated Chapter, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee. If the club/organization has not met all of the Affiliation requirements, those members that have successfully passed their exams shall be placed in the Chapter-at-Large and are subject to the assessment of dues by the Chapter-at-Large. The proposed chapter has one year to fulfill all Affiliation requirements.</u></p>	<p>4. the signing of the Affiliation Agreement between Dance Masters of America and the Affiliated Chapter, and</p> <p>6. two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee.</p> <p>D. If the club/organization has not met all of the Affiliation requirements, those members that have successfully passed their exams shall be placed in the Chapter-at-Large and are subject to the assessment of dues by the Chapter-at-Large. The proposed chapter has one year to fulfill all Affiliation requirements.</p>
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Rationale: To bring the Bylaws into conformity with the procedure currently being followed.

7. Amend Article X, Section 3 C by inserting a new "6" as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement C. In the event that an Affiliated Chapter wishes to terminate the Affiliation Agreement, with the exception of the Chapter-at-Large, the following guidelines shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Affiliated Chapter shall conduct a written poll of its complete membership and shall provide the DMA National Treasurer with the names of those members who voted to terminate the agreement. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership shall be required to implement termination. Should there fail to be a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of termination, the members who wish to remain as an Affiliated Chapter shall assume the right to hold the Affiliation Charter and the Chapter's assets, provided their number is fifteen (15) or more members. Should there be less than fifteen (15) remaining members but there are five or more who wish to work toward raising the number to a Chapter level, a grace period of one year may be granted. If the required fifteen (15) members have not been obtained after the grace period, the Chapter title and number shall be declared null, and void and the charter returned to the DMA National President. The Affiliated Chapter shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the decision to the DMA National President. 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement C. In the event that an Affiliated Chapter wishes to terminate the Affiliation Agreement, with the exception of the Chapter-at-Large, the following guidelines shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Affiliated Chapter shall conduct a written poll of its complete membership and shall provide the DMA National Treasurer with the names of those members who voted to terminate the agreement. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership shall be required to implement termination. Should there fail to be a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of termination, the members who wish to remain as an Affiliated Chapter shall assume the right to hold the Affiliation Charter and the Chapter's assets, provided their number is fifteen (15) or more members. Should there be less than fifteen (15) remaining members but there are five or more who wish to work toward raising the number to a Chapter level, a grace period of one year may be granted. If the required fifteen (15) members have not been obtained after the grace period, the Chapter title and number shall be declared null, and void and the charter returned to the DMA National President. The Affiliated Chapter shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the decision to the DMA National President. <u>6. Upon termination of the Affiliation Agreement, all records should be sent to the National Treasurer, which includes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>all records of the corporation/organization.</u> <u>the last financial report of the Chapter.</u> <u>a copy of the last bank statement reflecting the account has been closed.</u> 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement C. In the event that an Affiliated Chapter wishes to terminate the Affiliation Agreement, with the exception of the Chapter-at-Large, the following guidelines shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Affiliated Chapter shall conduct a written poll of its complete membership and shall provide the DMA National Treasurer with the names of those members who voted to terminate the agreement. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership shall be required to implement termination. Should there fail to be a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of termination, the members who wish to remain as an Affiliated Chapter shall assume the right to hold the Affiliation Charter and the Chapter's assets, provided their number is fifteen (15) or more members. Should there be less than fifteen (15) remaining members but there are five or more who wish to work toward raising the number to a Chapter level, a grace period of one year may be granted. If the required fifteen (15) members have not been obtained after the grace period, the Chapter title and number shall be declared null, and void and the charter returned to the DMA National President. The Affiliated Chapter shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the decision to the DMA National President. Upon termination of the Affiliation Agreement, all records should be sent to the National Treasurer, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all records of the corporation/organization, the last financial report of the Chapter, a copy of the last bank statement reflecting the account has been closed.

Rationale: To bring the Bylaws into conformity with the procedure currently being followed.

