

DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 140th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Orlando, Florida

BOARD MEETING, JUNE 29, 2025

President Erin Spriggs called the first Board of Directors meeting of the 140th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 4:04pm.

Opening Ceremonies

Invocation	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Presidential Welcome	Erin Spriggs
Area Welcome	Rosanne Slifko
Thought for the Day	Penny Koza-Lemansky
<i>What you do has far greater impact than what you say.</i>	

Roll Call

Shawn Terenzi; A quorum was present

Parliamentary Procedures

Mary Scout

Reading of the DMA Mission Statement

Erin Spriggs

Adoption of Convention Standing Rules

Erin Spriggs

Dee Buchanan moved the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2025 National Convention. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Introductions and Appointments

Erin Spriggs

Officers and Delegates - Themselves
Registered Parliamentarian - Mary Scout
DMA Parliamentarian - Shawn Terenzi
Recording Secretaries - Elizabeth Lemberger and Madeline Graves
Convention Chairperson - Butch Theisen
Seating Chairperson - Dawn Slemons
Banquet Chairperson - Charlene Hibbs
Sergeant of Arms - Jeanne Cummings
Time Keeper - Shawn Terenzi
Minutes Approval - Shawn Terenzi, Elizabeth Lemberger, Madeline Graves, Jamie Lee Dain, Mary Scout

Election of Nominating Committee

National Area Directors and their elected Nominating Committee member

Jamie Lee Dain (NAD)	Jennifer Erickson #33
Kevin Garvey (NAD)	Stephanie Prichard #16
Charlene Hibbs (NAD)	Rosanne Slifko #2
Grace Pack (NAD)	Rebecca Smitley #44
Michelle Rexroad (NAD)	Barbara Moschetta #10
Valerie Saija-Moore (NAD)	Mary Behn-Mentzer #47
Courtney Taylor (NAD)	Jason Coosner #1

Executive Committee Appointments to the Nominating Committee: Dody Flynn & Jonah Murphy
The Nominating Committee elected Rosanne Slifko as Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Officer Reports

National Treasurer	Charleen Locascio
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Announcements

- Please see Charleen Hibbs to make sure your Memorials are included and correctly spelled in the slide show.
- Members' Reception "*Once Upon a Dream*" is tonight at 7:30pm in Monterrey 1, 2, 3. Revolution is the sponsor of this event and will present a special costume performance featuring their 2026 collection.
- Welcome Party Opening Number Rehearsals tonight: 6:00-9:00 - Age 12 & under. Thank you to their choreographer, Crystal Julio. 6:00-9:00 - Age 13 & up. Thank you to their choreographer, Courtney Taylor. 7:00-9:00 - Reigning Title Holders. Thank you to their choreographer, Trish Thompson-Creamer.
- Next Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow at 2:00pm in Durango 1 & 2
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 3:00pm in Durango 1 & 2

- First Grand Body Meeting tomorrow at 5:00pm in Durango 1 & 2. Delegates are required to attend.
- PASC starts tomorrow morning – Stage 1 Coronado HJ (Duo/Trio & Groups) and Stage 2 Fiesta 6-10 (Solos)
- Welcome Party *“The DMA Clubhouse”* is tomorrow night at 8:00pm in Coronado HJ. Show your love for Disney by dressing to represent your favorite Disney character!
- **Be sure to take a moment to stop by and support Revolution and our vendors.**
Your support helps ensure their success during the event, which in turn strengthens our ongoing partnership with them. Revolution will be hosting drop-by personal meetings in Yucatan 1 on June 30 and July 1 from 830am-2:30pm and July 2 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Vendors will be open Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. Revolution is also the Title sponsor. When you stop by to see them, be sure to thank them for their support.
- The Members Hospitality Lounge is located in Yucatan 2. We are proud to have two generous sponsors, **Bevl** and **KI Concerts**, whose support is providing complimentary coffee and tea service Monday through Friday, starting at 8:00 AM and available until it runs out each day. The lounge will be open daily from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Tables are set up for your convenience, whether you need a quiet place to work or just want a peaceful spot to relax, you’re welcome to enjoy the space.
- Remember to exchange Banquet Tickets by Tuesday, July 1 at 1pm.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

4:50pm

DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 140th NATIONAL CONVENTION
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BOARD MEETING, JUNE 30, 2025

President Erin Spriggs called the second Board of Directors meeting of the 140th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 3:04pm.

Thought for the Day

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.

