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

#### **GRAND BODY MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024**

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the first Grand Body meeting of the 139<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 5:05pm.

**Opening Ceremonies** 

Invocation Dody Flynn

Presidential Welcome Penny Koza-Lemansky

Area Welcome Grace Pack
Thought for the Day Dody Flynn

Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved.

Roll Call Erin Spriggs

Chapters stand and be counted. A quorum was present. Recognition of new chapter, Chapter 48, Texas Dance Masters.

Recognition of first-time attendees.

**Committee Reports** 

Banquet Charlene Hibbs Seating Dawn Slemons

Parliamentary Procedures Mary Scout

**Adoption of Convention Standing Rules** Dody Flynn

Noreen Rhode moved the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2024 Grand Body. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Introductions

Registered Parliamentarian Mary Scout
DMA Parliamentarian Erin Spriggs

Recording Secretaries Elizabeth Lemberger, Madeline Graves

Convention ChairpersonButch TheisenBanquet ChairpersonCharlene HibbsSeating ChairpersonDawn Slemons

**Appointments** 

Sergeant of Arms Rosanne Slifko Time Keeper Erin Spriggs

Minutes Approval Erin Spriggs, Madeline Graves, Elizabeth Lemberger,

Jamie Lee Dain, Mary Scout

**Presentations:** 

Distinguished Member Award Ann-Marie Carlomagno-Wilson #5

Zee Brown Ahern Award Winner Valerie Hamilton #27

Chapter of the Year Chapter 6, Louisiana Association of Dance Masters

**Officer Reports** 

National Treasurer Charleen Locascio

The Advisory Committee Report Penny Koza-Lemansky, Charleen Locascio, Erin Spriggs,

Shawn Terenzi, Dody Flynn

**Committee Reports (continued)** 

Bylaws Erin Spriggs

Amendment #9 was removed from the consent agenda. Consent agenda without amendment #9 was approved by 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	Article IV-Membership	Article IV-Membership
Section 1-Classification of Membership	Section 1-Classification of Membership	Section 1-Classification of Membership
A. Certified Active Membership	A. Certified Active Membership	A. Certified Active Membership
2. Examination	2. Examination	2. Examination
Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz,	Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz,	Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz,
modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the	modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the	modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the
minimum guidelines as stated below:	minimum guidelines as stated below:	minimum guidelines as stated below:

- a. one (1) subject of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches only one (1) subject.
- 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.
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- d. applicant must achieve a total score of 75 or above.
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- 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	Article IV-Membership	Article IV-Membership
Section 1-Classification of Membership	Section 1-Classification of Membership	Section 1-Classification of Membership
A. Certified Active Membership	A. Certified Active Membership	A. Certified Active Membership
3. Examiners	3. Examiners	3. Examiners
a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are Nationally Certified or Chapter Certified Examiners shall administer the membership examination(s).	a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are  Nationally Certified appointed to the National Examination Committee or Chapter Certified Examiners shall administer the membership examination(s).	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:

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Article IV-Membership	Article IV-Membership	Article IV-Membership
Section 1-Classification of Membership	Section 1-Classification of Membership	Section 1-Classification of Membership
A. Certified Active Membership	A. Certified Active Membership	A. Certified Active Membership
4. Exceptions	4. Exceptions	4. Exceptions
a. Applicants who have passed the Cecchetti	a. Applicants who have passed the Cecchetti Teachers	a. Applicants who have passed the Cecchetti Teachers
Teachers Elementary Examination (formerly	Elementary Examination (formerly known as Grade	Elementary Examination (formerly known as Grade V)
known as Grade V) shall not be required to	V) shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet	shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet
take the DMA Ballet Examination for	Examination for membership.	Examination for membership.
membership.	b. Applicants who have passed the Royal Academy of	b. Applicants who have passed the Royal Academy of
b. Applicants who have passed the Royal	Dancing-Elementary Examination shall not be	Dancing-Elementary Examination shall not be required
Academy of Dancing-Elementary Examination	required to take the DMA Ballet Examination for	to take the DMA Ballet Examination for membership.
shall not be required to take the DMA Ballet	membership.	c. Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training
Examination for membership.	c. Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training	School examination(s) may become members without
c. Applicants who have passed the Teachers	School examination(s) may become members without	further examination in those same subjects of dance.
Training School examination(s) may become	further examination in those same subjects of dance.	d. Applicants who have passed Module II of Acrobatic
members without further examination in those	d. Applicants who have passed Module II of	Arts shall not be required to take the DMA Acro
same subjects of dance.	Acrobatic Arts shall not be required to take the	Examination for membership.
	DMA Acro Examination for membership.	

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

**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	Pro	posed Amendment	If Adop	ted, Will Read

Article VII-Grievances All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 member(s) and the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

ARTICLE VII - GRIEVENCES

All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.

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.

### 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.** 

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 charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.