8. Amend Article X, Section 3 D by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	IF Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Agreement, with the exception of the Chapter-at-Large, the following guidelines shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The National President shall serve notice of the termination, to the membership of the former Affiliated Chapter who did not vote to remain in DMA to determine their interest in the establishment of a new Chapter. The National President shall offer its services to establishing a new Affiliated Chapter. The National President shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the Executive Committee's decision. 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Agreement, with the exception of the Chapter-at-Large, the following guidelines shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The National President shall serve notice of the termination, to the membership of the former Affiliated Chapter <u>who did not vote to remain in DMA to determine their interest in the establishment of a new Chapter.</u> The National President <u>Executive Committee shall</u> offer its services to establishing a new Affiliated Chapter. The National President shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the Executive Committee's decision <u>to the Chapter's Board of Directors.</u> 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Agreement, with the exception of the Chapter-at-Large, the following guidelines shall apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The National President shall serve notice of the termination, to the membership of the former Affiliated Chapter. The National President <u>Executive Committee shall</u> offer its services to establishing a new Affiliated Chapter. The National President shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the Executive Committee's decision to the Chapter's Board of Directors.

Rationale: To bring the Bylaws into conformity with the procedure currently being followed.

10. Amend Article XI, Section 2 F by striking as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility</p>	<p>Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility</p>	<p>Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility</p>

F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past ten (10) years as a member of the Board of Directors and/or National Convention Chairman.	F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past ten (10) years as a member of the Board of Directors and/or <u>National Convention Chairman.</u>	F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past ten (10) years as a member of the Board of Directors.
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Rationale: There no longer is a National Convention Chairman and the position of 2nd Vice-President requires experience on the Board of Directors, this change will ensure that a candidate has the needed Board experience.

9. Amend Article XI, Section 2 D by inserting a new “3” as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility C. To be nominated to the office of National Area Director, the member must complete one of the following: 1. Served a minimum of three (3) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Board of Directors 2. Served a minimum of four (4) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Convention Chairperson, Examination, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program, and Teachers Training School Administrators.	Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility C. To be nominated to the office of National Area Director, the member must complete one of the following: 1. Served a minimum of three (3) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Board of Directors 2. Served a minimum of four (4) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Convention Chairperson, Examination, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program, and Teachers Training School Administrators. 3. Served a minimum of two (2) consecutive full years as a member of the National Board of Directors, and served one (1) year as a member of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Convention Chairperson, Examination, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program, and Teachers Training School Administrators, within the past seven (7) years.	Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility C. To be nominated to the office of National Area Director, the member must complete one of the following: 1. Served a minimum of three (3) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Board of Directors 2. Served a minimum of four (4) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Convention Chairperson, Examination, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program, and Teachers Training School Administrators. 3. Served a minimum of two (2) consecutive full years as a member of the National Board of Directors, and served one (1) year as a member of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Convention Chairperson, Examination, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program, and Teachers Training School Administrators, within the past seven (7) years.

Rationale: To increase options to meet the eligibility requirements be nominated for this position, thereby allowing more members to run.

Erin Spriggs moved, on behalf of the Executive Committee, the adoption of amendment to Article XI, Section 2 D.

Val Saija-Moore, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to amend the amendment by striking the words after “Directors” and before “within”. As amended, it will read “3. Served a minimum of two (2) consecutive full years as a member of the National Board of Directors within the past seven (7) years.” The amendment was approved by the Board of Directors.

Amendment of Article XI, Section 2 D as amended was approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the Grand Body.

11. Amend Article XVIII, Sections 1 A and B by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 1-National Past Presidents’ Council-Designated Chairman The Council shall include all National Past Presidents of DMA with the Immediate National Past-President as its Chairman. A. The Council shall: 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President. 2. select the National DMA “Member of the Year” to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA. 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will serve as the National Ethics Committee. When requested, this committee shall investigate complaints, grievances and disputes between members and/or Chapters. They shall recommend to the National President the action they deem appropriate. The National Advisory Committee shall report the recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its approval. All grievances must be in writing and include a provable reason for disciplinary action. Grievances may include but not be limited to violations of the DMA National or Affiliated Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules.	Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 1-National Past Presidents’ Council-Designated Chairman The Council shall include all National Past Presidents of DMA with the Immediate National Past-President as its Chairman. The National Past Presidents Council shall consist of active National Past Presidents. An Active National Past President is defined as a Past President who attends the National Convention on a regular basis or is active in the workings of Dance Masters of America. The Immediate National Past President shall serve as the Chairman. A. The Council shall: 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President. 2. select the National DMA “Member of the Year” to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA. 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will serve as the National Ethics Committee. When requested, this committee shall investigate complaints, grievances and disputes between members and/or Chapters. They shall recommend to the National President the action they deem appropriate. The National Advisory Committee shall report the recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its approval. All grievances must be in writing and include a provable reason for disciplinary action. Grievances may include but not be limited to violations of the DMA National or Affiliated Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules.	Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 1-National Past Presidents’ Council-Designated Chairman The National Past Presidents Council shall consist of active National Past Presidents. An Active National Past President is defined as a Past President who attends the National Convention on a regular basis or is active in the workings of Dance Masters of America. The Immediate National Past President shall serve as the Chairman. A. The Council shall: 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President. 2. select the National DMA “Member of the Year” to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA. 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will serve as the National Ethics Committee. When requested, this committee shall investigate complaints, grievances and disputes between members and/or Chapters. They shall recommend to the National President the action they deem appropriate. The National Advisory Committee shall report the recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its approval. All grievances must be in writing and include a provable reason for disciplinary action. Grievances may include but not be limited to violations of the DMA National or Affiliated Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules.

