

Dance and Drill Coaches Association of Oregon
Fall Coaches Conference Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2022
1:30pm - 4:00pm at Tigard High School

Schools & Programs Present: Adrienne C. Nelson, Albany Gems, Astoria, Banks, Barlow, Canby, Centennial, Century, Cleveland, Corvallis, David Douglas, Dexter McCarty, Forest Grove, Grant, Hollywood Dance, Lake Oswego, Lincoln, Milwaukie, Mountainside, Parkrose, Philomath, Rex Putnam, Reynolds, Scappoose, Scappoose Middle School, Scappoose Youth, Sheldon, Sherwood, South Albany, Southridge, Sprague, Synergy, Thurston, Tigard, Tualatin, Valley Catholic, Wilsonville

- 1) Welcome – Danielle
- 2) Roll Call – Hayley
- 3) Reports (1 hour and 15 minutes):
 - a) DDCA Spotlights – Chantel
 - i) DDCA Team Features - Will provide filming/photos and a hype video of teams who sign up.
 - ii) Website: Information on Job Openings, Scholarships, College Tryouts - please reach out to Chantel
 - iii) Tag @ddcaofficial on Instagram to reshare photos and videos of team.
 - b) JA Update – Ivanna (for Roshny)
 - i) Meeting monthly and will submit minutes on DDCA website
 - ii) Info Session for new judges - 15 participants
 - iii) Additional Information Session: September 25th at 6:00pm
 - iv) Currently JA has 8 Interns
 - v) Judge Training on 10/16 on Tech Judges
 - c) Drill Down Reminders – Coral
 - i) List of certified Drill Down Pullers and Callers posted in Facebook Pages and DDCA website
 - ii) Coral to teach a 50 minutes drill down class at end of meeting for members interested in becoming certified (puller and caller)
 - iii) Novice Drill Down - Decision to be made - Keep 1st and 2nd Year members in novice or only 1st Year Members?
 - iv) Amount of dancers at State Championship
 - (1) Need to qualify to participate at the OSAA State Championship?
 - (2) Each Team to send a percentage of their team?
 - v) If you have questions or comments about Drill Down, you can contact Coral by email.
 - d) Board Goals – Erika
 - i) Getting back to business as usual.
 - ii) Annual performance review of DDCA programs to document successes and opportunities.
 - iii) Increase the number of teams participating in DDCA competitions.

- iv) Increase the number of active judges.
 - v) Every school should have at least one certified drill down puller.
 - vi) Increase the number of drill down callers.
 - vii) Create a system for providing feedback regarding drill down callers and judging panels.
- e) DDCA Logo Revision – Amanda
- i) Rebranded the DDCA Logo to be gender neutral.
- f) Revised Manuals – Danielle
- i) Fully updated JA Manual & DDCA Manual on the website.
 - ii) Manuals have been reformatted for easier access.
 - iii) Category style definitions are now the same between DDCA & JA Manuals.
- g) Competition Changes for 2023 – Danielle
- i) November 19th is the first competition weekend for the 22-23 season.
 - ii) If you are missing communications, please reach out to the Board for assistance.
 - iii) Competitions will be formatted the same way all season.
- h) DDCA Championship (formerly DDCA Category Championships) - David
- i) Held at Gresham High School on January 21st, 2023.
 - ii) You must have competed the routine(s) in a previous competition to dance at DDCA Championships.
 - iii) 2 Divisions:
 - (1) Championship Division: Qualified Routines (14 or higher from previous competition. No need to be in 1st or 2nd place).
 - (2) Open Division (All-comer): Scores lower than 14, but combined between 1-6A. Every category will be offered.
 - iv) Question: Why call it a Championship?
 - (1) All categories are offered
 - (2) Chance to compete more than 2 routines.
- i) DDCA Awards - James
- i) Coach of the Year, Assistant Coach of the Year, Service Award, Lifetime Achievement Award
 - ii) Nominations will begin after our winter meeting at All State.
 - iii) Please check the qualifications for every award, and get to know your fellow coaches.
- j) All State 2023– Hayley
- i) All State will be held in person at Tigard High School on Sunday, January 15th, 2023.
 - ii) Lisa Zaragoza had to decline this year as choreographer (due to her new baby on the way), but she recommended Natalie Burton (former Blazer Dancer and All State Assistant in 2020). Natalie has accepted the choreographer position!
 - (1) Instructional Videos for the one portion of the routine will be published on January 3rd, 2023.

