



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 10/08/18		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Yes
Jack Kellner	Secretary	Yes
Ruth Long	Treasurer	Yes
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	No
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
Damian Pataluna	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	No
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Yes
Alex Tavera	Marketing Director	Yes

**Roll Call:** There are currently 16 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 8 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 12 members are in attendance. A By-Law amendment requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the filled seats;  $0.75 \times 16$  so 12 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1. Meeting called to order at 9:03 pm by Gary.
2. **Motion to approve standard format agenda** (Greg/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0.
3. **Motion to approve amended minutes from 9.24.18** (Greg/Gary). Passed 9-0-3. (Abstaining: Kym, Alex, Don).
4. **Motion to enter Executive Session** (Greg/Herb). Passed 12-0-0.
5. The GC left Executive Session at 9:58 pm.
6. President's Report (Gary)
  - A. **Motion to accept agreement with UPD for 2019 NCDC** (Gary/Ruth). Passed 11-0-1. (Jack abstained.)
  - B. **Motion to approve dissolution of agreement with Starkweather with no liability to either**



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**party** (Gary/Herb). Passed 12-0-0.

C. Gary announced Kirk's resignation as Director of Administrative Support.

7. SVP's Report (Greg)

A. Greg reminded Councils that they cannot on their own change policies set by the GC, unless that authority has been delegated to them by the GC.

B. The SafeSport Policy was discussed. Given its importance, the GC will be setting a process requiring all professional members to become SafeSport-educated.

8. Treasurer's Report (Ruth)

Gary and Ruth met with Isler Medford - the contracted auditor for 2017. Isler appeared to be resuming work but would not commit to a specific completion date for the audit and 990. Ruth is hoping that all work will be done by 11/15/18. State charity registration renewals have begun where possible.

9. Social VP (Leland)

A. The NBDW flashmob was done by 11 chapters this year, as compared to 5 last year.

B. The NY Southern Tier chapter's board has resigned. The chapter members are being polled to see if anyone is interested in volunteering.

C. Another new chapter is forming, in the Poconos area of PA.

D. Leland anticipates we will end the year with 152 chapters, compared with 148 at the start of 2018.

Inna joined the meeting.

10. Professional Dance VP (Melissa)

A. A test for chairpersons of judges will be given this Friday. Melissa is hopeful we will have three new chairpersons certified.

B. The PDC and DSC held a joint meeting last Wednesday.

11. DanceSport VP (Roger and Michael, covering for Giacomo)

A. **Motion to postpone the \$5 fee for pro/am and teacher/student entries until after 2019 Nationals** (Roger/Michael). Motion failed 4-4-4. (Yeas: Roger, Michael, Herb, Inna. Nays: Gary, Greg, Jack, Kym. Abstaining: Melissa, Leland, Don, Alex.)

Ruth left the meeting during the vote.

B. **Motion to change the effective date of the \$5 pro/am and teacher/student entry fee to 2/10/2019** (Herb/Gary). Passed 11-0-1. (Michael abstained.)



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C. Roger proposed requiring videos for entry to the cabaret and TB championship divisions for the current year, 2019. Jack objected noting we are less than 6 months until Nationals and it is not fair to change the rules so late into the competitive season for the same year.

D. **Motion to amend section 7.4.4.2.5 of the Rulebook as follows:**

**7.4.4.2.5 Before an athlete couple may receive a travel stipend the couple must provide evidence that it has given an uncompensated performance or workshop for a USA Dance chapter. For athlete couples eligible to receive more than one travel stipend, the first stipend must be fulfilled through an uncompensated performance or workshop for a USA Dance chapter, all other travel stipends may be satisfied through a single additional uncompensated performance or workshop for a USA Dance chapter or may be satisfied through There must be at least one a performance or workshop in the local community at an academic school, Boys & Girls club, senior center or similar venue for each travel stipend an athlete couple requests. Non-chapter venues should be cleared through the DSC and should promote USA Dance and DanceSport to the local community. Adequate proof of a performance or workshop may include a photo or video of the performance or workshop, or a letter signed by a chapter president, or relevant local community administrator (e.g., school teacher, principal, organization manager) acknowledging or thanking the couple for the performance or workshop. (Michael/Greg). Passed 12-0-0.**

E. **Motion to approve Melissa Dexter as a coach at the NorCal dance camp** (Michael/Roger). Passed 11-0-0. (Melissa recused herself.)

F. **Motion to approve Anya Klimova-Preston as a coach at the NorCal dance camp** (Michael/Roger). Passed 12-0-0.

G. **Motion to approve Olga or Dima Sukachov as a coach at the NorCal dance camp** (Michael/Roger). Passed 11-1-0. (Jack voted nay.)

H. **Motion to approve Dirk Heidemann as a coach at the Mid-Atlantic dance camp** (Michael/Gary). Passed 10-2-0. (Herb and Jack voted nay.)

I. **Motion to approve Inna Brayer as a guest coach at the Mid-Atlantic dance camp** (Michael/Herb). Passed 11-0-0. (Inna recused herself.)

12. Chapter Relations (Don)

The NBDW flash mob activity was a great success for our chapters.

13. K-12 Programs (Kym)

Kym recently met in person with Barbara Baran regarding the Connecticut pilot program. Kym is also working on setting up new K-12 programs in Seattle, Atlanta and Oklahoma. The Oklahoma proposed program is at a Girls and Boys Club.

14. Ethics / Membership (Herb)

A. One Hearing Panel is forthcoming for the Ethics Committee.



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- B. The membership incentive contest was extended until 10/15/18 due to bad weather in certain parts of the country.
- C. Membership is down about 10% year-to-year, 10/1/17 to 10/1/18.
- D. **Motion to approve purchasing SocialLink & Brand+ from YM for the USA Dance national and chapter websites** (Herb/Kym). Passed 12-0-0.

15. Marketing (Alex)

Alex is continuing to explore options for the American Dancer magazine once Angela Prince steps down as editor and publisher.

16. Old Business

None.

17. New Business

None.

18. Gary called the next GC meeting for Monday 10/22/18 at 9 pm EDT.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kellner  
National Secretary