Roll Call

Shawn Terenzi; A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Erin Spriggs

The minutes of the June 29th National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Presentations

Erin Spriggs

Zee Brown Ahern Award Winner - Trish Thompson-Creamer #38

Distinguished Member Award - Sara Wardell #13

Chapter of the Year - Chapter 3

Committee Reports

Bylaws

Shawn Terenzi

Consent agenda was approved for submission to the Grand Body.

1. Article IV, Section 1. Amend by inserting "life" after "and" and before "classifications" as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
are required to offer Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., DMA Honorary Certified Active, and DMA Honorary Certified Active C.E. classifications of membership	are required to offer Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., DMA Honorary Certified Active, and DMA Honorary Certified Active C.E., and Life classifications of membership	are required to offer Certified Active, Certified Active C.E., DMA Honorary Certified Active, and DMA Honorary Certified Active C.E., and Life classifications of membership,

Rationale: Life Membership is one of DMA's classifications of membership and should be included in this section of the Bylaws.

2. Article IV, Section 1, #2. Amend by striking "or Associate" after "C.E." and before "classifications" and inserting "or" between "professional" and Professional C.E." as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
are not required to offer Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, Professional C.E., or Associate classifications of membership.	are not required to offer Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, or Professional C.E., or Associate classifications of membership.	are not required to offer Partnering, Partnering C.E., Degreed, Degreed C.E., Professional, or Professional C.E. classifications of membership.

Rationale: Associate Membership is not one of DMA's classifications of membership and should not be referenced.

3. Article IV, Section 2 A, 5a, Specifications. Amend by striking "with the exception of TTS" at the end of the sentence.

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
Examinations may be given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS.	Examinations may be given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS.	Examinations may be given at a DMA sponsored function.

Rationale: As the entire Advisory Committee now attends TTS, they will be able to give examinations at TTS.

4. Article IV, Section 2 A, 5b. Amend by striking "with the exception of TTS" as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
Examinations given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS, shall only be given according to the requirements and procedures of DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter that you are applying to by:	Examinations given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS, shall only be given according to the requirements and procedures of DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter that you are applying to by:	Examinations given at a DMA sponsored function shall only be given according to the requirements and procedures of DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter that you are applying to by:

Rationale: As the entire Advisory Committee now attends TTS, they will be able to give examinations at TTS.

5. Article IV, Section 2, Letter A, #4c. Amend by inserting: "Applicants must submit application and become a member within 7 years of passing the Teacher Training School Program" after the last sentence as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
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Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training School examination(s) may become members without further examination in those same subjects of dance.	Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training School examination(s) may become members without further examination in those same subjects of dance. Applicants must submit their application and become a member within 7 years of passing the Teacher Training School Program	Applicants who have passed the Teachers Training School examination(s) may become members without further examination in those same subjects of dance. Applicants must submit their application and become a member within 7 years of passing the Teacher Training School Program
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Rational: To reflect the current procedure being used.

6. Article XXI, Dissolution. Amend by striking “the National Bylaws” and inserting “Article II of these Bylaws” as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
DMA shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in the National Bylaws, and no part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to the members of the association. Upon dissolution of the Association, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit organizations to be selected by the National Executive Committee, who will be guided by the rules of 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and any of its amendments.	DMA shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in the National Bylaws Article II of these Bylaws. No part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to the members of the association. Upon dissolution of the Association, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more non-profit organizations to be selected by the National Executive Committee, who will be guided by the rules of 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and any of its amendments.	DMA shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in Article II of these Bylaws. No part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to the members of the association. Upon dissolution of the Association, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more non-profit organizations to be selected by the National Executive Committee, who will be guided by the rules of 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and any of its amendments.

Rationale: Changed to reference specific Article of Bylaws that states the Object and Mission of the organization.

7. Article XXII, Section 1, 2. Amend by striking standing rules as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
received by the National First Vice-President by December 31.	received by the National First Vice-President by December 31 March 1.	received by the National First Vice-President by March 1.

Rationale: To give the chapters additional time to propose amendments to the Bylaws as December 31 may be too early in the year for a chapter to meet and discuss proposed amendments.

8. Article XI, Section 2 F. Amend by striking “ten (10)” and inserting “seven (7)” and adding at the end “or three (3) years within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Executive Committee” as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
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.	A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past ten (10) seven (7) years as a member of the Board of Directors or three (3) years within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Executive Committee.	A nominee for the office of National Second Vice-President shall have served a minimum of four (4) years within the past seven (7) years as a member of the Board of Directors or three (3) years within the past seven (7) years as a member of the National Executive Committee.

