

Proposed 2024 Amendments to DMA Bylaws

1. Amend Article IV, Section 1 A.2 by inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article IV-Membership</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>2. Examination</p> <p>Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. one (1) subject of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches only one (1) subject.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. a minimum of two (2) subjects of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches more than one (1) subject.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">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>Article IV-Membership</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>2. Examination</p> <p>Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. one (1) subject of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches only one (1) subject.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. a minimum of two (2) subjects of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches more than one (1) subject.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">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 style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>d. applicant must achieve a total score of 75 or above.</u></p>	<p>Article IV-Membership</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>2. Examination</p> <p>Certification shall be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and acrobatics and shall adhere to the minimum guidelines as stated below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. one (1) subject of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches only one (1) subject.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. a minimum of two (2) subjects of dance the applicant teaches if the applicant teaches more than one (1) subject.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">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 style="padding-left: 20px;">d. applicant must achieve a total score of 75 or above.</p>

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:

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<p>Article IV-Membership</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>3. Examiners</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are Nationally Certified or Chapter Certified Examiners shall administer the</p>	<p>Article IV-Membership</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>3. Examiners</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are <u>Nationally Certified appointed to the National Examination</u> Committee or Chapter Certified Examiners</p>	<p>Article IV-Membership</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>3. Examiners</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. A minimum of two (2) DMA members who are <u>appointed to the National Examination</u> Committee or Chapter Certified Examiners shall administer</p>

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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</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p>A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>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</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p>A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>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</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p>B. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>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</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p>A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>5. Specifications</p>	<p><u>Article IV-Membership</u></p> <p><u>Section 1-Classification of Membership</u></p> <p><u>A. Certified Active Membership</u></p> <p><u>5. Specifications</u></p>	<p>Article IV-Membership</p> <p>Section 1-Classification of Membership</p> <p>A. Certified Active Membership</p> <p>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>a. Examinations may be given at a DMA sponsored function, with the exception of TTS.</u></p> <p><u>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:</u></p> <p><u>1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiners and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee, or</u></p> <p><u>2. with two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing the examination, or</u></p> <p><u>3. two Affiliated Chapter Examiners of the chapter the person is applying to.</u></p> <p><u>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>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:</p> <p>1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiners and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee, or</p> <p>2. with two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing the examination, or</p> <p>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>
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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>Article VII-Grievances All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.</p> <p>A. National against a Member or Chapter</p> <p>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</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII – GRIEVENCES</p> <p>All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.</p> <p>A. National <u>Executive Committee</u> against a Member or Chapter’s <u>Board of Directors</u></p> <p>The National Executive Committee shall have the right to file a grievance, with the National Ethics Committee, against any member or Affiliated</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII – GRIEVENCES</p> <p>All Grievances must be filed within 90 days of the action which caused the grievance.</p> <p>National Executive Committee against a Member or Chapter’s <u>Board of Directors</u></p> <p>The National Executive Committee shall have the right to file a grievance, with the National Ethics Committee, against any member or Affiliated</p>

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 they shall take any disciplinary action they deem necessary.

B. Chapter against a Chapter

Any Affiliated Chapter shall have the right to file a written grievance against 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.

C. Member against their Chapter

Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against their Affiliated Chapter. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. If the Chapter's Ethics Committee fails to begin deliberation within thirty (30) days, the grievance shall be sent to the National Executive Committee who will forward the grievance and a report to the National Ethics Committee for review and

Chapter's **Board of Directors if,** in the opinion of the National Executive Committee, said member or Affiliated Chapter's **Board of Directors** 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 they deem necessary, **with no further appeal.**

B. Chapter's **Board of Directors** against a Chapter's **Board of Directors**
Any Affiliated Chapter's **Board of Directors** shall have the right to file a written grievance against another Affiliated Chapter's **Board of Directors** 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 **and shall be final, with no further appeal.**

