



USA Dance, Inc.

Mission: To promote the quality and the quantity of ballroom dance in the United States

March 1, 2010

Dear Greater Augusta Chapter Members,

Due to procedural issues that occurred during the last election, there will be a reelection of the chapter's board of directors. The nomination and election process will follow the guidelines of USA Dance bylaws and it is expected that the new board will be in place no later than May 1, 2010.

The chapter's nine (9) board members will be elected by the voting members of the Greater Augusta Chapter of USA Dance for the term that will end December 31, 2011. The normal term for board members is two (2) years. Any chapter member may express an interest in being on the board of directors. After the board of directors is elected by the chapter members, the board itself will elect the officer positions (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer). Remaining board members will be members-at-large and assigned chapter committee chair responsibilities.

If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot to serve as a member of the board of directors, please contact the chair of the Nomination and Elections Committee (see below) no later than March 15, 2010. Current board members with a continued interest in serving are reminded to submit their names, as well.

To have your name placed on the ballot, you must be a current member of USA Dance and remain a member through your term as a member of the board of directors. You must be a current member of USA Dance to vote. No specified length of time as a USA dance member is required to have your name placed on the ballot and serve on the board of directors, or to vote.

The Nomination and Elections Committee may also place a name of a chapter member on the ballot, with the approval of the chapter member.

If only nine chapter members (there must be at least seven (7) board members to remain an active chapter) are interested in serving on the board of directors, a formal election by ballot is not required. The chapter members will be notified if this is the case, and a simple hand vote at a chapter dance is all that is required to validate the election. The term of the new board will start as soon as all bank account documents (in the case of a new treasurer) and other chapter documents are transferred to the incoming board, but no later than May 1, 2010.

The next election for the chapter board of directors will be in November of 2011, with the term starting January 1, 2012 for two (2) years.

The following is a list of the names and contact information of the five (5) members of the Nomination and Elections Committee. If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot for one of the nine (9) board of director positions, please send your written request by regular mail to Jeannette Saggus, chair of the Nomination and Elections Committee, no later than March 15, 2010 (postmark date).

Nominations and Election Committee Members

Jeannette Saggus, (Chair), 593 Graystone Place, Evans, GA, 30809

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Esther Bellos, 3927 Loblolly Trail, Martinez, GA 30907

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(706) 798-2991

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(803) 202-0307

Steve Salzman, 410 Timberchase Lane, Aiken, SC 29803

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Thank you for your interest and cooperation in this matter. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at (706) 863-4186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Avery". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jean Avery, President

Greater Augusta Chapter, USA Dance



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March 6, 2010

Dear Chapter Members,

The following information is given to help you better understand the process and procedure of the upcoming election of our chapter's Board of Directors.

1. The Chair of the Nominations and Election Committee, will collect and record the names of those chapter members who have expressed, in writing, an interest in serving as a member of the chapter's Board of Directors. That interest must be expressed to the Chair no later than **March 15, 2010**.
2. Members of the Nominations and Election Committee will discuss potential candidates they feel are particularly suited to and qualified for nomination to the Board of Directors and will actively encourage those members to agree to nomination for a position on the Board.
3. A chapter must have at least seven (7) Board of Director members to remain an active chapter, but it is the goal of Chapter 6074 to have the maximum number of nine (9) members on the Board.
4. If exactly nine (9) qualified chapter members express an interest in serving on the Board of Directors, a formal election by ballot is not required because nine (9) is the number of board members the chapter is seeking. The chapter members will be notified if this is the case, and a simple hand vote at a chapter dance is all that is required to validate the election.
5. If more than nine (9) qualified chapter members express an interest in serving on the Board of Directors, the Nominations and Election Committee will mail ballots with potential board members' names to all chapter members. Those ballots will be identified in such a way that duplication of ballots cannot occur. Ballots submitted to voting members of the chapter will include (1) instructions on the proper marking of the ballots, (2) the date by which the ballots must be received by the Nominations and Election Committee (no later than April 24, 2010 so that the newly elected Board members can take office on May 1, 2010), and (3) the address of the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair who will, ultimately, be collecting all ballots. Ballots can also be collected at the monthly dance as long as they are collected by a member of the Nominations and Election Committee who will then turn the ballots over to the Nominations and Election Committee Chair.
6. The Chair of the Nominations and Election Committee will count and record the ballots as soon after April 24, 2010 as possible in the presence of at least two other members of the Nominations and Election Committee. The original ballots will be sent to the secretary of USA Dance at the national level for review. After review, those ballots will be returned to the Board of Directors of USA Dance Chapter 6074. The ballots and records will be held by the secretary of the chapter board for a period of six months following the date of the election for inspection by any voting member of good standing.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 706-863-4186.

Sincerely,

Jean Avery, President
Greater Augusta Chapter 6074, USA Dance