

Governing Council Members

Peter Pover, President
Ken Richards, Senior Vice President
Marta Pascale, Secretary
Scott Coates, Treasurer
Jean Krupa, Social Dance Vice President - not on the call
Stan Andrews, DanceSport Vice President
Roger Greenawalt, 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
Jim DiCecca, Director of Membership
Nicole Palagashvili, DanceSport Delegate
Hannah Cole, Director of College Network
Efrosyni Iosiphidis, Director of Administrative Support

Guests on the call

Past President Lydia Scardina
Past President Esther Freeman

Roll Call – 16 of 17 GC members on the call
Quorum established

Dance Camp/USA Dance University

The report from the EC to the GC regarding the Dance Camp has not yet been distributed to the GC. We do want an educational arm of USA Dance to be developed. However, there is concern with the word “university.” While this concept, USA Dance University, was discussed at a previous GC meeting, no decisions were made at that time.

After discussion, Peter moved to use the name USA Dance Academy as the official name of the educational arm of USA Dance.

Second by Rog

0 no

1 abstain

14 yes

Motion passes

Mr. Gerzberg’s Request for Appeal

While there is currently no appeal process in place for this type of complaint, USA Dance leadership spent literally hundreds of hours investigating the various complaints surrounding the Dance Camp.

After discussion, Stan moved to reject the premise of an appeal.

Second by Rog

1 no

1 abstain

13 yes

Motion passes

Budget

Discussion ensued regarding where we are with chapter reports, financial statements, 990's and audits. We expect to have a proposed Budget at the December 2016 GC meeting which will assist newly elected officers to make plans for 2017.

Filing of Insurance Claim

There is more work to be done in order to provide sufficient information to our insurance carrier regarding our "loss." Ken and Esther will talk within the next few days in an attempt to provide this information.

WDSF TV Project

Ken shared that the WDSF is asking USA Dance for a financial commitment of perhaps \$30,000 to support the WDSF TV project. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits to USA Dance of entering into this project.

No decision was made at this time.

Formation of a Task Force to Review Organizational Structure of USA Dance

After discussion, the decision was made that, with an upcoming election, this is not the time to explore this issue of DanceSport versus social chapters. Newly elected officers may wish to explore this topic at a later date.

Leadership Changes

Peter recommends Daphna Locker, former National Secretary, to replace Marta Pascale as National Secretary of USA Dance, effective July 15, 2016. Peter's recommendation is supported.

Peter announces that due to major medical problems, he cannot continue as National President of USA Dance. He intends to resign by the end of this month to be replaced by Senior Vice President Ken Richards, who will not be running for office. Ken has asked Peter to attend the GC meeting in December to assist with the transition after elections.

Educational Issues Including Name Change

See **Dance Camp/USA Dance University** above.

Bylaws Change

Ken Richards moved to adopt the following bylaws changes.

Second by Jim DiCecca.

Motion passes unanimously.

Current text shown with suggested deletions as ~~strikeout~~ and new verbiage in red

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC)

- A. **FUNCTION:** The GC is the body of USA Dance that is responsible for establishing the policies and procedures of USA Dance and directing USA Dance in accordance with its functions and goals. **The GC is the "governing" body of USA Dance with a fiduciary oversight responsibility to the Membership on all matters.**
- B. **VOTING DELEGATES:** The voting delegates of the GC of USA Dance shall consist of the following:
 1. Six (6) National Officers which consist of 1) President, 2) Senior VP, 3) Secretary, 4) Treasurer, 5) VP of DanceSport, 6) VP of Social Dance.
 2. The Directors (Membership, Development and Fundraising, Public Relations, ~~Chapter Liaison, College~~

~~Network, K-12 Student Programs, and Administrative Support~~ and all other appointed Directorships ratified by the GC through the term of the standing President.).

3. Four Championship DanceSport Athletes elected by athletes. The aggregate voting power of GC members qualified as championship athletes shall not be less than 20% of the GC.
 4. In addition to the USA Dance Delegates, the GC shall be empowered to add additional voting delegates from qualifying National Sports Organizations. National Sports Organizations voting delegates' slots shall be reserved for and limited to direct representation on the GC for any sports organization which conducts, on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of eligible DanceSport Athletes, to represent the United States in international DanceSport competitions, a national program or regular national DanceSport competition.
 5. The number of National Sports Organizations voting delegates' representation shall reflect the nature, scope, quality, and strength of programs and competitions of such sports organizations in relation to all other such programs and competitions in DanceSport in the United States.
- C. **NON-VOTING ATTENDEES:** In addition to the attendance of the Voting Delegates, the following may attend and, ~~under the control of the Chair,~~ have a voice but no vote at all face-to-face and telephonic meetings of the GC:
1. ~~past national presidents~~ National Past Presidents of USA Dance that have completed their term of office
 2. chairpersons of other National Committees,
 3. ~~the U. S. representatives~~ Any Presidium Member of the WDSF,
 4. one chapter-observer, per chapter, plus
 5. one non-voting Director who shall be a resident of the State of Virginia and who shall act as the Corporation's registered agent in accordance with the laws of the State of Virginia.

Minutes

Outgoing Secretary Marta Pascale apologized for the delay in providing the following minutes due to her exceedingly busy schedule and time-sensitive issues that she faced in the past year.

Jim moved to ratify the following EC, GC minutes and email votes.

Second by Rog

Unanimously passed

Marta will provide the following to Mary for posting on our website.

Ratification of GC Minutes of November 1, 2015	Marta
Ratification of GC Minutes of November 15, 2015	Marta
Ratification of EC Minutes of December 6, 2015 with Leland Whitney's Report	Marta
Ratification of EC Minutes of December 12, 2015	Marta
Ratification of EC Minutes of January 31, 2016	Marta
Ratification of EC Minutes of February 24, 2016	Marta
Ratification of GC Minutes of March 6, 2016	Marta
Ratification of EC Minutes of April 17, 2016	Marta
Ratification of EC Minutes of May 15, 2016	Marta
Ratification of E-mail Votes	Marta

Meeting adjourned.