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USA Dance is an organization operated, at the local level, entirely by volunteers. Over the last 27 years, the Rocky Mountain chapter has benefited from the leadership of many good-hearted local dancers. Our all-volunteer Boards have made our chapter the largest in Colorado, offering events and services that no other dance organization can provide.

We currently have eight Board members, but are allowed up to nine under National's general guidelines. Your eight volunteers for the 2014-2015 term are: Sara Hadley, President; Roger Kamicar, Vice President; Carol Koth, Treasurer; Susan Lowe, Secretary; Bobbi Carbaugh, Volunteer Coordinator; Diane Knutson, Membership Coordinator with Carolyn Cattani, and Margaret Nokes. If you see a board member out and about, ask them about volunteering to serve on the Board!

Board meetings typically take about 90 minutes, normally on a Sunday evening. The current Board has decided on an every-other-month meeting schedule for 2016. We discuss upcoming chapter events, community dance events and promotions, chapter participation in National events, and requests that we receive. We have a lot of standard procedures in place, which minimize the amount of discussion needed for recurring events.

Board Membership requires a willingness to actively participate in board functions from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018. This includes attending evening meetings and active service for the chapter. Our chapter runs two competitions per year, one showcase per year and 6-8 social events throughout the year.

Board members do not need to have a specific "skill set." Some Board members are team leaders. Others are all-around helpers. Only the officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) have specific duties laid out by National.

Serving on the board is fun and rewarding! Areas of service include:

- Publicity & Public Relations
- Special Events
- Web Master
- Facebook administrator
- Photographer or Videographer
- Fund raising
- Organize the competitions or showcase

Duties defined by National:

President - presides at board meetings, sees that orders and resolutions of the board are carried out, serves as an ex-official member of all committees, completes annual chapter activity report to National;

Vice-President - acts in the place and stead of the President in the president's absence or incapacity;

Secretary - keeps minutes of all board meetings, records votes and actions taken, distributes minutes to board members, manages correspondence on behalf of the chapter;

Treasurer - collects and deposits all chapter monies, signs checks, maintains financial records, presents financial statements at board meetings, completes annual chapter financial report to National.

Our chapter programs are run smoothly with the experienced volunteer leaders, and much other business can be disposed of in a few e-mails per month. We use on-line polls to quickly vote on items that come up between meetings.

We encourage any member with an interest in contributing their voice to consider joining the Board. It is important that the Board represents the entire membership, and every viewpoint has value. Please feel free to speak to any of your Board volunteers at any of our chapter events. If you'd like to join our group of enthusiastic dancers and volunteers, we'd love to have you!