

Executive Committee Members

Peter Pover, President
Vacant, Senior Vice President
Marta Pascale, Secretary
Scott Coates, Treasurer
Jean Krupa, Social Dance Vice President
Ken Richards – DanceSport Vice President
Roger Greenawalt, DanceSport Delegate
Inna Brayer, DanceSport Delegate - not on call

Invited Guests

Past President Lydia Scardina
Past President Esther Freeman
Stan Andrews

Roll Call – 7 of 8 members, to include 1 DanceSport Delegate
(Rog will count as 2 votes per past practice)
Quorum established.

President Pover appointed **Ken Richards** to fill the vacancy of Senior Vice President and **Stan Andrews** to fill the vacancy of DanceSport Vice President subject to ratification by Governing Council.

ASCAP Update

So as not to put the chapters or any USA Dance event at risk of being shut down, Peter authorized payment to ASCAP (amount is under \$20,000). Efrosyni will continue to research for us.

Pittsburgh Update

Peter has demanded certain information from resigned Chapter President Gretchen Brocks. We will continue to monitor the Pittsburgh chapter. We ratified the following five members of the Pittsburgh Chapter as incoming Pittsburgh Chapter board members as recommended by Chapter Liaison, Leland Whitney.

Matthew M. Sarsfield
John Siefken
David Sander
Christopher Collins
Andrew Orochena

Bylaws change

Lydia Scardina has submitted bylaws language to allow for staggered terms of officers. This will go to the Governing Council for approval.

National Chapter Conference Cancellation

There will be no National Chapter Conference this year, unless it is regional. The next one should probably be on the west coast or perhaps in conjunction with Nationals.

Life Memberships

Peter recommends **Bill and Phyllis Bennett, Gerry Bonmer, and Ray Kaufmann for Life Membership to USA Dance.** For their service to USA Dance, they will receive life memberships at no cost to them, American Dancer magazine, and perhaps a scroll.

Google Audit and Training

We are a business and must conduct ourselves in a business-like manner. Therefore, if we are to continue using Google, our leadership requires training to be provided by Ben Mosley. While some members of the GC continue to struggle with Google, it is a good place to store documents and to preserve our history.

Marta moved that we allocate \$3000 to DanceNotions to train our leadership one on one to effectively use Google and to clean up Google for us.

Second by Jean Krupa

Yes- unanimous; motion passes

Discussion ensued regarding a member wanting the **DanceSport Council to sanction** another member as it relates to a website issue. No action recommended at this time. President Pover will speak to the grievant.

Approved October 11, 2015 GC Minutes and approved October 25, 2015 GC Minutes

Upcoming National Election

Discussion ensued regarding electronic voting in this year's election. This is a bring back item.

2016 Budget

The budget committee is working on the 2016 budget and is in the process of gathering information from the GC. This is a bring back item.

Public announcement with link to locate meeting minutes in the document library

Lengthy discussion led by Ken Richards ensued regarding putting meeting minutes and other documents, such as bylaws, audit reports, etc. on our website and making them easier to locate. Who should be the point person(s). We are working on this issue and will continue to work on this issue.

WDSF Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy

Ken led a discussion regarding the WDSF Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest Policy and how they relate/should relate to USA Dance. This issue needs to be brought to the GC.

Some things to consider:

- Job description issues inside of the DanceSport realm
- Two issues have come to light from past conflict of interest issues
 1. Do we want a DS Delegate to also be a Judge?
 2. Do we want a DS-VP, President, Exec-VP, Treasurer, Social-VP, Secretary to be a person that derives income from a sanctioned USA Dance activity? In other words judging, emceeing, organizing/owning a competition, training camp, etc.

Reimbursements

We must clarify what is allowed and what is not allowed... (such as who authorizes the trip? bag fees for a very short trip?, etc.