

Amendments to the Revised Edition of the Bylaws Dated July 2002

1) Article I of the Revised Bylaws of July 2002, shall be amended so that: the name of our organization shall be changed from USABDA to “ U.S.A. Dance, Inc.” Hereinafter our local chapter shall be designated as: “Ohio Chapter # 2024 of USA Dance, Inc.” and all references in the Local Chapter Bylaws of 2002 shall substitute either USA Dance, Inc for USABDA nationals or Ohio Chapter #2024 of USA Dance, Inc. in reference to our local chapter activities or rules of procedure.

2) Article IV part B shall be amended and modified to change the number of board members: The Board shall consist of seven to nine (7-9) members.

3) Article IV part D shall be amended and modified to read: beginning in the calendar year 2012 all nine board members will be elected at once for a two year term running the calendar years. Until then, this year seven board seats are open for election. In 2011 the two seats not running this year will be elected for one year terms so that all nine seats will be up for election in 2012 and elections will be held each two years thereafter in years ending in even numbers. The remaining language of this article shall remain the same.

4) Article VII Part D shall be amended and modified to read: so long as the Board of Trustees membership remains at seven or eight members , a quorum of FOUR members is sufficient to conduct any business. If the Board contains nine members though, then the quorum to do business will be FIVE members. The remaining provisions of this Article remain in effect as contained in the 2002 Chapter Bylaws.

5) Appendix A shall be amended and modified to add the following provisions along with the existing electoral procedures:

Requests for nominations shall be sent to each voting member by mail, electronically or by a posting on the chapter’s website at least one month in advance of the chapter election. In the event an election is conducted at a general meeting of the local chapter, notice of the election shall be sent to all voting members by mail, electronically or by a posting on the chapter’s website at least one week in advance of the general meeting at which the election is to occur.

The nominees with the largest number of votes shall be assigned Board seats sequentially.

Even though the new election rules will require all Board members to be elected at once every two years, the Board shall nevertheless hold another more frequent general election within two months following the receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty voting members of the chapter in good standing.

In the event of an uncontested election to the open Board seats, ballots are not required to be mailed to the voting chapter members. Instead, the election or re-election of the exiting board members shall be conducted by a hand or voice vote of the members present at either a general membership meeting of the Local Chapter or at the local Chapter’s regularly scheduled monthly dance provided a 30 day notice of the intent to conduct the election is posted on the chapter’s web site and/or is electronically sent to the registered chapter membership.

END of Amendments

Note to Chapter Members

From the President of the Ohio Chapter 2024

I ask all of our membership to vote in favor of the foregoing proposed amendments to the Revised Bylaws of July 2002. The purpose of the amendments is to bring our local chapter Bylaws into compliance with the changes that Nationals USA DANCE, Inc. has made to the requirements for all local chapter Bylaws as a result of amendments that took effect on January 1, 2010 of this year to the National Bylaws of USA DANCE, Inc.. More importantly, it will give us the authority to conduct an election for board members at our local dance or general membership meeting when board seats are uncontested. We do not currently possess such authority. Thus it will also save our chapter about \$ 400.00 to 500.00 per year which is the cost of mailing ballots out to all members to vote whether the election is contested or not. We will continue to mail out ballots if even one board seat is contested, but we believe it is a waste of time and money to mail our ballots in an uncontested election scenario and Nationals has also come to recognize that fact by making this change to the national Bylaws which we are simply incorporating into our local Bylaws with these amendments.

Next year I will undertake a complete revision of our local Bylaws in order to add some additional minor changes to our Bylaws and then to incorporate all the new changes directly into the body of the Bylaws at their appropriate locations to eliminate the extraneous amendments themselves so the Bylaws will read like a completely updated coherent document. They will be then be easier to read than they are now with the amendments tacked on to the end. I simply did not have time to do this before now. But the amendments we are proposing now, will bring our chapter into substantial compliance with National's directives for the coming two year period and will be a stop gap measure to allow us to operate into the future pending the complete revision of the 2002 Bylaws.

You should also be aware that we will have to recruit two additional board members to serve on our board since Nationals wants a nine member board operating in each local chapter if at all possible. So if you have not given it much thought, please do so between now and next year and let us know if you would like to become part of the Board of Trustees. We can appoint you in the interim and you can run for a limited one term election in 2011 as the transition to the full 9 member board elections set for 2012 to become in complete compliance with National's new electoral directives.

If anyone has any other suggestions or questions they can email me at farpointstation@yahoo.com or contact any board member at an upcoming dance or the upcoming general membership meeting at tom's dance at rocky river in November 2010 where we will conduct the first uncontested election of local chapter Board Members by voice vote or show of hands.

Thank-you for your consideration, cooperation, attention, and support for the Chapter over the years.

Sincerely,

Terry Jennrich

President of Ohio Chapter # 2024