



MADT General Membership Meeting

April 12, 2025 9:00-12:00

New Prague High School

Call to order at 9:01am

In attendance: Janie Albertson, MACCRAY HS; Sarah Amberg, Albany HS; Raquel Anderson, BOLD HS; Kelcey Andrews, New Ulm Cathedral HS; Kayla Biegler, St Francis HS; Kristin Biwan, Edina HS; Marissa Blangero, Rochester Mayo HS; Carolee Blegen, Chisago Lakes HS; Mikayla Bohland, Belle Plaine HS; Erin Bornholdt, Shakopee HS; Tara Brandt, New Prague HS; Hailey Brower, Frazee HS; Megan Carlson, Goodhue HS; Kim Chick, Duluth East HS; Colleen Christensen, Aitkin HS; Cindy Clough, Brainerd HS; Emily Coffield, Foley HS; Olivia Conn, Rosemount HS; Victory Cox, Rochester Century HS; Jen Dalager, Stewartville HS; Rachel Daraitis, Crosby-Ironton HS; Julie Davidge, Brainerd HS; Amanda Davis, Prior Lake HS; Sydney de la Cruz, Spring Lake Park HS; Tori Dengerud, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City HS; Trina Develice, Blaine HS; Rachel Doran, Totino-Grace HS; Tricia Eckerman, Blaine HS; Crystal Eichmann, Belle Plaine HS; Alyse Eichorst, Wayzata HS; Emily Ophus, Eden Prairie HS; Molly Engle, Two Rivers HS; Nadia Fischer-Danzeisen, Becker HS; Janna Fitzgerald, South St Paul HS; Sharon Forde, Roseville HS; Angela Forte, Totino-Grace HS; Karlee Frank, Wabasha-Kellogg HS; Kristen Gagnon, Totino-Grace HS; Emily Gibson, Holy Family Catholic HS; Karlie Gieseke, New Ulm Area Catholic Schools; Grace Gilbertson, Eastview HS; Allison Gruber Trocinski, Winona HS; Marissa Haakonson, Saint Cloud Cathedral; Emily Hanson, Minnetonka HS; Katie Harmeyer, Woodbury HS; Sloan Hedtke, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City HS; Katelyn Hendrickson, Two Rivers HS; Kristi Herzig, Zumbrota-Mazeppa HS; Melissa Honzay, BOLD HS; Emily Hopkins, St Francis HS; Sara Hordyk Portner, Academy of Holy Angels; Morgan Hughes, Waconia HS; Kierra Iverson, Saint Francis HS; Julie Jaenisch, Yellow Medicine East HS; Courtney Johnson, Champlin Park HS; Michelle Kamenov, Former Coach; Bridget Karnick, Eagan HS; Rachel Kilpela, Forest Lake HS; Jacqueline Larson, Blaine HS; Ashley Le, Two Rivers HS; Lindsay Steinke (Danielson), Eden Prairie HS; Chelsea Lockrem, Goodhue HS; Darcy Loera, Roseville HS; Amanda Macziewski, Montevideo HS; Autumn Martin, Becker HS; Jennifer Marx, Wabasha-Kellogg HS; Caitlin Mayo, Melrose Area HS; Kelly McCarney, Sartell-Saint Stephen HS; Kelly McGinnis, Mound-Westonka; Hayden Meyer, Spring Lake Park HS; Karen Morales, Roseville HS; Maddie Moskal, Farmington HS; Emily Murrey, Duluth East HS; Hailey Herison, Chanhassen HS; Katie Ohlund, Lakeville South HS; Kayla Olson, Big Lake HS; Allie Paulson, Edina HS; Jennifer Peitz, Waconia HS; Alannah Peters, Tartan HS; Lexi Phillips, Sartell-Saint Stephens HS; Justice Ramos, Aitkin HS; Maddie Ramsey, Detroit Lakes HS; Britton Ramsey, Detroit Lakes HS; Brittany Rehling, Roseville Area HS; Samantha Rhodes, Glencoe-Silver Lake HS; Katie Rudin, Rosemount HS; Rea Ryan, Chanhassen HS; Kris Rydland, Chaska HS; Tiffany Sandhurst, New Prague HS; Bertina Schraw, Glencoe-Silver Lake HS; Megan Schuler, Minnetonka HS; Felicia Sechser, Spring Lake Park HS; Amy Segner, Waconia HS; Kayla Sellers, Austin HS; Nikki Sharpe, Mounds View HS; Madeline Sheahan, Fridley HS; Andrea Sietsema, Faribault HS; Katie Simon, Albany HS; Kelsey Sinna, PACT Charter School; Aspen Smith, Rochester John Marshall; Amanda Thauwald, Stewartville HS; Melissa VanHofwegen, Becker HS; Katey Weiss, Tri-City United HS; Jennifer Whiteley, Spring Lake Park HS, Rozlyn Wilson, South St Paul HS; Etta

Winje, Edina HS; Taylor Witt, Little Falls HS; Jennifer Ziemer, New London-Spicer HS; Tana Ziesmer, Minnewaska Area HS

