



DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC.
Florida Chapter #2

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Dear DMA Members,

This letter is being sent to let you know that the November convention this year will NOT be all titles as we had hoped, because of our Bylaws. The November Convention will include Mini, Petite, Jr Title Competition, Junior Scholarships, and Workshop classes for all dancers ages 7 and up as was originally stated in the flyer you received in August. PAC for this convention will be limited to solos, duets, and trios.

The March convention will include Teen and Miss Title Competition, Senior Scholarships, and Workshop classes for all dancers ages 7 and up. PAC in March will include all categories: solos through productions.

It is unfortunate that we are not able to change the title competitions this year, as the Executive Board and myself feel this is in the best interest of our chapter, our members, and our title contenders and winners. Our title winners never really get to know one another or feel the support of the members as they head to nationals, a convention where they are usually there with only their teacher and maybe some fellow students. Having all titles in November would help the title winners feel they are part of a team representing Florida. The title winning team would have plenty of time to arrange their finances, make hotel reservations without fear of not getting into the host hotel, have their pictures professionally produced without rushing, and have time to complete the extensive paperwork that is required for nationals, especially for the Miss title winner. Finally, and most importantly title winners would have the opportunity to work on their interview skills, rehearse their solos, perform as the titleholder representing our chapter at local events, as well as enter other competitions to have their solos critiqued for improvement toward their national goal. This would also give us the opportunity to submit an article about our chapter winners to Dancer Magazine for publicity, and a memory for the title winners. It is a win-win situation for these students and our chapter!

Making DMA Florida Chapter #2 a stronger chapter with more opportunities should be the main interest from all of our members. We need more members to get involved. We need more members who are unhappy with the way things are to get on the board of directors and help make a difference.

Please know our board is looking out for the best interest of all of you and your dancers. Although change is difficult it can be advantageous for everyone. We will move ahead to help build our organization to a higher level and to provide better opportunities for ourselves, the members, and our students, for whom it is our goal to help!

Thank you very much.

Yours in Dance,

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