Rationale: to provide for experience on the National Executive Committee as a qualification for the National Second Vice-President.

9. Amend Article XVIII by substituting a new Article XVIII as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If adopted will read
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<p>ARTICLE XVIII-NATIONAL COMMITTEES/COUNCILS The National President shall annually appoint, with the approval of the National Advisory Committee, such National Standing, Special and Convention Committees as may be required by the National Bylaws and Standing Rules or as he/she may find necessary.</p> <p>Section 1. National Past Presidents’ Council-Chairman The National Past Presidents’ Council shall consist of active National Past Presidents. An Active National Past President is defined as a National Past President who attends the National Convention on a regular basis or is active in the workings of Dance Masters of America. The National Immediate Past President shall serve as the chairman.</p> <p>A. The Council shall: 1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President, 2. select the National DMA “Distinguished Member” to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA, and 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> <p>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.</p> <p>Section 2-Reports All Standing, Special or Convention Committees shall submit an annual report electronically within 24 hours of submitting the report to the National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.</p> <p>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 Committees Chairmen, unless otherwise provided in the National Bylaws and Standing Rules.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE XVIII-NATIONAL COMMITTEES</u> <u>Section 1</u> <u>The National President shall annually appoint, within sixty (60) days of taking office, with the approval of the National Advisory Committee, all National Standing, Special and Convention Committees and Chairmen, unless otherwise provided in the National Bylaws and Standing Rules.</u> <u>Section 2</u> <u>All Standing, Special or Convention Committees shall submit an annual report electronically within 24 hours of submitting the report to the National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.</u></p>	<p>ARTICLE XVIII-NATIONAL COMMITTEES Section 1 The National President shall annually appoint, within sixty (60) days of taking office, with the approval of the National Advisory Committee, all National Standing, Special and Convention Committees and Chairmen, unless otherwise provided in the National Bylaws and Standing Rules.</p> <p>Section 2 All Standing, Special or Convention Committees shall submit an annual report electronically within 24 hours of submitting the report to the National Board of Directors or the National Executive Committee.</p>
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Rationale: The National Past Presidents’ Council is not an appointed committee, but a Council composed of DMA National Past Presidents who are members by virtue of the office they held in DMA.

10. Insert a new Article XIX – National Past Presidents’ Council as follows:

Proposed Amendment	If adopted will read
<p><u>Article XIX-National Past Presidents’ Council</u> <u>Section 1. The National Past Presidents’ Council shall be comprised of all National Past Presidents who are members by virtue of the office they held in DMA. The National Immediate Past President shall serve as Chairman.</u> <u>Section 2. A. The Council shall select the National DMA “Distinguished Member” to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA, and B. 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</u></p>	<p>Article XIX-National Past Presidents’ Council Section 1. The National Past Presidents’ Council shall be comprised of all National Past Presidents who are members by virtue of the office they held in DMA. The National Immediate Past President shall serve as Chairman. Section 2. A. The Council shall select the National DMA “Distinguished Member” to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA, and B. 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</p>

<u>Bylaws, National or Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules.</u> <u>Section 3. As a permanent Council of Dance Masters of America, the National Past Presidents' Council will be governed by its own governing documents including Bylaws and Standing Rules.</u>	Affiliated Chapter Standing Rules or National or Affiliated Chapter Competition Rules. Section 3. As a permanent Council of Dance Masters of America, the National Past Presidents' Council will be governed by its own governing documents including Bylaws and Standing Rules.
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Rationale: As a permanent non-appointed Council, the National Past Presidents' Council should operate within the governing documents they develop for themselves.

Officer Reports (continued)

Past Presidents	Penny Koza-Lemansky
National Area Directors	Penny Koza-Lemansky

Committee Reports (continued)

Banquet	Charlene Hibbs
Membership	Duanne Cazalot
SHIP	Charleen Locascio, Dody Flynn
TTS	Dody Flynn, Phyllis Guy

New Business

- Jason Coosner #1 asked the Rules Committee to consider reducing time for all Solo Title classes to 60 minutes each

Chapter Recommendations

- Ch #15 requests rule change for Solo Title to allow Teacher of Recognition to perform the duties of the Teacher of Record without approval, fees, or limitations provided they are in good standing.
- Ch #5 requests rule change for PASC age date to be as of January 1st.
- Ch #28 requests rule change for PASC and Solo Title age date to be as of January 1st.

