Convention Seating Report

6-30-24

This year the seating has been divided up into five sections with 12 seats on the side two sections and 10 seats in the middle three sections. The national board, the parents of the reigning title winners, and some of the delegates will be in the middle section in the first 5 rows. The national area directors, parliamentarian, recording secretary, chapter of the year, member of the year and some of the delegates will be middle section house right in the first 5 rows. The past presidents, VIP's, 50 year members and the remaining of the delegates will be middle house left section in the first 5 rows. In the far house right section will be the title directors and choreographers for each night and the current reigning and new reigning title holders and their parents. In the section far house left will be any other VIP's, ushers, and the member teachers.

The delegate seats will be rotated each night. Each national area director and delegate will receive 2 reserved tickets to get into their reserved section each night for the title competitions handed out in this meeting today. If you decide to give your tickets away, the people taking your seats must have the reserved tickets to sit in your seats. (You must have a title ticket to enter the title competition. This reserved ticket will not get you in the door, only into the reserved section).

The title parents and teachers will be split up into 5 sections behind the DMA officers and committee heads. The general public will be in the next rows behind the above listed sections. The doors will be opened between 30-45 minutes before the show as soon as the national title director has finished any preparations needed on the stage prior to the title competition.

As designated by the President, Delegates from the Chapters will help with the ushering. I need a total of 15 ushers and 3 people for Donald to monitor the doors each night. This year a list of volunteers has been facilitated by the national board. Please contact me via text 513-252-6620 or email dmsdjob@gmail.com if you have someone additional from your chapter that can volunteer. The reserved seat covers are placed on the chairs at the end of each PASC awards so if there is anyone available after the competition that is able to help clean up the auditorium and put on the seat covers that would be greatly appreciated. All delegates and volunteers should arrive by 7:00pm in dressy attire to review the procedures of the evening and pick up their usher/usherette buttons. At the end of each night, the reserved seat covers need to be taken off each seat and put in order for the next night and usher buttons returned. This year I am judging the Petite Title Competition and my sister is the choreographer so we will need someone to step in and be the head usher at 7:45 while we prepare for our other duties that night.

Each evening any seats that are not filled by 7:45 will be released to the general public in the order of the rows that arrived. (The 4th row will be asked first, then the 5th, then the 6th...)

I will let the ushers know when we will begin releasing seats. Lastly, there will be reserved seats for member teachers at the Grand National Championship. All problems, concerns, or recommendations should be brought up each evening so the next title competition can be run more efficiently.

Respectively Submitted, Dawn Slemons – Chapter 16