

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 138th NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, Georgia**

**GRAND BODY MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023**

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the first Grand Body meeting of the 138<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 5:08pm.

**Opening Ceremonies**

Invocation	Dody Flynn
Presidential Welcome	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Area Welcome	Grace Pack
Thought for the Day	Dody Flynn

*Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come, get up and make them.*

**Roll Call**

Erin Spriggs  
 Chapters stand and be counted. A quorum was present.  
 Recognition of first-time attendees.

**Parliamentary Procedures**

Mary Scout

**Adoption of Convention Standing Rules**

Dody Flynn

**Madeline Graves moved the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2023 National Convention. Motion seconded. Motion carried.**

**Introductions**

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	Jeanne Cummings
Time Keeper	Erin Spriggs
Minutes Approval	Erin Spriggs, Madeline Graves, Elizabeth Lemberger, Jamie Lee Dain, Mary Scout, Advisor

**Presentations:**

Member of the Year	Michelle Soutier #15
Zee Brown Ahern Award Winner	Cindy Larsen #33
Chapter of the Year	Chapter 15

**Officer Reports**

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

**Committee Reports**

Bylaws	Erin Spriggs
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1. Amend Article IV-Membership, Section 1 by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article IV-Membership Section 1 - Classification of Membership There shall be eleven (11) classifications of membership, each having their individual requirements and benefits and each of which shall be	Article IV-Membership Section 1 - Classification of Membership <del>There shall be</del> DMA offers eleven (11) classifications of membership, each having <del>their</del> individual requirements and benefits and each of which shall be maintained through membership in an Affiliated Chapter. <b><u>Affiliated Chapters:</u></b> <b><u>1. are required to offer Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., DMA Honorary Certified Active, and DMA Honorary Certified Active C.E. classifications of membership.</u></b> <b><u>2. are not required to offer Partnering, Partnering</u></b>	Article IV-Membership Section 1 - Classification of Membership DMA offers eleven (11) classifications of membership, each having individual requirements and benefits and each of which shall be maintained through membership in an Affiliated Chapter. Affiliated Chapters: 1. are required to offer Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., DMA Honorary Certified Active, and DMA Honorary Certified Active C.E. classifications of membership.

maintained through membership in an Affiliated Chapter.	<b><u>C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, Professional C.E., or Associate classification or membership.</u></b>	2. are not required to offer Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, Professional C.E., or Associate classification or membership.
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**Rationale:** to clarify the current policy of what are required membership classifications that must be offered by chapters.  
**Amendment of Article IV, Section 1 was approved by the Grand Body.**

2. Amend Article X-Chapter Affiliation, Section 2 D by inserting as follows:

<b>Currently Reads</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 2 - Requirements D. That Affiliated Chapters shall adhere to all classifications of membership authorized in Article IV of the DMA Bylaws and shall use the DMA Membership Applications and Examinations forms. The DMA National Administrative Assistant shall supply the required forms.	ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 2 - Requirements D. That Affiliated Chapters shall adhere to all classifications of membership authorized in Article IV of the DMA Bylaws and shall use the DMA Membership Applications and Examinations forms. The DMA National Administrative Assistant shall supply the required forms. <b><u>Affiliated Chapters:</u></b> <b><u>1. are required to offer Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., DMA Honorary Certified Active, and DMA Honorary Certified Active C.E. classification of membership.</u></b> <b><u>2. are not required to offer Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, Professional C.E., or Associate classification or membership.</u></b>	ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 2 - Requirements D. That Affiliated Chapters shall adhere to all classifications of membership authorized in Article IV of the DMA Bylaws and shall use the DMA Membership Applications and Examinations forms. The DMA National Administrative Assistant shall supply the required forms. Affiliated Chapters: 1. are required to offer Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., DMA Honorary Certified Active, and DMA Honorary Certified Active C.E. classification of membership. 2. are not required to offer Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, Professional C.E., or Associate classification or membership.

**Rationale:** to clarify what classifications of membership do and do not have to accept in accordance with the proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 1.

