



IDOA March Newsletter

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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!

Season Wrap-Up

The 2021-22 season is at a close and as officials I am sure you have been enjoying your Saturdays and Sundays again. Thank you to all our members for your work providing feedback to the dance teams across Illinois!

Athletic directors and coaches are already reaching out and booking officials for next season. If you accept a contest remember that that is commitment you have made even if a more desirable offer is made at a later date.

Season by the Numbers

Number of contests: 40+
IDOA Members: 42 active members
Members who attended an IDOA training: 15
Officials that accepted at least 1 contest: 86%
Officials that accepted 2 or more contests: 30

All 14 of the IHSA State Officials were IDOA members!

Congratulations to our Education Coordinator, Christina Erickson, on receiving the honor of being chosen as the 2022 IHSA Official of the Year! Thank you for all your hard work in educating our members!



Upcoming dates to Remember:

April - IDOA Registration begins - dues are \$20 for the 2022-23 season
May - Board of Directors election applications due
June - Board of Directors elections
July 8/9 - IHSA Officials Conference in Bloomington. Book your room [here](#)

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 to let us know how we can best serve you!



IDOA Member Spotlight: Allison Stewart



1. **Years as an IHSA official?** 6, going on 7
2. **Why did you become an official?** To meet new people, make friends and continue to be exposed to the dancing that I love!
3. **What IDOA trainings have you attended?** In the fall a couple virtual trainings with Christina (IDOA) and the virtual IHSA officials conference over the summer (non IDOA). In past years did several live trainings and shadowing.
4. **How would you describe your first IHSA state experience?** It was wonderful and everything I hoped for. You are surrounded by such amazing talent that you are awe-inspired and really want to get the scores right for all the dancers and coaches who put so much energy and time into the season.
5. **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?** I teach at a local gym and like to work out or be outside as much as possible (just not as much in winter because I don't enjoy the cold weather!).
6. **Favorite vacation spot?** Oh this is a tough one. I try not to repeat vacations if possible so something new and adventurous. I studied abroad in Australia so that takes the cake so far.

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 be on the lookout for more information coming in May.

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!



2022 IHSA State Final Officials

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!