

Madame President and members,

Starting on June 26th with the setup of ballrooms and offices the 140th Dance Masters National Convention was off to a great start.

Offices, ballrooms, storage, stage construction, Marley floors, classroom setup, lighting, sound and everything that involves the success of our convention all began to take place.

With the Solo Title Orientation the excitement of the week began. Audition classes ran very well, as well as, previews and title rehearsals.

The Members Reception was very exciting with the announcement of our 25 and 50 year members. The Distinguished Member and Zee Brown Award added to the evening and the style show by Revolution has been the talk of the convention.

The welcome party was outstanding with 2 fabulous opening numbers, the 2025 Title holders followed by our 2026 title contestants. Some of the students and members were disappointed in not having a DJ for the opening party.

Members were happy to see the Members Only area back again

PASC seemed to run smoothly with the 2 stages. A few hiccups but were solved in short order.

The intensive classes ran well and were extremely educational for all attendees.

Open scholarship classes were well attended and ran very smoothly.

The faculty has commented on how well the students behave and how they participate in classes in an attentive and respectful manner. The entire faculty was wonderful to work with and they were eager to share their enthusiasm for the art of dance

The shortened schedule I'm sure was a challenge, but many have expressed that the one day less did help, others said it was difficult to get everything done.

We are all looking forward to the Awards banquet with the presentation of the special awards and the excellent talent that will be performing.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve DMA in this position as I am excited to do so again in the future.

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Suggestions:

Tap boards for risers for tap faculty

Wireless mics for faculty

More bandaids and first aid kits

Is it possible to hand out more than one bracelet in the classrooms?

Convention Chairperson be present as much as possible in Petite and Junior classrooms to help control the cartwheels and disruptions in the back of the room.

Greet vendors and IT daily to see if they need anything.