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If you have questions about any of the included information or any other IHSA dance official questions please feel free to reach out to any of the above members of the Board of Directors

Be sure to bookmark the IDOA website at www.ildanceofficials.com for resources, FAQ's and more!

IDOA April/May Newsletter

IDOA Membership Renewal

You can renew your membership by using this [link](#) Membership for the 2022/23 season is only \$20!

On May 1 you can also renew your IHSA officials license at www.ihsa.org

Why Join IDOA?

Our primary goal is to advance the general betterment of Illinois dance officials and officiating, through the clarification and interpretation of rules for all **Illinois High School Association** sanctioned competitive dance events, as well as providing in-depth training of dance officials through live training, online training, and mentoring programs. In **IDOA** our focus is on **YOU!**

The **IDOA** works in cooperation with the **IHSA** and their mission to govern the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience for student athletes.

Our goals this year include:

- Ensuring that all dance officials feel confident and educated
- Create a welcoming environment for all new and veteran officials
- Develop strong relationships between mentors and mentees

Other upcoming dates to remember:

May - Board of Directors election applications due

June - Board of Directors elections

July 8/9 - IHSA Officials Conference in Bloomington. Book your room [here](#)

IHSA Officials Conference

On July 8 and 9 in Bloomington, the IHSA will be holding their first in-person officials conference in 2 years! Attending this conference is a great way to meet other officials in a fun and social atmosphere. There will be multiple learning opportunities and clinics to choose from on Friday and Saturday. You should strongly consider attending this year! You can register for the conference when you renew your IHSA license. We hope to see you there!

View the Conference Brochure here: <https://tinyurl.com/ihsaconference>

Book a room [here](#)

If you haven't filled it out yet...We would like to hear from you! Even though this season just ended, we are already brainstorming and planning for next season! Please complete the member survey at the QR code or this [link](#) to let us know how we can best serve you!



IDOA Member Spotlight: Chloe Penny



1. **Years as an IHSA official?** This will be year 5.
2. **Why did you become an official?** I became an official because I love the sport! I coached for years and always wanted to see dance from the other side. Officiating is the perfect way to still be involved in the dance world.
3. **What IDOA trainings have you attended?** As many as I can! I love them all!
4. **How do you feel you have grown as an official through these trainings and as a part of the mentor program?** The trainings and mentor program are such huge parts of why IDOA judges are successful. I have gotten so much help and guidance through these training and have grown so much in all aspects of officiating.
5. **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I love spending time with my family and my two young kids. I love to bake too!
6. **Favorite vacation spot?** I love traveling everywhere but the short-distance weekend trips I love-- like Galena, St. Joseph, Saugautauk, etc.

IDOA Board of Directors Elections

All 5 of the elected board of directors positions are up as of this July. Elections will be held in early June. If you are interested to running for any of the following positions let us know when you complete your membership information!

President will be responsible for sending information to our membership including training opportunities, job openings and all other correspondence as needed. The president/vice president shall be responsible for the IDOA website, IDOA Facebook page and any other social media outlets.

Vice President will be responsible organizing and setting up the IDOA mentoring program. The Vice President will create a timeline with weekly and monthly activities to grow our new officials. In addition, the Vice President will help with the President's responsibilities.

Secretary will be responsible for taking the minutes at each association meeting. In addition, the secretary will manage and update the membership list throughout the season. The secretary will also help contribute to social media throughout the season.

Treasurer will be responsible for collecting dues, updating the membership list when members have paid, keep current records of checks and balances each month and sharing current budget at each association meeting.

Education Coordinator will be responsible for sending dance videos as an educational tool as well as providing training opportunities for our membership throughout the year.

As always, please feel free to reach out to the board of directors with any questions or suggestions!



Do you know someone who you think would be an amazing IHSA dance official? Please connect with them and send them our organization's information so we can help them be the best official they can be!

2022 IHSA State Final Officials