

USA DANCE, Inc.

Minutes of March 6, 2016 Governing Council Meeting as of 06-27-16

Governing Council Members

Peter Pover, President

Ken Richards, Senior Vice President

Marta Pascale, Secretary

Scott Coates, Treasurer

Jean Krupa, Social Dance Vice President

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

Leland Whitney, Director of Chapter Liaison

Jim DiCecca, Director of Membership

Vacant, DanceSport Delegate

Hannah Cole, Director of College Network – not on call

Efrosyni Iosiphidis, Director of Administrative Support

Nicole Palagashvili, DanceSport Delegate – joins the call after her appointment

Roll Call – 15 of 16 members (prior to Nicole joining the call) of the GC were on the call, to include 3 DanceSport delegates.

Quorum established.

Ratification of October 11, 2015 GC Minutes

Motion by Rog to accept

Second by Scott

Abstain - 2

Yes – 13

Motion carries

Ratification of October 25, 2015 GC Minutes

Motion by Ken to accept

Second by Rog

Abstain - 2

Yes – 13; motion passes

Nicole Palagashvili - Championship DanceSport Athlete Delegate to the DanceSport and Governing Councils

Motion by Stan to appoint to Nicole as DanceSport Delegate to fill our current vacancy

Second Edward

Yes – unanimous; motion passes

NDCA Issues – Peter shares his communication with NDCA that college DanceSport athletes are not subject to NDCA authority, nor are they subject to USA Dance authority. They are independent. USA Dance places no restrictions on its dancers or its officials. Our role is to encourage participation and not to impose control. Independence is required by USOC affiliation.

WDSF Code of Ethics – This topic has been discussed in the past. Our Code of Ethics should be more in line with what IOC is expecting and could relate to DanceSport and not our chapters. (Note: The USA Dance Code of Ethics may be located in the document library of our website at usadance.org.) Their Code of Ethics includes an independent committee to review violations. A sub-committee, Stan and Rog, will take a closer look at the WDSF Code of Ethics as we re-write our own to be more in line with it and how it impacts our DanceSport Rule Book and our social side. This is a bring back item.

Impact of WDSF Code of Ethics on job descriptions for upcoming Election – After significant discussion, Peter, Ken and Stan will take the lead on this issue. Those running need to be aware of the duties, amount of time required to be effective and restrictions, as they may impact personal gain, when serving in an elected position. This should also apply to appointed positions. Other members of the GC may serve on this sub-committee if they wish.

Ratification of Nomination and Election Committee –
Leland Whitney moves that the following members of USA Dance be appointed to the National N&E Committee:

- Herb McGurk, CA - District 6 Director
- Diane Montgomery, TX - District 7 Director
- Kevin Payne, FL - CPA currently assisting National Treasurer Scott Coates with Chapter Financial Reports
- Gary Stroick, MN - Former DanceSport VP
- Leland Whitney, MN - Chapter Liaison and Chair of the N & E Committee per Executive Committee approval on October 31, 2015

Note: Leland meets the 20% required representation of "championship athletes who qualify as athletic representative" for the 2016 Nominations and Election Committee because Leland and his wife Leslie placed 1st in the 2016 Senior IV Smooth and Rhythm Championships in Baton Rouge last June.

Second by Jim DiCecca

Abstain - 1

Yes – 16 (with Nicole), motion passes

2016 Budget – Ann, Ken and Jim are the members of the 2016 Budget Committee. All members of the GC, except Director of College Network have provided information, as requested. Jim elaborates regarding details of the spreadsheet that he circulated. Jim as Director of Membership also considered the impact of membership on our budget. Much discussion ensued regarding the importance of each member of the GC providing necessary information by which the 2016 budget can be developed. In answer to Leland's question, yes, funds were earmarked to support the 2016 Elections, for example, mailing the ballots.

Bylaws Revisions – We will be revising the bylaws this year, particularly the election process, for example, staggered elections, also, as they relate to the Barbara Wally grievance.

Audit 2014/2015 – Release to members

The 2014 audit should be completed by next week and up on the website.

The 2015 audit should be completed by Nationals in early April, 2016, and will also be on the website.

Closed session

DanceSport Council Reorganization –

Much discussion ensued regarding the DanceSport Council and which position needs to be a voting member and which does not.

Stan moves that Sterling Sigtler be appointed as Rules and Eligibility Chair to begin serving after Nationals.

Second by Scott

Yes – unanimous; motion passes

Stan moves that Ann Durocher be appointed as chairman of the competition committee.

Second by Rog

Yes – unanimous; motion passes

Electronic Voting during Next Election –

Much discussion ensued regarding the use of electronic voting in this year's election. While we wish to go in this direction, there continues to be concern regarding those who are not comfortable using computers. Therefore, various means of voting must be available: electronic, paper and perhaps other means. The N&E Committee will continue to explore this topic.

Misc/Emergency Items

Peter will be visiting the Pittsburgh chapter in light of their reorganization after an attempted procedurally incorrect shut down by chapter leadership.

Peter signed a contract with DSI last week whereby our members will receive discounts and USA Dance will benefit financially.