



2026 NAIA Competitive Dance Coaches Association Business Meeting Agenda Wednesday, April 29, 12:00pm CST

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME

Ashley Kaman

II. INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

President: Ashley Kaman, Aquinas College
1st Vice President: Kinleigh Brecheisen, University of Saint Mary
2nd Vice President: Erin Sibbald, Midland University
Secretary: Christina Remijio, Hope International University
Past President: Lynsey Payne, Baker University
NAC Liaison: Fachaitte Kinslow, Texas A&M University-Texarkana

III. ATTENDANCE

Christina Remijio

Ashley Kaman, Aquinas; Camryn Olive, Ave Maria; Lynsey Payne, Baker; Megan Chiles, Benedictine; Kiley McCord, Bethel; Jennifer Wasik, Saint Mary, Neb.; Mandi Maser, Concordia; Mel Knobloch, Dordt; Lacey Larkin, Graceland; Kelsey Nichols, Grand View; Madison Jagels, Hastings; Christina Remijio, Hope; Sydnee Vail, Lewis-Clark; Courtney Cadore, Loyola; Erin Sibbald, Midland; Kristen Revis, Missouri Valley; Erin Baker, Morningside; Lainee Uitermarkt, Mount Mercy; Northwestern, Taylor Decker; Tasha Hinex, Oklahoma City; Crystal Brock, OLLU; Laurel Ritter, St. Ambrose; Kinleigh Brecheisen, Saint Mary, Kan; Anna Luz, Viterbo; Emily Gross, Viterbo; Robert Conroy, Cumberlands; Beth Strom, Cleary; Teri Rowe, NDCA; Fred Aubuchon, NAIA; Justin Gragg, NAIA

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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- A. Moved: Sibbald, Midland
- B. Second: Brecheisen, St. Mary
- C. **Vote Passed: 23-0-0**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ashley Kaman

- A. Minutes from 2025 NAIA-CDCA meeting attached
- B. Moved: Brecheisen, St. Mary
- C. Second: Luz, Viterbo
- D. **Vote Passed: 22-1-0**

VI. NDCA PRESENTATION

Teri Rowe

VII. NFINITY ATHLETICS

Fred Aubuchon

- A. National Coach of the Year – Mandi Maser, Concordia University

VIII. REPORTS

- A. NAIA National Office Report – Attached to Agenda
- B. Officiating Report
Fred Aubuchon
Justin Gragg
Justin felt it was a positive transition year. More efforts will continue to be made to improve education, training and consistency with Coordinators and Judges.
- C. Executive/Legislative Committee Report
Ashley Kaman

Ashley discussed monthly meetings that focused on Judge and Coordinator concerns; stat system delays and updates; process regarding selection committee and strength of schedule issues.

- D. Selection Committee Report Kinleigh Brecheisen
Kinleigh stepped in for the missing NAC Liaison. Discussions regarding strength of schedule judging inconsistencies were a major point of concern at all meetings.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Ashley Kaman

