

Executive Committee  
Email Vote  
January 21, 2014

**Purpose:**

Minnesota USA Chapter 2011 requested an interpretation of USA Dance bylaws. This is in response to a local member who has interpreted a provision requiring a special election. Below is our response to the chapter president, Lee Whitney.

**Vote:** Seven of eight Executive Committee members responded in favor of the bylaw interpretations as outlined in the letter below. One member did not respond to the requested vote.

Mr. Lee Whitney  
Chapter President  
USA Dance Chapter 2011

Dear Lee,

This letter is in response to the request of your Chapter Board for an interpretation of Article XII Section F.7. of the Bylaws of USA Dance. Under Article V. F. 5., "The EC shall interpret and enforce the existing enabling documents, bylaws and rules of USA Dance."

**Background:**

As the EC understands the situation, 20+ members of Chapter 2011 petitioned for an election and are insisting that the election be scheduled within two months of your chapter's receipt of said petition. We have been informed that the last general election of Chapter 2011 occurred in November 2012.

**EC Interpretation:**

Article XII, Section F1 requires Board members to be elected every two years. Article VXII, Section F.7. is intended to give the members of the chapter a mechanism to require the Board to hold such general election. It is NOT intended to require special elections within the 2-year term of elected Board members. Chapter 2011 held its last general election in November 2012. Therefore, the next general election shall be held no later than November 2014 following the procedures contained in Section F of Chapter XII and the USA Dance policy, "Election Procedures for USA Dance Chapters" as found on the USA Dance web site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,  
Gregory J Warner  
National Secretary  
USA Dance, Inc.