

DELEGATE'S REPORT

130th National Convention

KISSIMMEE/ORLANDO, FLORIDA

JULY 3-JULY 12, 2014

GAYLORD PALMS RESORT AND CONVENTION
CENTER

SUBMITTED BY:

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Delegate Chapter #10

Dance Masters of PA

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The 130th Dance Masters of America National Convention was held at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center, Kissimmee/Orlando, Florida.

CHAPTER #10 members attending the 2014 National Convention: Barbara Pope Neely, Barbara Moschetta, Penny Koza, Lorraine Susa, Kathleen Brittain, AJo Gallagher, Jacqueline Moschetta-Warren, Lee Garrard, Kevin Garvey, Ann Garvey, Nicole Swope, and Associate Members: Rosanne Slifko, and Shely-Pack Manning.

Chapter #10 members who worked at the convention:

Penny Koza Directed the Teen Miss/Mr. competition. Several of our Chapter #10 members assisted her.

Lorraine Susa was the special awards judge for PAC.

Kathleen Brittain, Barbara Moschetta, Barbara Pope Neely judged the PAC.

Jacqueline Moschetta Warren judged the Miss/Mr. Dance Title Competition and was the choreographer for the Jr. Miss/Mr. Opening number. She did an outstanding job.

Many Chapter #10 members volunteered their time throughout the week with workshop classes. Thank You to everyone for pitching in and making DMA Nationals 2014 a huge success!

I apologize to anyone I may have forgotten!

I. MEETINGS

a. NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

1. On Sunday, July 6, 2014, at the Affiliation Committee Meeting the delegates were polled for their chapter recommendations.

Chapter #1 proposes a Competition Rule Change/ Amendment that the age categories of the solo PAC category echo that of the title competition. That is, when

entering the PAC; dancers will be competing for overall awards in categories that are more age appropriate. (Referred to Rules Committee)

Chapter #21 would like the following rule revisions to be considered: (1) solo title rule, Section 2 Rules #18 regarding Attendance at Mandatory Music Turn in: delete "Entrant. Entrant's Parents (if attending the National Convention). Keep with current practice, only teachers or chaperone be present to turn in their music. (2) Solo Title Rule, Section 3 The Competition, 22. Talent Preview, D The Routine (1) add "unless there was a request in writing from the judges at the chapter competition" (Referred to Rules Committee)

Chapter #33 would like to have Membership Certification by Pre- School only to be re-visited by the board. (Referred to Executive Committee)

Chapter #46 proposed that the preschool exam not be qualified as a membership exam. (Referred to Executive Committee)

2. Board of Directors met daily beginning Sunday, July 6, 2014- Saturday, July 12, 2014. Shely Pack-Manning, National President, gave her report. Discussion was held that a new SHIP location for SHIP South is still pending. Nationals is looking for a location to house this venue; Elon University was not able to accommodate housing. The Young Dancers Workshop classes at the National convention were divided, placing 6 and 7 year olds in one 3 day session and 8 and 9 year olds in an alternating 3 day session. It was brought to their attention that there was too much disparity between the ages. The Advisory Committee also discussed reinstating the Masters Program at TTS to offer to the Post Graduates. They also assigned Chasta Hamilton Calhoun as the New Social Media Chairperson. (FB www.facebook.com/dmanational) If you would like to submit social media news, updates, events send to dmasocmedia@gmail.com.

Shely Pack Manning made a generous contribution to the AUTISM SPEAKS in Honor of the 2014 Dance Masters of America National Board of Directors.

Tom Ralabate presented a College Do's and Don'ts Seminar and planned an open audition with College representatives. Nationals will have online registrations next year; they are now contracted with Dance Comp Genie. Nationals offered two levels of competition again this year for PAC, Competitive and Elite. The PAC competition was so large that there were 2 rooms set up to accommodate the PAC.

DMA is compiling a list of when DMA members joined and subjects they were tested in from the Chapter Delegates/AREA VPS.

Auditions were held for Norwegian Cruise Lines and Disney.

National Secretary, Mr. Robert Mann gave his report and Discussion was held that in order to be an examiner you first must have been tested in that Exam area and also passed that exam. Each Chapter is expected to have 2 National Certified examiners in each subject. To be a National examiner you must have attended a National Exam Forum and must have taken and passed the exam in that subject you are testing:

BALLET-before 2012

JAZZ-2012

TAP-2008

ACROBATICS-2008

MODERN-2014 everyone is grandfathered in and does not have to take the Modern Exam to attend the National Modern Forum. You MUST be an examiner and have a letter from your chapter to attend a National Forum. All Chapters will have until AUGUST 31, 2016 to have 2 National Examiners in each subject. This is a National requirement. ALL NEW MEMBERSHIP applications MUST go directly to Mr. Mann along with dues, exams, and application forms.

