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Born in Fayetteville, NC on December 18, 1979, Norman became interested in Shag dancing as a young child traveling to Ocean Drive with his parents during various shag events. In 1993, he entered his 1<sup>st</sup> dance contest after taking lessons from Don Bunn and Beverly Lewis. He loved competitive dancing and for the next two years traveled all over NC, SC and Georgia making friends and having a great time. In 1995, Norman entered the 1<sup>st</sup> ever SOS Grand National Dance Championship. The exposure to different types of swing dances was a real eye-opener. He soon teamed up with Leslie Melton and set out around the country attending swing dance events from Newark, NJ to San Jose, Calif. to Dallas, TX to Washington, DC. 1998 was to become a banner year for Norman when he won Championships in the American Swing Championships (Jack & Jill and Team Division), Dallas D.A.N.C.E (Novice Strictly Swing Division), GDNC (Junior Shag Division), and U.S. Open Swing Dance Championships (Young Adult & 1999 Team Division with "Duck's Dirty Dozen"). With partner Nikki Kontoulas, Norman also won the 2002 Nationals in the Non-Pro Division. Although he won many dance titles with various partners and teammates, he has always seen shag dancing as a social pastime that helps build character in young people and credits his many dancing accomplishments with helping to reinforce the all-American belief that one can accomplish anything with perseverance, dedication, and hard work. Today, Norman is the Executive Chef at the Hyatt Midtown, Atlanta, Ga. where he lives with his wife Fernanda and their two dogs.