C. Member against their Chapter's Board of Directors
Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against their Affiliated Chapter's **Board of Directors**. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. All appeals must be sent to the **Chapter's National** Ethics Committee for review. The **Chapter's**

Chapter's **Board of Directors if,** in the opinion of the National Executive Committee, said member or Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors 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 they deem necessary, **with no further appeal.**

Chapter's **Board of Directors** against a Chapter's Board of Directors
Any Affiliated Chapter's **Board of Directors** shall have the right to file a written grievance against another Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors 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 and shall be final, **with no further appeal.**

Member against their Chapter's Board of Directors
Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against their Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by

determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall send a written report to the member(s) and the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors.

D. Chapter against Member of their Chapter

Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of their Affiliated Chapter. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethic Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the Chapter's Ethics Committee for review. The Chapter's Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the Chapter's Ethics Committee. 8

E. Member against Member of their Chapter

Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of their Affiliated Chapter to the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by

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If the Chapter's Ethics Committee fails to begin deliberation within thirty (30) days, **the member shall send the grievance sent** to the National Executive Committee who will forward the grievance and a report to the National Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. **The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.**

D. Chapter's **Board of Directors** against a Member of their Chapter
Any Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall have the right to file a written grievance against a member of their Affiliated Chapter. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethic Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the **Chapter's National Ethics Committee** for review. The **Chapter's National Executive Committee** shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the **Chapter's National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no further appeal.**

E. Member against a Member of their Chapter
Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance

the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.

If the Chapter's Ethics Committee fails to begin deliberation within thirty (30) days, the member shall send the grievance to the National Executive Committee who will forward the grievance and a report to the National Ethics Committee for review and determination of the charges. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee and shall be final, with no further appeal.

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The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no further appeal.

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Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of their Affiliated Chapter to the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance

<p>the National Ethics Committee.</p> <p>F. Member against any Member of a Chapter other than their own</p> <p>Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of any Affiliated Chapter, other than their own, 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 against a Member of another Chapter</p> <p>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>against another member or group of members of their Affiliated Chapter to the Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors. The Affiliated Chapter's Board of Directors shall forward the grievance and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee <u>which shall be final, with no further appeal.</u></p> <p>F. Member against any Member of a Chapter other than their own</p> <p>Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of any Affiliated Chapter, other than their own, to the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall <u>send a written report forward the grievance</u> 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 <u>which shall be final, with no appeal.</u></p> <p>G. Chapter's <u>Board of Directors</u> against a Member of another Chapter</p> <p>Any Affiliated Chapter's <u>Board of Directors</u> 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</p>	<p>and a report to the Affiliated Chapter's Ethics Committee for review and determination of charges. All appeals must be sent to the National Ethics Committee for review. The National Executive Committee shall approve all disciplinary actions taken by the National Ethics Committee which shall be final, with no further appeal. Member against any Member of a Chapter other than their own</p> <p>Any member or group of members shall have the right to file a written grievance against another member or group of members of any Affiliated Chapter, other than their own, 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. Chapter's Board of Directors against a Member of another Chapter</p> <p>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</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 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: 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by National Examiners appointed and approved by the National Advisory Committee. 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</p>	<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application A. Any <u>organization or club organized group</u> of dance teachers with not less than fifteen (15) <u>dues paying</u> 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 <u>in writing submitted</u> and accompanied by: 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the <u>club/organization</u> Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by <u>National Examiners appointed and approved by</u> the National Advisory Committee. C. <u>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</u></p>	<p>ARTICLE X - CHAPTER AFFILIATION Section 1 - Application 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: 1. a complete list of officers and members. 2. a copy of the club/organization Bylaws, Standing Rules and Competition Rules (if applicable). B. Membership Examinations for the members of the proposed group shall be given by the National Advisory Committee. C. Upon approval of the following, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee and the President: 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</p>

