

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

BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the first Board of Directors meeting of the 138th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 4:34pm.

Opening Ceremonies

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

If you are not positive energy, you are negative energy.

Roll Call

Erin Spriggs
A quorum was present

Parliamentary Procedures

Mary Scout

Reading of the DMA Mission Statement

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Adoption of Convention Standing Rules

Dody Flynn

Valerie Hamilton moved the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2023 National Convention. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Adopted by the Board of Directors.

Introductions

Officers and Delegates	Themselves
Registered Parliamentarian	Mary Scout
DMA Parliamentarian	Erin Spriggs
Recording Secretaries	Elizabeth Lemberger
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, Chair, Elizabeth Lemberger, Madeline Graves, Jamie Lee Dain, Mary Scout, Advisor

Election of Nominating Committee

Jamie Lee Dain – Chapters 2, 6, 36, 46	Olivia Ravell #46
Diane Yednak – Chapters 16, 26, 27, 28	Marla Heeler #28
Courtney Greteman-Taylor – Chapters 13, 18, 33, 44	Jennifer Erickson #33
Grace Pack – Chapters 3, 34, 38, 40	Mike Smolko #3
Michelle Rexroad – Chapters 1, 4, 5, 21	Anya Noveskey #4
Jeanne Cummings – Chapters 8, 10, 25, 47	Mary Behn-Mentzer #47
Maria Whaley – Chapters 15, 17, 35, 37	Donna Lynch #17

Executive Committee Appointments to the Nominating Committee

1. Jill Chase
2. Butch Theisen

The Nominating Committee elected Mike Smolko as Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Committee Reports

The Advisory Committee

Penny Koza-Lemansky, Charleen Locascio,
Erin Spriggs, Shawn Terenzi, Dody Flynn

Officer Reports

National Treasurer

Charleen Locascio

Announcements

- Members' Reception "*Dancing on Peachtree Street*" tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis M103-105
- Welcome Party Opening Number Rehearsals tonight
 - 5:00-7:00, Age 10-12, International Level Room 7-10
 - Thank you to their choreographer, Rita Ogden-Zeshonski
 - 7:00-9:00, Age 13 & up, International Level Room 7-10
 - Thank you to their choreographer, Terri Newman-Giampino
- 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 M106 & 107
- PASC starts tomorrow morning in Marquis Ballroom A & B
- Gala Welcome Party entitled "*NYC of the South*" is tomorrow night at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-D. Show your Atlanta Spirit! I'll have a surprise guest on stage.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

5:47pm

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BOARD MEETING, SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the second Board of Directors meeting of the 138th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:41am.

Thought for the Day

Dody Flynn

It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change.

Roll Call

Erin Spriggs A quorum was present

Minutes Approval

Penny Koza-Lemansky

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

Presentations:

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

Committee Reports

Bylaws

Erin Spriggs

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 maintained through membership in an Affiliated Chapter.	Article IV-Membership Section 1 - Classification of Membership There shall be DMA offers eleven (11) classifications of membership, each having their individual requirements and benefits and each of which shall be maintained through membership in an Affiliated Chapter. <u>Affiliated Chapters:</u> <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> <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>	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. 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 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 Board of Directors for submission to the Grand Body.

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

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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. <u>Affiliated Chapters:</u> <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> <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>	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 Board of Directors for submission to the Grand Body.

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

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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 (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 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 Board of Directors for submission to the Grand Body.

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

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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 Grievance 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 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.	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 Board of Directors for submission to 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
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.	Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 2 Requirements: <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> <u>G. If a chapter does not seat a delegate or representative for 2 consecutive years, the chapter will be assessed a fine.</u>	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.

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

Amendment of Article X, Section 2 was approved by the Board of Directors for submission to 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
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	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	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

Administrative Assistant at least two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.	<u>Administrative Assistant</u> their assigned <u>National Area Director</u> at least two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.	National Area Director at least two (2) weeks prior to the National Convention.
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Rationale: to reflect the current procedure being followed.

Amendment of Article X, Section 2 was approved by the Board of Directors for submission to 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 7. does not conduct Chapter business in the best interest of its members or DMA. 	<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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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. 	<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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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.

Rationale: to provide for consequences if the agreement is not returned in time.

