

ST. LOUIS DANCING TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER #21 DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA

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Dear Members,

As I begin my second term, I reflect upon my goals and set a few more. I am pleased to say we have made progress in many areas.

- We updated our By-laws to comply with Nationals and tried to eliminate rules wherever possible to make our competitions a bit more “user friendly!”
- We implemented sub-committees with our competitions, thereby sharing the load & taking some pressure off the chairperson.
- Our SLDTA Welcome Packet for new members is in the works and should be ready this year.
- We scheduled another educational event for SLDTA, “A Day with Rosemarie Boyden”, consisting of a pre-school workshop for teachers & student Tap Classes.

On the National level, Chapter #21 and Area IV are on the rise. Three members from Area IV sat on the Executive Board for the 2007 National Convention; Jeanne Cummings, Area IV VP, Tracy Davenport & Patricia Oplotnik, National Directors. Debbie Davenport & Jeanne Cummings served on the Long Range Planning Committee. Tracy Davenport served on the Rules Committee and also compiled the first Music Theory Supplement. Both newly elected National Directors are from Area IV; Laura Bostic from Michigan & Debra Sanford from Texas. We can be quite proud of our area & our Chapter!

As with Nationals, it is my goal for SLDTA to keep one eye on our history and the other toward our future. I want our workshop & competitions to be fun & exciting events that students and teachers can't wait to return to! Along with this change, I hope to report an increase in membership by the end of my term! I ask each member in SLDTA to extend an invitation to a prospective member and a member who is no longer active. Bring them in and let them see what SLDTA is about today.

In closing, I ask every member of SLDTA to set aside the dates for every event sponsored by SLDTA this coming season. Make it a priority to support these events. I am truly proud to be President of SLDTA. I want our members to be equally proud to hold membership in our Chapter. If we implement these goals, SLDTA will not only survive, it will thrive!

Sincerely,

Tracy Davenport, President SLDTA