



Dance Masters of America Membership Committee

*Dance Masters Membership
Executive Board*

*Re: Membership Report
June 29, 2024*

Board Members,

I truly appreciate Madame President allowing me to continue as the Dance Masters Membership Chairperson. Serving DMA for the past ten years has truly been a pleasure. I have been able to contact teachers interested in becoming members and tell them of all the wonderful opportunities that await them. Having a Membership Contact for each chapter, has helped correspondence run smoothly. I am the person Chapters contact when they need simple questions answered or simply do not know who to contact with a question. Since all membership requests received thru our National Website are directed to me, I have set up an Informational Packet which I forward to all interested. I have attached a copy and I strongly encourage every affiliated chapter to set up a packet of their own. This should include a Welcome Letter, Chapter Application with instructions, DMA Application along with your Code of Ethics.

Once again, I started this new dance year by sending my contact information to the chapters and extending my assistance in any way possible. I asked them to update their Membership Contact Information so new inquiries would be forwarded to the correct person. I forwarded all the corrections to Madame President so the official records and website could be updated. A list is attached.

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Thru correspondence, I encouraged each chapter to work on their growth by offering socials and study sessions in order to bring in new teachers. I asked our chapters to share what has worked for them and they did. Many offer free workshops to applicants and some discounted fees. I reminded them to encourage membership and I expressed the importance of following up on inquiries. Never let a new member get away simply because the phone was busy the first time you called. Call again

The next time I reached out to membership was to follow up on the examiners review session requested by our National Office. I made sure the Membership Chair for each chapter received the videos and notes previously sent.

I do realize that times have changed. We always concentrated on gaining new members, well I think we need to concentrate on keeping the members we have. Teachers are excited when they join but this wears off quickly. They come to less events mainly because there are so many other conventions and dance opportunities available to them.

~ Some ideas for more involvement are ~

- 1) Give incentives to members. I know everything costs money, but sometimes you need to spend it, to make it. Have a Room with free water and snacks for members that attend conventions. If members come, students come.*
- 2) Give a free or partial Teacher Convention Fee for every 10 students they register. More teachers will attend the conventions since there would be a way they could save money. Our organization would still make money because the teacher would bring more students.*
- 3) At Conventions we should have meetings on how to run a business, using technology and payment options, taxes, classes for teaching babies (Actual material – teachers starting out are usually very good dancers but haven't worked with small children in a long time this would give them useable material.)*

4) Quarterly Newsletters could be sent by chapters to their members. This could include fun facts, new teaching ideas, upcoming events. Let's not be a once a year organization.

If anyone has any suggestions or concerns on how this committee could advance into the future, please share them with me and I will pass it on.

Again, thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to working with Dance Masters of America in the future.

I am,

Duanne Cazalot, Chairperson
DMA Membership Committee

Happy
Holidays!

Here's Wishing You & Your Family

A Very Happy Holiday Season

Stay Blessed!

*Duanne Cazalot
Dance Masters of America
Membership Chair*



**Dance Masters of America
Membership Committee**

Dance Masters Membership

December 8, 2023

Continuing as your Membership Chair, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Duanne Cazalot and I look forward to assisting your Chapter in any way I can. I can be reached by email – duanne5678@cox.net

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In an effort to update my records, please check the following information and Confirm your Chapter's President and Membership Chair along with their Email addresses. By having a direct contact, this assures information is being sent to the correct individual. If you are receiving this in error, please forward to the correct person and let me know, so I can update my records.

I am pleased to report that inquiries received from our webpage have produced numerous new members. Thank you for following up when information was sent to your chapter. The feedback has been promising.

Please make sure you are using the correct DMA Application. You can download this from the DMA website under applications.

As Membership Chairman, you should have received the DMA Exam Video Links from Erin Spriggs. If you have not, please contact me and I will make sure you receive it. Please follow her instructions and go over this with your committee.

I look forward to an incredible 2024! Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you or your chapter.

