



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 5/7/2018		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Yes
Jack Kellner	Secretary	No
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
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes
Kym Zion	K12 Programs Director	Yes
Open	Development Director	N/A
Kirk Sigmon	Admin Support Director	Yes
Hannah Cole	College Network Director	Yes
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Alex Tavera	Marketing Director	Yes

**Roll Call:** There are currently 17 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 9 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 16 members are in attendance. A By-Law amendment requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the filled seats;  $0.75 \times 17 = 12.75$  so 13 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1. Called to Order by Gary at 8:35 pm EDT

Prior to the start of the May 7, 2018 Governing Council Business meeting, Kelly Crabb, Esq., presented a program entitled, "Safety in Sports." This very informative program defined sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and other forms of inappropriate behaviors such as bullying, hazing, emotional misconduct, physical misconduct and child sexual abuse. He went on to outline the organization's responsibilities to maintain an athlete's safety program. USA Dance will be revising related policies to ensure compliance with the Safety in Sports program as required by the USOC. Gary thanked Mr. Crabb for joining the GC to share this important information.

Business meeting started at 9:20 PM EST.



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1. Motion by Ruth, second by Melisa, to approve agenda with minor changes

- Motion Passes: 15-0-1

2. Kim Smith joined the meeting to present with Melisa proposals of three motions from the Professional Dance Council. They are:

- USA Dance Chair Assistant Role
- USA Dance Chair Application Letter
- USA Dance Chair Application

Following discussion and minor edits the GC voted:

- Motion to approve Chair Assistant Role - by Melisa
  - Second by Greg
  - Motion Passes: 11-4-1
    - Against: Kirk, Hannah, Giacomo, Michael
    - Abstain: Inna
- Motion to approve Chair Application Process and Letter - by Melisa
  - Second by Ruth
  - Motion Passes: 15-0-1
- Motion to approve Chair License Application Form - by Melisa
  - Second – Greg
  - Motion Passes: 15-0-1

3. Bylaw Change

A proposed bylaw change, Article IV, Section H, No Conflict of Interest, was tabled.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Governing Council Meeting of April 23, 2018 were tabled.

5. Special Order: New Chapter Certifications

- Motion: To approve formation of new chapter in Plattsburgh NY by Gary
  - Second by Hannah
  - Motion Passes: 16-0-0
- Motion: To approve Corporate Resolution for Dance Plattsburgh NY USA Dance Chapter # 3068 by Leland
  - Second by Herb
  - Motion Passes: 16-0-0



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- Motion to approve formation of new chapter, Las Cruces NM USA Dance Chapter # 5058, by Herb
  - Seconded by Leland
  - Motion Passes: 15-0-1 (Hannah abstained as she is a member of their board)
- Motion: To approve Corporate Resolution for Las Cruces NM USA Dance Chapter # 5058 by Gary
  - Seconded by Ruth
  - Motion Passes: 15-0-1 (Hannah abstained)
- An email blast will be sent welcoming our new chapters.

6. President's Report (Gary)

- A. Reviewed recent discussion between USA Dance and WDSF.
- B. Noted on going contract negotiations with BMI.
- C. Reviewed final steps to reconcile expenses from Nationals.
- D. Asked Greg to follow-up with reviewing policies subsequent to the Safety in Sports requirements.

7. SVP's Report (Greg)

- A. Greg thanked GC members for the time extended to him recently and noted a few remaining calls are necessary.
- B. Noted that results of these conversations is providing guidance for developing business plan.

8. Treasurer's Report (Ruth)

- A. Passed

9. Secretary's Report (Jack)

- A. Jack was not present at the meeting due to illness.

10. DS - VP (Giacomo)

- A. Rog reported for Giacomo
- B. The recently scheduled DanceSport Council Meeting had to be cancelled.
- C. Rule 4.3.7.2 is being modified and will need to be approved by the GC.

11. Social VP (Leland)

- A. Reported on recent visits to several Chapter officials during an extended road trip
  - District 9 meeting with 14 chapters being represented.



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- Four other chapters and one event planner.
  - He noted this was a very successful visit and stressed the importance of continuing budgeting for these efforts.
12. Pro - VP (Melissa)
- A. Identifying revenue streams from Pro/Am competitions.
  - B. Continuing work on professional rule book.
13. Chapter Relations Director (Don)
- A. Nothing at this time but expressed appreciation to Leland for his visits.
14. K-12 (Kym)
- A. Noted that East Harford pilot program debut in April.
    - Story and pictures to follow
    - Participants completed a demonstration
  - B. Continuing efforts with group in Atlanta
  - C. Initial efforts with the Los Angeles chapter underway.
15. Membership / Ethics (Herb)
- A. Noted that he and Greg are having discussion around memberships
  - B. Recently recruited an Elite Athlete to participate on the Ethics Committee
  - C. Reminded members that the Elections Policy and Code of Ethics prohibit current officers from using USA Dance resources for their own election purposes. Social media may be used.
16. College Network Director (Hannah)
- A. Thanked all for making the National Collegiate Dance Championship a success.
17. Marketing (Alex)
- A. Working with Ruth to transition efforts
  - B. Having discussions with Facebook regarding several issues
18. Development (Ruth)
- Wheelchair groups would like additional opportunities for competing
  - They are interested in integrating into local USA Dance chapters
  - Breakers want to remain separate
  - There have been a couple of conversations with West Coast Swing groups but no reportable progress
  - Delayed any discussions around fundraising



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The Council entered Executive Session, by unanimous consent.

- Kirk reviewed several important IT issues.

Executive Session ended and regular business resumed.

19. New Business

A. Hannah requested guidance with a college's request for a recreational membership. She was asked to develop proposals for these requests and return to the GC.

20. Gary called the next meeting for Monday May 21, 2018 at 9:00 PM EDT

21. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn (Greg/Herb). No objections. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM, EDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Warner  
SR-VP