B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council will perform such duties assigned by the National President, National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.	B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council will perform such duties assigned by the National President, National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.	B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council will perform such duties assigned by the National President, National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.
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Rationale: This change reflects the current committee’s membership.
Erin Spriggs moved, on behalf of the Executive Committee, the adoption of amendment to Article XVIII, Sections 1 A and B. Amendment of Article XVIII, Sections 1 A and B was approved by the Board of Directors for submission to the Grand Body.

Officer Reports (continued)

National Area Directors Penny Koza-Lemansky

Committee Reports (continued)

Banquet Charlene Hibbs
• The Banquet is sold out. Banquet tickets must be turned in by Tuesday at 5pm. Text Charlene at 504-810-0956 with questions. Turn in white cards at the exchange table on Monday 10-11:30p, 1:30-3:00pm or Tuesday 10-11:30pm, 3:30-5pm, or to Charlene. Delegates must collect colored Chapter banquet tickets and turning them into Shawn.

Seating Dawn Slemmons
• Need 18 ushers/door monitors each night at 7pm. Text Dawn at 513-252-6620 if you have any additional volunteers.
• Delegate assignments to assist are the same as the assigned Area Day.

TTS Dody Flynn
SHIP Charleen Locascio, Dody Flynn
Membership Duanne Cazalot

New Business

- The shortened convention schedule was approved for implementation, when or as soon as possible, by unanimous consent.
- In accordance with Article XI, Section 2 A, the board approved Dee Buchanan eligibility to run for office without being present at the national convention.

Announcements

- Gala Welcome Party entitled “DMA presents, Sunday Night at the Movies” is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center. Show your love for the big screen by dressing to represent your favorite movie of all time!
- Next Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Gold Key 1 & 2
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Grand Ballroom A-C
- First Grand Body meeting is tomorrow at 5:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4. Delegates are required to attend.
- Remember to exchange Banquet Tickets Tuesday by 5pm
- Classroom change for today: Classroom will be in Grand Ballroom GHJ, Classroom 4 will be in Orange County 1-2

Reading of Motions Passed Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned 11:58am

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 139th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Anaheim, California**

BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the third Board of Directors meeting of the 139th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:37am.

Thought for the Day Dody Flynn
Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try. – John F. Kennedy

Roll Call Erin Spriggs A quorum was present

Minutes Approval Penny Koza-Lemansky
The minutes of the Sunday, June 30th National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports (continued)

Finance	Amy DeLoughy, Elizabeth Lemberger, Diane Yednak
Executive Committee	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Publicity/Social Media	Ava Lovsin
Past Presidents' Council	Dody Flynn

New Business

- Ch 40 recommends clarification of genres that are allowed for Solo Title Contestants, and asked for the genres permitted for Solo Title to be listed in the rules.
- Ch 2 recommends if DMA cannot contact chapter's officers, DMA should reach out to chapter members before the chapter is at risk of losing its privileges or Charter.
- Ch 2 recommends DMA to lower the cost of the digital manuals to encourage membership.
- Ch 28 recommends PASC Rule #43 be reconsidered to use combined performance, technique, and choreography scores for the High Score Awards.
- Ch 28 recommends PASC Rule #44 be reconsidered to use combined performance, technique, and choreography scores for the Overall Awards and to announce Grand National awards in conjunction with Overall awards.
- Ch 28 recommends a PASC Rule to be added for Category Awards.

