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USA DANCE ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTORS

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To Chapter & National USA Dance Officials

USA Dance is pleased to announce the following new Governing Council Directors and thank them for their willingness to volunteer their personal time in contributing to the growth and well being of USA Dance.

Please take a moment to meet these new members of your Governing Council. Don't hesitate to contact them with questions, comments or suggestions.

Yang Chen, President
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Marta Pascale, Director of Chapter Liaison

Marta resides in Daytona Beach, Florida, and has served as the president of the Greater Daytona Chapter for the past five years.

Marta received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida and her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. She is a career educator who has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal of elementary and middle schools and district level administrator/trainer. Marta's smallest school served 750 students; her largest school served 1985 students.

During the course of her 37 year career, Marta has been honored as Elementary Principal of the Year and Secondary Principal of the Year, the first principal in her district to receive both honors.

In the five years that Marta has been president of her chapter, it has grown from 125 members to almost 300 members, making it the largest



Photo by Geoff Davis

chapter in Florida and one of the fastest growing chapters in the nation. The Greater Daytona Chapter has received distinction as District 9 Chapter of the Year for three of the last five years and distinction as 2011 National Chapter of the Year. Most recently, the Greater Daytona Chapter was recognized with Honorable Mention for 2013 National Chapter of the Year.

Marta served as Area Coordinator of District 9 for 3 ½ years, stepping down in October 2013.

Marta is a frequent presenter at the National Chapter Conferences and USA Dance cruises on the topic of recruiting and retaining members. Marta has also served as DJ and Dance Host Coordinator on the last several USA Dance cruises.

Marta was featured on the cover of the 2011 September/October issue of *American Dancer* magazine which featured an article on the beginning lesson program sponsored by the Greater Daytona Chapter that Marta, who is a certified dance instructor, has taught since 2010.

Linda Succi, Director of K-12 Programs

Linda has served as President of the RI Chapter #3010 of USA Dance. Under her leadership, the chapter received the distinguished honor of being named Chapter of the Year. She is presently on the Board of Directors of her home chapter.

She is the founder and coordinator of the RI USA Dance Special Olympics Ballroom Dance Team.

Linda is the Director for District 5 which includes RI, CT, PA and NJ.

Professionally, Linda is a retired teacher and school principal. She also taught on the college level and holds an Ed. D in Educational Leadership from Nova University. She was awarded the National Educator Apple Award which recognizes educators who collaborate with local performing arts theaters to bring programs into the schools. Linda holds teaching certificates in RI, MA, FL and NYC.



She just recently finished theater arts instruction in NYC. Linda studied at HB Studio. She served as a Key Student and worked in the Development Office. She appeared in the off Broadway production of "The Laramie Project." Linda enjoys acting and has appeared in productions in MA, RI, FL and NY.

Linda has been ballroom dancing as an amateur competitor and social dancer for over twenty years. She has competed in a number of dancing events including the Yankee Classic, Tri State Challenge, and the pre-show of the DWTS Tour to name a few.

She is presently employed by Newport Hospitality which is a destination management company.

Hannah Cole, Director of College Programs

Hannah won her first dance competition at age 7, free-styling to "She wore an itsy-bitsy-teeny-weeny-yellow-polka-dot Bikini" at a local talent show in Northern California. Drawn to musical theatre throughout high school, Hannah first experienced partner dance while studying in Costa Rica in 1993. She struck gold. "The gringa that learned to dance" became a familiar compliment, and within six months, her Costa Rican living room was transformed into a cozy dance school, teaching nearly 20 students weekly in both English and Spanish.

In her twenty-year career as a professional ballroom dancer, Hannah dedicated herself to being the best of dancers and teachers. Performing in the Standard and Smooth divisions, Hannah danced around the nation and all the way to Blackpool, England, winning regional and national competitions and becoming a rising star Smooth finalist at the Ohio Star Ball in 2004, among other achievements. She taught thousands of students to dance at all levels, won countless top teacher awards, trained and certified numerous ballroom dance professionals, produced instructional dance videos and helped studios become successful through her dance direction, business development and teacher training.

In 2012, Hannah took a position as assistant professor and director of the DanceSport program at New Mexico State University. Utilizing the wealth of knowledge and experience that she acquired over the years, Hannah works to support dance majors and minors in creating viable careers in the world of Ballroom dance while simultaneously developing the most rapid growing university DanceSport program in the nation. NMSU is one of only three university programs that offer a college degree with an emphasis in DanceSport and it is the only master's program in the United States.

Hannah's acceptance of the position of USA Dance Director of College Network arises from her total commitment to promoting quality dance instruction and opportunity. In this position, Hannah intends to provide universities across the nation necessary resources and networking opportunities to create and grow successful DanceSport programs, thus enhancing a world that she loves - DanceSport.



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Ann Durocher, Director of Development

Ann began her dance training after a 31 year career at BellSouth Corporation. She served as president of what is now the LA Gumbo Chapter of USA Dance for two years and since 2002 has been the organizer of the popular and successful Gumbo DanceSport Championships of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which is celebrating its tenth year as a national qualifying event this June.



Ann had a varied management career with BellSouth Corporation working in marketing, technical areas, and human resources gaining skills in conference planning, management staffing, strategic planning and development, arbitration, and working within budgetary requirements.

As the organizer of the "Gumbo," Ann has established a budget each year, worked with her team closely to raise funds to ensure net profits, while maintaining a quality event. At her direction, a reserve fund was established in the early years to ensure that obligations would be met should something unforeseen happen. She is currently on the chapter's board and is the president of Louisiana DanceSport.

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