A JAZZ EXAM FORUM was held at Nationals in Orlando Florida. Barbara Pope Neely, Barbara Moschetta, and Lee Garrard were in attendance.

A MODERN EXAM forum was held at Teacher's Training School on July 28, 2014 at Buffalo, NY.

NATIONAL TESTING FORUMS: ALL SUBJECTS

LAS VEGAS- SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2014

NEW JERSEY-OCTOBER 25-26, 2014

ATLANTA GEORGIA- JANUARY 10-11, 2015

Shely Macy gave a thank you letter to all Delegates to bring back to their chapter for the generous donations she has received from everyone at DMA toward her Cancer Fund.

Lorna Knaus, CH 3 presented a donation of \$2089 and a picture to Dody Flynn representing their fundraiser that was donated to the Sandy Ground Project which is rebuilding playgrounds lost from hurricane Sandy in honor of the 26 Sandy Hook Angels.

Lorraine Susa Chairman of the Jazz Education Committee reported the updates to the Hip-Hop supplement have been completed and are included in the latest printing of the Jazz Manual.

b. TOWN HALL MEETINGS

1. Dee Buchanan (AREA VP) thanked me for getting her all of the quarterly information she needed in a timely manner. Dee also thanked Chapter #10 for hosting her to our chapter while she was our Chapter #10 AREA VP. Chapter #10 new AREA VP is CINDY LARSON. Her contact info is LARSENCL@aol.com

c. OTHER MEETINGS

1. Several DMP Chapter #10 members attended the Grand Body Meetings that were held nightly. Chapter #10 had a meeting on Wednesday, July 9, to discuss the Election Slate. Barbara Pope Neely ran for Director.

II. DMA EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS

- a. DMA has signed with Dance Comp Genie and will be taking online registrations starting next year.
- b. PAC this year was huge with adding of the 2 levels of competition, Competitive and Elite and 2 ballrooms for competition.
- c. DMA added an ACROBATIC Clinic at Nationals for 2014, and had a National Jazz Forum for examiners.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS AND BYLAWS

a. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

1. Jason Coosner, Chapter #1 recommended that DMA purchase, rent, get donated or partner to provide industry standard dance flooring in all rooms and on all stages at our convention providing the safest environment for our dancers. This would make DMA the only convention that would provide this, providing us with an incredible marketing platform as well as minimizing our liability despite waivers signed.
2. Yvonne Sinnott, Chapter #40 recommends that DMA consider establishing a maximum age for the mini convention classes.
3. Michelle Thomas, Chapter #45 moved that the PAC Rules be rewritten to have acrobatic/gymnastics skills unlimited only in the following categories: Acrobatics, Hip Hop, Contemporary, General Variety, and Open. Motion seconded. Motion Carried.

b. PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BY LAWS—PLEASE REFER TO BACK TO THE GRAPEVINE NEWSLETTER

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS 2014

1. Amend Article VII-Grievance: Approved
2. Amend to Article X-Chapter Affiliation, Section 2: Approved
3. Amend to Article XVIII-National Committees/Councils, Section 4: Approved

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES 2014

1. Amend Standing Rule 21-The National Ethics Committee: Approved
2. Amend Standing Rule 50-Duties of Officer: approved
3. Amend Standing Rule 54 A, B, C,: approved

c. RULE CHANGES

1. The name and contact information of both the Delegate and the Alternate must be submitted to the National Executive Secretary and the National-Second Vice-President by the deadline date of March 1st.

IV. MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

a. MEMBERSHIP

1. National Membership Fee is \$75.00
2. Levels of Membership will remain the same
3. A Memorial Service was conducted by Lee Garrard: Dance Masters of PA, Chapter #10 was recognized for the passing of:

EMILY LEYLAND: daughter of DMP recording Secretary Terry Leyland

ERMA JEAN WELCH: Mother of Member Jodi Welch

JOSEPH MOORE: Husband of Member Marlene Moore

MARYEN LORRAIN MILLER: 50 year Member

MATTHEW WELCH: Father of Member Jodi Welch

BOB GARRARD: Husband of Past National President Lee Garrard

NATASHA BRUNO: Mother of Member Victoria Bruno

b. FEES

1. DANCE MASTERS OF PA DUES for 2014-2015 will be \$95.00-\$100. THIS DUES DOES NOT INCLUDE BMI/ASCAP FEES!!!!
2. ALL BMI/ASCAP forms will be on the DMA website and monies and forms are DUE BY MARCH 1st. Any problems with these organizations PLEASE CALL CHARLEEN LOCASCIO.

