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MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 10/23/17		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Glenn Weiss	President	Yes (late)
Gary Stroick	Senior VP	Yes
Jack Kellner	Secretary	Yes
Ruth Long	Treasurer	Yes
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	Yes
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Yes
Leland Whitney	Social VP	Yes
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Yes (late)
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes (left early)
Carole Barber	DanceSport Delegate	No
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes (left early)
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	Yes
Open	Development Director	N/A
Open	Admin Support Director	N/A
Hannah Cole	College Network Director	Yes (late)
Bradley Montoya	Chapter Relations Director	Yes (left early)
Open	Marketing Director	N/A

Roll Call: There are currently 15 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 8 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 11 members are in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 pm by Gary.

1. Minutes from 9/25/17 were approved, unanimously.
2. SVP's Report (Gary):
 - A. Legal Affairs and Information Technology Committees have met.
 - B. Gary discussed the national championships.
 - C. Certain Trademarks published.

Glenn joined the meeting.

3. President's Report (Glenn):
 - A. Glenn attended the WDSF competition in Miami and said it went well, improved over last year.
 - B. Glenn discussed attracting retired pro's who want to judge.



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- C. Increasing pro/am registrations will lead to increased pro registrations.
- D. Certain legal issues regarding foreign competitors were discussed.

Hannah and Inna joined the meeting.

- 4. Treasurer's Report (Ruth):
 - A. Ruth reported on bank balances, payables and receivables.
 - B. Ruth needs 2018 budget numbers from the VPs and Directors.
 - C. 2016 audit is complete. Ruth will post it and the 2016 Form 990 on the website soon. Chapter audit is underway.
 - D. Executive Assistant's duties were discussed.

- 5. VP - DS (Giacomo):
 - A. A training camp in Orange County is planned for December.
 - B. Action Item: Anti-Doping Committee.

Bradley left the meeting.

MOTION - to approve Senior V national championships in Standard, Latin, Rhythm and Smooth beginning in 2018 (Giacomo/Ruth). Motion passed 12-0-1. Gary abstained.

MOTION - to approve proposed DS Rulebook changes for section 6.9 proposed by the DSC regarding role of the DanceSport Official (Roger/Gary). Motion passed 12-0-1. Jack abstained. (Attached as Appendix 1.)

- C. Collection of past due funds from organizers was discussed by Roger.
- D. Roger reported that the MAC will not be utilizing a line of credit from the national treasury.

- 6. Membership Director's Report (Herb):
 - A. Recent membership drive brought in 664 new members and over 2000 renewals of expired or expiring memberships.
 - B. Top chapters recognized: Daytona Beach, Seattle, and Georgetown. Top district was District 9.
 - C. Action Item: review length of memberships for those renewing in the fourth quarter of a year.
 - D. Ethics Committee will meet on 10/27 to work on revisions to Ethics Code.

MOTION - to approve a fee structure for complaint hearing panels, and appeals, of \$100



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for individuals and \$250 for organizations (Herb/Kym). Motion passed 13-0-0.

7. Development Director's Report (Ruth):

MOTION - to establish an Education Integration Committee under the supervision of the Development Director to include educational representatives from the DSC, PC, SDC, K-12 and Collegiate programs. (Ruth/Herb). Passed 13-0-0.

Herb left the meeting.

8. VP - Pro (Melissa):

- A. Working on coordinating teacher-student rules with Canada.
- B. Writing smooth and rhythm exams.
- C. By mid-December, expecting two more WDSF examiners.

9. VP - Social

Action Item: flashmob winners to be announced shortly.

10. College Program Director (Hannah):

- A. Discussed possible NCDC in Chicago in 2018.
- B. Action Item: logo for collegiate program.

MOTION - to approve \$6000 for the 2017 collegiate sponsorship and vouchers program (Hannah/Gary). Passed 12-0-0.

Michael left the meeting.

11. K-12 Program (Kym):

The pilot program in CT is going well.