Above recommendations will go to the Executive Committee for consideration and reported at the Board of Directors meeting.

- Pam Mechana #37 asked for clarification on Solo Title Contestants dress attire for the welcome party.
- Madeline Graves #35 asked for consideration for Solo Title Contestants to introduce themselves.
- Rita Ogden Zeshonski #25 asked for clarification on rationale for collaborative PASC routines not being eligible for Grand Nationals.
- Mary Behn-Mentzer #47 asked about Area Conventions and if other Chapters would like to consider this.
- Elizabeth Lemberger #13 asked for a full price list be published for the National Convention.

Announcements

- Our first Grand Body meeting is today at 5:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4. Delegates are required to attend.
- Petite Miss & Master Dance Scholarship Competition is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center. A special "thank you" to director, Marla Heeler and choreographer, Kathy Meyer.
- Next Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Gold Key 1 & 2.
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Grand Ballroom A-C.
- Remember to exchange Banquet Tickets. Tomorrow is the last day.

Reading of Motions Passed Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned 11:39am

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 139th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Anaheim, California**

BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the fourth Board of Directors meeting of the 139th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:42am.

Thought for the Day

Dody Flynn

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy on not fighting the old but building the new. - Socrates

Roll Call

Erin Spriggs

A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Erin Spriggs

The minutes of the Monday, July 1st National Board of Directors meeting were approved as corrected.

Consent Agenda

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Amendments of the Standing Rules #1-3 were approved; #4 was withdrawn.

1. Amend Standing Rule Affiliation 3 D by adding at the end as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
SR Affiliation SR 3-Affiliated Chapter Delegate D. The name and contact information of both the Delegate and the Alternate must be submitted to the National First Vice-President by the deadline date of December 1st.	SR Affiliation SR 3-Affiliated Chapter Delegate D. The name and contact information of both the Delegate and the Alternate must be submitted to the National First Vice-President by the deadline date of December 1st. <u>The national convention registration and the scholarship form must be submitted by April 15th or scholarship will be forfeited.</u>	SR Affiliation SR 3-Affiliated Chapter Delegate D. The name and contact information of both the Delegate and the Alternate must be submitted to the National First Vice-President by the deadline date of December 1st. The national convention registration and the scholarship form must be submitted by April 15 th or scholarship will be forfeited.

Rationale: To ensure that chapter delegates are aware of the deadline for submission of forms required to qualify for a scholarship.

2. Amend Standing Rule Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 5 by substituting a new 5 as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 5. Examinations given at any DMA sponsored function shall only be given according to the requirements and procedures of the designated Affiliated Chapter with an Affiliated Chapter Examiner as a member of the National Examination Committee or with the Affiliated Chapter Member observing the examination.	SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners <u>5. Examinations</u> <u>A. Exams shall be administered at the designated Affiliated Chapter in accordance with the requirements and procedures of both DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter.</u> <u>B. Examinations given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS, shall be given according to the requirements and procedures of DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter that you are applying to, by:</u> <u>1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiner and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee</u> <u>2. two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing e examination.</u> <u>3. two Affiliated Chapter Examiners of the chapter you are applying to.</u> <u>Note: If there is no representation from the chapter you are applying to, you will be examined and placed in the Chapter-At-Large.</u>	SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 5. Examinations A. Exams shall be administered at the designated Affiliated Chapter in accordance with the requirements and procedures of both DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter. B. Examinations given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS, shall be given according to the requirements and procedures of DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter that you are applying to, by: 1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiner and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee 2. two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing e examination. 3. two Affiliated Chapter Examiners of the chapter you are applying to. Note: If there is no representation from the chapter you are applying to, you will be examined and placed in the Chapter-At-Large.

Rationale: There are no longer National Certified Examiners therefore it has been changed to reflect this change.