Above recommendations will go to the Executive Committee for consideration and reported at the Board of Directors meeting.

Announcements

- Welcome Party *"The DMA Clubhouse"* is tonight at 8:00pm. Show your love for Disney by dressing to represent your favorite Disney character!
- Next Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow at 1:00pm in Durango 1 & 2. Next National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 2:30pm in Durango 1 & 2. First Grand Body Meeting is tonight at 5:00pm in Durango 1 & 2. Delegates are required to attend.
- Tomorrow is the final day to exchange Banquet Tickets.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

4:15pm

DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 140th NATIONAL CONVENTION
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BOARD MEETING, JULY 1, 2025

President Erin Spriggs called the third Board of Directors meeting of the 140th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 2:39pm.

Thought for the Day

Penny Koza-Lemansky
Unity and faith transform challenges into victories

Roll Call

Shawn Terenzi A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Erin Spriggs
The minutes of the June 30th National Board of Directors meeting were approved as corrected.

Committee Reports

Nominating

<i>National President</i>	Erin Spriggs #28
<i>National 1st Vice President</i>	Shawn Terenzi #5
<i>National 2nd Vice President</i>	Diane Yednak #10
<i>National Treasurer</i>	Charleen Locascio #6

Rosanne Slifko

National Area Director

Dee Buchanan #17	Lindsey Cheney #40
Jeanne Cummings #28	Kevin Garvey #10
Charlene Hibbs #6	Michele Rexroad #16
Valerie Saija-Moore #38	Maria Whaley #40

Finance
Executive Committee
Historian
Seating

Amy DeLoughy, Elizabeth Lemberger, Michelle Rexroad
Erin Spriggs
Paul Janusz
Dawn Slemmons

New Business

- Jason Coosner #1 recommends the Rules Committee look at reducing the amount of time given for soloists for both PASC and Solo Title Competitions. Suggestion is for a maximum of 2 minutes 15 seconds for Petite and Junior ages and a maximum of 2 minutes 30 seconds for Teen and Senior ages.
- Jeanne Cummings #28 recommends PASC rule change to align group sizes and time limits to be the following:
 - Solo, 1 dancer, 2:50
 - Duo/Trio, 2-3 dancers, 2:50
 - Small Group, 4-9 dancers, 3:30
 - Large Group, 10-19 dancers, 4:00
 - Line, 20 or more dancers, 5:00
 - Production, 12 or more dancers, 8:00
 - Additionally, extended time to be purchased at \$5 per performer for 30 second increments

Above recommendations will go to the Executive Committee for consideration and reported at the Board of Directors meeting.
- Olivia Ravel #46 would like the rule of Solo Title headshots with a white background to be enforced. Advisory shared that this was a printing error, however, encourages the Chapter Secretaries to enforce the rules within their chapters.

Announcements

- Petite Miss & Master Dance Scholarship Competition is tomorrow at 4:00pm in Coronado HJ. A special “thank you” to director, Dee Buchanan and choreographer, Lori Rayborn.
- Teen Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is tomorrow at 8:00pm in Coronado HJ. A special “thank you” to director, Lindsey Cheney and choreographer, Amy Feril.
- Grand Body meeting is today at 5:00pm in Durango 1 & 2. Delegates are required to attend.
- Next Executive Committee meeting is Thursday at 8:30am in Durango 1 & 2.
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is Thursday at 9:30am in Durango 1 & 2.
- Elections are tomorrow in Monterrey 1 from 8:00am-1:00pm.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

3:50pm

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 140th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Orlando, Florida**

BOARD MEETING, JULY 3, 2025

President Erin Spriggs called the fourth Board of Directors meeting of the 140th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 9:42am.

Thought for the Day

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

Roll Call

Shawn Terenzi; A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Erin Spriggs

The minutes of the July 1st National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Committee

Erin Spriggs

Finance

Amy DeLoughy, Elizabeth Lemberger, Michelle Rexroad

Shawn Terenzi moved the adoption of the DMA 2025-2026 budget. Motion seconded. The 2025-2026 budget was approved as presented.

Bylaws and Standing Rules, continued

Shawn Terenzi

Consent agenda was approved.

1. Standing Rule #23. Strike "The National President, National Immediate Past President, and the National Treasurer shall be provided with a bond and surety for the performance of duties as required by the Board of Directors, the premium to be paid by DMA." And insert "DMA will provide Directors' and Officers' liability Insurance for all members of the National Executive Committee."