None to discuss.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. All-America Committee Report starting in 2027. Ashley Kaman
a) Discussion about the change from judges to the all-America committee was a good transition.
b) Explained how the committee operated.
- B. 2026-27 National Selection Committee Change Fred Aubuchon
a) Explained that the NAC made the decision to move to national selection committees that will be comprised of administrators only and not coaches.
b) Coaches will be a key part of ARC reports and information.
- C. 2026 National Championships
a) Facility concerns regarding check-in and warm-ups have been addressed.
b) Facility preparedness and staffing for 2027 are major priorities.
c) Satisfaction Surveys, many replies, thank you!
- D. Sport Motions Ashley Kaman
a) #1 Remove NAIA Modification – Interruption of Performance, follow Varsity guidelines.
(1) Moved: Kinleigh Brecheisen, St. Mary
(2) Second: Anna Luz, Viterbo
(3) Discussion: coaches question what the confusion is referring to.
(4) **Vote Passed: 23-1-2**
- b) #2 Update NAIA Modification – floor dimensions to match the Varsity dimensions.
(1) Moved: Kinleigh Brecheisen, St. Mary
(2) Second: Kristen Revis, Missouri Valley
(3) Discussion: make the rule match Varsity exactly about foot dimensions vs panels dimension. Discussion about minimum and boundary rules.
(4) **Vote Passed: 24-1-2**
- c) #3 Remove NAIA Modification – soft-soled shoes must be worn while competing.
(1) Moved: Kinleigh Brecheisen, St Mary
(2) Second: Erin Sibbald, Midland
(3) Discussion: what if certain schools don't prefer bare feet on the gym floor? Discussion of how it could be a host preference to wear shoes but not a requirement across NAIA teams in the rulebook.
(4) **Vote Passed: 24-1-1**
- d) #4 Move Strength of Schedule to Primary Criteria with updated metric.
(1) Moved: Mandi Maser, Concordia
(2) Second: Kinleigh Brecheisen, St Mary
(3) Discussion: coaches not feeling it's fair due to budget constraints and traveling, feeling as though it is a midwest bias. Coaches discussing that this isn't the ONLY criteria, it's just primary now.
(4) **Vote Passed: 18-6-1**
- e) #5 2027-28 Proposal, increase the maximum number of allowable competitions from 10 to 18.
(a) Must be voted on by coaches.
(b) If this passes, will need to go in front of Legislation for next year.
(1) Moved: Laine Uitermarkt, Mount Mercy
(2) Second: Erin Sibbald, Midland
(3) Discussion: discussion on why—athletics can get more countable eligibility. All-America would be easier to become eligible with minimum competitions.
(4) **Vote Passed: 22-4-0**
- B. Executive Committee Nominations Ashley Kaman
a) Serve two-year term per office position (see below for policy).
b) Rotation 1st VP to President to Past President.

- c) Officer updates for 2026-27.
 - (1) Secretary, Open (Christina Remijio would be available for re-election)
 - (a) Nominations:
 - (i) Mandi Maser, Concordia University
 - (ii) Christina Remijio, Hope International University
 - (2) 2nd Vice-President, Open (Erin Sibbald would be available for re-election)
 - (a) Nominations:
 - (i) Erin Sibbald, Midland
 - (3) 1st Vice-President, Open
 - (a) Nominations:
 - (i) Kinleigh Brecheisen, University of Saint Mary, Kan.
 - (ii) Kristen Revis, Missouri Valley College
 - (iii) Erin Sibbald, Midland University, Neb.
 - (iv) Crystal Brock, Our Lady of the Lake University, Texas
 - (4) President, Ashley Kaman (begin year 1)
 - (5) Past President, Lynsey Payne

Dance Leadership Bylaws

Section I

The NAIA-CDCA elects officers who provide leadership for the Association. The officers shall consist of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Past President. The officers shall be elected from the acting membership of the Association at the annual business meeting and must represent NAIA member institutions in good standing.

Section II

These five individuals shall make up the NAIA-CDCA Executive Committee. All positions are for two (2) year terms.

1. Secretary – Nomination and vote required.
 - a. Does not progress to a new role.
 - b. Can serve two consecutive terms, the person must be nominated and re-elected into this position.
2. 2nd VP – Nomination and vote required.
 - a. Does not progress to a new role.
 - b. Can serve two consecutive terms, the person must be nominated and re-elected into this position.
3. 1st VP – Nomination and vote required.
 - a. Progresses to President.
4. President – No vote required, unless progressing 1st VP resigns.
 - a. Progresses to Past President.
5. Past President – No vote required.
 - a. If no progression of President is available, then current Past President may serve consecutive terms or any other Past President may serve.
 - b. May be elected to any open position after serving.

Section III

The progression in office shall be from 1st Vice President to President to Past President. In the event a vacancy occurs, the normal progression from 1st Vice President to President shall be accelerated to fill the vacant office. The NAIA-CDCA Executive Committee is empowered to appoint officers from the membership at large to fill a vacant position. Such an appointee shall remain in office until the next annual business meeting when a duly elected officer can be elected by the membership to fill the rest of the existing term or a new two-year term if elections are in order.

I. OPEN DISCUSSION

Ashley Kaman

Competition planning etiquette and referring to links for Hosts to follow criteria. Cheer and dance not using contracts keeps forfeit muddy and will likely affect strength of schedule. Encourage teams to sign contracts for comps. Suggesting coordination with competitions being back-to-back by different hosts to help teams with their strength of schedule

II. ADJOURNMENT

Ashley Kaman

A. Moved: Luz, Viterbo

B. Second: Brecheisen, St. Mary

