



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 2/26/18		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Open	Senior VP	N/A
Jack Kellner	Secretary	Yes
Ruth Long	Treasurer	Yes
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	Yes
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	No
Leland Whitney	Social VP	Yes
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Yes (left early)
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Open	DanceSport Delegate	N/A
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
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Open	Marketing Director	N/A

Roll Call: There are currently 13 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 7 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 12 members are in attendance.

1. Called to Order by Gary at 9:02 pm.
2. Agenda was approved, but the order of business will be changed to allow time for a guest, Sami Yli-Pipari, when he joins the call.
3. **Motion to approve the minutes from 2.12.18** (Giacomo/Kym). Passed 12-0-0.
4. President's Report (Gary)
 - A. Gary has had a number of communications with the WDSF and sent them a letter. The letter was assigned to Jim Frazier who has not replied yet.
 - B. The WDSF's AGM is in June. Motions to be presented there are due 3/16. Gary asked that if anyone has any motion(s) for the WDSF AGM, to present them at our next meeting.
 - C. Action Item: need for a volunteer to help with the Nationals program.
 - D. **Motion to approve the Drug Collection Administration Agreement with Drug Free Sport LLC** for Nationals (Gary/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0.



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E. Gary is renewing the D&O insurance policy. He is looking at new insurance which would also cover the Ethics Committee and hearing panels.

F. The signed engagement letter with Sheppard Mullin has been mailed. Michael will interface with the firm.

5. Treasurer's Report (Ruth)

A. Member Ken Richards traveled at his own expense to Esther Freeman's office in OR to review the books and financial records of USA Dance on 2/23/18. Ruth was present also.

B. Annual audit to begin on 3/21/18.

C. Some 1099s needed to be revised.

6. Secretary's Report (Jack)

A. Charity registrations were filed for 10 more states. There are two jurisdictions in which we have chapters where registrations are not yet filed because they require Registered Agents: DC and ND. Action Item: search for members willing to serve as RAs for ND and DC.

B. We will resume foreign nonprofit corporate state registrations next.

C. We have received requests from chapters to file sales tax exemption paperwork in three states. The charity/corporate registration service we are using does not do these. The Treasurer said it is unclear how to handle this and we should discuss it further in March.

D. Two more chapter change-of-officer bank letters have gone out by usps.

7. Guest Sami Yli-Pipari joined the meeting from 9:30 - 9:46 pm. He provided an update and led a discussion on possible pro/am rules being drafted.

8. Social VP (Leland)

A. A dance camp in MN was recently held.

B. The plaques for chapter of the year and volunteer of the year are ready to go out.

C. A new flashmob video for the 2018 National Ballroom Dance Week is being created.

D. Action Item: find a volunteer for District 3 Director.

9. DS VP (Giacomo)

A. Giacomo interviewed two more candidates for the vacant DanceSport Delegate position. Giacomo hopes to present a name for the vacancy at the next GC meeting.

B. Michael updated the Breakin' dance status and situation.

C. Roger gave a basic preliminary report about the recent MAC. He said the sponsoring chapter expects to have enough in the bank after expenses to present the MAC again next year.

10. Chapter Relations (Don)

Don is contacting the District Directors, introducing himself, and getting familiar with them.



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11. Collegiate Network (Hannah)

Hannah updated us on the NCDC. Thus far, fifty plus competitors have registered. The NCDC and its volunteers are in touch with about 25 universities.

12. K-12 Programs (Kym)

Kym reported the school in CT which was host to the pilot ballroom dance program has put the program on hold. Kym has found another school to host it, and is seeking new instructors. She is also looking for new areas and schools for the pilot program.

Inna left the meeting.

13. Membership / Ethics (Herb)

A. Herb led a discussion on upgrading the national website, including host provider options. An ad-hoc committee was formed and will meet *this week* to review and explore options, and make recommendations to the GC regarding the national website. The ad-hoc committee is: Herb, Gary, Michael, Leland and Ruth.

B. Seven Complaints are filed and currently pending before the Ethics Committee. Two are going to Hearing Panels, and for five informal efforts at resolution are continuing. An ad-hoc committee was formed to review the appropriate by-laws and rules regarding frivolous complaints. The ad-hoc committee is: Michael, Gary and Herb.

14. Old Business.

None.

15. New Business.

None.

16. Gary set the time and date of the next GC meeting for Monday March 12th at 9 pm Eastern Time. Jack reminded everyone that for much of the country Daylight Time will be replacing Standard Time on March 11th, so call-in times may change for some.

17. **Motion to Adjourn** (Jack/Herb). Passed 11-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kellner
Secretary