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
The National President, National Immediate Past President, and the National Treasurer shall be provided with a bond and surety for the performance of duties as required by the Board of Directors, the premium to be paid by DMA.	The National President, National Immediate Past President, and the National Treasurer shall be provided with a bond and surety for the performance of duties as required by the Board of Directors, the premium to be paid by DMA. DMA will provide Directors' and Officers Liability Insurance for all members of the National Executive Committee.	DMA will provide Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance for all members of the National Executive Committee.

Rationale: To reflect that these officers have not been bonded in the past and to include the insurance coverage that is provided to members of the Executive Committee.

2. Standing Rule #46. Strike "The National Friendship Fund and National Scholarship Fund shall each receive one (\$1.00) dollar of the membership dues from each member of Affiliated Chapters."

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted will read as:
Annual National membership dues for members of Affiliated Chapters shall be ninety dollars (\$90.00). The National Friendship Fund and National Scholarship Fund shall each receive one (\$1.00) dollar of the membership dues from each member of Affiliated Chapters.	Annual National membership dues for members of Affiliated Chapters shall be ninety dollars (\$90.00). The National Friendship Fund and National Scholarship Fund shall each receive one (\$1.00) dollar of the membership dues from each member of Affiliated Chapters.	Annual National membership dues for members of Affiliated Chapters shall be ninety dollars (\$90.00).

Rationale: The National Friendship Fund and the National Scholarship Fund are fully funded and therefore it is no longer necessary to allocate a portion of members' dues to these funds.

Committee Reports (continued)

Elections

Madeline Graves

The results of the elections were as follows: Dee Buchanan, Lindsey Cheney, Kevin Garvey, Valerie Hamilton, Charlene Hibbs, Michele Rexroad, Valerie Saija-Moore

Open Scholarship Age 13-23

Rebecca Brettingham-Flice

Open Scholarship Age 10-12

Colleen Rhode

Protocol

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Unfinished Business

- Recommendation from Chapter 1 to reduce time of solo title evaluations from 1 hr 20 min to 60 min. Motion carried.
- Recommendation from Chapter 5 and 28 to change age cut off for PASC to January 1st. Motion carried

- Recommendation from Chapter 28 to change age cut off for Solo Title to January 1st. Elizabeth Lemberger moved to amend the motion by adding a proviso to delay the age date change to be effective for the 2028 convention. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Motion to change the Solo Title age cut off to January 1st beginning the 2028 convention failed.
- Recommendation from Chapter 15 to allow Teacher of Recognition to perform the duties of the Teacher of Record without approval, fees, or limitations provided they are in good standing. Motion carried.
- Executive Committee recommends that the solo title scholarship awards be awarded when there are 7 contestants. Motion carried.
- Recommendation from Chapter 1 to reduce PASC and Solo Title solo maximum time to 2 min 15 seconds. Motion failed.
- Recommendation from Chapter 28 for PASC rule change to align group sizes and time limits to be the following: Solo, 1 dancer, 2:50; Duo/Trio, 2-3 dancers, 2:50; Group, 4-9 dancers, 3:30; Small Line, 10-19 dancers, 4:00; Large Line, 20 or more dancers, 5:00; Production, 12 or more dancers, 8:00; Extended time to be purchased at \$5 per performer for 30 second increments. Extended length dances will remain in their category. Motion carried.

New Business

- Lindsey Cheney #40 recommended to add third level into PASC to accommodate intermediate dancers.
- Chapter #16 recommended that the format of the acro audition class to a one-minute display of skills with the following menu: 10 second display of controlled movement, 10 second display of flexibility, forward moving element with one or more hands on the ground, a backward moving element with one or both hands on the ground, any additional skills of the contestant's choice.

These recommendations will go to the Executive Committee for consideration and reported at the Board of Directors meeting.

- Discussion on shortening the convention by an additional day in 2026. Board of Directors voted to keep the 1 day shortened schedule same as 2025 and have delegates come in a day earlier for meetings.

Announcements

- Junior Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is today at 4:00pm in Coronado HJ. A special "thank you" to director, Valerie Hamilton and choreographer, Maegan Kittrell.
- Miss & Mr. Dance Scholarship Competition is today at 8:00pm in Coronado HJ. A special "thank you" to director, Ann-Marie Carlomagno-Wilson and choreographer, Jordan Micek.
- Our last Grand Body meeting today at 2:30pm in Durango 1 & 2. Delegates are required to attend. The final Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 7:30am in Durango 1 & 2. Our National Executive Committee meeting for Incoming & Outgoing National Officers is tomorrow at 8:00pm in the National Office.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

11:18am

**DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 140th NATIONAL CONVENTION
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BOARD MEETING, JULY 3, 2025

President Erin Spriggs called the fifth Board of Directors meeting of the 140th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 7:38am.

