



2024 National Past President's Report

In the past the Past Presidents council met at the beginning of convention. Last year I decided to get everyone together on zoom. The Past Presidents Council meet three times this year.

It is always amazing to see each other and catch up.

October 16 at 1:00PM

In attendance were Janette Brown, Jill Chase, Ann Freeman, Dody Flynn, Butch Theisen, Mimi Costa-White & Shely Pack-Manning

- We went over Advisory minutes.
- We discussed and voted on the 2024 Distinguished Member recipient.
- Lengthy discussion on Ivy Hall funds. We talked about discussing with an attorney. I spoke to one I know, and it would be very expensive to hire the attorney we need. Janette will reach out to Bob to discuss what money is left and how to use it. Unfortunately, he never returned her call and as we all know passed away.
- We discussed sending flowers for Penny's moms service.

February 22 at 1:00PM

In attendance were Janette Brown, Jill Chase, Ann Freeman, Dody Flynn, Butch Theisen, Phyllis Guy, Mimi Costa-White & Shely Pack-Manning

- We went over Advisory minutes.
- I let those in the meeting know that I was there to assist them if needed in the new online convention registration online form.
- Discussed chapters on a rebuild year.
- I told them about the chapter examiner manual videos.
- We talked about the proposed shortened convention schedule.
- We discussed the Nashville Omni hotel the Advisory Committee visited and signed a contract with for 2029.
- Talked about TTS and SHIP new location and that Charleen and I toured the University again and had discussions with the Dance

Department, Housing, Events Coordinator and 3 Ball State University faculty.

- We were all very excited to hear that Revolution Costume/Dancewear company was donating solo title attire for the opening number.

June 11 at 1:00PM eastern time.

In attendance were Janette Brown, Jill Chase, Ann Freeman, Cindy Larsen, Dody Flynn, Butch Theisen, Phyllis Guy and Laura Work.

- We discussed how to honor Bob Mann for all he did for DMA as a National President and National Secretary.
- We discussed the possibility of the new shortened schedule passing at convention.
- I let them know that TTS and S.H.I.P. attendance numbers at this time were higher than last summer.
- That Laura after hours of searching her emails from a long time ago, was able to get the DMA promotional videos. She sent them to advisory and they are in a google file and in the advisory drop box.

In closing we would like to thank the National Advisory Committee for keeping us in the loop by providing the Advisory Meeting minutes from their weekly conference calls.

We are very thankful for the hard work that Advisory continues to put into Dance Masters of America continuing to keep our prestigious and successful organization moving forward.

Thank you,
Dody Flynn