Amendment of Article X, Section 3 A was approved by the Board of Directors for submission to 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
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Rationale: there no longer is an Affiliations Committee

Amendment of Article XI, Section 2 C was approved by the Board of Directors for submission to 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
<p>Article XIII-Meetings National Convention</p>	<p>Article XIII-Meetings National Convention</p>	<p>Article XIII-Meetings National Convention</p>

Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting A. The National Grand Body shall be defined as the voting members in attendance at the 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.	Section 2 - Grand Body Meeting A. The National Grand Body shall be defined as members in attendance at the National Convention.
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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 Board of Directors for submission to 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. Fifty (50) 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.	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 Board of Directors for submission to 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. 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 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.	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 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 Board of Directors for submission to 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. 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 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.	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 Board of Directors for submission to 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 thirty (30) sixty (60) 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 Board of Directors for submission to 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 Second 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 National Office Webmaster by March April 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 Board of Directors for submission to the Grand Body.

Officer Reports (continued)

National Area Directors Penny Koza-Lemansky

Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Committee Report Penny Koza-Lemansky
Banquet Charlene Hibbs

- Banquet tickets must be turned in by Tuesday, July 4th at 5pm. Text Charlene at 504-810-0956 if you have any questions. You can turn in white cards directly to Charlene or at the exchange table on Monday 10-11:30p, 1:30-3:00pm or Tuesday 10-11:30pm, 3:30-5pm. Delegates are responsible for collecting Chapter tickets at the Banquet and turning them into Erin.

Membership Duanne Cazalot
TTS Dody Flynn
SHIP Charleen Locascio, Dody Flynn
Seating Dawn Slemmons

- Need 15 ushers/door monitors each night at 7pm. Text Dawn at 513-252-6620 if you have any additional volunteers.
- Delegate assignments
 - Petite/Master: 5, 37, 38, 40, 44, 46, 47
 - Junior: 8, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35
 - Teen: 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, 36
 - Miss/Mr: 1, 3, 4, 6, 15, 25, 26

New Business

- Chapter 38 recommends: TTS Registration allow a member to register for only ONE discipline. Rationale: If a member is already certified in all disciplines, except one.
- Chapter 38 recommends: Update membership policies, to eliminate the 7-year rule expiry of TTS qualifications to be used for membership application. Rationale: How can exam done 13 years ago be credible, but not someone who completes 4 years of TTS
- Chapter 38 recommends: Online store able to ship to Canada. Rationale: Canadian chapter cannot get anything delivered from the online store.
- Chapter 38 recommends: The Solo Title Acro Class add a phase 6, an aerial or limbering section. Rationale is that currently contestants can go through the audition showing no aerial or limbering skills.

- Chapter 16 recommends: Use for formal gowns during awards for female contestants be reinstated. It is also our recommendation that the strict rules regarding formal attire (gowns) be eliminated. Rationale: The use of formal attire exemplifies the level of class and professional standards that our National Title event holds.
- Chapter 28 recommends: A Teacher of Record or a Chaperone be allowed to accompany a dancer to Nationals. Rationale: The Teacher of Record is not always able to attend especially when they must commit so far in advance. Filling out the change of chaperone form should be sufficient and without penalty regardless of why the Teacher of Record is unable to attend. In our chapter's opinion life happens and we need to help our members if they are unable to attend. It is our recommendation that changes be allowed without consequence until whatever date the national board deems necessary, such as June 15th in order to have a successful event.
- Chapter 28 recommends: The National Board consider using a birthdate of January 1st for cutoff of ages as this is the age all other standardized competitions use. Rationale: This would simplify the registration process for studio owners and competition directors. We have several times where a student is entered incorrectly simply because a well-meaning member has forgotten about the June 1st cutoff date.
- Chapter 28 recommends: The National Board consider the use of payment through a credit card or some other electronic method. We know there are fees associated with this method and those may need to be passed onto the studio owners if they choose to use this method. Rationale: The mail service has not always been dependable in getting checks to our treasurer in a timely manner. This causes stress and extra expense.
- Chapter 46 recommends: Ballet be a required audition class and for the score to count for all dancers.
- Chapter 46 recommends: The scoring of audition classes percentage weight be balanced across all divisions of the competition. Rationale: So that all phases of the competition are comparable in terms of contribution to total score.
- Chapter 46 recommends: The 89% threshold for solo title qualification be reconsidered. Rationale: To encourage more participation.
- Chapter 46 recommends: Solo Title contestants introduce themselves at the microphone after the opening number and outgoing titleholders introduce the new contestants. Rationale: Our members believe the ability to speak articulately with energy in a public forum is an important characteristic of our dancers and the opportunity supports them to develop that skill.

