

**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 139th 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 Slemmons

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 Chairperson	Butch Theisen
Banquet Chairperson	Charlene Hibbs
Seating Chairperson	Dawn Slemmons

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
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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 Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 2. Examination Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below:	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 2. Examination Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below:	Article IV-Membership Section 1-Classification of Membership A. Certified Active Membership 2. Examination Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below:

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

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

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:

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

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;

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<p>Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee.</p> <p>G. Chapter against a Member of another Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of 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.</p>	<p>G. Chapter's Board of Directors against a Member of another Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of another Affiliated Chapter to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall send a written report forward the grievance 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 which shall be final, with no appeal.</p>	<p>disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no appeal.</p> <p>G. Chapter's Board of Directors against a Member of another Chapter Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of another Affiliated Chapter to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall forward the grievance 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 which shall be final, with no appeal.</p>
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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:

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<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). <p>B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by National Examiners appointed and approved by the National Advisory Committee.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application</p> <p>A. Any organization or club organized group of dance teachers with not less than fifteen (15) dues paying 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 submitted and accompanied by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the club/organization Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). <p>B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by National Examiners appointed and approved by the National Advisory Committee.</p> <p>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. Upon approval of the following, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee and the President:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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. If the club/organization has not met all of the Affiliation requirements, those members that have successfully passed their exams shall be placed in the Chapter-at-Large and are subject to the assessment of dues by the Chapter-at-Large. The proposed chapter has one year to fulfill all Affiliation requirements.</p>	<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application</p> <p>A. Any organization or club of dance teachers with not less than fifteen (15) dues paying 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 and accompanied by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the club/organization Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). <p>B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by the National Advisory Committee.</p> <p>C. Upon approval of the following, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee and the President:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>D. If the club/organization has not met all of the Affiliation requirements, those members that have successfully passed their exams shall be placed in the Chapter-at-Large and are subject to the assessment of dues by the Chapter-at-Large. The proposed chapter has one year to fulfill all Affiliation requirements.</p>

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	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 4. Should there be less than fifteen (15) remaining members but there are five or more who wish to work toward raising the number to a Chapter level, a grace period of one year may be granted. If the required fifteen (15) members have not been obtained after the grace period, the Chapter title and number shall be declared null, 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 4. Should there be less than fifteen (15) remaining members but there are five or more who wish to work toward raising the number to a Chapter level, a grace period of one year may be granted. If the required fifteen (15) members have not been obtained after the grace period, the Chapter title and number

<p>4. Should there be less than fifteen (15) remaining members but there are five or more who wish to work toward raising the number to a Chapter level, a grace period of one year may be granted. If the required fifteen (15) members have not been obtained after the grace period, the Chapter title and number shall be declared null, and void and the charter returned to the DMA National President.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>and void and the charter returned to the DMA National President.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>6. Upon termination of the Affiliation Agreement, all records should be sent to the National Treasurer, which includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>all records of the corporation/organization.</u> • <u>the last financial report of the Chapter.</u> • <u>a copy of the last bank statement reflecting the account has been closed.</u> 	<p>shall be declared null, and void and the charter returned to the DMA National President.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6. Upon termination of the Affiliation Agreement, all records should be sent to the National Treasurer, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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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:

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<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 shall offer its services to establishing a new Affiliated Chapter. 3. The National President shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the Executive Committee's decision. 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The National President shall serve notice of the termination, to the membership of the former Affiliated Chapter <u>who did not vote to remain in DMA to determine their interest in the establishment of a new Chapter.</u> 2. The National <u>President Executive Committee shall</u> offer its services to establishing a new Affiliated Chapter. 3. The National President shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the Executive Committee's decision <u>to the Chapter's Board of Directors.</u> 	<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The National President shall serve notice of the termination, to the membership of the former Affiliated Chapter. 2. The National Executive Committee shall offer its services to establishing a new Affiliated Chapter. 3. The National President shall give written notice of such intention to terminate within ten (10) days of the Executive Committee's decision to the Chapter's Board of Directors.

Rationale: To bring the Bylaws into conformity with the procedure currently being followed.

