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**A Message from the President of DMA N. E. Chapter 5**

January 14, 2010

Dear Members:

Hoping that this correspondence finds you all well and prospering in this New Year! As we work our way through our choreography and costume books and schedules, please take a moment to read through these important DMA changes and essential information.

- Our annual PAC/Titles event has had some unexpected and unforeseen changes this year. It is our hope that these changes will not conflict with anyone's plans. **Our event venue has changed!** Both the PAC and Titles competitions will now take place at **Worcester State College** instead of Monty Tech in Fitchburg. The schedule as listed in the PAC and Titles Handbooks should remain relatively the same. The dates remain: **March 19, 20, 21, 2010.**
- Our host hotel this year will be the **Crown Plaza, 10 Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA 01608, 508-791-1600.** The DMA room rates are set at \$99.00/night + taxes. Please book early for best room selections. The hotel is approximately 4 miles from WSC.
- Our Titles Audition classes will be held at **Dance Progressions, 242 Mill St, Worcester, MA 01602, 508-792-4383.** The studio is approximately 9 miles from WSC. Member Jen Wickson has graciously agreed to host our classes this year.
- **EXCITING NEW INFO!** Dean College in Franklin, MA will generously award **four - \$15,000.00 scholarships** to qualified recipients at our Titles Pageant in March! A letter from Dean College along with an application for these scholarships is attached. Please call me with any questions regarding this wonderful offer. Next year, these scholarships will be offered to PAC contestants as well.
- The **Rosemarie Boyden Scholarship** award will be presented during the titles portion of our weekend in March. This is a \$900.00 scholarship to S.H.I.P. in Buffalo, NY in July, 2010. Donations to fund this scholarship are still being accepted. Please see Shawn Terenzi.
- **Last workshop!** Our last workshop of the year will take place at the Melissa Hoffman Dance Center, 323 Derry Rd, Hudson, NH 03051 on January 24<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to register – call Secretary Sue Larson. Elections for Officers and Board of Directors will be held at this meeting.
- A few of our members have questioned me about licensing with ASCP, BMI + SESAC. Yes, we are all required to pay these fees, and no our fees are not included in our chapter or nationals dues. If you wish to pay these fees through DMA, you must go to the national website and download the form. Payments are then sent with your completed form to our National Secretary, Bob Mann.
- And lastly, just a reminder about our National Convention dates. This year's 126<sup>th</sup> anniversary event will take place in San Antonio, TX from July 4 – July 10, 2010 at the JW Marriott Hill Country Resort. The Ballet Intensive Program takes place from June 27 - July 1, 2010. This year DMA introduces a new Jazz Intensive Program from June 29 – July 1, 2010. And don't forget our TTS Program from July 25 – July 29, 2010 at the University of Buffalo.
  - Limited Parent and Teacher scholarships are available for National Convention and TTS for those who qualify. For more information please refer to our chapter website: [www.dmachapter5.com](http://www.dmachapter5.com).



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As always, it is an honor to serve as your Chapter President, Delegate and National Area Vice President. Please remember that you can always call or send me an email with any questions regarding DMA matters. I am happy to assist wherever I can. Hope to see you all at our January meeting and / or our March events. Best of luck on everyone's productions!

Sincerely,

Terrie Legein, President  
National Area Vice President