**Amendment of Article X, Section 2 D was approved by the Grand Body.**

3. Amend Article IV-Membership, Section 1 A, 1 c by striking as follows:

<b>Currently Reads</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
Article IV-Membership Section 1 - Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 1. Eligibility c. have taught dance as a teacher or assistant teacher (without supervision by any other dance teacher in the classroom) for a period of not less than three (3) years out of five (5) years immediately prior to the submission of the Membership Application;	Article IV-Membership Section 1 - Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 1. Eligibility c. have taught dance as a teacher or assistant teacher ( <del>without supervision by any other dance teacher in the classroom</del> ) for a period of not less than three (3) years out of five (5) years immediately prior to the submission of the Membership Application	Article IV-Membership Section 1 - Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 1. Eligibility c. have taught dance as a teacher or assistant teacher for a period of not less than three (3) years out of five (5) years immediately prior to the submission of the Membership Application

**Rationale:** DMA does not condone anyone under the age of 18 to be teaching alone, unsupervised.

**Amendment of Article IV, Section I A was approved by the Grand Body.**

4. Amend Article VII-Grievances, Section A by striking and inserting as follows:

<b>Currently Reads</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>If Adopted, Will Read</b>
Article VII-Grievances A. The National Executive Committee shall have the right to file a grievance, with the National Grievance 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 National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee.	Article VII-Grievances A. The National Executive Committee shall have the right to file a grievance, with the National <del>Grievance</del> 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. <b><u>The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee. The decision of the National Ethics Committee shall be final and shall take any disciplinary action deemed necessary.</u></b>	Article VII-Grievances A. 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 shall take any disciplinary action deemed necessary.

**Rationale:** The national organization does not have a Grievance Committee and all grievances go to the Ethics Committee, this amendment corrects the name and provides that the disciplinary action does not need to be approved by the National Executive Committee.

**Amendment of Article VII, Section A was approved by the Grand Body.**

5. Amend Article X-Chapter Affiliation by inserting a new Section 2, F and G as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 2 Requirements: <b><u>F. If a chapter does not have a Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., Honorary Certified Active, or Honorary Certified Active C.E. member available to be a Delegate, they may elect or appoint a Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, Professional C.E., or Associate member in good standing, to serve as their representative on the National Board of Directors. The representative will be seated with no voice or vote. This representative's term as delegate does not qualify to run for national office. Chapters will be extended this privilege two (2) times within seven (7) years.</u></b> <b><u>G. If a chapter does not seat a delegate or representative for 2 consecutive years, the chapter will be assessed a fine.</u></b></p>	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 2 Requirements: F. If a chapter does not have a Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., Honorary Certified Active, or Honorary Certified Active C.E. member available to be a Delegate, they may elect or appoint a Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, Professional C.E., or Associate member in good standing, to serve as their representative on the National Board of Directors. The representative will be seated with no voice or vote. This representative's term as delegate does not qualify to run for national office. Chapters will be extended this privilege two (2) times within seven (7) years. G. If a chapter does not seat a delegate or representative for 2 consecutive years, the chapter will be assessed a fine.</p>

**Rationale:** to increase chapter representation on the Board of Directors.

**Amendment of Article X, Section 2 was approved by the Grand Body.**

6. Amend Article X-Chapter Affiliation, Section 2, (currently F but renumbered to H) by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 2. Requirements F. That any Chapter not sending a Delegate to the National Convention shall submit the required reports to the DMA National Administrative Assistant at least two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.</p>	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 2. Requirements F. That any Chapter not sending a Delegate to the National Convention shall submit the required reports to <b><u>the DMA National Administrative Assistant their assigned National Area Director</u></b> at least two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.</p>	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 2. Requirements F. That any Chapter not sending a Delegate to the National Convention shall submit the required reports to their assigned National Area Director at least two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.</p>