3. Amend Standing Rule Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 6 by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners Nationally Certified Examiners	SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners <u>Nationally Chapter</u> Certified Examiners	SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners <u>Nationally Chapter</u> Certified Examiners

<p>A. are members who have successfully passed the DMA examination(s) which they wish to administer.</p> <p>B. are members of the Affiliated Chapter's Examination Committee who have attended and actively participated in the latest National Examiners Forum.</p> <p>C. have been certified by the National Examiners Forum Committee as a National Certified Examiner.</p> <p>D. have been recertified in a subject where the DMA Examinations have been changed.</p> <p>E. have received a National Examiner certificate indicating the date and subject or examinations they are certified by DMA to administer.</p> <p>F. DMA National Certified Examiners may administer DMA Examinations at any DMA or Affiliated Chapter function.</p> <p>G. DMA Nationally Certified Examiners may certify other members within their Chapters as Chapter Examiners, who may only administer DMA Examinations within their Chapter.</p>	<p>A. are members who have successfully passed the DMA examination(s) which they wish to administer.</p> <p>B. are members of the Affiliated Chapter's Examination Committee who have <u>attended and actively participated in the latest National Examiners Forum completed their chapters certification program.</u></p> <p>C. <u>have been certified by the National Examiners Forum Committee as a National Certified Examiner.</u></p> <p>D. have been recertified in a subject where the DMA Examinations have been changed.</p> <p>E. <u>have received a National Examiner certificate indicating the date and subject or examinations they are certified by DMA to administer.</u></p> <p>F. DMA National <u>Certified Examiners Examination Committee</u> may administer DMA Examinations at <u>any the DMA National Convention</u> or Affiliated Chapter function.</p> <p>G. <u>DMA Nationally Certified Examiners may certify other members within their Chapters as Chapter Examiners, who may only administer DMA Examinations within their Chapter.</u></p>	<p>A. are members who have successfully passed the DMA examination(s) which they wish to administer.</p> <p>B. are members of the Affiliated Chapter's Examination Committee who have completed their chapters certification program.</p> <p>C. have been recertified in a subject where the DMA Examinations have been changed.</p> <p>D. DMA National Examination Committee may administer DMA Examinations at the DMA National Convention or Affiliated Chapter function.</p>
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Rationale: As there no longer are National Certified Examiners each chapter will certify their own examiners.

Committee Reports (continued)

Finance

Amy DeLoughy, Elizabeth Lemberger, Diane Yednak

Diane Yednak moved on behalf of the Finance Committee the adoption of the DMA 2024-2025 budget. The 2024-2025 budget was approved as presented.

Nominating

Rosanne Slifko

<i>National President</i>	Erin Spriggs #28
<i>National 1st Vice President</i>	Shawn Terenzi #5
<i>National 2nd Vice President</i>	Dee Buchanan #17
	Diane Yednak #10
<i>National Treasurer</i>	Charleen Locascio #6

<i>National Area Director</i>	
Jamie Lee-Dain #25	Grace Pack #1
Kevin Garvey #10	Michele Rexroad #16
Courtney Greteman-Taylor #34	Valerie Saija-Moore #38
Charlene Hibbs #6	Mike Smolko #3
Donna Lynch #17	Diane Yednak #10

Protocol

Dody Flynn

Banquet

Charlene Hibbs

Executive Committee Report

Penny Koza-Lemansky

- Penny Koza-Lemansky addressed recommendations from Ch 40 and Ch 2

Solo Title Liaison

Shawn Terenzi

Historian

Paul Janusz

New Business

- Rita Ogden Zeshonski #25 suggested to shortened solo length time to allow for two PASC solos per dancer
- Mary Behn-Mentzer #47 asked to have pictures posted for all nominees
- Colleen Rhode #16 asked clarification on why the Acro guidelines were changed and expressed concern with the changes.

Presentations

Petite Miss Dance of America 2025, Lily Vastine

Petite Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Marla Heeler #28

Master Dance of America 2025, Shepherd Parr

Teacher of Record, Megan Kittrell #44

Teacher of Record, Amy Feril #48, Teacher of Recognition Harry Feril #48

Announcements

- Grand Body meeting is today at 5:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4. Delegates are required to attend.
- Junior Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center. A special "thank you" to director, Valerie Hamilton and choreographer, Ashley Canterna-Hardy.
- Teen Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is tomorrow at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center. A special "thank you" to director, Michele Rexroad and choreographer, Jamie Harvener.

- Join Amelia Fazio with Revolution Dance Costumes tomorrow morning at 9:00am in the hospitality room. Coffee & danishes provided. Informal Q & A. Plenty of costume samples to review. A special thanks to Revolution Dance Costumes for providing the Solo Title Opening Number leotards and shirts.
- Next Executive Committee meeting is Thursday at 9:30am in Gold Key 1 & 2
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is Thursday at 10:30am in Grand Ballroom A-C
- Elections will be held tomorrow from 8:00am-1:00pm in Grand Ballroom A, B, C
- Our Town Hall meeting "Grow Your Membership" will take place Thursday at 2:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4. Delegates are required to attend. Chapter Officers are encouraged to attend. All members welcome.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

12:21pm

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 139th NATIONAL CONVENTION
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BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the fifth Board of Directors meeting of the 139th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:34am.

