



National Big Dipper Auxiliary  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2024

**Meeting Called to Order at 8:05pm**

**Roll Call of Officers**

President - Pat Lomonaco - Present  
1VP - Connie Moler - Present  
Rec Sec – Coni Brooks - Present  
Fin Sec – Gen Schindler - Present  
Treasurer – Diana Vance - Present  
Dept of OH President – Suzanne Hughes - Present  
Dept of MI President – Claudette-Lunney - Present  
BDPNP – Beth Bohannan - Excused  
BDPNP – Theresa Koontz - Present  
NEB Representative – National President Rebecca Stafford – Present.  
Guest – Standing Rules Chair – Amy O’Campo – Present

Review of Standing Rules as follows: \* Please see attachment for placement.

1. 1. Add: [Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc \(BSMA\)](#)
2. 3. Add: [current](#)
3. 4. Remove: [& BSMA Associate member](#). Add: National/ Department Big Dipper, may hold the position of, member must have previously held a position on the National/Department Big Dipper Board.
4. 5. Add: [National, Annual National](#)
5. 6. Change: [Presidents/Department State/Chapter Presidents](#)
6. 7. Add entire line: [There will be NO campaigning for office or demonstrations during the Annual Convention.](#)
7. 8. Add: [Cards to be available via the BSMA Website.](#)
8. 9. Add: [from the Big Dipper membership in good standing, the following positions: a](#)
9. 12. Add: [in good standing, a Blue Daisy](#), remove: [an](#)
10. 13. Change: [Recording Secretary](#) to [President](#), remove: [the amount, will receive to the](#) add: [have been chosen as a](#)
11. 14. Add: [Recipients will be required to submit/provide an official proof of enrollment verification, or confirmation from registrar/bursar. Refer to the Awardee responsibilities found in the Educational Assistance Program Guidelines.](#)
12. 15. Add: [Educational](#), remove: [up to four times](#).
13. 16. Add: [National](#) before Big Dipper
14. 18. Add: [National/Department](#)

15. 20 – 23 Add: 20. Chapters must have the written permission of the National Big Dipper President and National President of the parent organization to charter a Big Dipper Auxiliary and shall follow the standing rules of the parent organization to charter a Big Dipper Auxiliary and shall follow the standing rules of the National Big Dipper as written.

21. The minimum of an individual JCEA award is \$599.00 per recipient. If sufficient funds are available, the award amount may be increased. The amount and number of awards will be dependent on the funds available. The recipient will be informed of his/her responsibility to claim the award as income on his/her tax return based on current IRS rules. The National/Department Financial Secretary will file any needed IRS paperwork when applicable.

22. The Financial Secretary shall request a check from the Treasurer in the full amount of the award payable to the Recipient once the recipient's enrollment has been verified. The Treasurer shall forward this check within 14 days of receiving all necessary information from the Financial Secretary. All verified awards shall be sent out no later than December 30th, year of application.

23. Not everyone will be awarded assistance. Applications must be signed by a BSMA Chapter President, postmarked by the due date and meet all the requirements. In addition, scores totaling below 70% will not be eligible for assistance but would be eligible and encouraged to reapply in the future.

The amounts of assistance may vary annually and according to eligibility category.

Any unclaimed awards for the current year shall be held for the following year applicants.

Also add to the bottom:

Proposed Amended in Oklahoma City, OK August 2024

Patricia Lomonaco, Big Dipper President

Rebecca Stafford, National President

Respectfully Submitted by  
Coni Brooks  
National Big Dipper Recording Secretary