Thought for the Day

Work hard in silence, let your success make the noise.

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Roll Call

Shawn Terenzi A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Erin Spriggs

The minutes of the July 3rd National Board of Directors meeting were approved as corrected.

Presentations:

Petite Miss and Master Dance of America Director, Dee Buchanan	
Petite Miss Dance of America 2026	Parker Zaicko #17
Teacher of Record	Sandra Zaicko #17
Teacher of Recognition	Ashley Canterna-Hardy #17
Master Dance of America 2026	Gavin Parker #10
Teacher of Record	Liz Brady-Marcinko #10
Teacher of Recognition	Bethany Schimonsky #10

Junior Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Valerie Hamilton	
Junior Miss Dance of America 2026	Bridgette Mederos #15
Teacher of Record	Michelle Soutier #15
Teacher of Recognition	Alyson Wright #15
Junior Mr. Dance of America 2026	Harvey Goodman #16
Teacher of Record	Mandy Doyle #16

Teen Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Lindsey Cheney	
Teen Miss Dance of America 2026	Haydyn Jackson #16
Teacher of Record	Dawn Slemons #16
Teacher of Recognition	Kathy Meyer #16
Teen Mr. Dance of America 2026	Haden Pangalos #15
Teacher of Record	Michelle Soutier #15
Teacher of Recognition	Alyson Wright #15

Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Ann-Marie Carlomagno-Wilson	
Miss Dance of America 2026	Kylie Laroche #5
Teacher of Record	Heidi Laroche #5
Mr. Dance of America 2026	Luca Shakespeare #38
Teacher of Record	Trish Thompson-Creamer #38

Committee Reports (continued)

Selection of Banquet Tables	Charlene Hibbs
Executive Committee Report	Erin Spriggs
PASC Liaison	Leslie Ingram
Reigning Solo Title Coordinator	Phyllis Guy
Solo Title Liaison	Diane Yednak

National Area Directors met with their chapters

Lindsey Cheney – 5, 6, 10, 28
Valerie Saija-Moore – 4, 8, 18, 46
Charlene Hibbs – 2, 3, 17, 37
Michelle Rexroad – 13, 26, 35, 47
Kevin Garvey – 25, 38, 44, 48
Valerie Hamilton – 15, 33, 34, 36
Dee Buchanan – 1, 16, 27, 40

New Business

- Melissa Zalenski #15 asked for clarification on the birthdate changes, and asked for a consideration of a re-vote.
- Rebecca Brettingham-Flice #38 moved to reconsider the vote on the Solo Title birthdate change to January 1st. Motion seconded. Motion failed.
- Elizabeth Lemberger #13 moved to reconsider the vote on the PASC birthdate change to January 1st. Motion seconded. Motion carried.
 - Board of directors re-voted on the motion to change the PASC birthdate cut off to January 1st. Motion carried.

Announcements

- Our National Executive Committee meeting for Incoming & Outgoing National Officers is tonight at 8:00pm in the National Office.
- Dance Down & Announcements of Overall, Open Scholarship, and Grand Nationals will begin at 3:00pm in in Coronado HJ for 12 and under, and at 6:00pm for 13 and older.
- The Grand National Championship competition is tomorrow at 7:30am in Coronado HJ
- Our photo session proceeding the banquet will begin at 6:30pm tomorrow in the foyer of the Coronado Ballroom. Please be on time, as we will be on a very tight schedule.
 - The 2024-2025 National Board of Directors
 - The 2024-2025 National Executive Committee (elected in 2024)
 - The 2025-2026 National Executive Committee (elected in 2025)
 - National Past Presidents
 - All 50 Year Members in attendance
- Reception proceeding the banquet will begin at 7:00pm tomorrow in the foyer of the Coronado Ballroom. Please welcome our Awardees
 - DMA Annual Award – Revolution
 - Lifetime Achievement Award – Mark Santoro
 - President's Award – Michael Lambert
 - DMA 50 Year Members
- Our 140th annual banquet "*Magical Moments with DMA*" will begin tomorrow evening at 8:00pm in the Coronado Ballrooms. Doors open at 7:30pm.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

8:28am