



V. Promote the importance of professional involvement in education and dance education

- a. The NDA believes that a separate, fully-functioning professional organization is critical to its members and the field of dance education. This process must be protected so that NDA can provide a clear focus as it partners with other organizations and agencies to promote dance education in certain education, arts, and health reform initiatives; develop publications and certification standards; represent dance education effectively to collegial groups and governments; and best represent its dance education constituency. This process will advance sound and healthy learning environments.
- b. The NDA believes that every member has the right and obligation to participate fully in the Association. Participation is encouraged through committees, task forces, professional research and writing, professional presentations, advocacy, and leadership positions.



- c. The NDA recognizes the significant roles that district associations play in promoting quality dance programming, providing staff development opportunities to dance educators teaching in a variety of settings (pre-k throughout higher education fine arts programs, physical education curriculum, studios, and community-based programs); partnering with funding initiatives that support dance education; disseminating dance education curriculum materials; and advocating for dance to key decision-makers and community leaders. It is important that the national and district associations work as partners to address dance education with a common mission and unified practices.

- d. The NDA believes that eligible students should have the opportunity to join the Association and should be encouraged to participate at the local, district, and national levels to develop leadership skills and be involved in the profession. Further, the NDA encourages student involvement in professional association work at the state level.
- e. The NDA recognizes the vital roles that retired members can provide to the field of dance at all levels of education. The Association encourages opportunities for participation of retired members in furthering the mission and goals of the Association in which their years of experience are valued.

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