



Illinois Dance Officials Association

End of Season Wrap Up Meeting

Date: Thursday February 21st, 2019 at 6pm

I. Welcome

II. Roll Call

Katie Kaczanko, Katie Dryden, Christina Erickson, Patti Dimonte, Teri Valentine, Amie Reed, Gina Dryden, Chris Chiavola, Lisa Dajani

III. Old Business: 2018-2019 Season

a. Weekly Updates

Sent out as issues arised along with Lynn and Tracie who sent info as well

b. Trainings at Mundelein and State Prelims

5 at Mundelein and 3 at state prelims

c. Contributions to the IHSA

Donation basket at Summer Conference and IDOA board members Katie K. and Katie D. are on officials committee for that conference

d. Survey Results

Had 30 responses

What did you enjoy about being an IDOA member?

- Enjoyed frequent communication with reminders and resources
- Everyone was so nice and helpful
- Opportunities to train and shadow veteran officials

What would you like to see more from IDOA?

- Additional trainings and exploring virtual trainings
- Updates that include more videos, specific legalities/rules, scoring routines

**BIG ONE: Multiple surveys wanted the IDOA to provide them more opportunities to judge. The mission of the IDOA is to provide education and support to all competitive dance officials. Our focus is to educate officials in both panel and tech as well as provide clarification of the NFHS rules. The IDOA (as an association) are not assigners. Assigners are hired by the school districts to set up their officials for invites and conferences. Coaches who are reaching out to assigners are requesting officials by name. We are independent contractors and need to put forth effort to officiate at invites and contests. (My story) Reach out to Katie Kaczanko or any other IDOA Board Member if you need help on how to reach out to coaches to obtain additional jobs. Officials who are taking the time to shadow, attend trainings, recertifying each year and reaching out to coaches/assigners are getting their names out there and are receiving more contests as a result.*

What types of trainings would you prefer to attend?

-Overwhelming response for TECH trainings

- Effective Comments
- Online Trainings
- Dance Terminology
- Pre-Season Trainings

II. Membership Update

a. 74 members of IDOA

7th Year: 17 members

6th Year: 14 members

5th Year: 9 members

4th Year: 4 members

3rd Year: 9 members

2nd Year: 8 members

1st Year: 13 members

91% of all IHSA dance officials are members of the IDOA

b. Membership Fee for next year

\$10.00 membership fee for the 2019-2020

c. Board of Directors openings

All positions are open for next year except President (this is a two year term according to By-laws)

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer report was sent out as attachment in email - starting balance came from previous association that split into two respective sports (cheerleading and dance) the balance was split down the middle and both new associations used those funds to start new organizations - report contained itemized list of expenses that were paid this year and current balance is listed as well - email Katie Dryden with any questions

IV. Training Update

a. Mundelein LIVE Training

5 officials in attendance - use of tourneywire - did both panel and tech practice within the training - received packet of information - nice to have a training that early in the season

b. State Prelims

3 officials in attendance - use of tourneywire - did both panel and tech practice within the training - IHSA very accommodating with providing a suite to view, wristbands for entry - nice way to view the state series

c. Georgia High School Association

The IDOA board of directors recently took part in the first ever, State Dance Competition in Georgia. All six of us flew to Georgia to work as a

team in helping to get things started. Lynn Gelatka and Gina Dryden presented a training clinic for 16 officials which took place on Friday evening, February 15, 2019. Georgia officials were provided with the same information that we present to our Illinois Officials including NFHS rules and changes. Katie Dryden, Katie Kaczanko, Christina Erickson and Cindy Albright assisted their director to help prepare the arena, stationing the officials for the best possible views. How fun it was to work with a novice group that was so hungry to learn the in's and out's of competitive dance! Thank you to Katie Dryden who put together informational folders that included a wealth of information and to Katie Kaczanko for making slide cards for each official to have a set. We worked as two panels and utilized their officials to work with us. All the others shadowed the entire contest utilizing their cards and rubrics, scoring along with the panels to see how it all worked. It was a positive experience for everyone!

V. Mentoring Update

All but two of the proteges submitted an evaluation.

- Of those submitted, 60% got at least one job and 40% had two or more jobs.
- 80% of our proteges took advantage of having a mentor by reaching out from time to time regarding job opportunities.
- 60% took advantage of the training opportunities but only 20 % shadowed. Those that took the live training at the start of the season felt that it was sufficient and didn't need to shadow. Those that didn't shadow or train had conflicts with their own personal schedules and could not fit one in.
- All those who responded felt more comfortable with the IHSA website and officials center and how to navigate through it.
- Although there are more than half of our proteges who still need to get their picture on the site.
- Our newer officials would like to see more live training dates in the future so that they can work it into their schedule.
- Finally, when asked "what words of wisdom" do you have for those who will be just starting out this coming season; almost all said do not hesitate to ASK QUESTIONS!

VII. New Business: 2019-2020 Season

Mark Your Calendars for IDOA LIVE Trainings:

- o Mundelein (Nov 24th, 2019)
 - o Minooka (Dec 7th, 2019)
 - o Stagg (Dec 21st, 2019)
 - o State Prelims (Jan 31st, 2020)
- We are going to double our LIVE trainings this year and try to do at least 4 trainings.
 - Shadowing opportunities: Wheaton North is a possibility. You can always reach out to a veteran official to shadow them at any time.
 - Summer Conference: Gina and Cyndi will do the clinic. Katie K doing a session on Effective Comments and Lynn is doing a session on the difference between Applying and Excelling
 - We will have a stronger focus on LIVE TECH trainings next season
 - Summer 2019: AIDA/IDOA Training with Mini Sessions in the works
 - Go for promotion! Start reaching out for contacts!
 - Membership Fee-\$10 for the 2019-2020 season

Upcoming Dates:

- May 1st- Board of Directors Application
- June 1st-14th- Voting for Board of Directors
- July 1st- June 30th- New Board of Directors takes effect
- July-August- Official of the Year Nominations
- Any changes to our current bylaws need to be submitted in writing to Katie Kaczanko by June 30th.

VIII. Questions/Comments/Concerns

Chris Chiavola - Willing to mentor this upcoming season at trainings :)

Teri Valentine - Curious as to when IHSA conference date is this summer?

Friday, July 19th is the social event - Saturday, July 20th - are the mini session and clinics