V. ELECTIONS

- a. President: JOANNE ZAVISA, CHAPTER #46

First Vice President: LAURA BOSTIC WORK

Second Vice President: TERRIE LEGEIN, CHAPTER #5

National Executive Secretary: ROBERT MANN, CHAPTER # 26

National Treasurer: CHARLEEN LOCASCIO, CHAPTER 6

Immediate Past President: SHELLY PACK-MANNING

Area Vice Presidents: Dee Buchanan, Cindy Larsen, Jeanne Cumming, Kerri Cooper,
Jackie Olson

Directors: Kathi Halbert, Dody Flynn, Michelle Rogers, Ch #15, Chasta Hamilton Calhoun

VI. 2014 National Open Scholarship Winners

4-Phase Overall

1st Place – Anna McGary – Ch 16 – Diana Evans Pulliam

2nd Place – Jordan Betscher – Ch 16 – Dawn Slemmons

3rd Place – Jordan Wetzell – Ch 17 – Ashley Canterna Hardy

Ballet

1st Place – McKenzie McGrath – Ch 16 – Suzy Straub

2nd Place – Olivia Lovsin – Ch 46 – Joanne Zavisca

3rd Place – Katie Schaaf – Ch 36 – April Nelson

Jazz

1st Place – Nicole Kennedy – Ch 4 – Lauren Lenter

2nd Place – Heather Davies – Ch 4 – Lauren Lenter

3rd Place – Jillian Medero – Ch 2 – Andrea LaMaina

Tap

1st Place – Tatiana Nunez – Ch 2 – Andrea LaMaina

2nd Place – Michael Tardibono – Ch 27 – Daphne Cooper-Tardibono

3rd Place – Christina Pipia – Ch 26 – Bob Mann

Modern

1st Place – Lauren Slouffman – Ch 16 – Dawn Slemons

2nd Place – Braelynn Neely – Ch 10 – Barbara Pope Neely

3rd Place – Michael Gallagher – Ch 17 – Dee Buchanan

Acro

1st Place – Julia Miller – Ch 38 Trish Thompson Creamer

2nd Place – Brianna Kwiatkowski – Ch 8 – Mara Merritt

3rd Place – Eden Savory – Ch 8 – Renee Crawley

B. PAC SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

1. Several of our Members had PAC entries, and a few made the dance offs on Friday.

a. TITLE SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

1. Petite Miss Dance of America 2015-SUMMER BROWN, CHAPTER #1, TEACHER OF RECORD; GRACE HOLMQUIST, TEACHER OF RECOGNITION: SHELY PACK MANNING

1st runner up: EDEN GALLOWAY, CH #15

2nd runner up: YING LEI PHAM, CH #16

3rd runner up: SUMMER FAULK CH #6

2. Master Dance of America 2015-EWAN HARMAN, OPEN CONTESTANT, TEACHER OF RECORD: REBECCA FELICE, CH #38

1ST Runner up: COLIN O'DONNELL. CH #15

2nd runner up: ERICK RIVERA, CH #47

3. Junior Miss Dance of America 2015-AVA SINE, CH #16 TEACHER OF RECORD: KATHY MEYER, TEACHER OF RECOGNITION: DAWN SLEMONS

1st runner up: ZOPHIA KASPRZYK, CH #38

2nd runner up: ISABELLA RAYBORN, CH #6

3rd runner up: ZOE GRISIM, CH #1

4th runner up: MALLI LACKEY, CH #33

4. Junior Mr. Dance of America 2015: DALLAS BRANHAM CH #40, TEACHER OF RECORD: LINDSEY CHENEY

1st runner up: NICHOLAS NOVAK, CH #17

2nd runner up: DANIEL BLACKWOOD, CH #44

5. Teen Miss Dance of America 2015-NATALIE ROGERS, CH #15, TEACHER OF RECORD: MICHELLE ROGERS, TEACHER OF RECOGNITION: ALYSON BADGETT AND AMY SANTORO