- (a) Need to decide on what genre (Jazz, Contemporary, or Hip Hop)
 - (2) Dancers will learn the other 2 genres on January 15th by Natalie & her assistants.
 - iii) 2 Tabulation Judges and 2 Performance Judges are committed. Currently working on confirming 2 celebrity judges.
 - iv) All-State Teams in 6A, 5A, and 1-4A will be announced at the end of the day on January 15th.
 - v) The Top 5% of each classification will receive Dance Scholarships. The percentage is based on the number of dancers who participate at All State. Scholarship winners will be announced at the OSAA State Championships in March.
 - k) Scholarships 2023 – Danielle (for Roshny)
 - i) Academic Scholarship: Look on website.
 - ii) Diversity Scholarship
 - iii) Dance Scholarship: Awarded for Top Scorers at All State.
 - iv) Opportunity Scholarship: Application on Oct 1, 2022.
 - (1) For dancers who need help with their team fees.
 - (2) Stays Confidential.
- 4) Business (1 hour and 15 minutes):
 - a) Approve Minutes (Membership Vote – per member) – Hayley
 - i) Spring Membership Meeting -
 - (1) Motion by Ally
 - (2) Seconded by Liisa
 - (3) Approved by Membership. (No opposed, No Abstain)
 - ii) Event Director/Membership Meeting - Approved by Membership.
 - (1) Motion by Liisa
 - (2) Seconded by Lynn
 - (3) Approved by Membership. (No Opposed, No Abstain)
 - b) Financials – Bri
 - i) 2021-22 DDCA Budget Actual : \$81,482.20. (8.1.2021)
 - ii) 2022-23 DDCA Budget Proposed: (Membership Vote – per member)
 - (1) Focusing on ways to save money by removing unused tools and subscriptions.
 - (2) Motion by Ally to approve the budget.
 - (3) Seconded by Rachel.
 - (4) Approved by Membership (No Opposed, No Abstain)
 - c) DDCA Articles of Association (Membership Vote – per member) – Danielle
 - i) Ally moves to approve the DDCA Articles of Association
 - ii) Seconded by Lynn.
 - (1) Approved: 26
 - (2) Opposed: 13
 - (3) Abstained: 10
 - (4) Motion Passes.

- iii) Discussion about 11 persons vs 11 positions on the Board of Directors.
- iv) Amendment from Lynn to change the wording in the manual from “persons” to “positions”
 - (1) Seconded by Chantel.
 - (2) Approved: 26
 - (3) Opposed: 21
 - (4) Abstained: 5
 - (5) Amendment Passed.
- v) Discussion about voting methods (in person vs online).
- vi) Board Stipends (Membership Vote – per member)
 - (1) Increase from \$200 to \$600 for the association year
 - (2) Treasurer: additional \$400
 - (3) Membership: additional \$200
 - (4) Secretary: additional \$200
 - (5) Scholarship Director: additional \$200
 - (6) All State Director: additional \$200
 - (7) DDCA Director: additional \$200
 - (8) Website Director (Social Media)
 - (a) Motion from Denise to approve Board Stipend Increase.
 - (b) Seconded by Ally
 - (c) Approved: 41
 - (d) Opposed: 0
 - (e) Abstain: 3
 - (f) Motion Passed.
- d) Proposals – Danielle
 - i) Scoresheet Proposal (Membership Vote – per school)
 - (1) To increase the value from 20 points per sub-caption to 100 points per sub caption. (Divided by 3 for a total to 100)
 - (2) Motion from Billy to approve this proposal
 - (3) Seconded by Breanna.
 - (4) Discussion about whether the point change would help judges. Ivanna said it would be very helpful. Vernita mentioned that it would be helpful to explain to dancers and parents.
 - (a) Approved: 27
 - (b) Opposed: 0
 - (c) Abstained: 0
 - (d) Motion Passed.
 - ii) Revised Penalty Values (Membership Vote – per school)
 - (1) Modify the percentage that the penalties are worth.
 - (2) Split Safety penalties (Levels 1 and 2)
 - (3) Annie provided feedback from Christine Anderson.
 - (4) Jenn provided additional clarification regarding the penalty value changes.
 - (5) Motion from Karissa to approve the proposal as written.

- (6) Seconded by Breanna.
 - (a) Approved: 23
 - (b) Opposed: 3
 - (c) Abstained: 0
 - (7) Motion Passed.
 - iii) Checks and Balances (Membership Vote – per school)
 - (1) Question by Vernita: As a competition director, would we have to pay a second Tech Judge? Yes.
 - (2) Question: If not 2 judges, will you use a video? Yes.
 - (3) Motion by Breanna to approve the motion.
 - (4) Seconded by Karissa.
 - (a) Approved: 24
 - (b) Opposed: 2
 - (c) Abstained: 1
 - (d) Motion Passed.
 - (5) Amendment by Jenn to be able to use a video whether there are 1 or 2 Tech Judges.
 - (a) Seconded by Elle.
 - (b) Approved: 24
 - (c) Opposed: 0
 - (d) Abstained: 4
 - (e) Amendment Passed.
 - iv) Classification Affiliation (Membership Vote – per school)
 - (1) Motion to deny this proposal by Pam.
 - (2) Seconded by Ally.
 - (a) Discussion opened up to the membership.
 - (3) Approved: 7
 - (4) Opposed: 15
 - (5) Abstained: 4
 - (6) Motion did not pass.
- 5) Membership Announcements
- 6) Reminders:
 - a) Connect with your Board Member to stay up to date on DDCA Events
 - b) Follow the DDCA on social media:
 - i) @DDCAOfficial (Instagram & Twitter)
 - ii) @or_judges (Instagram)
 - iii) Dance and Drill Coaches Association of Oregon (Facebook)
 - iv) Oregon Judges Affiliation – Dance & Drill (Facebook)
 - v) Dance Team Coaches <3 (Facebook; for current DDCA members only)

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm. The Winter Membership meeting is scheduled for January 15th, 2023 at Tigard High School.

Respectfully Submitted:
Hayley DuLong; DDCA Secretary