



Association of International Dance Teachers

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Congratulations are due...!

...to Talia Belzil on receiving Distinction for her Associate Teachers Exams.

...to Susan Ford on becoming the organizer and head lady on the mainland.

AIDT WORKSHOP & MEETING, Nanaimo – January 27 & 28, 2007

Workshop:

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Margaret for all her hard work and efforts in organizing the Workshop and Teacher's meeting in Nanaimo. We were very pleased to have Ms. Wells here from Johannesburg, SA reviewing the Tap and Modern syllabi over the 2 days. I am sure everyone took invaluable information and insight away from the workshop. It was also great to get everyone together and socialize. We sure have a great group of ladies representing this organization!!!! Ms. Wells was very impressed with the Canadian branch and hopefully will convey that to the Board upon her return to SA.

Meeting:

Thanks to everyone for attending the meeting – the Buffet dinner was great!!!! We are hopeful that the Teachers got some clarification on issues that are affecting them, as well as, feeling like they have input into our branch of the AIDT. We look forward to becoming more streamlined and efficient in our approach and welcome any ideas you may have to help us achieve this.

If anyone would like a copy of the “Meeting Agenda”, Margaret or Susan would be happy to forward this to you. There were some very interesting points brought up at the meeting and it is great to hear all the feedback and ideas. Thanks Rachel for taking notes at the meeting. The following is just a highlight of some of the more major issues we are facing:

- **Exam Sessions:** We discussed the complications of having 2 exam sessions each year - either January & June/ or having 2 Examiners in June with 1 Examiner on the Island and 1 Examiner on the Mainland. We were all in agreement that if 2 Examiners come in June, they should be able to examine both Tap and Modern. Also, the Exam session decision will be determined by how many entries we have each year.

- **Canadian Web Site:** Rachel & Margaret are currently working on getting all our information on the web site so that Teachers can simply print the exam summary sheets, entry sheets, newsletters etc. directly off the web site. This will save a great deal of time and enable us to have the most up-to-date information at our fingertips.
- **Canadian Certificates & Reports:** SA has decided that they want to have all their Certificates & Reports completed by the Examiner in SA and shipped to Canada via Fedex. This will mean that we will have varying sizes of Certificates, as well as Reports, because SA uses a different paper size than Canada. Also, Margaret has a closet full of Certificates that will go to waste. We also expressed our concern with the package getting lost or damaged en-route to Canada, as well as the expense to send it. It was suggested that the Examiners fill in their reports and certificates on the computer and e-mail that information to Canada, or send it along on a disc. Margaret and Susan could then download it to a disc and take it to get photocopied – no fuss, no muss!!! Ms. Wells was going to take that suggestion back to the board and hopefully we will get approval on that approach.
- **Bursaries:** It was suggested that we look at increasing the opportunities for younger students to be eligible to win a Bursary. Complications arise when we don't know if we will be having a January/June session, or 2 examiners in June, which would mean we would need Bursaries for the Island and the Mainland. Everyone was going to give it some thought and hopefully find a solution.
- **Subscription Fees:** It was discussed and decided that the sub fees will be raised in the 2008 season. We also discussed Non-Active members sub fees. Ms. Wells will ask about ½ sub fee for teachers who are not teaching for a living, but who want to stay informed and up-to-date.

Keep all your excellent ideas coming – the Feedback is Great!!!!

****VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING EXAM ENTRY FEES****

At the meeting it was announced that the Exam Entry Fees will be going up this year. On February 3, 2007 Margaret sent the up-dated Exam entry fees via e-mail. Margaret then received information from a few studios that they bill their exam fees in September, which now means they have to go back and ask their clientele for more money. It was decided that in fairness to all studios, last years fees will remain in effect for the June 2007 session and the new fees will become effective July 2007. Thank you.

\$80 SUB FEES – DUE JANUARY 2007

We would like to take this opportunity to remind Teachers that sub fees were due in January. Teachers on the Island are asked to send their \$80 to Margaret Klaric and Mainland teachers to please send them to Susan Ford. Thank you for your co-operation!!!!