1st runner Up: NICOLE KENNEDY, CH #4

2nd runner up: JONEISHA CARMICHAEL, CH #33

3rd runner up: PRESLEY GOOKIN, CH #16

4th runner up: NATALIE BOLIO, CH #5

6. Teen Mr. Dance of America 2015- BRENDAN MORAN, OPEN CONTESTANT, TEACHER OF RECORD: MICHELLE ROGERS, TEACHER OF RECOGNITION: ALYSON BADGETT ANDY SANTORO CH #15

1st runner up: SAM BUCHANAN, CH #17

2nd runner up: NICHOLAS SIGNOR, CH #34

3rd Runner up: BRODY PIETZ, CH #16

7. Miss Dance of America 2015- JESSICA FRY, CH #13 TEACHER OF RECORD: LEYLA BOISSONNADE

1st runner up: BRAELYNN NEELY, CH #10 TEACHER OF RECORD: BARBARA POPE NEELY, TEACHER OF RECOGNITION: KATREENA SNYDER

2nd runner up: JANINA SAINA, CH #33

3rd runner up: JORDAN BETSCHER, CH #16

4th runner up: ALLYSON BINGHAM, CH #36

JAZZ and INTERVIEW AWARD: BRAELYNN NEELY, CH 10 TEACHER OF RECORD: BARBARA POPE NEELY, TEACHER OF RECOGNITION: KATREENA SNYDER

CHAPTER 33's PAST PRSIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (Cont/Modern): BRAELYNN NEELY

8. Mr. Dance of America 2015-KURTIS SPRUNG, CH #8 TEACHER OF RECORD: MARA MERRITT, TEACHER OF RECOGNITION: MARLENE MERRITT

1st runner up: CONOR MCKENZIE, CH #15

2nd runner-up: JP VIERNES, CH #1

3rd runner-up: CLARK GRIFFIN, OPEN CONTESTANT

4TH runner-up: MICHAEL TARDIBONO, CH #27

VII. SOCIAL EVENTS

a. PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

1. MEMBER OF THE YEAR: MARLENE MERRITT, CHAPTER #8
2. ZEE BROWN AWARD: ANNETTE DUBOSE, CHAPTER #6
3. CHAPTER OF THE YEAR: SOUTHERN COUNCIL OF DANCE MASTERS, CHAPTER #44
4. 25 YEAR MEMBERS RECEIVING PINSWERE: TERRY LEYLAND, BECKY SANZOTTI, MARY JOHNS, KATHLEEN SICKLES
5. WELCOME PARTY: Nicole Hovis student of Kevin Garvey, participated in the Opening Number for age 12 and under.

b. BANQUET

1. 2014 DMA ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENT: MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY
2. 2014 DMA PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT: CHET WALKER
3. THE 2014 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: GLENDA MOSS
4. OVER 750 people attended the 130th Annual Banquet. DMP Chapter #10 Had 18 in attendance.

VIII. UPCOMING CALENDAR

a. NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

1. 2015-Marriott Hotel and Convention Center-BOSTON, MA—JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2015
TITLE MUSIC TURN IN: JUNE 25, 2015
2. 2016-Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center-NASHVILLE, TN

3. 2017-Marriott New Orleans, LA
4. 2018-Marriott Anaheim, CA
5. 2019- Atlanta, GA Marriott Marquis
6. 2020- Orlando, FL Marriott World Center
7. 2021-Gaylord Texan, Dallas, TX
8. 2022- Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN
9. 2023- Atlanta, GA Marriott Marquis
10. 2024- Marriott Anaheim, CA
11. 2025- Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel and Convention Center-Orlando, FL.

b. TTS-SUNY BUFFALO

1. JULY 28th-AUGUST 1, 2015

c. SHIP-SUNY BUFFALO

BRAELYNN NEELY-NATIONAL SHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2014 and EMMA LOWERS-2014 DMP TUITION SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ATTENDED SHIP 2014 AND HAD A WONDERFUL WEEK OF DANCE, FRIENDSHIPS and EDUCATION. WHILE ATTENDING SHIP BRAELYNN WAS AWARDED THE TOM RALABATE SCHOLARSHIP.

1. JULY 22nd-JULY 26, 2015

d. INTENSIVES

1. JAZZ INTENSIVE PROGRAM: JUNE 25TH-JUNE 27, 2015

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

BARBARA POPE NEELY, CHAPTER #10, DELEGATE