

MDTA Board Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2026
Zoom

Present: Nikki Boekhout, Kara Toomer, Betsy Cuquet, Shelli Vaughn, Jean Woodward, Shelley McCain, Brett Elder, Janna Hagerty, Julie Catron, Melissa Albright, Leah Fiske, Brittani McClellan, Zoe McCarthy, Yvonne Cole

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes from previous mtg
 - a. Shelley made motion to approve minutes. Janna second. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer's report and state financials
 - a. \$110,885.69 in bank account
 - b. All state bills paid. Need to check invoice for trophies and ask Karen Asbell about check from apparel company and Fury Photography.
 - c. Paperless programs did not affect profit from state.
 - d. 3321 tickets sold from eticket sales
 - e. \$61,000 in ticket sales
 - f. \$338 in donations collected from eticket sales. Can put towards scholarships next year.
 - g. Nikki motions to pay \$1000 to Park Hill South who hosted solo competition and \$500 to Winnetonka for volunteered at team competition. Jean seconds. Motion passed.
 - h. Stipends: Nikki motions that the Board pays the following stipends for working state. Shelley seconds. Motion passed.
 - i. \$150 per session; \$300 total to Exec Board
 - ii. \$599 for site coordinator: Shelley McCain
 - iii. \$180 for volunteers who worked a full day; \$90 for half day
4. State 2026
 - a. List of things to consider for next year
 - b. 80 responses so far to state survey
 - i. Overall, spectators liked Municipal venue
 - ii. Coaches prefer HyVee venue. Parking, food options.
5. State 2027
 - a. Family Arena but with split floor
 - b. Discussion about changing schedule.
 - i. Pros and cons of moving solos to Sunday. Board can meet on Friday night. More time spent with judges on Friday. Easier to find a gym on Sunday.

- ii. Will teams and spectators stay? Two nights in a hotel for teams. Could also just do solo awards on Sunday. No breaks for solo judges. Friday night is a very late night for dancers, coaches, and board members. A number of schools may not be allowed to compete on Sunday
 - iii. Agreed to send survey to coaches of teams who compete in solos to gather data on moving solos from Friday night to Sunday morning.
 - iv. Add question about intermediate category to survey.
 - v. Add a question about moving the date of state back one week.
 - vi. Add a question about moving divisions to different sessions.
- 6. MSHSAA/Varsity Rules Proposal
 - a. Arkansas has sideline dance and competitive dance. Competitive dance follows UDA competitive rules.
 - b. Toni will get back to MSHSAA about possibly adopting safety and costuming rules, specifically about shoes. Members expressed concerns about UDA running the competition of rules are adopted.
- 7. April In-Person Meeting Dates
 - a. Will be one of the last two weekends in April.
- 8. Upcoming Election in May: President, State Secretary, Newsletter Secretary, Treasurer

Next Meeting-TBA

Submitted by Kara Toomer