**Rationale:** to reflect the current procedure being followed.

**Amendment of Article X, Section 2 was approved by the Grand Body.**

7. Amend Article X-Chapter Affiliation, Section 3 A by inserting a new 8 as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3. Fine, Suspension and Termination A. DMA may fine or suspend privileges or terminate its affiliation with any Chapter that: 1. does not maintain 100% Active DMA Membership; 2. does not maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) dues paying members; 3. does not maintain Bylaws that comply with or are in direct conflict with the Bylaws of the National Organization with the exception of Article IV, Section 1A - F. (Each Affiliated Chapter may use a standard that is higher but not lower than those of the National Organization for membership); 4. does not uphold the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Competition Rules governed by the DMA National Board of Directors and upheld by the National Executive Committee; 5. does not hold a minimum of two (2) grand body meetings a year; 6. does not offer a member at least ten (10) hours of educational sessions (i.e. workshops, manual reviews, seminars, etc.)</p>	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3. Fine, Suspension and Termination A. DMA may fine or suspend privileges or terminate its affiliation with any Chapter that: 1. does not maintain 100% Active DMA Membership; 2. does not maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) dues paying members; 3. does not maintain Bylaws that comply with or are in direct conflict with the Bylaws of the National Organization with the exception of Article IV, Section 1A - F. (Each Affiliated Chapter may use a standard that is higher but not lower than those of the National Organization for membership); 4. does not uphold the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Competition Rules governed by the DMA National Board of Directors and upheld by the National Executive Committee; 5. does not hold a minimum of two (2) grand body meetings a year; 6. does not offer a member at least ten (10) hours of educational sessions (i.e. workshops, manual reviews, seminars, etc.) per year, excluding competitions. These hours may not overlap;</p>	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3. Fine, Suspension and Termination A. DMA may fine or suspend privileges or terminate its affiliation with any Chapter that: 1. does not maintain 100% Active DMA Membership; 2. does not maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) dues paying members; 3. does not maintain Bylaws that comply with or are in direct conflict with the Bylaws of the National Organization with the exception of Article IV, Section 1A - F. (Each Affiliated Chapter may use a standard that is higher but not lower than those of the National Organization for membership); 4. does not uphold the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Competition Rules governed by the DMA National Board of Directors and upheld by the National Executive Committee; 5. does not hold a minimum of two (2) grand body meetings a year; 6. does not offer a member at least ten (10) hours of educational sessions (i.e. workshops, manual reviews, seminars, etc.) per year, excluding competitions. These hours may not overlap;</p>

per year, excluding competitions. These hours may not overlap; 7. does not conduct Chapter business in the best interest of its members or DMA.	7. does not conduct Chapter business in the best interest of its members or DMA; 8. <b><u>does not submit the Affiliation Agreement by the deadline date.</u></b>	7. does not conduct Chapter business in the best interest of its members or DMA; 8. does not submit the Affiliation Agreement by the deadline date.
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**Rationale:** to provide for consequences if the agreement is not returned in time.

**Amendment of Article X, Section 3 A was approved by the Grand Body.**

8. Amend Article XI-National Officers, Section 2 C by striking “Affiliation” 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 have served a minimum of three (3) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Board of Directors or a minimum of four (4) years as a Chair of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Adjudication, Affiliation, Convention Chairperson, Education – strategy, Examination, Examination Certification Forum, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Rules, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program I, Student Honors Intensive Program II, 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 have served a minimum of three (3) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Board of Directors or a minimum of four (4) years as a Chair of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Adjudication, <b><u>Affiliation</u></b> , Convention Chairperson, Education – strategy, Examination, Examination Certification Forum, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Rules, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program I, Student Honors Intensive Program II, 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 have served a minimum of three (3) years, within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Board of Directors or a minimum of four (4) years as a Chair of one of the following National Standing Committees or positions: Adjudication, Convention Chairperson, Education – strategy, Examination, Examination Certification Forum, Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship Competitions, Rules, Solo Title Directors, Student Honors Intensive Program I, Student Honors Intensive Program II, and Teachers Training School Administrators.

**Rationale:** there no longer is an Affiliations Committee

**Amendment of Article XI, Section 2 C was approved by the Grand Body.**

9. Amend Article XIII-Meetings, Section 2 A by striking “the voting” as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XIII-Meetings National Convention Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting A. The National Grand Body shall be defined as the voting members in attendance at the National Convention.	Article XIII-Meetings National Convention Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting A. The National Grand Body shall be defined as <b><u>the voting</u></b> members in attendance at the National Convention.	Article XIII-Meetings National Convention Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting A. The National Grand Body shall be defined as members in attendance at the National Convention.

