

**Dance and Drill Coaches Association
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Sunday, October 1, 2023
Erika's Studio, 10:00 am to 1:00pm**

Welcome & Call Meeting to Order – Danielle

In Attendance: Mackenzie, Ally, Erika, Elle, Coral, Danielle, Roshny, Karalee, James

- Consent Agenda (10 Minutes)
 - August & Fall Membership Meeting Minutes – Kenzie
 - *Approved via band.*
 - OSAA AAC Update – James

Shared with the committee that DDCA held an Introduction Webinar session for new programs/new coaches.

Opened up a conversation about bringing back state medals, but Peter Weber was reluctant about bringing them back. He said the reluctance was regarding the fact that teams could win multiple state medals, and the value of earning the medal is not as exclusive. This is the main reason that deters them from providing medals. Cost was not really the issue, but maybe further discussion about dancers purchasing them at cost could be made.

Proposals that were denied:

- *Judges Affiliations - revisit from Spring 21 AAC Mtg-*
 - *Failed to pass the Activities Advisory Committee, Fail 3-4*
 - *Not discussed on 9/27*
- *Checks and Balances proposal - revisit from Spring 21 AAC Mtg-*
 - *Supported by the Committee 7-0*
 - *Denied by the Executive Board - no discussion at the 9/27 AAC Meeting*
- *Penalty Value Alignment proposal - revisit from Spring 21 AAC Mtg-*
 - *Supported by the Committee 7-0*
 - *The Executive Board is asking for data/information to align with the penalty value/reduction, then it can be resubmitted.*
- *Waiver process for minimum number - NEW at Spring AAC Mtg-*
 - *Supported by the Committee 7-0*
 - *Denied by the Executive Board - Executive Board feels that rules/guidelines must be in place and followed.*

Proposals that they would like to hear more from us about: Penalty Value Alignment Proposal:

- *It was clear they don't understand the dynamics of a safety penalty and the reasons teams get them. For instance, stepping on a shoe that falls off, or stepping on a piece of a pom, or wearing a hair tie on the wrist... these are marked as safety violations in the total numbers of penalties given in a season, but in the big picture are not due to lack of following the rules, but something that happens in the moment. The OSAA Executive Committee Rep admitted the Executive Committee was not understanding this and would like more clarity in the proposal, or to have us attend a meeting in person to clarify.*
- *As far as stunts, they admitted that they don't understand the level of danger in the stunts that dance usually performs. We explained that stunts are never executed with rules intentionally*

ignored, and/or we don't have repeat offenders violating the rules in a neglectful way that puts dancers in repeated danger.

- *Amanda and James think it would be beneficial for DDCA to attend the next Executive Board meeting in person, possibly with a proposal update/rewrite/clarification, to discuss in person why and how this proposal could/should be passed/approved. We should paint a picture of each of the 10-11 safety penalties that were given last season (all of them) with what we know about why and how they happened.*
 - Introduction to Competition Webinar – Danielle

Five schools attended the Introduction to Competition webinar. Schools represented included: Banks, Century, Hilhi, Newberg, and Roosevelt.

○ Judge Membership/Training Through NDCA – Roshny
After more information was received about the NDCA process the Board voted to pay the judges membership upfront rather than do a reimbursement. 7 in favor; no opposed; 2 abstained

○ DDCA Raffle Funds Raised – James
\$1,505.06 was raised from the DDCA Raffle! Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, purchased tickets and/or made a donation to the scholarship fund, and shared the posts. Congratulations to the raffle winners.

- **Top Shout Outs**
 - Canby – 88
 - Parkrose – 37
 - Lake Oswego – 36
 - Grant - 29
- **Top Funds Raised**
 - Canby – \$285
 - Parkrose – \$260
 - Grant - \$192
 - Lake Oswego - \$100
- *Congratulations to Canby who will be receiving a complimentary entry to the DDCA Invitational*

Additional Scholarship Raffle?

- *My thought, if we do another round of raffles, is that we create a handful of "baskets" that include dynamic items that go together... Wine basket - Dinner Basket - Sports Basket - Etc. Rather than doing individual isolated item prizes. Especially if we do something leading up to the DDCA invitational.*
- *I am happy to organize the Betterworld platform for the raffle and, but would love some help gathering items/prizes. Let me know if this is something we want to do again. Things that might be fun --- Christmas events/shows, dinners at restaurants, coffee shop gift cards, game tickets, OMSI & Museum tickets, WINE AND BEER...*
- Board Growth (20 minutes)
 - DDCA Manual Review ([Section 4, page 20](#); [Section 5, page 22](#)) – Danielle
 - *Tabled to next meeting*
 - Goal Review ([link](#)) – Danielle
 - *Discussion surrounding updates - nothing major to report.*
 - *Board will keep moving forward towards goals.*