<p>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><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Upon approval of the following, a Charter shall be issued by the National Advisory Committee and the President:</u></p> <p><u>1. Affiliated Chapter's name,</u></p> <p><u>2. Bylaws (including a Code of Ethics Article) and Standing Rules,</u></p> <p><u>3. Competition Rules (if applicable),</u></p> <p><u>4. the signing of the Affiliation Agreement between Dance Masters of America and the Affiliated Chapter, and</u></p> <p><u>6. two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>Masters of America and the Affiliated Chapter, and</p> <p>6. two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee.</p> <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>
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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:

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Article X-Chapter Affiliation	Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement	Article X-Chapter Affiliation Section 3-Fine, Suspension and Termination of Affiliation Agreement

Section 3-Fine,
Suspension and
Termination of
Affiliation Agreement

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:

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.
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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.
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.

6. Upon termination of the Affiliation Agreement, all records should be sent to the National Treasurer, which includes:

- **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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8. Amend Article X, Section 3 D by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	IF Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article X-Chapter Affiliation</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 <u>ing</u> 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</p> <p>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 <u>Executive Committee shall</u> offer its services to establishing <u>ing</u> 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.

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

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

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article XI-National Officers</p> <p>Section 2-Eligibility</p> <p>C. To be nominated to the office of National Area Director, the member must complete one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, and Teachers Training School Administrators. 	<p>Article XI-National Officers</p> <p>Section 2-Eligibility</p> <p>C. To be nominated to the office of National Area Director, the member must complete one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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,</u> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed Amendment</p> <p>Article XI-National Officers</p> <p>Section 2-Eligibility</p> <p>C. To be nominated to the office of National Area Director, the member must complete one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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</u> 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,

<p>Student Honors Intensive Program, and Teachers Training School Administrators.</p>	<p><u>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></p>	<p>Finance, Intensive Programs, Membership, National Convention Workshop Directors, Open Scholarship Auditions, Performing Arts Scholarship <u>Competitions, Solo Title Directors, Student</u> Honors Intensive Program, and Teachers Training School Administrators, within the past seven (7) years.</p>
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Rationale: To increase options to meet the eligibility requirements be nominated for this position, thereby allowing more members to run.

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

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article XI-National Officers</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Article XVIII-National Committees/councils</p> <p>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> <p>1. be available to collaborate with all committees upon the request of the committee chairman or the National President.</p>	<p>Article XVIII-National Committees/councils</p> <p>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</u></p>	<p>Article XVIII-National Committees/councils</p> <p>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</p>

<p>2. select the National DMA “Member of the Year” to honor a member for previous and present efforts on behalf of DMA.</p> <p>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><u>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>C. 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>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. <p>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>
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Rationale: This change reflects the current committee’s membership.

Proposed 2024 Amendments to Dance Masters of America Standing Rules

1. Amend Standing Rule Affiliation 3 D by adding at the end as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SR Affiliation SR 3-Affiliated Chapter Delegate</p> <p>D. The name and contact information of both the Delegate and the Alternate must be submitted to the National First Vice-President by the deadline date of December 1st.</p>	<p>SR Affiliation SR 3-Affiliated Chapter Delegate</p> <p>D. The name and contact information of both the Delegate and the Alternate must be submitted to the National First Vice-President by the deadline date of December 1st. <u>The national convention registration and the scholarship form must be submitted by April 15th or scholarship will be forfeited.</u></p>	<p>SR Affiliation SR 3-Affiliated Chapter Delegate</p> <p>D. The name and contact information of both the Delegate and the Alternate must be submitted to the National First Vice-President by the deadline date of December 1st. The national convention registration and the scholarship form must be submitted by April 15th or scholarship will be forfeited.</p>

Rationale: To ensure that chapter delegates are aware of the deadline for submission of forms required to qualify for a scholarship.

