



National Governing Body of DanceSport, Member Organization of the US Olympic Committee,
and the World DanceSport Federation

1/1/2017 USA Dance Meeting Minutes – GC		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Glenn Weiss	President	Yes
Ann Durocher	Senior VP	Yes
Daphna Locker	Secretary	Yes
Scott Coates	Treasurer	Yes
Bill Davies	DanceSport-VP	Yes
Jim DiCecca	Social VP	Yes
Carole Barbar	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Irina Feingold	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Rog Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes

A. WELCOME – MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:00 PM EST

Thank You Attendance – Roll call, everyone was in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Review Meeting Procedure – Glenn – welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their service and dedication to the organization.

Did a round table of introductions of everyone in attendance.

Glenn then stated that everyone should feel comfortable with expressing their feelings, thoughts, and ideas during the meetings and should not be afraid of repercussions if they disagree with any of the people on the council who also judge. We were elected to govern the organization and that is a different task from judging.

Scheduling Future Meetings – Would proceed in the following manner:

Glenn would alert Daphna, Daphna would then send out invitations and then Glenn would submit the agenda to Daphna to send out prior to the meeting. The agenda may not always be sent out with the initial invitation.

B. GLENN THEN ITERATED HIS VISION FOR WHAT THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD FOCUS ON FOR THE NEXT 4-YEARS DURING HIS TERM IN OFFICE.

He stated that he sees 4 main areas of emphasis during the coming years:

- 1. Social** – We need to give the social side our full attention, we need to grow the social side, and without the support of the social side we won't be able to "grow" champions
- 2. Medical** – USA Dance needs to emphasize the medical benefits of dancing; we should be making use of the various articles and programs that work with dance to enhance both the physical and mental health of the population. These health benefits start at a very young age and continue through the senior years. USA Dance should take the lead in this area. We will need to find the people who are doing this research work and collaborate with them.
- 3. College** – USA Dance and the Collegiate Ballroom dance scene are a natural fit with one another. We have recently lost a number of teams and programs we had with the colleges, we need to work to reestablish our relationships with those teams and grow the interaction between our chapters & competitions and the college teams and clubs and competitions.
- 4. Competitors** – include a number of different groups, all of which are of equal importance:
 - a. Seniors** – a large portion of the competitors are seniors: We need to develop training that specifically addresses the needs and learning styles of seniors.
 - b. Juniors/Adults** (Amateurs in the WDSF lingo) – these are our up & coming competitors and potential leaders in the organization. Need to develop a world-class training system for the juniors and adults.
 - c. Professional** – The Professional Division (PD) is the fastest growing division within the WDSF, we need to start developing our own PD so that when an amateur couple wants to turn 'pro' they have someplace to go other than the NDCA.

C. TRANSITION PERIOD

Glenn anticipates a 3 – 6 Month Transition Period

The goal is to move forward:

Glenn's Leadership Style

President Leads – President provides the vision of the organization, as he has had many years in the industry as a competitor, judge and competition organizer, he knows who, we as a country we should associate with, and who we should stay away from. He plans on finishing with the ethics legislation within a 60-day period at which time we will have at least the start of an ethics committee.

He does not plan on being a micromanager of the different jobs. Isn't going to tell anyone how to do the job.

Directors Execute – responsible for budgets and plans that accomplish the stated goals of the Presidents' agenda

Directors and Project Teams bring plans to the President or designee

D. APPOINTEES AND RATIFICATION OF APPOINTEES:

1. HERBERT MCGURK– DIRECTOR, MEMBERSHIP – LA

Motion set forth by Glenn – To appoint Herb McGurk for a period of 4-years to the position of Director of Membership. Roger 2nd the motion. Motion Passed

Opposed – None

Abstain – None

Approved – Unanimous

2. RUTH LONG – DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT, AND FUNDING – NC CHAPTER

Motion set forth by Glenn – To appoint Ruth Long for a period of 4-years to the position of Director of Development & Funding. Ann 2nd the motion. Motion Passed

Opposed – None

Abstain – None

Approved – Unanimous

3. KYM ZION – DIRECTOR, K-12 PROGRAMS – LA CHAPTER

Motion set forth by Glenn – To appoint Kym Zion for a period of 4-years to the position of Director of K-12 Programs. Ann 2nd the motion. Motion Passed

Opposed – None

Abstain – Bill

Approved – Glenn, Ann, Daphna, Scott, Jim, Inna, Roger, Irina & Carole, motion passes

Daphna - I will direct Ben to forward the passwords and emails for Membership-dir, Director of K-12 and Director of Development and Funding to the Herb, Ruth, and Kim respectively

D. DS, VP – BILL DAVIES

Comments:

1. Nationals Report – Bill Davies and Ann Durocher – We will be open for business starting tomorrow (1/10/17.) There is a new webpage which while not completely done, we can still open up registration and then once the new website is complete we can transfer the content. We have asked 23 judges to adjudicate at Nationals, 22 of the 23 judges have said yes and we have contracts for the vast majority.

2. EC Members – The DS Council will vote on which of the 4 elected DanceSport Delegates will be the DanceSport Delegates to the EC.

E. PRESIDENTS SUMMARY

Glenn to personally notify Director approvals

Conclude Meeting – Glenn thanked everyone for taking the time out of the day, meeting ended at 3:30.