



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

MINUTES FOR GC MEETING 12/17/18		
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	No

**Roll Call:** There are currently 16 filled seats on the Governing Council. A quorum consists of 9 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 11 members are in attendance. A By-Law amendment requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the filled seats;  $0.75 \times 16 = 12$ , so 12 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1. Called to order by Gary at 9:02 pm EST.
2. **MOTION to approve agenda as amended** (Greg/Ruth). Passed 11-0-0.
3. **MOTION to approve the 12.3.2018 minutes** (Greg/Melissa). Passed 9-0-2. (Jack and Michael abstained.)
4. **MOTION to enter Executive Session** (Greg/Ruth). Passed 11-0-0. The GC entered Executive Session at 9:07 pm.
5. The GC left Executive Session at 9:52 pm.
6. New SESAC agreement presented (Gary). It will be voted on in January.



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7. Sanctions of world championships discussed (Michael). USA Dance received a communication from the WDSF reiterating the obligations of National Member Bodies regarding significant WDSF competitions. When a National Member Body submits an application for a world championship on behalf of an organizer, the National Member Body is responsible to assure the competition occurs if the application is approved. On at least two occasions this past year, a National Member Body had to step in to run competitions when the organizer was unable to proceed with the event. To address this USA Dance should consider additional risk mitigation requirements before approving WDSF World Championship bids. For example, event cancellation insurance that is dedicated to reimbursing athletes for cancelled travel and/or covering USA Dance's costs if it must step in for the organizer. Also, possibly indemnification where an organizer voluntarily steps away from running an approved WDSF World Championship.

Inna joined the meeting.

**8. MOTION: reestablish the chapter rebate program for all new and rejuvenated members (3 months expired or more) except social youth memberships. The payout of the rebate (\$5) will be every six months.** (Herb/Don).

**AMENDMENT: to raise all membership dues by \$5/year (except social youth) with the \$5 going to the respective chapters.** (Leland/Ruth).

**MOTION TO TABLE both the amendment and the underlying main motion until the second GC meeting in January.** (Michael/Greg). Passed 10-1-1. (Herb voted no, Jack abstained.)

9. Report and update given regarding the current docket of cases before the Ethics Committee (Herb).

10. American Dancer Magazine status update given (Ruth). Ruth reported she is expecting a proposal from Shawn Fisher by the end of the week. No other proposals have been received to date.

11. Gary called the next GC meeting for Monday 1.7.2019 - time TBD.

12. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** (Greg/Ruth). Passed 12-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 pm EST.



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EMAIL VOTES:

**MOTION for an email vote, and MOTION that the Governing Council appoint Inna Brayer, Yang Chen, Bill Davies, Michael Phillip, Jeremy Xia, Teresa Xia, and Christine Zona to the Greater New York chapter board. (Gary/Don)**

Motion passed 10-0-1 on 12.21.2018

Yeas: Gary, Don, Greg, Kym, Roger, Michael, Herb, Leland, Giacomo, Alex

Abstaining: Inna

Recused: Jack

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kellner  
National Secretary