Thought for the Day Dody Flynn
I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Roll Call Erin Spriggs A quorum was present

Minutes Approval Penny Koza-Lemansky

The minutes of the Tuesday, July 2nd National Board of Directors meeting were approved as corrected.

Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Committee Report	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Elections	Madeline Graves
The results of the elections were as follows: 2nd Vice President: Diane Yednak National Area Directors: Michele Rexroad, Courtney Greteman-Taylor, Jamie Dain, Charlene Hibbs, Valerie Saija-Moore, Kevin Garvey, Grace Pack	
PASC Liaison	Leslie Ingram
Reigning Solo Title Coordinator	Phyllis Guy
Selection of Banquet Tables	Charlene Hibbs

Presentations:

Junior Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Valerie Hamilton	
Junior Miss Dance of America 2025	Mia Himel
Teacher of Record	Lori Rayborn #6
Junior Mr. Dance of America 2025	Tanay Basneth
Teacher of Record	Lindsay Roberts #40
Teen Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Michele Rexroad	
Teen Miss Dance of America 2025	Dawn Peyton
Teacher of Record	Lindsey Cheney #40
Teen Mr. Dance of America 2025	Kadence Brock
Teacher of Record	Crystal Julio #28

New Business

- Ch 15 requested Advisory consider Solo Title teachers receive scores and vouchers by email.
- Ch 15 requested Advisory consider that Teacher of Record and Teacher of Recognition be interchangeable as the chaperone for solo title contestants while on site at the National Convention.
- Ch 46 asked that a Google Form sign-up sheet be created for Solo Title Ushers in order to streamline information on who is signed up to usher each night.
- Ch 47 asked for procedures for VIP seats be amended to better assist the ushers and those sitting in delegate and VIP seats to know what seat they will be occupying.
- Ch 28 asked if elections could be facilitated electronically and to consider absentee voting.
- Ch 13 asked for scheduling coordination between PASC and Open Scholarship registrations to assist in facilitation of PASC schedule releases.
- Ch 25 asked for clarification on who to notify if students need to drop various events if a student is injured. Executive shared that National Appointments with contact information is on the DMA website.
- Ch 25 asked about how appropriateness of songs is being handled. Advisory shared they are aware of song and costume concerns and will work on how this can be addressed.

Announcements

- Our Town Hall meeting "Grow Your Membership" will take place at 2:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4. Delegates are required to attend. Chapter Officers are encouraged to attend. All members welcome.
- Our last Grand Body meeting is today at 5:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4. Delegates are required to attend.
- Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C. A special "thank you" to director Ann-Marie Carlomagno-Wilson and choreographer, Lindsey Cheney.
- Next Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Gold Key 1 & 2
- Our final National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Grand Ballroom A-C

Reading of Motions Passed Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned 11:41am

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 139th NATIONAL CONVENTION
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BOARD MEETING, FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2024

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the sixth Board of Directors meeting of the 139th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 11:08am.

Thought for the Day Dody Flynn
If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more - you are a leader.

Roll Call Erin Spriggs A quorum was present

Minutes Approval Dody Flynn
The minutes of the Thursday, July 4th National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Presentations:

Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Ann-Marie Carlomagno-Wilson	
Miss Dance of America 2025	Anna Yordanova
Teacher of Record	Jordan Micek #1
Mr. Dance of America 2025	Carter Creamer
Teacher of Record	Trish Thompson-Creamer #38

Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Committee	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Rules	Dody Flynn

Dody Flynn, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved a change to PASC Rules 43 and 44 for Category Awards, High Score Performance Awards, Overall Awards, and routines moving to Grand Nationals. Motion carried.

Replace Competition Rules 43 and 44 with the following:

1. Category Awards (awarded daily)
 - a. Must have a minimum of three entries for an award to be given
 - b. Use performance score only
 - c. Awarded based on age, subject, and category, example-7 to 8 solo lyrical; 7 to 8 duo lyrical
 - d. Acknowledgement only
2. High Score Performance Awards (awarded at Overall Award Ceremony)
 - a. Use performance score only according to percentages of entries
 - b. Use age, division and category, example-7-9 all solos; 13-14 all solos
 - c. Award medals
3. Overall Awards (awarded at Overall Award Ceremony)
 - a. Use all three scores—performance, technique, choreography
 - b. Award according to percentages of entries
 - c. Announce all winners and then announce those moving to Grand National

Dody Flynn, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to add a new rule to add subjects into the Solo Title Rules. Motion carried.