*Duanne Cazalot,
DMA Membership Chair*



Dance Masters of America Membership Committee

Dance Masters Membership

January 30, 2024

WELCOME TO DMA! I would like to introduce myself. I am Duanne Cazalot, Dance Masters of America Membership Chair and I look forward to assisting your Chapter in any way I can. I can be reached by email – duanne5678@cox.net

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I look forward to an incredible 2024! Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you or your chapter.

*Duanne Cazalot,
DMA Membership Chair*

Attach the new DMA Welcome/information/application packet



Dance Masters of America - Membership

Just a few reminders!

If you are receiving this in error, please forward to the correct person and let me know, so I can update my records.

As Membership Chairman, you should have received the DMA Exam Video Links from Erin Spriggs before Christmas. If you have not, please contact me and I will make sure you receive it. Please follow her instructions and go over this with your committee. Remember, this needs to be done in order to proceed with examinations. Any questions, just ask.

I am very pleased to report that new member inquiries received on the Dance Masters of America website have resulted in many new members. If your chapter was forwarded information, please be sure to follow up. Contact them again, if you didn't get a response the first time.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Cali! If you ever have a question or a concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. My information is listed below.

Stay Blessed,

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| <i>December 8, 2023</i> | <i>Sent introduction letter to membership requesting updates on Contact information</i> |
| <i>January 30, 2024</i> | <i>Sent updates to Ruby and President Penny</i> |
| <i>January 30, 2024</i> | <i>Sent welcome letter to the new Chapter #48 of Texas
Received thank you back with updated mailing info.</i> |
| <i>February 1, 2024</i> | <i>Forwarded #48's Mailing info zip code to Ruby and President</i> |
| <i>February 1, 2024</i> | <i>Received updated Membership information for Chapter 15.
Forwarded to Ruby and President</i> |
| <i>February 18, 2024</i> | <i>Received request for information from Christina Osisek and Christy McCord on becoming members of DMA</i> |
| <i>February 19, 2024</i> | <i>I set up an information pack consisting of welcome letter, DMA Application and Code of Ethics.</i> |

February 20, 2024 I emailed the DMA Information Pack to Christina Osisek and Christy McCord along with contact information for Chapter 33

February 20, 2024 I forwarded the email to Chapter 33 and requested they Contact them with information requested.

February 28, 2024 Request for information posted on facebook was forwarded to Me by Dody Flynn concerning Casey Roberson.

February 29, 2024 I contacted Casey Roberson from Poplarville, MS and sent her An information packet. I offered my assistance in any way Possible.

March 13, 2024 Assisted new applicant with ordering educational material

March 13, 2024 Assisted member with logging in to website to download Application to pay fees

March 20, 2024 Received request from DMA website for information.

March 20, 2024 Sent DMA information pack to Lizz Sumners and forwarded Her information to Chapter 33 to follow up.

March 22, 2024 Sent update to DMA Chapters my quarterly update. Copy attached

March 24, 2024 Received note from following chapters that they could not Locate or did not receive the Videos from Erin Spriggs sent Nov 12, 2023. Chapters 36,44, 46

March 26, 2024 After speaking to Charleen Locascio, Chapters 36, 44, 46 were Given dates the videos and digital books were sent out and Asked to check again. If they were not located, I will resend.

March 26, 2024 Videos and Digital books were forwarded to Cindy Larsen

March 26, 2024 Videos and Digital Books were forwarded to Diane Reynolds, Chapter 8. (Couldn't locate after passing of Marlene Merritt)

March 27, 2024 Videos and Digital Books were forwarded to Dawnell Dryja Black, Chapter 46

March 27, 2024 Videos were forwarded to Suzanne Goodman, Chapter 44

March 30, 2024

Heather West requested membership information on our DMA website. I sent her DMA information and forwarded Her information to Dance Masters of Pennsylvania to follow Up with he.



DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Dance Masters of America. At DMA, we are very proud of our organization and our members. Dance Masters of America continues to maintain a professional level of expertise in the field of dance education.

By holding membership in Dance Masters of America and one of the affiliated chapters, you receive the benefits of both organizations.

