

APPROVED

USA Dance Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Web Conference
August 17, 2014

Present:

Yang Chen, President
Michael Brocks, Treasurer
Roger Greenawalt, DanceSport Delegate
Ken Richards, DanceSport VP
Greg Warner, Secretary

Absent:

Inna Brayer, DanceSport Delegate
Jean Krupa, Social Dance VP
Shawn Fisher, Senior VP

Quorum - 6:30 PM Central

Meeting called to order.

Service Mark Registrations

- John Davis, President, Greater Orlando Chapter of USA Dance, joined the EC to discuss the appropriateness of registering certain trademarks.
- He asked USA Dance to register Ballroom for Special Needs, Ballroom for the Blind and Ballroom for the Brain.
- The EC discussed this and recommends to the Governing Council for discussion and approval.

Conflict of Interest and Bylaws Review and Assessment

- Ken had asked for a review of policy and bylaws relating to Governing Council members and local chapter officials being paid for services provided to USA Dance.
- Greg facilitated the discussion noting that it is not unusual for people to have conflicts. It is important to disclose conflicts and as appropriate establish strategies to manage the conflicts to the extent possible.
- Regarding USA Dance bylaws Article IV - Governing Council, G. Compensation, Greg posited that EC, GC or local chapter officers receiving compensation for service provided to USA Dance but not related to their respective position is not in violation of this provision.

Loyalty Points Draft Policy

- Greg presented a draft policy to address loyalty points received for expenses paid by USA Dance.
- This proposed policy speaks to major USA Dance events such as National Dance Championships, National Chapter Conference, Governing Council meetings, etc.
- It does not speak to points earned by individuals for activities reimbursed for personal expenses incurred in service to USA Dance.
- This policy is recommended for approval to the Governing Council.

USA Dance PO Box

- Yang shared he has secured a PO Box for USA Dance business.
- Other EC and GC members are welcome to use this address for USA Dance business.
- Yang noted he is personally paying for this.
- The address is PO Box 3171, New York, NY, 10185-3171.

Grievances

- Yang provided a brief update on grievances initiated by Nels Petersen and Barbara Wally.

NDCA Closed Session

- The EC went into Closed Session.
- Following discussion, the EC resumed its meeting.

IRS Form 990 Return Preparation

- Michael noted that expense associated with preparation is in the current budget as it has been in past budgets
- The EC noted approval of expenses necessary to complete these forms.

Closure National Team Dance Championships and National Youth Cabaret Championships

- The EC noted correspondence from the DanceSport Council bringing to closure issues associated with these two championships.

Anniversary Planning Update

- There was no update as Jean Krupa was not present.
- Yang will follow-up with Jean.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 Central Time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory J Warner, Secretary