**Rationale:** all classes of membership are welcome to attend the National Grand Body meetings.

**Amendment of Article XIII, Section 2 A was approved by the Grand Body.**

10. Amend Article XIII-Meetings, Section 2 C by striking “Fifty (50)” and inserting “Forty (40)” as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XIII-Meetings National Convention Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting C. Fifty (50) voting members (Certified Active, Certified Active C. E., Honorary Certified Active, Honorary Certified Active C. E.) shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings. If a quorum is not present, the National Board of Directors shall be authorized to dispose of business presented with the exception of the nominations and election of officers and amendments to the National Bylaws.	Article XIII-Meetings National Convention Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting C. <b><u>Fifty (50) Forty (40)</u></b> voting members (Certified Active, Certified Active C. E., Honorary Certified Active, Honorary Certified Active C. E.) shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings. If a quorum is not present, the National Board of Directors shall be authorized to dispose of business presented with the exception of the nominations and election of officers and amendments to the National Bylaws.	Article XIII-Meetings National Convention Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting C. Forty (40) voting members (Certified Active, Certified Active C. E., Honorary Certified Active, Honorary Certified Active C. E.) shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings. If a quorum is not present, the National Board of Directors shall be authorized to dispose of business presented with the exception of the nominations and election of officers and amendments to the National Bylaws.

**Rationale:** because of lower attendance at Grand Body meetings, the quorum is being lowered to be certain that business may be conducted.

**Amendment of Article XIII, Section 2 C was approved by the Grand Body.**

11. Amend Article XV-National Executive Committee, Section 3, F by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XV-National Executive Committee Section 3 – Duties The National Executive Committee shall: F. determine if a delegate, who is seated after the start of the Affiliations Meeting, can be granted the privilege of voting when the delegate has an emergency arise.	Article XV-National Executive Committee Section 3 – Duties The National Executive Committee shall: F. <del>determine if a delegate, who is seated after the start of the Affiliations Meeting, can be granted the privilege of voting when the delegate has an emergency arise</del> <u>approve the appointment of a substitute delegate 24 hours prior to the first National Board of Directors Meeting in order to grant the new delegate the privileges of voting.</u>	Article XV-National Executive Committee Section 3 – Duties The National Executive Committee shall: F. approve the appointment of a substitute delegate 24 hours prior to the first National Board of Directors Meeting in order to grant the new delegate the privileges of voting.

**Rationale:** there will no longer be an Affiliations meeting which requires that this section be changed to reflect that.

Jeanne Cummings moved to amend the amendment by substitution as follows: striking “Affiliations” and inserting “first National Board of Directors” before “Meeting.” Motion was seconded. Amendment of the amendment was approved by the Board of Directors.

**If Adopted, Will Read:**

Section 3 – Duties

The National Executive Committee shall:

F. determine if a delegate, who is seated after the start of the first National Board of Directors Meeting, can be granted the privilege of voting when the delegate has an emergency arise.

Amendment as amended of Article XV, Section 3 F was approved by the Grand Body.

12. Amend Article XV-National Executive Committee, Section 3 G by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XV-National Executive Committee Section 3 – Duties G. by a majority vote of all the National Executive Committee members, at the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and/or the President, remove any officer, elected or appointed, when in its judgment the best interest of Dance Masters of America would be served.	Article XV-National Executive Committee Section 3 – Duties G. <del>by a majority vote of all the National Executive Committee members, at the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and/or the President, remove any officer, elected or appointed, when in its judgment the best interest of Dance Masters of America would be served</del> <u>have the authority to remove from office any officer elected or appointed by a majority vote if they are not serving in the best interest of Dance Masters of America.</u>	Article XV-National Executive Committee Section 3-Duties G. have the authority to remove from office any officer elected or appointed by a majority vote if they are not serving in the best interest of Dance Masters of America.

**Rationale:** reworded for clarity.

Amendment of Article XV, Section 3 G was approved by the Grand Body.