2. Amend Standing Rule Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 5 by substituting a new 5 as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 5. Examinations Examinations given at any DMA sponsored function 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 Member observing the examination.</p>	<p>SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners <u>5. Examinations</u> <u>A. Exams shall be administered at the designated Affiliated Chapter in accordance with the requirements and procedures of both DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter.</u> <u>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 you are applying to, by:</u> <u>1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiner and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee</u> <u>2. two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing e examination.</u></p>	<p>SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 5. Examinations A. Exams shall be administered at the designated Affiliated Chapter in accordance with the requirements and procedures of both DMA and the designated Affiliated Chapter. 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 you are applying to, by: 1. an Affiliated Chapter Examiner and an appointed member of the National Examination Committee 2. two appointed members of the National Examination Committee with an Affiliated Chapter Member observing e examination. 3. two Affiliated Chapter Examiners of the chapter you are applying to.</p>

	<p><u>3. two Affiliated Chapter Examiners of the chapter you are applying to.</u> <u>Note: If there is no representation from the chapter you are applying to, you will be examined and placed in the Chapter-At-Large.</u></p>	<p>Note: If there is no representation from the chapter you are applying to, you will be examined and placed in the Chapter-At-Large.</p>
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Rationale: There are no longer National Certified Examiners therefore it has been changed to reflect this change.

3. Amend Standing Rule Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners 6 by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners</p> <p>Nationally Certified Examiners A. are members who have successfully passed the DMA examination(s) which they wish to administer. B. are members of the Affiliated Chapter's Examination Committee who have attended and actively participated in the latest National Examiners Forum. C. have been certified by the National Examiners Forum Committee as a National Certified Examiner. D. have been recertified in a subject where the DMA Examinations have been changed. E. have received a National Examiner certificate indicating the date and subject or examinations they are certified by DMA to administer. F. DMA National Certified Examiners may administer DMA Examinations at any DMA or Affiliated Chapter function. G. DMA Nationally Certified Examiners may certify other members within their Chapters as Chapter Examiners, who may only administer DMA Examinations within their Chapter.</p>	<p>SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners</p> <p><u>Nationally Chapter</u> Certified Examiners A. are members who have successfully passed the DMA examination(s) which they wish to administer. B. are members of the Affiliated Chapter's Examination Committee who have <u>attended and actively participated in the latest National Examiners Forum completed their chapters certification program.</u> C. have been certified by the National Examiners Forum Committee as a National Certified Examiner. D. have been recertified in a subject where the DMA Examinations have been changed. <u>E. have received a National Examiner certificate indicating the date and subject or examinations they are certified by DMA to administer.</u> F. DMA National <u>Certified Examiners Examination Committee</u> may administer DMA Examinations at <u>any the DMA National Convention</u> or Affiliated Chapter function. <u>G. DMA Nationally Certified Examiners may certify other members within their Chapters as Chapter Examiners, who may only administer DMA</u></p>	<p>SR Applications/Applicants/Examinations/Certified Examiners</p> <p><u>Nationally Chapter</u> Certified Examiners A. are members who have successfully passed the DMA examination(s) which they wish to administer. B. are members of the Affiliated Chapter's Examination Committee who have completed their chapters certification program. C. have been recertified in a subject where the DMA Examinations have been changed. D. DMA National Examination Committee may administer DMA Examinations at the DMA National Convention or Affiliated Chapter function.</p>

	<u>Examinations within their Chapter.</u>	
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Rationale: As there no longer are National Certified Examiners each chapter will certify their own examiners.

4. Amend Standing Rule 13- Bylaws by striking and inserting as follows:

Currently Reads	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
SR Bylaws 13. A typed copy of all proposed amendments to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules shall be given to members of the National Board of Directors prior to the National First Vice President’s Bylaws report.	SR Bylaws 13. A typed copy of all proposed amendments to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules shall be <u>given published on the National website</u> to members of the National Board of Directors prior to the National First Vice President’s Bylaws report.	SR Bylaws 13. A typed copy of all proposed amendments to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules shall be published on the National website prior to the National First Vice President’s Bylaws report.

Rationale: This change is being proposed to reflect the current procedure being used to provide members with the proposed amendments.