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

- Kevin Garvey #10 asked that the spelling of Dotty McGill be corrected on the website and scholarship form.
- Rebecca Brettingham-Flice #38 asked that a discussion be had around gender-based titles. Advisory said this is an ongoing discussion with the Executive Committee.
- Rita Ogden-Zeshonski #25 asked if the title of Master Dance has been considered for appropriateness. Advisory said that this has been discussed, and since the term Master is being used as a reference to a young boy, that the title will remain as is.

Announcements

- Gala Welcome Party entitled "NYC of the South" is tonight at 8:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-D. Show your Atlanta Spirit! I'll have a surprise guest on stage.
- Thank you to our Welcome Party Opening Number choreographers:
 - Rita Ogden for choreographing the Age 10-12 routine.
 - Terri Newman-Giampino for choreographing the 13 & Up routine.
 - Katie Oberg for choreographing the Reigning Title Holders routine.
- 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 M106 & 107
- First Grand Body meeting is tomorrow at 5:00pm in Marquis M103-105. Delegates are required to attend.
- Remember to exchange Banquet Tickets
- Remind your parents to visit our Exhibitor.

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

12:10pm

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

BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the third Board of Directors meeting of the 138th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:42am.

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 A quorum was present

Minutes Approval Penny Koza-Lemansky

The minutes of the Sunday, July 2nd National Board of Directors meeting were approved as corrected.

Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Committee	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Past Presidents' Council	Dody Flynn
Finance	Amy DeLoughy, Elizabeth Lemberger, Diane Yednak
Publicity/Social Media	Rebecca Brettingham-Filice, Michelle Tardibono

New Business

- Rita Ogden #25 – suggested to make a Band group for welcome party opening number routine participants
- Elizabeth Lemberger #13 – suggested as the adjudication class dress code is being updated, to include the option of skin tone, in addition to pink, for ballet class auditions
- Mary Behn-Mentzer #47 – suggested to have examiner forums at the national conventions, in addition to the video option that is being created
- Chapter 16 recommended an update to PASC adjudication awards scale. Scoring to be tiered between the Competitive and Elite levels within the adjudicated awards scale. To even the distribution of points required to achieve each adjudication awards on the PASC awards scale.
- Executive committee began addressing recommendations from yesterday's National Board of Directors meetings.
- Dody Flynn, Past President, asked for delegates to send her your chapter's membership chairperson's correct email address.

Announcements

- Our first Grand Body meeting is today at 5:00pm in Marquis Meeting Room M103-105. Delegates are required to attend.
- 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.
- 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
- Remember to exchange Banquet Tickets. Tomorrow is the last day.
- Remind your parents to visit our Exhibitor.

Reading of Motions Passed Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned 12:31pm

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BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the fourth Board of Directors meeting of the 138th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:42am.

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 Erin Spriggs

The minutes of the Monday, July 3rd National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports (continued)

Finance Amy DeLoughy, Elizabeth Lemberger, Diane Yednak

Diane Yednak moved on behalf of the Finance Committee the adoption of the DMA 2023-2024 budget. The 2023-2024 budget has been approved as presented.

Presentations:

Petite Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Ann-Marie Carlomagno	
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

Consent Agenda

Penny Koza-Lemansky

Donna Lynch #17 – asked to remove numbers 5, 12, 13, and 15 from the consent agenda

The consent agenda, with numbers 5, 12, 13, 15 removed, was approved.

Amendments of the Standing Rules removed from the consent agenda (5, 12, 13, 15) were approved and any spelling, grammar, and cross-references will be corrected by Advisory.

Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Committee Report	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Selection of Banquet Tables	Charlene Hibbs
Nominating	Mike Smolko

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

New Business

- Rebecca Brettingham-Filice #38 set up a tik tok account with the same handle for all of our social media accounts.
- Marla Heeler #28 asked for clarification on the Affiliation Agreement that chapters cannot have Dance Masters of America in their chapter name, but may say they are an affiliated chapter of DMA.
- Marla Heeler #28 asked for consideration of the rights of degreed members within the national organization. A change to this would need to be presented as an amendment to the bylaws.
- Valerie Hamilton #27 brought up that there is a desire for half points for interview and classes on the Solo Title panels.