13. Amend Article XVIII-National Committees/councils by striking “thirty” and inserting “sixty” as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 3 – Appointments The National President shall appoint, with the approval of the National Advisory Committee, within thirty (30) days of taking office, all National Standing, Special and Convention Committee Chairmen unless otherwise provided in the National Bylaws and Standing Rules.	Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 3 – Appointments The National President shall appoint, with the approval of the National Advisory Committee, within <del>thirty (30)</del> <u>sixty (60)</u> days of taking office, all National Standing, Special and Convention Committee Chairmen unless otherwise provided in the National Bylaws and Standing Rules.	Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 3 – Appointments The National President shall appoint, with the approval of the National Advisory Committee, within sixty-(60) days of taking office, all National Standing, Special and Convention Committee Chairmen unless otherwise provided in the National Bylaws and Standing Rules.

**Rationale:** the first Advisory Committee meeting has been moved to a later date and therefore more time is required for them to approve appointments.

Amendment of Article XVIII was approved by the Grand Body.

14. Amend Article XXII-Amendments, Section 2 by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article XXII-Amendments Section 2 – National Bylaws Committee The National Second Vice President shall arrange the proposed amendments to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules in proper form giving rationale and names of submitters and send to the DMA National Office by March 15.	Article XXII-Amendments Section 2 – National Bylaws Committee The National <del>Second</del> <u>First</u> Vice President shall arrange the proposed amendments to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules in proper form giving rationale and names of submitters and send to the DMA <del>National Office</del> <u>Webmaster</u> by <del>March</del> <u>April</u> 15.	Article XXII-Amendments Section 2 – National Bylaws Committee The National First Vice President shall arrange the proposed amendments to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules in proper form giving rationale and names of submitters and send to the DMA Webmaster by April 15.

**Rationale:** to assign this duty to the First Vice President and the DMA Webmaster and to extend the date to provide for more time to submit changes.

Amendment of Article XXII, Section 2 was approved by the Grand Body.

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.

#### **New Business**

- None

#### **Announcements**

- Next Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Marquis M101
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Marquis Room M106 & 107
- Next Grand Body meeting is tomorrow at 5:00pm in Marquis Meeting Room M103-105.
- Petite Miss & Master Dance Scholarship Competition is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C. A special “thank you” to director Ann-Marie Carlomagno and choreographer, Leyla Boissonnade.
- Remember to exchange Banquet Tickets
- Remind your parents to visit our Exhibitor.
- Contract signing will be tomorrow at 8:00am in the DMA office

**Reading of Motions Passed**

Madeline Graves

**Meeting Adjourned**

6:25pm

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**GRAND BODY MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023**

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the second Grand Body meeting of the 138<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 5:09pm.

**Thought for the Day** Dody Flynn  
*Attitude is the little thing that makes a big difference.*

**Roll Call** Erin Spriggs A quorum was present.

**Minutes Approval** Penny Koza-Lemansky

The minutes of the Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Body meeting were approved as corrected.

**Presentations:**

Petite Miss Dance of America 2024	Sadie Daniels
Teacher of Record	Kathy Meyer #16
Teacher of Recognition	Dawn Slemmons #16
Master Dance of America 2024	Gus Goodman
Teacher of Record	Mandy Doyle #16
Thank you to Director Ann-Marie Carlomagno and Choreographer Leyla Boissonnade	

**Memorial Service** Butch Theisen, Charleen Hibbs

**Committee Reports (continued)**

Nominating Mike Smolko

<u>National President</u>	Penny Koza-Lemansky #10
<u>National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</u>	Erin Spriggs #28
<u>National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</u>	Shawn Terenzi #5
<u>National Treasurer</u>	Charleen Locascio #6
<u>National Area Director</u>	
Dee Buchanan #17	Jamie Lee-Dain #25
Jeanne Cummings #21	Grace Pack #1
Courtney Greteman-Taylor #34	Michele Rexroad #16
Valerie Hamilton #27	Valerie Saija-Moore #38
Charlene Hibbs #6	Maria Whaley #40
Leslie Ingram #15	Diane Yednak #10

Seating	Dawn Slemmons
Membership	Duanne Cazalot
TTS	Dody Flynn, Phyllis Guy
SHIP	Charleen Locascio, Dody Flynn, Cindy Larsen
Publicity/Social media	Rebecca Brettingham Filice, Michelle Tardibono

**New Business**

- Dee Buchanan #17 asked about the standing rule 73 combining PASC overalls and asked for rationale for the current practice of combining divisions. Executive Committee will discuss.