12. There was no unfinished or new business. Next meeting was set for 11/6/17 at 9 PM EST.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** (Ruth/Kym). Passed 11-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 pm EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Kellner
National Secretary

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Appendix 1

6.9 DANCESPORT OFFICIAL

- 6.9.1 The DanceSport Official (DSO) shall be an individual who is approved by the DanceSport Council and who has the responsibilities described in this section.
- 6.9.2 The DanceSport Official cannot be an individual who is considered a competing athlete or who has a competing athlete or who has a competing athlete as a member of his/her immediate and extended family, including de facto relationships with any competitor which makes it inappropriate for him/her to serve as a USA DanceSport Official. For greater clarity, the words "immediate and extended family" include anyone to whom that Official is related by blood or marriage, to the degree of first cousin or closer, or adoption order, or with whom the judge lives or cohabits.
- 6.9.3 The DSO shall introduce himself or herself to the Organizers and Chair of Adjudicators upon arriving at the competition. The DSO shall stress that their role is one of service to the Chair of Adjudicators and to the Organizer. The DSO's role is to help prevent infractions before they happen, **and** to be available to administer to the needs of the Athletes, **and to observe the application of the DanceSport Rulebook at the competition. The Chair of Adjudicators is the final authority in all matters. The DanceSport Council is the final authority before and after the competition.**
- 6.9.4 The DSO ~~shall be~~ is responsible for **making recommendations to the Chair of Adjudicators regarding ruling on** matters strictly relating to DanceSport rules. ~~They have~~ **The DSO has** no responsibility or authority to recommend denial of participation or disqualification to any Athlete holding a valid USA Dance "Athlete" Membership and who has entered a category for which he or she is eligible., **as set forth in Section 4.7 of this Rulebook.**
- 6.9.5 The DSO is an on-site representative of the DanceSport Eligibility Committee. ~~Inasmuch, the DSO retains the authority to resolve and may recommend to the Chair of Adjudicators potential resolutions for~~ matters of eligibility of ~~an~~ Athletes for a particular category, proficiency level, and age group. This ~~judgment recommendation~~ shall be based solely on firsthand knowledge and the Athlete shall be given the benefit of the doubt. Should the DanceSport Official's ~~ruling recommendation~~ be based on incomplete or incorrect information, the Athlete shall still be liable for disciplinary action should it be later ruled that he or she was in fact ineligible. **To compete in the particular category, proficiency level, and age group as set forth in Section 4.7 of the Rulebook.**
- 6.9.6 The DSO, when presented with evidence of a potential infraction shall initially present the evidence to the accused Athlete(s) and request their voluntary compliance should it be determined to be valid. If the Athlete(s) refuse to comply, the DSO shall inform the Chair of Adjudicators for them to follow any prescribed disciplinary actions **the Chair of Adjudicators deems** appropriate.



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- 6.9.7 The DSO shall ensure that all Athletes who are participating in restricted costume events are so notified of these restrictions and given every chance to correct any costume violations. The names of Athletes who decline to follow the rules will be provided to the Chair of Adjudicators for appropriate prescribed disciplinary actions.
- 6.9.8 The DSO shall have a copy of the current USA DANCE DANCESPORT RULEBOOK and make it available for inspection by any Athlete or event Official.
- 6.9.9 The Registrar is responsible for establishing the membership status of all participating Athletes. The DSO may assist in any disputes. The DSO shall provide, upon request, instructions on the appeal process to an Athlete if the Athlete should disagree with a ruling by the ~~DSO or~~ Chair of Adjudicators.
- 6.9.10 The DSO shall complete a competition report on a form provided by DanceSport Council and submit it to the Competitor Support Delegate of the DanceSport Council within 10 days of the completion of the competition. ~~With an exception of those incidents that must be reported directly to the Vice President of DanceSport, all All-incidents observed, complaints heard, and rulings-recommendations given shall be detailed therein. The DanceSport Council shall review such reports to determine whether disciplinary action is warranted, whether certain rules should be modified or clarified, and whether additional actions should be taken to avoid, resolve or address concerns raised by the report.~~
- 6.9.11 The DSO shall be responsible for ~~determining and~~ reporting on medical dispensations submitted by Athletes at National Qualifying Events for participation in the USA Dance National DanceSport Championships.
- 6.9.12 ~~During a competition the DSO shall not discuss any observations, complaints, or recommendations with anyone other than the Chair of Adjudicators, the Organizer, or, in the case of complaints, the individual(s) or athlete(s) involved (and/or guardian for minor athletes). Further, the DSO shall not disseminate or discuss any observations, complaints or recommendations made during a competition with anyone outside of the DanceSport Council until the DSO is released from confidentiality by the DanceSport Council.~~