

**USA Dance Governing Council Meeting
Minutes of September 12 – 13, 2015 as of 10-24-15
Embassy Suites – Frisco, TX**

Closed session minutes are not included herein.

Voting Members Present:

Yang Chen, President
Greg Warner, Senior Vice President (present via phone)
Marta Pascale, Secretary
Vacant - Treasurer
Jean Krupa, Social Dance Vice President
Ken Richards, DanceSport Vice President
Roger Greenawalt, DanceSport Delegate (present via phone)
Scott Coates, DanceSport Delegate
Inna Brayer, DanceSport Delegate
Edward Golbert, DanceSport Delegate
Linda Succi, Director of K-12 Programs
Ann Durocher, Director of Development
Angela Prince, Director of Public Relations
Leland Whitney, Director of Chapter Liaison
Jim DiCecca, Director of Membership

Voting Members Absent:

Hannah Cole, Director of College Network

Non-Voting Attendees Present:

Lydia Scardina, Past National President
Esther Freeman, Past National President
Peter Pover, Past National President

Quorum Present

President Yang Chen called the meeting to order at approximately 8:15 a.m. Central time.

Minutes

Leland Whitney generously shared his “hot spot” so that other members of the GC would have internet connections without cost to USA Dance.

Yang commented on the challenges of the past year and a half with the goal of moving on together as there is more work to be done so that USA Dance will be around in another 50 years. He reviewed the agenda and noted that the time limits were aspirational and not realistic.

Jean requested that the Financial Report be first on the agenda. Yang preferred to keep the Strategic Plan first on the agenda, which quickly led to a discussion of the Treasurer vacancy. Yang described the two who had applied for the position of National Treasurer as a result of the advertisement: Rinky Parwani and Annette Horner.

Rinky lives in Tampa, FL and is a new member of USA Dance, although not yet affiliated with the Tampa chapter. She is an attorney and a non-active CPA. She knows business and QuickBooks. She participated in a Dancing With The Stars type of fundraiser in the Tampa area and she is interested in volunteering at the national level for USA Dance. She is president of the insurance practice association in Florida and does pro bono work/is community-minded. She could make a good Assistant Treasurer, as allowed in our by-laws.

Yang shared that he reached out to Dance-Sport Delegate Scott Coates who runs his own successful business in Tampa. He has been, and continues to be, active with USA Dance. While he is not a CPA, he

could reach out to those who are when necessary for 990's and audits. Before Michael Brocks resigned, Scott had taken on the duty of Assistant Treasurer for DanceSport. Yang recommended Scott Coates to serve as National Treasurer.

Ann Durocher made a motion that Scott Coates serve as National Treasurer until December 2016 which was seconded by Jim DiCecca.
All in attendance were in favor. Motion carried.

Scott's replacement as a DanceSport Delegate will be handled off line.

It was noted that Scott now has all the Treasurer's boxes in his warehouse in Tampa, FL.

Ken Richards presented a PowerPoint presentation to the GC which included screen shots of the QuickBook files maintained by outgoing Treasurer Michael Brocks.

Much discussion ensued regarding the PowerPoint presentation. Discussion also ensued regarding conducting an internal audit, to put our books in order, prior to conducting an outside audit.

Closed session.

Open session resumes.

A motion to approve spending up to \$20,000 for an auditor was made by Ann Durocher and seconded by Jim DiCecca. Twelve were in attendance, including Greg by phone, and all were in favor of this motion.

Yang recommended a Budget Committee comprised of:

Ann Durocher as chair
Jim DiCecca
Ken Richards

whose charge is, by the end of the month or early next month, to have a draft budget with the goal of having a budget for 2016 in place.

Discussion of the American Dancer Survey results ensued. ~1600 surveys (10%) were returned. There was a lack of agreement regarding the validity of the survey and regarding interpreting survey responses and comments. There was also concern regarding who did and did not receive the survey and when. It was determined that the issue of the cost of American Dancer magazine is an issue for the budget committee.

Election Reform:

Jim DiCecca shared some information regarding electronic voting with the GC:

- Simply Voting would cost about \$1860 per election (10,000 voters).
- DanceSport can be separated from social dancers.
- We can hold a vote to test the system, perhaps on by-laws revisions.

Yang Chen recommended Leland Whitney as Election Committee Chair noting that Jill Warner sent to him (Yang) sample policies regarding election procedures and, by the next GC meeting, he hopes to have a draft to share with the GC.

End of day 1

Started with closed session... We moved to open session.

Angela made a motion regarding a Director of Special Olympics, in support of multi-sport appointing Dan Keck as Director. After discussion, Angela withdrew her motion as we need more information and more specifics from Dan.

Discussion ensued regarding Wayne Crowder's role as WDSF Advisor to the National President and changes that Ken, as DS VP, deemed necessary. After discussion, Yang agreed to voluntarily eliminate the position of WDSF Advisor to the President.

Ken made the following motion that was seconded by Jean.

The Governing Council directs the President to review any requests for observers to the AGM with the Executive Committee and that the Committee be empowered to direct the President to administer or withhold invitations to the AGM. Further, any USA Dance Member that is also part of a recognized WDSF Commission is to be also given the courtesy of an invitation to the AGM to stand in support of the USA without review. Motion carries with 10 yes, 1 abstain.

The topic of by-laws revision was then discussed, with a plan of making that the topic of the next GC phone meeting.

Lydia raised the topic of election staggered terms. Yang requested that she send her suggestions to him.

Regarding Kellner's complaint, we are close to a resolution as we will soon have an audit of our finances.

Regarding Wally's complaint, it may be necessary to go to mediation or a hearing, which is what Wally is requesting.

The meeting concluded at approximately 1 p.m. on September 13, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marta Pascale, Secretary