Enclosed are the DMA application for membership along with our Code of Ethics. I am also attaching the contact information for one of our chapters that would be able to serve you. I am forwarding your information to them and they will contact you and explain the procedures to be followed.

As Membership Chair of Dance Masters of America, if you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will do my best to address this matter as soon as possible.

My contact information is -

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Sincerely,

*Duanne Cazalot
Dance Masters of America
Membership Chairperson*



Dance Masters of America, Inc.

Application for Membership

Date received by Chapter _____ Date received by the National Office _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Number of years you have studied dance _____

Number of years you have taught dance _____

Do you own your own dance school? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give the name of the dance school _____

If no, please give the name of the school (s) you are currently employed to teach dance and the name of the studio owner.

Studio Name _____ Owner _____

Studio Name _____ Owner _____

Check the dance subject (s) you actively teach at this time.

Ballet _____ Pointe _____ Tap _____ Jazz _____ Lyrical _____ Modern _____

Contemporary _____ Hip Hop _____ Acrobatics _____ Other _____

Have you ever applied for membership in Dance Masters of America, Inc.?

No _____ Yes _____ Chapter # _____ Year Applied _____

Are you reapplying for membership? No _____ Yes _____

PART II

With the signing of this application, I do hereby acknowledge that the information given on page one (1) of this document is complete and honest, and that my membership in the Dance Masters of America, Inc. Has been made through one of its Affiliated Chapters.

Signature of Applicant

Date Application was submitted to Chapter

PART III - CERTIFIED ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

I do hereby affirm that the above named applicant has passed with a satisfactory grade, Dance Masters of America Examination(s) and has proven his/her qualifications as a bona fide teacher in the dance subjects indicated below.

The above named Applicant received the following grades:

Acrobatics Grade _____% Modern Grade _____%

Ballet Grade _____% Tap Grade _____%

Jazz Grade _____%

_____ A Certification from Royal Academy of Dancing-Elementary Examination

_____ A Certificate from Cecchetti Teachers Elementary Examination (formerly known as Grade V)

_____ A Certificate from DMA Teachers Training School Examination

After completing the membership process in Chapter # _____ the Applicant was approved as a Certified Active Member of our Chapter on the _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature of Affiliated Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Date

PART IV - Please check one of the following:

Degreed Membership Professional Membership Partnering Membership

I, _____ the Secretary/Treasurer of Affiliated Chapter # _____ have reviewed this Membership Application and do hereby affirm that it is complete, with the required chapter approved documentation and signatures.

After completing the membership process in Chapter # _____ the Applicant was approved as a _____ Degreed Member _____ Professional Member _____ Partnering Member of our Chapter on the _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature of Affiliated Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Date

NOTE: The Dance Masters of America, Inc. Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

To all Affiliated Chapter Secretaries,

As Chapter Secretary, you are personally responsible for the immediate submission of this application, Payment of National dues and copies of examinations and/or documentation to:

Dance Masters of America - c/o Ruby Toy - 75-30 196th Street - Fresh Meadows, NY 11366



Dance Masters of America

CODE OF ETHICS

We shall Strive To Improve The Techniques For Teaching All Types Of Dance As Modified Or Revised In Accordance With The Progress Of Dance Education.

We shall Condemn The Use Of Misleading Base Statements In All Advertising Mediums As An Unethical Practice.

We shall Give To Our Students The Utmost Measure Of Our Knowledge In Teaching The Art Of Dance.

We shall Be Bound By The Necessity Of Constant Study. Knowing That Dance Is A Living Art.

We shall Hold For Our Profession And Those Within Our Profession The Highest Respect. To Achieve This Objective. Our Relationship With Our Competitors Shall Be Motivated By The High Ideals Of Fair Play In All Business Practices.

We shall Condemn Flagrant Solicitation Of Another Teacher's Pupils As An Unethical Practice.

We shall In Our Covenant With The Public Establish A Foundation Of Truth And Integrity In All Words And Deeds.

We shall Further Condemn The Charging Of Fees Which Degrade The Dignity Of The Dance Teaching Profession As Unethical Practice.