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From the desk of the Outgoing President
Lee Fox

Dear Dancers,

NDTA's Board of Directors and Officers want to extend Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 2019 to all of you! May you enjoy good health, prosperity, and wonderful dancing!

After serving as President of NDTA for several years (I've actually lost count of how many), I'm stepping down from that role and taking the position of Vice President. Considering my involvement with organizations such as NDTA, NASSPDA, and IAGLCWDC along with my teaching and judging duties, I've found myself having too many irons in the fire, so I've decided it's time to slow down a bit and work on finding a balance in my life. I'm proud to hand the reins over to Stephen McGill, co-organizer of Miami Dance Sport Competitions and co-owner of Designs to Shine, a manufacturer of dance costumes, jewelry, and accessories. Stephen is championship certified in four styles of dancing, a former owner of an independent studio for 15 years, and a licensed adjudicator for NDCA. I believe he will do an excellent job in continuing the functions of our great teaching society.

I will take the position of Vice President and continue as Examinations Chairman. Herb Vazquez will serve as Secretary and Millie Ledoux will continue in the roles of Treasurer and Membership Chair. In addition, returning to the board will be Susan Silva, Jean-Claude Babiloni, Jody Dancer, and Howard Marlow.

The Examinations Department will consist of myself as chair, Mandy Ball, Susan Silva for Theatre Arts and our newest addition, Esther Don. Esther is the writer and creator of the Bronze, Silver, and Gold syllabi of the American Style Smooth and Rhythm manuals and DVDs. This is a fine staff of examiners who are here to assist you to become certified teachers and adjudicators and are also available for student medal exams. Please take advantage of our examinations system to advance your training and your students as well.

We've had three wonderful seminars this past year with Herb Vazquez and Steeve Jean Louis teaching great patterns, techniques, and styling in the smooth and rhythm dances.

We are still representing our members to NDCA by sending delegates or proxy votes to the council meetings twice a year in Dallas. We will strive to keep you informed of the results and policies of these meetings and how they may affect you. Please check into our web site for these reports.

Dates for the 2019 seminars are set for February 24, June 16, and October 6. We are continuing with Sundays as our meeting day with a start time of 1 PM for the board and general meetings followed by two workshops starting at 3 PM.

In conclusion, it has been a pleasure and an honor to have served as your President for these many years, and I will continue to be an integral part of the National Dance Teachers Association of America.

I wish you a prosperous and exciting new year. Don't forget to renew your membership for 2019.

Lee Fox
Outgoing President/NDTA