The following subjects of dance will be permitted:

- Acrobatics - a form of dance that combines dance technique with acrobatic elements.
- Ballet - classical ballet movements usually telling a story.
- Contemporary - ballet and modern technique combined reaching beyond jazz.
- Ethnic - a performance of historical movements representing various ethnic cultures.
- Hip-Hop - today's contemporary street, funk movements incorporating some jazz technique.
- Jazz - classical or contemporary jazz movements usually performed to upbeat music.
- Lyrical - a combination of ballet and jazz technique and movements, usually an interpretation of the lyrics of a song or the lyrical quality of the music.
- Modern - interpretive dance using balance and control incorporating modern dance techniques.
- Musical Theatre - a dance style based on Broadway or movie musicals, may denote comedy, depict a character, relay a story or create a theatrical mood. Pantomime, lip-sync and singing are permitted.
- Open - any routine that does not meet the descriptions of the other subjects listed or incorporates more than one dance form.
- Pointe - classical ballet or contemporary movements performed in pointe shoes.

- Tap - rhythmic patterns and sounds created by the taps attached to the bottom of the shoes.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: There is no limit on the number of acrobatic skills in any routine.

Open Scholarship age 13-23
 Open Scholarships age 10-12
 Convention Chairman

Kathi Halbert
 Kandie Melendez
 Butch Theisen

National Area Directors meet with current chapters to collect dates

Jamie Dain – 33, 34, 37, 40
 Courtney Greteman-Taylor – 1, 6, 13, 26
 Kevin Garvey– 16, 18, 28, 38
 Grace Pack– 15, 25, 44, 48
 Valerie Saija-Moore – 4, 5, 8, 47
 Charlene Hibbs– 2, 3, 17, 36
 Michele Rexroad – 10, 27, 35, 46

New Business

- Ch 38 asked Advisory to consider allowing judges for PASC to use decimals to facilitate running reports and breaking ties.
- Jamie Dain, NAD, asked Advisory to consider allowing for a 0.5 to be used for Solo Title scores.
- Ch 17 pointed out a mis-spelling in the Solo Title program for the Emily Sachs awards.
- Courtney Greteman-Taylor, NAD, pointed out a mistake in the Solo Title program, Joey Arrigo Mr. Dance was with Ch 38.
- Ch 25 suggested chapters send their charters to Paul and Charleen so the records are on file.
- Ch 47 asked if there are recommendation on how we can archive files. President, Penny Koza-Lemansky suggested to send records to Paul.
- Ch 2 asked if a Delegate List with contact information can be shared to the delegates.
- Ch 35 asked clarification on when the DMA logo could be used.
- Ch 13 asked for clarification on standing room viewing for the Champion of Champions.

President’s Remarks

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Announcements

- Dance Down & Announcements of Overall, High Score, Open Scholarship and Grand Nationals will begin at 1:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center.
- The Grand National Championship competition will begin at 5:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center
- Our National Executive Committee meeting for Incoming & Outgoing National Officers is tomorrow at 9:00am in Gold Key 1 & 2
- Our photo session proceeding the banquet will begin at 6:00pm tomorrow in Marquis lobby.
 - The 2023-2024 National Board of Directors
 - The 2023-2024 National Executive Committee (elected in 2023)
 - The 2024-2025 National Executive Committee (elected in 2024)
 - National Past Presidents
 - All 50 Year Members in attendance
 - All 50 Year Members being honored at this convention
 - Honored Guests
- Reception proceeding the banquet will begin at 6:30pm tomorrow in Marquis lobby.
 - Please welcome our Awardees
 - The 2023-2024 Lifetime Achievement Award – Mimi Costa-White
 - The 2023-2024 President’s Award – Shely Pack-Manning
 - DMA 50 Year Members
 - Overall Scholarship Winner to be announced
- Our 139th annual banquet “A Night of Stars” will begin tomorrow evening at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center. Delegates may place their name cards at 5:00pm.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

12:19pm