- *Update form for board application on website and form to reflect that application will close when position is filled.*
- *Business (2 hours; 30 minutes)*
 - *Treasurer Report –*
 - *23-24 Budget to Actuals (as of 8.31.23) - Ally*
 - *DDCA CD Renewal – Danielle*
 - *Erika motions, Mackenzie seconds - 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstains*
 - *Unpaid Fee tracking*
 - *Elle has a good method for tracking membership payments as they come in.*
 - *Coral will go to the mailbox before Wednesday and update.*
 - *Elle will follow up with those unpaid memberships*
 - *Danielle will follow up with outstanding competition fees and conference*
 - *Roshny will follow up with Judges*
 - *Finance committee will finalize a process for DDCA fees and the invitational. Ideal is payment before the event.*
 - *Keep credit card options and check options.*
 - *Membership Band updates*
 - *Request that members update their titles in band to reflect what school or associations.*
 - *Request that members upload a photo as a photo of themselves or a school logo.*
 - *Elle will update the band by adding or removing those in band when membership list is updated.*
 - *JA – Roshny*
 - *Oct. 7th training is set to happen next week! A lot of judges are interested in being cross trained, which is great.*
 - *Flying in Judges for the 23-24 season*
 - *JA is looking to bring in judges six to eight times throughout the season. Discussion surrounding budget and what potential needs there might be.*
 - *JA will confirm the schedule and get back to the board.*
 - *Budgeted \$650*
 - *Mileage expense \$5,000*
 - *ED Contract & Additional Annual Reminders*
 - *Puller and caller list live google sheet will be sent out so it can be continually updated.*
 - *Membership Updates – Elle*
 - *Number of current registered members*
 - *36 paid HS teams*
 - *2 paid MS teams*
 - *3 teams with PO and check request*
 - *22 have filled out form and are **unpaid***
 - *2 confirmed business, 2 waiting for payment*
 - *Drill Down Caller/Puller update – Coral*
 - *List is up to date*
 - *State has pre-selected pullers and callers - this will happen closer to state competition.*

- *Zoom puller certification will be scheduled*
- o Opportunity Scholarship Next Steps – Roshny
 - *Judging panel TBD - if interested in participating reach out to Roshny*
 - *Will close in 14 days - 8 applicants so far*
 - *Scholarships will be determined by November 1, 2023*
 - *Teams must have membership dues paid for applicants to be considered*
- o Fall Educational Symposium – Karalee
 - Feedback/Survey
 - *Karalee to create, board to approve, get sent out to gather information from membership*
 - *Good verbal feedback day of and after.*
 - *Discussion surrounding picking a consistent date for future fall conferences.*
- o Solo/Duo/Trio Guidance Needed for Division breakdowns (Vote needed) – Erika & Roshny
 - Solos – by grade
 - *9th, 10th, 11th, 12th - no classification or style*
 - Duo/Trio – by grade? School classification? Other?
 - *One category each*
 - *No grade, classification, or style breakdown*
 - *Duo and Trio separate*
 - *Option if large number of entries - Division breakdown is up to the discretion of the competition*
 - *Erika motions, Karalee seconds - 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstains*
- o All State Director – Danielle
 - Review Director Application (Vote needed)
 - *Liisa Stockbridge all state director: Roshny motions, Ally seconded - 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstains*
 - Location update
 - *Wilsonville High School*
 - Choreographer Next Steps
 - *No current leads - Board still working to find*
- o DDCA Invitational Differentiators – Karalee
 - *Discussion surrounding adding a JA eval show element to the invitational*
 - *Discussion surrounding the number of judges budgeted for the event and how the JA can staff it*
 - *Trophy recycle*
 - *Affordable option - only needing to update the plaques*
 - *Feels good to recycle trophies that would have otherwise been thrown away*
 - *Budget event - supports the DDCA overall budget*
 - *Ask for old trophy donations from the membership*
 - *Erika will lead the charge on trophy donation and organization*
 - *Reuse championship trophies for contemporary, modern and novelty*
 - *50% trophy awarded - 10 sets of trophies needed*
 - *Adhere to deadline*
 - *Pay rate for judges*
 - *\$125 rate for judges at or below 55 number of performances*
 - *\$150 rate for judges at or above 56 number of performances*

- *Head judge rate is \$150 1-55 performances, \$175 56+ performances plus mileage*
 - *Number of judges*
 - *Panels of four - same as last year's Championship event.*
 - *Photography*
 - *\$60 per team, pending photographer agreement, \$10 going to DDCA*
 - *Photographer will be at practice rounds to see what the routines look like to get an idea of what to shoot during the round*
 - *Karalee motions as discussed, Erika seconds - 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain*
- *Fill Open Board roles – Danielle*
 - *Chair-Elect*
 - *Awards - Process begins in December*
 - *Scholar Athlete - February*
- *DDCA Manual updates*
 - *Karalee and Mackenzie to help Danielle*
- *JALT - Flying interns in*
 - *JA motions to establish a policy that we do not reimburse for travel or flights for interns to certify,*
 - *Karalee seconds - 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain*
- *Tabled for November Meeting*
 - *OSAA State 2025 – Danielle*
 - *Potential for three routines per team; begin to discuss options for the membership to consider*
 - *Kick division may be collapsing - Is there a division we would replace this with?*
- *Tabled Agenda Items (September Meeting)*
 - *Jr. Team Membership Fee – Erika & Coral - Tabled to December*
 - *Jr. Team Liaison – Erika & Coral - Tabled to December*
 - *Hour-A-Thon Fundraiser supporting the DDCA*
 - *Outstanding OSAA Discussion Items*
 - *Awards Presentation Timing*
 - *Culturally Inclusive Category*

Reminders & Next Meeting Dates:

- *Connect monthly with your call lists*
- *Please be saving documents in the DDCA's Google Drive*
- *JA Judges Workshop – October 7, 2023, 10:00am to 3:00pm, OSAA Offices (tentative)*
- *Next Board Meeting – November 5, 2023, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Erika's Studio*