

Dance Artists' National Collective

General Membership Meeting Notes

[10/03/22]

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Notetaker: Theresa Murray

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Welcome

- Introductions from Réka, Alex, Vanessa, Tony, Elise
- New attendees present- Theresa, Rebekah, Bhawna

Updates

- Back from DANC vacation!
- Petition launch...still accepting signatures [HERE](#)
- New campaign launched for financial support to dance worker exploited by NY nonprofit. Click [HERE](#)
- Check out DANC's [Year in Review](#)

Discussion

- Questions: If you are new, what brought you here today?
- If you are not new, how are you holding up?
 - Are you resting?
 - Are you able to take a break?
 - What helps you care for yourself?
- How has DANC helped or inspire you and your work?
- Positive things - have there been good developments?
- What practices in the dance industry would you like to see reformed?
- What would you like to see DANC do more of and would you be able to help us do it?

Resources

- Review of self care practices (journaling, coaching, novel reading, genuinely resting w/o guilt).
- Dancers Careers Development (counseling/ coaching sessions-free. Organization offers support to company dancers seeking career transition from concert dance profession.)
- Entertainment Community Fund (8-week 90min. class series-Dancers Support Group)
- Career Transitions For Dancers (coaching sessions with west coast-based, career counselor, Sophia Kozak)
- LEAP Program (college program designed for dancers to obtain bachelor's degree... scholastic credit received for professional performance work experience)

- The Encore Fund (Scholarship fund for dancers seeking higher education/ graduate school)
- Dance Resource Center
- Pivot
- Second Act (career counseling/ mentorship)
- Infinite Flow Dance

Action items

- *More reform towards dance being considered to be universal & natural rather than medical or form of therapy (bridge this gap).*
- *Support making dance more accessible to all.*
- *Join as a member or ally today: <https://danceartistsnationalcollective.org/join>*
- *Bring a friend to next meeting on November 7th, 2022, RSVP: <https://forms.gle/qoT4ma5MDiNVVVJL8>*