10. Amend Article XI, Section 2 F by striking as follows:

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<p>Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility</p> <p>F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past ten (10) years as a member of the Board of Directors and/or National Convention Chairman.</p>	<p>Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility</p> <p>F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past ten (10) years as a member of the Board of Directors <u>and/or National Convention Chairman.</u></p>	<p>Article XI-National Officers Section 2-Eligibility</p> <p>F. A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past ten (10) years as a member of the Board of Directors.</p>

Rationale: There no longer is a National Convention Chairman and the position of 2nd 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:

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<p>Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 1-National Past Presidents' Council-Designated Chairman</p> <p>The Council shall include all National Past Presidents of DMA with the Immediate National Past-President as its Chairman.</p> <p>A. The Council shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President. 2. select the National DMA "Member of the Year" to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA. 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will serve as the National Ethics Committee. When requested, this committee shall investigate complaints, grievances and disputes between members and/or Chapters. They shall recommend to the National President the action they deem appropriate. The National Advisory Committee shall report the recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its approval. All grievances must be in writing and include a provable reason for disciplinary action. Grievances may include but not be limited to violations of the DMA National or Affiliated Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules. <p>B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council will perform such duties assigned by the</p>	<p>Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 1-National Past Presidents' Council-Designated Chairman</p> <p><u>The Council shall include all National Past Presidents of DMA with the Immediate National Past-President as its Chairman.</u></p> <p><u>The National Past Presidents Council shall consist of active National Past Presidents. An Active National Past President is defined as a Past President who attends the National Convention on a regular basis or is active in the workings of Dance Masters of America. The Immediate National Past President shall serve as the Chairman.</u></p> <p>A. The Council shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President. 2. select the National DMA "Member of the Year" to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA. 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will serve as the National Ethics Committee. When requested, this committee shall investigate complaints, grievances and disputes between members and/or Chapters. They shall recommend to the National President the action they deem appropriate. The National Advisory Committee shall report the recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its approval. All grievances must be in writing and include a provable reason for disciplinary action. Grievances may include but not be limited to violations of the DMA National or Affiliated Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules. <p>B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council will perform such duties assigned by the National President,</p>	<p>Article XVIII-National Committees/councils Section 1-National Past Presidents' Council-Designated Chairman</p> <p>The National Past Presidents Council shall consist of active National Past Presidents. An Active National Past President is defined as a Past President who attends the National Convention on a regular basis or is active in the workings of Dance Masters of America. The Immediate National Past President shall serve as the Chairman.</p> <p>A. The Council shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President. 2. select the National DMA "Member of the Year" to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA. 3. form a sub-committee from its membership, who will serve as the National Ethics Committee. When requested, this committee shall investigate complaints, grievances and disputes between members and/or Chapters. They shall recommend to the National President the action they deem appropriate. The National Advisory Committee shall report the recommendations to the National Executive Committee for its approval. All grievances must be in writing and include a provable reason for disciplinary action. Grievances may include but not be limited to violations of the DMA National or Affiliated Chapter Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules.

National President, National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.	National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.	B. The members of the National Past Presidents Council will perform such duties assigned by the National President, National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.
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Rationale: This change reflects the current committee’s membership.

9. Amend Article XI, Section 2 D by inserting a new “3” as follows:

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

Nominating Rosanne Slifko

<i>National President</i> Erin Spriggs #28 - Elected	<i>National Area Director</i>
<i>National 1st Vice President</i> Shawn Terenzi #5 - Elected	Jamie Lee-Dain #25 Grace Pack #1
<i>National 2nd Vice President</i> Dee Buchanan #17	Kevin Garvey #10 Michele Rexroad #16
Diane Yednak #10	Courtney Greteman-Taylor #34 Valerie Saija-Moore #38
<i>National Treasurer</i> Charleen Locascio #6 - Elected	Charlene Hibbs #6 Mike Smolko #3
	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
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GRAND BODY MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

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

Thought for the Day

Dody Flynn

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.

Roll Call

Erin Spriggs - A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Penny Koza-Lemansky

The minutes of the Tuesday, July 2nd Grand Body meeting were approved as written.

Presentations:

Junior Miss Dance of America 2025

Mia Himel

Teacher of Record

Lori Rayborn #6

Junior Mr. Dance of America 2025

Tanay Basneth

Teacher of Record

Lindsay Roberts #40

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

Teen Miss Dance of America 2025

Dawn Peyton

Teacher of Record

Lindsey Cheney #40

Teen Mr. Dance of America 2025

Kadence Brock

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 Liaison

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
 - The 2023-2024 National Executive Committee (elected in 2023)
 - The 2024-2025 National Executive Committee (elected in 2024)
 - 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 tomorrow in Marquis lobby.
 - Please welcome our Awardees
 - The 2023-2024 Lifetime Achievement Award – Mimi Costa-White
 - The 2023-2024 President’s Award – Shely Pack-Manning
 - 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