Announcements

- Grand Body meeting is today at 5:00pm in Marquis Meeting Room M103-105. Delegates are required to attend.
- 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.
- Join Amelia Fazio with Revolution Dance costumes tomorrow morning at 9:00am in the Hospitality Room. Coffee & danishes provided. Informal Q & A. Costume samples provided.
- Next Executive Committee meeting is Thursday at 9:30am in Marquis M101
- Next National Board of Directors meeting is Thursday at 10:30am in Marquis Room M106 & 107
- 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-109

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

12:12pm

DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC. 138th NATIONAL CONVENTION
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BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the fifth Board of Directors meeting of the 138th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:40am.

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 4th National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Committee Reports (continued)

Rules	Dody Flynn
Protocol	Dody Flynn
Elections	Madeline Graves
Historian	Paul Janusz
PASC Liaison	Leslie Ingram
Executive Committee Report	Penny Koza-Lemansky

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

New Business

- Elizabeth Lemberger #13 brought up the difference in percentages of finalists for the solo title competitions and recommended that the percentage of finalists be consistent between the male and female competitions.
- Lindsey Cheney #40 suggested an usher committee and a reserved seat for the social media chair.
- Colleen Rhode #16 recommended that there not be two judges from the same chapter for solo title.
- Colleen Rhode #16 suggested a ballet variation category with separate judges for PASC.
- Colleen Rhode #16 suggested that black sports bras under leotards be allowed for open scholarships.
- Colleen Rhode #16 asked if PASC can be grouped by solos, duo/trio, etc.
- Colleen Rhode #16 suggested that solo entries be limited in PASC at two per student.
- Ann-Marie Carlomagno #5 thanked the Executive Committee for setting up the members hospitality room.
- Rebecca Brettingham-Filice #38 has finished setting up our DMA link tree. She would like videos from Advisory to be able to post on our YouTube and Tik Tok - both solo title and PASC being represented. She reminded chapters to get her videos via Google Drive.
- Rebecca Brettingham-Filice #38 recommended that solo title packets include all handwritten judges score sheets alongside the computer-generated sheet.
- The Richard Risley Scholarship recipients for 2023-2024 are Chapters 5, 17, 18, 28, and 33.

Announcements

- Our last Grand Body meeting is today at 5:00pm in Marquis Meeting Room M103-105. Delegates are required to attend.
- 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 Committee meeting is tomorrow at 9:30am in Marquis M101
- Our final National Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow at 10:30am in Marquis Room M106 & 107
- Remind your parents to visit our Exhibitor

Reading of Motions Passed Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned 11:50am

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BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2022

President Penny Koza-Lemansky called the sixth Board of Directors meeting of the 138th National Convention of Dance Masters of America to order at 10:52am.

Thought for the Day Dody Flynn
All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.

Roll Call Erin Spriggs A quorum was present

Minutes Approval Dody Flynn
The minutes of the Thursday, July 6th National Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.

Presentations:

Miss and Mr. Dance of America Director, Valerie Saija Moore	
Miss Dance of America 2024	Payton Nickerson
Teacher of Record	Mandy Doyle #16
Mr. Dance of America 2024	Taro Yamashita
Teacher of Record	Lindsay Roberts #40

Committee Reports (continued)

Executive Committee	Penny Koza-Lemansky
Reigning Title Holder Coordinator	Phyllis Guy
Solo Title Liaison	Shawn Terenzi
Open Scholarship age 13-23	Kathi Halbert
Open Scholarships age 10-12	Tracy Davenport
Convention Chairman	Butch Theisen

National Area Directors meet with current chapters to collect dates

New Business

- Melissa Zaleski #15 requested that all correspondence for PASC and Solo Title be sent to chapter secretary/president/delegate, so the delegates are informed of what information has been presented to their chapter members in advance of the convention week.
- Rebecca Brettingham-Filice #38 recommended that placements or results are said in order from lowest to highest for PASC within the category, to distinguish within the medal standings.

Announcements

- Announcements of Overall, High Score, Open Scholarship and Grand Nationals will begin at 1:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C
- The Grand National Championship competition will begin at 5:00pm in Marquis Ballroom A-C
- Our National Executive Committee meeting for Incoming & Outgoing National Officers is tomorrow at 9:00am in Marquis M101
- Our photo session proceeding the banquet will begin at 6:00pm tomorrow 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 tomorrow 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 138th annual banquet "*City in a Forest*" will begin tomorrow evening at 7:30pm in Marquis Ballroom A-D

Reading of Motions Passed

Elizabeth Lemberger

Meeting Adjourned

12:04pm