D. Chapter's  $\underline{\textbf{Board of Directors}}$  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 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 which shall be final, with no further appeal.

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
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determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the
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 ${\bf F}.$  Member against any Member of a Chapter other than their own

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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 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 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.
- 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.

## Proposed Amendment ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION

#### Section 1 - Application

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  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).
- 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.
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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 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:
- 1. 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.
- 2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership shall be required to implement termination.
- 3. 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.

#### Proposed Amendment

Article X-Chapter Affiliation
Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation
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- 5. The Affiliated Chapter shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the decision to the DMA National President.

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approval. All grievances must be in writing and

Grievances may include but not be limited to

Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter

Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter

B. The members of the National Past Presidents

Council will perform such duties assigned by the

violations of the DMA National or Affiliated

Competition Rules.

include a provable reason for disciplinary action.

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5. The Affiliated Chapter shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the decision to the DMA National President.

6. Upon termination of the Affiliation Agreement, all records should be sent to the National Treasurer, which includes:

- 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.

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or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules.

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Grievances may include but not be limited to violations

National Advisory Committee shall report the

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:

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: 1. 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.  Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation 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: 1. 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.  2. The National President Executive Committee shall offer to the control of Affiliation Agreement and Termination of Affiliation Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement D. In the event that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement Under the vont that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement Under the vont that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement Under the vont that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement Under the vont that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement Under the vont that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement Under the vont that DMA wishes to terminate the Affiliation Affiliation Agreement Under the vont that DMA wishes to te
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**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
Article XI-National Officers	Article XI-National Officers	Article XI-National Officers
Section 2-Eligibility	Section 2-Eligibility	Section 2-Eligibility
F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-	F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President	F. A nominee for the office of National Second
President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years	shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past	Vice-President shall have served a minimum of
within the past ten (10) years as a member of the Board of	ten (10) years as a member of the Board of Directors and/or	four (4) years within the past ten (10) years as a
Directors and/or National Convention Chairman.	National Convention Chairman.	member of the Board of Directors.

**Rationale:** There no longer is a National Convention Chairman and the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President requires experience on the Board of Directors, this change will ensure that a candidate has the needed Board experience.

#### 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 Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 1-National Past Presidents' Council-Section 1-National Past Presidents' Council-Designated Section 1-National Past Presidents' Council-Designated Designated Chairman Chairman Chairman The Council shall include all National Past The Council shall include all National Past Presidents of The National Past Presidents Council shall consist of Presidents of DMA with the Immediate National **DMA with the Immediate National Past-President as its** active National Past Presidents. An Active National Past Past-President as its Chairman. President is defined as a Past President who attends the Chairman. A. The Council shall: The National Past Presidents Council shall consist of active National Convention on a regular basis or is active in the workings of Dance Masters of America. The Immediate 1. be available to collaborate with all National Past Presidents. An Active National Past President is defined as a Past President who attends the National National Past President shall serve as the Chairman. committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President. Convention on a regular basis or is active in the workings of A. The Council shall: Dance Masters of America. The Immediate National Past 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon 2. select the National DMA "Member of the Year" President shall serve as the Chairman. to honor a member for previous and present the request of the committee chairman or the National A. The Council shall: President. efforts on behalf of DMA. 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the 2. select the National DMA "Member of the Year" to 3. form a sub-committee from its membership. request of the committee chairman or the National President. who will serve as the National Ethics Committee. honor a member for previous and present efforts on When requested, this committee shall 2. select the National DMA "Member of the Year" to honor a behalf of DMA. member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA. investigate complaints, grievances and disputes 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will between members and/or Chapters. They shall 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will serve serve as the National Ethics Committee. When as the National Ethics Committee. When requested, this recommend to the National President the action requested, this committee shall investigate complaints. committee shall investigate complaints, grievances and disputes they deem appropriate. The National Advisory grievances and disputes between members and/or Committee shall report the recommendations to between members and/or Chapters. They shall recommend to Chapters. They shall recommend to the National

the National President the action they deem appropriate. The

recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its

but not be limited to violations of the DMA National or Affiliated

Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules

B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council will

perform such duties assigned by the National President

approval. All grievances must be in writing and include a provable reason for disciplinary action. Grievances may include

or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules.

National Advisory Committee shall report the

National President, National Board of Directors	National Board of Directors or the National Executive	B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council
or the National Executive Committee.	Committee.	will perform such duties assigned by the National
		President, National Board of Directors or the National
		Executive Committee.

Rationale: This change reflects the current committee's membership.

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

Val Saija-Moore, on behalf of the Board of Directors, moved to amend the amendment by striking the words after "Directors" and before "within".

**If adopted, 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."

Motion was seconded. The amendment of the amendment was approved by the Grand Body.

Amendment of Article XI, Section 2 D as amended was approved by the Grand Body.

