

**Illinois Sprit Officials Association Annual Dance Spring Meeting/Minutes**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: *Gina Dryden at 6:35pm*
- II. Attendance: *Lynn Gelatka reported that attendance is not required. If at any time you would like to respond on an item you can state your full name or you can also say "anonymous". Questions can also be emailed to [reginadryden@yahoo.com](mailto:reginadryden@yahoo.com)*
- III. Treasurer Report: *Katie Dryden reported that after an executive board vote, the association's account is being moved on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to Chase Bank. Chase has more options to utilize electronic payments that would be a more convenience factor to our members. Currently we have \$4,581.63 is our current bank balance.*
- IV. Old Business: *This was primarily focused on by-law changes. If a change is to occur, there MUST be a proposal submitted from a member of the association. Specifics are in Section IV.*

Conference calls/web meetings have been suggested

- a. This needs a proposal from a member of the association
  - b. According to Roberts Rules, conference calls can only be used if allowed by the by-laws.  
(The current board is aware of Roberts Rules of Order. Per the results of a membership vote, we felt that meeting the needs of our membership was the priority for the spring meeting and the board is hopeful a member will submit a by-law change proposal to allow conference calls/web conferences in the future.)
- V. 2016-17 Year in Review
- a. Celebrations.....
    - i. ISOA worked with eight schools to set up their officials this past season. ***As a result, this was a total of 70 officials being placed into contests. Several working for the first time.***
    - ii. 2017 Dance State: 14 out of 16 State Final Officials were represented from ISOA!  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**  
(*Gina Dryden, Lynn Gelatka, Katie Avery, Cyndi Kraemer, Kathryn Loberg, Amie Reed, Courtney Vanderheiden, Teri Valentine, Cindy Albright, Christina Erickson, LuAnne Naverra and Lisa Dajani. In addition, Sara Flanigan was the Coordinator of Officials and Megan Fuechsl was the State Final Manager* )
    - iii. Katie Dryden, ISOA Treasurer, held a LIVE training event at Dance State this past season and we had 6 IHSA officials attend. ***Feedback was extremely positive!***
    - iv. Shadowing took place at Fremd, Stagg and Minooka this past season.
  - b. Association Meeting in the fall meeting took place via conference call back in November
  - c. Contributions to the IHSA: ***The ISOA will continue to provide a door prize at the summer conference, which is asked of all associations, as well as a monetary dotation that helps with the social that is held on Friday evening.***
  - d. Updates with video inclusion to refer to at the IHSA official's center
  - e. Post Season Concerns from Coaches- ***The coaches in general were really pleased with the comments and feedback from officials this season. They are concerned with how sectional assignments are determined. They were also displeased with the state marley flooring and said it was very bumpy and uneven.***

f. ISOA Web Site: [www.ilspiritofficials.com](http://www.ilspiritofficials.com)

i. Updated throughout the season by Katie Avery

ii. Links to judging tools are located at this site. ***You can print off rubric cards from here.***

#### VI. IHSA Officials Web Page – make sure your information is up-to-date

- a. Check your power-rating to be sure all of the information was added
- b. Did you enter the number of contests you worked? (located under “state series availability)
- c. Have you updated your state series availability? Look at the yearly calendar on each sport’s page to determine your availability
- d. Update your conflicts of interest. Include the IHSA member school you graduated from per the official’s handbook. You must also include any school you have individual contact with; i.e. teach at that school, coach or choreograph for, etc.

#### VII. Membership for 2017-18 season

***Gina Dryden reported that currently by-laws regarding membership deadline are subject to change. The executive board is currently in discussion about the possibility of moving the deadline to May 1<sup>st</sup>, which aligns with the licensing of IHSA officials. Once the results and discussions are gathered together further communication will be shared with the membership.***

#### VIII. 2017-2018 ISOA Board

***Gina Dryden reported that this portion as well is under discussion. Once the membership date is opened however, it will remain open and dues will need to be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup> to have voting privileges for the board.***

#### IX. By-Law Review – always open for review from the membership

- a. Proposals for By-Law changes are due in writing by July 1, 2017
  - i. Proposals must include the original by-law, the proposed changes to the by-law and the rationale behind the proposal
  - ii. Only current ISOA members can make proposals
- b. The 2017-18 ISOA Board will receive these proposals for review at the Summer meeting in July
- c. The ISOA Board will vote on these proposals at the Fall meeting in October, if a quorum can be established
- d. Members are encouraged to reach out to their regional representative with feedback regarding proposals

***There were attachments to the agenda submitted by Katie Avery regarding a full revision of the by-laws. This was due to the number of proposals that could be submitted. Some of those reasons for change are: general/outdated language (membership card), specific dates pertaining to membership windows, clear roles established for the Board of Directors, limitations for holding a seat on the board and conference calls. Please refer to the attachments for specific details.***

#### X. Summer Conference – Peoria, Illinois

- a. Dates: July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 in Peoria, Illinois
- b. Donation to the Conference Committee- ***Katie Avery reported that all official associations of IHSA are asked to make a donation to help with the social.***
- c. Door Prize Donation: ***The ISOA does put together a gift basket each year for this portion.***
- d. Summer ISOA Meeting: A live meeting will take place in Peoria. Date and time TBD by the 2017-18 board. A conference call option *could* be offered after the conference for those who cannot attend.
- e. More information will be available on your IHSA official’s page once the license renewal window opens May 1<sup>st</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup>. You should be able to license and register at the same time.

XI. Agenda Items from recent Google form:

**CAPPED/BOLD TYPE IS AN ANSWER TO THE ITEM.**

a. Restructure the ISOA Board: 1 overall president, 1 cheer vice president, 1 dance vice president, 1 secretary, 1 treasurer, 3 cheer regional reps, 3 dance regional reps. **IF THIS IS SOMETHING THE MEMBERSHIP IS INTERESTED IN, A BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL WOULD NEED TO BE SUBMITTED. SEE VII. ABOVE FOR THE PROCESS**

b. Any coaches comments from the state series? **A COUPLE OF REGIONAL COACHES MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ACROSS THE STATE SINCE THE STATE SERIES. MOST COMMON COMMENT IS IN REGARDS TO SCORING CONSISTENCY.**

c. The amount and quality of comments being written on score sheets?

d. Tips on writing better comments and how to maintain the quality of comments at a long invitational

**FOR BOTH C. AND D. SESSIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SUMMER CONFERENCE CURRICULUM ON THIS TOPIC**

e. If we are having a conference call it should be as one association. There is no reason we should have separate meetings if we are having a conference call. We are one association and should meet as one. **THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK.**

f. Revisit the by-laws – they need to have adjustments/changes because too many items are dated

**SEE VII. FOR THE BY-LAW CHANGE PROCESS**

g. Host live meetings for officials to have contact with more people face-to-face. **THANK YOU FOR THE FEEDBACK**

XII. Open Discussion – suggestions/concerns/questions can be discussed at this time

*LuAnne Navvaro asked the process of writing a by-law proposal. Gina Dryden explained that a by-law proposal must be submitted in writing by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Include the current by-law with the proposed by-law change and rationale. The new 17/18 executive board will receive all by-law proposals at the July meeting and review them. The vote for such by-laws will be in October if a quorum can be established.*

XIII. Adjourn *Gina Dryden 6:53pm*