President's Report -

- Review of BOD Goals
 - Build online library of resources
 - Engagement of membership (large and small group formats)
 - Fiscal responsibility and staying at or below budget for events
- Results of BOD election
 - Michelle Kamenov, Brittney Rehling, Kayla Olson, and Rea Ryan have been elected to the board
 - Molly Engle and Katie Harmeyer are leaving the board.
- MSHSCA Update
 - MSHSCA Spring Meeting held March 21st - continues to be in support of education experience for students. Some potential language changes in response to federal policies "access, engagement and opportunities." Focus on importance for emergency response plans and AED training - uptick in lawsuits against coaches. Decrease in sports participation numbers - enrollment and eligibility issues. Time spent on sport reclassification. Lawsuit against MSHSL regarding transgender athletes. 9th grade governance is moving forward. Discussion of longevity of coaching careers due to parent issues and lack of administrative support - increase in lawsuits and legal support needed for coaches. There are districts that are removing coaching salaries from the teaching contract.
- MSHSL Update
 - Questions from the league about how teams are using dressing rooms and warming areas at the state tournament. Comments from the league about inappropriate lyrics in music at the league when teams are warming up/stretching. League comments on the sexualization/violence of dance team at the state tournament. Optics of how our sport is perceived based on coach apparel with media coverage at the section or state tournament. Can you respond to a medical emergency in your apparel? Adjustment to the schedule on jazz day from seven minutes per routine to six minutes per routine. Summer waiver period: June 30-July 6. Season begins October 20, 2025. Section realignment has been completed - appeals have been heard and a portion were granted.

Secretary's Report

- Motion to approve: Eichorst, Wayzata; second: Biwan, Edina
- Motion to approve Secretary's report carried at 9:50am.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve: Lockrem, Goodhue; second: McGinnis, Mound-Westonka
- Motion to approve Treasurer's report carried at 9:51am.

Proposals -

- Section Tournament - discussion of what the proposal is and how the authors came to this section proposal - 6 sections, 2 teams advance from each section. This proposal would maintain the same number of classes and teams attending the state tournament. It would also maintain the revenue our regions count on from dance team and geographic representation the league needs. This proposal takes feedback from league reps about what would have the best chance the pass.
 - We will not be voting today, but can be brought forth for discussion
 - Motion to bring proposal forward for discussion: Amberg, Albany, Ziesmer, Minnewaska.

Activity Advisory - Update

- Choreography Language
 - Survey - sharing of survey results: 75 votes were submitted (135 member schools); 42 were in support (56%), 33 were not in support (44%).
 - A majority of our membership supports our proposal as it is written, but now we need to write it as a rules book change
 - Areas to consider: choreography sessions, number of choreographers, music, off season regulation (including summer waiver and spring and/or fall)

Small Group Breakout and Discussion - Large group report out

- Section proposal feedback: benefit for schools who need to travel to compete, increased validity of scoring with fewer teams competing; questions about what happens if we don't like how the sections are drawn; many schools who register for dance team and don't show up to compete at sections; are we opening a bigger can of worms since we are only supposed to have two classes?; What is the rationale? What are we looking for?; more competitions and more cost associated.
- Choreography rule feedback: support to share the music at any time - no downside for this for AA and AAA; look at increasing the amount of practice time prior to competitions; support to increase the number of choreographers - increase the brainpower and experience for athletes; summer choreographer is beneficial for fall athletes; asking for more clarifying language (a specific date for sharing language, a calendar date, one week prior to choreo, etc); Clarifying language around teaching combos and technique in the summer; Can we have both summer and two weeks prior to the season?; AAA is looking to take away the numbers surroundings choreographers; potential disadvantage for JV/B teams with summer choreography; questions around when this could go into affect? MSHSL is in support, but willing to listen to feedback from MADT.

Uniform Rule - Language update

- Review of the draft language created by the league. The rules meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19th and the committee will consist of Jason Nickely, Becky Blissenbach, Kelly Swanson, MADT president and vice president and Lisa Quednow. The agreed upon language will go to the league in August and will become a rule for the 2025-26 season.
- Themes should be broad and not specific;

- President shared information on uniform & choreography certification forms: language from By-law (violence, sexualization, etc.)

OTHER notes/questions: considerations for future

- Is dance team considered girls and boys are allowed to participate or is it considered co-ed? “Girls” was removed 2018; will something change with things happening at the federal level?
- Are there any shoe changes? What was the rationale for this not changing? Noted this didn’t pass MADT a year ago and was brought to rules committee by an official and did not pass the rules committee. Primary reasons were safety and sanitization
- Question on the language “Must not depict violence”-currently it is language in by-laws and is now recommended in some of our rule book language; uniform/choreography certification forms-this is to be signed annually by AD’s-league is encouraging earlier connection between coach and AD to ensure it fits within the school community.
- Fall coach membership opportunities
- Briefs: question about some new language -don’t we have some language that requires coverage.

Motion to adjourn: Chick, Duluth East; Brandt, New Prague. Motion carried at 12:12pm