### Officer Reports (continued)

National Area Directors

Penny Koza-Lemansky

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Announcements**

- 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
- Next Grand Body meeting is tomorrow at 5:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4.
- 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.
- Remember to exchange Banquet Tickets
- Contract signing will be tomorrow at 8:00am in the DMA office

**Reading of Motions Passed** 

Elizabeth Lemberger

**Meeting Adjourned** 

6:30pm

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

#### **GRAND BODY MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024**

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the second Grand Body meeting of the 139th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 5:03pm.

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** Penny Koza-Lemansky The minutes of the Monday, July 1st Grand Body meeting were approved as written.

**Presentations** 

Petite Miss Dance of America 2025, Lily Vastine Teacher of Record, Megan Kittrell #44

Master Dance of America 2025, Shepherd Parr Teacher of Record, Amy Feril #48, Teacher of Recognition Harry Feril #48

Thank you to Director Marla Heeler and Choreographer Kathy Meyer

**Memorial Service** Mimi Costa-White, Charleen Hibbs

**Committee Reports (continued)** 

Rosanne Slifko Nominating

National President Erin Spriggs #28 - Elected National 1st Vice President Shawn Terenzi #5 - Elected

National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dee Buchanan #17

Diane Yednak #10

Charleen Locascio #6 - Elected National Treasurer

National Area Director

Jamie Lee-Dain #25 Grace Pack #1

Kevin Garvey #10 Michele Rexroad #16

Courtney Greteman-Taylor #34 Valerie Saija-Moore #38 Mike Smolko #3

Charlene Hibbs #6 Donna Lynch #17 Diane Yednak #10

Bylaws (continued) Erin Spriggs

Advisory Committee is authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the organization in connection with the amendments. Approved by unanimous consent.

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

Publicity/Social Media Ava Lovsin

#### **New Business**

None

#### Announcements

- Next Grand Body meeting is Thursday at 5:00pm in Orange County Ballroom 3-4.
- Next Executive Committee meeting is Wednesday at 10:00am and Thursday at 9:30am in Gold Key 1 & 2
- Next Board of Directors meeting is Thursday at 10:30am in Grand Ballroom A-C
- 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 & danish 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.
- 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.
- Contract signing will be tomorrow at 8:30am in the DMA office

**Reading of Motions Passed** Elizabeth Lemberger

**Meeting Adjourned** 5:34pm

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

#### **GRAND BODY MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024**

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the third Grand Body meeting of the 139<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 5:05pm.

Thought for the Day

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.

Dody Flynn

Roll Call Erin Spriggs - A quorum was present

Minutes Approval Penny Koza-Lemansky
The minutes of the Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Body meeting were approved as written.

#### **Presentations:**

Junior Miss Dance of America 2025Mia HimelTeacher of RecordLori Rayborn #6Junior Mr. Dance of America 2025Tanay BasnethTeacher of RecordLindsay Roberts #40

Thank you to Junior Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Valerie Hamilton and choreographer Ashley Canterna-

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Teen Miss Dance of America 2025

Teacher of Record

Teen Mr. Dance of America 2025

Teacher of Record

Teacher of Record

Crystal Julo #28

Thank you to Teen Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Michele Rexroad and choreographer Jamie Harvener

#### **Committee Reports (continued)**

Historian Paul Janusz
Banquet Selection Charlene Hibbs
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

Protocol Dody Flynn
Past Presidents Council Dody Flynn
PASC Liaison Leslie Ingram
Reigning Title Holder Coordinator Phyllis Guy
Solo Title Liasion Shawn Terenzi

#### **New Business**

- Donna Lynch asked for prayer requests for Ms Greene's knee surgery.
- Mimi Costa-White, on behalf of the Past Presidents, thanked President Penny Koza-Lemansky for all of her work and contributions and welcomed her to the Past President's group.
- Grace Pack announced to remind parents and kids to follow safe pool rules.

#### **Announcements**

- 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 Board meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Gold Key 1 & 2
- Our final Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Grand Ballroom A-C
- Dance Down & Announcements of Overall, High Score, Open Scholarship and Grand Nationals will be tomorrow at 1:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center.
- The Grand National Championship competition will begin tomorrow at 5:00pm in Marquis Ballroom South & Center

- Our National Executive Committee meeting for Incoming & Outgoing National Officers is Saturday 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
  - o The 2023-2024 National Executive Committee (elected in 2023)
  - o The 2024-2025 National Executive Committee (elected in 2024)
  - o National Past Presidents
  - o All 50 Year Members in attendance
  - o All 50 Year Members being honored at this convention
  - Honored Guests
- Reception proceeding the banquet will begin at 6:30pm tomorrow in Marquis lobby.
  - o Please welcome our Awardees
  - o The 2023-2024 Lifetime Achievement Award Mimi Costa-White
  - o The 2023-2024 President's Award Shely Pack-Manning
  - o 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

**Reading of Motions Passed** 

Elizabeth Lemberger

**Meeting Adjourned** 

5:31pm