**Announcements**

- Next Grand Body meeting is Thursday at 5:00pm in Marquis Meeting Room M103-105.
- Next Executive Board meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Marquis M101
- Next Board of Directors meeting is Thursday at 10:30am in Marquis Meeting Room M106 & 107
- Junior Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C. A special "thank you" to director Courtney Greteman-Taylor and choreographer, Lori Rayborn.
- Teen Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is tomorrow at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C. A special "thank you" to director Grace Pack and choreographer, Trish Thompson-Creamer.
- Today is the final day to exchange Banquet Tickets (5:00pm)
- Remind your parents to visit our Exhibitor.
- Elections will be held tomorrow from 8:00am-1:00pm in Marquis M-108
- Contract signing will be tomorrow at 8:00am in the DMA office

**Reading of Motions Passed** Elizabeth Lemberger

**Meeting Adjourned** 6:05pm

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**GRAND BODY MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023**

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the third Grand Body meeting of the 138<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 5:03pm.

**Thought for the Day** Dody Flynn  
*Always stand up for what is right even if it means standing alone.*

**Roll Call** Erin Spriggs  
A quorum was present.

**Minutes Approval** Penny Koza-Lemansky  
**The minutes of the Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Grand Body meeting were approved as corrected.**

**Presentations:**

Junior Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Courtney Greteman-Taylor	
Junior Miss Dance of America 2024	Gabriella Hardy
Teacher of Record	Ashley Canterna-Hardy #17
Junior Mr. Dance of America 2024	Cameron Mosolygo
Teacher of Record	Dawnell Dryja Black #46

Teen Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Grace Pack	
Teen Miss Dance of America 2024	Anami Halo Canterna
Teacher of Record	Ashley Canterna-Hardy #17
Teen Mr. Dance of America 2024	Eric Biggs
Teacher of Record	Lindsay Roberts #40

**Committee Reports (continued)**

Education Strategies	Tom Ralabate
Banquet Selection	Charlene Hibbs
Convention Chairperson	Butch Theisen
Elections	Madeline Graves
Protocol	Dody Flynn
Past Presidents Council	Dody Flynn
Rules	Dody Flynn
Historian	Paul Janusz
PASC Liaison	Leslie Ingram
Reigning Title Holder Coordinator	Phyllis Guy
Solo Title Liaison	Shawn Terenzi
Open Scholarship age 13-23	Kathi Halbert
Open Scholarship age 10-12	Tracy Davenport

**New Business**

- Discussion on routines advancing in Grand Nationals
- Discussion on the cost for watching the performances at the Banquet
- Discussion on PASC competition scoring between performance, technique, and choreography scores
- The Richard Risley Scholarship recipients for 2023-2024 are Chapters 5, 17, 18, 28, and 33.

**Announcements**

- Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C. A special “thank you” to director Valerie Saija-Moore and choreographer Mandy Doyle.
- Next Executive Board meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Marquis M101
- Our final Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Marquis Meeting Room M106 & 107



- Announcements of Overall, High Score, Open Scholarship and Grand Nationals will be tomorrow at 1:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C
- The Grand National Championship competition will begin tomorrow at 5:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C
- Our National Executive Committee meeting for Incoming & Outgoing National Officers is Saturday at 9:00am in Marquis M101
- Our photo session proceeding the banquet will begin at 5:55pm Saturday in Marquis lobby.
  - The 2022-2023 National Board of Directors
  - The 2022-2023 National Executive Committee (elected in 2022)
  - The 2023-2024 National Executive Committee (elected in 2023)
  - 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 Saturday in Marquis lobby.
  - Please welcome our Awardees
  - The 2022-2023 Dance Masters of America Annual Award – Howard Weissman
  - The 2022-2023 Lifetime Achievement Award – Jodi Welch
  - The 2022-2023 President’s Award – Barbara Denny
  - DMA 50 Year Members
  - Overall Scholarship Winner to be announced
- Our 138<sup>th</sup> annual banquet “*City in a Forest*” will begin Saturday at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-D

**Reading of Motions Passed**

Madeline Graves

**Meeting Adjourned**

6:08pm