



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 12/4/17		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Glenn Weiss	President	Yes
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	No
Carole Barber	DanceSport Delegate	No
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	Yes
Open	Development Director	N/A
Open	Admin Support Director	N/A
Hannah Cole	College Network Director	Yes
Bradley Montoya	Chapter Relations Director	No
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. A ByLaw amendment requires a ¾ vote of the filled seats; $0.75 \times 15 = 11.25$, or 12 votes would be required to amend the ByLaws.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:04 pm by Gary.

Agenda for the meeting was approved 11-0-0.

1. National Collegiate Dance Championships (Hannah)

MOTION to approve a contract with a third party (which wishes to remain anonymous) to help finance NCDC 2018, in Chicago 3/31-4/1/17 (Ruth/Giacomo). Third party will contribute \$15K toward the cost of the event and split any losses incurred over \$1K. Motion passed 10-0-1 (Jack abstained).

MOTION to approve a contract with the Chicago Odeum Expo Center of Villa Park, IL for NCDC 3/31-4/1/17 (Odeum License agreement 5260) for \$12K plus extras (Gary/Ruth). Extras



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include items such as security guards, a paramedic, chairs, etc. Motion passed 10-0-1 (Jack abstained).

MOTION to approve the budget for NDC 2018 as presented by Hannah. Motion passed 10-0-1 (Jack abstained).

Inna joined the meeting.

2. Judging panels for NQEs

MOTION TO RECONSIDER the following motion (Ruth/Herb) which passed at the 11/20/17 GC meeting: that the DSC update the DS Rulebook to provide that NQE judges are selected by an adjudicator selection committee at the national level, including using a ranking system analysis, by our next meeting (Giacomo/Roger). Motion to Reconsider failed 4-5-3. Yeas: Giacomo, Roger, Jack, Herb. Nays: Ruth, Glenn, Gary, Leland, Inna. Abstaining: Hannah, Kym, Melissa.

3. Senior V Championships

Four bids were received from NQEs to host them for 2018. DSC recommends Bethesda MD.

MOTION to ratify the DSC recommendation for the 2018 Senior V Championships to be held at the Mid-Atlantic Championships NQE (Roger/Melissa). Passed 9-2-1. Inna abstained. Nays: Jack, Roger.

4. DS Rulebook recommended amendments from the DSC:

- 1) Incorporation of reference to the Professional Division where appropriate (this occurs throughout the document).
- 2) Elimination of DSC committee names with references changes simply to the DanceSport Council or the Professional Dance Council (various throughout the rulebook).
- 3) Elimination of specific reference to o2cm and replaced with generic language..." USA Dance approved software". This permits future changes of vendors without requiring rulebook changes (5.2.4.9 and 6.5.5.2).
- 4) Clarification that after 2018 Nationals both Senior IV and Senior V will have the same qualification requirements as other age categories.(5.3.3.3)
- 5) Clarification of rule 4.3.6.1 incorporating WDSF requirements so that athletes do not need to reference documents themselves.

MOTION to accept the proposed DS Rulebook changes (Roger/Gary). Passed 12-0-0.



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5. Social Dance District Directors (Leland)

Nine of the present ten district directors have agreed to return for 2018. Motion to ratify the current incumbents for 2018: D1 – John Raby, D2 – Bonnie Burton, D4 – Bill Heron, D5 – Gerry Scharfenberger, D6 – Herb McGurk, D7 – Diane Montgomery, D9 – Dan Davenport, D10 – Susan Johnson, D11 – John Reinhold.

MOTION to ratify these nine district directors for 2018 (Leland/Roger). Passed 12-0-0.

6. ByLaw amendments

Gary presented several ByLaw amendments (attached as Appendix 1).

MOTION to approve the proposed ByLaw amendments (Gary/Herb). Passed 12-0-0.

7. Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee is continuing to work on the Ethics Code.

8. Nationals (Gary)

- A. Materials being stored in Baltimore were inventoried.
- B. Received bids for flooring, and lighting.
- C. Two-thirds of committees staffed.
- D. Far along in the judge selection process.

9. **MOTION to approve the minutes from 11/20/17** (Ruth/Melissa). Passed 10-0-2.

10. Unfinished Business and Reports

- A. About \$1K in scholarship checks from 2017 have not been cashed yet. They will be cancelled so they are not "pending" at the end of the year. Will reissue if requested.
- B. Ruth reported that there is a 20+ page entry in wikipedia by Ronen called "USA Dance Nat'l Training Camp" which is in violation of the sanctioning and promotions policies and uses USA Dance logos. Action Item: to follow up with Ronen.
- C. Ruth reported on the current treasury balances, receivables and payables.
- D. Leland has received three nominations for chapter of the year, and two nominations for volunteer of the year.
- E. Leland - the search continues for a Nat'l Elections Chair.
- F. Gary - terminated BMI and SESAC contracts, to renegotiate for January 2018 at a lower rate.
- G. Kym updated the CT pilot program.



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11. New Business

None.

12. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn (Jack/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0. Meeting adjourned 11:29 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kellner
National Secretary



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Appendix 1

Proposed Bylaw Changes

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP IN USA DANCE

A. ELIGIBILITY:

1. Individual membership is restricted to United States citizens, or to those who currently reside in the United States or one of its possessions, or to individuals in an active DanceSport Partnership with a United States Citizen.
2. Organizational membership is restricted to organizations that are located in the United States or one of its possessions.
3. Individual membership shall at all times be open to any recreational dancer, athlete, coach, trainer, organizer, or official who is active in DanceSport or recreational dancing. USA Dance shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, ~~sex~~gender, sexual orientation, or national origin.
4. ~~An recreational dancer, athlete, coach, trainer, organizer, or official is an individual who complies with the specific DanceSport rules and guidelines relating to eligibility~~individual or organization is and continues to be eligible provided they are in compliance with the applicable good standing requirements that shall be periodically established by USA Dance.

The purpose for changing Article III.A.3 is to make it consistent with other discrimination clauses in the Bylaws.

The purpose for changing Article III.A.4 is to generalize the membership requirement to ensure that any member that is not in good standing with all policies, rules, regulations, etc. is no longer eligible to be a member.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC)

Q. VACANCIES:

1. Director vacancies will be filled for the unexpired term by Presidential appointment subject to majority ratification by the GC.
- ~~1.2.~~ Within ten calendar days of learning of a vacancy of an elected National Officer position, the President (or his/her designee) shall notify the membership of the vacancy and in said notice invite any members interested in the position to apply to the President to fill the position. Electronic mail to the most recent email addresses on record shall suffice for notice.
- ~~2.3.~~ The vacant elected National Officer position shall not be filled until a period of time not less than ten calendar days has elapsed from the time of the notification to the membership. The vacancy will be filled for the unexpired term by Presidential appointment subject to majority ratification by the GC.

The purpose of this addition is to fill a gap since there is currently no provision in the bylaws for filling director vacancies between terms.



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ARTICLE VII - DANCESPORT COUNCIL (DSC)

- J. REMOVAL AND VACANCIES: Any member of DanceSport Council may be removed for cause by an assenting vote of the body by which the person was selected, or by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the eligible voting members of the DSC if they are an elected member, or by a majority vote of all the eligible voting members of the DSC if they are an appointed member. The DSC member facing removal may not participate in the vote or have his/her vote counted in the vote calculation. In the case of a member's failure to continue to qualify as a voting member in good standing, forfeiture of position on the DSC shall be automatic upon Director of Membership's affirmation of loss of good standing. In the event of death, resignation, or removal for any reason, the vacancy, ~~in the case of appointed members,~~ will be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the VP for DanceSport and ratified by a majority vote of the DSC, and if they are voting members of the DSC, by a majority vote of the GC.

The purpose of this change is to improve clarity.

ARTICLE VIII – SOCIAL DANCE COUNCIL (SDC)

- J. REMOVAL AND VACANCIES: Any member of the Social Dance Council (SDC) may be removed for cause by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the eligible voting members of the SDC if they are an elected member or by a majority vote of all the eligible voting members of the SDC if they are an appointed member. The SDC member facing removal may not participate in the vote or have his/her vote counted in the vote calculation. In the case of a member's failure to continue to qualify as a Voting Member in good standing, forfeiture of position on the SDC shall be automatic upon the Director of Membership's affirmation of loss of good standing. In the event of death, resignation, or removal for any reason, the vacancy, ~~in the case of appointed members,~~ will be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the VP of Social Dance and ratified by a majority vote of the SDC, and if they are voting members of the SDC by a majority vote of the GC.

The purpose of this change is to improve clarity.

ARTICLE IX – PROFESSIONAL DANCE COUNCIL (PDC)

- J. REMOVAL AND VACANCIES: Any member of the PDC may be removed for cause by an assenting vote of the body by which the person was selected or by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the eligible voting members of the PDC. The PDC member facing removal may not participate in the vote or have his/her vote counted in the vote calculation. In the case of a member's failure to continue to qualify as a Voting Member in good standing, forfeiture of position on the PDC shall be automatic upon the Director of Membership's affirmation of loss of good standing. In the event of death, resignation, or removal for any reason, the vacancy, ~~in the case of appointed members,~~ will be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the VP of Professional Dance and ratified by a majority vote of the PDC, and if they are voting members of the PDC by a majority vote of the GC.

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ARTICLE XIX - NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY COMPLIANCE

C. SANCTIONING AUTHORITIES:

1. Each chapter shall have sanctioning and organizational jurisdiction over its respective chapter competitions that are limited to participation from their own chapter members.
2. The ~~DSC~~GC, ~~under the authority of the GC~~, shall have sanctioning and organizational jurisdiction over the National DanceSport Championships, and over all "Protected Competitions," while the DSC and PDC under the authority of the GC, shall have sanctioning and organizational jurisdiction over all competitions designated as National Qualifying Events (NQE's), and over all events involving international competitors who are eligible under WDSF eligibility rules and who are members in good standing of the relevant WDSF recognized national member body.
3. The DSC and PDC shall have the authority, after due notice, to suspend the sanctioning authority of chapters in violation of published rules, policies, and procedures. Such suspensions can be appealed to the EC.
4. The process for submitting an application for sanction of a competition and the sanctioning fees and conditions are outlined in the USA Dance DanceSport Rulebook.
5. The responsibilities of a Competition Organizer and the Officials of a DanceSport Competition sanctioned by ~~the DanceSport Council~~USA Dance are outlined in the USA Dance DanceSport Rulebook.

This is a correction as the recent changes erroneously moved the sanctioning authority for the National Championships and Protected Competitions from the GC to the DSC. In addition, this change provides the PDC with the authority to sanction and oversee competitions. This is needed to allow the PDC to sanction professional and pro-am (teacher-student) competitions.